



SOE NEWS



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A Message from the Dean

Håfa adai! Welcome to the School of Education (SOE) at the University of Guam. It has been and is an honor and privilege to work with the world-class and innovative faculty and staff of SOE. We continue our mission to support student success and engage with our local and regional communities.

We offer a wide variety of programs, including the Bachelor’s, several Master’s, and Teaching Credentials. Our programs are known for training our students in critical and creative thought and for offering students hands-on and applied learning experiences. Our programs also offer excellent college to career and community connections for our students. Our exceptional faculty are active scholars who are engaged in research and service in the local and regional communities, and globally, in order to solve some of society’s most pressing issues. Our overarching mission is to collaboratively engage with community, regional and global partners to prepare highly skilled and ethical educators and researchers to “transform lives and advance communities”.

The mission of the SOE is to prepare teachers, professionals, and leaders in education to meet the multicultural educational demands of Guam and the region in the Pacific. We are dedicated to the upholding the university’s mission: Ina, Deskubre, and Setbe. We are also committed to diversity and equity through curriculum and program development, instructional and assessment strategies, and recruitment and retention practices. We welcome active participation from community partners, our students, and our alumni in advancing the SOE mission. Please feel free to reach out to the Dean’s office, and our program faculty and staff for assistance. We are here to serve.

Sen dangkolo na si Yu’us ma’åse’ (thank you very much),
Alicia C. Aguon, PhD

TRENDING PODCASTS

from Secondary Education students



- ★ *Stellar Teacher Podcast*: Episode #34 “4 Classroom Management Mistakes New Teachers Make (and how to prevent them)”
- ★ *I’ve Tried Everything*: Episode #3 “Classroom Intervention vs. Classroom Consequences”
- ★ *Teach 4 the Heart*: Episode #5 “Should you be Nice or Strict?”
- ★ *Leading Equity*: Episode #279 “The Subtle Gestures the Create Feelings of Belonging in Immigrant Students”

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Congratulations Graduates & Thank You Partners

Inora buena para i estudiante siha! Congratulations to all the Students!

The School of Education has 21 undergraduate graduates who are ready for the classroom. Thank you to the schools and Classroom Supervisors who have helped prepare these future teachers to stand alongside you. Classroom Supervisors, we couldn't do it without you!

Graduating Student	Student Teaching Location	Classroom Supervisor
Elementary Education		
Alissa Alarcon Aromin	Maria A. Ulloa Elementary	Marianne Gutierrez
Mel Joy Gift Jimenez Baldoz	Maria A. Ulloa Elementary	Heidi Cameron
Vyela Danielle Macatangay Cervera	Talofoto Elementary	Gavin Diego
Danielle Anne Arellano Lopez	Maria A. Ulloa Elementary	Kasundra Penaflor
Kaylani Therese Quichocho Mayberry	Talofoto Elementary	Jessilyn Manglona
Catherine Jonet Ami Blas Nadeau	J.Q. San Miguel Elementary	Sheila Babauta Taitano
Cauline Jan Mendoza Ricafort	J.Q. San Miguel Elementary	Dana M. Libby
Arianna Kris D. Sanga	Maria A. Ulloa Elementary	Rose Blas
Savannah Marie Pimentel Unpingco	Talofoto Elementary	Stephanie Concepcion



Graduating Student	Student Teaching Location	Classroom Supervisor
Secondary Education		
Lauren Ashley Dalisay Baluyot	Astumbo Middle School	Melissa Gagaring - PE Francis Jones-Health
Joanne C. Caguin	Luis P. Untalan Middle School/ Benavente Middle School	Benny Chargualaf/ Angelia Blas
Justin Kyle Agahan Dacanay	Simon Sanchez	Jocelyn Espiritu Steward
Princess Ivy Encio Echon	George Washington High School	Martha Toves
Sydney Manlangit Espinueva	Benavente Middle School	Anna-Lyn Palacios
Tejrina Gomez Kelly	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	David Castro
Alecsandrew Dela Cruz Gan	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	David Castro
Harry Lee	Astumbo Middle School	Bill Alforque
Jobert Levie Suggang Petree	Okkodo High School	Julie Peters
Elizher Calaguas Razon	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	Allowyn Gem Santos
John Christian Abedes Sual	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	Bernadeth Datuin Gumataotao
Jay-Ar Anthony Hampit Tagud	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	Liana Benavente





Congratulations Graduates & Thank You Partners

Congratulations, SOE Master's Graduates!

