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Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Congratulations to the 18 students of the Practical Nursing class of 2016, on their nurse pinning ceremony on Jan. 15 at the Sheraton Laguna Resort. These generous graduates took the initiative to then deliver appreciation donation gift baskets to Guma Mami, Ordot Habilitation, the Mental Health Day Unit, and the Skilled Nursing Unit on Jan 20. The students took the initiative for the donations on their own - **“purely an act of kindness, appreciation and generosity on their behalf,”** according to Jenn Artero, PN instructor. PN grads - you make us proud!

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First day of class!

January 11th, GCC welcomed over 2,100 postsecondary students back to campus. New students attended the New Student Orientation on December 28th, 2016 - a week before registration for spring semester ended. Have a great semester everyone!

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Guam Community College is a leader in career and technical workforce development, providing the highest quality student-centered education and job training for Micronesia.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

BRIGHTEST STARS!

Katrina Mae Tahimik

Congratulations to Katrina Mae Tahimik, GCC Tourism & Hospitality student, for winning the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation (AHLEF) Brightest Stars video contest - which comes with a \$1,500 prize! Check out her award-winning video below! Also, Katrina earned her Certified Hospitality and Tourism Management Professional credential from the Certification Commission of the American Hotel Lodging Association. This is a professional designation created specifically for graduates of a high school Lodging Management Program, and “attests to successful completion of the knowledge and experience requirements, reflecting a commitment to maintaining the highest standards of competence as a hospitality professional.” Katrina is a graduate of the Okkodo High School LMP program.

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Adrian Davis

Also, congratulations to GCC Liberal Studies graduate Adrian Davis, who is also earning his Human Services associate degree AND attending classes for his baccalaureate degree over at the University of Guam, for being featured as a Scholar Profile in the APIASF January 2017 eNewsletter.



"As a Pacific Islander, higher education is important to me because it shows what we are capable of achieving. People tend to stereotype our part of the world just because poverty exists; however, if we achieve high goals, we can prove the others wrong. I can serve as living proof. I have earned multiple scholarships from APIASF. I am part of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and a member of various clubs at Guam Community College. I currently serve as the GCC Board of Trustees Student Member after earning my Associates Degree and was previously the COPSA (Council on Post-secondary Student Affairs) President of GCC's Student Government. As you can see, I have achieved a lot the past few years. We should stand strong because we can all succeed together."

Adrian Davis
APIASF/Anne Chow Scholarship
Guam Community College | Majoring in Liberal Arts/Studies

GCC SPORTS TEAMS!

Congratulations to the GCC Men's College Basketball team and the Women's College Volleyball team, for their awesome competitiveness in the new college league on Guam. Go Team GCC!

ALSO: Help us pick a new team name for GCC, to go along with our new logo system!

Email your suggestions to gcc.pio@guamcc.edu

GCC Women's College Volleyball Team: (Front row from left): Corrine Risin, Wanisha Sokono, Arvi Quioc, Team Captain Theresa Rice (Back Row) Assistant Coach Sally Sablan, Erwine Takasy, Jasie Villanueva, Ji-Marie Guerrero, Constance Camat, Ericca-Jean Tomada, Jonia Areieta, Sylvania Amor and Coach Ricky Tyquiengco. Not shown: Praesha Primo

GCC Men's College Basketball Team, from Left to Right: (First row) Lee Kaminaga, Daniel Duenas (Second row) Team Manager Sally Sablan, Ryan Kusto, Raymond Tolentino, Manz Santos, Devin Leones, Team Captain Brandon Duenas, GCC President Mary Okada (Third Row) Coach Jose U. Munoz, Jaydee Manlapaz, Ryan Soulik, Everard Foster, and Chris Obermeyer. Not shown: Joel Yangitemai and Assistant Coach Matthew Hoover



Secondary CTE Programs

Students in the SSHS DECA Marketing program

were the champions of this year's Guam Junior Achievement program, winning Company of the Year, at the award ceremony at the Bank of Guam Headquarters on Jan. 14. The SSHS team won the following awards:

