

CNAS & SENG 2022

19 MAY 2022 | HILTON GUAM RESORT | 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM



Dear CNAS, SENG and ROTC Graduates,



The old English saying **“May you live in interesting times”** is, in fact, a statement that could have been written today and still hold the same meaning. These past few years living through the COVID-19 pandemic have been challenging for both institutions of higher education and their students,

faculty, and administrators.

For that, I congratulate you for all your hard work and extreme dedication during these past few years. The formal degree that all of you will be receiving on Sunday comes at no easy cost for putting up with on-line classes, hybrid classes, and if you were lucky, a few face-to-face courses as well. I, myself, have a 2nd grader who, over the past 2 years, has only had the opportunity to know his classmates via Zoom, seeing only their eyes and body language.

“Always Expect the Unexpected” is a written on a piece of paper and taped to the glass cabinet in my office. I look at it every day and wonder, *what today will bring?* I trust most of you have learned that there is no clear pathway to what lies ahead after graduation. But I am confident that our college and programs have done its job and you have been taught to gather enough solid data to make the right choices in all aspects of your life.

I have two stories I will share during my brief presentation today, one using a cartoon of a man in the desert looking to quench his thirst and the other story about a workshop teaching squirrels how to fly. I hope you will appreciate both.

As your Dean and as a fellow colleague, I wish you all the best in whatever life offers you. The college is very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Si Yu’os ma’âse’,
Dean Lee Yudin





Dear CNAS Graduates,

You've made it—you have earned your degree. Well done. Congratulations!!!

So, here comes the next hard task—what are you going to achieve next? How do you intend to serve others? Perhaps those who assisted you in this journey of earning a degree, perhaps those in our community who need your skills, knowledge, compassion, and ability to solve problems, or perhaps by continuing in your adventure of learning?

When I have been at a choice point in my life, I usually discussed it with others whose counsel I respect, but I also returned to advice I got from a favorite childhood author of mine, who helped me to dream of potential futures—Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel).

Congratulations!
Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
And YOU are the guy
who'll decide where to go.

You'll get mixed up, of course,
as you already know.
You'll get mixed up with many
strange birds as you go.
So be sure when you step.
Step with care and great tact

and remember that Life's
a Great Balancing Act.

And will you succeed?
Yes! You will, indeed!
(98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.)

KID, YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!

So...
be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or
Bray
or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea,
You're off the Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So...get on your way!

—an excerpt from Oh, the Places
You'll Go, by Dr. Seuss

CNAS GRADUATES

AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES

Tiffany-Amber Inocencio

Jake W. Manuel

BIOLOGY

Fritz James Custodio Amparo

Adhara Pading Balansay

Seanna Quitlig Talavera Bataclan

Zhantelle De Leon Beltran

Joshua Dermarr G. Benitez

Christian Ramirez Binuya

Shara Mae M. Bondoc

Amara Rae Borja

Demie Rose Williams Brennan

Justin Christopher Galman Dimla

Nicole Ha'ane Borja Diras

Marijel Sarabillo Dorion

Ryu Loren Espinosa

Michael Angelo Paragas Fernandez

Franz Fredric Cruz Gareza

Rosezane Anne Desalit Gonzales

Kennon Rey D. Hipos

Andrea Salazar Ibardolasa

Nicole Elizabeth Rasalan Imamura

Mary Heather Baladad Jingco

Victoria Lee Reyes Mapa

Eries Jay Dalisay Moreno

Samantha Nicole Mower

William S. Naden II

Megan Luciana Aguon Palacios

Angel Mar Pocsidio Pamintuan

Noah David Baza Quitugua

Blaize Joie P. San Nicolas

Alyssa Evette De Leon Sumbo

Bernadette Gurwan Tharnagan

Anisa Maria Quichocho Topasña

CHEMISTRY-BIOLOGY

Antonia Mari L.G. Camacho

Darlene Partoriza Ferrer

Maximo D. Manabat III

Chloe Canovas Miranda

Sara Chong Sablan

Mackenzie Shae Urbano

Greciella Mae Uychocho Valerio



CHEMISTRY

Jester Kyle Yco Calalang

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Ryan Shaun Bongato

Tibey T. Ongalibang

Nathan Christopher Tedtaotao

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Matthew Colin Sampson Abrenilla

