

NORTHERN MARIANAS

**NMTECH**

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## 1ST QUARTER AT A GLANCE:

### TRADING UP



Our team visited the students of Kagman High School, Marianas High School, and Saipan Southern High School to discuss the advantages of enrolling in our Trading Up programs and the positive impact these courses can have on their educational and professional journey.

### FAMILY TRANSITION SYMPOSIUM



Our Student Services and Marketing & Outreach teams attended the Family Transition Symposium hosted by the CNMI Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council in partnership with the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD).

### MEET & GREET



In partnership with the CNMI Department of Labor, NMTEch hosted a Meet & Greet for students under the Pre-Apprenticeship program in the construction fields, as well as for other NMTEch students enrolled in the construction trades.



**“A GOOD EDUCATION IS A FOUNDATION FOR A BETTER FUTURE.”**

- ELIZABETH WARREN

# JANUARY

## Cheers to the New Year 2024

We wish you a happy, safe, and joyous holiday.

On January 8th 2024, NMTech’s Marketing & Communications Coordinator Benjamin “Ben” Babauta and Automotive Instructor Rodante “Dante” Yumul went live on radio with KKMP to talk about the upcoming Spring 2024 semester courses.



Also on this day, Ben and Project Coordinator Aaron Tomokane visited the students of Kagman High School (KHS) to discuss our Trading Up programs.



On January 9th 2024, Ben met with the Center for Living Independently (CLI) and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) teams to set up Culinary Arts internships for people with disabilities. Ben also visited the students of Saipan Southern High School (SSHS) to discuss our Trading Up: Hospitality program.

On January 10th 2024, KUAM News visited our campus for an interview with Ben and our instructors to talk about the pre-apprenticeship program with the CNMI Department of Labor.



# JANUARY



On January 11th 2024, Ben visited the students of Marianas High School (MHS) for another Trading Up outreach.

Also on this day, our Student Services team held our Student Orientation to welcome new students and inform them of some policies that were to take effect this Spring semester.

On January 18th 2024, our Marketing & Outreach team participated as an exhibitor in the Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) Tourism Summit at the Garapan Central Park, where 300 students from grades 3 through 12 attended the event. Information on our courses were shared with the students and they were given the opportunity to try some hands-on activities.



On January 19th 2024, the NMTEch team had our General Staff Meeting to discuss the highlights of 2023 and the ideas and plans for 2024. We also had our Campus Clean-Up, which will be a quarterly event.

On January 23rd 2024, a meeting between NMTEch, the Public School System (PSS), and DB Driven took place to discuss a partnership between PSS, NMTEch, and other educational institutions to streamline data between agencies to track student successes using the CNMI State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS).



# FEBRUARY



CELEBRATE TODAY,  
OWN TOMORROW!

# February is CTE Month!



On February 1st 2024, our Marketing & Outreach team attended the Culinary Arts I and Baking & Pastry Orientations to go over information that was presented at Student Orientation, for students who were not able to attend. CNMI Department of Labor (DOL) Workforce Investment Opportunities Act (WIOA) representatives were also there to share their programs and the benefits of applying for them.

On February 2nd 2024, our Marketing & Outreach and Student Services teams attended the Family Transition Symposium hosted by the CNMI Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council in partnership with University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). The symposium allowed for people with disabilities and their families to learn more about opportunities in training and/or careers in the fields they are interested in.



On February 9th 2024, our Electrical/HVAC Instructor Mr. Wendell Posadas served as one of the judges for the Saipan Community School's (SCS) annual STEM Fair.

# FEBRUARY

On February 8th 2024, NMTEch held an Award Ceremony for our dual enrollment Trading Up: Hospitality program. The graduating class consisted of students from Kagman High School, Marianas High School, and Saipan Southern High School.



On February 14th 2024, Wendell attended the Tanapag Middle School (TMS) CTE Month outreach as a guest speaker.

From February 16th to February 17th 2024, Ben represented NMTEch at the Guam ACTE Summit hosted at the Guam Trades Academy (GTA). Also in attendance were representatives from PSS and the Northern Marianas College (NMC). The ACTE Summit aimed to continue our partnership and expand on current curricula, as well as develop new ones.



# FEBRUARY



On February 22nd 2024, in recognition of CTE month, as well as Career Day, our Marketing & Outreach team visited the students of TMS to share information on the courses offered by NMTEch. Some of the students were already familiar with NMTEch and were previously enrolled in a Trading Up: Core class. Ben did an awesome job engaging with the students and piquing their interests in NMTEch and the trades industry. Shout out to the awesome students and staff at TMS for having us present to you all!

On February 27th 2024, Ben and a few of our instructors attended the Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School Career Day. Wendell and Cosmetology Instructor Moriah Sablan shared their experiences in their careers and their roles at NMTEch.



