



College of Natural & Applied Sciences

Hooding & Pinning Ceremony

Fañomnåkan 2025

Friday, May 23, 2025

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Hilton Guam Resort & Spa





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

*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. Doors Open/Check In

11:15 a.m. Blessing of the Table

12 p.m. Opening Remarks

Rachael T. Leon Guerrero, Ph.D., RDN
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.

Message from the Dean

To All of Our CNAS and ROTC Graduates:

Today we are celebrating the completion of your degrees here in CNAS. This is quite an accomplishment, and you deserve all the congratulations, accolades, and graduation gifts and celebrations from your friends and family members. On behalf of the College of Natural & Applied Sciences, I want to add our congratulations as well.

Today's recognition symbolizes not just the completion of your studies, but the next stage of your journey. It reflects the knowledge you've gained, the challenges you've overcome, and the readiness with which you now face the world. Whether in agriculture and life sciences, biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, or military science, you are now part of a community of leaders who will shape the future of our island.

But today is also about more than personal achievement. It is about the legacy you will begin to build. A college degree is not just a credential – it's a commitment to use your education with purpose. Your legacy will be defined not by titles, but by how you lead, how you serve, and how you inspire those who come after you.

We are incredibly proud of you. Congratulations – and may your legacy begin today.



Si Yu'os Ma'åse',

Rachael T. Leon Guerrero, Ph.D., RDN

Dean

College of Natural & Applied Sciences

Message from the Associate Dean

Charting New Waters: A Horizon of Possibilities

Distinguished faculty, honored guests, proud families, and most importantly, the extraordinary Class of 2025:

Today marks not merely an ending, but a magnificent beginning. I am filled with immense pride at what you have accomplished. On behalf of all faculty and staff at the University of Guam and our beloved College of Natural & Applied Sciences, I extend our most heartfelt congratulations!

You have not simply earned degrees today—you have proven your resilience, determination, and unwavering spirit. For many of you, these campus grounds became a second home over these past four years. Here, you transformed—not just through the knowledge gained in classrooms, but through the relationships forged, challenges overcome, and discoveries made beyond these walls.

What makes graduates of our College of Natural & Applied Sciences truly exceptional is the unique perspective you bring to the world. We come from an island culture that treasures strong family bonds and community connections—these values are our foundation and our strength. As you step forward into your future, carry this achievement with humility, but also with unwavering confidence in your abilities.

Remember this: Whatever path you choose—whether conducting groundbreaking research, teaching the next generation, developing innovative technologies, or applying your scientific knowledge to community challenges—your purpose extends beyond personal success. You are here to elevate the quality of life for all, to give your absolute best in everything you pursue, and to honor the roots that have nourished your growth.

The journey to this milestone required countless significant choices, and your path forward will demand many more. When faced with difficult decisions, don't hesitate to seek wisdom from mentors who have walked before you and family who have supported your dreams. These guides were placed in your life for a purpose. The choices you make from this day forward will shape not just your destiny, but potentially the future of our islands and beyond.

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To the families gathered here today—parents, spouses, children, grandparents, and friends—we owe you a profound debt of gratitude. Your belief in these graduates, your sacrifices, and your unwavering support created the foundation upon which they stand today.
Dankulo Si Yu'os Ma'āse'!

Graduates, in the coming years, I ask that you remember your academic home. Give back when you can—through mentorship, through supporting college activities, or through contributing to scholarships. The STEM disciplines require guidance and encouragement; become the coaches and role models who inspire the next generation to follow your path.

Class of 2025, you enter a world hungry for your knowledge, your passion, and your island-rooted wisdom. The challenges facing our planet—climate change, sustainability, technological advancement—these are the very issues your education has prepared you to address. You stand at a unique intersection of traditional wisdom and cutting-edge science—this perspective is your superpower.

As you navigate the waters ahead, remember that you carry with you not just a degree, but the spirit of our islands—resilient, adaptable, and profoundly connected to both land and sea.

