



College of Natural & Applied Sciences

Hooding & Pinning Ceremony

Fañomnåkan 2026

Thursday, May 21, 2026

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Hilton Guam Resort & Spa

Micronesian Ballroom





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

*Our mission is to discover and share science-based
knowledge that improves the 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 and Lunch**
- 12 p.m. Welcome and Introduction of Dignitaries**
Katrina Quinata, CNAS Academic Advisor
- Welcoming Remarks**
Rachael T. Leon Guerrero, Ph.D., RDN
Dean, College of Natural & Applied Sciences
- Anita Borja Enriquez, DBA
President, University of Guam
- Sharleen Santos-Bamba, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President & Provost, University of Guam
- 12:15 p.m. Pinning of Undergraduates
Pinning of ROTC Graduates
Hooding of Master's Graduates**
- 2 p.m. Closing Remarks**
Maika Vuki, Ph.D.
Interim Associate Dean, College of Natural & Applied Sciences

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The UOG Land Grant Agribusiness Lab for developing the value-added roselle cookies and facilitating their inclusion in the 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 Spring 2026:

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 CNAS truly exceptional is the unique perspective you bring to the world. Our ancestors navigated vast oceans using the stars, currents, and winds – and today, you navigate complex data, research, and technology with that same precision and intuition. They cultivated the land with deep knowledge of seasons, soil, and sea – and today, you carry that legacy forward through biology, environmental science, agriculture, and innovation. 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.

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, family 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. *Dǎngkulu na Si Yu'os ma'āse'!*

Graduates, remember your academic home. Give back through mentorship, supporting college activities, or contributing to scholarships and become the role models who inspire the next generation to follow your path.

Class of 2026, 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 unique leverage.

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 2026! 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!

BIBA Class of 2026!



Maika Vuki, Ph.D.

Interim Associate Dean

College of Natural & Applied Sciences



Undergraduate Degrees

B.S. AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES

Child & Family Life Science Track

Trisha Casey Joab

Tropical Agriculture Production Track

Timotheo Silbanuz

Farron Taijeron

B.S. BIOLOGY

Applied Biology Track

Jessica Catherine Bratcher

Tadashi Elijah Villagomez Hiura

Rebecca Hope Leon Guerrero

Joanna Marie Pangelinan

Bio-Medical Track

Lizalette Marie V. Basa

Cara Catalina Canovas

Hannah-Jo Cruz

Kyra Magdangal Dela Cruz

Kedrick Al Leon Guerrero Diego

Madison Gabriella Eclavea

AmandaJade N. Fajardo (*Minor: Psychology*)

Kevin Young Jin

Kaila Peralta Lasam

Gabriel Michael Leon Guerrero (*Minor: Japanese*)

Jan Krismari Torres Malig-on

Angelica Abella Marzo

Merry Ann Benith Banal Ocampo

Haleia Joneine Peredo (*Minor: Chemistry*)

Karlie Dawn D. Policarpio

David Vincent Flores Quichocho

John Kyle Dela Cruz Rabino



Bio-Medical Track (continued)

Manuel Albert Pabroa Roque

Jaedine Keila G. Santo Domingo

Rico Daniel Tkel Takao

Noah Tano

Franchesca Maxene Bobos Tibayan

Integrative Biology Track

Kiana Mae Agulto Camacho

Ave Maria Perez Jesus

Jose Enrique Duenas Simpson

Sadie Laurel Leong Tumanda

B.S. CHEMISTRY

Chemistry-Biology Dual Degree Track

Atasha Loreigne Garcia Bautista

Chia-Chia Hsieh

Ave Lyn Artero Medina (*Minors: Public Administration and Health Services Administration*)

Veronica Rose Obias

Christopher Richmond

Nathaniel Sharma

Casey M. Rosario Soto

Benjamin Ulrich Cabujat Snaer

Christel Kei Uychoco Valerio

Forensic Chemistry Track

Jessica Laquibla Muyco (*Minor: Biology*)

Merry Ann Benith Banal Ocampo

Cameron Rose Delgado San Agustin (*Minor: Biology*)

Pre-Pharmacy Track

Shanae Abcde L. Ayangco (*Minor: Biology*)

Jenna Lynn Mafnas (*Minor: Biology*)



B.S. COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jeacob Basa (*Minor: Cybersecurity Management*)

Mark Anthony Mia Bias

Rico de Castro Blancaflor Jr. (*Minor: Cybersecurity Management*)

Jonathan Manzano Collado

Connor Ray Balajadia Cruz

Rocelein Barrozo De Vera

Marvin John Sison Ednaco

Winston Albert Hernaez Galindo

Sean Christian Gustilo Lacdoo

Ian Miguel Manalili Lague

Lauren Yelin Meade

Geron Anthony Fabro Mendiola

Christopher Seiki Blas Nadeau (*Minor: Cybersecurity Management*)

Jamar Osera Nucum

Adrian Yuzon Ocampo

Eric Braiden Royal Jr.

