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Curriculum Vitae

Mary Ann Young Okada, Ed. D., the first female president of Guam Community College (GCC), took the helm of office as President/CEO on June 18, 2007.

Since then, I added new programs, and initiated a campus renovation that includes eight new buildings and plans for several more upgrades. Prior to becoming president, I served as Vice President of Financial Affairs, Controller and Accounting Supervisor at GCC. My fiscal guidance has resulted in 22 consecutive years of clean audits for the College, and the awarding of numerous grants and low-interest federal loans that have allowed for campus upgrades even in the face of severe fiscal challenges. I serve on several local, regional and national workforce and postsecondary education organizations, and was appointed by President Barack Obama in 2014 to serve on the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. I aggressively advocate for the development and growth of career and technical education and training for Guam and the neighboring islands of Micronesia.

EDUCATION

Doctorate in Educational Leadership, University of Phoenix. (2009)

Master of Science, Public Administration, University of Guam. (1997)

Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Management, University of Guam. (1988)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

President/CEO, Guam Community College, 2007 – present

Vice President of Financial Affairs, Guam Community College, 2005-2007

Comptroller, Guam Public School System, 2004-2005

Accountant III, Guam Community College, 2003-2004

Domestic Engineer, 2001-2003

Controller, Guam Community College, 2001-2001

Assistant to Vice President for Financial Affairs, 1994-2001

General Accounting Supervisor, 1992-1994

Finance Manager, Pacific Western Enterprises, 1990-1992

PUBLIC SERVICE and ADVOCACY

Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Commissioner
Air University - Board of Visitors, Community College of the Air Force, Member
Archdiocese of Agana Finance Council, Member
Guam Contractors Association Trades Academy Board, Member
Guam Education Board, Chairperson
Guam Women's Chamber of Commerce, Founding Member
Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC), Chairperson
Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL), Board Member
President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Vice Chair
(2014-2017)
Regional Educational Laboratory Governing Board, Member
St. Francis Catholic School – Parent Alumni Organization, Treasurer
WestCare Foundation, Board Member

PRESENTATIONS/INVITED TALKS

Rotary Club of Northern Guam, *The Changing Role of Community Colleges*. (December 2022, June 2021, December 2021, January 2009)

American Association of Community Colleges – Workforce Development Institute 2022 Conference Panel Discussion *Tribal and Territorial Models of Success*. (January 2022)

Association of Community College Trustees 2021 Leadership Congress - Advancing Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, *Real Pathways to Career, Preparing a Ready Workforce*. (October 2021)

APIA Scholars - Charting NHPI Pathways: A Rural Pacific Learning Tour, *Keynote Address*. (December 2020)

Conference on Island Sustainability: Presidential Summit on Island Sustainability Panel Discussion *Leadership for Sustainable Development*. (April 2019)

Guam Mitigation Strategies and Opportunities Conference, *Infrastructure Hardening*. (March 2019)

Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, *Community College's Role in the Community*. (November 2018, October 2008)

60th Anniversary of the Federation of Asia Pacific Women's Association (FAWA), *Empowering Women through Education*. (September 2018)

Guam Contractor's Association Industry Trade Fair & Expo, *Apprenticeship Training & Education*. (May 2018)

2018 Public Private Partnership Conference. *Keynote Address*. (May 2018)

2016 CMNI Business and Finance Conference, *GuamCC Business Partnerships Create Student Pathways to Success*. (September 2016)

6th Micronesia Non-Profit Congress, *Encouragement and Inspirational Thoughts*. (March 2016)

Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges Regional Workshop, *Strengthening Our Commitment: The Assessment Difference at Guam Community College*. (July 2015)

Community Colleges for International Development, Inc., Asia Pacific Forum, *Blue Continent Pacific Postsecondary Education Council*. (July 2015)

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund Education Summit - AANAPISI Capacity Building Workshop, *Presentation from Previous Grantees*. (June 2015)

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund Education Summit - AANAPISI Capacity Building Workshop Panel Discussion, *Strategies for Success: The unique role of AANAPISIs in preparing APIs for the workforce*. (June 2015)

Evangelical Christian Academy, *Commencement Address*. (June 2015, June 2011)

American Association of Community Colleges, *Challenges and Opportunities within Asian and Pacific Islander Designated Institutions – A Roadmap to Success*. (April 2015)