Congratulations once again, CLASS of 2025! Our College of Natural & Applied Sciences could not be prouder of you. May your journey forward be filled with discovery, purpose, and joy. God bless!

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Maika Vuki, Ph.D.

Interim Associate Dean

College of Natural & Applied Sciences

Undergraduate Degrees

B.S. AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES

Agriculture & Natural Resource Science Track

Christopher B. Certeza (*Minor: Biology*)

Kateri Rosanne C. Taimanao (*Minor: Biology*)

Human Nutrition & Food Sciences Track

Charlene Joy Baroro Badajos

Tropical Agriculture Production Track

Joshua Daniel Golez Artuz

Ha'ani Irene Palacios Bettis (*Minors: Human Nutrition & Food Science; Fine Arts*)

B.S. BIOLOGY

Applied Biology Track

Serena Bautista

Mark Julien

Bio-Medical Track

Mikayla Dominique Barcinas Angoco

Michelle D. Bermudes

Abigail Quines Dela Cruz

Maygann Delaney Lorenzo Dela Paz

Marc Ethan Delfin

Candice Gaile Tiong Estrada

Joselle Jayna Calma Garcia (*Minor: Psychology*)

Calvin Kurt Deveria Herrera

Ha'ani Leihua Igcasenza (*Minor: Chemistry*)

Nayah Kristine Rapayrapay Lalimarmo (*Minor: Health Services Administration*)

Mae Anne Limbaga Laxamana

Edina Lee


Sieun Lee

Teresa Jo Quichocho Mafnas

Claire Angela Galanza Marzan

Khloe Ann Camia Miranda

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Alena Le Nguyen
Hong-Nhung L. Nguyen
Jennifer Yuri Ok
Kayla Angeleen Ramirez Paguio (*Minor: Sociology*)
Nicole Jean Poquiz Pineda
Sheened Cerrillo Rodrin
Vaneza Palma Supnet
Liana Mae Lopez Villacorta
Lena Megumi H. Villalada

Integrative Biology Track

Carl Jan Arjie Mallari Del Rosario
Madeline Sage Gonzalez
Jeniel Calaor Mian
Mya Satomi Dilreng Ngemaes (*Minor: Sociology*)
Raianne Isabella Espina Quichocho

B.S. CHEMISTRY

Chemistry: Pre-Pharmacy

Edward Louis Mariano Guintu (*Minor: Biology*)

B.S. COMPUTER SCIENCE

Lester Macatangay Bando
Marvin Desoyo
Jacob Bien Cevallos Encio
Mark Ira Donguila Galang (*Minor: Mathematics*)
Tom Sakano Rebujo
Avery Dylan A. Sangalang
Devin G.C. Santos
Yuhang Zhang

B.S. MATHEMATICS

Alexander William Greene (*Minor: Anthropology*)
Liam I'napu Soaladoab Bells McManus

Graduate Degrees

M.S. BIOLOGY

Lauren Noelle Kallen

Ella Marie Santos Macatugal

M.S. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Cristian Monteverde Cayanan

Raina Justine Cruz Taitingfong

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

Patrick Orr Keeler

Army ROTC Graduates

MINOR: MILITARY SCIENCE

Brian Jay Garcia Canlas

B.S. Criminal Justice

Minors: Public Administration and
Military Science

Branch: Quartermaster Corps

Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Gabriel Castro

B.S. Health Science (Exercise
Science and Health Promotion)

Minor: Military Science

Branch: Medical Service Corps

Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Nâpu Frank Baleto Cruz

B.S. Criminal Justice

Minor: Military Science

Branch: Quartermaster Corps

Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Marc Delfin

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Minor: Military Science

Branch: Quartermaster Corps

Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Christian Delgado

Master of Public Administration

('18 Bachelor of Business Adminis-
tration - Finance & Economics)