B.S. MATHEMATICS

Johndeo Bulatao



Army ROTC Graduates

MINOR IN MILITARY SCIENCE

Kenneth Chance Aguon Ebeya
Bachelor of Business Administration
Signal Corps
Active Duty, U.S. Army

Christopher Tainatongo Eclavea Jr.*
B.S. Public Administration
Air Defense Artillery
Active Duty, U.S. Army

Ashley Nicole Iriarte
B.S. Criminal Justice
Medical Service Corps
Active Duty, U.S. Army

Tristan Cole Pangelinan Mendiola
B.S. Criminal Justice
Logistics Branch
Guam Army National Guard

Martin Wayne Dizon Ocampo
B.S. Criminal Justice
Adjutant General's Corps
Active Duty, U.S. Army

Sheldon Orhaitil
B.S. Criminal Justice
B.S. Public Administration
Military Police Corps
U.S. Army Reserve

Jacob Gabriel Richards
M.S. Data Science
Military Intelligence Corps
Active Duty, U.S. Army

Earl Lawrence Gonzales Salamat
B.S. Criminal Justice
B.S. Public Administration
Infantry
U.S. Army Reserve

Jaroe Galvez Scott
B.S. Criminal Justice
Adjutant General's Corps
Active Duty, U.S. Army

Fernando Sison
B.S. Criminal Justice

Jonah Raphael Concepcion Tenorio
B.A. in Political Science
Air Defense Artillery
Active Duty, U.S. Army

Patrick Lawrence Campos Toves
B.S. Criminal Justice
Armor Branch
Active Duty, U.S. Army

Rizaldy Voloria Tugade Jr.
B.S. Criminal Justice
Medical Service Corps
U.S. Army Reserve

*Distinguished Military Graduate (ranked in the top 20% of Army officers commissioned for the year nationwide)



Graduate Degrees

M.S. BIOLOGY

Forest Downey

Emma Miller

M.S. DATA SCIENCE

Cabrini Cruz Aguon

Angelika Mae D. Argao

Antoni Badowski

Michael Basilica Cajigal

Aurienne Maria-Claire Reyes Cruz

Maria Seanna Cabrero Minas

Abigail Santos Pobre

Jacob G. Richards

John Christian Abedes Sual

M.S. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

RoCelia Nicole Terlaje Paulino

Mary Clare Snaer

M.S. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Food & Nutrition Track

Laura Chen

Katrina Jon Macasaquit Nguyen

Goals & Inspirations: Undergraduates



Trisha Casey Joab

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

Plans & Goals: After graduation, I plan to pursue opportunities in relation to my degree, including graduate school and entry-level positions. I hope to build a career that allows me to grow, learn continuously, and do work that feels meaningful. I also want to reach a point where I can contribute to my community and support others through my professional skills. Over time, I aim to take on greater responsibility and grow into a role where I can make a larger impact.

Inspiring Quote: "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it." – William Arthur Ward



Farron Tajeron

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

Plans & Goals: A too short vacation akin to something like the calm before the storm. [In my career I hope to achieve] the end of human-caused wildfires, an involved and mobilized community that keeps the island clean, a well-paid workforce that restores marine and terrestrial taxa and ecosystems, continuing to "de-extinct in the wild" native forest birds, etc.

Inspiring Quote: "I must not fear. Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. And when it has gone past, I will turn the inner eye to see its path. Where the fear has gone there will be nothing. Only I will remain." – The Bene Gesserit Litany Against Fear, "Dune" novels by Frank Herbert



Jessica Bratcher

B.S. Biology (Applied Biology)

Plans & Goals: I'm exploring a few options right now and focusing on finding a role where I can really make a difference. I hope to build a career in biology where I can conduct hands-on research and field studies that support conservation efforts. At the same time, I want to share what I learn through education and interpretation to help others connect with and care for the natural world.

Inspiring Quote: "Be passionate and enthusiastic in the direction that you choose in life, and you'll be a winner." – Steve Irwin



Tadashi Hiura

B.S. Biology (Applied Biology)

Plans & Goals: To obtain work experience in the field of my degree. I hope to become a park ranger for the War in the Pacific National Historical Park to conserve natural island environments and share ecological knowledge with our communities. I aspire to travel abroad and work with other national parks or conservation agencies that safeguard terrestrial and aquatic wildlife.

