

CLASS CONNECTIONS

Fañuchånan 2023 Newsletter



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College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Fañomnåkan 2023 graduates at the CLASS Pinning Ceremony held at the CLASS Lecture Hall on May 12, 2023.

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From the Dean's Desk

Dear Professors, Students, and Friends of the College,

I pray you have been able to recover from Mawar. Resilience and the can-do helpful attitude and response have proven again to lead the way to community and personnel recovery. To fulfill our commitment to making the lives of every student successful, the University continues to work toward sharing power on campus with the various student groups.

If the University is going to improve and continue to rise to new heights, then the importance of the peoples' leadership cannot be overstated. The people as a whole must embrace their role as citizen-law-makers. One of our greatest challenges is overcoming elitist, exclusive and exclusionary practices and beliefs that have infiltrated our ways of thinking due to Guåhan's political status and colonialism.

F.W. Nietzsche recommended turning around and looking back upon where you came from. We tend to reflect on the trials and tribulations more so than the success—as they say folks recall the bad news more than the good news.

As your friendly neighborhood philosopher, I'm compelled to mention the need to continue the plight to correct Guam's political status because the USA tyranny over the offshore territories is detrimental to the wellbeing of the people of Guam. Guam's territorial status is both unconstitutional, and it violates a basic human right of self-determination.

Guam's political status is correlated to many other negative social issues plaguing the community. Most significantly Guam's inferior political status as a "ward of congress" has created major health disparity problems, public safety, and public education issues.

The malaise created by our political status leaves most people with feelings of distrust, complacency, hopelessness, and despair. Being disenfranchised in one's homeland generates psychological distress that quickly creates social discontent, leading to crime. The feelings of distrust toward both the federal government, and the local government as a colonial arm of the federal government are tied to Guam's huge health disparities. When people do not trust authority figures, they do not trust doctors and their health advice. The institutional racist colonial elements operating in Guam's government institutions, and in the health industry, itself, further compound the problem of distrust leading to more health disparities such that Guam and the region have per-capita higher rates of cancer, diabetes, suicide, maternal-child mortality, TB, hepatitis B, very high rates of smoking, high rates of uninsured/under-insured, poor access to healthcare and poor access to appropriate nutrition that leads to premature death rates.

The distrust of the federal and local governments due to the ongoing oppression, corruption, and the past horrors of colonialism disenfranchise people, creating a sense of hopelessness, causing people to lash out in violent and unhealthy ways. This creates civil issues, various forms of crime, public and domestic violence, alcohol and drug addiction, and the other negative effects of social decline.

High quality education could help alleviate the stress, but because the public and private educational institutions are for the most part also tied to colonial endeavors or groups, we wallow in a pool of disenfranchisement, lost trust, and lost opportunities.

Therefore, my dear friends, colleagues, and fellow citizens, fixing Guam's political status must be our, your, top priority to ensure a successful future for the people of Guam and the region.

Wishing you a productive and fun filled Fanuchånan 2023 semester.

Yours Truly,

James D. Sellmann, Ph. D.
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Dean

Biba CLASS! Biba UOG! Biba!



College Academic Affairs Committee (L-R)

Dr. James Sellmann, Dean; Dr. Mary Therese Cruz, Interim Associate Dean;

Division Chairs: Dr. Kirk Johnson (Social and Behavioral Sciences); Dr. Michael Clement (Humanities);
Dr. Christopher Garcia-Santos (English & Applied Linguistics); Dr. Irena Keckes (Communication, Media, & Fine Arts)

New Faculty



DEREK SMITH II INSTRUCTOR OF THEATRE

Derek Smith is an alumnus of the University of Guam, with a Bachelors in Fine Arts: Theatre. He has been active in theater since 2009, starting with the GATE Theater program, and has taken up a variety of roles and duties over the years, from acting to directing to playwriting. In 2018 he was a competitor for the Irene Ryan's Acting Scholarship, and in 2019 he directed the short film *The Passenger* which received an Award of Excellence from the Broadcast Education Association. Storytelling has always been his main focus, whether it be through theater, film, or his current pastime: novel writing, and he hopes to help encourage the growth of the next generation of storytellers through the University of Guam's Fine Arts Theatre Department.

New Staff



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Administrative Assistant

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CSR Grant Dates!

