A Message from the Dean

Håfa adai! Welcome to the School of Education (SOE) at the University of Guam. It has been and is an honor and privilege to work with the world-class and innovative faculty and staff of SOE. We continue our mission to support student success and engage with our local and regional communities.

We offer a wide variety of programs, including the Bachelor’s, several Master’s, and Teaching Credentials. Our programs are known for training our students in critical and creative thought and for offering students hands-on and applied learning experiences. Our programs also offer excellent college to career and community connections for our students. Our exceptional faculty are active scholars who are engaged in research and service in the local and regional communities, and globally, in order to solve some of society’s most pressing issues. Our overarching mission is to collaboratively engage with community, regional and global partners to prepare highly skilled and ethical educators and researchers to “transform lives and advance communities.”

The mission of the SOE is to prepare teachers, professionals, and leaders in education to meet the multicultural educational demands of Guam and the region in the Pacific. We are dedicated to the upholding the university’s mission: Ina, Deskubre, and Setbe. We are also committed to diversity and equity through curriculum and program development, instructional and assessment strategies, and recruitment and retention practices. We welcome active participation from community partners, our students, and our alumni in advancing the SOE mission. Please feel free to reach out to the Dean’s office, and our program faculty and staff for assistance. We are here to serve.

Sen dångkolo na si Yu’us ma’äse’ (thank you very much), Alicia C. Aguon, PhD

TRENDING PODCASTS
From Secondary Education students

★ Stellar Teacher Podcast: Episode #34 “4 Classroom Management Mistakes New Teachers Make (and how to prevent them)”
★ I’ve Tried Everything: Episode #3 “Classroom Intervention vs. Classroom Consequences”
★ Teach 4 the Heart: Episode #5 “Should you be Nice or Strict?”
★ Leading Equity: Episode #279 “The Subtle Gestures the Create Feelings of Belonging in Immigrant Students”

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Inora buena para i estudiante siha! Congratulations to all the Students!

The School of Education has 21 undergraduate graduates who are ready for the classroom. Thank you to the schools and Classroom Supervisors who have helped prepare these future teachers to stand alongside you. Classroom Supervisors, we couldn’t do it without you!

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Congratulations, SOE Master’s Graduates!

MA in Teaching

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### Master's Milestones

**Thesis Oral Defense:** GDOE teacher, Janice Evangelista, successfully defended her thesis for the M.Ed. Administration and Supervision program on April 21, 2023. Pictured L-R: Dr. Geri James (Thesis Chair), Evangelista, Dr. Dean Olah and Dr. Rowena Vega-Castro (Committee Members).

**Thesis Oral Defense:** GDOE teacher, Ezarrah Blas, successfully defended her thesis for the M.Ed. Administration and Supervision program on April 28, 2023. Pictured L-R: Dr. Rowena Vega-Castro (Committee Member), Dr. Geri James (Thesis Chair), Blas, and Dr. Dean Olah (Committee Member).

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Dr. Dylan L. Orot

- School: John F. Kennedy High School (2016-Present), Language Arts (9-12 Grade)
- UOG SOE Program: M.Ed. in Reading, (2014), Advisor: Dr. Catherine Stoicovy
- Ed.D. Program: Doctor of Education, Major in Curriculum and Instruction
  - University of South Carolina (2022), Advisor: Dr. Leigh D’Amico
- Dissertation Title: REACHING THE STANDARD: AN ACTION RESEARCH STUDY ON STANDARDS-BASED GRADING PRACTICES AND ENGLISH LEARNERS
- Inspirational Quote: “Don’t aim for perfection, rather seek out progress.”

Dr. Chellette San Nicolas

- School: St. John’s School (2017- Present), College Guidance Counselor/History Teacher (12th Grade)
- UOG SOE Program: Innovations in Teaching and Learning, Advisor: Dr. Cheryl Sangueza
  - Gonzaga University (2023), Advisor: Dr. Elaine Radmer
- Dissertation Title: GI TALO GI HÅLOM TÅSI (IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA): AN EXPLORATION OF TEACHING ‘PLACE’ IN THE MARIĀNAS ARCHIPELAGO
- Inspirational Quote: “The classroom remains the most radical space of possibility in the academy” -bell hooks, Teaching to Transgress
Dr. Sylvia O. Taylor

- School: Upi Elementary School (2010 - Present), Library, (HeadStart - 5th Grade)
- UOG SOE Program: M.Ed. in Reading, (2019), Advisor: Dr. Catherine Stoicovy
- Ph.D. Program: Doctor of Philosophy, Major in Educational Management
  - Philippine Women’s University (2023), Advisor: Dr. Alvin S. Sicat
- Dissertation Title: DISRUPTIVE INNOVATIONS IN GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION K-12 LIBRARIES FOR THE NEW GENERATION
- Inspirational Quote: “The learning process is the most beautiful thing, but just like with any other career or profession, it can feel very frustrating at times or along the way. Enriching our brains with valuable information improves our ability to think, and adapt to new and unfamiliar perspectives, ideas, and even beliefs and cultures. Higher Education sparks our imagination to tackle challenges and to reach full potential to achieve greater success. It goes beyond shaping us as individuals to become a better citizen and eventually help in bringing people from all backgrounds into problem solving as we all face the future to building a better community in the society.”

