



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM**  
**COLLEGE OF NATURAL**  
**& APPLIED SCIENCES**

# *Fañomnakan 2024*

**Hooding & Pinning Ceremony**



**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
**Thursday, May 16, 2024**  
**Hilton Guam Resort & Spa**  
**Micronesia Room**

*Our mission is to discover and share science-based knowledge that improves quality of life and learning in Guam and in the region.*





## CEREMONY AGENDA

- 11 a.m.** Check In
- 11:30 a.m.** Blessing of the Table and Lunch
- 12 p.m.** Opening Remarks
- Maika Vuki, Ph.D.  
*Acting Dean, CNAS*
- Anita Borja Enriquez, DBA  
*President, UOG*
- Sharleen Santos-Bamba, Ph.D.  
*Senior Vice President & Provost, UOG*
- 12:15 p.m.** Pinning Ceremony for Bachelor's Graduates  
Hooding Ceremony for Master's Graduates
- 2 p.m.** Conclusion

Special thanks to UOG Cooperative Extension & Outreach and to the Guam Visitors Bureau for their donations to the graduate gift bags.

To all of our CNAS and ROTC graduates,

I wish that I could be there in person to take part today in your Hooding & Pinning Ceremony. Please know that I am with you in spirit. I know that each of you has an impactful and fulfilling career ahead of you.

I'm particularly excited for the STEM fields you'll be entering, which will benefit from the unique experiences, perspectives, and values that all of our graduates possess. Our world is facing many challenges related to agriculture and food production, human health, and the protection of natural resources, and we have a great need for science, data, equations, and computer programs that can better inform our decisions. These are the specific subject areas that our land-grant college was established to address.

As you take this next step, I encourage you to choose work that matters to you, and your work will, in turn, matter to others.

Know your connections with your college, your professors, and your classmates do not end here. Your cohort, your college, and UOG as a whole are now forever your academic family who you can reach out to for mentorship, collaborations, and certainly to share your accomplishments.

Congratulations from all of CNAS!



Si Yu'os Ma'ãse',

**Rachael Leon Guerrero, Ph.D., R.D.**

*Dean*

*College of Natural & Applied Sciences*

It is truly an honor to share this auspicious occasion with you all. On behalf of all faculty and staff, I extend our sincere congratulations to you all class of 2024! You have demonstrated endurance and resilience to reach this destination.

To many of you, the University of Guam campus has been your second home for the past four years. You have been enriched both inside the classrooms and outside to prepare you for the future. You have been good representatives for our college, and we believe that you will continue to be worthy ambassadors of our college and university as you launch out in your next voyage.

We believe that graduates of our college and university are unique. We are from an island culture that esteems strong family values. It is what keeps us strong together. So hold this achievement with a humble attitude and embrace the future with confidence. In whatever career you take, serve to improve the quality of life, and do not forget your roots.

I would like to also thank all your family members who are here to celebrate this occasion. To parents, spouses, children, grandparents, friends, thank you for believing in them. They are here because of you. *Dangkulu na si Yu'os ma'åse'!*

In the coming years, I ask you to not forget our college or university. I encourage you to give back by supporting our college activities and scholarships. STEM is not an easy discipline for many of the young generation, and you can become a coach to encourage more to follow your path.

Congratulations again to the Class of 2024. Our College of Natural & Applied Sciences is very proud of you. BIBA CNAS!