Branch: Quartermaster Corps

Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Jordan T.E. Diego


B.S. Criminal Justice

Minor: Military Science

Branch: Ordnance Corps

Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

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Johnsey V. Hagel
B.S. Criminal Justice and B.S. Public
Administration
Minor: Military Science
Branch: Armor
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Jerrid Shane Igisaia
B.S. Public Administration and B.S.
Criminal Justice
Minor: Military Science
Branch: Military Police
Accession: Reserve Force Duty,
U.S. Army

Marvin Mitchell Diaz Leon Guerrero
B.S. Criminal Justice
Minor: Military Science
Branch: Quartermaster Corps
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Khloe Ann C. Miranda
B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)
Minor: Military Science
Branch: Military Intelligence Corps
Accession: Reserve Force Duty,
U.S. Army

Leimana Naholowa'a
B.S. Criminal Justice
Minor: Military Science
Branch: Signal Corps detailed to
Armor Branch
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Kevin Ashley P. Paat
Bachelor of Business Administration
(Accounting)
Minor: Military Science
Branch: Medical Service Corps
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Kyle Andre P. Paat
Bachelor of Business Administration
(General Business Administration)
Minor: Military Science
Branch: Medical Service Corps
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Cody Jurel J. Villegas
B.A. Fine Arts (Arts)
Minor: Military Science
Branch: Signal Corps
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Gavin Whitt
B.S. Fine Arts (Arts)
Minor: Military Science
Branch: Military Police Corps
Accession: Reserve Force Duty,
U.S. Army

Arren Jacob Yatar
Bachelor of Business Administration
(General Business Administration)
Minor: Military Science
Branch: Transportation Corps
Accession: Active Duty, U.S. Army

Goals & Inspirations: Undergraduates



Christopher B. Certeza

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

Plans and Goals: I am working for the Guam Restoration of Watersheds (GROW) program under Sea Grant and CIS. I work there as an extension assistant II and would like to pursue a researcher position eventually. Graduate school is potentially an option in my future as well.

Inspiring Quote: "A part of all I earn is mine to keep."
– George S. Clason



Kateri Rosanne C. Taimanao

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

Plans and Goals: Ultimately, I hope to contribute to building a more sustainable Guåhan – whether that's through research, extension and outreach, or other initiatives that support environmental stewardship and local resilience.

Inspiring Quote: "Pray, hope, and don't worry." – Padre Pio



Charlene Joy Badajos

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

Plans and Goals: I will be applying for a master's degree program in dietetics. My career goal is to become a registered dietitian in the future.

Inspiring Quote: "Difficulties strengthen the mind, as labor does the body." – Seneca



Joshua Daniel Golez Artuz

*B.S. Agriculture & Life Sciences
(Tropical Agriculture Production)*

Plans and Goals: I want to help protect native plants by doing hands-on work like surveying, outplanting, and removing invasive species. I hope to make a positive impact on the environment.

Inspiring Quote: "If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life." – Marc Anthony



Ha'ani Irene Palacios Bettis

B.S. Agriculture & Life Sciences

(Tropical Agriculture Production)

Minors: Human Nutrition & Food Science and Fine Arts

Plans and Goals: I am looking at positions with Guåhan Sustainable Culture or Smart Trees. I intend to pursue a certification or degree with SAFNR hopefully within the next year. I hope to establish an innovative center in the south of Guam that implements sustainable agricultural and cultural practices to improve food security as well as create spaces for the youth to engage with and learn about *i tano*.

Inspiring Quote: "Look to this day! For it is life, the very life of life. In its brief course Lie all the verities and realities of your existence: The bliss of growth; The glory of action; The splendor of achievement; For yesterday is but a dream, And tomorrow is only a vision; But today, well lived, makes every yesterday A dream of happiness, And every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day!"
– Kālidāsa (Classical Sanskrit author)



Mark Daniel Julien

B.S. Biology (Applied Biology)



Mikayla Dominique Angoco

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: I'll be working on my applications for various medical schools, one of them being the John Burns School of Medicine. I hope to become a physician in the future and one day come back home to serve my island and people.

