





#### A Message from the Dean

Buenas yan håfa adai!

At the end of this Fanomnåkan 2024 semester, I want to first take this time to especially thank our student community for navigating this complex period. It is very much appreciated as we completed final exams, convocation, commencement and look forward to summer.

Together, over the last four years, we have navigated a worldwide pandemic and then a typhoon in Guam, along with the economic and social-emotional effects. I am immensely grateful for the resilience of those in this graduating group that did not have an indoor high school graduation experience of walking across a stage, that pivoted to online modalities upon entering the University of Guam (UOG) and School of Education (SOE), and that endured Typhoon Mawar and its stressful recovery period. I appreciate the work of our dedicated SOE staff and faculty, affirming our commitment to provide a robust and responsive education, inspired during dire conditions and series of events. We have been fortunate. The recent SOE convocation and UOG commencement were a testament to our steadfastness.

Finally, as I remind our local and regional community and the greater world - UOG boasts amazing students, faculty and staff. With authentic island spirit we do a wonderful job of supporting students who make meaningful contributions to our communities. Our recent graduates will take their next steps in making the world a better place. I know these graduates — and all of us — can say that our university, the University of Guam, has shown us all...the way forward...Tulos Mo'na (UOG Initiatives)...propelling forward together!

BIBA and inorabuena (congratulations) Fanuchånan Class of 2024!

BIBA SOE! BIBA UOG! Alicia C. Aguon, PhD



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#### 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!

Graduating Student	Student Teaching Location	Classroom Supervisor	
Elementary Education			
Renona Grace San Miguel Call	M.U. Lujan Elementary	Dawn Perez	
Marielle Martir Cipriano	Captain H.B. Price Elementary	Nicole Perez	
Gabrielle Nicole Quenga Diaz	Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary	(INTERNSHIP)	
Ashley Lorraine Sinocruz Lordios	Captain H.B. Price Elementary	April Torres	
Jeramie Ann R. Loyola	Captain H.B. Price Elementary	Celina Meno	
Asia Jose Meno	Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary	(INTERNSHIP)	
Robley Ann Austria Ragat	Daniel L. Perez Elementary	Rachel Domaoal	
Arissa Cathleen Rasmussen	Captain H.B. Price Elementary	Jolynn Flores	
Jayleen Sidhu	M.U. Lujan Elementary	Mariquita Fegurgur	
Chanel Trisha Canlas Suarez	P. C. Lujan Elementary	Annmarie Trusso	
Janielle Sanchez Tandoc	Daniel L. Perez Elementary	Valerie Mendiola	







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Graduating Student	Student Teaching Location	Classroom Supervisor	
CHamoru Studies for Education			
Cailey Moria Dueñas Cabiles	P.C. Lujan Elementary School	Frances Balajadia	
Maria Kathleen Taianao	P.C. Lujan Elementary School	Rufina Mendiola	

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Graduating Student	Student Teaching Location	Classroom Supervisor	
	Secondary Education		
Kyle Henri E. Adriano	F. B. Leon Guerrero Middle School	Carroll Flores	
Marc Angelo Pickrell Borja	George Washington High School	Marcy Ermatanio	
Waynuel Gimoto Caraig	John F. Kennedy High School	Anngelica Jae Diego Sarmiento	
Annegeline Pascua David	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	Jennifer Flory	
Jonathon H. Dunna	Okkodo High School	Adrina Palomo	
Jan Mariz M. Fernandez	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	David J. D. Castro	
Austin Gaizmer Fortuno	John F. Kennedy High School	Stephanie Joy Frias Nabua	
Pyriel Alave Jao	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	David J. D. Castro	
Camille Victoria Tolentino Nicdao	Okkodo High School	Ceria Santos	
Gleannie Shari De Jesus Pere	Simon Sanchez High School	Katlyn Sutherlane	
Brandon Patrick Blas Respicio	F. B. Leon Guerrero Middle School	Rocel Anne Molina	
Desiree Monique Jones Santos	John F. Kennedy High School	Dylan D'Anthony L. Orot	
Kerida-Raine L. Santos	George Washington High School	Martha Toves	
Elisha Faith Schwartz	DoDEA School Korea	Ashley Gooch	
Brendan-Alexander Balasta Valera	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	Christitan Gomez	