God bless you and stay in touch,

**Maika Vuki, Ph.D.**

*Interim Associate Dean*

*College of Natural & Applied Sciences*

# Undergraduate Degrees

## B.S. AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES

### Agriculture & Natural Resource Science Track

Katherine Perez (*Minor: Biology*)

Stephenie Andriana Guevara Santos (*Minor: Tropical Horticulture*)

### Child & Family Life Sciences Track

Celine Ann Tiña Dy

Monica C. Sudo

### Human Nutrition & Food Sciences Track

Coreyna Rose Hermosilla Echipare Balecha (*Minor: Biology*)

Lara Malones Mazloun

### Tropical Agriculture Production Track

Don David (*Minor: Crop & Environmental Protection Science*)

## B.S. BIOLOGY

### Applied Biology Track

Kenneth Paul Firme Bigalbal

John Lester De Vega (*Minor: Military Science*)

Santiago M. Poppe

### Biology

Mayah Jeannette Mesa

### Bio-Medical Track

Zaine Peter Balidio Benavente

Giana Queency Colina Cabuhat

Arielle Jasmine Dingcong Candelario (*Double Major: Philosophy*)


Amber Deanna B. Capitulo (*Minor: Chemistry*)

Bailey Noelle Pablo Cruz

Alessandra Caye Joya Cuevas

Paul Andrew Malto Dumaraos (*Minor: Psychology*)

Ulan Santos Elamparo (*Minor: Chemistry*)



Lorenzo Hosea L. Jorolan  
Peter Gabriel Lopez Layon (*Minor: Sociology*)  
Edrianna Leilani Brookes Lorenzo  
Teresa Jo Quichocho Mafnas  
Kaiah Jasmin Makahi  
Diana Faye Almo Mallanao  
Monita Phonsan Paul  
Nathan Imbat Paz  
Antonelli Querimit Salayon (*Minor: Chemistry*)  
Maeyah Shedelyn Quinto Soberano  
Jacqueline D. Song  
Reschellyn Bacor Topacio  
Nico Matthew Sales Valencia  
Angelina Nadine A. Villacrusis

### **Integrative Biology Track**

Aldwin Ray Tarroza Batusin  
Ella Blue Fedenko  
Lynn Ann Grace Silva Galang  
Kyla Mei Antonio Tuazon  
Ami Irene Vice (*Minor: Sociology*)

## **B.S. CHEMISTRY**

### **Chemistry Track**

Orion Ian Pritchard (*Minor: Mathematics*)

### **Chemistry-Biology Dual Degree Track**

Shaianne Rae Racadio Awa  
Julie Ann Rivera Laxamana  
Veronica Marie Ingal Manicsic  
Jazmin Yuri Feliciano Samonte

## **B.S. COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

Larenda Ardos

## **B.S. COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Randy C.J. Gadiane Ebilane

Gabriel A.R. Florencio

Hark Joshua Ibañez Galarion

Makayla A. Mira (*Minor: Cybersecurity Management*)

Dior Rich Nguyen

Michael Vinson Ortega Pangelinan

Matt Wilson Manalac Zapata

## **B.S. MATHEMATICS**

Sean Dolor Aguilar

Cabrini Cruz Aguon

Noah Nicholle Lee Elbo

Sean Wayne Pascua

Ernie John Galon Samelo (*Minor: History*)

Samuel Wheaton (*Minor: Japanese*)

## **BAE SECONDARY EDUCATION, MATH EMPHASIS**

Annegeline Pascua David

Brandon Patrick Blas Respicio

# **Graduate Degrees**

## **M.S. BIOLOGY**

Deborah Chun

Grace Jackson

Jonae Antonytte Nego Sayama

## **M.S. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

Caylin McCormick

## **M.S. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, FOOD, & NATURAL RESOURCES**

Elaine C. de Leon



# Army ROTC

## MINOR: MILITARY SCIENCE

Lewis John B. Camacho  
B.S. Criminal Justice  
Branch: Quartermaster Corps  
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Steven Alexander Camacho  
B.S. Health Science  
Branch: Adjutant General Corps  
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Arturo Miguel Carralero  
B.S. Criminal Justice  
Branch: Adjutant General Corps  
(Armor Branch)  
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

John Lester De Vega  
B.S. Biology - Applied Biology  
Branch: Medical Service Corps  
Accession: Guam Army National Guard

