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Communities of Guam and all of Micronesia invited to attend free Dementia Awareness Conference Series

The Guam/Micronesia Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program of the University of Guam's School of Health will be hosting a Dementia Awareness Conference Series over the next four weeks to provide education, training, and awareness on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias.

"Dementia can be overwhelming not only for those who have it, but for their caregivers," said Margaret Hattori-Uchima, dean of the School of Health. "With this virtual conference series, our hope is to improve the quality of life of our loved ones with dementia and of their families and caregivers."

The sessions are free and open to the public in Guam and all of Micronesia. The virtual conference series is divided into separate tracks for health professionals, the general public, and the Micronesian communities.

The series starts this week with the following sessions:

For Health Professionals:

"CARES® DEMENTIA-RELATED BEHAVIOR™: Introduction to Dementia-Related Behavior"

Presented by Veronica Alave, MSN/ED, RN

Time: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, March 16

Registration link: <http://bit.ly/gwephealthprofessionals>

**Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available as part of this track.*

For the Micronesian Communities:

“CARES® DEMENTIA CARE FOR FAMILIES™: Understanding Memory Loss”

Presented by Margaret Hattori-Uchima, PhD, RN, and Kathlina Martin, MSW

Time: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Date: Wednesday, March 17

Registration link: <http://bit.ly/gwepmicronesiacommunity>

For the General Public:

“POSITIVE APPROACH TO CARE®: Maintain Your Brain: Dementia Risk Reduction and Life After Diagnosis”

Presented by Melanie Bunn, RN, MS, GNP

Time: 10 a.m. – Noon

Date: Thursday, March 18

Registration link: <http://bit.ly/gwepvirtualconferenceseries>

About the Guam/Micronesia Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program

The primary goal of Guam/Micronesia Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program is to transform the health systems serving the region’s elderly and individuals with Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias, resulting in improved quality of life.

The program aims to fill gaps in elderly care in the region through:

- workforce development
- family and caregiver training
- engaged community networks and partnerships
- enhancement of the University of Guam nursing assistant training program.

For more information on GWEP programs and services, contact Bruce San Nicolas at brucesn@triton.uog.edu or Tricia Nguyen at nguyent@triton.uog.edu.

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3 p.m. - 5 p.m. (CHST)
via Zoom**

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CEUs provided, California Board of Registered Nursing provider no. 17156

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