CSR Grants have a maximum award amount of \$3,000. These are seed grants intended to fund small one-time projects or to start fledging projects and help faculty in applications for external funding. The budget for CSR grants is \$24,000 this year. There is only \$12,000 per semester.

CSR Grant Application

<https://questionpro.com/t/AUwHOZzPjn>

For AY 2023-2024, the deadlines for CSR Grants are **October 5 in the Fanuchánan** semester and **April 3 in the Fañomnákan** semester. Grant funds are valid for one year.

Travel Grant Dates!

Faculty Travel Grants are awarded for a maximum of \$1,500. Priority is given for presenting at academic conferences. The budget for Faculty Travel Grants is \$29,000 this year. There will be roughly \$7,250 per quarter to award.

Faculty Travel Grant Application

<https://questionpro.com/t/AUwHOZzPjk>

Student Travel Grants are awarded for a maximum of \$500 for undergraduate students and \$1,000 for graduate students. Priority is given for presenting at academic conferences. Either the student or the faculty member may apply, but the student must have a faculty sponsor.

Student Travel Grant Application

<https://questionpro.com/t/AUwHOZzPjb>

Applications will be accepted and considered on an ongoing basis, subject to the availability of funds. The deadlines for priority consideration for AY 2023-24 are:

- For travel in October-December, the deadline is **August 30** for review on September 1.
- For travel in January-March, the deadline is **November 15** for review on November 17.
- For travel in April-June, the deadline is **January 31** for review on February 2.
- For travel in July-September, the deadline is **May 1** for review on May 3.

Priority consideration will be given to applications received by the deadline.

STUDENT TRAVEL

AY 2022-2023



BALI FIELD SCHOOL



SOCIOLOGY - AUSTRALIA



LATTE TONES - ITALY



MICRONESIAN STUDIES - SWEDEN & FINLAND

CSR Grant Recipients

Brett Fulkerson-Smith

Awarded \$1500 to implement an immersive learning experience for students in PI481 Capstone in Philosophy with 4 international Fichte scholars

Francis Dalisay

Awarded \$2225 for the UOG Film Festival

Hunter Fine

Awarded \$2800 for research on Oceanic and Austronesian seafaring communities

Jonathan Wurtz

Awarded \$3000 for to produce a pedagogical resource book for Philosophy for Children for parents and teachers in Guam

Lewis Rifkowitz

Awarded \$2600 for the Annual Undergraduate Art Exhibit

Velma Yamashita

Awarded \$3000 for research to identify and create sustainable art frames for the 2024 Art-a-thon exhibition at the Isla Center for the Arts

Faculty Travel Grant Recipients

Kate Yusi

Awarded \$360 to present at the International Conference on Ontology and Ontological Formations

Hyung-Jong Hahm -

Awarded \$1500 to present at the Korean Association for the Study of English Language and Linguistics and Korean Association for Corpus Linguistics Conference

Kirk Johnson

Awarded \$1500 for travel to Bali, Indonesia for the Bali Field School

Faculty Travel Grant Recipients

Kenneth Kuper

Awarded \$1500 to present at the 64th International Studies Association Annual Convention

Chris Rasmussen

Awarded \$1105 to present at the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting

Marshaley Baquiano

Awarded \$1293.23 to present at the Asian Political and International Studies Association Annual Congress

Raymond Anderson

Awarded \$1500 to present at the Broadcast Education Association Convention

Velma Yamashita

Awarded \$2073 to attend planning meetings for the Austronesian International Arts Exhibition

Debra Cabrera

Awarded \$1500 to present at the Society for Research on Adolescence 2023 Annual Meeting

Jonathan Wurtz

Awarded \$1500 to present at the Northern American Association for Communities of Inquiry Conference

Masumi Kai

Awarded \$1000 for travel to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for the Musubi Textbook Workshop

Randall Johnson

Awarded \$1500 for travel to Val Pusteria, Italy for the Alta Pusteria International Choir Festival

Yuka Iwata

Awarded \$1000 for travel to Honolulu, Hawai'i for the Japanese Language Teaching Workshop

Evelyn Flores

Awarded \$1500 to present at the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment and the Association for Environmental Studies and the Sciences Biennial Conference

Rita Sharma

Awarded \$1000 for the EPPP Live Online Workshop

Michael Clement

Awarded \$1500 to present at the New Zealand Studies Association 27th Annual Conference

