

2020 Cooperative Extension & Outreach **Annual Report**

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psilon Sigma Phi is a national honorary for Extension to promote and recognize the daily work conducted by professionals throughout the system. The Tau Alpha chapter was re-energized and recognized in 2019 to allow University of Guam CE&O professionals to be recognized for their continuous contributions to bridge research to people. A specific component of the Epsilon Sigma Phi organization is the Extension Creed. The creed was written by W. A Lloyd in 1922 and adopted by the organization in 1927 as a personal guide for professionals.

For University of Guam's CE&O, the importance of this organization is the connection to the breadth of professionals throughout Extension. Connection to other professionals has stimulated creative approaches to education, as well as allowed CE&O to showcase effective programs from Guam. In addition, the Friend of Extension recognition is sponsored by ESP. The Tau Alpha Chapter recognized Lali Thundiyil with the Friend of Extension for Guam and further submitted his nomination for national consideration. Extension professionals Peter Barcinas was elected president and Rochelle Bamba-Cruz was selected as secretary/treasurer to re-start the chapter for Guam.

"I believe in people and their hopes, their aspirations, and their faith; in their right to make their own plans and arrive at their own decisions; in their ability and power to enlarge their lives and plan for the happiness of those they love.

I believe that education, of which Extension is an essential part, is basic in stimulating individual initiative, self-determination, and leadership; that these are the keys to democracy and that people when given facts they understand, will act not only in their self-interest, but also in the interest of society.

I believe that education is a lifelong process and the greatest university is the home; that my success as a teacher is proportional to those qualities of mind and spirit that give me welcome



Lali Thundiyil with the Friend of Extension for Guam Award

entrance to the homes of the families I serve.

I believe in intellectual freedom to search for and present the truth without bias and with courteous tolerance toward the views of others.

I believe that Extension is a link between the people and the ever-changing discoveries in the laboratories.

I believe in the public institutions of which I am a

I believe in my own work and in the opportunity I have to make my life useful to humanity.

Because I believe these things, I am an Extension professional."

If you are interested in learning more about this program, reach out to our Extension Professionals below:

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