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College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Fañomñākan 2025 graduates at the CLASS Pinning & Hooding Ceremony held at the Lecture Hall on May 16, 2025.



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From the Dean's Desk

Dear Professors, Students, and Friends of the College,

Welcome back to another exciting academic year in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences!

As we step into this new semester, we are reminded about the importance of our three-fold mission *Ina, Deskubre, Setbe*, and the significance of continuing to promote learning, growth, and cooperation for community solidarity—values that have long guided us in our academic and personal journeys.

At this year's annual college conference, we were honored to hear Dr. Mary Hattori's Keynote Address, in which she spoke about the tumultuous and chaotic changes that we are experiencing. Her words resonated deeply urging us to hold fast to our cultural values, mutual cooperation, and respect. In uncertain times, these principles serve as anchors, connecting us to one another and strengthening our resilience.

As scholars and members of this vibrant community of scholars, we are uniquely positioned to engage with cultures, histories, philosophical traditions, politics, and the evolving landscape of society.

Whether through the humanities, social sciences, multidisciplinary, or interdisciplinary studies, our work cultivates understanding and reinforces the shared responsibility that we must support one another. The research methods taught in the classroom underly the scientific discoveries, the healthcare, and the social-political order that should enrich our lives.

I encourage each of you to embrace this semester with curiosity, compassion, and a commitment to collaboration. Let's continue to create this sacred environment where knowledge and wisdom thrive, where numerous cultural and intellectual perspectives are valued and openly shared, and where we continue shaping a future rooted in respect and unity with *inadahi yan inagofli'e*.

Best wishes for a fulfilling semester ahead - I look forward to seeing the remarkable contributions you will make!

Biba UOG! Biba CLASS! Biba Students!

Warm regards,

James D. Sellmann, Ph.D.
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Dean

Biba CLASS! Biba UOG! Biba!

**College Academic Affairs Committee (L-R)**

Dr. James D. Sellmann, Dean; Dr. Mary Therese F. Cruz, Associate Dean;

Division Chairs: Dr. Iain K.B. Twaddle (Social and Behavioral Sciences); Dr. Michael R. Clement (Humanities); Dr. Christopher John Balajadia Garcia-Santos (English & Applied Linguistics); Dr. Manuel "Manny" Cruz (Communication, Media, & Fine Arts)

New Staff

**EMANN ADONAY**
IT SUPPORT TECHNICIAN

Emann Adonay brings a well-rounded background in IT support and audiovisual systems. With over two years of experience supporting campus-wide technical operations, he has become a reliable resource for faculty, staff, students, and visitors alike. Emann is known for his friendly demeanor and strong customer service skills, consistently providing timely assistance with hardware and software issues, live-streamed events, and IT infrastructure. His certifications in IT support and cybersecurity reflect a commitment to professional growth and excellence. Emann is excited to continue delivering dependable, user-focused support as part of the team.

**JASMINE BASSETT**
COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Jasmine Bassett holds a Master's degree in Counseling and brings over six years of experience in community outreach and marketing, working with diverse groups ranging from K-12 youth to senior citizens on Guam. She has also dedicated three years to higher education outreach, where she has created student success programs and served as a campus navigator for both incoming and current University of Guam students. Jasmine is passionate about building supportive pathways, fostering engagement, and helping students access the resources they need to thrive.



CSR Grant Dates

CSR Grants have a maximum award amount of \$3,000. These are seed grants intended to fund small one-time projects or to start fledging projects and help faculty in applications for external funding.

CSR Grant Application

<https://questionpro.com/t/AUwHOZ6tvU>

For AY 2025-2026, the deadline for CSR Grants is **October 1** in the **Fanuchånan** semester (Sept. - Dec.). The deadline for CSR Grants is **April 1** in the **Fañomnåkan** semester (Jan. - May). Grant funds are valid for one year.

Travel Grant Dates

Faculty Travel Grants are awarded for a maximum of \$1,500. Priority is given for presenting at academic conferences.

Faculty Travel Grant Application

<https://questionpro.com/t/AUwHOZ6tvW>

Student Travel Grants are awarded for a maximum of \$500 for undergraduate students and \$1,000 for graduate students. Priority is given for presenting at academic conferences. Either the student or the faculty member may apply, but the student must have a faculty sponsor.

Student Travel Grant Application

<https://questionpro.com/t/AUwHOZ6tvV>

Applications will be accepted and considered on an ongoing basis, subject to the availability of funds. The deadlines for priority consideration for AY 2025-2026 are:

- For conferences in October-December, the deadline is **September 3** for review on September 5.
- For conferences in January-March, the deadline is **November 12** for review on November 14.
- For conferences in April-June, the deadline is **February 4** for review on February 6.
- For conferences in July-September, the deadline is **April 29** for review on May 1.

Priority consideration will be given to applications received by the deadline.

