Buenas yan háfa adai!

December reminds us that the holidays are upon us. Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Omisoka, to name a few. As this year comes to an end let us turn our joy and celebration toward charity, peace and thankfulness in our thoughts and in our hearts for the upcoming new year.

This 2023 has been quite a year for the School of Education (SOE) and the University of Guam (UOG). Not only did SOE experience a minor enrollment decline we remained steadfast and resilient from Typhoon Mawar and post typhoon recovery. We grew a partnership with the Palau Ministry of Education for the BAE in Elementary Education with Special Education specialization. The Yap Individual Degree Plan program was revitalized. Several students majoring in music and art were recruited to the Secondary Education program. We continued to increase the number of certified teachers in Guam Dept. of Education (GDOE) under the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Initial Teacher Certification Assistance program with GDOE. The UOG Board of Regents approved the first ever proposed doctorate program at UOG, namely the SOE EdD in Academic and Instructional Leadership. Currently, we are undergoing the rigorous review by the WASC Senior College and University and Commission for the EdD. Additionally, SOE adds a graduate degree for the master’s in library and information systems. The master’s programs in Counseling, Reading, and Administration & Supervision continue to boast graduate student enrollment and completion rates.

SOE takes great pride in the achievements this year and stands proud of the innovation, collaboration and resilience witnessed all around the school.

The SOE faculty’s dedicated commitment to teaching, service and research underscores their goal of preparing the best teachers and professionals for Guam, the region and abroad. I cannot possibly express enough gratitude for the continued efforts of SOE faculty, staff and students to make this year a success. Despite the tremendous challenges all have faced, I am inspired by the SOE faculty, staff and students for successfully completing two more challenging academic semesters and a summer semester, post pandemic. I also thank the UOG leadership and Ms. Vilma Perez, our SOE building custodian, for their unwavering support.

I sincerely wish you, your families and your loved ones good health and even greater happiness in the New Year. Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

Sen dângkolo na agradesimento (immense appreciation),
Alicia Cruz Aguon, PhD
**Congratulations Graduates & Thank You Partners**

_Inora buena para i estudiante siha! Congratulations to all the Students!_

The School of Education undergraduate graduates 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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Master of Education in Innovations in Teaching and Learning candidate, Margaret Choffat, received a scholarship to attend the University of Guam. Choffat, who is originally from Chuuk, is a Head Start Program teacher at Carbullido Elementary School. She was selected for the Region 9 Head Start Association Legacy Scholarship and was awarded with $3,000 toward her UOG tuition for the 2023-2024 academic year. Congratulations, and we wish you continued success!

Left: Margaret Choffat, a Head Start Program teacher at Carbullido Elementary School, received a scholarship toward her Master of Education in Innovations in Teaching and Learning at the University of Guam.

Master of Education in Reading candidates, Pearl Hamada Yonamine and Eleanor Castro Quichocho, presented at the University of Guam’s 36th Annual Regional Language Arts Conference. Their presentation was titled, “Literacy Matters: How Can We Support Literacy Growth For Our Children?”

Right: Pearl Hamada Yonamine and Eleanor Castro Quichocho presented at the University of Guam’s 36th Annual Regional Language Arts Conference.

Master of Education in Reading candidate, Celia Chavez, conducted a Read Aloud during the D204 Lions Clubs International Community Saturday Story Time on September 2, 2023 via Zoom. She read the story “Firefighters.”

Left: Celia Chavez conducted a Read Aloud during the D204 Lions Clubs International Community Saturday Story Time.
COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS/PROJECTS

- October 7, 2023 - Reading Master’s candidates, Pearl Hamada Yonamine and Eleanor CaStro Quichocho, along with Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, conducted community Read Alouds during the D204 Lions Clubs International October Fest Saturday Story Time via Zoom. They read the stories “It’s Pumpkin Day, Mouse!” and “The Little Butterfly That Could.”
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 204

Together with the Guam Public Library System, Guam Council of the International Literacy Association, GDOE CHamoru Studies and Special Projects Division, University of Guam’s School of Education’s Reading Program, UOG-SOE Alumni Association, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Guam Flotilla 140-02-24, Guåhan Isan Famagu’on Lions Club, Guam Police Department’s Recreational Boating Safety Program, and Peto’s Journey LLC present the

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

For more information, contact LCI D204 Reading Action Program Chair Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera @ mnrivera1@gmail.com.
Palau Cohort Partnership. UOG & SOE hosted a meeting on September 10, 2023 with Palau Ministry of Education (PMOE) to celebrate the partnership cohort of Palau teachers for the BAE Elementary Education with SPED specialization. Pictured L to R: Dr. Zena Sablan, VP Marlena Pangelinan, Dr. Jackysha Green, PMOE Director Ida Kilcullen, Dr. Genevieve Leon Guerrero, Dean Dr. Alicia Agion, Madam President Dr. Anita Enriquez, ISVPP & VP Dr. Sharleen Santos-Bamba, PMOE Chief Lucia Tabelual, and Dr. Catherine Cardenas.

