

University of Guam

Honorary Degrees (*honoris causa*)

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Honorary Doctorates, Master of Micronesian Traditional Knowledge, and Bachelor Degrees

- May 2018 The Honorable Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, Doctor of Laws, American Samoa Delegate to the U.S. Congress
- Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi, Doctor of Humane Letters, Founder and Executive Chairman of Takagi & Associates, Inc.
- 2017 *No honorary degrees awarded*
- Dec. 2016 *No honorary degrees awarded*
- May 2016 Her Excellency Dr. Hilda C. Heine, Ed.D., Doctor of Laws, President, Republic of the Marshall Islands [CS]
- Ms. Bilung Gloria Salii, Master of Traditional Micronesian Knowledge, Highest-Ranking Woman (“Queen”) Palau
- Dec. 2015 *No honorary degrees awarded*
- May 2015 Mr. Francisco B. Rabon, Master of Creative and Traditional Micronesian Knowledge, Founder of Taotao Tano’ Dance Movement
- Dec. 2014 No honorary degrees awarded*
- May 2014 Mr. Candido Babauta Taman, Master of Traditional Micronesian Knowledge, Recording Artist in CHamoru, Carolinian and Chuukese
- Dec. 2013 No honorary degrees awarded*
- May 2013 The Honorable Henry Tan, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Business Leader, CEO of Luen Thai Enterprises, UOG Alumnus [CS]
- Dec. 2012 The Honorable Robert H. Jones, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Business Leader, Founder of Triple J Enterprises [CS]
- May 2012 The Honorable Ray LaHood, Doctor of Humane Letters, Member of Congress and U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Distinguished Public Servant [CS]
- Mr. Jesus “Chamorro” Charfauros, Master of Micronesian Traditional Knowledge, CHamoru Language Expert and Media Personality
- 2011 *No honorary degrees awarded*

Dec. 2010 *No honorary degrees awarded*

May 2010 Mr. Manny Ikea Sikau, Master of Micronesian Traditional Knowledge, Master Navigator from Puluwat, Caroline Islands

Dec. 2009 *No honorary degrees awarded*

May 2009 His Excellency Emanuel Mori, Doctor of Humane Letters, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Distinguished Public Servant, UOG Alumnus [CS]

Dec. 2008 *No honorary degrees awarded*

June 2008 Mrs. Olivia Untalan Arroyo, Bachelor of Distinguished Community Service, Distinguished Educator

Dec. 2007 Ms. Marjorie Osborne Grathwohl Driver, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished University of Guam Micronesian Area Research Center Researcher

The Honorable Joaquin Camacho Arriola, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Public Servant, Speaker of the Guam Legislature

May 2007 Mr. Henry Sy, Sr., Doctor of Business Management, Distinguished International Business Leader and Philanthropist

2006 *No honorary degrees awarded*

Dec. 2005 The Honorable Felix Perez Camacho, Doctor of Humane Letters, Governor of Guam, Distinguished Public Servant

May 2005 The Honorable Miguel S. Demapan, Doctor of Humane Letters, Chief Justice, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Island, Distinguished Jurist

Mr. Peter C. Siguenza, Sr., Doctor of Humane Letters, Former Board of Regents Member, Distinguished Public Servant and Veteran

Dec 2004 The Honorable Paul M. Calvo, Doctor of Humane Letters, Governor of Guam, Distinguished Public Servant [CS]

Mr. Roy P. Benito, Doctor of Humane Letters, Former Board of Regents Member, Distinguished Business Leader

Mr. Lee Webber, Publisher, Doctor of Humane Letters, Pacific Daily News, Distinguished Journalist

May 2004 The Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal, Doctor of Humane Letters, President of FSM, Distinguished Public Servant [CS]

Mrs. Doris Flores Brooks, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Public Servant, Senator and Public Auditor

Mr. Hirokazu Sasaki, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished International Accountant

Dec. 2003 *No honorary degrees awarded*

June 2003 Mr. Lucio C. Tan, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished International Business Leader and Philanthropist [CS]

Dec. 2002 *No honorary degrees awarded*

June 2002 The Honorable Carlos Pangelinan Taitano, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Public Servant, Speaker of the Guam Legislature, Member of Guam Congress [CS]

The Honorable William "Bill" P. Daniel, Doctor of Laws, Appointed Governor of Guam, Distinguished Public Servant

Dec. 2001 *No honorary degrees awarded*

May 2001 The Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Doctor of Laws, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam

Dec. 2000 *No honorary degrees awarded*

May 2000 Jesus U. Torres, Esq., Doctor of Laws, Past Chair, UOG Board of Regents

Jan. 2000 Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, Doctor of Humane Letters, Buddhist Philosopher and Honorary President of the Sokka Gakkai. (Awarded in Japan, Jan 2000)

