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## UOG Facilities Staff Earns HVAC Journeyman Certifications

Facilities Management and Services personnel at the University of Guam recently completed the Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) Journeyman certification at the GCA Trades Academy.

Bert Quinata, Refrigeration Mechanic I, Tom San Nicolas, Maintenance Worker, and Paul Cruz, Maintenance Custodian each completed coursework and on-the-job training within three years and recently received their certificates.

UOG President Anita Borja Enriquez and members of the University's administration recently recognized the newly certified HVAC Journeyman. "We are incredibly proud of Bert Quinata, Tom San Nicolas, and Paul Cruz for their dedication and hard work in achieving their HVAC Journeyman certification," she said. "Their commitment to professional development not only enhances their skills but also greatly benefits the University of Guam by ensuring our facilities are maintained to the highest standards."

An HVAC journeyman is a skilled technician specializing in the installation, maintenance, and repair of HVAC systems. Their responsibilities include evaluating the HVAC requirements and constraints of a facility, making informed recommendations, installing new systems, repairing existing ones, and performing routine regular maintenance to keep systems working efficiently.

"This certification represents a significant milestone for our team," said Glenn Leon Guerrero, Director of Facilities Management and Services. "The expertise that Bert, Tom, and Paul have gained will greatly enhance our ability to maintain and improve our campus HVAC systems, ensuring a comfortable and efficient learning environment for our students, faculty, and staff."

The certifications were earned as part of a program with the GCA Trades Academy, which aims to develop skilled technicians in HVAC, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and construction management.

Leon Guerrero says that other UOG facilities and maintenance personnel are seeking similar certification in electrical, plumbing, and carpentry.

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Caption:

UOG President Anita Borja Enriquez and members of the University's administration recently recognized the newly certified HVAC Journeyman, Bert Quinata, Refrigeration Mechanic I, Tom San Nicolas, Maintenance Worker, and Paul Cruz, Maintenance Custodian.

From left to right: Mark Mendiola, Interim Chief of Staff; Rachel Field, Acting Vice President of Administration and Finance; Dr. Sharleen Santos-Bamba, Senior Vice President and Provost; Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, President; Bert Quinata, Refrigeration Mechanic I; Tom San Nicolas, Maintenance Worker; and Paul Cruz, Maintenance Custodian; John Leon Guerrero, Building Maintenance Superintendent, Edwin Villagomez, Building Maintenance Supervisor; Glenn Leon Guerrero, Director of Facilities Management and Services.