



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
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Board of Regents

Resolution No. 23-13

**RELATIVE TO APPROVING NAMING THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM SCHOOL OF HEALTH
ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND FACILITY AFTER (DR.) MARGARET PEREZ HATTORI-UCHIMA**

WHEREAS, the University of Guam (UOG) is the primary U.S. Land Grant and Sea Grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the Western Pacific region;

WHEREAS, the governance and well-being of UOG is vested in the Board of Regents (BOR);

WHEREAS, the asset naming policy was updated by BOR Resolution 22-08, *Relative to Approving The University Of Guam Board Of Regents Facility and Program Naming Policy*, on February 24, 2022;

WHEREAS, the naming policy allows for protocols to determine permanent or limited term recognition that aligns with UOG's vision, mission, strategic direction, and other relevant factors that includes individuals that demonstrates evidence of significant academic achievement and/or significant exemplary service to UOG, and may include naming opportunities in memory of a person;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam in 1983, earned an associate's degree (1985) and bachelor's degree (1987) in nursing from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, a master's in nursing from the University of Phoenix (2001), and a doctorate in nursing from Villanova University (2012);

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima was a registered nurse for 37 years, a faculty member at UOG since August 2001, and the Dean of the School of Health (SOH) since 2014;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima earned and received the following professional honors:

- 1985 Pacific Asian Scholarship
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- 1986 Career Mobility Scholarship for Registered Nurses
- 2002 Sigma Theta Tau International, Omicron Delta Chapter
- 2009 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Villanova University Chapter
- 2010 Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award recipient
- 2010 Honorary Nursing Practice in Nursing/Allied Health Education Award - Guam Nurses Association
- 2011 Legislative Certificate from I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan (31st Guam Legislature) for work as a member of the Guam Homeless Coalition (July 6, 2011)
- 2013 Distinguished Dissertation Award, Villanova University College of Nursing
- 2016 University of Hawai'i Distinguished Nursing Alumni Award
- 2016 American Association of Nurse Practitioners Advocate State Award for Excellence
- 2019 Guam Nurses Association Nurse of The Year 2019;

WHEREAS, in 2020, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima was the first Guam fellow to be inducted into the American Academy of Nursing's 2020 Class of Fellows, along with 230

distinguished leaders in nursing nationwide, and this prestigious fellowship recognized her for her contributions in advancing healthcare and public health;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima was recognized by KUAM as a 2021 COVID Hero and by the Guam Army National Guard for her contributions to Operation Liberate Guam for her untiring and significant contributions to Guam's health care processes/systems providing expert professional guidance and physically participating in immunizing the community including the homeless population, while continuing her full time job as a Dean of SOH, teaching student nurses, and creatively accelerating graduation rates without sacrificing quality graduates;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima was named Supervisor of the Year at the UOG 2021 Triton Awards Program for her outstanding people-management skills, significant contributions, achievements as a supervisor, and her commitment to professional standards and responsive customer service and community needs;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima received the 2022 National Association of Social Workers Guam Chapter Public Citizen Award for her professional and personal dedication to the health and well-being of our communities in Guam and throughout Micronesia;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima was affiliated with these professional organizations:

2002 – 2022 Member, Sigma Theta Tau International, Omicron Delta Chapter
2002 – 2022 Member, Guam Nurses Association
2002 – 2022 Member, American Nurses Association
2003 – 2011 Vice Chair, Guam Board of Nurse Examiners
2009 – 2022 Member, Phi Kappa Phi Society
2012 – 2017 Member, Western Institute of Nursing Research
2013 – 2018 Member, Guam Honor Society for Nurses
2014 – 2022 Member, Transcultural Nursing Society
2020 – 2022 Member, American Academy of Nursing
2021 – 2022 Member, American Association for Cancer Research;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima served on the Board of Directors of the Guam Healthcare and Hospital Development Foundation beginning in 2011 to foster the development of a privately-owned and managed hospital for Guam;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima actively participated in Guam Homeless Coalition (GHC) outreaches since 2009, served on the GHC Board and was its chairperson from May 2013 to May 2016, co-chaired the Committee on Healthcare for the Homeless and was instrumental in planning the annual Homeless Point-In-Time Count, creating its reports and advocating for wrap-around services for the homeless;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima served on the Governor's Guam Homeless Taskforce in 2014, helped establish the Guma San Jose Expansion Project, the only shelter on the island for families, wrote briefings and presented data on homelessness on Guåhan, including the status of homeless veterans, for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and served as an appointed member of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero's Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless Program where she secured grants to serve the community and build capacity in healthcare;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima served a member, Guam Education Delegate, and Chair of the Finance and Education Committee of the American Pacific Nursing Leaders Council;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima was the Acting Program Director for the HRSA Guam Area Health Education Center (AHEC) that addressed nursing workforce issues in the Pacific Region through strengthening the nurses' education capacity.

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima was a Guam Co-Principal Investigator for the training portion of the Children's Healthy Living Program for Remote Underserved Minority Populations in the Pacific Region project; focused to set up the capacity for Pacific Island populations to prevent child obesity through a multi-level approach including training public health nutrition work force, conducting public health nutrition research, communicating health related information to the public, developing nutrition monitoring and surveillance system, and building social, cultural, physical environments to sustain changes;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima was the Guam lead site Principal Investigator of the National Institutes of Health Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity, Enhancing Cross Disciplinary Infrastructure and Training at Oregon (BUILD EXITO) partnering with Portland State University focused on engaging underrepresented students with hands-on research experience and increasing the career research pathways in biomedical fields;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima was one of the Principal Investigators for the Pacific Islands Cohort on Cardiometabolic Health (PICCAH), a National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities grant aimed at establishing the baseline of a generational epidemiological cohort in Guam, Pohnpei and Palau for a longitudinal study of multiple health outcomes and cardiometabolic disease;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima was one of the Principal Investigators for the Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity (PIPCHÉ), a federally funded partnership between the UOG Cancer Research Center and the University of Hawai'i Cancer Research Center, and sought to promote cancer health equity and mitigate the impact of cancer on Pacific island populations through increasing cancer research leadership and capacity in Guam, Hawai'i, and throughout the Pacific;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima successfully acquired and was the Project Director for the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Guam/Micronesia Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) in 2019, worth \$3.55M, that focuses on filling the gaps in care for the elderly through workforce development, developing and implementing training on care for those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias for health care workers, caregiving family members, and students, and enhancement of the UOG nursing assistant program;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima was lead author or co-author on 79 peer reviewed journal articles;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima was among the healthcare leaders who worked tirelessly on the frontlines to save lives when COVID-19 hit Guam in early 2020, taking shifts as a nurse, helping to organize nurses island-wide, and with the dedication of the nursing facility, launching the Temporary Nursing Assistant Program to help address the critical shortage of nursing assistants;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima devoted her life to University of Guam by enhancing the quality of life of this community and the region, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the progress of our people, certainly having earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great island;

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima died unexpectedly on Monday, December 26, 2022, while employed as the Dean of SOH;

WHEREAS, the UOG President and Senior Vice President and Provost proposes that the UOG SOH Academic Program and Facility be named after (Dr.) Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima, without the contribution requirement, based on her significant academic achievement and significant exemplary service to UOG, the Guam community, and the region, through the BOR Physical Facilities Committee for BOR approval, effective for Academic Year 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, the BOR Physical Facilities Committee and the Academic, Personnel, and Tenure Committee have reviewed this request and recommend approval by the BOR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOR approves the naming of the UOG SOH Academic Program and Facility after (Dr.) Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima, without the contribution requirement, based on her significant academic achievement and significant exemplary service to UOG, the Guam community, and the region, effective for Academic Year 2023-2024.

Adopted this 27th day of April, 2023.



Liza J. Provido, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Thomas W. Krise, Ph.D., Executive Secretary