CSR Grant Recipients

Brett Fulkerson-Smith

Awarded \$3,000 to host the EthixQuest weeklong youth summer camp in June 2025

David Gugin

Awarded \$1,200 to create videos of original poetry to be posted online

Faculty Travel Grant Recipients

Arun Swamy

Awarded \$125 to attend the Conference on Island Sustainability in Guam on April 7-12, 2025

David Atienza

Awarded \$1325 to attend the Annual Conference of the Colloquium on Violence and Religion in Rome, Italy, on June 5-8, 2025

Irena Keckes

Awarded \$1325 to attend SGCI (Southern Graphics Council International) 2025 Puertograbando in San Juan, Puerto Rico on April 2-5, 2025.

Masumi Kai

Awarded \$500 to attend the 170th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan in Meikai University, Japan on June 28-29, 2025

Velma Yamashita

Awarded \$1325 to attend the American Education Research Association Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado on April 21-28, 2025

William Jeffery

Awarded \$1325 to attend the 10th World Archaeology Congress in Darwin, Australia on June 22-28, 2025

Masumi Kai

Awarded \$3,000 to publish a Japanese character book and to purchase equipment for the online Elementary Japanese I (JA-101) course.

Yoshito Kawabata

Awarded \$1325 to attend the SRCD (Society for Research in Child Development) 2025 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota on April 30-May 5, 2025

Iain Twaddle

Awarded \$600 for Dr. Marshaley Baquiano, Dr. Camarin Meno, Dr. Rita Sharma, and Dr. Iain Twaddle to attend the "ADHD: The 'Gateway' Diagnosis? Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and the Developing Brain" training workshop on May 5, 2025

Marshaley Baquiano

Awarded \$1500 to present at the PAP Annual Convention and 8th ARUPS Congress in Cebu City, Philippines on September 23-28, 2025

Christopher Garcia-Santos

Awarded \$1500 to present at the AASCU Summer Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 14-17, 2025

Evelyn Flores

Awarded \$1500 to present at the ASLE 2025 Biennial Conference - 'Collective Atmospheres' at the University of Maryland on July 8-11, 2025

Student Travel Grant Recipients

Aruny Swamy • PS307 Students

Awarded \$500 for five students from the Politics of Economic Development (PS307) to attend the Conference on Island Sustainability in Guam on April 7-12, 2025

Josiah Mesngon

Awarded \$1000 to present at the ISA Forum of Sociology in Rabat, Morocco, on July 6- 11, 2025

Iain Twaddle

Awarded \$1250 for 25 students to attend the "ADHD: The 'Gateway' Diagnosis? Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and the Developing Brain" training workshop on May 5, 2025

2025 CLASS Outstanding Awardees!



Outstanding Incoming Undergraduate Student
Kimberly Nepomuceno



Outstanding Upper-Level Undergraduate Student
Jeanine Quinto



Outstanding Graduate Student
Muturwan Choay



Outstanding Student Employee
Sia Taisipic



Outstanding Staff
Jeannette Jose



Outstanding Alumni
Carissa Pangelinan



Excellence in Part-Time Teaching
Jerrold Castro



Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Christopher Schreiner



Excellence in Research
Dr. Stephen Bednarzyk



Excellence in Service
Dr. Debra Cabrera

Congratulations!



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Special Program Awards!



Fine Arts Program: Best in Show for Senior and Undergraduate Exhibitions



Sociology Program: Alpha Kappa Delta - International Honor Society for Sociology - UOG Chapter



Psychology Program: Awards for Writing, Service, Research, and Student of the Year



CHamoru Studies Program: Awards for Active Learning/Use, Practice, Service, Teacher, and Alumni

Special Program Awards!



Sociology Program: Bali Field School 2025 Cohort



Outstanding Philosophy Student



English: RosaLee Carter Scholarships



Best History Research Paper



Linguistics: Hahm-Quan Scholarship



Anthropology Student Award



Micronesian Studies: Mary Spencer Scholarship

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Student & Alumni Highlights

Tritons create bilingual Korean language resources



Students in UOG's Elementary Korean class (KO101) with Dr. Lynery Lee completed their K-Tourism Project, creating bilingual brochures in Korean and English to welcome Korean tourists to Guam. Students applied their language skills while collaborating with local businesses like DFS T Galleria, Crowne Plaza, and Tony Roma's.

Fine Arts Alumni sharing success stories



Pictured (L-R):

- Max Ronquillio (MUSIC)
- Lee San Nicolas (ART),
- Dorathina Herrero (ART), and
- Joyce Torres (THEATRE)

The Survival in the Arts (FA-431) course invited Fine Arts Alumni to join the class at the Guam Museum Cafe Gallery to share their success stories as former students and in their current professions.