Inspiring Quote: "It well may be that we will never meet again in this lifetime, so let me say before we part: So much of me is made of what I learn from you. You'll be with me, like handprint on my heart. And now, whatever way our stories end, I know you have rewritten mine by being my friend." – "For Good" in "Wicked for Good" by Stephen Schwartz



Rebecca Leon Guerrero

B.S. Biology (Applied Biology)

Plans & Goals: I'm trying to get into UT San Antonio to get my master's in imaging science and become a radiology technician. I aim to become a radiology technician and come back to Guam to serve my community by helping patients through accurate imaging and compassionate care while continuing to grow in the medical field.

Inspiring Quote: "Treat others the way you want to be treated."



Joanna Pangelinan

B.S. Biology (Applied Biology)

Plans & Goals: Prepare to apply for my master's in physician assistant school. I hope to achieve being a certified physician assistant.

Inspiring Quote: "No sacrifice, no victory." – Optimus Prime, "Transformers"



Cara Canovas

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans & Goals: I plan to work as a medical assistant at Southern Region Community Health Center while applying to physician assistant school. I hope to become a physician assistant who expands access to care in underserved communities like Guam, where provider shortages are common. Through patient education, prevention, and compassionate care, I aim to build trust with my patients and empower them to take control of their health.

Inspiring Quote: “Not an end but the start of all things left to do.” – Hozier



Hannah-Jo Cruz

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans & Goals: I plan to continue working as a medical assistant in preparation for application to medical school. I hope to eventually become a physician with the goal of making healthcare more accessible to the people of Guam.

Inspiring Quote: “You can’t go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.” – C. S. Lewis



Kyra Magdangal Dela Cruz

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans & Goals: I will be matriculating into the UC Berkeley School of Optometry & Vision Science this fall as part of the Class of 2030 to pursue my Doctor of Optometry degree. In the time leading up to matriculation, I plan to continue working as an ophthalmic technician at Eye Care Guam to further strengthen my clinical skills and patient care experience. I hope to become a compassionate and skilled optometrist who improves access to eye care, particularly in underserved island communities. I aspire to give back to Guam by providing quality vision care, promoting preventative eye health, and mentoring future students interested in optometry.

Inspiring Quote: “Next to life itself, God’s most precious gift is sight, and to the ministry of this great gift, the profession of optometry dedicates itself.” – Dr. Ernest A. Hutchinson



Kedrick Diego

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans & Goals: Take an intermediate gap year to prepare for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) while working full-time and gaining clinical experience in the healthcare field. I hope to complete medical school and earn my M.D. degree so that I can serve the people of Guam by practicing and improving healthcare for our island community.

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



Madison Eclavea

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans & Goals: I plan on taking the MCAT this year and to begin applying for medical schools for the next cycle. I aspire to practice medicine with both skill and compassion, making a difference one patient at a time.

Inspiring Quote: "You will never always be motivated, so you must learn to be disciplined." – David Goggins



AmandaJade N. Fajardo

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Minor: Psychology

Plans & Goals: I will be gaining valuable clinical experience as I prepare to apply to physician assistant programs. I plan to become a physician assistant, where I can explore different areas of medicine and provide care to my community.

Inspiring Quote: "The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure you seek." – Joseph Campbell



Kaila Peralta Lasam

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans & Goals: After graduation, I plan to take a gap year to further prepare for the MCAT and strengthen my application for medical school. During this time, I also hope to gain additional clinical experience and continue building a strong foundation for my future in medicine. In the long term, I hope to return home to Guam as a practicing physician. I want to serve my community and contribute to improving healthcare access and outcomes back home.

Inspiring Quote: "Carpe diem." – Horace



Jan Krismari Torres Malig-on

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans & Goals: I will be presenting research at the Endocrine Conference in Chicago and working as a medical assistant at Guam Memorial Hospital. I aspire to become a compassionate and competent physician to serve our local community on Guam and give our people the care they deserve.

Inspiring Quote: "You must always have faith in people. And most importantly, you must always have faith in yourself." – Elle Woods, "Legally Blonde"



Angelica Marzo

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans & Goals: Gain more experience and exposure within pharmacy as I prepare to apply to a PharmD program. [I hope to eventually] make a positive impact within healthcare and community by ensuring access to essential medication.

Inspiring Quote: "Success is not the absence of failure; it's the persistence through failure." – Aisha Tyler



Merry Ann Ocampo

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

B.S. Chemistry (Forensic Chemistry)

Plans & Goals: I will be participating in a summer research/ internship program at the University of Michigan under the Future Public Health Leaders Program. I hope to pursue a professional degree and career in forensic medicine.

Inspiring Quote: "But the worst enemy you can meet will always be yourself; you lie in wait for yourself in caverns and forests." – Friedrich Nietzsche



Haleia Peredo

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Minor: Chemistry

Plans & Goals: I will be pursuing a master's in cytotechnology and molecular cytology at Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences. I hope to become a skilled cytotechnologist involved in the detection of cancer and disease to positively impact patients' lives through earlier diagnosis, treatment, and care.

