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.

Academic Year 2012-2013: A Time to Shine!

That was the theme of this year’s Convocation, as GCC welcomed back its awesome faculty on August 13, in the wake of the College’s reaffirmation of accreditation for six years back in July. In addition to introductions of the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate and COPSA officers, and words from the Faculty Union, BOT and FBOG chairs, Dr. Ray Somera, and of course President Okada, the CCA handed out the 6th annual Assessment Awards. After all the speeches and good food, the 199 GCC employees in attendance enjoyed the sounds of Manna (featuring GCC’s own Carol Guerrero and Kim Bautista)! (More photos and information on pg. 4.)

New Student Orientation
447 students attended the two sessions of New Student Orientation at GCC on August 14, where they were introduced to the COPSA officers, GCC administrators, and given tips on how to be successful this semester!

Express Registration
Over 250 students registered for classes from 1 P.M. Monday, August 6 through 5 P.M. Thursday, August 9 in the MPA. Students could also meet with program department chairs and academic counselors, pay for classes, and get their student IDs during that time.

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From the President  Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada

Hafa adai and welcome back to GCC, everyone! The start of a new Academic Year is always exciting at GCC, especially after hearing that our accreditation has been reaffirmed for six more years! We’ve already been busy this month with Convocation, nearly record registration again (only 10 students shy of last year’s record!), New Student Orientation, New Employee Orientation, trainings being conducted, events happening, federal officials visiting - it is never dull here at GCC. It is wonderful to see the students back on campus, and it is especially gratifying to see them using our beautiful Student Center. One of the things the administration has started to do this semester is to revisit our Institutional Strategic Master Plan, which currently takes us to the year 2014. We’ve far surpassed the plan’s enrollment projection, so we are revisiting it to see what needs to be adjusted program-wise and with regard to facilities as well. We’re far from finished, so as you continue to enjoy the new buildings get ready for renovations to start on the opposite side of campus toward the end of the semester.

Happy Birthday Madam President!
President Okada examines a cake decoration during an office celebration of her birthday on August 16th.

At GCC, we already know that our students, faculty, and employees are the best – now we just need all of our facilities to match that degree of excellence!
Of the 45 institutions that ACCJC reviewed during its June 2012 meeting, GCC was in a special league of only 3 institutions that received very favorable marks from the Commission.

Our reaccreditation was the result of a commitment to our institutional goals and to our students, and a single-minded sense of purpose which united us all. We earned our accreditation not by pure chance but through a thoughtful process of building incremental evidence through six years of careful and systematic preparation. It was precisely this collective effort and understanding that promoted a collaborative spirit among us and guided our successful journey towards reaccreditation. I draw inspiration from one of the many congratulatory notes I received soon after our exit meeting with the team: “Employees have for the very first time felt a part of the process and feel the little bit that they do in their day to day work makes a big difference in the overall success of GCC.” This is what our team chair Dr. Chapdelaine meant when, in one of the open forums, he described what we do as “transformational.”

With the accreditation preparations now behind us, the road ahead of us in the coming academic year is no longer a long and winding road but a paved, concrete walkway that now allows us to maintain balance and stability in leading our students toward their career destinations. In guiding them along the way, we have developed tools like the Dual Credit Articulated Programs of Study or DCAPS, the Dual Enrollment Accelerated Learning or DEAL, the new ACALOG or e-catalog, and our GCC website with a newer, friendlier look. In everything we do at the college, students come first since, as we all know, they are the lifeblood of our institution. Truly, 2012 is our time to shine!

Hafa Adai and Welcome back!
As all of you know by now, over the summer our College received its accreditation for another six years. Congratulations to all of you for a fantastic job! This semester, the Faculty Senate has two new members: President Elect Robin Roberson and Senator Norman Aguilar. The new member to the PDRC is Clare Camacho. Thank you to all who threw their hat into the ring. The Faculty Senate acknowledges the challenges the Faculty and the College face this academic year. It is my sincere hope that together, we will overcome these challenges with the renewed strength earned from our accreditation.

Thank you,
Jose U. Munoz
Faculty Senate President
Convocation 2012!

Clockwise from top: GCC’s outstanding faculty and employees, Dr. Ray telling everyone to give themselves a pat on the back, Manna, featuring Carol Guerrero and Kim Bautista, and of course, the food!

Assessment Winners!