#### Congratulations Graduates & Thank You Partners

#### Congratulations, SOE Master's Graduates!

MA in Teaching			
Graduate's Name	Program Description		
Phillip Ada	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Shannon Marie Leon Guerrero Ada	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Rica Manglona Angoco	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Shania Noreen Sagun Bulala	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Michael Christian V. Deausen	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Sarah Jean Coulter	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Loretta Paulino Cruz	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Christopher L. Fejeran	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Christa Juliana Chaco Gogue	SECONDARY EDUCATION		









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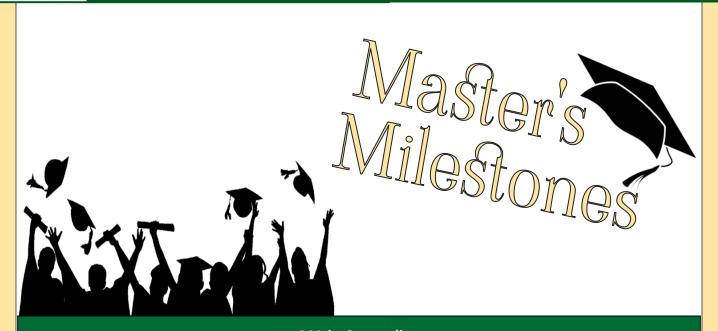
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MA in Teaching			
Graduate's Name	Program Description		
Mark Del Rosario Matanguihan	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Chriselle Marie Tenorio Muna	ELEMENTARY EDUCATION		
Roseann Quenga Pajarillo	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Christian Joseph Yamashita Paulino	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Eric Yosiwo-Sablan Rabago	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Christian Jude Cabrera Rojas	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Joshua Lee Feliciano Samonte	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Fu'una Angelina Sanz	ELEMENTARY EDUCATION		
Elizabeth Ann S. Valencia	SECONDARY EDUCATION		
Leonard-John Limtuatco Ventura	SECONDARY EDUCATION		









MA in Counseling			
Graduate's Name	Internship Location & School Supervisor		
Caitlin Joy Piluden Bartonico	Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School, Ms. Leah Balansay		
Kae'Ana Dee Jesus Camacho	GBHWC, Ms. Frances Munoz Tiyan High School, Mr. Edward Masiwemai		
Nikkole Delgado Cruz	BP Carbullido Elementary School, Mrs. Lulene San Agustin		
Samantha Ann Guarin Jardeleza	Oceanview Middle School, Ms. Marissa Quitugua		
Jessilyn Rose Santos Manglona	Sanctuary Incorporated of Guam, Mr. Carlos Perez Talofofo Elementary School, Mr. Craig Tsuda		
Joshua Jordan A. Pangelinan	GBHWC, Ms. Beverly Reyes & Mr. Jason Taitano JFK High School, Mr. Joseph Lujan		







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**Thesis Oral Defense:** MEd Administration & Supervision graduate Thomas Duenas Santos presented his final action research. Pictured L-R: Dr. Geraldine James, Program Chair; Santos; and Dr. Dean Olah.

M.Ed Administration & Supervision		
Graduate's Name	Teaching Location	
Thomas Duenas Santos	Simon Sanchez High School	



Thesis Oral Defense: MEd Innovations in Teaching & Learning Graduates, Armin Flores and Margaret Choffat, presented their final action research. Pictured L-R: Dr. Geraldine James; Flores; Dr. Cheryl Sangueza, Program Chair; Choffat; and Dr. Dean Olah.