On February 28th 2024, Trading Up: Core students from Da'ok Academy had a briefing for their upcoming field trip.

On February 29th 2024, Da'ok students went on their field trip to Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan to explore the daily operations for construction trades in a hotel setting.



# MARCH

On March 1st 2024, the NMTECH team engaged in a professional development training session focused on understanding the Code of Ethics. Presented by the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA), the Code of Ethics training aimed to educate our staff on making the right decisions in regards to business pertaining to our institution.



On March 5th 2024, NMTECH received a generous ETC donation from MarPac.

# THANK YOU!

On March 6th 2024, Project Coordinator Aaron Tomokane and Workforce Specialist Ronnie Camacho attended the Saipan Chamber of Commerce (SCC) General Membership meeting at the Pacific Islands Club (PIC) Saipan. In attendance were other members of the Chamber and guest speakers Jim Arenovski and Mayor Ramon "RB" Camacho.



Photo Credit: Saipan Chamber of Commerce



Our instructors once again attended Career Week at San Vicente Elementary School (SVES) on March 6th and March 8th 2024. Wendell and Moriah shared their careers and their experiences and journey in their respective trades.

# MARCH

On March 12th 2024, Aaron attended the CNMI Department of Labor (DOL) Safety Culture. The training aimed to highlight workplace safety and meeting OSHA/MSHA regulations. Topics included identifying hazards, mitigating risks, developing safety plans, and ensuring compliance with OSHA Form 300.



On March 18th 2024, instructors Wendell and Moriah attended the Koblerville Elementary School Career Day, where they talked about their careers in their industries and their roles at NMTEch.

On March 21st 2024, NMTEch’s Financial Aid Office hosted a Scholarship Clinic to assist new and on-going students with applications. Aside from our in-house scholarship, CNMI DOL representatives were present to assist students interested in applying for the WIOA and Pre-Apprenticeship programs.



On March 22nd 2024, NMTEch, in partnership with the CNMI Department of Labor, hosted a Meet & Greet for students under the pre-apprenticeship program and NMTEch students in the construction trades. The event allowed students to meet with representatives from IT&E, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), GPPC Inc., and Five Star Builders and be interviewed for possible internship and/or job placement opportunities.

# HONORABLE MENTIONS

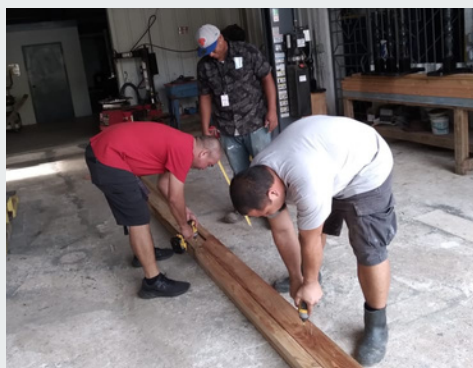
## 2023 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



A big congratulations goes out to our 2023 Employee & Instructor of the Year - Mr. Aaron Tomokane, Project Coordinator, and Mr. Ed Taruc, HVAC/Welding Instructor! Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to NMTEch and to our students! You both play vital roles in our team and contribute to our institution's success!

## GARAGE / STORAGE PROJECT

One of NMTEch’s projects this year is to build a storage unit that houses all the lumber used in our students education, building projects, and other educational projects.



# HONORABLE MENTIONS

## 2023 NOMINEE FOR NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR



NMTech was nominated as a 2023 Non-Profit of the Year during the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Person of the Year Gala.

## MEETING WITH ROTA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL



NMTech’s Board of Trustees met with the Rota Municipal Council to discuss scholarship opportunities for Rota’s students who wish to pursue education in the trades industry.

## PARKING LOT PROJECT

To help combat the flooding that occurs during rainy weather, our team worked to improve our main parking area.



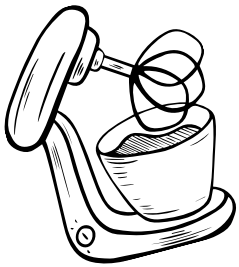
# CAMPUS LIFE

## BAKING & PASTRY

Our Baking & Pastry students learning about muffins and pastry cream.



Time  
TO  
BAKE



## CORE

Core is a prerequisite course for all construction-related courses, where students learn the foundation of construction, as well as safety at the job site.



# CAMPUS LIFE

## ELECTRICAL LEVEL 1

Students working on problem-solving during Module 26104-20: Electrical Theory.



## COSMETOLOGY

Cosmetology students during lab learning about conducting facials.



# CAMPUS LIFE

## TRADING UP: CORE

Our Trading Up: Core students from Da'ok Academy learning how to measure and read rulers/measuring tapes.



## TRADING UP: HOSPITALITY

Students from Kagman High School's Trading Up: Hospitality course visited the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort to learn how each department operates and how each department can affect the operation of other departments within the hotel.