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Student Travel Grant Recipients

Brett Fulkerson-Smith

Awarded \$325 supporting team participation in the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Regional Competition

EN319 Students

Awarded \$525 to attend the Language Arts Conference
EN311 students – Awarded \$210 to attend the Language Arts Conference

DEAL Writing Center Tutors

Awarded \$210 to attend the Language Arts Conference

SO405 Students

Awarded \$7000 for travel to Bali, Indonesia for the Bali Field School

Arun Swamy & PS304 Students

Awarded \$600 to attend the UOG Conference on Island Sustainability

Kirk Johnson & SO405 Students

Awarded \$1200 to attend the UOG Conference on Island Sustainability

Mia Alvarez and Darren Palmes Awarded \$500 each to attend the Sigma Tau Delta 2023 Convention

Rochelle Alviz, Briante Barretto, Chelsea Gonzales, Anesha-Maelene Ignacio, Nicole Marin, Josiah Mesngon and Ulysses Story

Awarded \$500 each to present at the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology

Muturwan Choay

Awarded \$1000 to present at the New Zealand Studies Association 27th Annual Conference

Jiannah Abasta, Kyle Adriano, Leila Duenas, Angela Espiritu, Mareva Lasaisuva, Ariya Limtiaco, Mikaela Oliva, Roben Paulino, Colin Valencia, Sera Unpingco, and Shelby Weilbacher

Awarded \$500 each for travel to Val Pusteria, Italy for the Alta Pusteria International Choir Festival



2023 CLASS Outstanding Awardees!



Outstanding Incoming Undergraduate Student
Chloe Calvo



Outstanding Upper-Level Undergraduate Student
Rochelle Alviz



Outstanding Student Employee
Ulysses Story



Outstanding Staff
Evelyn Siquig
not pictured



Outstanding Alumni
Alison Hadley



Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Christopher Rasmussen



Excellence in Research
Dr. Anne Hattori



Excellence in Service
Dr. Kisha Borja-Quichocho-Calvo



Collegiality Award
Dr. Marshaley Baquiano



Excellence in Assessment
Psychology Program

Congratulations to Honor Society Inductees & Special Awards!



Student & Alumni Highlights

BOR Resolution for UOG Theatre Production



The Student Government Association unanimously passed Resolution 61-07 "Relative to Recognizing and Commending the Cast, Band, and Creative and Production Team of the UOG Theatre Production of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"."

Fine Arts Alumni Speakers



Dr. Troy McVey, Professor of Theatre pictured with FA Alumni (L-R) Austin Domingo, Visual Art 2012; Krystal Paco-San Agustine, Music; Judy Flores, Visual Art 1968; Ernest Ochoco, Music & Theater

Success at National Film Festival



At the 2023 Broadcast Education Association's (BEA) Festival of Media Arts, Kyra Perez won "Award for Excellence" for her micro documentary "Kia". Kyra is a student in the Communication & Media Program. The program has ranked 69 overall out of over 90 schools in the BEA Institution. "Kia" was one of 5 projects entered this year and received UOG's 4th award in its 4 year record.

FAÑOMNÁKAN 2023 GRADUATES

COMMUNICATION

Javeline Camposagrado
 Misoon Choi
 Brandon Phillipe Cruz
 Nathaniel Salas Dulla
 Christian Enriquez
 Breannah Josephine Francisco
 Ronald Gonzales Fuellas
 Subin Ryu Naito
 Atdao-Mami Paul Natividad
 Kyle Davin Miranda Palomo
 +Minor in Writing

ENGLISH

Kristina De Celis Argao
 Karmina C. Cayanán
 Princess Ivy Encio Echón
 +Secondary Education
 Harry Lee
 +Secondary Education
 Francesca F. Pangelinan
 +Minor in Writing
 Destiny A. Ranan
 Elizher Calaguas Razon
 +Secondary Education
 Anna Marie B. U. Uy
 +Minor in Writing

FINE ARTS / ART

Taloani Atoigue
 Chieko N. Collard
 Alecsandrew Dela Cruz Gan
 +Secondary Education
 Hunter Greigh Aquino Orland
 Madison Gage Aquino Orland
 Pauline Famisan Paulo
 Sydney Therese Prudente
 +Social Work

HISTORY

Aurianna Rose S. Morellano

Co-Valedictorian Sisters



Twins Hunter Greigh Aquino Orland and Madison Gage Aquino Orland, pictured with Britney Joy Babasa Sison, left, who achieved a B.S. in Chemistry and Biology, share co-valedictorian honor.