John Willard Asuncion Dimalanta  
B.S. Criminal Justice  
Accession: U.S. Army Reserves

Lidio Jose Fullo  
B.A. Psychology  
Branch: Signal Corps  
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Aaron R. Gumataotao  
B.A. Psychology  
Accession: Guam Army National Guard

Reenah Daileg Leong  
B.S. Public Administration  
Accession: U.S. Army Reserves

Cleeara Renae Perez  
B.S. Social Work  
Accession: Guam Army National Guard

Jarec Galvez Scott  
B.S. Criminal Justice  
Branch: Adjutant General Corps  
(Chemical Branch)  
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Jeffrey Anthony Yoo Seo  
B.A. Psychology  
Branch: Medical Service Corps  
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Tori Jeanesse Torres  
B.S. Public Administration  
Accession: U.S. Army Reserves

Tyler Juan Unpingco  
B.S. Criminal Justice  
Branch: Military Police  
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army



### **Katherine Perez**

*B.S. Agriculture & Life Sciences (Agriculture & Natural Resource Science)*

*Minor: Biology*

**Plans and Goals:** Apply for the SAFNR graduate program here at UOG. Overall, the knowledge and experience I gain in my educational and professional career will be applied to my greater goal of owning and operating a farm.

**Inspiring Quote:** "It is time to create things for ourselves, to create established standards of excellence that match those of our ancestors." – Epeli Hau'ofa



### **Stephenie Andriana Santos**

*B.S. Agriculture & Life Sciences (Agriculture & Natural Resource Science)*

*Minor: Tropical Horticulture*

**Plans and Goals:** Pursue my master's in tropical plant pathology at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

**Inspiring Quote:** "The quality of your life is determined by how much you're willing to bet on yourself, regardless of what people think." – Anonymous



### **Celine Dy**

*B.S. Agriculture & Life Sciences (Child & Family Life Sciences)*

**Plans and Goals:** Apply to government or federal jobs, but my main priority is to work for Child Protective Services. After two years, I plan on getting my master's degree at the University of Guam.

**Inspiring Quote:** "All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them." – Walt Disney



### **Monica C. Sudo**

*B.S. Agriculture & Life Sciences (Child & Life Sciences)*

**Plans and Goals:** Continue working with children, learning, and improving my skills along the way, and then hopefully further my education.

**Inspiring Quote:** "The journey may be tough, but trust the process. It's molding you into the person you're meant to be." – Mandy Hale



### **Coreyna Rose E. Balecha**

*B.S. Agriculture & Life Sciences (Human Nutrition & Food Sciences)*  
*Minor: Biology*

**Plans and Goals:** To pursue a master's program in dietetics with the goal of obtaining my Registered Dietitian license.

**Inspiring Quote:** "The fears we do not face become our limits." – Robin Sharma



### **Lara Malones Mazloun**

*B.S. Agriculture & Life Sciences (Human Nutrition & Food Sciences)*

**Plans and Goals:** Take a gap year to apply to clinical nutrition master's programs, become a registered dietitian and assist in the nutritional needs of others.

**Inspiring Quote:** "I believe that everything happens for a reason. Sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together." – Marilyn Monroe



### **Don David**

*B.S. Agriculture & Life Sciences (Tropical Agriculture Production)*  
*Minor: Crop & Environmental Protection Science*

**Plans and Goals:** To work with the locals and set an example for building a more sustainable island in order to withstand the problems that climate change presents to the Micronesian region.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Sustainable agriculture is not just about growing crops; it's about caring for the soil, the water, the air, and all the living things that depend on them." – Vandana Shiva



### **John Lester De Vega**

*B.S. Biology (Applied Biology)*  
*Minor: Military Science*

**Plans and Goals:** To earn a master's degree in physician assistant studies to enhance my clinical skills and serve as a valuable Army medical officer.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Work hard in silence. Let your success be the noise." – Frank Ocean