Dec. 1999 *No honorary degrees awarded*

May 1999 The Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Doctor of Laws, Judge, Superior Court of Guam, Distinguished Jurist [CS]

The Honorable Kuniwo Nakamura, Doctor of Laws, President of the Republic of Palau, Distinguished Public Servant

Dec. 1998 The Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio, Doctor of Laws, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Distinguished Public Servant

May 1998 His Excellency, Anthony Sablan Apuron OFM.D.D., Doctor of Humane Letters, Archbishop of Agaña, OFM.D.D., Distinguished Religious Leader [CS]

Dec. 1997 *No honorary degrees awarded*

June 1997 The Honorable Alberto C. Lamorena III, Doctor of Laws, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Guam, Distinguished Jurist [CS]

Dec. 1996 *No honorary degrees awarded*

May 1996 The Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, Doctor of Laws, Governor of Guam, Distinguished Public Servant

1995 *No honorary degrees awarded*

1994 *No honorary degrees awarded*

1993 *No honorary degrees awarded*

Dec. 1992 *No honorary degrees awarded*

May 1992 The Reverend David I. A. Quitugua, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Founder of the Catholic Social Services, Member of the Clergy [CS]

Dec. 1991 *No honorary degrees awarded*

May 1991 The Honorable Frank F. Blas, Doctor of Laws, Lt. Governor of Guam, Distinguished Public Servant [CS]

Dec. 1990 *No honorary degrees awarded*

May 1990 The Honorable Resio S. Moses, Doctor of Laws, Governor of Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, Distinguished Public Servant [CS]

Dec. 1989 *No honorary degrees awarded*

May 1989 Mr. Manny Crisostomo, Doctor of Humane Letters, Pulitzer Prize Winner 1988, Distinguished Photographer [CS]

Dec. 1988 *No honorary degrees awarded*

May 1988 Mr. Alex C. Flores, Doctor of Humane Letters, Vice President, University of Guam, Distinguished Educator

Dec. 1987 *No honorary degrees awarded*

May 1987 The Honorable Joseph F. Ada, Doctor of Laws, Governor of Guam, Distinguished Public Servant [CS]

The Honorable Pedro D. Perez, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Public Servant

The Honorable Tosiwo Nakayama, First President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Public Servant

The Honorable Jose L.G. Untalan, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Business Leader

Dec. 1986 *No honorary degrees awarded*

- May 1986 The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Public Servant, U.S. Senator and Member of U.S. House [CS]
- Mr. Jose Camacho Tenorio, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Business Leader
- The Honorable Jose D. Leon Guerrero, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Public Servant
- The Reverend Joaquin Flores Sablan, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Religious Leader and Educator
- The Reverend Francis X. Hezel, S.J., Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Religious Leader and Scholar
- Mr. Marcial Angeles Sablan, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator
- Mrs. Julia De Leon Tydingco, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator
- The Honorable Alfred S.N. Flores, Bachelor of Community Services, Senator Guam Legislature and Distinguished Public Servant
- Dec. 1985 No honorary degrees awarded*
- May 1985 Dr. F. Raymond Fosberg, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Researcher on Islands [CS]
- Mrs. Maria P. Ada, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Educator
- Mr. Pedro M. Ada, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Business Leader
- Mrs. Rosa Aguigui Reyes, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Educator and Member of Guam Congress
- Mr. Frank Wing Kit Chan, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Business Leader
- The Honorable Francisco G. Lujan, Doctor of Laws, Guam Senator and Distinguished Public Servant
- The Honorable Florencio T. Ramirez, Doctor of Laws, Speaker of the Guam Legislature and Distinguished Public Servant
- Mr. Jesus D. Paulino, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator
- Mrs. Maria Toves Garrido, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator
- March 1985 Dr. Jose Roberto Palomo, Doctor of Humane Letters, "Founder" of UOG, Distinguished Educator
- Dec. 1984 No honorary degrees awarded*