MEd in Innovations in Teaching and Learning		
Graduate's Name	Teaching Location	
Margaret Choffat	Captain H.B. Price Elementary	
Armin Resurreccion Flores	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	











#### UNDERGRADUATE GET TOGETHER

☐ February 28 - Dr. Michelle Santos conducted an Afterschool Workshop for our student teachers and interns. The workshop, also organized by Drs. Zena Sablan and Jackysha Green, was called, "Undergraduate GET TOGETHER - LET'S MEET AND CONSORT."







#### Undergraduate GET TOGETHER

"LET'S MEET AND CONSORT"

2.28.24

WEDNESDAY, 3:30PM-4:30PM

#### ALL UNDERGRADUATES MEET IN SOE ROOM 108

BREAKOUT ROOMS:

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION: FRESHMEN-SENIOR, SOE ROOM 204
SECONDARY EDUCATION: FRESHMEN-SENIOR, SOE ROOM 206
STUDENT TEACHERS: SOE ROOM 108

- BONDING
- BUILDING CAPACITY
- ADVISEMENT
- ADMISSIONS
- CLARIFYING QUESTIONS
- FUN!







### SCHOOL OUTREACH



SOE professors and other community professionals served as judges for the Luis P. Untalan Middle School Science Fair held April 4, 2024. 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



Judges and volunteers for the Luis P. Untalan Middle School Science Fair held April 4, 2024 were recognized for their service.







#### Empowering Tomorrow's Innovators: Strengthening STEM Education and Mentoring with Dr. Cheryl R. Sangueza, School of Education Faculty

Dr. Cheryl Sangueza, an Associate Professor and Chair of the M.Ed in Innovations in Teaching and Learning (InTaL) in the School of Education, also serves in several University of Guam STEM grant leadership positions. Her primary role is the lead for Participant Experiences and Mentoring for the Guam EPSCoR, NSF INCLUDES SEAS Islands Alliance, Navigating Home, and Sloan grants.

These grants activities build valuable cross-university connections, and partnerships with the community, region, and nation, especially with our sister Island Territories, the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

Two NSF INCLUDES summer programming that include Guam's education system and our neighboring island community college students just started! Students from our local high schools and from our neighboring islands join science lab teams (see chart below) to conduct an independent place-based STEM research study. Additional experiences include weekly mentoring seminars and an end of program presentation. Benefits include networking with a diversity of individuals, valuable research experiences, reflective discussions, a stipend, and an opportunity to complete at a national conference. For example, one high school student qualifies to compete at the International Science and Engineering Fair and our Bridge to Bachelor's students can avail of support to attend the National Diversity in STEM (NiDiSTEM) conference.



Photo credit: Science Communication. Pictured are participants from EPSCoR undergraduate, graduate, math summer program, and post-doc; INCLUDES undergraduate, graduate, high school, and Bridge to Bachelors – our neighboring island participants; and Navigating Home fellows.







In concert with Dr. Sangueza's work, the School of Education proudly hosts various grant events and supports engagement in participant experiences and mentoring.

The chart on the next page shows the current INCLUDES and EPSCoR year-long lab teams with faculty researcher mentors, undergraduate participants, and the new addition of high school fellows and Bridge to Bachelor's participants.

#### NSF INCLUDES SEAS Islands Alliance:

PI - Austin Shelton, Ph.D

Co-PI's - Else Demeulenaere, Ph.D; Cheryl Sangueza, Ph.D

#### NSF EPSCoR:

PI - Terry Donaldson, Ph.D

Co-PI's - Bastian Bentlage, Ph.D; Austin Shelton, Ph.D; Rachel Leon Guerrero, Ph.D