### **Santiago Poppe**

*B.S. Biology (Applied Biology)*

**Plans and Goals:** Possibly attend grad school and get a master's in the marine biology field.

**Inspiring Quote:** "History isn't just in books; it's in the trails we tread and the stories we tell." – Beau Miles



### **Mayah Jeannette Mesa**

*B.S. Biology*

**Plans and Goals:** Move to California in hopes of working in biotechnology.

**Inspiring Quote:** "You are not your roots. You are a flower grown from them." – Pavana Reddy



### **Zaine Benavente**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** To pursue a Pharm.D. and come back to Guam and work to serve our community.

**Inspiring Quote:** "... They convince us that there is no future, there is only an eternal 'now,' and the best we can do is survive 'til dawn and do it all again. That's no way to live. And I've discovered to some surprise that I am interested in living, I am interested in building a way to live..." – Isaac, "Castlevania"



### **Giana Queency Colina Cabuhat**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** To undertake the NNAAP exam, while concurrently preparing for the MCAT, as part of my approach to pursue admission to medical school.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Always think five years ahead." – Chief Master Sgt. John Martinez, AFJROTC Instructor



### **Arielle Jasmine Dingcong Candelario**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

*B.A. Philosophy*

**Plans and Goals:** To become a physician-researcher with the goal of applying my research socially and culturally, especially examining the holistic impacts that can be done in underserved and indigenous communities.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Be humble, be hungry, and always be the hardest worker in the room." – Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson



### **Amber Deanna B. Capitulo**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

*Minor: Chemistry*

**Plans and Goals:** Build experience through research and spend time with my family before I continue my academic career.

**Inspiring Quote:** "For me, I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday, and lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you." – Neil deGrasse Tyson



### **Bailey Noelle Pablo Cruz**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** Continue to work in the National Guard and take a gap year while applying to jobs that can support my skills in the lab or clinical setting.

**Inspiring Quote:** "I'm not telling you it's going to be easy – I'm telling you it's going to be worth it." – Art Williams



### **Alessandra Caye Joya Cuevas**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** To apply to medical school and become a pediatrician.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Even if you fall on your face, you're still moving forward." – Victor Kiam



### **Paul Andrew Malto Dumaraos**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

*Minor: Psychology*

**Plans and Goals:** I will attend the University of Michigan this summer as part of the 2024 cohort of the Future Public Health Leaders Program.

**Inspiring Quote:** "To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." – Ralph Waldo Emerson



### **Ulan Santos Elamparo**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

*Minor: Chemistry*

**Plans and Goals:** I plan to get more post-bacc experience through research programs locally and intern/shadow at the Guam Crime Lab or with the local medical examiner.

**Inspiring Quote:** "A real man ought to be a little stupid." – Ryuji Goda, a character from the game "Yakuza 2"



### **Lorenzo Hosea L. Jorolan**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** Expand my skillsets that would allow me to fine tune my calling. This would include grad school, internships, and exploring other fields of profession outside of my degree.

**Inspiring Quote:** "That's all it is. A leap of faith." – Peter B. Parker



### **Peter Gabriel Lopez Layon**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

*Minor: Sociology*

**Plans and Goals:** Gain some medical experience through the military and apply it down the line in a professional school. Then one day serve my time and give back to the community that raised me.

**Inspiring Quote:** "We keep moving forward, opening up new doors, and doing new things because we're curious, and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." – Walt Disney



**Edrianna L.B. Lorenzo**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** Pursue a career as a veterinarian, driven by my passion for animals and my desire to contribute to their well-being.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Last name: Ever. First name: Greatest."  
– Aubrey Graham



**Teresa Jo Quichocho Mafnas**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** Take a gap year and get work experience in the health care field.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6



**Kaiah Jasmin Makahi**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** To use my education to give back to the island and community of Guam.

