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CLASS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Artemia Perez is an Anthropology major, who is also minoring in CHamoru studies and Sociology. She reads about ancient CHamoru beliefs in the Guam Museum, where she has been interning during her senior year. Read more on pg. 3

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“An un kuentusi un tåotåo ni lenguåhi na ha kumprendi, humålom gi iluña. Angin un kuentusi gui gi lenguåhiña propiu, humålom enåo gi kurasonña.”

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.”
- Nelson Mandela

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Students and staff from the University of Guam handed out meals to homeless families on Friday in front of the Guam Congress Building. The team handed out spaghetti meals, toiletries, snack bags, and feminine hygiene products donated by the Bureau of Women’s Affairs.

The event was a community service project of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, assisted by the Political Science Student Association, the UOG Sociology Club, Mañe’lon Marianas, and the UOG student chapter of the United Nations Association.

“One lesson we want to impress upon the students is that when they see someone in need, we do something to help — it may not be feeding the homeless, but something toward helping others get back on their feet.”

- Sharleen Santos-Bamba

How to Say “I Love You” Event

The UOG Endowment Foundation would like to invite you to How to Say "I Love You" - Love Languages in the Pacific at the Guam Museum in Hagatna on February 13, 2020 at 6pm. This fundraising event, with proceeds benefiting the Liberal Arts and Fine Arts programs at the University of Guam, will explore the many ways love is demonstrated throughout the Pacific. Tickets are $60 per person and includes live entertainment, cultural delicacies and free flowing drinks.

To purchase tickets to this event you can call the UOG Endowment Foundation at 735-2957 or log on to give.uog.edu/shop/ and purchase your tickets online.
Anthropology major promotes cultural preservation through community service

On the top floor of the Guam Museum is a room full of artifacts from Guam’s recent and distant past — colorful art from local creatives, weathered photographs, indigenous tools. It is here that University of Guam senior Artemia Perez spends many of her afternoons, cataloging items as part of her internship for the anthropology program. She plugs in her headphones and sorts through ancient treasures imagining the stories they might hold.

Currently, she is curating photographs from an album donated by the family of a World War II veteran who was stationed on Guam during the war.

“It’s so beautiful,” she said. “I love the idea of all of these artifacts being in one place.”

What she likes most is that the museum tells CHamoru history through the perspective of CHamorus, shedding light on her island’s history and people.

“In high school, there’s no Guam history class, there’s no CHamoru language class. It’s really just U.S. history and U.S. government, that was the curriculum. So college became my opportunity to just learn more about our island and my culture and really invest myself in that,” she said.

UOG professors have encouraged Perez to explore the world from the CHamoru perspective.

“We talk about real-world issues and then relate them back to our island,” she said. “We are learning about the world but contextualizing it to Guam.”

Outside of the classroom, she has been able to explore her heritage further through membership in Mañe’lon Marianas — the UOG student organization working to sustain and spread CHamoru culture. Through the club Perez has met movers and shakers in the student and local communities working toward a common goal.

Submit your scholarly and creative work for the 41st Annual Research Conference!

The submission deadline is rapidly approaching for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences’ 41st Annual Research Conference: Building Strength & Sovereignty in the Pacific.

General Submission Deadline January 31, 2020

Presentations of papers, exhibits, panels, forums, workshops, and performances are all welcome. The Conference Committee solicits proposals from faculty, undergraduate, and graduate students in any discipline.

Abstracts of up to 150 words can be submitted at:

https://arc945.wixsite.com/classarc41
FANUCHÅNAN
2019 GRADUATES

ANTHROPOLOGY
Nathan J.L. Sablan

COMMUNICATION
Isabella Angeli A. Alvia
Jose Taisague Castro
Elsiana Kaelika Taitano Cruz
Nathan Fernando Lizama
Joel Datu Mendiola
Anne Marie Tabonares Rodriguez

ENGLISH
Travis Cabe Aguon
Kristine Camille Talavera De Jesus
Jewel Aureli Bolaño Lagman
Jessica Marie Cristino Bigueras
Anna Jane Manabat Erne
Janica Marie Dizon Manabat
Nikko A. Capati
Joseph Dominic Zapanta

FINE ARTS
Amberlyn Marie Alconaba Pangelinan
Julia Rivera
Chanel Victoria Cruz Jarrett
Anna Nicole Prelosky

HISTORY
Bob Koi Aguon Bukikosa
Hagia Charisma Torres Magana
Michael H. Schommer

PACIFIC-ASIAN STUDIES
Michelle Ann Taitague Balajadia
Loretta Paulino Cruz
Alvina Lynn King

CSR Grants
- Debra Cabrera received $2,250 to research Social Bonding Theory.
- Hunter Fine received $2,250 for research in Seafaring and Canoe Building.
- Hyun Jong Hahm received $2,350 for the continuation of Chuuk publishing.
- Yoshito Kawabata received $2,250 to research on mental health and youth from Pacific Islands.
- Arun Swamy received $900 for the continuation of research in Palau.