Tritons perform Chinese shadow play



Students participating in the Chinese Open Experience course performed a shadow play of "The Hungry Caterpillar". They created the puppets and recited the tale in Chinese. The course hosts several workshops to introduce the campus to Chinese culture, literature, and art.

Email Professor Jennifer Lin at linj1608@triton.uog.edu for more information.

FAÑOMNÅKAN 2025 GRADUATES

ANTHROPOLOGY

Deureng Camacho

COMMUNICATION

Katielyn Aizon

+ Philosophy

Alyssa Dela Cruz

+ Minor in Writing

Paradis Fejerang

+ Minor in English

+ Minor in Public Admin.

Josephine Hagen

Jerlann Latag

Jomari Talento

ENGLISH | LITERATURE

Jemia Aguero

Maia Lesarof

+ Minor in Sociology

Jason Miller

+ Minor in Writing

+ Certificate in Ethics

FINE ARTS

Jiannah Abasta | MUSIC

+ Secondary Education

Elizabeth Camacho | ART

+ English | Literature

Anjellie Domingo | ART

Alliyah Ducay | ART

Maria Fejeran | ART

Bryce Hiura | ART

Mareva Lasaisuva | MUSIC

+ Secondary Education

Nathaniel Liwanag | ART

Brandon Martinez | ART

Bella Millonzi | ART

Tritons design eco art installation



Environmental Art students designed and collaboratively created the land art / eco art installation. The installation comprises of a 3'x3'x3' platform at the foot of the tree, a 2'x3' platform at 6' high ladder in the center of the tree with a ladder connecting the platforms to represent the different social spaces that people have. Recycled materials, such as bamboo and pine wood planks are used to promote sustainability.

Archaeological Field School



Achang Bay, Malesso' Archaeological Field School

Over the summer, students participated in an Archaeological Field School, a collaborative project between UOG's Anthropology Program, the Guam State Historic Preservation Office, the Guam Cultural Repository, and the US Army Corps of Engineers, who sought data on the archaeological material potentially to be impacted by the mitigation in flood control.

FAÑOMNÅKAN 2025 GRADUATES

FINE ARTS

Robbi Natividad | MUSIC

Sarah Ngo | ART

Jesus Pereda | MUSIC

Stanley Verroya | ART

Cody Villegas | ART

+ Minor in Military Science

Gavin Whitt | ART

+ Minor in Military Science

HISTORY

Terence Borja

+ Minor in Sociology

PHILOSOPHY

Rachell Brigino

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Patrick Chung

Demirose Digow

Carlo Granillo

Nicole Guerrero

Dylan Pasqual

+ Minor in Communication

Aaron-Michael Root

PSYCHOLOGY

Angel'lea Aguilar

+ Sociology

Shawne Baleto

Morgan Gale

Maria Hunt

Valene Leon Guerrero

+ Minor in Fine Arts/MUSIC

+ Minor in Public Admin.

Camille Maestrocampo

+ Minor in Writing

Amare Manibusan

+ Minor in Biology

C.A.Ts in the community



The Creative Alliance of Tritons, known at C.A.Ts led several art projects in the community. Over the past semester, the student organization has designed two murals and regularly participates in outreach events with caricature booths.



DYA Mural Project

A team of C.A.Ts club members worked with the Department of Youth Affairs to teach their clients about the mural design process, with the end goal of having them design and put up their own mural at the DYA facility.

Amalgam Senior Art Show

C.A.Ts helped out at this past semester's senior art show, "Amalgam," at the Isla Center for the Arts. Members hosted a booth selling the merchandise by student artists featured in the show. Many of C.A.Ts members were also featured in the show.

CLASS Bash

C.A.Ts and the UOG Philosophy Club teamed up to support the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences in this year's CLASS Bash event as members of the entertainment committee. Together, they prepared activities and live music for the event, including organizing local artists and karaoke for anyone ready to sing their heart out!

FAÑOMNĀKAN 2025 GRADUATES

PSYCHOLOGY

Julia Purviance
+ Minor in Sociology
Jeanine Quinto
+ Minor in Sociology
+ Minor in Health Services
Riza Sejalbo
+ Minor in Health Services
Curtis Thomason
Pauline Trecepona
+ Minor in Biology

MINOR IN FINE ARTS

Ha'āni Bettis

MINOR IN SOCIOLOGY

Kayla Paguio

MINOR in GEOGRAPHY

Thuy Nguyen

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Rochelle Camacho

MASTER OF ARTS IN MICRONESIAN STUDIES

Muturwan Choay
Kassidee Cruz
Samuel Ilesugam
Nathan Topasna

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Nikolas Gutierrez
Ai Gregerson
Lauren Villanueva

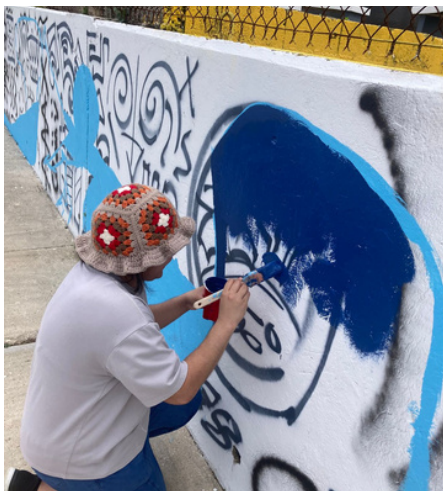
Congrats!