**Inspiring Quote:** "It's supposed to be hard. If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. The hard is what makes it great."  
– Jimmy Dugan



**Diana Faye A. Mallanao**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** Apply to a master's degree program to become a surgical physician assistant and to be involved in marine conservation research.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Live, laugh, love."



**Monita Phonsan Paul**  
*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** Obtain a master's at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and obtain an M.D., specifically in gynecology.

**Inspiring Quote:** "There is so much waiting for your arrival. Arrive there." – Brianna Pastor



**Nathan Imbat Paz**  
*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** Focus on my MCAT studies for the next few months and apply to medical school next spring. I aspire to become a medical doctor and return to Guam to serve our island's health care needs while also advancing opportunities for pre-medical students.

**Inspiring Quote:** "You know what inspires me? Fearlessness, drive. I hate lazy people. Don't you ever be lazy. Don't you ever complain about hard work. Work hard, it pays off!" – Onika Tanya Maraj-Petty



**Antonelli Querimit Salayon**  
*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*  
*Minor: Chemistry*

**Plans and Goals:** Take a gap year in preparation for medical school and become a family medicine physician and serve the people of Guam.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." – John Wesley



**Maeyah Q. Soberano**  
*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** To create long-lasting memories and seize every opportunity to explore, making up for the experiences I have missed.

**Inspiring Quote:** "God's 'no' is not a rejection; it is a redirection." – Lecrae



### Jacqueline Song

*B.S. Biology*

**Plans and Goals:** Work as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the hospital while applying to physician assistant school and eventually become a dermatology PA.

**Inspiring Quote:** "I want to thank me for believing in me. I want to thank me for doing all this hard work. I wanna thank me for having no days off. I wanna thank me for never quitting. I wanna thank me for always being a giver and trying to give more than I receive." – Snoop Dogg



### Reschellyn Topacio

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

*Prior Degree: A.S. Human Biology (National University San Diego)*

**Plans and Goals:** Apply to optometry schools, become an optometrist, and work in underserved communities.

**Inspiring Quote:** "You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.'" – Eleanor Roosevelt



### Nico Matthew Sales Valencia

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** I will be beginning a post-baccalaureate program at Harvard University under the Research Scholar Initiative. I hope to get my Ph.D. in something related to human genetics, work in industry for a few years, then return to Guam for work.

**Inspiring Quote:** "No matter how ridiculous the odds may seem, within us resides the power to overcome these challenges and achieve something beautiful – that one day, we'll look back at where we started and be amazed by how far we've come." – Technoblade, Minecraft YouTuber



### **Angelina Nadine A. Villacrusis**

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)*

**Plans and Goals:** Travel, become NASMH-certified, get my master's in medical technology, apply for dental schools, and become a pediatric dentist.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Perhaps this is what the season is all about: Trusting in the unknowns, finding gold in the little things, trading fear of what's uncertain for freedom to thrive within it."  
– Morgan Harper Nichols



### **Aldwin Ray Tarroza Batusin**

*B.S. Biology (Integrative Biology)*

*Prior Degree: A.S. Liberal Arts (Northern Mariana College)*

**Plans and Goals:** Take a gap year or two to work as a certified nursing assistant and work on requirements for PA school.

**Inspiring Quote:** "I don't always like to gamble, but if there's one thing I'm willing to bet on, it's myself. Always stay gracious, best revenge is your paper." – Beyoncé Giselle Knowles-Carter



### **Lynn Galang**

*B.S. Biology (Integrative Biology)*

**Plans and Goals:** Eventually get my master's in marine science and one day be a marine scientist doing research on a research vessel.