Inspiring Quote: "'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" – Jeremiah 29:11



Michelle Bermudes

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: I plan on getting my foot in the door in the health care field while taking a gap year or two before advancing my education. Then I plan on pursuing further studies to become a health care professional.

Inspiring Quote: "Who you are is defined by what you're willing to struggle for." – Mark Manson



Abigail Quines Dela Cruz

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: Right after graduation, I plan to work and gain hands-on clinical experience while studying for the MCAT. I hope to become a compassionate and skilled physician who builds real connections with patients, gives back to my community, and is someone my patients can trust and rely on – like family.

Inspiring Quote: "Work hard in silence and let success be your noise." – Frank Ocean



Maygann Dela Paz

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: I plan to gain more hands-on experience in the dental field. I hope to spend this time volunteering and working as a dental assistant to deepen my understanding of patient care. I hope to become a dentist and eventually return home to Guam to serve my community. My goal is to help others feel confident in their smiles while also giving back to the island.

Inspiring Quote: "We do what we have to do so we can do what we want to do." – James Farmer Jr., The Great Debaters



Marc Delfin

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Minor: Military Science

Plans and Goals: I will be heading to the Quartermaster Basic Officer's Learning Course. I hope to have a successful military career.

Inspiring Quote: "The greatest thing about tomorrow is I will be better than I am today." – Tiger Woods



Candice Gaile Tiong Estrada

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: I plan on applying to the College of Veterinary Medicine program at the University of the Philippines Los Baños. I hope to become a Doctor in Veterinary Medicine (DVM) and own a clinic on island.

Inspiring Quote: "Despite everything, it's still you." – Toby Fox



Joselle Jayna Calma Garcia

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Minor: Psychology

Plans and Goals: After graduation, I will be participating in the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Doctoral Diversity Program. I hope to attend medical school and become a physician. I am especially committed to returning to our island to serve the community that played a vital role in shaping who I am today.

Inspiring Quote: "'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" – Jeremiah 29:11



Ha'ani Leihua Igcasenza

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Minor: Chemistry

Plans and Goals: I plan to study for the MCAT, explore different hobbies, work a bit, and then start applying for med schools (hopefully) by next year. I aspire to become a medical physician. More than that, I hope that I can make contributions to the Guam community and help create more opportunities for future pre-med students. I also hope that I can bring my experiences and service back to Guam to further enhance our health care systems and opportunities.

Inspiring Quote: "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:4-7 NKJV



Nayah Kristine R. Lalimarmo

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Minor: Health Services Administration

Plans and Goals: I will be looking forward to gaining more experience at the pharmacy I work at and working towards getting my pharmacist technician license. My ultimate career goal is to become a clinical pharmacist, known for providing the same warmth, attention, and empathy I've witnessed here on the island.

Inspiring Quote: "What could we accomplish if we knew we could not fail?" – Eleanor Roosevelt



Mae Anne Laxamana

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

('21 A.S. Tourism & Travel Management, Guam Community College)

Plans and Goals: I plan to apply to the 'Imi Ho'ōla Post-Baccalaureate Program in Hawaii. I hope to become a physician in dermatology or internal medicine so I can use my skills to give back and care for the community that shaped me.

Inspiring Quote: "A little progress each day adds up to big results." – Satya Nani



Edina Lee

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: I anticipate working either under a food science specialist conducting research on medicinal plants or in a cardiology lab focused on stem cell research. I hope to gain research experience in medicine and earn clinical experience in clinics for my future career goal of becoming an MD/Ph.D.

Inspiring Quote: "It is what it is!" – J.E. Lawrence



Claire Angela G. Marzan

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: I plan on continuing my research at the Water & Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI). I eventually plan on becoming a dentist and opening a practice with my mom.

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



Khloe Ann C. Miranda

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Minor: Military Science

Plans and Goals: Attend medical school at Uniformed Services University and pursue a specialty in OB/GYN. I hope to impact and build relationships with the people and community I encounter in the Army and graduate school.