Inspiring Quote: "The best way out is always through." – Robert Frost



Karlle Dawn D. Policarpio

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans & Goals: I will be going straight to medical school beginning this August at De La Salle Medical & Health Sciences Institute. I look forward to continuing my education and training as I work toward becoming a physician. I hope to become a compassionate and competent physician who provides high-quality, patient-centered care. Beyond clinical practice, I aim to continuously grow in my field, contribute to improving healthcare in my community, and make a meaningful impact on patients' lives through both medical expertise and empathy.

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



David Vincent Flores Quichocho

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans & Goals: I plan to take a gap year to further strengthen my application for admission into a PA program by gaining additional hands-on clinical experience while working as a medical assistant. I hope to become a geriatric physician assistant who helps the manãmkö' maintain their independence, mobility, and overall quality of life. I want to give back to the Guam community by providing compassionate care and helping improve access to healthcare for our aging population, especially those who may be underserved.

Inspiring Quote: "May I never ask for lighter burdens, only stronger shoulders and the courage to rise through them." – Bruce Lee



John Kyle Dela Cruz Rabino

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans & Goals: I'll be applying to medical school. What I hope to achieve in my professional career is to accomplish all my goals. These goals include being a successful military doctor while also returning back to Guam to serve the people of Guam through the care of its people and service members.

Inspiring Quote: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." – Joshua 1:9



Jaedine Keila Santo Domingo

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans & Goals: I hope to go to physician assistant school or dental hygiene school after graduation, or I might continue working as a dental assistant until then. I hope to find a career that I will enjoy for the rest of my life until retirement.

Inspiring Quote: "It does not matter how long or how you get there, just as long as you get there with pride and joy." – My Auntie



Franchesca Tibayan

B.S. Biology (Bio-Medical)

Plans & Goals: Looking forward to seeking a professional job in the healthcare industry and traveling much more post-graduation. Eventually I hope to become an OB-GYN and come back to Guam to serve the island's community and women.

Inspiring Quote:

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

– Maya Angelou



Kiana Camacho

B.S. Biology (Integrative Biology)

Plans & Goals: As a recipient of the U.S. Pacific Territories Fisheries Capacity-Building Scholarship, I will begin working immediately after graduation, contributing to fisheries management efforts in the region. While fulfilling my scholarship commitment, I intend to apply for graduate school to further specialize in fisheries and wildlife science. In the long term, I aspire to take up a leadership role in natural resource management, where I can help advocate for the protection and sustainable use of these precious resources.

Inspiring Quote: "The energy of the mind is the essence of life." – Aristotle



Ave Maria Jesus

B.S. Biology (Integrative Biology)

Inspiring Quote: "Just keep swimming positively."



Jose Simpson

B.S. Biology (Integrative Biology)

Plans & Goals: I plan to work at EA Engineering, Science, and Technology. I hope to eventually get my Ph.D. in conservation or restoration ecology.

Inspiring Quote: "I'm whatever Gotham needs me to be." – Batman



Sadie Tumanda

B.S. Biology (Integrative Biology)

Plans & Goals: After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in forensic science, ideally continuing my work in a laboratory setting or engaging in research. Eventually, I hope to work in a crime lab, specifically within the Latent Fingerprint Unit or the Biology Unit.

Inspiring Quote: "If you must fall, then fall. The person you'll become will catch you." – Unknown



Atasha Bautista

B.S. Chemistry (Chemistry-Biology Dual Degree)

Plans & Goals: After graduation, I will be participating in the Summer Research and Clinical Immersion Program with the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Emergency Medicine. When I return, I plan to continue and complete my work with the Water & Environmental Research Institute (WERI). I hope to attend medical school and become a physician, with the goal of returning to Guam to serve my community.

Inspiring Quote: "The best way out is always through." – Robert Frost



Chia-Chia Hsieh

B.S. Chemistry (Chemistry-Biology Dual Degree)

Plans & Goals: I will be attending the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy to pursue a PharmD degree and continue my career toward becoming a pharmacist dedicated to community health and patient care. I hope to give back to the communities that supported me throughout my journey, especially Guam and island communities. Ultimately, I want to use health-care as a way to help and serve others in meaningful ways.

Inspiring Quote: "Your journey is your own – bloom at your own pace." – IU



Ave Lyn Artero Medina

B.S. Chemistry (Chemistry-Biology Dual Degree)

Minor: Public Administration

Minor: Health Services Administration



Veronica Rose Obias

B.S. Chemistry (Chemistry-Biology Dual Degree)

Plans & Goals: I plan to pursue laboratory-based roles focused on analytical testing and quality control within local or federal government agencies. In the future, I would like to work in a government laboratory, where I can learn and follow mandated protocols while contributing to improved data quality. I want to use my laboratory skills to help protect our local community and environment.