Hunter Orland and Madison Orland were both honored as co-valedictorians at the Fañomnākan (Spring) 2023 commencement ceremony. Both sisters majored in Visual Arts in the Fine Arts program and are 2018-2019 recipients of the Dr. Rebecca A. Stephenson Scholarship. "They were already exceptionally bright and promising students...their recognition as co-valedictorians was most heartfelt and exciting," Dr. Stephenson shared.

CLASS Alumnus receives Ph. D. scholarship



Since earning his B.A. and M.A. in English, Nikko Angelo Capati has helped students as a Teaching Assistant, a tutor at the DEAL Writing Center, a graduate student instructor, and as a part-time adjunct instructor at UOG. With the support of his UOG mentors, Dr. Christopher Schreiner and Dr. Andrea Sant, he had just earned a \$40,000-a-year scholarship for three years, a stipend, and free tuition, to the Ph.D. program at the State University of New York at Albany. "I would not have gotten very far without their (mentor's) patience, guidance, and strong attention to detail," Capati said.



College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Fañomnākan 2022 graduates at the CLASS Pinning Ceremony held at the CLASS Lecture Hall on December 9, 2022.

FAÑOMNĀKAN 2023 GRADUATES

HISTORY

Jobert Levie Suggang Petree
+Secondary Education
Jey-Ar H. Tagud
+Secondary Education
Jthomas Reyes Tyquiengco
+Political Science

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Kyle Anthony Crisostomo
+Minor in Sociology
Josephine Thirgou Fathal
+Criminal Justice
Ariana C. Millard
+Minor in CHamoru Studies

PSYCHOLOGY

Mikaylla Nicole M. Alcairo
+Communication Studies
Rochelle Cabusao Alviz
+Sociology
Veronica Cierra Basilio
+Minor in English
Briante Clare Barretto
+Sociology
Amelia Maria Delgado
Chelsea Marie Balicas Gonzales
+Minor in Women & Gender Studies
Jerald Alviz Joson
Elena C. Kedziora
Daniel Flores Quichocho
+Minor in CHamoru Studies
Angelica Rose Rico
+Biology - Medical Track
Marian Lopez Salenga
+Minor in Communication Studies

SOCIOLOGY

Paula Gaces Allen
Anesha-Maelene P. Ignacio
+Psychology



CLASS Alumna teaching at University of Washington



Dr. Tabitha Espina never imagined myself as a writer, writing scholar, or an English professor. She completed her B.A. in Elementary Education and M.A. in English at the University of Guam. Now, she will be the Director of Writing and Assistant Professor of Writing Studies in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at University of Washington Tacoma!

With the support of her UOG mentors, her "journey of challenges" encouraged her to help others express their languages, experiences and foster community. She deeply admires Dr. Evelyn Flores, Dr. Clarisa Quan, and the DEAL community for being instrumental in her journey through academia as a lifelong student. "My first English courses at UOG truly transformed how I saw language and my own personal writing and language processes," Espina said.

CLASS 2022 Trivia Night Scholarship Winner



Don is an incoming freshman in the Psychology program.

Scholarship funds were raised through team registration fees for Trivia Night. Incoming freshmen that declared CLASS were entered in the drawing.

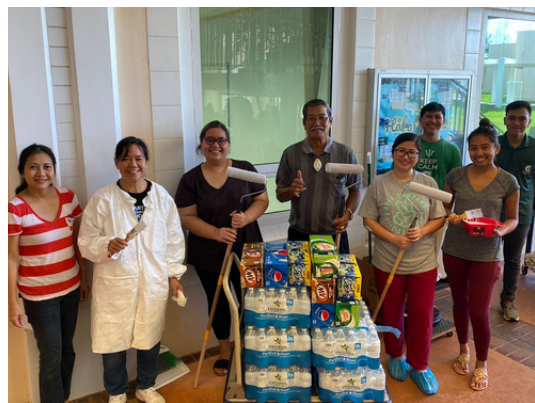
Congratulations to our first CLASS Trivia Night Scholarship Winner, Don Entera!