#### NSF Navigating Home:

PI - Austin Shelton, Ph.D

Co-PI's +Cheryl Sangueza, Ph.D; Lt. Governor Tenorio

#### Alfred P. Sloan Grant:

PI - Cheryl Sangueza, Ph.D

Co-PI's: Kristin Wilson-Grimes, Ph.D (UVI); Maria Barberena-Arias, Ph.D (PR); Theresa Melton, Ph.D (Clemson)



High school participants and their parents







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UOG Faculty Researcher Mentors	INCLUDES Undergraduate Students	EPSCoR Undergraduate Students	INCLUDES High School Students Summer Fellowship	INCLUDES Bridge to Bachelor's summer Program
Dr. Else Demeulenaere	Mak Dela Cruz Nadley Yow		Manny Marcus (GW) Scarlet Ooka (Tiyan) Lia Park (Harvest)	Daissey Demei: Palau, PCC; island site mentor- Ms. Vernice Yuzi  Leann Gabriel: Pohnpei, COM; island site mentor - Mr. Peltin Olter-Pelep
Dr. Guades	Cyril Concepcion Ranie Ubaldo		Emerald Soram (SSHS) Ghislaine Desacula (GW) Gavin Duenas (Tiyan)	Azer Billion:  Majuro, CMI, island site mentor –  Mr. Alvin Page
Dr. Lobban	Jeniel Mian	MJ Perez		Deniena Fred: Chuuk, CCPI  Lucey Mea and Paul Elanzo: Majuro, CMI, island site mentor – Mr. Alvin Page
Dr. Caballes		Mya Ngemaes	Luis Dela Cruz (Okkodo) Sophia Leon Guerrero (AOLG)	
Dr. Bentlage Dr. Shimpi	Ava-Rene Suba	Ave Medina	Cecelia Borja (SSHS) Sage Castro (Tiyan)	
Dr. Taylor	Ale'a Duenas			
Dr. Lasley		Daniel Urbano		
Dr. Rouze		Nicole Pineda		

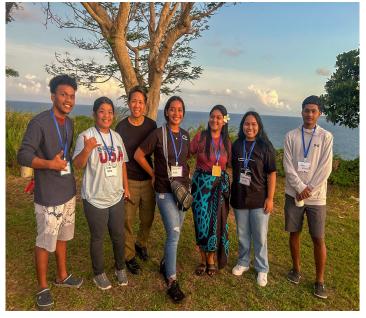


Photo credit: Science Communication. Pictured are Dr. Cheryl Sangueza and our Bridge to Bachelor's students. They include Azer Bilimon from Majuro, College of Marshall Islands; island-site mentor, Alvin Page, UOG mentor, Dr. Guades; Lucey Mea from Majuro, College of Marshall Islands; island-site mentor, Alvin Page, UOG mentor, Dr. Lobban; Deniena Fred from Chuuk, Caroline College and Pastoral Institute (CCPI); Leann Gabriel from Pohnpei, College of Micronesia, island-site mentor, Peltin Olter-Pelep, UOG mentor, Dr. Demeulenaere; Daissey Demei from Palau, PCC, island-site mentor, Vernice Yuzi, UOG mentor, Dr. Demeulenaere; and Paul Elanzo from Majuro, College of Marshall Islands; island-site mentor, Alvin Page, UOG mentor, Dr. Lobban.









## SOE ALUMNI FEATURE

#### **BEVERLY ILEMANGILISH**



Pictured L-R: Ilemangilish, 2022 TESOL Program Graduate and full-time faculty at the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM); Alicia C. Aguon, SOE Dean; and Carim Yanoria, SOE PCIII.









## Harmonizing Futures: Dr. Dean Olah's Musical Mission at Spangdahlem Air Force Base



In January 2024, Dr. Dean Olah and his wife Molly had the wonderful opportunity to work with middle and high school band and orchestra students at the Spangdahlem Air Force Base, Germany, at the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) music education clinics. They provided audition advice, private and small group music lessons, performed with students in rehearsals, and helped integrate technology into the daily music lessons.