From left, Debbie Belanger, BOT chairperson; Lolita Reyes, asst. director, DAR, for Best Administrative Unit Effort Award; Jayne Flores, asst. director, OCP for Office Best Assessment Model Award; Kim Bautista, administrative aide, Accomm. Services for Best Student Services Effort Award; Doris Perez, asst. director, P&D for Commitment to Assessment Award; and Robin Roberson, VisCom Dept. chair; for Most Improved Assessment Effort Award, and Dr. Okada.
Cabales awarded PREL scholarship

Congratulations to Meldie Joy Cabales, a GCC Early Childhood Education major and one of five winners of the 2012-2013 Pacific Teacher Scholarship, awarded annually by the non-profit corporation Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) to accomplished students who are enrolled in a teacher preparation program at an accredited college or university and who are residents of the U.S.-affiliated Pacific islands. “It’s going to help me a lot. I’m a working student, paying for school, so it will be a big help financially,” said Cabales, 18, who graduated from George Washington High School in 2011. Cabales plans to use her $1,000 scholarship to help pay for her tuition this fall.

Fun & Learning training

Children’s caregivers had a wonderful time at the Education Department’s Fun and Learning training on August 4 in the MPA. Participants engaged in physical activities that support learning and growth mainly in the physical development of young children, using songs, music, parachutes, fluff balls, ribbons, scarves, and bean bags!

GCC faculty attend COSEE workshop

GCC Science faculty Dr. Jay Sunga, John Jocson, and Joni Kerr were among 10 instructors from community colleges throughout the Pacific Islands that visited the Kealakekua Marine Laboratory August 6-8 to learn about genetic linkages in the Pacific Ocean from scientists at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Stanford University and the Center for Ocean Solutions in Monterey, California. The workshop was part of a program of the National Science Foundation Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence.
On August 16, nine academic and Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers from the Simon Sanchez High School Tourism Academy worked at the Hyatt Regency Guam for a day. They took part in a one-day summer internship to provide them with maximum exposure to front- and back-of-the-house operations, gaining a thorough understanding of the hotel’s current operational priorities, challenges, and strategies. “In turn, this will allow us to gain valuable knowledge that we can use in the classroom to instruct students with current information,” said Marivic (Vicky) Schrage, SSHS Lead Academy Teacher.

Inspiration by Baca!

“He really speaks for us. He grew up in the same culture of respect.” That’s what student Raphael Taiwerbwe thought of Jimmy Santiago Baca, the internationally acclaimed writer who spoke to over 200 students in the MPA on August 30. Baca was on Guam courtesy of the Guam Humanities Council “Between Fences” exhibition. His memoir, A Place to Stand, recounts his discovery of the power of language while serving time in a maximum-security prison. Kudos to instructor Vera DeOro for coordinating Baca’s GCC visit!

Workforce training

125 young adults enrolled in AHRD’s Young Adults Employment & Training program attended a week-long Workforce Readiness Training from 8 AM – 5 PM August 20-24 in the GCC MPA. GCC’s Continuing Education & Workforce Development Office conducted the training, which helped out of school and unemployed 18-22 year olds learn employability skills and success habits for the workplace. On the first day, Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio encouraged the group to embrace this training as an opportunity.
RAPIDS training

Terry Guerrero, GCC Apprenticeship admin assistant, shows Dr. Kim Bersamin of GHURA how to access the “Registered Apprentice Partnership in Data Systems,” the federal government’s way of tracking apprentices in GCC’s Apprenticeship program, back in June. NOTE: Dr. Bersamin is also GCC’s 2012 Distinguished Alumnus!

Way to beat gas prices!

Phyllis Yurko, GCC CTE LMP instructor, picked up her scooter from Honda that she won during the GCC gala in May. Way to cut down on your gas bill, Phyllis!!

Notables:

The GCC Ecowarriors helped the Guam Environmental Education Committee win the U.S. EPA Environmental Achievement award for Educational Leadership this August. GCC has been represented in the EEC by the Ecowarrior interns, service learning students, staff and science faculty since 2010. GCC’s participation includes snorkeling events, Masso Watershed tree planting and hikes, limestone and mangrove forest hikes, Earth Month 2012 and three years of Liberation Day/Carnival recycling.

Speaking of Masso, GCC’s Ecowarriors volunteered at the Masso Reservoir stream bank stabilization project on August 11, learning how to collect Pago cuttings and construct ‘FASCINES’ (stabilization techniques).

CSI program specialist and COPSA advisor Bobbie Leon Guerrero stepped up to the plate to give 25 students and five staff from the College Access Challenge Grant Program up at Northern Marianas College a great tour of GCC on August 9. “The students were very eager to visit the school and have shared great interest in enrolling at GCC,” according to NMC CACGP counselor Joan Torres. Thanks Bobbie!!

Run, Hide, Fight: Shooter on Campus

GCC employees were all required to attend Shooter on Campus training provided by Superior Court Marshal Vince Naputi in August. His mantra: Action beats reaction. Let’s hope we never have to use it.
Welcome New Faculty

Human Resources Employee Update
From August 13, 2011 to August 13, 2012

Mary A.Y. Okada, Ed.D. President

James Odoca
Instructor
Tourism

Gene Dydasco
Instructor
Education

Sarah Versackas, RN
Instructor
Allied Health

Wendell Roden
Instructor
Mathematics

Tessa Dela Cruz
Instructor
English

Joachim (Peter) Roberto
Instructor
Social Science

Christie Marie Ginson
Instructor
Mathematics

Nita Jeannette Cepeda
Instructor
Visual Communications

Faculty Promotions FY2013

Deadline to apply for “Certificate of Eligibility” for Advancement-in-Rank and Sabbatical Leave for Fiscal Year 2013 is October 1, 2012. Contact Human Resources for more information.