- May 1984 The Honorable Janet Healy Weeks, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Jurist [CS]
- The Honorable Joaquin C. Perez, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Jurist
- The Honorable Francisco D. Perez, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Public Servant, Senator and Business Leader
- The Honorable Richard F. Taitano, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Public Servant, Senator and Director of the Office of Territories
- The Reverend Hugh F. Costigan, S.J., Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Educator
- Mr. Siu Lin Tan, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Business Leader and Philanthropist
- Dec. 1983 No honorary degrees awarded*
- May 1983 Mr. John A. Scott, Doctor of Laws, President of Gannett Foundation and Battle of Guam Veteran, Distinguished Journalist [CS]
- Mr. Pedro P. Ada, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Business Leader
- The Honorable Earl C. Conway, Doctor of Laws, Guam Senator and Distinguished Public Servant
- Dec. 1982 No honorary degrees awarded*
- May 1982 Mr. Peter Sgro, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Business Leader
- Mr. Jesus S. Leon Guerrero, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Business Leader, Founder of the Bank of Guam
- Mr. Marciano V. Pangelinan, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Business Leader and Board of Regents Member
- The Honorable Harry N. Walters, Doctor of Laws, Assistant Secretary of the Army and Distinguished Public Servant
- Dec. 1981 No honorary degrees awarded*
- May 1981 Mr. Kenneth T. Jones Jr., Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Business Leader [CS]
- Mr. Felix M. Camacho, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Community Leader
- Mrs. Cynthia J. Torres, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Educator
- Dec. 1980 No honorary degrees awarded*
- May 1980 Mr. Chinn Ho, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Business Leader and Philanthropist [CS]

The Honorable Cristobal C. Duenas, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Jurist

Mrs. Veronica S.A. Perez, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Educator

1979 *No honorary degrees awarded*

Dec. 1978 *No honorary degrees awarded*

May 1978 The Honorable Phillip Burton, Doctor of Laws, Member of US Congress and Distinguished Public Servant

The Honorable Antonio B. Won Pat, Doctor of Laws, Speaker of the Guam Legislature, Delegate to U.S. Congress and Distinguished Public Servant

March 1978 Mr. Baltazar J. Bordallo, Doctor of Laws, Member of the Guam Congress, Distinguished Public Servant and Business Leader

The Honorable Joseph Flores, Doctor of Laws, Appointed Governor of Guam, Distinguished Public Servant and Business Leader

Mr. Francisco B. Leon Guerrero, Doctor of Laws, Member of the Guam Congress, Speaker of the Guam Legislature and Distinguished Public Servant

Mr. Simon A. Sanchez, Doctor of Humane Letters, Superintendent of Education and Distinguished Public Servant

Mrs. Agueda I. Johnston, Doctor of Humane Letters, Distinguished Educator

1977 *No honorary degrees awarded*

Dec. 1976 Dr. Duane M. Bjerke, Doctor of Laws, Commissioner of Education and Distinguished Educator

May 1976 Dr. John E. Sandberg, Doctor of Laws, Dean College of Education, Western Michigan University and Distinguished Educator

Dec. 1975 The Honorable George R. Ariyoshi, Doctor of Laws, Governor of Hawai'i, Distinguished Public Servant

May 1975 Colonel Edward D. Reyes, Doctor of Laws, USAF, Distinguished Military Service

Dec. 1974 The Honorable Colonel Vicente T. Blaz, Doctor of Laws, USMC, Distinguished Military Service

May 1974 The Most Reverend Felixberto Camacho Flores, Doctor of Humane Letters, Bishop of Guam, Distinguished Religious Leader [CS]

The Honorable Hiram Fong, Doctor of Laws, U.S. Senator for Hawai'i, Distinguished Public Servant

1973 *No honorary degrees awarded*

1972 *No honorary degrees awarded*

1971 *No honorary degrees awarded*

1970 *No honorary degrees awarded*

Dec. 1969 The Honorable Peter Tali Coleman, Doctor of Laws, Governor of American Samoa and Distinguished Public Servant

May 1969 The Right Honorable K. K. T. Mara, Doctor of Laws, Prime Minister of Fiji and Distinguished Public Servant

 Mrs. Rosa A. Reyes, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator

 Mrs. Rafaela S. Castro, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator

 Mr. Ignacio P. Quitugua, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator

 Mr. Frederico L.G. Castro, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator

 Mr. Jose S. Leon Guerrero, Sr., Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator

 Mrs. Vicenta S.A. Leon Guerrero, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator

Dec. 1968 The Honorable Carlton Skinner, Governor of Guam, Doctor of Laws, Distinguished Public Servant

June 1968 Right Honorable Albert Henry, Doctor of Laws, Premier of the Cook Islands and Distinguished Public Servant

 Mr. Jose L.G. Rios, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator

 Mr. Simon A. Sanchez, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator

 Mr. Manuel Charfauros, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator

 Mrs. Agueda I. Johnston, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator

 Mrs. Carmen R. Dela Cruz, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Community Leader

 Mrs. Remedios L.G. Perez, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Educator

 Mrs. Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Bachelor of Community Services, Distinguished Community Service

Dec. 1966 No honorary degrees awarded

May 1966 The Honorable John A. Carver, Jr., Doctor of Laws, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Public Land Management, Distinguished Public Servant

[CS] Indicates that the honoree was also the Commencement Speaker.

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