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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.

A record 2,661 students enroll!



New Students attended orientation in the MPA during two sessions on August 7th. In all, 364 students attended the event, learning all they need to know about attending GCC.



Students registered for classes, paid, got IDs, and met with instructors and department chairs during Express Registration Aug. 12-13 in the MPA.

Fall 2013 enrollment reached a new record for the seventh year in a row – as 2,661 students registered for classes. That number represents a 3% increase over fall 2012 enrollment.

“We are very excited that more people continue to want to improve their employment opportunities and their lives by taking classes at GCC. Our program additions, coupled with our renovation and expansion projects, have all been planned with enrollment increases in mind. This increase is a good problem to have, and we are handling it with student success and industry needs at the forefront of everything,” said Dr. Mary Okada, GCC president.

“The dedication that the administration, staff, and faculty put into making GCC a better place is reflected by the amount of students choosing to come to GCC,” said Jennifer Esteves, COPSA president.

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Convocation

GCC faculty and administrators gathered for the annual convocation to start off the new academic year on August 12 at the LeoPalace Resort.

From the President... Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada

Another year, another record enrollment. It is our seventh one in a row, and yet another sign that our students and our workforce partners have confidence in GCC to produce a quality workforce! Thanks to all who attended our Convocation on Aug. 12th at LeoPalace. Despite a little hitch in the sound system, we started the academic year with a good understanding of our academic focus on increasing our students' degree completion rate and on using innovation to heighten and further our students' learning experiences at the college. We are encouraging innovative efforts for professional development and we want to focus funding efforts on innovative ideas. Remember that I have allocated up to \$50,000 from our promotions and development account toward this effort. Look for the process to apply for these funds very soon.

Another focus this year is on trying to redesign developmental education to increase completion rates and improve college readiness for our students – a huge challenge for us!

Kudos to all involved in making our registration process run a little more smoothly this year. More and more students are registering online, so we only had two days of express registration. Now we just need them to file for financial aid a little earlier! Thank you to all of you for your hard work and dedication to GCC. Here's to an exciting and innovative academic year!



Okada receives AGA Excellence in Govt. Accountability award

Congratulations to GCC President Dr. Mary Okada for being awarded the AGA John Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award. She accepted the award with, from left, Dr. Doreen Crisostomo, AGA president, Sen. Tina Muna-Barnes, and Prof. Phillips and his sons Sean and Mike Phillips on Aug. 28 at the AGA luncheon at the Onward Hotel.



Assessment Winners

From left, Bob Neff, LRC Associate Prof., and Christine Matson, Assistant Prof. and LRC Dept. Chair; Deborah Belanger, GCC BOT chairwoman; Bobbie Leon Guerrero, CSI Program Specialist; Emma Bataclan, RN, and Cecilia delos Santos, RN, Health Services; Fred Tupaz, Assistant Prof., Supervision & Management; Frank Camacho, MIS Administrator; and John Payne, Accommodative Services Program Specialist, celebrate their units' Assessment Awards during Convocation on Aug. 12 at the LeoPalace Resort. (See awards list on p. 3.)



From the ALO's desk... Dr. Ray Somera, VP for Academic Affairs

This year's Convocation theme, "Innovation and its Broader Impacts," reflects my academic vision to seek uncharted territories, and engage you in a journey towards new partnerships and collaborative projects beyond our walls, fences, and our shores.

Extending GCC's reach globally must be premised on four "if-and-when" principles, which can be stated as "If and when we internationalize our campus:"

1. We learn, support, and build on the existing languages, cultures, and histories of Guam's diverse peoples;
2. We develop, inspire, and instill respect and honor for various cultures among our students, faculty and other constituents;
3. We construct viable and robust educational and entrepreneurial regional and international partnerships; and
4. We fortify the college's role as a gateway to and bridge between Asia, the Pacific, the Americas, and the world.

Verbiage to capture this initiative will be included in the college's mission statement and be incorporated in the new institutional and organizational priorities for the upcoming academic year. The campus dialogue of rewriting our mission statement has been extended to the end of September in order to coincide with the re-development of our Institutional Strategic Master Plan 2014-2020.