Inspiring Quote: "You can't add days to your life, but you can add life to your days." – The Fault in Our Stars



Alena Le Nguyen

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: I plan to apply to a graduate program with a focus in health care. I hope to eventually become a physician assistant.

Inspiring Quote: "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name." – Revelations 3:8



Hong-Nhung L. Nguyen

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: After graduation, I plan to take a short break to rest and reflect before applying to a radiology program or pursuing graduate school. I hope to find a career that combines my passion for health care and my desire to make a meaningful impact. Whether through medical imaging, research, or another field, I aim to continue learning and growing.

Inspiring Quote: "It doesn't matter how slowly you go as long as you don't stop." – Confucius



Kayla Angeleen Ramirez Paguio

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Minor: Sociology

Plans and Goals: I plan to gain hands-on experience in a clinical environment and engage in volunteer work before applying to medical school. In my professional career, I aspire to become a physician-scientist who contributes to addressing health care disparities in Guam and similar communities by combining clinical practice and research to improve health outcomes.

Inspiring Quote: "Always keep going. Always. No matter what happens, the storm eventually ends. And when the storm ends, you want to make sure you're ready!" – Kobe Bryant



Nicole Jean Pineda

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: After graduation, I plan to continue gaining clinical experience and exploring opportunities in health care. I'm also considering post-baccalaureate programs to strengthen my academic foundation. I hope to become a physician and return to Guam to serve my community by improving access to care, addressing public health challenges, and eventually taking on a teaching role to inspire future generations in medicine and STEM.

Inspiring Quote: "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." – Arthur Ashe



Sheened Cerrillo Rodrin

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: I plan to continue working as a medical assistant at a local pediatric clinic here on the island. I aspire to become a physician assistant and return to the island to serve the community where I grew up.

Inspiring Quote: "You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." – Zig Ziglar



Vaneza Supnet

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: I plan to apply for a master's program or a post-bacc. I hope to eventually become a surgeon.

Inspiring Quote: "If you are tired, learn to rest, not quit." – Rob Hills



Liana Mae Lopez Villacorta

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: I plan to work as a clinical or hospital pharmacy technician for a year and apply to pharmacy school somewhere in the states. My goal is to achieve positive health outcomes, promote safe medication use, and grow as a compassionate health care provider.

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



Lena Megumi Hirose Villalada

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans and Goals: I plan to take a gap year to gain patient care experience and strengthen my clinical skills before pursuing further education. I plan to become a physician assistant.

Inspiring Quote: "Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead." –Nora Ephron



Carl Del Rosario

B.S. Biology (Integrative Biology)

Plans and Goals: I would like to apply to graduate school either at UOG or in the United States, like Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. I hope to help maintain our island's coral reefs and teaching others about the amazing and unique animals that can be found on Guam to help raise awareness about their ecological role and importance.

Inspiring Quote: "Never stop learning because life never stops teaching."



Madeline Sage Gonzalez

B.S. Biology (Integrative Biology)

Plans and Goals: I strive to work in a position where I can contribute to conservation efforts and ultimately be able to lead and manage large-scale conservation projects that drive meaningful long-term impacts.

Inspiring Quote: "If your dreams don't scare you, they aren't big enough." – Muhammad Ali



Jeniel Calaor Mian

B.S. Biology (Integrative Biology)

Plans and Goals: As a U.S. Pacific Territories Fishery Capacity-Building Scholarship recipient, I will fulfill the requirement of working at the Guam Division of Aquatic & Wildlife Resources. Throughout the year, I plan to prepare my application for graduate school to study environmental science. Ultimately, I aspire to contribute to sustainable resource management in Guam by developing conservation solutions that address ecological and community needs, ensuring a healthier environment for future generations.

Inspiring Quote: "You are far too smart to be the only thing standing in your way." –Jennifer J. Freeman



Mya Satomi Kintol Ngemaes

B.S. Biology (Integrative Biology)

Minor: Sociology

Plans and Goals: I will be going on the OET E/V *Nautilus* as an ocean science intern and am applying to the James Cook University M.S. in Marine Biology program. I hope to eventually pursue a Ph.D. in marine biology.