Zachary Daniel Aquino

Ailea Borja Bonto

Ryan Tyler Boyd

Jovic Aaron Senson Caasi

Tatsuya F.N. Cepeda

Kaz Omar G. De Jesus

Nathaniel Dean De Veyra Hagans

Elyze Abaya Laserna

Mark Joel M. Prangan

Zcareena Kate Go Reotan

Brandon Travis

MILITARY SCIENCE

Gabriel Joseph Aguon

Melchor Sardoma Castigador

Noel-Brandon Allen Degracia

Amos Freduluces Dumapat

Carmen Victoria Gogue

Manuel Montemayor Jr. Lumbang

Talia Odessa Meno

Samde'lana T. Obina

Adam Melano Pangelinan

Gavin Joel Hocog Pangelinan

Kyle Vincent Quichocho

Cloyd Conducto Rosas

Brandon J. Salas

Amarah Bernadine San Nicolas

Dan Ryan B. Tumaquip

Joseph Peter Aquino

Donovan Kyler Balmeo

Adrian Festejo

MATHEMATICS

Donovan Kyler Biala Balmeo

Michael Basaliza Cajigal

Jovic Aaron Senson Caasi

Andrew John Johnson

Maria Seanna Cabero Minas



CNAS GRADUATES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Justin Thomas Berg
BA & BS University of Delaware

Andrew John Kowal McKinnis
BA Washington & Jefferson College

Abram Laten Townsend
BS University of Maryland Eastern Shore

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Raymond Gerard Camacho
BS University of Guam

Hope Victoria Mendiola Evangelista
BS University of Guam



SENG GRADUATES

CIVIL ENGINEERING

Michael Louie Kasala

Sean Lee

Jacob Robert Leon Guerrero Jr.

Anthony Moses Mendoza Luces

Ervin Escullar Pascual

Anthony Julian Quintanilla Rivera

Makisimino Veimau





Fritz Amparo

B.S. Biology

Future Plans: Prepare for MCAT test, possibly intern and hospitals/clinics in the meanwhile

Personal Quote: "Life is a nightmare, but to decide to live within it, let alone thrive in it, is brave on its own."



Adhara Pading Balansay

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: Dental School

Personal Quote: "Pith or be pithed."



Seanna Talavera Bataclan

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track // Minor, Women & Gender Studies

Future Plans: Become a physician-researcher and serve my island community.

Personal Quote: "If you're happy doing what you're doing, then nobody can tell you you're not successful." -Harry Styles



Zhanterelle De Leon Beltran

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: Pediatrician

Personal Quote: "Don't let the hard days win." -Sarah J. Maas



Joshua Dermarr G. Benitez

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: I plan to work as a science teacher before applying to medical school.

Personal Quote: "Look for respect, not attention."



Christian Ramirez Binuya

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: Travel, pursue research, and attend medical school

Personal Quote: "For those who dare to dream, there is a whole world to win." -Dhirubhai Ambani



Demie Rose Williams Brennan

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: Join the Navy and work in Guam's healthcare system

Personal Quote: "Don't let fear be the opponent that you lose to. It's better to lose from trying than to lose from being afraid."

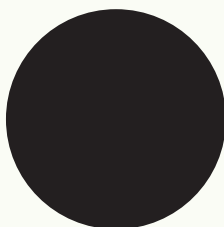


Nicole Ha'ane Borja Diras

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med track

Future Plans: To gain experience and one day become a Veterinarian.

Personal Quote: "The journey isn't linear, nor is it meant to be. Be patient with yourself."