Grand Award: Company of the Year

- 1st Place: Product of the Year
- 1st Place: Best Commercial
- 1st Place: Best in Show
- 1st Place: Production Vice President of the Year
- 2nd Place: Best Annual Report
- 2nd Place: Marketing Vice President of the Year
- 2nd Place: Finance Vice President of the Year
- 3rd Place: Return on Investment (845%)
- 3rd Place: Best in Technology

With 10 other teams competing in this year's program, Michelle Randle, GCC CTE Marketing instructor at SSHS, says the students were very proud of their company's results. As the winning team, the officers will be traveling to Tokyo to compete in the Regional Tournament February 19-24. The trip is fully funded by Junior Achievement. Southern High School's team, under the advisement of Yvonne Tam, GCC Marketing Instructor, took home the top prize for the Return on Investment and Best 5 Products categories.





Simon Sanchez High School's Lodging Management Program

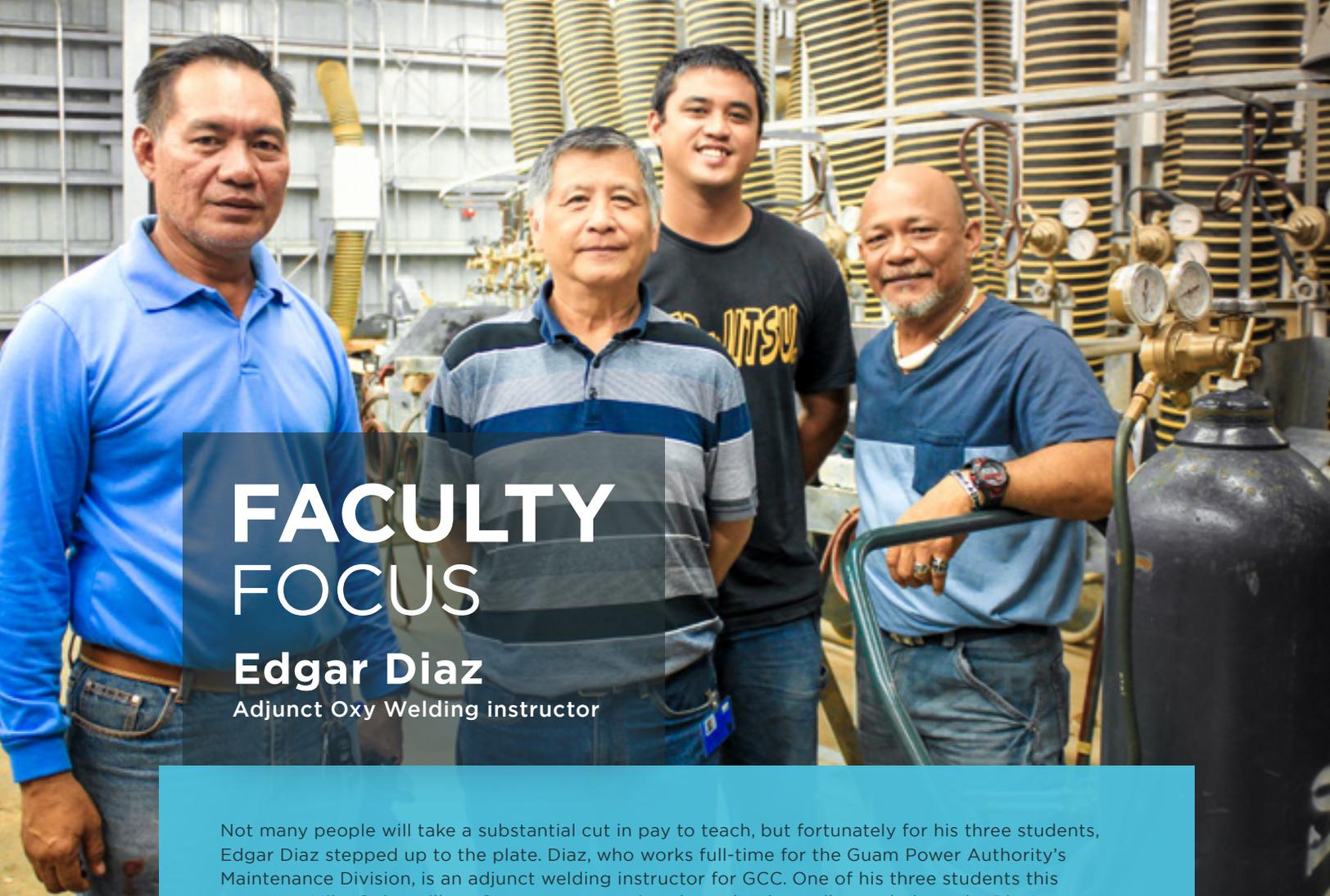
conducted its annual "Be A Tourist" field trip on Jan. 12. The objective was to have tourism students experience Guam through the eyes of tourists. At the same time, students acted as tour guides at assigned scenic and historical sites. Altogether, 50 LMP students visited nine tourist sites and enjoyed their experience as tourists/guides.