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



Raianne Quichocho

B.S. Biology (Integrative Biology)

Plans and Goals: After graduation, I will travel and explore different hobbies for personal development. I will also be working as a grant writer and intend to research and consider additional environmental or marine biology opportunities and graduate school programs. I want my work to go beyond personal fulfillment and create a meaningful, lasting impact on the environment and the communities around me.

Inspiring Quote: "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." – C.S. Lewis



Edward Louis Mariano Guintu

B.S. Chemistry (Pre-Pharmacy)

Minor: Biology

Plans and Goals: Applying for pharmacy school at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, University of Washington, and University of Michigan. I hope to eventually graduate pharmacy school with a Pharm.D. and find a job as a pharmacist in a hospital.

Inspiring Quote: "The content of your character is your choice. Day by day, what you choose, what you think and what you do is who you become." – Heraclitus



Lester M. Bandy

B.S. Computer Science (2+2 GCC-UOG Track)

Minor: Mathematics

Plans and Goals: I hope to build tools or platforms that are both innovative and genuinely useful.

Inspiring Quote: "Stay hungry, stay foolish." – Steve Jobs



Jacob Bien Cevallos Encio

*B.S. Computer Science
(2+2 GCC-UOG Track)*



Mark Ira Galang

*B.S. Computer Science (2+2 GCC-UOG Track)
Minor: Mathematics*

Plans and Goals: I hope to use my skills in math and computer science to change and become a leader in developing programs that would make people's lives easier. I also want to help make math feel a little less scary and a lot more approachable, whether that's through coding, teaching, or just using every application. I will think about getting a master's in the new Data Science program at UOG in 2026. In the meantime, my plan is to apply and become a research assistant for the Guam NSF EPSCoR over the summer.

Inspiring Quote: "Have a clear sense of your priorities."
– Panda Express fortune cookie



Tom Rebujo

B.S. Computer Science

Plans and Goals: I would like to continue and get my master's. I hope to become a software engineer and start my own company.

Inspiring Quote: "Don't give up. Obstacles can be overcome through strategy and learning." – Hidetaka Miyazaki



Avery Dylan A. Sangalang

B.S. Computer Science



Yuhang Zhang
B.S. Computer Science



Alexander Greene
B.S. Mathematics
Minor: Anthropology

Plans and Goals: I was accepted into a mathematics Ph.D. program at the University of Houston. I hope to further the field of math and mathematical physics through research and to teach, tutor, and mentor others.

Inspiring Quote: "Cynicism isn't wisdom: It's a lazy way to say that you've been burned. It seems, if anything, you'd be less certain after everything you've ever learned." – Nana Grizol



Liam Soaladoab I'napu Bells McManus
B.S. Mathematics

Plans and Goals: I will serve a four- to six-year active military contract. I would like to eventually start my own triple A game studio.

Inspiring Quote: "Choose happy." – Warang McManus

Goals & Inspirations: Graduate Students



Ella Marie Santos Macatugal
M.S. Biology
('20 B.S. Biology, UOG)

Thesis: Liver Disease Risk: Cyanotoxins in Water and Food Sources on Guam

Advisor: Dr. Laura Biggs

Plans and Goals: I plan to continue with research or gain clinical experience and become a physician and/or researcher.

Inspiring Quote: "Everything you lose is a step you take."
– Taylor Swift



Cristian "CJ" Cayan

M.S. Environmental Science

('15 B.A. Biological Sciences, Smith College)

Thesis: Professional Internship Project: Five-Year Status Reviews for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Advisor: Dr. Frank Camacho

Plans and Goals: I will continue to work for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as a fish and wildlife biologist, helping to conserve and recover the threatened and endangered species of the Mariana Islands and their habitat. I eventually hope to be a part of the process that results in the full recovery and removal of multiple Mariana Islands species listed from the Endangered Species Act.