Graduate Studies Community Recruitment Fair. Graduate Program Chairs from SOE had the opportunity to recruit and reach members of the community at the graduate recruitment fair held November 4, 2023, at the Micronesia Mall. Pictured L-R: Dr. Catherine Cardenas, Dean Dr. Alicia Agion, Dr. Cheryl Sanguesa, Dr. Shinhwa Lee, and Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera.
Supporting Essential Math Conceptual Development

- July 25, 26, 27, 2023 - SOE Dean Dr. Alicia Aguon conducted the GDOE Summer PD Institute Math Training Sessions for 26 K-5th grade teachers from GDOE schools at the UOG SBPA Building.
- Dean Aguon also continued a one-day math training for the GDOE State Systemic Improvement Project schools on August 8, 2023 at the Dusit Thani.

TRAINING OUTCOMES
As a result of the sessions, 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.
FACULTY CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

October 27, 2023 - Presentations at the University of Guam’s 36th Annual Regional Language Arts Conference (LAC):

- Drs. Geraldine James and Rebecca Grunzke conducted their presentation titled, “Sharing Cultures In A Classroom.”

- Drs. Genevieve Leon Guerrero and Matilda Naputi Rivera conducted their presentation titled, “Building Learning Capacity For Culturally Diverse Learners With Maximized Literacy Strategies.”

- Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera conducted her presentation titled, “Fostering Language and Historical Knowledge Through The Art of Storytelling.”

LAC SNAPSHOTS

November 2-5, 2023 - Dr. Andrew Grunzke attended the History of Education Society’s annual meeting from November 2-5 in Atlanta, GA. He presented a paper entitled, "American Cosmopolitanism, Transatlantic Prestige: Navigating Nationalism in the Selection and Teaching of the Early Newbery Winners." He also served as the discussant on the panel which focused on Learning and Popular Culture. Additionally, he was the co-host and discussant for the annual film screening (HES After Dark). He helped recreate a typical Saturday morning cartoon line-up from the 1960s and led a discussion about the history of children’s media, focusing on the commercialization of children’s television and parent responses to cartoon violence.
PUBLICAION


SCHOOL PRESENTATION

- October 12, 2023 - Drs. Genevieve Leon Guerrero and Matilda Naputi Rivera conducted their Reading Comprehension Strategies presentation at the Guahan Academy Charter School.

PEER REVIEWS

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The Moodle Educator Certificate training provides new skills and tools to support and institutionalize UOG’s I Meyeng Moodle training program, which has now awarded 500 certificates to faculty and staff. In addition, Dr. Olah recently completed Moodle Teaching with AI training, Google Generative AI certification, and Microsoft's "Essentials in Generative AI".

FACULTY TRAINING

★ August 2023 - Dr. Kathrine Gutierrez completed a Quality Matters workshop earning a certificate for Applying the QM Rubric, re: the 7th edition standards.

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Dr. Unaisi Nabobo-Baba becomes Vice Chancellor at FNU

Former UOG Professor, Dr. Unaisi Nabobo-Baba, affectionately known as Dr. Una, has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Fiji National University (FNU). This prestigious position is the equivalent of a President in the US system, according to Dr. Robert Underwood, former UOG President and College of Education Dean.

Dr. Una’s appointment as Vice-Chancellor of FNU is a testament to her exceptional leadership skills and extensive experience in the field of education. Having served as a professor at UOG’s School of Education, Dr. Una has left an indelible mark on the institution and its students.

During her time at UOG, Dr. Una played a pivotal role as a Thought Leader and External Reviewer in the inception of the SOE’s EdD doctorate program. Her expertise and guidance were instrumental in shaping the program to meet the highest standards of academic excellence.

The news of Dr. Una’s appointment has been met with great excitement and pride within the UOG community. As Dr. Una embarks on this new chapter in her career, we extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes for continued success. Her dedication and passion for education will undoubtedly continue to make a lasting impact on the field and the lives of countless students.
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One feature that I like about this website is how every book has a description. I think that this is really helpful in choosing what book you want to read, especially if you are using the free one-book-a-month access. I also like how each book has a star rating. The online library is always expanding, which makes this resource better than it already is. The choices of books are endless! I also appreciate the stories that have the audio narrations and music.

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*Contribution by J. Balajadia*
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Edited by SIMONE EFIGENIA PEREZ BOLLINGER
and TERESITA LOURDES PEREZ

Editors Terry Perez (UOG) and Simone Bollinger (GCC) presented their book to SOE Dean Alicia Agaon at their book launch on Dec. 9, 2023, at GCC.

Members of the Ta Tuge’ Mo’na writing organization, namely Terry Perez (UOG), Simone Bollinger (GCC), and Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera (UOG), show off the new release of A WINDOW UNOBSCURED on Dec. 9, 2023, at the ILA Community Book Fair held at the Agana Shopping Center.

Roberta Abaday (GCEC) and Christine Mallari (GDOE) autograph copies of A WINDOW UNOBSCURED at the book launch. Abaday (left) wrote the Foreword for the book and Mallari wrote two stories in the anthology titled As the World Returns and Rebuilding and Beyond.
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