Notre Dame High School Faculty Professional Development, *Progressive Leadership: Meeting 21st Century Challenges and Strengthening the Promise of Higher Education*. (February 2015)

Council for Advancement and Support of Education, *Leveraging Financial Resources and Successful Partnerships*. (September 2014)

Guam Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, *Creating Opportunities & Partnerships*. (July 2014)

Achieving the Dream Conference Panel Discussion, *Leveraging MSI Partnerships for Institutional Capacity-Building Efforts - Implications for ATD Campuses*. (February 2014)

University of Phoenix – Guam, *Commencement Address*. (June 2014, May 2013)

American Association of Community Colleges, *Higher Education: Building Successful Partnerships in the Pacific*. (April 2013)

Council for Advancement and Support of Education, *Leveraging Financial Resources*. (March 2013)

Community Colleges for International Development, Inc., *Higher Education: Building Successful Partnerships in the Pacific*. (February 2013)

National Education Partnerships, *Development Strategies for Success*. (December 2012)

Society for Human Resource Management, *Hire Local*. (March 2012)

Educator's Summit, *Theory to Action: Making it Happen*. (October 2011)

Association of Community College Trustees, *Technical Opportunities Assessment for Sustainability for Guam Community College*. (October 2011)

AFCEA Marianas TechNet Conference, *IT Workforce Sustainability*. (April 2011)

Association of Community College Trustees, *Establishing Guam's Career & Technical Education Career Pathway System*. (October 2010)

Washington D.C. Chamorro Club Annual Meeting, *GCC Growth Presentation*. (October 2010)

Lions Club Annual Meeting, *How Service Learning Benefits the Community*. (October 2010)

PHARE Expo & Tourism Forum, *Tourism for the Next Decade*. (May 2010)

Hita I Marianas – Marianas Buildup Conference, *Staff Development & Training Opportunities: Preparing the Workforce for the Build-up*. (May 2010)

Western Association of Schools and Colleges Academic Resource Conference, Poster Presentation, *Sustainability & the Community beyond the Campus*. (April 2010)

Workforce Summit, *Keynote Address*. (November 2009)

First Regional Science Symposium, *Keynote Address*. (November 2009)

Public Administration Conference, *Keynote Address*. (November 2009)

Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, *Creating Opportunities & Partnerships*. (June 2009)

Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association, Marianas Chapter, *Education and Workforce Development*. (April 2009)

Guam Women's Club, *Community College's Role in the Community*. (March 2009)

Sunrise Rotary, *Community College's Role in the Community*. (October 2008).

Association of Pacific Island Legislatures 27th General Assembly, *Workforce and Preparation of Skilled Laborers*. (May 2008)

Department of Labor/Agency for Human Resources Development Youth Stakeholder Forum, *Youth Services Navigating Our Communities through Life's Journey*. (April 2008)

Mayor's Council, *Creating Opportunities and Partnerships*. (March 2008)

3rd Pacific Association of Land Professionals, *Challenges & Opportunities of our Communities*. (March 2008)

Center for Micronesian Empowerment Outreach, *Social Welfare an Integral Part of Planning for Military Buildup*. (February 2008)

University of Guam Women & Gender Studies Program, *Career Pathways of Women, University/College Presidents in Micronesia*. (February 2008)

Regional Workforce Development Council, *Keynote Address*. (January 2008)

National Science Foundation, *Education Outreach and Evaluation*. (December 2007)

8th Western Micronesian Chief Executive Summit, *Regional Educational Opportunity*. (November 2007)

Secretary of the Interior's 2007 Conference on Business Opportunities in the Islands, *Training & Education Opportunities*. (October 2007)

Society for Human Resource Management, *Preparing Your Business for the Workforce Challenges Ahead*. (October 2007)

Guamerica Lions Club Annual Meeting, *Neighbor Helping Neighbor*. (September 2007)

American Association of University Women, *Keynote Address*. (September 2007)

Guam Public School System Office of the Superintendent 2007 Leadership Academy for School Administrators, *Organizational Finance*. (June 2007)

MEMBERSHIP, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)
Asian Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies (APAFS)
FBI Guam Citizens Alumni Academy Association, Inc.
Guam Women's Chamber of Commerce (GWCC)
Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC)

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