Inspiring Quote: "Find your small but certain happiness."



Casey M. Rosario Soto

B.S. Chemistry (Chemistry-Biology Dual Degree)

Plans & Goals: I plan to prepare for and apply to medical school while continuing to gain clinical and research experience to further develop my skills in healthcare. I hope to become a physician who provides compassionate, high-quality care while serving underserved communities and continuing to grow through leadership, research, and lifelong learning.

Inspiring Quote: "Live the life you have imagined." – Henry David Thoreau



Christel Kei Uychoco Valerio

B.S. Chemistry (Chemistry-Biology Dual Degree)

Plans & Goals: After graduation, I plan to further my education at the University of Michigan's College of Pharmacy. Upon obtaining my PharmD, I plan to return to Guam and work as a pharmacist to give back to my community.

Inspiring Quote: "Science rules!" – Bill Nye



Jessica Muyco

B.S. Chemistry (Forensic Chemistry)

Minor: Biology

Plans & Goals: Immediately after graduation, I plan to continue strengthening my background for future graduate studies in toxicology and pharmacology. My long-term goal is to pursue a Ph.D. in toxicology/pharmacology focused on environmental and human health research. I eventually plan to enter the pharmaceutical industry to work under drug discovery.

Inspiring Quote: "If not you, then who? If not now, then when?"



Cameron Rose Delgado San Agustin

B.S. Chemistry (Forensic Chemistry)

Minor: Biology

Plans & Goals: After graduation, I plan to stay on Guam to gain experience in a healthcare or research setting. I hope to continue learning and growing as I prepare for graduate school in the future. I hope to pursue a career in healthcare where I can return home and serve my community here on Guam.

Inspiring Quote: "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." – John Dewey



Shanae Abcde Ayangco

B.S. Chemistry (Pre-Pharmacy)

Minor: Biology

Plans & Goals: Immediately after graduation, I plan to apply and enroll in a Doctor of Pharmacy program. In my professional career, I hope to become a licensed pharmacist in Guam.

Inspiring Quote: "Even dust when piled up becomes a mountain." – Japanese Proverb



Jeacob Basa

B.S. Computer Science

Minor: Cybersecurity Management

Plans & Goals: I plan to continue my business. I happened to start one and grow one in 2025. [Throughout my career, I hope to] create and scale up more successful businesses.

Inspiring Quote: "Never give up, never surrender."



Rico de Castro Blancaflor Jr.

B.S. Computer Science

Minor: Cybersecurity Management

Plans & Goals: I am currently looking for job opportunities and exploring potential roles in the federal workforce. I pray that I may continue to grow in knowledge and wisdom in the fields of computers and cybersecurity. My goal is to build a career where I do God's will and where I can genuinely enjoy the work I do while achieving long-term financial stability.



Connor Cruz

B.S. Computer Science

Plans & Goals: My plans are to acquire certifications towards cybersecurity, information technology, or cloud computing. Eventually, I hope to have stability in a government-related job based on acquired certifications.

Inspiring Quote: "It's a surreal feeling. We did it." – Jayson Tatum



Roclelin De Vera

B.S. Computer Science

('24 A.S. Computer Science, Guam Community College)

Plans & Goals: I am going to work full time for the company I have been interning at. Eventually I hope to progress my career and to integrate it into healthcare.

Inspiring Quote: "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."
– Wayne Gretzky



Marvin John Sison Ednaco

B.S. Computer Science
(A.S. Computer Science, Guam Community College)

Plans & Goals: To look for and apply for jobs. I hope to get into a high position and make a good amount of money.

Inspiring Quote: "Don't find time; make time."



Sean Lacadoo

B.S. Computer Science

Plans & Goals: I'm planning on taking the ASVAB to see if I can qualify for tech academies for either the Air Force or Navy.

Inspiring Quote: "Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive." – Elbert Hubbard



Ian Miguel Lague

B.S. Computer Science
(22 A.S. Computer Science, Guam Community College)

Plans & Goals: I hope to use my knowledge to build things that truly help people and make a difference.

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



Christopher Nadeau

B.S. Computer Science
Minor: Cybersecurity Management

Plans & Goals: After graduation, I plan to job hunt, hopefully at the same place I interned. Eventually I hope to make enough to live at least semi-comfortably.



Jamar Nucum

B.S. Computer Science

Plans & Goals: I plan to secure a job after my internship and eventually hope to achieve a full-time remote job in the computer networking field.

Inspiring Quote: "Be there or be square."



Eric Braiden Royal Jr.

