NSPE-Guam Members Mentor Island Youth

Stateside PEs aren’t the only engineers taking the next generation under their wing. Members of the Guam Society of Professional Engineers, Thomas Camacho, P.E., and Elizabeth Gayle, P.E., are doing their part to mentor young people.

Gayle, GSPE’s treasurer, has run the Guam MATHCOUNTS program for more than 20 years since its inception, which Camacho says has produced numerous licensed professional engineers, both in Guam and in the US mainland. As a former member and chairperson of the University of Guam’s Board of Regents, Gayle has been proactive in promoting engineering to middle and high school students at various public and private schools.

Camacho, a former GSPE president and a principal for the engineering consulting firm Duenas, Camacho & Associates Inc., is a member of the University of Guam School of Engineering Advisory Committee. In February 2019, the University of Guam established the School of Engineering where civil and environmental engineering courses will be offered.

Camacho is involved in the university’s Upward Bound Program, available to high school students. Upward Bound is a federally funded college prep program designed to motivate and assist economically and educationally disadvantaged high school students. During career exploration week Camacho volunteered as a representative of GSPE to do a short career presentation with a hands-on activity to offer additional insight into his work.

Camacho makes similar presentations at local high schools, including for his alma mater, Father Duenas Memorial High School. Camacho was involved with the university’s Fañomnåkan Spring 2019 Job Fair, where firms and associations met with students and alumni to offer job or internship opportunities, as well as prepare students with workshops in resume writing, application processing, job interviewing, and how to dress for success.

“We have a great cast of support PEs who do a great job in promoting the profession across the island,” Camacho says. “It’s important for kids in our community to see that they too can gain these skills and be a part...
Advocacy Campaign a Success—But More Action Needed

More than 100 NSPE members either met with or called their legislators and staffers on August 7 as part of the Society’s Professional Engineers Day advocacy campaign. It was the largest such campaign in remembered NSPE history. PEs joined together to speak up for the importance of licensure and passage of a federal bill that would require PE oversight of utility pipelines, following the 2018 Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts, gas line explosion.

NSPE’s Manager of Government Relations and Advocacy Stephanie Hamilton called the day “a strong success” as enthusiastic NSPE members worked to build lasting relationships that will help them be seen as experts on licensure and technical matters now and in the future.

However, the week before the campaign, the Senate version of the bill was added as an amendment to a larger pipeline safety bill and watered down to remove the PE requirement. According to
Hamilton, the Society was “disappointed” and “dismayed” about this change to the Leonel Rondon Pipeline Safety Act, named after the teenager killed.

It’s not too late to make a difference, however. NSPE members are urged to contact their legislators.

Read More

- *PE* article on the advocacy campaign;
- Hamilton’s column on the changes to the bill and how members can take action;
- *Popular Mechanics* article highlighting the personal impacts of the deadly explosion.

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