SPANGDAHLEM MIDDLE SCHOOL / SPANGDAHLEM HIGH SCHOOL USAF Base, Spangdahlem, Germany

2 January 2024

Dr. Dean Olah Associate Professor of Foundations and Educational Research School of Education University of Guam

Dr. Olah,

It is my pleasure to invite you for a two-day clinic presentation starting January 4-5, 2024 at Spangdahlem Middle and High School, in Spangdahlem, Germany. During this time I would like you to engage in a number of activities with our students including teaching private brass lessons (where applicable), coaching ensemble rehearsals, and share your expertise in brass performance and pedagogy.

As you know, Spangdahlem Middle School/High School is a member of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). DoDEA's Mission is to Educate, Engage, and Empower Military-Connected Students to Succeed in a Dynamic Word. In addition, the DoDEA Vision is Excellence in Education for Every Student, Every Day, Everywhere.

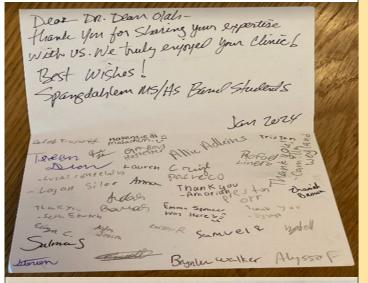
I am sure that with your professional, pedagogical, and performance background, the contributions you will make during your time will be substantial and lasting. I look forward to you joining us for a special two-day of teaching and collaboration!

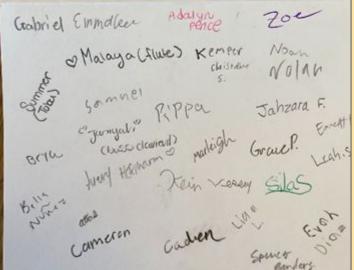
Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

With warm wishes,

Ernest Jennings

Dr. Ernest Jennings Music Teacher Spangdahlem Middle/High School Department of Defense Education Activity













#### Dr. Dean Olah: Selected NEA Research Awards Review Panelist



Dr. Dean Olah was selected to be a Research Awards Review Panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The NEA contacted him to participate as a panelist as a former recipient of a National Endowment with the Raleigh Jazz Orchestra (2005). He completed the application on April 29, 2024 and will be participating in orientation meetings in June and reviewing NEA applications beginning in July. Below is an excerpt from the email he received from the NEA:

Dear Dr. Olah,

I am writing to thank you for agreeing to serve on a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Research Awards application review panel. We would value having your perspective and expertise as part of our application review process. Serving on a panel presents a unique opportunity to see the national scope of research on the value and impact of the arts.

We have the following upcoming opportunities to serve as a NEA panelist:

FY25 Research Grants in the Arts which funds research studies that investigate the value and/or impact of the arts, either as individual components of the U.S. arts ecosystem or as they interact with each other and/or with other domains of American life. You will be assigned to read approximately 20 applications, review corresponding special attachments, and enter comments and scores for all applications. Each application requires 45–60 minutes of independent review prior to the Zoom meeting. You will have around four weeks to complete your comments and scores prior to the panel meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Sunil Iyengar
Director | Office of Research & Analysis
National Endowment for the Arts
400 7th Street SW | Washington, DC 20506"







## STORY TIME COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



#### 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



LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 204 SUMMER SATURDAY STORY TIME

IUNE 22, 2024 | 10:00 A.M. VIA ZOOM



#### REGISTER NOW!

To register, please scan the QR code or click the link below: https://bit.ly/lionsclubreading





Coastie Time ~ Boats 'N Kids

For more information, contact LCI D204 Reading Action Program Chair Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera @ mnrivera1@gmail.com.







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#### **COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS/PROJECTS**

January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 18 - Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, Lion Mae Mendiola, UOG-SOE, USCG Auxiliary, ILA, GIFLC, GPLS, GDOE-CHSSPD, GPD-RBS, and other community partners coordinated community Read Alouds, effective literacy website presentations, CHamoru vocabulary lessons, diversity activities, boating safety tips, and other family literacy activities during the D204 Lions Clubs International Saturday Story Time events.