B.S. Computer Science

Plans & Goals: I'll be furthering my studies Independently to eventually start my own tech company. I hope to be the next Hideo Kojima (creator of Metal Gear Series).

Inspiring Quote: "If you have the opportunity to play this game of life you need to appreciate every moment. A lot of people don't appreciate the moment until it's passed." – Kanye West



Johndeo Bulatao

B.S. Mathematics

Plans & Goals: I plan to pursue a Master of Science in Data Science and eventually become a data scientist or data analyst.

Inspiring Quote: "The man who asks a question is a fool for a minute. The man who does not ask is a fool for life." – Confucius



Kenneth Ebeya

Bachelor of Business Administration

Minor: Military Science

Plans & Goals: I will be going active duty as an armor officer in the Army. I hope to work with federal agencies to expand my career opportunities in the future.

Inspiring Quote: "It always seems impossible until it's done." – Nelson Mandela



Christopher T. Eclavea Jr.

B.S. Public Administration

Minor: Military Science

Plans & Goals: I will be attending Air Defense Artillery Basic Officer Leader Course. I hope to gain technical expertise in my field of work and achieve financial stability for when I retire.

Inspiring Quote: "Don't be scared. Be afraid." – Chris Eclavea



Ashley Iriarte

B.S. Criminal Justice

Minor: Military Science

Plans & Goals: Prepare for AMEDD Basic Officer Leader Course. I hope to eventually inspire others and leave something meaningful for them to carry forward.

Inspiring Quote: "You are in danger of living a life so comfortable and soft that you will die without ever realizing your true potential." – David Goggins



Tristan Mendiola

B.S. Criminal Justice

Minor: Military Science

Plans & Goals: To serve in the Guam Army National Guard as an Army officer. I want to become an individual who has the capabilities to perform their job well.

Inspiring Quote: "C'mon, Rock! What's the matter with you?! There is no tomorrow! There is no tomorrow!" – Apollo Creed



Martin Ocampo

B.S. Criminal Justice

Minor: Military Science

Plans & Goals: I will be entering active duty as a second lieutenant in the Army. I hope to return as the Professor of Military Science at the University of Guam.

Inspiring Quote: "People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway. The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds. Think big anyway. People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway. People really need help but may attack you if you do help them. Help people anyway. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway." – Kent M. Keith



Sheldon Orhaitil

B.S. Criminal Justice

B.S. Public Administration

Minor: Military Science

Plans & Goals: I will be serving as a second lieutenant in the Military Police Corps in the Army Reserve. I hope to get a civilian job in the federal government, and I really hope to achieve my law degree and be able to get into the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Inspiring Quote: "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." – Confucius



Earl Salamat

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

Minor: Military Science

('24 A.S. Criminal Justice, Guam Community College)

Plans & Goals: I plan to apply for a position with Customs & Border Protection here in Guam. I also plan to prepare for my Infantry Basic Officer Leaders Course by becoming more involved in fitness communities and studying the material necessary to succeed in the course. My goal is to gain more leadership experience so that I can positively impact others and help make the world a better place.

Inspiring Quote: "Believe you can and you are halfway there."
– Theodore Roosevelt



Jaroe Scott

B.S. Criminal Justice

Minors: Military Science

Plans & Goals: I will serve out my contract as an active duty Army officer. I hope to retire after 20 years in the military.

Inspiring Quote: "Maybe God wanted you to walk through blazing fire so you can come forth as gold." – Morgan Nicholas



Fernando Sison

B.S. Criminal Justice

Minor: Military Science

Plans & Goals: I plan to attend Cadet Summer Training and commission as an Army officer and hope to rise up in the ranks.

Inspiring Quote: "The most difficult thing is the decision to act; the rest is merely tenacity." – Amelia Earhart



Jonah Tenorio

B.A. in Political Science

Minor: Military Science

Plans & Goals: Go into the Army as a second lieutenant. I hope to have made a positive impact to the people that will be under my command. I want to motivate, guide, and inspire them every day, even if it's by 1% every day.

Inspiring Quote: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" – Isaiah 6:8



Patrick Lawrence Campos Toves

B.S. Criminal Justice

Minor: Military Science

Plans & Goals: I will be commissioning into the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant and an Armor officer to work with tanks and other types of armored vehicles within armored and mechanized units. I plan to get a master's degree in history and theology and become a certified interpreter in ASL. I plan to serve 20 years in the U.S. Army and retire.

Inspiring Quote: "It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the whole world more human and more fraternal." – Pope St. John Paul II



Rizaldy Tugade

B.S. Criminal Justice

Minor: Military Science

Plans & Goals: Federal fire, law school, AMT, AEMT, paramedic. I hope to make a meaningful impact on those around me, ensuring that my efforts create positive change and truly matter in the present.