Inspiring Quote: "Just keep swimming."
– Dory, "Finding Nemo"



Raina J.C. Taitingfong

M.S. Environmental Science

('14 B.S. Biology, Seattle University)

Thesis: Sātba I Sihek

Advisor: Dr. Rachel Jolley

Plans and Goals: Continue to work for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to support the conservation and protection of our Pacific wildlife refuges and marine national monuments. I hope to help achieve a healthier ecosystem for our endemic species and the return of Guam's birds to our jungles.

Inspiring Quote: "You can't make a comeback if you don't start." – James Clear



Patrick Keeler

M.S. Sustainable Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

(B.A., University of Nevada - Las Vegas)

Thesis: Evaluating the Effects of Biochar *Acacia auriculiformis* and *Pterocarpus indicus* Seedling Health and Survivorship in Southern Guam

Advisor: Dr. Romina King

Goals & Inspirations: ROTC Graduates



Brian Jay Garcia Canlas

B.S. Criminal Justice

Minors: Military Science and Public Administration

Plans and Goals: I will be heading to Fort Gregg-Adams, Virginia, to attend the Quartermaster Basic Officer Leader Course at the U.S. Army Quartermaster School. Upon completion, I will report to Camp Casey, Korea, where I will serve as a O92A Quartermaster Platoon Leader with the 210th Field Artillery Brigade. Professionally, my first priority is to be the best Platoon Leader I can be for my first unit, while continuing to grow both as a person and as a soldier.

Inspiring Quote: “Nung iyugse da kang batu, iyugse mu lang tinape. (If they throw you a rock, throw them a bread.)”
– My Mom



Gabriel Castro

B.S. Health Science (Exercise Science & Health Promotion)

Minor: Military Science

Plans and Goals: I hope to teach, help, and guide the future generations as an Army officer in the Medical Service Corps.

Inspiring Quote: “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.”
– Ferris Bueller



Nāpu Frank Baleto Cruz

B.S. Criminal Justice

Minor: Military Science

Plans and Goals: I will be heading to Logistics Basic Officer Leadership Course – a 16-week program held at Fort Gregg-Adams that prepares officers to serve as platoon leaders in the Army’s Quartermaster branch. If I enjoy my time in the Army, I could see myself making it my long-term career. However, if I decide to transition to the civilian sector, I would be open to that as well. Ultimately, my goal is to find a place where I feel motivated and excited to come into work, where it feels fulfilling rather than burdensome.

Inspiring Quote: “We progress by means of trial.”
– St. Augustine of Hippo



Marc Delfin

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Minor: Military Science

Plans and Goals: I will be heading to the Quartermaster Basic Officer's Learning Course. I hope to have a successful military career.

Inspiring Quote: "The greatest thing about tomorrow is I will be better than I am today." – Tiger Woods



Christian Delgado

Master in Public Administration

Plans and Goals: I will be serving as an active duty Army officer in the Quartermaster Corps. I hope to serve as long as possible in the U.S. Army, hopefully moving into the Acquisitions Corps.

Inspiring Quote: "Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. The courage to change the things I can. And the wisdom to know the difference." – The Serenity Prayer



Jordan T. E. Diego

B.S. Criminal Justice

Minor: Military Science

Plans and Goals: After graduation, I'll be serving in the U.S. Army as an Ordinance Officer, with my first duty station at Camp Humphreys in South Korea. In my career, I aim to grow as a leader and expert in my field. I want to develop my leadership and technical skills, take on more responsibilities, and eventually mentor others. My goal is to serve my country while continually learning and making a positive impact.

Inspiring Quote: "A leader is best when people barely know he exists. When his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: 'We did it ourselves.'" – Lao Tzu



Johnsey V. Hagel

B.S. Criminal Justice and B.S. Public Administration

Minor: Military Science

Plans and Goals: I plan to spend time with my wife and kids before starting my career in the Army as an Armor officer. I hope to one day achieve the rank of full-bird colonel in the U.S. Army.