On Jan. 30, Hilton Guam Resort & Spa Assistant General Manager, Mr. Shinozaki, was the guest speaker for the SSHS LMP junior class. He spoke about the importance of communications and professionalism in the guest service industry. Mr. Shinozaki also serves as the chairman of GCC Hotel Advisory Committee.



Fifteen SSHS LMP seniors earned their Certified Guest Service Professional (CGSP) credentials from the American Hotel & Lodging Association. They took the test in October 2016, and just received their pins and certificates this month, according to instructor Eric Chong.



FACULTY FOCUS

Edgar Diaz
Adjunct Oxy Welding instructor

Not many people will take a substantial cut in pay to teach, but fortunately for his three students, Edgar Diaz stepped up to the plate. Diaz, who works full-time for the Guam Power Authority's Maintenance Division, is an adjunct welding instructor for GCC. One of his three students this semester, Mike Quintanilla, a Guam veteran, pointed out that he really needed to take Diaz' oxy welding class to keep full-time status, or he would lose his veteran's benefits. Diaz' two other students, Vaun Laguana and Carlito Galo, are in the apprenticeship program and needed the course also. Diaz says that when he got the call from Dr. Liz Diego, Associate Dean in charge of adjunct instructors, telling him that there were only three students registered and asking if he would be willing to teach the class at a reduced pay rate, he said yes.

"I want to pass on my knowledge, and help out our vets,"

Diaz explained.

Kudos, Edgar Diaz, for being a shining example of putting "students first, mission always!" Diaz, second from left, with his students Carlito Galo (far left), Vaun Laguana (in back), and Mike Quintanilla, during class on Jan. 25.

Kudos to Barbara Mafnas, GCC Medical Assisting instructor and licensed breastfeeding coach, for her involvement in the Department of Public Health and Social Services' grand opening of its Breastfeeding Room in the Mangilao facility on Jan. 26. Nursing mothers are lawfully protected to breastfeed their children in safe, clean and appropriate public areas without fear of reprisal, hostility or directions to leave the premises, according to Public Law 32-098. GCC's Breastfeeding Room is located in the Health Services Office in our Student Center.





STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Toni Chamberlain

When it comes to GCC institutional history, Toni Chamberlain is the go-to person. In 1978, Toni became the first administrative secretary for the Bureau of Business Services (the former GCC Business Office) at the newly chartered Guam Community College. She worked there for just a year, during the time when Dr. John Salas was the first provost, and then left for 10 years to “work all over GovGuam.” She returned to the administrative halls of GCC in 1989 to become the administrative assistant for then-President John Cruz, and has been here “since ever since.” In that time, Toni also became the first employee to submit, and have accepted, a Prior Learning Assessment portfolio. “I was able to accelerate my associate degree (back then it was called Office Administration) by 12 credit hours,” she said.

“GCC is the best run GovGuam agency - I like to tell everybody that,” said Toni. “We have the best employees. We’re the best.”



FROM THE President

DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA

Hafa Adai and welcome to spring semester 2017 here at GCC! We started off the semester on a great note with the pinning for our 18 Practical Nursing graduates on Jan. 15 at the Sheraton. This was a great way to start the semester, as these students provided inspiration that the goal is in sight to those who had just started classes four days earlier, on Jan. 11th. (We expect to have over 300 graduates at our Commencement on May 12!) On the facilities front, construction is well under way for the renovation and expansion of Building 100, so please excuse the inconveniences that may occur such as limited parking while concrete is being poured, etc. The new, sustainable two-story building will be well worth it! Also, congratulations to our Continuing Education & Workforce Development Office for its first month-long ESL immersion program with Dong Seoul University from Korea. The 25 students who spent a month on Guam learned some English, some Visual Communications techniques, and a lot about the Chamorro culture! Congratulations are also in order for the GCC Men's Basketball team and the Women's volleyball teams for their fine performances in the college league. Finally, please be on the lookout for our 2017 Distinguished Alumnus. If you know someone that graduated from the former GCC Voc Tech High School or from one of our postsecondary programs and who is making things happen professionally on Guam or in our region, we want to hear about them.
Biba GCC!