Justin Christopher G. Dimla

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans:

Personal Quote: "His gift was not that he could jump high, run fast. . . His gift was that he was completely present. And that was the separator." -Mark Vancil, The Last Dance



Marijel S. Dorion

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: Get my PA/MPH dual degree (earn a Master's in Public Health in conjunction with training in a Physician Assistant program). Be actively involved with community health (e.g., organize medical outreaches, coordinate health care services, and health education & promotion).

Personal Quote: "Aspire to inspire."



Ryu Espinosa

B.S. Biology // Japanese Language Minor

Future Plans: Graduate School Preparation

Personal Quote: "Thank You UOG for a great education for my biology degree and for allowing me to pursue my educational goals!"



Michael Angelo P. Fernandez

B.S. Biology, Integrative Biology Track // Minor, Mathematics

Future Plans: Research in tropical Pacific island plant ecology and evolution

Personal Quote: "There is no such thing as random. Everything is steeped in meaning, colored by relationships, one thing with another." -Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass



Franz Fredric Cruz Gareza

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: Graduate School/Medical School

Personal Quote: "Never apologize for burning too brightly or collapsing into yourself every night. That is how galaxies are made."



Rosezane Anne Gonzales

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track // Psychology //

Minor, Sociology

Future Plans: I aspire to become a pediatrician in the future

Personal Quote: "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." -Arthur Ashe



Kennon Rey D. Hipos

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: Neuro-Interventional Radiologist

Personal Quote: "I never failed because I never stopped trying."



Andrea S. Ibardolasa

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: I just want to be happy in the future. Whether I am a travelling physician, a physician's assistant, a mother, or in a career that may not be in the medical field, all I desire for myself is to live, laugh, and love to my hearts' content.

Personal Quote: "Each moment of your life is a picture you have never seen before and will never see again. So live each moment to make it count & make each moment beautiful." -Ash Sweeney.



Nicole Elizabeth Rasalan Imamura

B.S. Biology, Integrative Biology Track

Future Plans: I intend to continue my past work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency regarding endangered species recovery, and hope to eventually receive my Master's Degree in Natural Resource Management.

Personal Quote: "When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."-Viktor Frankl



Mary Heather Jingco

B.S. Biology, Integrative Biology Track

Future Plans: I plan on gaining vital field experience and skills by working with the Center of Island Sustainability after graduation. I will later pursue graduate school in conservation and island ecology.

Personal Quote: "We all move forward when we recognize how resilient and striking the women around us are." -Rupi Kau



Victoria Lee Reyes Mapa

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track // Minor, Nutrition

Future Plans: To find a fitting pathway in medicine that will allow me to make impact in minority health and health disparities. (And, to re-establish a good work-life balance!)1

Personal Quote: "You've got to nourish to flourish."



Eries Jay Moreno

B.S. Biolog, Bio-Med Track // B.A. Psychology

Future Plans: Post-baccalaureate Pre-Doctoral Program at the National Institutes of Health (NIH UGSP)

Personal Quote: "Do what excites!"



Megan Palacios

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: To pursue a career in dentistry

Personal Quote: "You're the only one who holds the key to your success."



Angel Mar Pocsidio Pamintuan

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: Graduate School/Medical School

Personal Quote: "Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." -Martin Luther King Jr.



Blaize Joie P. San Nicolas

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: Conservation Biologist

Personal Quote: "Stay afraid, but do it anyway" -Carrie Fisher



Alyssa Evette De Leon Sumbo

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: To become a healthcare professional and return home to serve the people of Guåhan

Personal Quote: "What lies behind us, and what lies before us, are but tiny matters compared to what lies within us."



Bernadette Gurwan Tharngan

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: Pursuing a career in Biomedical Engineering/ Equipment Technician.

Personal Quote: "Take it Day by Day, Hour by Hour. You'll get there."



Anisa M. Quichocho Topasña

B.S. Biology, Bio-Med Track

Future Plans: To attend medical school and return home to serve the people of the Mariānas.

Personal Quote: "Ti nahong na para ta guaiya ha' i tano'... debi di ta espihāyi taimanu ta na'homlo."

