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Guam Community College PDF Newsletter

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Mission Statement:

The mission of Guam Community College is to be a leader in career and technical workforce development by providing the highest quality education and job training in Micronesia.

GW CTE class wins **sustainable** home design contest

Even though they work in a state-of-the-art AutoCAD lab, the GW CTE AutoCAD class designed their sustainable dream home by hand – winning the Green Dream Home contest sponsored by the UOG Center for Island Sustainability. The home design is slightly raised off the ground to prevent radon gas buildup and provide cooler flooring, with windows that promote natural lighting and a double roof system that eliminates the need for air conditioning. Front row, l to r: Kent Espinosa; Daryle Lee; Eric Delfin; and Bremity Lakjohn, and (second row) Jonathon Rios; John Zilian II, GCC AutoCAD instructor; and Edward Perez show off their first place Green Dream Home model at UOG on April 6.



GCC made honorary **SEIAPI** member

GCC's progressive sustainability efforts earned the College an invitation as an honorary member of the Sustainable Energy Industry Association of the Pacific Islands (SEIAPI). Peter Konings, president of SEIAPI and the managing director of Global Sustainable Energy Solutions – Micronesia, visited GCC in December 2011 to meet with Okada and Lolita Reyes, DAR assistant director. He noted that GCC's sustainability features make the College a great example for other entities in the region.

250+ attend Adult Ed Conference

April 11-12, GCC's Adult Education Office and College Access Challenge Grant Program hosted the annual conference, "Promoting Literacy through Diversity." The conference focused on programs to help promote adult literacy, explore schooling, career options, and success in the workforce. A total of 259 people attended the conference.





Congratulations to student James Pangelinan for being the first recipient of the \$1,500 First Hawaiian Bank John Lee Scholarship, awarded in the name of Lee, a former FHB executive and GCC board member. Lolita Reyes, DAR asst. director, GCC President Okada, James Pangelinan, and Ed Untalan, FHB VP, display Pangelinan's award check.

From the President...

On the heels of a very successful accreditation visit, we seemed to be busier than ever as spring semester 2012 winds down. Between the Adult Education conference, EMT training, a student art exhibit, students volunteering at various island events, attending conferences, our Electronics Skills Challenge, the GW AutoCAD class winning first place in a sustainability contest, WorkKeys, KeyTrain, senatorial forums, the joint leadership meeting and more, our plates were full this April – not including the delicious Culinary Arts buffets from this month! We also prepared for our 35th anniversary celebration and graduation in May in addition to everything else. As always, all of your hard work and efforts to make GCC the premiere workforce development institution in the region are appreciated and noted. Keep up the great work everyone!

Thank you admin professionals!



On April 25, GCC administrators broke out the china and made breakfast for their administrative professionals, to show them just how much they are appreciated!

Joint Leadership Meeting
On April 10, members of the Faculty Senate and GCC administrators met to brainstorm over budgeting and other issues.

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Noteworthy:

Education Sparkling Toast
On April 27, graduating Education majors and their families gathered at the Marriott to celebrate their initiation into the wonderful world of education!

iGive!
IT&E subscribers could help the GCC Foundation's scholarship efforts through May 31st by texting iGive to MyGCC on their phones, donating \$5 to the Foundation!

Medical Assisting students provided health screening for senior citizens as part of a DPHSS project at the Marriott Resort from 9 AM – 2 PM the last week of March (missed this last month!

Text to Give... Educate, Inspire, Impact!

Mobile Giving...Donate with Ease!
What: Mobile Giving
When: April 27 - May 31, 2012
Where: Anytime, Anywhere



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Camacho wins Biggest Loser contest again!



Frank Camacho, MIS administrator, proved once again that he knows how to drop the pounds. Camacho lost 35 pounds during the 3rd annual, 13-week Biggest Loser contest, winning \$275 and an airline ticket to the Philippines (he won the first contest, too!). Second runner up was Ken Bautista, who won \$150, and in third place was Huan Hosei (not shown), who took home \$100 for his efforts. Thanks to Lolita Reyes for spearheading this health initiative contest.

