



CLASS Connections

Fañomnåkan 2020 Newsletter



CLASS Student Spotlight: Artemia Perez is an Anthropology major, who is also minoring in CHamoru studies and Sociology. She reads about ancient CHamoru beliefs in the Guam Museum, where she has been interning during her senior year.

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“An un kuentusi un tåotåo ni lenguåhi na ha kumprendi, humålom gi iluña. Angin un kuentusi gui gi lenguåhiña propiu, humålom enåo gi kurasonña.”

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.”

- Nelson Mandela

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UOG CLASS Feed the Homeless

Source: UOG Website | uog.edu



Students and staff from the University of Guam handed out meals to homeless families on Friday in front of the Guam Congress Building. The team handed out spaghetti meals, toiletries, snack bags, and feminine hygiene products donated by the Bureau of Women’s Affairs.

The event was a community service project of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, assisted by the Political Science Student Association, the UOG Sociology Club, Mañe’lon Marianas, and the UOG student chapter of the United Nations Association.

“One lesson we want to impress upon the students is that when they see someone in need, we do something to help — it may not be feeding the homeless, but something toward helping others get back on their feet.”

- Sharleen Santos-Bamba



Photos courtesy of Nolan Flores



How to Say “I Love You” Event

The UOG Endowment Foundation would like to invite you to **How to Say "I Love You"- Love Languages in the Pacific** at the Guam Museum in Hagatna on **February 13, 2020 at 6pm**. This fundraising event, with proceeds benefiting the Liberal Arts and Fine Arts programs at the University of Guam, will explore the many ways love is demonstrated throughout the Pacific. Tickets are \$60 per person and includes live entertainment, cultural delicacies and free flowing drinks.

To purchase tickets to this event you can call the UOG Endowment Foundation at 735-2957 or log on to give.uog.edu/shop/ and purchase your tickets online.

Anthropology major promotes cultural preservation through community service

Source: UOG Website | uog.edu

On the top floor of the Guam Museum is a room full of artifacts from Guam's recent and distant past — colorful art from local creatives, weathered photographs, indigenous tools. It is here that University of Guam senior Artemia Perez spends many of her afternoons, cataloging items as part of her internship for the anthropology program. She plugs in her headphones and sorts through ancient treasures imagining the stories they might hold.

Currently, she is curating photographs from an album donated by the family of a World War II veteran who was stationed on Guam during the war.

"It's so beautiful," she said. "I love the idea of all of these artifacts being in one place."

What she likes most is that the museum tells CHamoru history through the perspective of CHamorus, shedding light on her island's history and people.

"In high school, there's no Guam history class, there's no CHamoru language class. It's really just U.S. history and U.S. government, that was the curriculum. So college became my opportunity to just learn more about our island and my culture and really invest myself in that," she said.



UOG professors have encouraged Perez to explore the world from the CHamoru perspective.

"We talk about real-world issues and then relate them back to our island," she said. "We are learning about the world but contextualizing it to Guam."

Outside of the classroom, she has been able to explore her heritage further through membership in Mañe'lon Marianas — the UOG student organization working to sustain and spread CHamoru culture. Through the club Perez has met movers and shakers in the student and local communities working toward a common goal.



Submit your scholarly and creative work for the 41st Annual Research Conference!

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AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



The submission deadline is rapidly approaching for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' 41st Annual Research Conference: Building Strength & Sovereignty in the Pacific.

General Submission Deadline January 31, 2020

Presentations of papers, exhibits, panels, forums, workshops, and performances are all welcome. The Conference Committee solicits proposals from faculty, undergraduate, and graduate students in any discipline.

Abstracts of up to 150 words can be submitted at:

<https://arc945.wixsite.com/classarc41>

FANUCHÅNAN 2019 GRADUATES

ANTHROPOLOGY

Nathan J.L. Sablan

COMMUNICATION

Isabella Angeli A. Alvia

Jose Taisague Castro

Elsiana Kaelika Taitano Cruz

Nathan Fernando Lizama

Joel Datu Mendiola

Anne Marie Tabonares

Rodriguez

ENGLISH

Travis Cabe Aguon

Kristine Camille Talavera

De Jesus

Jewel Aureli Bolaño Lagman

Jeseca Amber Valencia

Jessica Marie Cristino

Bigueras

Anna Jane Manabat Erne

Janica Marie Dizon Manabat

Nikko A. Capati

Joseph Dominic Zapanta

FINE ARTS

Amberlyn Marie Alconaba

Pangelinan

Julia Rivera

Chanel Victoria Cruz Jarrett

Anna Nicole Prelosky

HISTORY

Bob Koi Aguon Bukikosa

Hagia Charisma Torres

Magana

Michael H. Schommer

PACIFIC-ASIAN STUDIES

Michelle Ann Taitague

Balajadia

Loretta Paulino Cruz

Alvina Lynn King



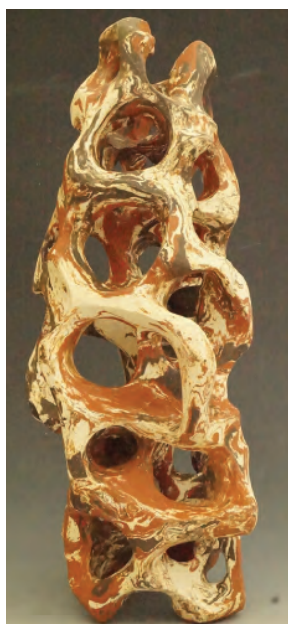
CSR Grants

- Debra Cabrera received \$2,250 to research Social Bonding Theory.
- Hunter Fine received \$2,250 for research in Seafaring and Canoe Building.
- Hyun Jong Hahm received \$2,350 for the continuation of Chuuk publishing.
- Yoshito Kawabata received \$2,250 to research on mental health and youth from Pacific Islands.
- Arun Swamy received \$900 for the continuation of research in Palau.

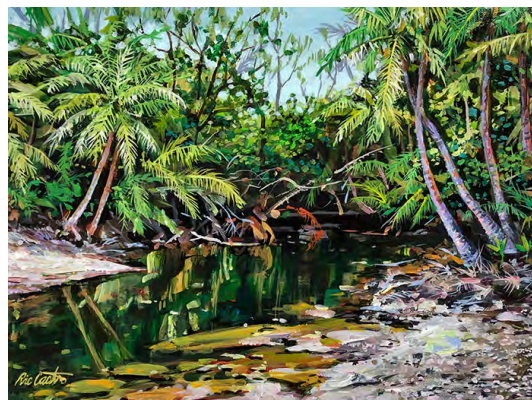
Student Travel Grants

- Kiana Brown, Via De Fant, and Christina Lee each received \$1,000 to present at the Transformative Landscapes Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Nikko Capati, Elizabeth Elmore, Hannah Marzan, Cameron Milan, and Victoria Revello each received \$500 to present at the Transformative Landscapes Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Heather Garrido received \$500 to engage in volunteer work in Thailand and Laos.
- Cassandra Santos and Annalyn Tenorio each received \$500 to present at the Considering Our Commonplaces Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Isla Center for the Arts - Faculty Biennial exhibit



A clay sculpture by Lewis Rifkowitz



"Cetti River Outlet," an acrylic painting by Ric Castro

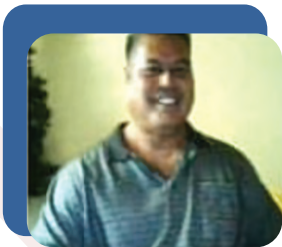


"Daydream," a woodcut print by Irena Keckes

Faculty Travel Grants

- Hyun Jong Hahm received \$1,500 to present at the Biannual Seminar of Language Research Institute in Seoul, South Korea.
- Anne Hattori received \$1,108 to present on Health and Labour after the Pacific War in Adelaide, Australia.
- Colleen Jennings received \$1,500 to present at the Come Away - TVF Winter Retreat Conference in Yelapa, Mexico.
- Masumi Kai received \$1,500 to present at the Applied Linguistics in the Digital Age Conference in Neuchâtel, Switzerland.
- Kenneth Kuper received \$1,500 to present at the Build As We Fight - Annual American Studies Association Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- David Ruskin received \$1,300 to present at the Linguistics Society of America & Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Holly Rustick received \$1,500 to present at the Grant Professionals Association in Washington D.C.
- Verna Zafra-Kasala received \$1,500 to present at the 117th Annual Conference for the Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association in San Diego, California.

#GUDCLASS - Creating Spaces: Confronting Cultural Differences



Simon S. Maluwelmeng

Simon S. Maluwelmeng is from Woleai, Yap and has lived on Guam for more than 30 years. He teaches History of Micronesia at the university.

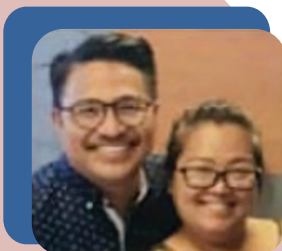
Lisa Aizawa Nimwes

Lisa Aizawa Nimwes is from the island Chuuk. She is a University of Guam alumni who currently teaches at F. B. Leon Guerrero Middle School as an ESL teacher.



Tim De la Cruz

Tim De la Cruz was born and raised on Guam. He is a University of Guam alumni employed with the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Cooperative Extension. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Human Services, Community and Social Services from Capella University. He continues to serve as the executive director for the non-profit organization, GALA Inc.



FANUCHANAN 2019 GRADUATES

PACIFIC-ASIAN STUDIES

James Daniel Taitano Mendiola
Meia Rose Santos Torres

PHILOSOPHY

Christine Lorraine Fernandez
Marian Grace Remitera
Huavas

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Oscar Ryusei Cabatic
Javan W. Santos
Natasha Lujan Suba
John Perman Taman Jr.