Tritons Discuss Campus Equity



Our college invited students from the UOG Residence Halls and Student Government Association to discuss equity on campus. Students also shared their ideas to help UOG be more inclusive.

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



CLASS Student Travel Fundraiser



The college wanted to create a unique fundraising event to support student travel. Arawan Sellmann arranged for 50 hand-painted cups with gold leaf and the CLASS logo from Thailand. Thank you for your support:

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| Anita Borja Enriquez | Katrina Cruz | Thomas Krise |
| Anne Hattori | Kirill Thompson | Troy McVey |
| Ansito Walter | Lee S. Yudin | Victor T. Artero |
| Carlos Madrid | Lilnabeth Somera | William Jeffery |
| Carlos Taitano | Lorenzo Eduvala | |
| Christopher Garcia | Lourdes P. Klitzkie | |
| Colleen Jennings | Margaret Hattori-Uchima | |
| David Dong | Mary T.F. Cruz | |
| Helen J.D. Whippy | Monique Storie | |
| Hiro Kurashima | Randall Johnson | |
| Hyunjong Hahm | Robert Sajnovsky | |
| Iain K.B. Twaddle | Senator Kelly Marsh | |
| James Sellmann | Sharleen Santos-Bamba | |
| Jose Aban | Teresita Flores | |

High School Outreach

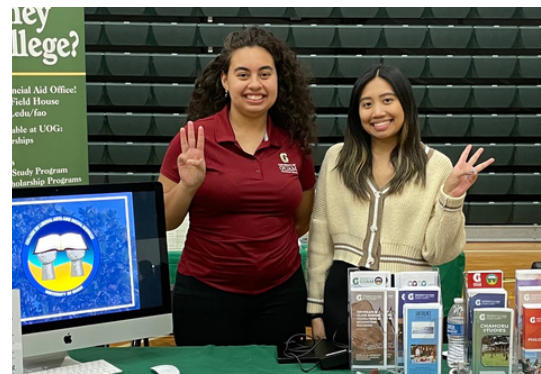


CLASS professors, students, and staff hosted outreach presentations to share what our college offers future Tritons. Thank you Simon Sanchez High School, Academy of Our Lady of Guam, Southern High School, and Kagman High School for learning about CLASS!

FAMILY FUN DAY



WELCOME BACK TRITONS



INACHA'IGEN FINO' CHAMORU



CLASS BASH & TRIVIA NIGHT



CLASS celebrated its 50th anniversary with the help of student organizations and local businesses at the 2023 CLASS Bash. The event included degree programs student organizations, community service providers, entertainment featuring local artists and student performances, and food trucks. The college also hosted its second Trivia Night to raise funds for student scholarships and test the teams' CLASS knowledge. Altogether, the celebration was fun for the college community, family, and friends. **See more CLASS Bash photos on page 11.**

Projection Mapping

CLASS Bash featured an outdoor show designed by Dr. Jose Aban of the Geography program. With Dr. Aban's equipment and enthusiasm, photos from the past semester were projected onto the Humanities and Social Sciences Building. Visitors enjoyed the night by watching a slideshow made possible by projection mapping. Thank you, Dr. Aban!



Doreen Fernandez and Dr. Debra Cabrera posing in front of the slideshow projection on the Humanities & Social Sciences Building facade.



CLASS BASH



STAFF GREETING GUESTS



WEAVING TUTORIAL



CHUUKESE STUDENT ORG.



LATTE TONES



YAPESE STUDENT ORG.



LOCAL VENDOR



SOCIOLOGY EXHIBIT

Trivia Night Winners!



1ST PLACE: TEAM HISTORY



2ND PLACE: WERIYING



3RD PLACE: KADUKU KAUKUS



4TH PLACE: THE TALIBANIDOS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



BOOK PUBLICATION



THREE UOG FACULTY CONTRIBUTE TO "THE CAMBRIDGE HISTORY OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN"

TRITONS OUT LOUD



CLASS SPRING COLLOQUIUM



Halloween Costume Contest



Thanksgiving Luncheon



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MICRONESIAN YOUTH FIELD DAY



2022 TRITON AWARDS



STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR:
CHELSEA GONZALES

2023 CHARTER DAY



GEOGRAPHY LAB BY DR. ABAN

ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

