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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **22 Middle School Students engage in National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI)**

(Tamuning, Guam, June 4, 2021) The 2021 National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) kicked off on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Guam Community College (GCC) campus with 22 middle school students participating in the program. The program is funded through a grant from the Federal Highway Administration, with the goal of introducing interested middle school students to the possibilities of a career in the transportation industry and to begin contemplating their pathways to college. The program is in its 7<sup>th</sup> year after a brief hiatus in 2019.

Students from Agueda Johnston, Jose Rios, Benavente and Untalan Middle Schools will have the opportunity to visit the various government and federal agencies involved in land, air and sea transportation. Additionally, the program curriculum which is Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Focused will consist of academic curriculum, guest-speaker presentations, field-trips, team-building exercises, and hands-on classroom projects.

“It is important we nurture our young students on the opportunities and different careers in the transportation industry. The NSTI program provides this exposure and the partnership with GCC is a win-win in developing our local labor force in career and technical fields,” stated DPW Director Vincent Arriola.

“The NSTI Program aligns with the mission of GCC as a leader in career and technical workforce development and reaching out to middle school students helps bring awareness to the many possibilities for higher education,” added GCC President Dr. Mary Okada. “We look forward to continuing this program!”

The NSTI program continues through Monday, June 14, 2021. Activities include Popsicle Suspension Bridge and Crosswalk Project along with site visits to the Department of Public Works, A.B. Won Pat International Airport, Port Authority of Guam, Naval Base Guam and Anderson Air Force Base.

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Program of Activities, NSTI 2021

<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Monday May 31, 2021	Memorial Day (Observed)
Tuesday June 1, 2021	Orientation and Introduction/Overview of the National Summer Transportation Institute Program/Introduction to Civil Engineering and Pre-Architectural Program
Wednesday June 2, 2021	Class Project – Popsicle Suspension Bridge and Crosswalk Project
Thursday June 3, 2021	Class Project – Popsicle Suspension Bridge and Crosswalk Project
Friday June 4, 2021	Presentation and Tour by GovGuam Department of Public Works/Field Trip to DPW & Construction Work sites/Weekly Evaluation
<b>WEEKEND BREAK</b>	
Monday June 7, 2021	Tour of Port Authority of Guam/Pilotage and Tugboat, Logistics & Transportation Companies
Tuesday June 8, 2021	Tour of Naval Base Guam
Wednesday June 9, 2021	Tour of A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority
Thursday June 10, 2021	FAA ARTCC/General Aviation Indoctrination Program
Friday June 11, 2021	Tour of Andersen Air Force Base, Guam/Weekly Evaluation
<b>WEEKEND BREAK</b>	
Monday June 14, 2021	College Enhancement Workshop/Reflection Paper/Program Evaluation/Closing Ceremony

\*Down time will be covered with auxiliary activities by instructors.

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Picture 1: Students from Agueda Johnston, Jose Rios, Benavente and Untalan Middle Schools participate in the 2021 National Summer Transportation Institute Program visit DPW and are met by Linda Ibanez, Deputy Director; Erin Reyes, Contracts, Design and Analysis Section; and Lynden Kobayashi, Program Management Team.



Picture 2: Students from Agueda Johnston, Jose Rios, Benavente and Untalan Middle Schools participate in the 2021 National Summer Transportation Institute Program tour the materials lab at the DPW facility with demonstration from Christopher Cilione, DPW inspector and lab technician.