PSYCHOLOGY

Luisette C. Balmonte
Francis Garett Bravo Calata
Nikolas Jude Sablan Gutierrez
(+ Sociology)
Marc Brandon Pinera Pilante
Amanda Elizabeth San
Nicolas
Nicholis Thomas

SOCIOLOGY

Deidra L. Cruz
Gabrielle Ligaya Viray
Gregory

GRADUATE STUDIES



MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH (M.A.)
Arielle Taitano Lowe



“ As one of UOG’s three GYC representatives, I have the great opportunity to work with our other representatives — Al Labang and Prairie Garrido — and to be the voice of us Tritons and bring positive change to our university and all of Guåhan. ”
- Nolan Flores



Photos courtesy of UOG Website

Nolan Flores stands with other newly elected representatives and existing members of the Guam Youth Congress.

Sophomore Nolan Flores elected to Guam Youth Congress

Source: UOG Website | uog.edu

University of Guam sophomore and political science major Nolan Flores was elected as the University’s newest representative in the 32nd Guam Youth Congress. Flores will be fulfilling the unexpired term of former representative and 2019 graduate Maria Dolojan.

Each representative in GYC serves two-year terms upon election by their peers. The legislative body is made up of representatives from Guam’s high schools and villages and can make its own rules, establish committees, and pass resolutions and bills that are then transmitted to the Guam Legislature.

During his term, Flores plans to work toward making changes in four main areas: revitalizing Guam’s culture and language, furthering the island’s decolonization efforts, promoting environmental sustainability, and empowering the youth and community.

“I’ve gained invaluable experience from the Public Policy Institute of I Liheslaturan Guåhan. In this program, I interned under Speaker Tina Muña-Barnes and Sen. Wil Castro, and I learned and refined my knowledge and skills in this area by directly participating in the legislative process, researching and writing bills, assisting constituents, providing executive-level staffing, and organizing civic activities,” Flores said.

Flores was also recently appointed by Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero and confirmed by the Guam Legislature to serve as a member of the Guam Public Library System Board of Directors.

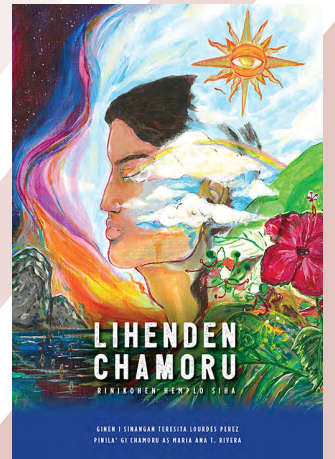
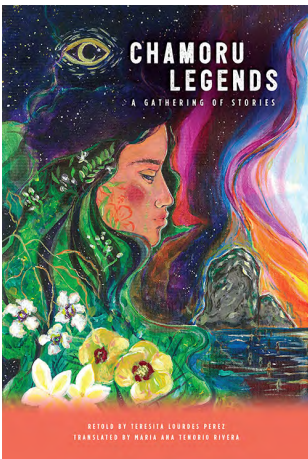


(From left) Al Labang and Nolan Flores, two of three UOG representatives in the Guam Youth Congress.



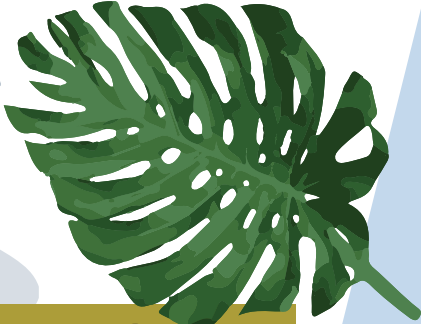
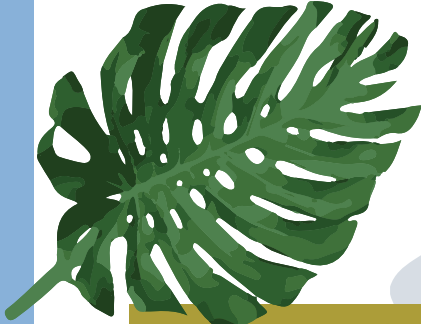


Thanks, for a successful outcome.



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TUESDAY: 9 AM - 4 PM
WEDNESDAY: 9 AM - 4 PM
THURSDAY: 9 AM - 4 PM
FRIDAY: 9 AM - 4 PM

HSS308

MON/ WED: 8:00 - 9:30 | 1:30 - 3:30
| 4:30 - 5:00
TUES/ THURS: 8:00 - 9:30 | 2:00 - 5:00
FRIDAY: 8:00 - 5:00

For more information, please contact the CLASS Dean's Office at 735 - 2850.

SAVE THE DATES!

 <p>March 5 ARC Poetry Slam 5pm @ CLASS Lecture Hall</p>	 <p>March 6 41st ARC: Building Strength & Sovereignty</p>	 <p>March 10 CHamoru Language Competition</p>	 <p>April 1 CSR Grant</p>	 <p>Feb. 5 & Apr. 29 Faculty Travel Grant</p>	 <p>Feb. 5 & Apr. 29 Student Travel Grant</p>	 <p>May 8 (tentative) CLASS Pinning & Hooding Ceremony</p>
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<p>February 6 - 28 22nd Annual Art-A-Thon</p>	<p>Mar. 6 - Apr 3 3rd Annual CLASS ARC Exhibition</p>	<p>May 7 - June 26 UOG Student Exhibition</p>

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