

NORTHERN MARIANAS

**NMTECH**

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## 4TH QUARTER AT A GLANCE:

### NDEAM SEMINARS



The NMTech Student Services team attended the National Disability Employment Awareness Month seminars hosted by the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. at the Saipan World Resort. The two-day seminars aimed at educating and advocating for those with disabilities.

### AWARD CEREMONIES



NMTech held two award ceremonies in November to celebrate the accomplishments and hard work of our students. We are proud to have had a big cohort of students in our first-ever award ceremony and are excited to award more students in the near future.

### COTA DONATES STUDENT PASSES



In the spirit of partnership, the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority donated student bus passes for NMTech students to avail. We hope our students will use these passes to continue attending classes and, therefore, furthering their career in their chosen trades.

**"EDUCATION IS THE MOST  
POWERFUL WEAPON  
WHICH YOU CAN USE TO  
CHANGE THE WORLD."**

- NELSON MANDELA

# OCTOBER

On October 6th and October 8th 2022, the NMTech Student Services team attended the National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) seminars hosted by the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) at the Saipan World Resort.



Not only did our institute attend the two-day seminar as an information booth, our staff also took the opportunity to learn from guest speakers and presentations. Our team members were able to learn some basic American Sign Language (ASL), understand how interaction affects people with disabilities, and learned to be better communicators.



On October 7th 2022, we held our 3rd Quarter Employee Meeting and recognized our Employee of the Quarter - Ms. Sasha Atalig!

We had a variety of team building activities such as Pictionary, volleyball, and darts.

On October 14th 2022, our Student Services team attended the Women's Affairs Office's Empowering Women for Success outreach event at the Multi-Purpose Center.



The aim of the event was to teach women how to "dress for success", the do's and don'ts in interviews, how to build a resume, and overcoming barriers.

Agencies and companies such as the the Northern Marianas College (NMC), Soroptimist, CNMI Department of Labor (DOL) Workforce Investment Agency (WIA), Marianas Alliance of Non-Governmental Organizations (MANGO), and many more participated in this event. Aside from visiting booths, women were encouraged to take business-attire clothing and jewelry from the designated "closet" area.

# OCTOBER



NMTech also had a campus clean-up. With all hands on deck, we were able to tackle every area on property. What better way to begin the new fiscal year than working together as a team to get our campus clean and our new offices up and running.



Thank you NMTech team for your efforts, for coming together to get this project

done, and for dealing with the weather!

On October 15th 2022, our Student Services team participated in the Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) Day of Unity outreach event hosted by the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence at the Garapan Central Park Round House.



Many agencies and businesses participated in this event as booths for families to visit. To get a prize, their "passports" must be signed by all companies present. Many booths offered food and fun activities, and there were also performances to entertain the large crowd.



On October 17th 2022, the NMTech Student Services team, along with PSS Career & Technical Education (CTE) Program Director Dr. Jessica Taylor, hosted a Trading Up Info Session at the Da'ok Academy campus.

Information on all the courses NMTech offered was presented, as well as the benefits of enrolling in the Trading Up program such as 1) dual enrollment, 2) a head-start into a trades career, and 3) receiving a **nationally** recognized certification. Da'ok Academy students are offered Core + Construction Craft Laborer (CCL) Level 1. Core is a prerequisite for all construction-related courses.

## OCTOBER

On October 21st 2022, the NMTech team held an in-service training where each department discussed their purpose, the different forms used (if any), steps and procedures, and who they work closely with to get tasks completed.

The goal of the training is to better understand the tasks each department does and how those tasks are carried out. With the knowledge we gained from this training, we can work more efficiently as a team by assisting each other when needed.

On October 24th 2022, we held Student Orientation for both Da'ok Academy and Tanapag Middle School (TMS) for their Trading Up courses.



Da'ok Academy's orientation was hosted at their campus with their counselor Ms. Caroline Agulto while TMS had their orientation on NMTech campus with their parents. Also present at the TMS orientation was PSS CTE Program Director Dr. Jessica Taylor and Associate Commissioner of Education Mr. Eric Magofna. After their orientation, TMS students and parents were given a tour of the campus.

On October 28th 2022, Mount Carmel School [grade level] visited NMTech for an info session on Culinary Arts.



## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

On October 31st 2022, NMTech participated in the Joeten Kiyu Public Library's Trunk-or-Treat event. So many families and children came out to enjoy the Halloween activities brought back to the community by the many agencies, companies, and groups. After being on hold for a couple of years due to the pandemic, kids are finally able to enjoy dressing up, trick-or-treating, and going to haunted houses.

# NOVEMBER

On November 1st 2022, NMTech staff participated in an impromptu team building and bonding activity - decorating Halloween cookies! Thank you Tyler's Gelatte Stone for the Cookie Decorating Kits!