Ongoing Mangilao Mural Project



C.A.Ts, in partnership with Community First and the Mangilao Mayor's Office, is bringing a new mural to life that reflects the heart of Mangilao. After reviewing several submissions, Trexie Berondo's design was selected for its powerful representation of the village.

C.A.Ts members are now volunteering their time to paint the mural, turning the vision into reality. Their dedication has been key to the project's progress. The initiative highlights local talent and showcases the power of community collaboration.



This roadside mural features bright colors, island motifs, the village's iconic 'donne' (chili pepper), and a collage of student talent.

Honk your horn to show your support for local artists!

2025 Graduate Awards



**Innovative
Research Award**
Aleah Carino



**Presidential Thesis
Award**
Nolan Flores



**Outstanding
Graduate Student
Award**
Muturwan Choay



**Presidential Thesis
Award Nomination**
Lauren Villanueva



**Community Impact
Award Nomination**
Venaure Kanai

Not Pictured: Makaelah Blas (Community Impact Award), Paulette Coulter (Innovative Research Award Nomination)

Congrats!

Triton awarded Taiwan scholarship



Benjamin Ulrich Cabujat Snaer was awarded the Taiwan Huayu BEST Scholarship by National Taiwan Normal University. From July to August, Benjamin will be completing the two-month program by studying Mandarin and teaching English in Taiwan.

Benjamin passed the Chinese language proficiency exam and studied Mandarin at UOG, taking the CI-101, CI-102, and CI-394 courses, with Professor Jennifer Lin (also pictured).

Tritons participate in Nothing Micro About Micronesia



In May, “Nothing Micro About Micronesia” by TeAda Productions visited the UOG Fine Arts Theatre. The theatrical performance is community-based storytelling built with the involvement of the Micronesian community. The Guam tour was jointly hosted by the Guam Council on Arts & Humanities Agency, Humanities Guåhan, and the University of Guam, with support from Breaking Wave Theatre Company. [Read more below.](#)



Fernando Ngirajesau



Jeimax Ruloma

Several UOG students and the Theatre program participated in the performance:

- Fernando Ngirajesau and Jeimax Ruloma (pictured above) were community performers onstage.
- Monica Cosico was the Lighting Assistant.
- Alexandre Villaflor was the Sound & Projections Operator.
- Derek Smith, instructor of Theatre, was the Stage Manager.

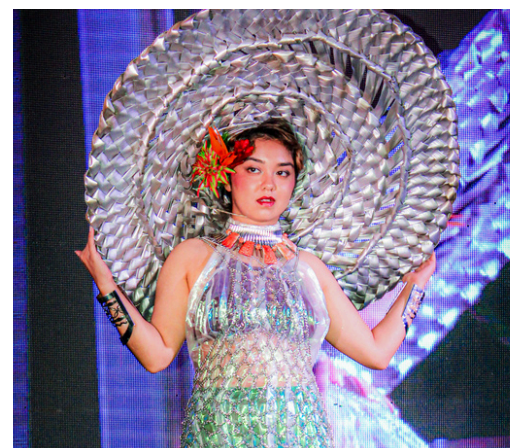
Service Learning Project



For the “Nothing Micro About Micronesia” performance in the UOG Fine Arts Theatre, Concessions were organized by Nolan Muna, as part of a service-learning project for a CHamoru Studies class.

(Pictured) Theatre alumnus Justine Losinio with current Theatre students Jau Dawn Avila-Montoya and Kristian Jaie Castro assisting with concessions.

Miss UOG Pageant



Special Congratulations to Paradis Fejerang, a Communication alumna, for winning “Best in National Costume” at the first-ever Miss UOG Pageant held on Blue Night in March 2025.

Congrats!

CLASS 2024 Trivia Night Scholarship Winners



Congratulations to our CLASS 2024 Trivia Night Scholarship Winners, Cean Guanlao & Indiana Lakobong! Visit their post on our Instagram page (@uogclass) to read their answers to "How is your degree program helping you to achieve your career goals?"

Triton alum's journey into a fulfilling legal career



Austin Fortuno, a Secondary Education and History alumnus, shares how a UOG education prepared him for opportunities that make a lasting impact on the community. Now a Paralegal in the Attorney General's Office, Fortuno credits his UOG experience with giving him the skills necessary to succeed in a fast-paced legal environment. "My time at UOG instilled in me a deep sense of civic responsibility and a passion for lifelong learning," said Fortuno.

