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## Guam Association of School Counselors Celebrates National School Counseling Week

*Tiyan, Guam* - Guam Association of School Counselors (GASC) celebrates the National School Counseling Week (NSCW) 2024. The National School Counseling Week 2024, "School Counselors: Standards-based, Student-focused" sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), nationally and GASC locally, is celebrated from Feb. 5-9, 2024, to focus public attention on and highlight the unique contribution and impact of school counselors within U.S. school systems in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

The Guam Association of School Counselor (GASC) organized several activities to celebrate National School Counseling Week 2024 (NSCW2024). The theme of this year's celebration is "School Counseling: Standard-Based, Student Focused." You can find more details about the events in the flyer attached to the press release. The NSCW2024 kicked off on February 2, 2024, with Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero signing the proclamation of NSCW2024 at the Governor's Complex, Adelup. The celebration will end on Friday, February 9, 2024, with the presentation of the 37th Guam Legislature Resolution at 4:30pm at Guam Congress Building, Hagatna.

The Guam Association of School Counselors (GASC) was established in 2004 as the 52nd Division chapter of the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). It is the first school counselor association in a US territory to achieve the status of an ASCA affiliate. The GASC aims to promote the professional development and ethical standards of school counselors in Guam, as well as to advocate for the students and the school counseling profession.

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