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**MEDIA NOTICE:**

The Commissioning Ceremony is not open to the public, but media are invited to cover the event, which will be held at 3 p.m. in the Latte of Freedom.

### **Six ROTC cadets to be commissioned as Army officers**

The University of Guam's ROTC program announces that six cadets will earn their commission this Saturday as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

The Commissioning Ceremony is the culmination of the four-year ROTC program that the cadets undertook while completing their bachelor's degrees at the University of Guam. The cadets' ROTC courses focused primarily on leadership skills, with a particular emphasis on the real-world application of the leadership lessons taught and discussed in the classroom. The cadets also benefitted from multiple paid summer internships and military training courses in the continental United States as well as annual field training exercises and cultural exchange events with cadets and leaders from foreign militaries.

The cadets will become second lieutenants in the U.S. Army National Guard, the U.S. Army Reserves, or the Active Duty Army. As part of the ceremony, the cadets will also be assigned to their branches, or military specialties.

Earning their commission as U.S. Army second lieutenants are:

- **Christopher Andrada**  
Medical Services Officer, U.S. Army Reserves  
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Health Promotion

John F. Kennedy High School

- **Corey Ayuyu**  
Infantry Officer, Guam National Guard  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice  
Father Duenas Memorial High School
- **Collin Babauta**  
Infantry Officer, Active Duty  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Minors in Public Administration and  
Military Science  
Cabrillo High School (Calif.)
- **Justine Mallari**  
Engineer Officer, Guam Army National Guard  
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Minor in Military Science  
Holy Rosary Academy (Philippines) and Northern Marianas College
- **Henry Sandbergen**  
Armor Officer, Active Duty  
Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Economics, Minor in Military  
Science  
Tinian High School
- **Michael Schommer**  
Infantry Officer, Active Duty  
Bachelor of Arts in History, Minor in Military History  
Saint Bedes College (New Zealand)

UOG's ROTC program was established in October 1979 and is celebrating 40 years of producing dynamic leaders for Guam, the Pacific, and the United States of America.

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**PHOTO CAPTION:**

University of Guam ROTC cadets (from left) Christopher Andrada, Corey Ayuyu, Henry Sandbergen, Michael Schommer, Collin Babauta, and Justine Mallari will be commissioned as U.S. Army officers this Saturday.

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