Triton alum serving with purpose as Yigo Vice Mayor



Pedro Blas, a CHamoru Studies alumnus, shared how a UOG education and legacy of public service have led him to put his passion for culture and community into action. Now the Vice Mayor of Yigo, Blas credits his UOG experience with preparing him for public speaking, CHamoru language proficiency, and interacting with a diverse range of people. "I want our residents to feel connected to the place they call home and to know that their voices matter. It's about creating a community where people feel comfortable and supported," said Blas.

2025 UOG Press Awards



Katielyn Aizon – Chris Perez Howard Future Author Award (\$1,700)



Caleb Cruz – Clotilde Gould and Johnny Sablan CHamoru Studies Award (\$1,500)

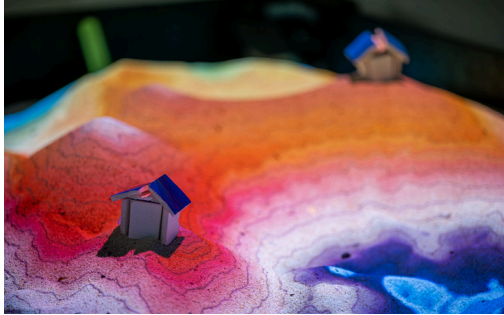


Humanities Unplugged



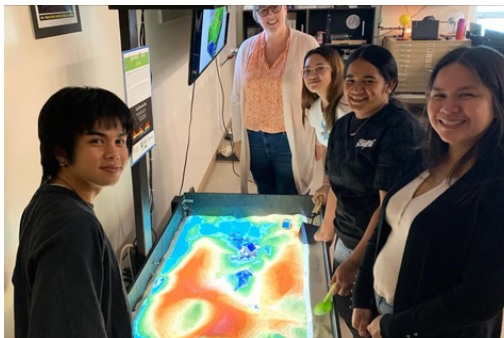
Geography Program

Re-Launch of the Geographic Information Learning Laboratory



In February, the UOG Geography program held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tour of the newly renovated Geographic Information Learning Laboratory or GILL. Guests participated in activities and equipment demonstrations led by Dr. Jose Aban, professor of Geography. The lab is located in HSS207.

Exploring Geography Inside and Outside the Classroom



Throughout the Fañomñākan semester, students in GE101 and GE203 engaged with Geography both in the classroom and out in the field. In the Geography Lab, they participated in hands-on activities—from measuring atmospheric relative humidity to studying watersheds. Beyond campus, the program organized field trips to the National Weather Station in Tiyan, where students observed meteorologists at work, and around the island to identify key geologic features.



Interested in a paid internship?

Visit the “College Announcements” page to learn more and apply for a GIS & Remote Sensing Internship. Two spots are available.

SAVE THE DATE: GIS Day



On November 19, 2025, the UOG Geography program will host its annual Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day. Visit the Geography Lab and meet Dr. Aban to learn more!



Follow the “UOG Geography Program” on social media!

CHamoru Studies Program



The UOG CHamoru Studies program had a vibrant Fañomnåkan semester both inside and outside of the classroom. From Mes CHamoru festivities to off-campus learning to recruitment efforts, the program and its students continue to revitalize, sustain, and engage with the local island community.

2025 Inacha'igen Fino' CHamoru



On March 5-6, the CHamoru Studies Program held its annual Inacha'igen Fino' CHamoru (CHamoru Language Competition). This year, approximately 500 students from elementary, middle, and high schools from throughout the Mariana Islands came together, representing their schools and our islands and competing in multiple categories centered on Fino' CHamoru. Special shoutout to this year's participants and coaches, and special thanks to the planning committee and the CLASS Dean's Office for another great event. Check out the Inacha'igen webpage for this year's winners and for more information on the event. Visit the [Inacha'igen webpage](#) for more information.

Mañe'lon Marianas Hut Building



The Mañe'lon Marianas Student Organization built a hut as part of the University's Charter Day festivities. Over the span of three weeks, the students gathered the necessary materials, collaborated with various community members, and spent late nights and weekends constructing the hut. Special thanks to Siñot Joseph Tuquero (UOG), Siñot John Ray Aguon, other community members, and the Mañe'lon Marianas students.

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Recruitment Efforts at NDHS, FDMS, GWHS, and SHS



This Fañomnåkan semester, CHamoru Studies students and instructors went to Notre Dame High School, Father Duenas Memorial School, George Washington High School, and Southern High School to speak with high school students about the program, sharing program highlights and encouraging students to join the program.