Inspiring Quote: "What is better: to be born good or to overcome your evil nature through great effort?" – Paarthurnax, "Skyrim"



Emma Miller

M.S. Biology

(22 B.S. Biology, Grand Valley State University)

Thesis: Quantifying Reef Carbonate Production Through Digital Reef Modelling

Advisor: Tom Schils, Ph.D.

Plans & Goals: I will be starting the Doctor of Philosophy in Biological Sciences program at the National University of Singapore in August. I hope to continue doing research and using science to inform management decisions to better our planet and environment.

Inspiring Quote: "Action on behalf of life transforms. Because the relationship between self and the world is reciprocal, it is not a question of first getting enlightened or saved and then acting. As we work to heal the earth, the earth heals us." – Robin Wall Kimmerer



Cabrini Aguon

M.S. Data Science

(24 B.S. Mathematics, University of Guam)

Thesis: Comparative Analysis for Automated Breast Density Estimation

Advisor: Grazyna Badowski, Ph.D.

Plans & Goals: I plan to continue working at the Guam Visitors Bureau. I hope to obtain a doctorate degree and come back to the University of Guam.

Inspiring Quote: "Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life. Tip toe if you must, but take the step." – Christina Koch



Angelika Mae D. Argao

M.S. Data Science

(*'20 B.S. Mathematics and Computer Science, University of Guam*)

Thesis: Developing a Neonatal Risk Prediction Tool for Guam Using Population-Level Birth Data

Advisor: Grazyna Badowski, Ph.D.

Plans & Goals: I will continue working with the Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services and plan to apply to the CSTE Applied Public Health Informatics Fellowship (APHIF). I hope to develop a long-term career in public health informatics and take on roles that improve health outcomes for the community of Guam.

Inspiring Quote: "To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream – not only plan, but also believe." – Anatole France



Antoni Badowski

M.S. Data Science

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

Plans & Goals: I plan to continue working as a research associate at the UOG Marine Laboratory, focusing on coral reef monitoring in Micronesia. I hope to become a reef ecology researcher contributing to the conservation and resilience of coral reef ecosystems.

Inspiring Quote: "A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." – John A. Shed



Michael Basilica Cajigal

M.S. Data Science

(*'22 B.S. Mathematics, University of Guam*)

Thesis: Identifying Breast Cancer Risk Phenotypes in Guam: Stratified Latent Class Modeling and Concordance Analysis with Gail and BRISK Risk Scores

Advisor: Grazyna Badowski, Ph.D.

Plans & Goals: Immediately after graduation, I will continue teaching at the University of Guam. During the summer, I will be teaching math, and in the fall, I will be teaching both biometrics and mathematics. I plan to continue developing my teaching, research, and data science experience while exploring future opportunities in graduate research. I hope to eventually pursue a Ph.D. in data science and use that training to become part of the research faculty at the University of Guam. My bigger goal is to serve students and the community in the same way my advisors have served me by creating meaningful research, teaching, and mentorship opportunities for future students.

Inspiring Quote: "Research is to see what everybody else has seen and to think what nobody else has thought." – Albert Szent-Györgyi



Aurienne Maria-Claire Reyes Cruz

M.S. Data Science

(*'23 B.S. Mathematics, University of Guam*)

Thesis: Identifying Breast Cancer Risk Phenotypes in Guam: Stratified Latent Class Modeling and Concordance Analysis with Gail and BRISK Risk Scores

Advisor: Grazyna Badowski, Ph.D.

Plans & Goals: I will continue serving as an adjunct instructor at the University of Guam while pursuing a full-time career in Saipan or Guam. My long-term goal is to earn a Ph.D. in statistics or data science. I strive to build a stable career that balances professional excellence with personal well-being. Ultimately, I hope to contribute to Guam's research initiatives and make a meaningful difference in our community.

Inspiring Quote: "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." – A.A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh



Maria Seanna C. Minas

M.S. Data Science

('22, B.S. Mathematics, University of Guam)

Thesis: The Elements of Success: Exploring Factors of Student Performance through Multilevel Regression

Advisor: Grazyna Badowski, Ph.D.

Plans & Goals: (For fun) Take a vacation trip to Tokyo right after graduation! (In all seriousness) I plan to continue my career as a civil engineer at Duenas, Camacho, & Associates Inc., supporting regional infrastructure. Given the opportunity to work with several professional analysts (including public health specialists, professors, and teachers), I hope to find myself in an environment that fosters interdisciplinary collaboration. While my current foundation is in engineering, I am eager to apply the advanced analytical skills and statistical methodologies attained from this program to a future career in data science, particularly within public service or health sectors.