"(To love a place is not enough. We must find ways to heal it." -Robin Wall Kimmermer)



Jester Kyle Calalang

B.S. Chemistry, Pre-Pharmacy Track

Future Plans: Attend the University of Washington School of Pharmacy beginning in the Fall of 2022.

Personal Quote: "Push yourself, because no one else is going to do it for you."



Darlene Ferrer

B.S. Chemistry-Biology Dual Degree

Future Plans: After receiving my bachelor's degree, I will be attending the John Hopkins Doctoral Diversity Program for 2 years. At the same time, I will be applying for medical school to pursue my career goal of becoming a physician-scientist.

Personal Quote: "You won't grow from being comfortable in where you are." -Erickson



Chloe Canovas Miranda

B.S. Chemistry, Pre-Pharmacy Track // Minor, Biology

Future Plans: In Fall 2022, I will be attending the University of Washington as a first-year pharmacy student. I hope to apply what I have learned in my journey toward obtaining my Doctor of Pharmacy degree to enhance the overall health care system in Guam.

Personal Quote: "God is within her, she will not fail." -Psalms 46:5



Sara Chong Sablan

B.S. Chemistry, Pre-Pharmacy Track // Minor, Biology

Future Plans: Attend pharmacy school and achieve my goal of receiving a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

Personal Quote: "Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor." -Truman Capote



Mackenzie Shae Urbano

B.S. Chemistry-Biology Dual Degree

Future Plans: Apply to Pharmacy school

Personal Quote: "You will fully bloom after all the hardships." -August D.



Greciella Mae Valerio

B.S. Chemistry, Pre-Pharmacy Track // Minor, Biology

Future Plans: My plan after graduation is to further my education and obtain a PharmD degree at the University of Michigan to ultimately give back and serve our island.

Personal Quote: "Better an oops than a what if"



Donovan Kyler Biala Balmeo

B.S. Mathematics

Future Plans: Fulfill my dreams, live a happy life

Personal Quote: "Hang Tough."



Michael Basaliza Cajigal

B.S. Mathematics

Future Plans: Applied Mathematical Research in the Aerospace/Astronautic Field

Personal Quote: "I like to learn. That's an art and a science."
-Katherine Johnson



Al Edrich C. Labang

B.S. Mathematics // B.A. Secondary Education

Future Plans: Teach Mathematics within the schools and Attend Law School

Personal Quote: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." -Nelson Mandela



Ryan Bongato

B.S. Computer Information Systems

Future Plans: Begin my career in cybersecurity/networking and receive certifications in my industry.

Personal Quote: "If you're having a bad day, catch a wave."



Maria Seanna Cabero Minas

B.S. Mathematics

Future Plans: I plan to pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching and to obtain a position where I can express my commitment, dedication, responsibility, and positivity towards student development and success in STEM.

Personal Quote: "If you only do what you can do, you will never be more than you are now." -Master Shifu



Joseph Aquino

B.S. History // Minor, Military Science

Future Plans: US Army Officer and after a History teacher or work in the FBI or CIA.

Personal Quote: "Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value." -Albert Einstein

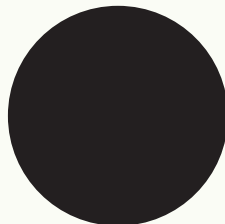


Noel-Brandon Degracia

B.A. Business Administration // Minor, Military Science

Future Plans: Work as a US Army Medical Services Officer.

Personal Quote: "A man should do his job so well. That the living, the dead, and even the unborn could do it no better." -MLK Jr.



Manuel Jr. M. Lumbang

Masters of Public Administration // Minor, Military Science

Future Plans: As a future human resources officer in the U.S. Army, my future plan is to provide leadership and service to the men and women who serve our country.