**Inspiring Quote:** "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." – Jesus (Matthew 6:33-34)



### **Kyla Mei Antonio Tuazon**

*B.S. Biology (Integrative Biology)*

**Plans and Goals:** I secured a year-long internship as a natural resource management assistant under the Science in Parks Internship Program. I hope to become a biology researcher.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." – Henry David Thoreau



### **Ami Vice**

*B.S. Biology (Integrative Biology)*

*Minor: Sociology*

**Plans and Goals:** Pursue a graduate degree in marine sciences at UOG's Marine Lab.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Be kind." – The one and only P. Bell



### **Shaianne Rae Racadio Awa**

*B.S. Chemistry (Chemistry-Biology Dual Track)*

**Plans and Goals:** To enroll in the Master of Arts in Teaching program at the University of Guam and become a high school science teacher.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Sometimes things fall apart so that better things can fall together." – Marilyn Monroe



### **Julie Ann R. Laxamana**

*B.S. Chemistry (Chemistry-Biology Dual Track)*

**Plans and Goals:** I will be a scholar at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Doctoral Diversity Program. I aspire to be a health care professional and scientist.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Fairy tales can't come true. You gotta make 'em happen. It all depends on you." – Anika Noni Rose

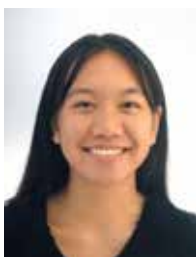


### **Veronica Marie I. Manicsic**

*B.S. Chemistry (Chemistry-Biology Dual Track)*

**Plans and Goals:** Complete prerequisites for PA school and return to the island as a health care provider, actively participating in research efforts and making meaningful contributions to the community.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Believe you can, then you will." – Mulan



### **Jazmin Yuri Feliciano Samonte**

*B.S. Chemistry (Chemistry-Biology Dual Track)*

**Plans and Goals:** To become a medical professional and contribute to advancing health care on Guam.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Let us not pray to be sheltered from dangers but to be fearless when facing them."  
– Rabindranath Tagore



### **Larenda Ardos**

*B.S. Computer Information Systems*

**Plans and Goals:** To find a job and to encourage more interest in computer sciences within my communities and in Pohnpei.

**Inspiring Quote:** "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."  
– Milton Berle



### **Randy CJ Gadiane Ebilane**

*B.S. Computer Science*

**Plans and Goals:** Become a software developer in the future. But for now, to focus on building my career as well as developing my programming portfolio.

**Inspiring Quote:** "When one's expectations are reduced to zero, one really appreciates everything one does have."  
– Stephen Hawking



### **Hark Joshua I. Galarion**

*B.S. Computer Science*

*Prior Degree: A.S. Computer Science (GCC)*

**Plans and Goals:** Apply to the University of Hawaii and earn my master's in computer science. I hope to achieve my Security+ certification in the near future. Ultimately, I would like to go back to Saipan and teach at Northern Marianas College.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school." – Albert Einstein



### **Makayla A. Mira**

*B.S. Computer Science*

*Minor: Cybersecurity Management*

*Prior Degree: A.S. Computer Science (GCC)*

**Plans and Goals:** Accumulate practical experience and acquire certifications relevant to my cybersecurity career. I look forward to pursuing certifications like CISSP, CEH, or CompTIA Security+.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Don't compare yourself to others. Your strengths and weaknesses are your own, and you have your own path to pave. Enjoy the ride without looking at how others are paving their way." – Anonymous



### **Dior Nguyen**

*B.S. Computer Science*

*Prior Degree: A.S. Computer Science (GCC)*

**Plans and Goals:** To create applications to help with quality of life, websites for companies, or video games for entertainment or educational purposes.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Simplicity is the soul of efficiency."



### **Matt Wilson Zapata**

*B.S. Computer Science*

*Prior Degree: A.S. Computer Science (GCC)*

**Plans and Goals:** Concentrate on enhancing my technical skills and enriching my portfolio with various side projects and work experiences.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Rest is work."



### **Sean Aguilar**

*B.S. Mathematics*

**Plans and Goals:** Be a team player and contribute anything that will help my coworkers. Being on the same page is crucial, especially in a work environment.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." –Winston Churchill



### **Cabrini Cruz Aguon**

*B.S. Mathematics*

**Plans and Goals:** Enroll in UOG's M.S. Data Science program and continue investigating biostatistical cancer research.