On November 15th 2022, NMTech held an award ceremony for our 12 Department of Corrections (DOC) students to celebrate the completion of their Core course. The award ceremony took place at the DOC Outreach Program Building in Capitol Hill. Members of the community along with our students' family and friends were there to share in the celebration.

On November 17th 2022, NMTech attended the PSS-DOL Apprenticeship Outreach at Da'ok Academy.



On November 17th and November 18th 2022, the NMTech Financial Aid Office hosted a Scholarship Clinic for all students interested in pursuing a trades career. New and on-going students were encouraged to attend, as well as any potential students.

Representatives from SHEFA, the CNMI Scholarship Office, Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and the CNMI Department of Labor WIOA program attended the event to assist students apply for financial aid, as well as answer any questions they may have.

# NOVEMBER

On November 22nd 2022, NMTEch held its first-ever award ceremony. A combination of 74 NMTEch students and former NMTI students were invited to receive their Certificates of Completion.



*A huge congratulations to all students for completing your course levels. We hope you continue to pursue your education and dream career! Good luck on your future endeavors!*

On November 23rd 2022, NMTEch donated a Thanksgiving meal to Karidat's Guma Esperansa. The meal was prepared by our Culinary Arts Level 1 students and included ham cooked with pineapple juice and brown sugar, mashed potatoes, stuffing, sautéed vegetable medley, and gravy made from ham au jus and pineapple juice. A big thank you to I Sanhalom Laguna Anglers Association for donating the turkey!



# NOVEMBER

## Thanksgiving Meal Prep



The NMTech team also celebrated the holiday with a Thanksgiving meal of our own: red rice, ham, barbecue sticks, stuffing, and more. Thank you team for your contribution!

We take every opportunity we can to come together to bond and really get to know one another. THANK YOU to each member of our team, for all you've done and continue to do to make NMTech what it is and what it will be.



*Thank you*



# DECEMBER

In December, NMTech's Marketing & Outreach Coordinator Chef Benjamin Babauta and Human Resources & Operations Manager Char Quitano travelled to Las Vegas for a CTE Conference.



On December 14th 2022, NMTech attended the Department of Youth Services (DYS) Info Session at the Kagman Community Center (KCC).



Also on this day, the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA) donated student passes for NMTech students to avail. With a new semester coming up, we can now assist students who may lack transportation to get to and from school.

On December 19th 2022, the NMTECH team was treated to a holiday lunch by our Board of Trustees: Chairwoman Catherine Attao, Vice Chairwoman Irene Holl, Secretary Ana Mendiola, Treasurer Carmelita Faisao, and Trustees Keith Stewart and Zenn Tomokane. Thank you Trustees for bringing us all together for a delicious meal!



## HONORABLE MENTIONS

### DVAM PROCLAMATION CEREMONY



While some of our team members attended the National Disability Employment Awareness Month seminar on October 6th 2022, we had other team members attend the Domestic Violence Proclamation Signing Ceremony at the Kensington Hotel.

## 2022 3RD QUARTER EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



*congratulations!*

On October 7th 2022, Ms. Sasha Atalig was named NMTech's 2022 3rd Quarter Employee of the Quarter! Congratulations Sash! Not only are you one of the first to volunteer for any work-related events outside of your department, your willingness to help your fellow team members inside and outside of work is admirable! You very much deserve this award. You are a strong and amazing asset to the NMTech team. We appreciate you!

## HONORABLE MENTIONS

### THE GREAT SHAKE OUT



On October 20th 2022, NMTEch faculty, staff, and students participated in the island-wide Great Shake Out earthquake drill, spearheaded by our Safety Committee Officer Luis Deleon Guerrero. At 10:20am, the signal was given for everyone to take cover. After the earthquake, all persons were to exit the building via our emergency exit route and assemble at the parking area.

### THANK YOU HANMI!



On October 26th 2022, the Hotel Association of the Northern Marianas Islands (HANMI) donated \$10,000 to NMTEch. The donation came from the proceeds of the HANMI Golf Tournament in September. The check was presented by Vice Chairman and General Manager of Pacific Islands Club Saipan (PIC) Dennis Seo, Board Member and General Manager of the Hyatt Regency Saipan Guillaume Delemarle, and Marianas Tourism Education Council Board Member Catherine Perry.

Instead of calling it a "donation", Mr. Seo called it "investing in people". Thank you so much HANMI!

# HONORABLE MENTIONS

## CHRISTMAS WITH NMTECH

Together with the CNMI Department of Finance, NMTEch staff constructed Super Mario-themed characters to be displayed at the Christmas Village in Capitol Hill.



## LA NMTECH

On December 22nd 2022, the NMTEch team had our Christmas Party. Thank you to The Hut for being an awesome venue to host our party. The atmosphere was awesome, the food was so delicious, and the team had a crazy fun time!



The NMTEch team will be on holiday break from December 22nd through Jan. 2nd 2023 and will return to regular business hours on January 3rd 2023.