Patricia Tersje
Associate Professor
Assessment & Counseling

Rebecca Toves
Associate Professor
English

John Jocson
Assistant Professor

Troy Lizama
Associate Professor
Assessment & Counseling

Katsuyoshi Uchima
Instructor
Allied Health

Christopher D. Poliquit
Instructor
Welcome New Administrators & Staff

Danilo Bilong
Program Specialist
Development & Alumni Relations

Chelsa Muna-Brecht
Program Specialist
CE & Workforce Development

James Fathal
Program Coordinator II
Project Aim

Amanda Castro
Office Aide
Adult Education

Joey Roberto
Maintenance Worker
Facilities

Benny Quenga
Maintenance Supervisor
Facilities

Bertha Guerrero
Administrative Secretary II
Office of the President

Gaudencia (Sue) Joseph
Program Coordinator II
CACGP

Christopher San Nicolas
Program Coordinator I
CACGP

Tanya-Marie Santos
Administrative Assistant
CACGP

Tiana Quichocho
Office Aide
CACGP

Virginia (Gina) Tudela, Ph.D.
Dean
Technology and Student Services

Michael Chan, Ed.D.
Associate Dean
Technology and Student Services

Barry Mead
Adjunct Associate Dean
Trades and Professional Services

Dorothy-Lou (Dee) Manglona, RN
Nursing and Allied Health Administrator

Administrator Promotions
Ric rides off into the sunset...

GCC Automotive instructor Ric Mendiola officially retired after 36 years of service on August 24. His sending-off luncheon at Fiesta Resort was well-attended by GCC personnel, including Automotive Dept. Chair Chris Dennis and Dean Reilly Ridgell, and his beautiful family, including wife Terri (shown with Ric here) and his son and daughter. We’ll miss you, Ric!

Important Dates

Oct 5. - Joint Leadership and ISMP Review Meetings
Oct. 6 - GCC Foundation Par Excellence Golf Tournament
Oct. 31 - GCC Employees’ Halloween gathering in Rotunda
Nov. 5 - Ribbon Cutting, Foundation Building
Nov. 23 - Staff/Administrator Development Day
Dec. 6 - GCC Adults Christmas Party
Dec. 28 - GCC Children’s Christmas Party

PAR EXCELLENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday October 6
11:00 a.m. Show time
12:00 p.m. Shotgun
Onward Talofofo
Golf Club

For information call Lolita Reyes or Greg Manglona at 735-5611/5554/5516 or email lolita.reyes@guamcc.edu gregorio.manglona@guamcc.edu

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# 2012 DPR GOVGUAM COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

## TASI DIVISION
- Harry S. Truman
- GCC
- DPW
- GMHA
- Judiciary
- Team Kotte
- Team GMH
- Guam Power
- Luis P. Untalan
- Inarajan Middle School

## TANO DIVISION
- Attorney General Outlaws
- Team CLTES
- DOE Suette
- DPHSS
- GCC Tradesman
- DPR Defenders
- Customs
- Rev & Tax
- Guam Solid Waste
- GEPA Valley Llamas

All games will be played at the Guam Sports Complex Gym.

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Sinangan Siha para Agostu/Tenhos
August Chamorro Phrases

Kao siña un ågang yu’?
Can you call me?

Kao machocho’cho’ hao på’go?
Are you working today?

Geffáfache’cho’ gui’.
He/She is very hard-working.

Kao guaha un nánangga’?
Are you waiting for someone?

Fatå’chong fan.
Have a seat please.

Ginen i Ofisinan Go’ti yan Adahi i Fino’ta Chamorro yan i Ofisinan Guinahan Cho’cho’ Taotao
Malago' ma diseha i Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahan gi i empleao siha Minagof Kompli'anos!
Agostu/Tenhos 2012

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

Tracy Amborn
Hermanlin Analista
Terry Barnhart
Christopher Camacho
Patrick Clymer
Carol Cruz
Gerard Dacanay
Eleanor Damian
Tressa Dela Cruz
Maria Cecilia delos Santos
Helen Gamble
Ronald Hartz
Priscilla Johns
Gaudencia Joseph

Hee Suk Lee
Rosemary Loveridge
Lila Lujan
Loressa Melegrito
Joann Muna
Chelsa Muna-Brecht
Barnard Neff
Mary Okada
Karllin Orioste
Lolita Reyes
Joel Ridgell
Joachim Roberto
Christopher San Nicolas
Ronald Santos