Dr. Philip Patricio

- School: Southern High School (1997 - Present), Guam History (11th - 12th Grade)
- UOG SOE Program: M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision, (1998), Advisor: Dr. Jose Cruz
- Ph.D. Program: Doctor of Philosophy, Major in Educational Management
  - Philippine Women’s University (2023), Advisor: Dr. Alvin S. Sicat
- Dissertation Title: THE EXTENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF GUAM’S ADEQUATE PUBLIC EDUCATION ACT THROUGH THE LENS OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS: INPUTS FOR ENHANCED GUIDELINES AND PROVISIONS
- Inspirational Quote: “I am who I am today because of the choices I made yesterday.”
  - Eleanor Roosevelt
EVIDENCE-BASED MATHEMATICS TRAINING

- April 10 - SOE Dean Dr. Alicia Aguon conducted evidence-based mathematics training for eighty K-3 teachers, administrators, and instructional coaches from four State Systemic Improvement Project (SSIP) schools at the Westin Hotel.

The four schools are:
- MU Lujan Elementary School
- Capt. HB Price Elementary School
- JM Guerrero Elementary School
- Chief Brodie Elementary School

TRAINING OUTCOMES

As a result of the session, participants will have:

- Increased knowledge and skills in teaching WHOLE NUMBER CONCEPTS including FOUNDATIONAL STRUCTURES;
- Increased knowledge and skills in teaching PLACE VALUE, and
- Increased knowledge and skills in teaching concepts of ADDITION and SUBTRACTION.
AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOP SESSIONS
Hosted by UOG and GDOE faculty

- February 15 - Dr. Michelle Santos hosted an Afterschool Workshop for our student teachers, interns and graduates from the last three semesters. The workshop was called, “Classroom Management and Working With the Student Who Doesn't Want to be There.” It had 43 participants.

- March 29 - Dr. Jackysha Green hosted an Afterschool Workshop entitled: Mindfulness - Social Emotional Learning: A Critical Element of Instruc­tion. We were excited to see our recent alumni and our current student teachers and interns.
SOE professors and other community professionals served as judges for the Luis P. Untalan Middle School Science Fair held March 16, 2023. There were various innovative projects! Keep up the great work, wildcats! Thank you to the following professors who participated in the event:

1. Dr. Andrew Grunzke
2. Dr. Rebecca Grunzke
3. Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera
4. Dr. Cheryl Sanguzea
5. Dr. Michelle Santos

Judges for the Luis P. Untalan Middle School Science Fair held March 16, 2023 received a Certificate of Appreciation for their service.
STORY HOUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The School of Education’s Reading Program is partnering with the District 204 Lions Clubs International, School of Education Alumni Association, Guam Public Library System, The Guam Council of the International Literacy Association, Guam Department of Education CHamoru Studies and Special Projects Division, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Guam Flotilla 140-02-24, and the Guam Police Department’s Recreational Boating Safety Program, to host monthly story hour events to meet family literacy and water safety needs in our region, including Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, American Samoa, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Participants are able to win books and other exciting prizes by answering questions during the various Read Alouds, which include engaging thematic stories, bilingual readings, Coastie/Boats ‘N Kids features, and more! We hope to see you at the Story Hour! Register now at https://bit.ly/lionsclubreading.

Participants can also visit the D204 Lions Clubs Effective Literacy Websites special project page at https://lionsclubreading.blogspot.com to explore a plethora of engaging websites they can use to help improve reading at all grade levels. Contributions are made by the SOE Reading Program students chaired by Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera.
DISTRICT 204 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

together with the Guam Public Library System, Guam Council of the International Literacy Association, GDOE Chamoru Studies and Special Projects Division, University of Guam-School of Education Reading Program, UOG-SOE Alumni Association, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Guam Flotilla 140-02-24, and the Guam Police Department’s Recreational Boating Safety Program present the

D204 LIONS CLUBS

Saturday Story Hour

MAY 20, 2023 | 10:00 AM VIA ZOOM

REGISTER NOW!
To register, please scan the QR code or click the link below:

Win books and other amazing prizes by answering questions during the Read Aloud!