Inspiring Quote: "Quit, don't quit. Noodles, don't noodles. You are too concerned with what was and what will be. There's a saying: Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it is called the present." – Master Oogway in "Kung Fu Panda"



Abigail Santos Pobre

M.S. Data Science

('21 B.S. Mathematics, University of Guam; '21 B.A. Secondary Education, University of Guam)

Thesis: The Elements of Success: Exploring Factors of Student Performance through Multilevel Regression

Advisor: Grazyna Badowski, Ph.D.

Plans & Goals: (For fun) Ariana Grande's The Eternal Sunshine Tour on June 6! (For reals) I plan to continue my career as a secondary education mathematics teacher. This coming school year, I will have the opportunity to teach AP Statistics, in addition to Geometry and Algebra 1.

Inspiring Quote: "What if I told you none of it was accidental? And the first night that you saw me, nothing was gonna stop me? I laid the groundwork, and then just like clockwork, the dominoes cascaded in a line. What if I told you I'm a mastermind?" – Taylor Swift, "Mastermind"



Jacob G. Richards

M.S. Data Science

('20 B.S. Mathematics, University of Guam; '17 A.A. Education, Guam Community College; '17 A.A. Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, GCC)

Thesis: Analyzing Risk: Exploring Charge Off Data and Risk Based Pricing

Advisor: Grazyna Badowski, Ph.D.

Plans & Goals: I will continue working at Community First Federal Credit Union until I leave to Ft. Huachuca for the Military Intelligence Basic Officer Leader's Course. After Captain's Career Course, I plan to apply to the Army's Functional Area 49, Operations Research and Systems Analysis, which is essentially the Data Science Branch of the Army. My goal in all things, and above all things, is to be a good man. So long as I take good care of my people and get the job done well, while keeping their spirits high, I will consider myself successful. Everything else is just sprinkles. My broad ambitions include reaching the rank of Colonel, returning home to Guam to do my part in cleaning up the government, and then enjoy retirement as an entrepreneur.

Inspiring Quote: "Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you come from with new eyes and extra colors. And the people there see you differently, too. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving." – Terry Pratchett



John Christian Sual

M.S. Data Science

('23 B.A. Secondary Education, University of Guam)

Thesis: The Elements of Success: Exploring Factors of Student Performance through Multilevel Regression

Advisor: Grazyna Badowski, Ph.D.

Plans & Goals: I plan to teach at my current school and/or continue research on Guam student data. I hope to become a data analyst that looks at student data.

Inspiring Quote: "If you feel like your life is sinking, group yourselves into four." – Filipino comedian



RoCelia Paulino

M.S. Environmental Science
(*'23 B.S. Biology, University of Guam*)

Thesis: Deep Learning for Invasive Species Detection: CNN Based Identification of Brown Treesnakes in Camera Trap Data

Advisor: Rachel Jolley, Ph.D.

Plans & Goals: Continue working for CEMML, grow my skillsets, and work to publish my thesis for all to access. I hope to one day be in a position where I can take care of our environment.

Inspiring Quote: "You must see with eyes unclouded by hate. See the good in that which is evil and the evil in that which is good. Pledge yourself to neither side, but vow instead to preserve the balance that exists between the two." – Hayao Miyazaki



Mary Clare Snaer

M.S. Environmental Science
(*'23 B.S. Biology, University of Guam*)

Thesis: Hydrologic Analysis of the Deep Observation Wells in the Northern Guam Lens Aquifer

Advisor: Nathan Habana, Ph.D.

Plans & Goals: I plan to continue working at WERI to further develop my experience in groundwater research. I hope to pursue a Ph.D. and contribute to groundwater research, with the goal of supporting sustainable management and protection of our island's water resources.

Inspiring Quote: "Every second counts." – The Bear



Laura Chen

M.S. Sustainable Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (Food & Nutrition)

(’24 B.S. Medical Science & Biotechnology, I-Shou University)

Thesis: Stability, Antioxidant Activity, and Application of Pigment ‘Betacyanin/HP- β -Cyclodextrin Complex’ from Dragon Fruit

Advisor: Jian Yang, Ph.D.

Plans & Goals: In my career, I hope to bridge scientific research and real-world application by creating practical, evidence-based solutions in food and health.

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



Katrina Jon Nguyen

M.S. Sustainable Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources (Food & Nutrition Track)

(’21 B.S. Agriculture & Life Sciences, University of Guam)

Thesis: Examining Food Preparation and Taste Tests on Fruit and Vegetable Intake and Willingness to Try Among Youth in Guam: The EFNEP EATS Study

Advisor: Tanisha Aflague, Ph.D., RDN

Plans & Goals: Continue working in UOG Land Grant as an extension associate II and continue developing my skills in research, education, and community engagement to contribute in work that supports Guam’s food systems, improves nutrition outcomes, and strengthens the local economy.

Inspiring Quote: “What, like it’s hard?” – Elle Woods, “Legally Blonde”