The President will soon officially convene an Internationalization Initiative Task Force and appoint members. This office will evolve into a Center once the activities begin. A pilot test of this initiative occurred this summer when the President, Tourism Hospitality Dept. Chair Norman Aguilar and myself traveled to Bangkok to explore partnership opportunities with Dusit Thani International, whose Dusit Thani Hotel Guam will be opening in Tumon next year. The resulting Statement of Intent for Educational Exchange and Articulation involves faculty exchange, enrichment opportunities for our students, and a 2+2 Culinary program arrangement.

Fostering a collaborative relationship with UOG has required years of relationship-building, and we have been successful in having three programs: IAS, Criminal Justice and Education, articulate to bachelor programs. We were also successful in having two courses under our re-instituted Certificate in Family Services approved as equivalent courses in UOG's Social Work program.

At GCC, we continue to adapt, change, and innovate so that our institutional policies, procedures, practices and processes closely align with ACCJC accreditation standards. In order to facilitate this goal, I want everyone to take the online Accreditation Basics course at www.accjc.org so that by our Midterm Report due in March 2015, I can report that GCC takes its accreditation seriously. So far, about 39 of us have received a Certificate of Completion from ACCJC.

Another goal is to increase our degree completion by a certain percentage each year, in keeping with our Pledge of Commitment to Student Success and Completion. This academic year, we will explore more non-traditional pathways for our adult learners, like prior learning assessment, linking with industry certification providers, eight-week class formats, and other innovative strategies. To gain the broader impacts of innovations we initiate on campus, we must constantly think of things in a different light, as illuminated by various perspectives from all stakeholders. Welcome to another challenging and exciting academic year!



AY 2012-2013 Assessment Awards

Best Administrative Unit Effort Award – Management Information Systems Office

Best Assessment Model Award – Health Services Center

Best Instructional Program Effort Award – Supervision & Management Program

Best Student Services Effort Award – Accommodative Services Office

Commitment to Assessment Award – Learning Resource Center

Most Improved Assessment Effort Award – Center for Student Involvement



ECE students donate books

Students in the GCC CTE Early Childhood Education program at George Washington High School created bilingual books during a workshop for daycare workers on August 10 called Homemade Learning Creations. The students then donated the books to local daycare centers. From left: Doris and Joe Soriano, Nene Childcare Center; Marissa Sanchez, graduate of GCC secondary ECE program at GWHS; Melissa Palomo, GCC ECE instructor; and Sarah Leon Guerrero, GCC Education Dept. Chairperson.



Breaking down ECERs

As part of its Public Health contract, the GCC Education Department provided training on “Breaking Down the ECERS” to daycare providers on August 24 in the MPA. Training focused on ways to raise an ECERS score on the different subscales of this environmental rating scale.



Chef Budde donates book collection to Culinary Arts

Retiring Hyatt Chef Josef Budde donated his extensive collection of cookbooks from around the world to the GCC Culinary Arts program on Aug. 14, including an 1840 edition of “The Century Cookbook and Home Physician.” Chef Paul Kerner says the books “are snapshots in time of what the food industry was highlighting during a particular period. We are so grateful to Chef Budde for donating this valuable resource for our students.” Budde is also a mentor chef to GCC Culinary students.



Hilton donates to CTE LMP

Hilton Guam Resort & Spa donated 4 duvets to the SSJS Lodging Management Program on August 15. The duvets help train students in current housekeeping standards. L-R: Beth Fernandez, Hilton Guam admin asst.; Edna Cortez, Asst. Housekeeping Mgr.; Tina Nabung, Housekeeping Mgr.; and Eric Chong, SSJS LMP instructor.

Project AIM orientation

Project AIM held its orientation for new and continuing students on Aug. 23 in the MPA. The program helps incoming freshmen to succeed in college by offering tutoring and a host of other services. For information call the Project AIM Office in the Student Center at 735-5594/5 or email projectaim@guamcc.edu.



CACGP at SSHS

Counselors from GCC’s College Access Challenge Grant Program presented to sophomores in Eric Chong’s Simon Sanchez High School Tourism Academy on Aug. 28, forging a partnership in helping students to succeed.



WorkKeys at SSHS

Chong also asked CE’s Chelsa Muna-Brecht to present information about the Workkeys skills assessment to his LMP juniors at SSHS.