**Inspiring Quote:** "If roses tried to be sunflowers, they would lose their beauty; and if sunflowers tried to be roses, they would lose their strength." – Matshona Dhliwayo



### Noah Nicholle Lee Elbo

*B.S. Mathematics*

**Plans and Goals:** Upon graduation, I will be accepting a position as a junior software developer at Data Management Resources LLC.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Give me a mountain, I'll climb it. Give me a Katy Perry song, I'll sing it." – Louis Litt



### Sean Wayne Pascua

*B.S. Mathematics*

**Plans and Goals:** Enlist in the Air Force and pursue a career in the aviation industry.

**Inspiring Quote:** "No such thing as a life that's better than yours." – J. Cole



### Ernie John Galon Samelo

*B.S. Mathematics*

*Minor: History*

**Plans and Goals:** Apply for the upcoming Master in Data Science program.

**Inspiring Quote:** "If it is important to you, you will find a way."



### Samuel Wheaton

*B.S. Mathematics*

*Minor: Japanese*

**Plans and Goals:** Go into a career involving statistics or some form of analysis.

**Inspiring Quote:** "I don't know what the future holds, but that means I can imagine the possibilities." – Shulk from "Xenoblade Chronicles"



### **Annegeline P. David**

*BAE Secondary Education (Math Emphasis)*

**Plans and Goals:** Pursue professional opportunities with the Guam Department of Education to contribute my skills and expertise toward advancing and supporting student success.

**Inspiring Quote:** "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."  
– Albert Einstein



### **Brandon Patrick Respicio**

*BAE Secondary Education (Math Emphasis)*

**Plans and Goals:** Start my career as a math teacher in an accredited school, then start my path to a Ph.D. in either education or mathematics to become a university professor.

**Inspiring Quote:** "It is not enough to have a good mind; the main thing is to use it well." – Rene Descartes



### **Deborah Chun**

*M.S. Biology*

*(B.S. Biochemistry, Chaminade University of Honolulu)*

**Thesis:** Quantification of Cyanotoxins in Guam Drinking Water Source

**Plans and Goals:** I hope to be a lab director for the Public Health laboratory. I have been accepted into four Ph.D. biomedical science programs and am deciding which offer to accept or if I should do an online Doctorate Health Science program at George Washington University.

**Inspiring Quote:** "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." – Dr. Seuss



### **Jonae Antonytte Nego Sayama**

*M.S. Biology*

*(B.S. Biology, University of Portland)*

**Thesis:** Pollen Identification in *Apis mellifera* L. Apiaries on Guam Using DNA Metabarcoding

**Plans and Goals:** “Protect and conserve natural ecosystems by managing and controlling invasive species that pose a threat to their health and biodiversity. [...] I aspire to create and maintain pollinator habitats, raise awareness about their importance, and advocate for policies that protect pollinator species.

**Inspiring Quote:** “The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe about us, the less taste we shall have for destruction.” – Rachel Carson



### **Elaine C. de Leon**

*M.S. SAFNR (Food & Nutrition)*

*(B.S. Biology, University of Guam)*

**Thesis:** PICCAH-Plus: A Study on Breast Cancer Risk in Guam

**Plans and Goals:** Continue working with UOG Cooperative Extension & Outreach and helping to implement programs to delay or prevent chronic diseases.

**Inspiring Quote:** “If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.” – Martin Luther King Jr.



### **Lewis John B. Camacho**

*B.S. Criminal Justice*

*Minor: Military Science*

**Plans and Goals:** Go to Fort-Gregg Adams, Virginia, to complete Basic Officer Leadership Course. I hope to become an avid learner accustomed to self-development, assist in the edification of future soldiers, and give back to the people of Saipan and the CNMI.