L to R: Danilo Bilong, Rose Siguenza, Ken Bautista, Frank Camacho, Dr. Mary Okada, and Pinky Lujan from Calvo's Selectcare celebrate Bautista and Camacho as GCC's Biggest Losers.

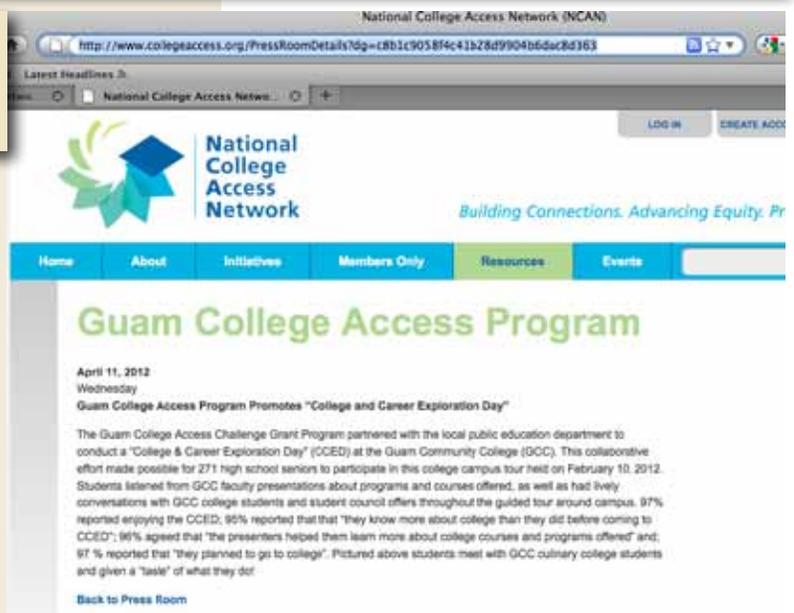
Students host Senatorial Forum

Students in GCC's Supervision & Management Program invited Democrat candidates for senator to a forum in the MPA April 30. Republicans were given equal time on May first. The forums provided candidates with the opportunity to present their platforms for the 2012 campaign to GCC students as well as to members of the community, and gave students an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.



CACGP earns national recognition!

The National College Access Network (NCAN) April newsletter features the GCC's CACGP "College & Career Exploration Day" held in February. Way to go TEAM CACGP GUAM! CACGP also held a free professional development day for middle school students on campus on April 4, where students learned about team building, setting career goals, leadership, making the right life choices, self-management, financial planning, and how to afford college. On April 21, CACGP also hosted a cupcake decorating and face painting booth at Sanctuary's Youthfest.



AHEC-funded training



On April 18, GCC began an AHEC-funded transition course to prepare 120 EMTs and Advanced EMTs to bring them into compliance with national EMT training standards. The training featured lectures, written exams and skills tests with instructors from the National College of Technical Instruction, and included GFD personnel and federal personnel from the U.S. Navy and Andersen Air Force Base. After completing the transition course, the EMTs will have 12 months to sit for the computerized national registry exam. GCC has been designated a testing site for the exam, and eventually plans to offer a paramedic training program.

Also in April, AHEC funded training for nurses related to emergency nursing with Deb Steveson from Colorado, with Rose Loveridge and Barb Mafnas training to become course directors.

Ecowarriors assist at Pig Derby, give tours

GCC's Ecowarriors and 19 other students helped out at the Pig Derby on April 14 and 15 at sites in Talofoto, Santa Rita, Dededo and Agana Heights.

The Ecowarriors also gave tours of the eco-friendly Learning Resource Center on April 20 during Earth Week!



WorkKeys, KeyTrain gaining ground...



KeyTrain at DYA

Continuing Education & Workforce Development now has high school students, dropouts, Adult High School students, parents, and DYA staff accessing KeyTrain at the DYA Resource Center.

