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Sunday, May 11, 2025



Monday, May 26, 2025



Honorable Mentions



Employee of the 1st Quarter

We are proud to recognize Aaron Tomokane as NMTECH's Employee of the 1st Quarter!

This recognition reflects his consistent efforts to go above and beyond in supporting NMTECH's mission and values. We are proud to have Aaron on our team and look forward to more of the great work he continues to deliver.

Please join us in congratulating Aaron on this well-deserved honor!



NMTECH Highlights

NMTECH selects HBR International to construct new \$8.6M workforce career training facility



“We’re thrilled to reach this important milestone and to join forces with HBR International, Inc. on such a meaningful project,” said NMTECH CEO Jodina Attao. “This training center is more than just a building – it’s a long-term investment in our people and our economy. By offering hands-on, career-focused training, we’re opening doors to stable, skilled employment for the next generation in the CNMI.”

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT



19 DPW Staff Recognized at Solid Waste Management Award Ceremony

May 1, 2025

We are proud to share that 19 dedicated staff from the Department of Public Works (DPW) were recently recognized for completing the Solid Waste Management training program. The award ceremony took place on Thursday at the Crowne Plaza's Azucena Hall and was hosted by the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTECH).

Participants included nine (9) staff from Saipan, five (5) from Rota, and five (5) from Tinian. This important training was made possible through a partnership between NMTECH, DPW, and the Office of Planning & Development.

The ceremony featured inspiring remarks from DPW Secretary Ray Yumul, instructors Ricardo Miranda and James Benavente, and NMTECH CEO Jodina Attao.

A touching moment of silence was also held in memory of +Lee Robin Kaipat of Saipan, who sadly passed away before completing the program.

Congratulations to all the certified professionals for their commitment to advancing solid waste management in our communities!



Broadband Bootcamp



The Governor's Broadband Bootcamp (GBBC) is a hands-on training program designed to build a local workforce for fiber optic network deployment in the CNMI. This initiative is a partnership between the CNMI Office of the Governor, Broadband Policy and Development Program (BPD), Northern Marianas College (NMC), Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTECH), Island Training Solutions (ITS), and the Department of Labor – Workforce Investment Agency (DOL-WIOA).

Over 14 weeks, NMTECH delivered virtual and on-site training across Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The program covered fiber optic installation, maintenance, and workplace readiness skills. Training was led by NMTECH instructor Christian Camacho, with support from Special Program Director Benjamin Babauta and Program Coordinator Shivon Reyes.

A total of six cohorts participated: 17 in Tinian, 23 in Rota, and 230 participants across four cohorts in Saipan. The program concluded successfully on May 24, 2025, preparing participants for upcoming BEAD-funded broadband projects across the CNMI.



Trade Secrets



NMTECH's very first Meal with a Mentor session, **Trade Secrets.**

May 20, 2025

NMTECH hosted a special evening event called "Trade Secrets: Meal with a Mentor."

Students from our Construction, Culinary, Baking & Pastry, Cosmetology, and Automotive Trade had the unique opportunity to sit down for dinner with mentors from their respective fields. This event created a relaxed and engaging environment where students could ask questions, seek advice, and gain real-world insights directly from experienced professionals.

The mentors were handpicked for their expertise, craftsmanship, and years of experience in their fields. Their stories, guidance, and encouragement helped bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.

"Trade Secrets" was designed to inspire students and give them a deeper understanding of the opportunities and expectations in their chosen trades.

NMTECH extends its deepest gratitude to the mentors who generously shared their time, knowledge, and passion to guide the next generation of skilled professionals. Gonzalo Pangelinan, Travis Jones, Antonio Agulto Jr., Donovan Castro, and Lara Torres (LP Beauty)—your dedication has made a meaningful and lasting impact. We truly value your contributions.

CHICKEN KELAGUEN COOK-OFF

HANMI and NMTECH Celebrate Culinary Talent at 2025 Chicken Kelaguen Cook-Off

May 24, 2025

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI) and the culinary arts program at Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTECH) successfully teamed up once again for the HANMI-NMTECH Chicken Kelaguen Cook-Off, held on the evening of May 24, 2025, during the 26th Annual Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival.

Hosted by the Marianas Visitors Authority as part of Marianas Tourism Month, the cook-off featured talented NMTECH culinary students showcasing their skills and creativity with unique takes on the beloved island staple—chicken kelaguen. Festival attendees enjoyed flavorful samples while cheering on the next generation of local chefs.

This event continues to highlight the incredible work NMTECH is doing to prepare future professionals in our hospitality and culinary industries. “We were thrilled to see the students’ creativity on display and proud to support this ongoing collaboration that benefits our hotels and guests.” said a HANMI spokesperson.

HANMI celebrates three years of collaboration with NMTECH and MVA in strengthening workforce development. Thank you to all who supported this vibrant showcase of local talent and cuisine.

FIRST PLACE WINNERS

Romando Lagrio & Mary Kay Alferos



Both are current students

SECOND PLACE WINNER

Ayumi Litulumar



current student

THIRD PLACE WINNER

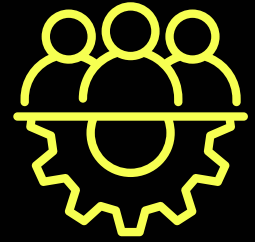
Damian Palacios



former student; Cook at Crowne Plaza Resort



Meet the new Tech Team Members



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We're thrilled to welcome the newest additions to NMTECH's growing team! Each of these talented individuals brings unique skills, fresh perspectives, and a shared commitment to innovation and excellence.

We're excited to have them on board and look forward to the incredible contributions they'll make to the NMTECH team!

What to expect in June

June 2, 2025

Annual Green Growth Convening

June 4 - 5, 2025

Digital Construction Week

June 6, 2025

*CNMI-DOL Registered
Apprenticeship Program Award
Ceremony*

June 10, 2025

*The Governor's Broadband
Bootcamp Award Ceremony
Tinian*

June 12, 2025

*The Governor's Broadband
Bootcamp Award Ceremony
Rota*

June 14, 2025

Saipan Award Ceremonies

June 16, 2025

*PSS x NMTEch Trading Up
Programs: - Core Fundamentals
& - Construction Craft Laborer
**hands-on activities that build
practical skills and spark interest in
the skilled trades.***

June 23, 2025

*Summer Tech Sessions Start
Trades Exploration*



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ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

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FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, ONGOING COLLEGE
& VOCATIONAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

CHAMBER EDUCATION AWARD



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Marianas College.
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Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

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PELEGRINO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AWARD



Students in Northern
Marianas Technical Institute.
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Tinian, and Rota.

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TODAY!**

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Monday, June 30 at 12:00 PM

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