Hinanao (Field Trip) to Litekyan and Marine Corps. Base Camp Blaz



In March, Dr. Kisha's CM-412 class (Topics in CHamoru Studies: Land Issues in Modern Marianas) went on a field trip to Litekyan (Ritidian) and the Marine Corps. Base Camp Blaz. The students were able to visit the CHamoru village site as well as tour the base and find out more information about current and future projects. The original plan for the Camp Blaz tour was to visit and honor CHamoru ancestors and artifacts at the Sabånan Fadang site; however, due to ongoing construction, the class was unable to go to the site.

Hinanao (Field Trip) to the Guam Museum



In April, Dr. Kisha's CMED481 class (Teaching Content Areas in CHamoru) went to the Guam Museum. As aspiring and in-service CHamoru teachers, the students completed handouts from the Guampedia website as they went through the museum. The handouts were part of the online resources which teachers could use to engage their students with the museum exhibits.

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Hinanao (Field Trip) to Hale'-ta Farm



In May, Dr. Kisha's CM412 and CMED481 classes went to the Hale'-ta Farm in Talo'fo'fo'. The farm is owned and maintained by the Quinata family. The students were able to engage in a workday, planting about 150 birenghenas (eggplant), pulling weeds around hundreds of donne' (pepper) plants, and feeding the egg-laying mǎnnok (chickens).

CHonchon Fino'-ta (Language Nest) Experience



In April, CHamoru Studies students engaged in the CHonchon Fino'-ta (Language Nest) Experience at Maga'lāhen Hurao CHamoru Academy Charter School. Each student committed to at least five hours to the language nest experience, dedicating their time to using the CHamoru language in the school setting. Special thanks to staff, students, and principal, Siñora Anna Marie Arceo, for supporting our students in their language journey.

Andrew T. Laguaña Scholarship Opportunity



Learn more about the scholarship application on the College Announcements page.

UOG and the Young Men's League of Guam (YMLG) have established the Andrew T. Laguaña Scholarship to support UOG students pursuing CHamoru Studies. Two scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded beginning in Fañomnākan (Spring) 2026.

The scholarship honors the late Andrew T. Laguaña, a prominent architect, public servant, and civic leader, who passed away in 2022. Known affectionately as "Andy," he dedicated his life and career to preserving the CHamoru identity through architecture, education, and community leadership.

Environmental Data Collection with UOG Geography



At the Conference on Island Sustainability in April, Dr. Jose Edgardo Aban, a professor of Geography, discussed how the UOG Geography Program utilizes geographic information systems (GIS) and satellite remote sensing technology to determine the effects of forest fires on the environment. Localizing environmental mapping tools makes it easier and faster for local agencies to collect information on natural resources such as burnt grasslands and watersheds.

Dean Sellmann publishes open-access articles



Dr. James Sellmann, Dean of CLASS, recently published two open-access articles in the journal *Religions*.

- Confucian Depth Ecology as a Response to Climate Change
- The Zhuangzi as a commentary on Kongzi

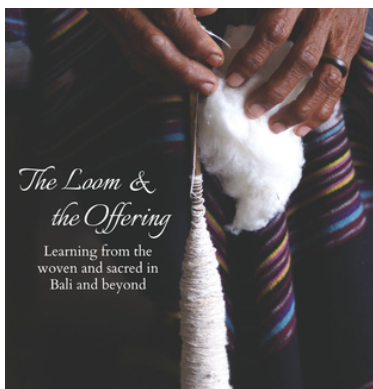
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Bali Field School celebrates 25 years with publication



The Bali Field School, hosted by the UOG Sociology Program, is celebrating 25 years and publishing "The Loom & the Offering: Learning from the woven and sacred in Bali and beyond" to be presented at the Ubud Writer's Festival in October.

Photos from the 2025 Bali Field School will be posted soon.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