CE & WD's Chelsa Muna Brecht presented WorkKeys and KeyTrain in Eric Chong's LMP classes at SSHS on April 18. Here's what students thought about the program:

Rey Pineda: I was astonished that it gives lessons and assist you in your weak points. I believe that my performance with real world skills is much stronger. Thank you again Ms. Chelsa!

Allan Collado: I learned that this program is very useful. If I complete the assessments for the program and graduate with the certificate of mastery with L.M.P I will probably be able to rule the world!

Jill Pellosis: I see a lot of opportunities out there for me, If I take that test. Thanks again Ms. Chelsa.



DAS Society presents Art Redefined

GCC student organizations the Digital Arts Society and the Eco-warriors presented "Art Redefined," a free and open to the public creative exhibit on April 13 in the MPA. The art show highlighted the talents of GCC students in various mediums (sketches, paintings, photography, film, graphic art, etc.), including an awesome video entitled, "A Day in the Life at GCC." Watch it on Youtube!

Delicious Thursday Culinary Buffets

Back by popular demand (and because it is a course requirement!), the GCC Culinary Arts HS 246 Buffet and Catering class presented its sumptuous public luncheon buffets on Thursdays in April.



Student reflections

The following are works from students in John Armstrong's Sociology 130-05 and Psychology 120-02 classes

Reflection on Service Learning

by Naomi Omara, after volunteering at the Ironkids Clubhouse in Dededo

“After volunteering I realized just how great it feels to give back. I feel that I am growing as a person, and for the better. I’ve always enjoyed helping people but only if it was reciprocated. I always had the mentality: “scratch my back twice and I’ll scratch yours once...maybe.” I never had blind faith in people. But with this service learning activity I felt myself getting wiser, more caring, and more compassionate. I realized that there is so much good in people. There are reasons to have faith in giving back and helping others. Although our world is really in the crapper right now, there is still some light to salvage. All in all I feel fulfilled after volunteering to help the kids. When I have more time I plan on going back and giving more of my time to the kids. Giving more than you take will always be worth it in the end, I now firmly believe that.”



Bleeding Black

by Natasha Cruz

The world looks at me,
Only seeing the color of my skin.
Not seeing seeing the real me,
Or where I have been.
Sometimes I wonder,
If I should give up my fight.
Give into other people's ignorance,
And just paint my self white.

We were all born the same way,
All innocent at first.
The generations before us,
Bearing children and blessing them with a curse.
Their arrogance misleading us,
Making you believe you're different from me.
It is only an excuse we use for being blind,
About the crimes being committed against humanity.

Allowing this disease,
Of hatred to spread.
Not realizing that in the end,
We all are the same.
We all bleed red.



By David Revoy

With a quick glance of this portrait you see
You'd probably think of Chinese Philosophy.
Yin and Yang, would first come to mind,
Is a symbol of balance, but no, not this time.
Take a closer look, to see what this portrait emits,
But heed this warning, for it is a disturbing image.
There be the gluttonous white man, sitting on his throne,
Full of power and greed, at everything he owns.
Yet hidden underneath, the proud, morbid obese,
There lies the black man, thin, wounded and weak.
For years this hate, between black and white,
It has not changed, even when we all have rights.
So please, let's end this ridiculous battle,
So we can resolve the real things that matter.

Secondary CTE happenings



Electronics Skills Challenge

Students in GCC's CTE Electronics classes in the five GDOE high schools competed in the second annual Electronics Skills Challenge on April 27 in the MPA. "This competition provides our students with a great opportunity to showcase their cable termination, NIC card installation and router configuration skills to industry representatives," said Rick Tyquiengco, Electronics Dept. chair. Competition sponsors on hand included GTA, L&K Communications, Pacific Data Systems, GPA, Marianas Electronics, G4S Security Services, IT&E and AllStar Quality Business Systems. All of the employers present paid close attention to the winners: Vinci Levie Ebidag, from Southern, who won the Rack & Jack; Juniver David from Okkodo, who placed first in the NIC Card Installation; and the team of Shane Cruz and Jose Castro from George Washington, who won the Router Configuration Challenge.

