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Tiyan School Achieves Career Academy Triple Triumph

Tiyan, Guam - In a resounding testament to its commitment to excellence in education, Tiyan High School (THS) proudly announces its triumphant recognition as a **MODEL** career academy school by the esteemed National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC). Garnering not just one but an impressive three career academies "**MODEL**" designations, Tiyan High School has cemented its status as a beacon of innovation and educational prowess.

The NCAC, renowned for its discerning standards and rigorous evaluation process, has bestowed this prestigious honor upon Tiyan High School. This process involved a comprehensive review of the three career academies, including interviews with students, teachers, and community partners, as well as an assessment of the academic performance and the success of graduates. This recognition is a testament to Tiyan High's unwavering dedication to fostering career development, academic achievement, and holistic student success.

Being designated as a model career academy school by the NCAC affirms Tiyan High's outstanding implementation of career academies that integrate rigorous academics with real-world experiences. These academies provide students with the opportunity to explore their career interests, gain practical skills, and develop a strong foundation for future success. This career-focused approach to education has proven to be highly effective in preparing students for college and career success.

Tiyan High School is committed to educational excellence across various disciplines and career pathways. The three career academies include Business, Arts, & Information Technology (BAIT Academy), Health and Human Services (HHS Academy), and Transportation, Logistics, & Construction (TLC Academy). Tiyan High has demonstrated exceptional proficiency in nurturing talent and fostering academic and professional growth.

Superintendent Dr. Erik Swanson has extended his congratulations to the Tiyan High School (THS) team for their unwavering commitment to delivering the highest standard of education. The faculty and staff at THS, in unison with the administrators, students, and the wider community, including families and friends, celebrate this collective achievement. It is a significant accomplishment for THS to have three of its academies—Business, Arts & Information Technology; Health and Human Services; and Transportation, Logistics & Construction—recognized as **MODEL CAREER ACADEMY SCHOOLS**. This recognition underscores the school's dedication to providing a comprehensive learning environment that prepares students for future success in their respective career paths.



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Keira Perez, 12th Grade, Visual Arts: “Once students utilize the programs in the academies, the change and growth is immediate. I was truly able to use the career academy structure to the fullest during my senior year at Tiyan High School.”

Xaiver Baza, 12th Grade, Fitness: “Career academies have given me more insight into the professional development of my interests and provided opportunities to explore different career paths without changing my academic life.”

Elijah Mesubed, 12th Grade, AF JROTC: “Students feel a lot more prepared for life after high school and get more exposure to industries and careers that are actively in demand.”

Sophia SN Duenas, School Principal: "We are honored to receive this certification and prestigious recognition from the National Career Academy Coalition. In our experience, career academies offer students a unique pathway to success, integrating rigorous academics with practical, hands-on training in specific industries. By immersing themselves in these focused programs, students gain valuable technical skills and leadership, problem-solving, and time-management abilities essential for today’s workforce. We've seen firsthand how this approach fosters deeper engagement in learning and will work towards boosting graduation rates as students see the direct relevance of their education to their future careers. Career academies empower students to explore their passions, pursue their goals, and chart a course toward fulfilling and rewarding futures.”

Tiyan High School, established in August 2014, has been refining its career academy concept, drawing inspiration from NCAC’s best practices and other successful models like Waipahu High School in Hawaii. Focusing on innovation, collaboration, and personalized learning, Tiyan High empowers students toward innovation and professionalism, advancing them towards success in a globally-competitive world.”

The THS administration and career academy coordinator would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all the faculty, staff, students, Guam Chamber of Commerce, University of Guam, Guam Community College, the Guam Police Department, Health City, Hyatt Hotel, and other industry partners. Your consistent planning and collaboration have been key to making the THS Model Career Academy a success. We also want to give special thanks to the former Superintendent of Education, Jon Fernandez, for his invaluable guidance and support. Biba Titans!

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