Chong presents on service learning law

GCC CTE SSHS LMP instructor Eric Chong presented at the 2013 Guam Volunteer Conference on Aug 31 at the Marriott, on “Public Law 30-53 - Service Learning in the public schools.” Chong’s research revealed that, not surprisingly, there are challenges and issues related to the implementation of this law.



COPSA/Ecowarriors help clean up campus



The recycling bin area on campus is now clean thanks to the efforts of COPSA President Jennifer Esteves, and Treasurer Lawrence Alcairo, who are also GCC Ecowarriors, and CSI staff Donnie Lizama and Bobbie Leon Guerrero on Aug. 10. Si Yu'os ma'ase, crew!

AHEC Summer Academy finishes up Aug. 2

GCC's Area Health Education Center-sponsored Summer Academy introduced 38 high school students to health-related careers in the GCC Anthony A. Leon Guerrero Allied Health Center from July 23 - August 2. The academy taught participants about careers in the medical and health fields, helped to build math, science and English skills, and taught life skills that promote success as students and professionals. Instructors were John Hernandez, Naomi Lujan, Evita Espinosa and Mary Garvilles.



Counseling, CEWD at Governor's Families Fair



GCC Counselors and Continuing Education admin and staff represented GCC at the Governor's First Families Fair on August 11 at the Micronesia Mall Center Court.

Notable...

DCs start new academic year

Department chairs met on August 2nd for training before the start of the new academic year.

Practical Nursing students assist at GFT fair

Practical Nursing students assisted members with TB testing during the Guam Federation of Teachers fair at the Agana Shopping Center on Aug. 17.

Joint Leadership meeting

GCC faculty and administrators also met to discuss various issues during a Joint Leadership meeting on Aug. 30

Deaf Social

GCC's Sign Language instructors and students hosted a Deaf Social in the Student Lounge on Aug. 30

CE Procurement Module 2

CEWD's Procurement courses are getting more popular. Procurement module 2, the Solicitation Process, ran from Aug. 12 - 30 in the GCC AALG Allied Health Center. For information on all the Procurement modules call 735-5574 or email learning4life@guamcc.edu.

CACGP named a top Sanctuary partner

GCC's College Access Challenge Grant Program was chosen as one of Sanctuary's top 3 supporters in the Partner category for their commitment and dedication to Sanctuary. The honor was bestowed at Sanctuary's 2nd Annual Blue Carpet Gala on August 31 at the Hyatt.



New employee orientation

GCC's HR Administrator Joann Muna conducted a new employee orientation on Aug. 9 in the LRC training room.

Sinangan Siha para Agostu/Tenhos

August 2013 Chamorro Phrases



Meggai emplehao gi ufisina.

There are many employees in the office

Håfa ufisio-mu gi gubetnamento?

What is your job in the government?

Pagamento på'go na simåna.

This week is payday.

Manpagamento ham kada Betnes.

We get paid every Friday.

Esta måtto i leblon paketi gi Post Office para i Kuhelon.

The box of books arrived at the Post Office for the College.

Malago' i Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahån Mandiseha gi i Empleao siha un Minagof na Kompl'åños!

AGOSTU/TENHOS 2013

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

August 2013

**Hernalin Analista
Terry Barnhart
Chris Camacho
Patrick Clymer
Carol Cruz
Gerry Dacanay
Ely Damian
Tressa Dela Cruz
Cecilia delos Santos
Lani Gamble
Gary Hartz
Priscilla Johns**

**Sue Joseph
Rachel Lee
Rose Loveridge
Derik Mead
Loressa Melegrito
Joann Muna
Chelsa Muna-Brecht
Bob Neff
Mary Okada
Peter Roberto
Chris San Nicolas
Ron Santos**

Mark your Calendars!

Sept. 27 - Work Experience Workshop 11 am - 1 pm, MPA

Oct. 9 & 10 - COPSA "Meet the President" - 6-7:30 PM, GCC MPA

Oct. 11 - Students Leading Students Conference

GCC EA fundraiser at Tasa, Legacy Square, Mangilao (next to KFC)

Oct. 17 - COPSA Fall Festival 4-8 pm, Student Center

Oct. 26 - Leadership Dinner

Oct. 31 - GCC Halloween!

Nov. 21 - Guam Tropical Energy Code Conference, MPA

Nov. 22 - GCC Thanksgiving Luncheon

Dec. 6 - GCC Christmas Party, Westin Resort



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