DECA Conference

The Guam DECA Delegation (L-R): Robin Roberson, Guam DECA State Advisor; Yukari Buccat; OHS; Kimberly Chargualaf, OHS; Pialani Villanueva, OHS; Michelle Carpio, SSHS; Davian Scherer, OHS; Amada Manzana, SSHS DECA Advisor; and Kathy Chargualaf, OHS DECA Advisor, traveled to the DECA International Career Development Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah April 28-30. Fourteen thousand high school students, advisors, businesspersons and alumni gathered for several days of activities focusing on the marketing profession and leadership and career advancing academies.



Parvin remembered

On April 12, students from Paul Parvin's GW CTE Visual Communications classes gathered in the Lou Leon Guerrero Lecture Hall in the Allied Health Center to remember their late teacher, who collapsed suddenly in class and passed away on March 23. Faculty, staff and administrators joined in the gathering, which allowed students to read poetry, sing songs, and present writings to remember a teacher who clearly had an effect on them.



RAPIDS training:

Terry Guerrero, GCC Apprenticeship admin assistant, shows Robert Taitano of DOA how to access the “Registered Apprentice Partnership in Data Systems,” the federal government’s way of tracking apprentices in GCC’s Apprenticeship program, on April 2. DOA is one of over 70 employers in the Apprenticeship program.

Important Dates

June 1 - Summer Session starts

July 1 - New guamcc.edu web site soft launch!

July 13 - Last day of Summer Session classes

July 21 - Liberation Day!

Aug. 13 - Convocation

Aug. 15 - Fall semester begins



Saipan HS tour

26 students from Saipan High School toured GCC on April 6, talking with Culinary, Automotive, and Education faculty about their programs, and touring the new Student Center and the LRC. Special thanks to Chef Kevin Dietrichs, Clare Camacho and Sarah Leon Guerrero from Education, Ric Mendiola from Automotive, Becky Toves, and College Access for assisting with the tour!

*Malago' ma diseha i
Kulohon Kumunidat Guahan
gi i empleao siha Minagof Kompliaños!
Abrit/Ma'imo' 2012!*

Guam Community College would like to wish the following
Employees a Happy Birthday!
April 2012!

Imelda Arce
Josephine Arceo
Ines Bukikosa
Gregorio Manglona
Barry Mead

Joey Roberto
Michael Setzer
Zhaopei Teng
Juanita Tenorio
Katsuyoshi Uchima

Abrit (Ma'imo') Fino' Siha Chamorro Words for April

Ginen i Ofisinan Go'ti yan Adahi i Fino'ta Chamorro
yan i Ofisinan Guinahan Cho'cho' Taotao

Afakcha'- to encounter coincidentally, being coincidental.

I dos na umamigu/umamiga umafakcha' gi sagan batkon aire pa'go.
The two friends met by coincidence at the airport today.

Afabot- Favor, benefit, welfare

Ha na'i afabot i patgon ni' umayuda gui'.
He gave favor to the young child who helped him.

Pågat- to counsel

I maestro ha pågat i estudiante-ña.
The teacher counseled his/her student.

Egga'-to watch

Ha egga' i inacha'igen fino' i estudiante siha gi nigap.
She watched the students' language competition yesterday.

Na'faloffan - to allow someone to pass through

Ha na'faloffan i patgon låhi gi i tano'-ña.
He allowed the boy to pass through his land.

Ñohmon - watery soil, muddy soil.

Fache' i sapatos-hu annai maloffan yu' gi i ñohmon.
My shoes were muddywhen I walked through the muddy soil.

Ohas - a sheet of paper, a leaf, a blade.

U nisisita un ohas para bai tugi' i fino' i lalai siha.
I need a sheet of paper to write the words for the songs.

Hilet -color

Bestida -gown, dress

Yatdas -yard, material

Ha ayek hilet agaga' na yatdas para i bestidå-ña.
She chose a red color material for her dress.