For more information, contact LCI D204 Reading Action Program Chair Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera @

May 11 - Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera recited poetry and shared stories during the I Nåna gi i Familia Open Mic event coordinated by the Literary Arts Delegates for Guam FESTPAC on May 11, 2024 at Asiga in East Agana.





Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, Literary Arts Delegate for Guam FESTPAC, recites her poetry/story in dedication to her Nana.







#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**



March 29 - Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera presented at the 53rd Annual National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. alongside GDOE educators. Her presentation was titled, "Fostering Language and History through Storytelling."



LEFT: Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera shared her presentation titled, Fostering Language and History through Storytelling on March 29, 2024.



The Guam Delegation takes a pose at the Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana during the 53rd Annual National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) Conference. The theme of the conference is Celebrating Heritage Language and Its Role in Promoting Multilingualism, Multiliteracy, and Multiculturalism! The conference was held March 26-30, 2024. Pictured L-R: Karen Alvia, Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, NABE President Evelyn De Jesus, Bert Yamasta, Elmer Alves, and Barbara Tainatongo.









ImaginationSoup.net was founded by Melissa Taylor, a former teacher who is now a blogger and writer. She is not just any writer; according to her website, she is a children's book expert, a former award-winning bilingual teacher with an M.A. in Education, a former literacy trainer, and a passionate advocate for literacy, representation in children's literature, and high-quality education. Imagination Soup is a convenient source of wholesome and reliable children's books. It appears that she created Imagination Soup as a website where families, librarians, and educators can find great children's books and learning ideas, resources, and community.

In conclusion, Imagination Soup is ideal for parents who need guidance to begin building their child's love for reading. For every parent interested in developing their child's reading abilities, Imagination Soup will foster reading interests and develop a robust vocabulary, leading to enhanced reading skills necessary for fluency and comprehension. Scroll further down Imagination Soup's landing page, and you will find their "Playful Learning" area, where you will see reading journals, STEM activities, games, and books with educational reading and writing sheets.

\*Contribution by Norly Cabrera-Balbin







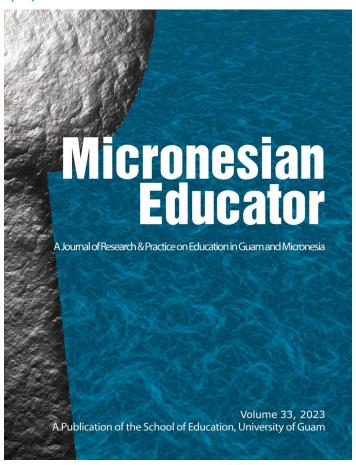


#### PEER REVIEWS



Drs. Alicia C. Aguon, MaryJane Miller, Cathy Cardenas, Dean Anthony Olah, Perry Jason Pangelinan, Zena Aguon, Matilda Naputi Rivera, Jackysha Green Genevieve Leon Guerrero, and Geraldine S. James, conducted peer reviews for the Miconesian Educator.

https://www.uog.edu/schools-and-colleges/school-of-education/micronesian-educator/index.php













# SAVE ANNUAL REGIONAL LANGUAGE ARTS CONFERENCE. THE NOVEMBER 8-9 2024



TULOS MO'NA:
PERSEVERING AND
ENGAGING
THROUGH LITERACY











Catherine Cardenas, Assistant Professor



Genevieve Garret, Assistant Professor



Jackysha N. Green, Assistant Professor



Andrew L. Grunzke, Associate Professor





Kathrine Guitierrez, Associate Professor





ShinHwa Lee, Assistant Professor



Mary Jane Miller, Professor





Dean A. Olah, Associate Professor







Zena G. Sablan, Assistant Professor