FROM THE
ALO'S Desk

DR. RAY SOMERA
Accreditation Liaison Officer
Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs



On Jan. 16, I flew to Dong Seoul University (DU) with John Cruickshank, a senior policy advisor with the National Science Foundation (NSF), and his twin brother James Cruickshank, Research and Development Director for the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Agency (HUD), to explore specific areas of collaborative partnerships in career and technical education, in furtherance of a cooperation agreement between GCC, DU, NSF and HUD. This trip took place while 25 students from Dong Seoul were on our campus taking part in a month-long English Immersion program run by our Office of Continuing Education & Workforce Development.

During a courtesy call with DU President, Dr. Yoo Kwangsup, the Cruickshanks and I spoke of the US federal government's interest in furthering the US-Korea alliance through NSF and HUD. I spoke about the history of our MOU and GCC's desire to develop and enrich our existing program in English language training through cultural immersion, as well as explore other areas of partnership in terms of educational programs. We then gave presentations before a group of selected faculty, deans and directors of the various divisions of DU. A rich and productive discussion ensued after the presentations. John also explained the change in federal policy regarding NSF sub-awards to foreign institutions. As of last year, NSF now allows 10% overhead for foreign institution sub-awards. These sub-awards however will need to be coursed through a partner US institution (GCC, in this case) that will serve as the fiscal agent for a prospective federal grant. The DU officials expressed great interest in this possibility, though the discussion was not as substantive and thorough, because of the language barrier. We also toured the campus for program familiarization purposes. We visited various departments and divisions, including the automotive shop and culinary kitchen. One notable building we visited was the Ideas Lab, where DU students can concretize ideas (such as cell phone products and apps) via a 3D printer, with the guidance of a lab specialist. We also observed student companies started by entrepreneurial students and housed in various departments that get funding support from the government. The trip was largely successful because GCC and DU were committed to engage in conversation about furthering the MOU relationship that focuses on the respective strengths of both institutions. The presence of the federal officials from NSF and HUD became the critical catalyst that propelled the active engagement of all parties involved.

Then on Jan. 18, I flew to Los Angeles for my ACCJC team training, in preparation for a February 27 - March 2 visit to Irvine Valley College (IVC) in California. I have been primarily assigned as lead writer for Standard IIA, and have been tasked to coordinate the writing of the sub-standards by the four (4) faculty members of the team. My secondary assignment is Standard IVA. Having already read the IVC ISER, I am certain that I will have a lot of meaningful and substantive take-aways from this visiting team assignment that I can apply to GCC's own ISER, which is due to ACCJC sometime in October 2017.

Community

National Science Foundation Workshop

On Jan. 20, GCC's STEM related faculty were invited to a workshop in the Student Center with the National Science Foundation's invigorating John Cruickshank, regarding how to apply for the INCLUDES grant.



GCC helps sponsor First LEGO LEAGUE competition

The Tigger team from Andersen Elementary School captured the gold medal at the First Lego League Pacific Championship 2017 on Jan. 21 at Micronesia Mall. Despite this being Andersen's first time entering the competition, Team Tigger bested 17 other elementary and middle school teams, winning an invitation to LEGOLAND for the upcoming Open Championship. The local non-profit organization SiFA (Science is Fun and Awesome) will provide the airfare for the team and coaches, and pay for the Tigger's registration in the competition.

"This competition not only encourages critical thinking in STEM, but instills 'gracious professionalism.' Through the program the participants are challenged in three aspects: core values, research and engineering. The atmosphere was inspirational and energetic, and the team that will represent Guam is truly worthy of the opportunity," Dr. A.J. Sunga, First Lego League Guam organizer, SiFA founder, and GCC science professor, said of the competition.