Personal Quote: "Every battle is won before it is fought." -Sun Tzu



Talia-Justina Meno

B.S. Criminal Justice // Minor, Military Science

Future Plans: Military Intelligence Officer in Guam Army National Guard & Government Health Inspector

Personal Quote: "Darling. Luck favors the prepared." -Edna, The Incredibles



Kyle Quichocho

B.S. Criminal Justice // Minor, Military Science

Future Plans: I intend to serve as a commissioned officer in the United States Army and to pursue a career in law enforcement, eventually working my way up to the federal government.

Personal Quote: "Aspire to inspire before we expire. "



Cloyd Rosas

B.S. Criminal Justice // Minor, Military Science and Public Administration

Future Plans: Become an Army Officer

Personal Quote: "I Can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" - Philippians 4:13



Amarah Bernadine Abuan San Nicolas

B.A. History // Minor Military Science

Future Plans: US Army Quartermaster Officer

Personal Quote: "I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying." -Michael Jordan



Dan Ryan B. Tumaquip

B.S. Criminal Justice // Minor, Military Science and Public Administration

Future Plans: To strive and understand the functions of logistics

Personal Quote: "Doing the best that I can to succeed in life. No question."



Gavin Joel Hocog Pangelinan

B.S. Criminal Justice // Minor, Military Science

Future Plans: US Army Officer

Personal Quote: ' Keep It Simple.'



Jacob Robert Leon Guerrero Jr.

B.S. Civil Engineering

Future Plans: To further my education in the states.

Personal Quote: "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." -Arthur Ashe



Michael Louie Sison Kasala

B.S. Civil Engineering

Future Plans: One of my big future goals is to be a fine civil engineer with significant contribution to various well-known projects.

Personal Quote: "When nothing goes right, go left."



Sean Lee

B.S. Civil Engineering // Minor Mathematics

Future Plans: After acquiring a number of work years under my belt. Perhaps retire into a prestigious, marine grade steel, two-story home (with an attic and basement) in a pleasant, atmospheric, Hawaiian tropical light jungle area that is with a beautiful, aesthetically pleasing beachfront view. Then, after being bored of Earth, slowly move to Mars and die peacefully there.

Personal Quote: For many of us, the road is a difficult one, but the path is always there for us to follow, no matter how many times we may fail." -Joshua Graham (the Burned Man), Year 2281, FNV: Honest Hearts DLC



Anthony Moses Mendoza Luces

B.S. Civil Engineering

Future Plans: My future plan is to work as a civil engineer in Guam or wherever opportunity presents itself and get my F.E. and P.E. license.

Personal Quote: "Engineering is fun :D"



Anthony Julian Quintanilla Rivera "Nono"

B.S. Civil Engineering

Future Plans: To get a job that benefits myself and hopefully the island of Guam. Give back to the island that has given me so much.

Personal Quote: "Even if you think you might lose, you'll be fine as long as you don't give up! Surpass your limits. Then a path will open up for you!" -Captain Yami





Ervin Pascual

B.S. Civil Engineering

Future Plans: My plan is to serve as a home-raised civil engineer for my island. Apply my skills here and be an asset to my local community. At the same time, pursue my other passions in sports. I wish to continue training and competing in practical shooting. With high goals of becoming ranked a United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) grandmaster.

Personal Quote: "Who you surround yourself with has a profound effect on who you are. Surround yourself with people with goals larger than themselves. Inspire each other, push each other, be honest, and keep each other accountable."



In commemoration of this pinning ceremony, Dr. Schlub and his team members Alex Chingyan, Elizabeth Hahn, Julia Hudson, and Ethan So, have donated *Casuarina equisetifolia* trees (locally known in CHamoru as “gagu” and in English as “ironwood”) from around the world to this year’s graduates and guests. As the University of Guam is celebrating its Platinum Jubilee and 70 years of “Transforming Lives, Advancing Communities,” Dr. Schlub would like to remind us that not only is the University of Guam strengthened by diversity and inclusion, but Guam’s natural world is as well. Through the planting of these trees, the genetic variation of Guam’s ironwood tree population will be increased, thereby, enhancing resistance to acute and chronic stressors, (such as pests and diseases), and to the effects of global warming in future populations.