Student Travel Grants
- Kiana Brown, Via De Fant, and Christina Lee each received $1,000 to present at the Transformative Landscapes Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Nikko Capati, Elizabeth Elmore, Hannah Marzan, Cameron Milan, and Victoria Revello each received $500 to present at the Transformative Landscapes Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Heather Garrido received $500 to engage in volunteer work in Thailand and Laos.
- Cassandra Santos and Annalyn Tenorio each received $500 to present at the Considering Our Commonplaces Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Isla Center for the Arts - Faculty Biennial exhibit

“Cetti River Outlet,” an acrylic painting by Ric Castro

“A clay sculpture by Lewis Rifkowitz”

“Daydream,” a woodcut print by Irena Keckes
Faculty Travel Grants

- Hyun Jong Hahm received $1,500 to present at the Biannual Seminar of Language Research Institute in Seoul, South Korea.
- Anne Hattori received $1,108 to present on Health and Labour after the Pacific War in Adelaide, Australia.
- Colleen Jennings received $1,500 to present at the Come Away - TVF Winter Retreat Conference in Yelapa, Mexico.
- Masumi Kai received $1,500 to present at the Applied Linguistics in the Digital Age Conference in Neuchâtel, Switzerland.
- Kenneth Kuper received $1,500 to present at the Build As We Fight - Annual American Studies Association Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- David Ruskin received $1,300 to present at the Linguistics Society of America & Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Holly Rustick received $1,500 to present at the Grant Professionals Association in Washington D.C.
- Verna Zafra-Kasala received $1,500 to present at the 117th Annual Conference for the Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association in San Diego, California.

#GUDCLASS - Creating Spaces: Confronting Cultural Differences

Simon S. Maluwelmeng
Simon S. Maluwelmeng is from Woleai, Yap and has lived on Guam for more than 30 years. He teaches History of Micronesia at the university.

Lisa Aizawa Nimwes
Lisa Aizawa Nimwes is from the island Chuuk. She is a University of Guam alumni who currently teaches at F. B. Leon Guerrero Middle School as an ESL teacher.

Tim De la Cruz
Tim De la Cruz was born and raised on Guam. He is a University of Guam alumni employed with the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Cooperative Extension. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Human Services, Community and Social Services from Capella University. He continues to serve as the executive director for the non-profit organization, GALA Inc.
As one of UOG’s three GYC representatives, I have the great opportunity to work with our other representatives — Al Labang and Prairie Garrido — and to be the voice of us Tritons and bring positive change to our university and all of Guåhan.

- Nolan Flores

Sophomore Nolan Flores elected to Guam Youth Congress

University of Guam sophomore and political science major Nolan Flores was elected as the University’s newest representative in the 32nd Guam Youth Congress. Flores will be fulfilling the unexpired term of former representative and 2019 graduate Maria Dolojan.

Each representative in GYC serves two-year terms upon election by their peers. The legislative body is made up of representatives from Guam’s high schools and villages and can make its own rules, establish committees, and pass resolutions and bills that are then transmitted to the Guam Legislature.

During his term, Flores plans to work toward making changes in four main areas: revitalizing Guam’s culture and language, furthering the island’s decolonization efforts, promoting environmental sustainability, and empowering the youth and community.

“I’ve gained invaluable experience from the Public Policy Institute of Liheslaturan Guåhan. In this program, I interned under Speaker Tina Muña-Barnes and Sen. Wil Castro, and I learned and refined my knowledge and skills in this area by directly participating in the legislative process, researching and writing bills, assisting constituents, providing executive-level staffing, and organizing civic activities,” Flores said.

Flores was also recently appointed by Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero and confirmed by the Guam Legislature to serve as a member of the Guam Public Library System Board of Directors.
Thanks, for a successful outcome.
MINDFULNESS ROOM

TAKE A BREAK.
RELAX.
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EC112
MONDAY: 9 AM - 4 PM
TUESDAY: 9 AM - 4 PM
WEDNESDAY: 9 AM - 4 PM
THURSDAY: 9 AM - 4 PM
FRIDAY: 9 AM - 4 PM

HSS308
MON/ WED: 8:00 - 9:30 | 1:30 - 3:30
| 4:30 - 5:00
TUES/ THURS: 8:00 - 9:30 | 2:00 - 5:00
FRIDAY: 8:00 - 5:00

For more information, please contact the CLASS Dean’s Office at 735 - 2850.

SAVE THE DATES!

March 5
ARC Poetry Slam
5pm @ CLASS Lecture Hall

March 6
41st ARC: Building Strength & Sovereignty

March 10
CHamoru Language Competition

April 1
Mar. 6 - Ap 3
22nd Annual Art-A-Thon
3rd Annual CLASS ARC Exhibition

Feb. 5 & 29
Feb. 5 & Apr. 29
March 10
CLASS ARC Exhibition
Faculty Travel Grant
Student Travel Grant

May 8 (tentative)
CLASS Pinning & Hooding Ceremony

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