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GCC is example of FEMA best practices

Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency used GCC as an example of mitigation best practices with FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding, visiting the College on Jan. 23 to take photos and video of Building E, which was renovated and expanded with help from a \$1.45 million FEMA hazard mitigation grant. FEMA officials “thought of GCC for many reasons,” according to Leo Espia, State Hazard Mitigation Officer for Guam, and the Deputy Administrator for the Guam Office of Civil Defense.

Espia escorted Phillip Wang, FEMA Sr. HMA Specialist, and Lorena Willess, FEMA HMA Specialist, on a tour of Building E so the two could take photos of its sustainable features and talk with GCC officials about the building’s usage and utility savings.

“They recognize the GCC project as one of the hazard mitigation project best practices that the rest of the nation can learn from,” said Espia.

STEEP model container homes highlight sustainability

Team Avatar won the January 6, 2017 GCC Sustainable Technologies and Environmental Education Program (STEEP) challenge to create a sustainable home model based on the use of shipping containers. Maria Silvestre from St. John’s School, Jennifer O’Brien from JFK, Lelamay Manglona from Southern, and Ramon Cruz from GWHS designed a container home that was a tribute to Guam’s veterans and that contained solar panels, a water catchment system, natural lighting features, and a fish pond that fed an aquaponic garden. All four teams had awesome entries - congratulations to all 19 students who participated in and learned at this year’s STEEP! The GCC STEEP program invites high school students to participate in a sustainable technologies workshop during summer and winter breaks, to inspire them to study science, technology, engineering and math.





FIRST ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM A SUCCESS!

The GCC Continuing Education & Workforce Development Office held its first ESL Immersion Program with students from Dong Seoul University in Korea from Jan. 6 - Feb. 1. The 25 students studied English, of course, plus Visual Communications and Chamorro History. Dong Seoul President Dr. You Kwangsub and several of his faculty and staff also visited the College. The program was designed to further an educational partnership between GCC and DSU.



ECOWARRIORS SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

Kudos to all who helped clean around the GCC campus the morning of Jan. 28 for Island-wide Beautification Day. Si Yu'os Ma'ase for making a difference in our environment!

EMPLOYEE NEWS

The search is on...for our 2017 Distinguished Alumnus!

Download the nomination form at www.guamcc.edu, fill it out, and submit along with supporting materials to the GCC Development & Alumni Relations Office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2017.

A person is eligible if he or she has been an alumnus for a minimum of five years after having graduated from the former Guam Vocational & Technical High School (GVTHS) or any of Guam Community College's secondary, postsecondary or Adult Education programs; earned their high school equivalency at GCC, or earned at least 30 credit hours at GCC or the former GVTHS.

Selection is based primarily on materials submitted by a nominator. The selection committee will consider the nominee's professional accomplishments, philanthropic or public service to the community and/or GCC, and achievement recognition at a national level. The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented each year at Commencement.



New Employee Orientation

GCC's Human Resources Office held a New Employee Orientation on Jan. 27 for employees hired in the latter part of 2016. Welcome to GCC!



Accommodative Services Workshop

Guam Legal Services Corporation presented a workshop on Jan. 26 in Room 1201 on Section 504, regarding the rights of our students with disabilities and how our Accommodative Services Office provides accommodations for these students at the College.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Senmagof Komplí' años para i Empliao Kulehon Kumunidat Guahån Siha Ni mafañagu-ñiha gi Ineru/Tumaiguini 2017 na mes!

Happy Birthday to the Guam Community College Employees celebrating their birthdays in January!

ADRIAN ATALIG
JEROME BLAS
DOLORES CAYABYAB
JICK CEJOCO
JONAH CONCEPCION
JESSE CRUZ
VIVIAN CRUZ
BONNIE DATUIN
JOHN DIAZ
JOEL EGANA

VIVIAN GUERRERO
HUAN HOSEI
JOHN JOCSON
LUCY JOO-CASTRO
CATHY LEON GUERRERO
SARAH LEON GUERRERO
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FRANCES UNTALAN

Puedi i Tinituhon i Sakkan u fatto' minaolek siha para todus hamyu.
May the New Year bring good tidings of great joy to all.