Inspiring Quote: "Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity." – General George S. Patton



Jerriid Shane Igisaiair

*B.S. Public Administration and B.S. Criminal Justice
(A.A.S. Criminal Justice, Northern Marianas College)
Minor: Military Science*

Plans and Goals: After graduating and commissioning as a Second Lieutenant, I plan to continue my education by pursuing a master's in public administration followed by attending law school on the West Coast – all while continuing to serve in the U.S. Army Reserve. All I want to do is give back to the island that raised this child – the place that made me who I am and continues to inspire everything I do.

Inspiring Quote: "With gratitude, optimism is sustainable."
– Michael J. Fox



Marvin Mitchell Diaz Leon Guerrero

*B.S. Criminal Justice
Minor: Military Science*

Plans and Goals: Servicing our country in the United States Army.

Inspiring Quote: "Always achieve greatness."
– Marvin Leon Guerrero



Khloe Ann C. Miranda

*B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)
Minor: Military Science*

Plans and Goals: Attend medical school at Uniformed Services University and pursue a specialty in OB/GYN. I hope to impact and build relationships with the people and community I encounter in the Army and graduate school.

Inspiring Quote: "You can't add days to your life, but you can add life to your days." – The Fault in Our Stars



Leimana Naholowa'a

*B.S. Criminal Justice
Minor: Military Science*

Plans and Goals: I secured an active duty slot with the Armor Branch. Further down my career, I plan on getting my master's. But for now, I plan on enjoying my time home before leaving for a few years with the Army.

Inspiring Quote: "Whatever is in me is stronger than what is out there to defeat me."



Kevin Ashley P. Paat

Bachelor of Business Administration: Accounting
Minor: Military Science

Plans and Goals: I plan to go into the U.S. Army as an active duty medical service officer. I hope to complete a successful 20-year career in the Army and also find the time to acquire my CPA license.

Inspiring Quote: "I have no idea what I'm doing, but I know I'm doing it really, really well." – Kamina



Kyle Andre P. Paat

Bachelor of Business Administration
Minor: Military Science

Plans and Goals: I leave the island in October, so I plan to make the most out of that time with friends and family while they're still easily accessible. I hope to inspire at least one person to become better than what they set themselves up to be.

Inspiring Quote: "I'll leave tomorrow's problems to tomorrow's me." – Saitama



Cody Jurel J. Villegas

B.A. Fine Arts
Minor: Military Science

Plans and Goals: After graduation, I will be a second lieutenant in the Army, active duty. I plan on getting my master's in the IT-related communications field. I hope to at least retire at the rank of O-5 (Lieutenant Colonel). I aim to serve with integrity and make an impact on my unit and the soldiers I work with throughout my time in service. Alongside my service, I also plan to continue growing as an artist by building my own brand and creative business.

Inspiring Quote: "The discomfort of discipline is nothing compared to the pain of regret." – Iggy Miranda



Gavin Whitt

B.A. Fine Arts (Visual Arts)

Minor: Military Science

Plans and Goals: Going to start my journey as a tattoo artist. I will also be an officer in the Army for military police. I hope to be a successful tattoo artist and a respected officer.

Inspiring Quote: "Fall down seven times, rise up eight."
(Japanese proverb)



Arren Jacob Yatar

Bachelor of Business Administration

Minor: Military Science

Plans and Goals: I'll be going to Fort Gregg-Adams for Transportation BOLC to start my career as an officer in the U.S. Army. I hope to become a strong, reliable Army officer who can effectively manage logistics, take care of my soldiers, and support the Army's mission. I hope to command at the battalion level and make an impact to all those I work with.

Inspiring Quote: "You tell yourself you gotta be relentless. I don't wanna mess around and sleep at night and be like, 'I didn't give my all. I was scared. I was timid.' Go right after him. If you got it, you got it. If you don't, you live to fight another day." – Luke Weaver