For more information, contact Reading Action Program Chair Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera at mnriveral@gmail.com
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- February 23 - Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera presented at the 52nd Annual National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) Conference in Portland, Oregon, alongside GDOE educators. Her presentation was titled, “Fostering Family Literacy in the Pacific and Beyond.”

- March 10 - Drs. Katherine Gutierrez, Michelle Santos, and Jackysha Green conducted a panel session at the 44th CLASS Annual Research Conference at the University of Guam. Their session was titled, “Faculty Reflections: Negotiating instructional frames that honor, respect, & support our diverse learners.”

- March 13 - Drs. Jackysha Green and Joann Diego presented at the International Conference on Business, Economics, and Information Technology in Nagoya, Japan. Their presentation was titled, “Oceans of energy within Micronesia adult learners in education: University of Guam within Micronesia and Western Pacific.”

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our SOE Professors who were elected to the following positions:

★ FACULTY ELECTION COMMISSION - Dr. Kathrine Gutierrez
★ FACULTY SENATE - Dr. Genevieve Leon Guerrero
COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS/PROJECTS

- January 7 - Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera conducted a community Read Aloud with Lion Mae Mendiola during the D204 Lions Clubs International New Year’s Saturday Story Hour.

- March 4 - Dr. Genevieve Leon Guerrero conducted a community Read Aloud with Dean Alicia C. Aguon during the D204 Lions Clubs International CHamoru Saturday Story Hour.

- March 5 - Dr. Dean Olah’s orchestra arrangement was performed at the 2023 Tumon Bay Music Festival by the Pacific International Orchestra. Radetsky March by STRAUSS, J / OLAH, D | J.W. Pepper Sheet Music (jwpepper.com)

- March 24 - Drs. Genevieve Leon Guerrero, Matilda Naputi Rivera, Catherine Cardenas, and Josephine Cruz conducted a Hita Para Mo’na Culturally Responsive Engagement presentation at the GDOE State Professional Development Grant (SPDG) Meeting.

- April 8 - Dr. Andrew Grunzke conducted a presentation of a paper written by him and Dr. Rebecca Grunzke titled, “Theme park as cultural museum: Tokyo Disneyland and the development of the gaikoku mura” at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

- April 20 - Dr. Dean Olah completed an educational material review for the Online Trombone Journal. He has completed previous educational reviews which can be found at OTJ Authors: Dean Olah (trombone.org)
**SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS**

- March 23 - Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera conducted a cultural presentation titled, ‘Preserving Guam’s History Through Storytelling” at Guam High School.

- April 20 - Drs. ShinHwa Lee and Chris Yeo (WERI) supervised the Guam Water Kid: All About Water Resources project completed by Cauline Ricafort at J.Q. San Miguel Elementary School.

**PEER REVIEWS**


- Dr. Dean Olah conducted a peer review for the International Education Journal: Comparative Perspectives: #15896 Peer Review Educating and Training Students in the period of COVID 19 Challenges faced by teachers when using Digital Technology in Primary School in Western Division in Fiji.

- Dr. Dean Olah conducted a peer review for the US-China Education Review – "Ubiquitous Approach for Knowledge Management in Higher Education Institution: A Quantitative Study", 2023: [Journals-David Publishing Company](davidpublisher.com)
SOE FACULTY AND STAFF

Alicia C. Aguon, Dean
Catherine Cardenas, Assistant Professor
Genevieve Garret, Assistant Professor
Jackyka N. Green, Assistant Professor
Andrew L. Grizobe, Associate Professor
Rebecca Z. Grunow, Assistant Professor
Kathrine Gutierrez, Associate Professor
Gerardine S. Lamont, Assistant Professor
Shirlyne Lee, Assistant Professor
Matthew C. Lentino, Assistant Professor
Mary Jane Miller, Professor
Dean A. Ohuh, Associate Professor
Matilda N. Rivera, Assistant Professor
Cheryl R. Sangcoco, Associate Professor
Michelle A.S. Santos, Associate Professor
Judith Barmy, IT Support Technician
Patricio Ghawam, Program Coordinator I
Keshein Santos, Administrative Assistant
Carla Yororia, Administrative Officer

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Newsletter created by Drs. Matilda N. Rivera & Dylan L. Orot
An Appreciation Tribute to our Retired SOE Professors

It is with a profound sense of appreciation for their many scholarly, pedagogical, and community contributions that the University of Guam School of Education announces the retirement of the following inspirational Professors:

★ Jacqueline Cyrus, Ed.D. ★
Assistant Professor of Instructional Technology

★ Lourdes M. Ferrer, Ed.D. ★
Professor of Elementary Education

★ Yukiko Inoue-Smith, Ph.D. ★
Professor of Educational Research & Foundations

★ Velma A. Sablan, Ph.D. ★
Professor of Educational Research & Foundations

★ Catherine E. Stoicovy, Ph.D. ★
Professor of Reading