AIJMS Readiness Day



NDHS Mes Chamoru



Peer Mentors at Residence Halls



Tiyan BAIT Academy

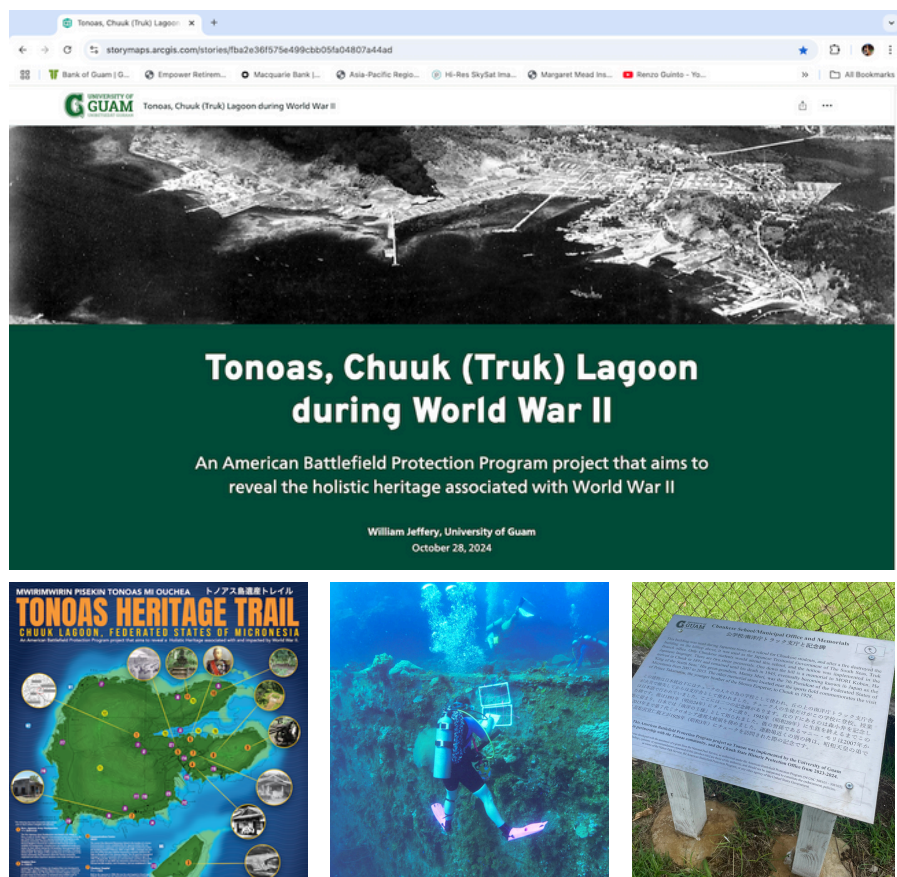


JRMS Cares Event



SSHS Career Day

Documenting WWII in Tonoas with UOG Anthropology



Chuuk (Truk) Lagoon American Battlefield Protection Project.

This 2-year project which saw the collaboration of UOG's Anthropology Program, Chuuk State Historic Preservation Office, the Blue Lagoon Dive Shop, and the community on Tonoas Island, the Headquarters for the Japan in Micronesia during World War II and the equivalent of the U.S. Pearl Harbor base was finalized in December 2024 with several outcomes.

Tonoas Story Map

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/fba2e36f575e499cbb05fa04807a44ad>

Tonoas Heritage Trail Poster/Brochure

- Compiled by UOG's Marketing & Communications Department

Eleven Stainless Steel Signs (English and Japanese)

- Erected on Tonoas for the numerous tourists who visit the island

Four Short WWII History Videos

- History of Tonoas and Etten Islands, including Chuukese Traditional Heritage impacted by World War II.

UOG Student Narrated Video

- Jovina Nachuo, narrator, whose family are from Tonoas: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pUAWsqFnlo>

All video links can be found on the Tonoas Story Map, which have over 7,000 combined views.

Staff Photo at CLASS Awards Ceremony



Bendision Performance



Featuring the Ma Higa Dance Academy with Patrick Camacho

Uritao Youth Leadership Academy



Dean Sellmann with Nathan Toves, a UOG Triton

FAREWELL INTERNS!

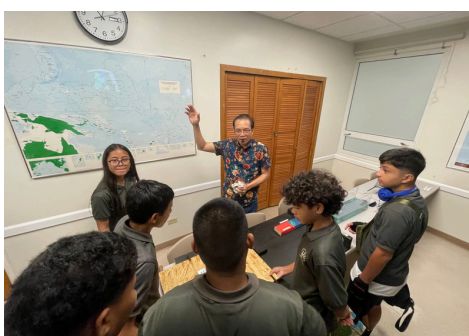


A huge thank you to our GSYEP summer interns for helping our college with our day-to-day tasks. We hope you have a great back to school. Shred your later!

57TH UOG CHARTER DAY: From Island Wisdom to Global Impact with CLASS

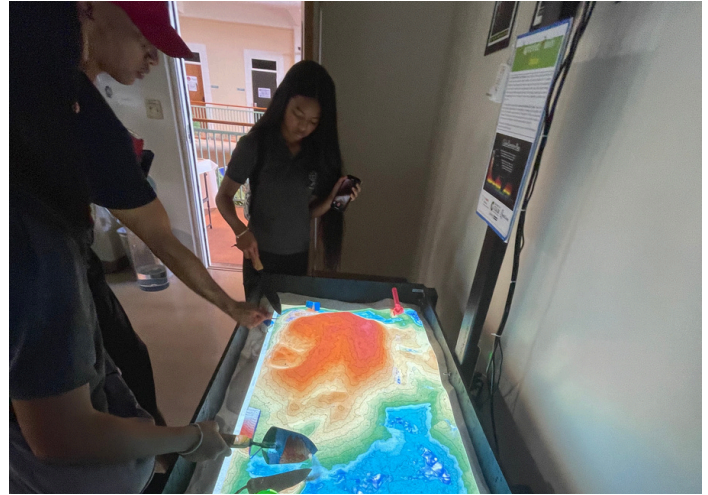


For the 57th University of Guam Charter Day, our college celebrated with our degree programs, student organizations, and community partners. Here are some photos highlighting the event (pages 21-22).