**Inspiring Quote:** “Whatever you do, you’ve got to be a little bit gone to it; you’re not all there. You’ve got to be almost insane to your craft – not a lot of people can understand that. That’s why I don’t know about nothing else.”  
– Conor McGregor



### Steven Camacho

*B.S. Health Science*

*Minor: Military Science*

**Plans and Goals:** To become an adjutant general officer in the U.S. Army and to become a doctor of physical therapy.

**Inspiring Quote:** "One day or day one? You decide."  
– Paulo Coelho



### Arturo Carralero

*B.S. Criminal Justice*

*Minor: Military Science*

**Plans and Goals:** U.S. Army Armor School at Fort Moore, Georgia

**Inspiring Quote:** "There's a chain of command, I'm the missing link." – Lil Wayne



### John Willard A. Dimalanta

*B.S. Criminal Justice*

**Plans and Goals:** Apply to a graduate program and pursuing a master's degree in public administration.

**Inspiring Quote:** "The future is unlimited and the past is but a trace of memory." – Seto Kaiba



### Lidio Fullo

*B.A. Psychology*

*Minor: Military Science*

**Plans and Goals:** I will be going to Army Signal Basic Officer Leadership Course as a new Army officer.

**Inspiring Quote:** "To see the world in a grain of sand and a heaven in a wild flower is to hold infinity in the palm of your hand and eternity in an hour." – William Blake



### **Aaron Ross Gumataotao**

*B.A. Psychology*

*Minor: Military Science*

**Plans and Goals:** Commission into the Guam Army National Guard as an Officer for the 1-294th Infantry Regiment. While serving, I plan on pursuing a master's in clinical psychology or counseling.

**Inspiring Quote:** "If people love you for who you are, then love yourself, too, before you love them back." – Aaron Gumataotao, 2024



### **Reenah Daileg Leong**

*B.S. Public Administration*

*Minor: Military Science*

**Plans and Goals:** Settle in, spend quality time with my family and friends, and approximately a year from now, continue on toward my master's degree.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Sometimes your mistakes are your biggest virtues. You learn so much from the mistake. Those things that you think are the worst thing that's happening to you can somehow turn around and be the greatest opportunity."  
– Nicole Kidman



### **Cleeara R. Perez**

*B.S. Social Work*

*Minor: Military Science*

**Plans and Goals:** Complete the Basic Officer Leadership Course and go for my master's degree in social work.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you had imagined."  
– Henry David Thoreau



### **Jarec Galvez Scott**

*B.S. Criminal Justice*

*Minor: Military Science*

**Plans and Goals:** Rise through the ranks of an Army officer and develop a business.

**Inspiring Quote:** "Life's not about how hard of a hit you can give ... it's about how many you can take and still keep moving forward." – Rocky Balboa



### **Jeffrey Anthony Yoo Seo**

*B.A. Psychology*

*Minor: Military Science*

**Plans and Goals:** Go to Army Aviation School and then apply to Baylor College of Medicine. I hope to become a clinical psychologist/physician and a medical evacuation pilot.

**Inspiring Quote:** "When you want something so badly, you just do it. You don't think about how hard it's going to be." – Lisa Vidal



### **Tori Jeanesse Torres**

*B.S. Public Administration*

*Minor: Military Science*

**Plans and Goals:** Complete Basic Officer Leader Course, and a year from now, continue my education and pursue a master's.

**Inspiring Quote:** "We're adults. When did that happen? How do we make it stop?" – Meredith Grey in "Grey's Anatomy"



### **Tyler Juan C. Unpingco**

*B.S. Criminal Justice*

*Minor: Military Science*

**Plans and Goals:** I will be heading to Missouri Fort Leonard Wood for my final training as a military police officer before I meet my first unit and duty station.

**Inspiring Quote:** "The journey is more important to me now. There's no guarantee, no matter what. We get one run in life." – Paul Walker