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46TH ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

For the 46th Annual Research Conference (ARC), CLASS hosted “Tapestries of Resilience: Securing Our Island Communities” to highlight the intricate ways our island communities weave together our approaches to security in a comprehensive and multifaceted way. The conference started with a keynote presentation and panel, followed by the next-day conference presentations, ending with an art showcase.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION



Dr. Mary Hattori presented on “Resilience in Uncertain Times: A Pacific Perspective” by highlighting her work leveraging ancient indigenous wisdom and leadership to resolve contemporary problems and foster global citizenship and education for peace through local/localised initiatives.

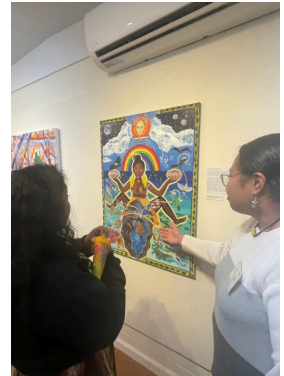
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS



Our conference welcomes researchers, artists, and those engaged in scholarly and creative work in any discipline to present their papers, posters, exhibits, panels, forums, workshops, and performances.

Pictured above: Research presentations by Dr. Camarin Meno (left) and Clinical Psychology alumna, Venaure Kanai (middle). Also featuring a group photo of college staff (right).

ART GALLERY



The art showcase at the Isla Center for the Arts featured works in the theme, “Tapestries of Resilience: Woven through Diversity.”

CLASS Bash & Trivia Night



CLASS celebrated its 52nd anniversary with the help of student organizations and local businesses at the 2025 CLASS Bash. The event included degree programs, student organizations, community service providers, entertainment featuring local artists and student performances, and food trucks. The college also hosted its fourth Trivia Night to raise funds for student scholarships and test the teams' CLASS knowledge. Altogether, the celebration was fun for the college community, family, and friends.



4TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT WINNERS



College Announcements



CLASS Trivia Night Scholarship

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences is awarding two (2) scholarships, \$300.00 each, to two declared CLASS majors. Incoming freshmen and upperclassmen can apply for one of the two awards. Eligible students will receive an email with application instructions.

Scholarship recipients will be selected in a drawing via Instagram Live (@uogclass). Winners will be announced live and notified via email with further instructions.

Funds were raised at the 2025 CLASS Trivia Night event hosted by CLASS student organizations.

Call for Applications: To be Announced | Date of Drawing: To be Announced

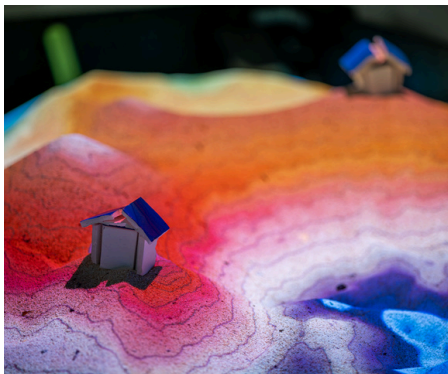


Pacific Asia Inquiry Vol. 15 2024/2025

Pacific Asia Inquiry is a peer-reviewed online journal dedicated to showcasing works on the Pacific Asia Region and to advancing knowledge and understanding of this region. Pacific Asia has long been the focus of intense cultural, political, and economic interaction with other world regions, and it is the central theme of this journal.

Contributions are drawn from multiple disciplines in the liberal arts and social sciences, including sociology, psychology, communication, language and literature, visual arts, music, drama, history, geography, anthropology, philosophy, political science, and economics.

[PAI Volume 15 2024/2025](#) is available for viewing and download.



GIS & Remote Sensing Paid Internship

Learn and apply the rudiments of geographical techniques in real-world application through an internship at the Geography Information & Learning Laboratory (GILLs) with Dr. Jose Edgar Aban.

Must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, a UOG student with a minimum 3.0 GPA, and have taken either Introduction to GIS or Introduction to Remote Sensing

Contact abanj@triton.uog.edu to apply



YMLG Andrew T. Laguaña Scholarship

The scholarship is open to junior or senior UOG students majoring or minoring in CHamoru Studies or CHamoru Studies for Education.

- Submit a Scholarship Application Packet from YMLG Scholarship Committee Chair Roland Franquez (roland.franquez@yahoo.com).
- Include an original essay in CHamoru on: "What the practice and proliferation of CHamoru language and culture means to me and how I would contribute to its growth in my lifetime."
- Finalists will read their essays aloud to the YMLG Board of Directors.
- **Application Deadline: Oct. 31, 2025.**

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