MA in Teaching

Graduate's Name	Program Description
JASMIN, STACEY AQUINO	ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
BATAC, JHANINE	SECONDARY EDUCATION
DENNIS, AUSTON NGILTII	SECONDARY EDUCATION
GERMAN, MARX PHILIP DIGOMON	SECONDARY EDUCATION
MALUWELMENG, BRETT SIMON	SECONDARY EDUCATION
PEREZ, VICTOR RAMIREZ	SECONDARY EDUCATION
SUTHERLAND, KATLYN ANNE	SECONDARY EDUCATION
TAITANO, DYLAN VINCENT TAIMANGLO	SECONDARY EDUCATION
WHATLEY, ANTONIO CARBON	SECONDARY EDUCATION



Master's Milestones



MEd in Innovations in Teaching and Learning

Graduate's Name	School	Action Research Title
Bernadeth D. Gumataotao	L.P. Untalan Middle School	The Effects of Questioning Strategies on Student Achievement
Donovan Leon Guerrero	Tamuning Elementary	The Impact of Humor as a Teaching Strategy on student achievement in an Elementary Science Classroom
Rocel Anne Molina	FBLG Middle School	Impact of Error Analysis in a 7 th Grade Math Classroom
Myra Ollet	Astumbo MS	The Effect of Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI) Moby Max and Students' Perceptions in Sixth Grade Mathematics Classroom
Dawn Marie A. Perez	Manuel Ulloa Lujan Elementary	The Impact of Positive Behavior Goal-Setting in a 2nd Grade Classroom
Jeremy Jon Pingul	George Washington High School	The Impacts of GeoGebra as a Learning Tool in High School Geometry
Mie E. Rabago	MU Lujan	The Impact of Peer Feedback on Fostering Communication and Improving Project Outcomes
Melinda M.B Rolinski	L.P. Untalan Middle School	The Impact of Innovative Exit Tickets on Student Achievement



MA in Counseling

Graduate's Name	Internship Location & School Supervisor
Jenesse RQ Aquino	IHP Medical Clinic: Mr. Andri S. Baynum
David John Asombrado Jr	Child Adolescent Service Division (GBHWC): Dr. James Cooper-Nurse George Washington High School: Dr. Elisabeth Ichihara-Rosario
Sheila Heiman	George Washington High School: Ms. Nadine Cruz
Peter Hyukmin Kwon	Sanctuary Incorporated of Guam: Mr. Carols Perez
Aaron Matthew Leal Orot	Daniel L. Perez Elementary School: Dr. Anne Corcoron
Maria Antonette Guevarra Tenorio	BP Carbullido Elementary School: Ms. Lulene San Agustin



Master's Milestones



Thesis Oral Defense: GDOE teacher, Janice Evangelista, successfully defended her thesis for the M.Ed. Administration and Supervision program on April 21, 2023. Pictured L-R: Dr. Geri James (Thesis Chair), Evangelista, Dr. Dean Olah and Dr. Rowena Vega-Castro (Committee Members).



Thesis Oral Defense: GDOE teacher, Ezarrah Blas, successfully defended her thesis for the M.Ed. Administration and Supervision program on April 28, 2023. Pictured L-R: Dr. Rowena Vega-Castro (Committee Member), Dr. Geri James (Thesis Chair), Blas, and Dr. Dean Olah (Committee Member).

M.Ed Administration & Supervision

Graduate's Name	Internship Location & School Supervisor	Thesis Title Awards or special recognition this semester
Evangelista, Janice	Daniel L. Perez Elementary School Rebecca Duenas and Dr. Darlene Roberto	Teacher Mentee and Mentor Perceptions: Effectiveness of the Teacher Mentor Program in Guam Public Schools
Blas, Ezarrah	Daniel L. Perez Elementary School Dr. Darlene Roberto	A Case Study: Parental Involvement in a Guam Public Elementary School



Doctoral Milestones



Dr. Dylan L. Orot

- ★ School: John F. Kennedy High School (2016-Present), Language Arts (9-12 Grade)
- ★ UOG SOE Program: M.Ed. in Reading, (2014), Advisor: Dr. Catherine Stoicovy
- ★ Ed.D. Program: Doctor of Education, Major in Curriculum and Instruction
 - University of South Carolina (2022), Advisor: Dr. Leigh D’Amico
- ★ Dissertation Title: REACHING THE STANDARD: AN ACTION RESEARCH STUDY ON STANDARDS-BASED GRADING PRACTICES AND ENGLISH LEARNERS
- ★ Inspirational Quote: “Don’t aim for perfection, rather seek out progress.”



Dr. Chellette San Nicolas

- ★ School: St. John’s School (2017- Present), College Guidance Counselor/History Teacher (12th Grade)
- ★ UOG SOE Program: Innovations in Teaching and Learning, Advisor: Dr. Cheryl Sanguenza
- ★ Ed..D. Program: Doctor of Education, Major in Educational Leadership
 - Gonzaga University (2023), Advisor: Dr. Elaine Radmer
- ★ Dissertation Title: GI TALO GI HÅLOM TÅSI (IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA): AN EXPLORATION OF TEACHING ‘PLACE’ IN THE MARIÅNAS ARCHIPELAGO
- ★ Inspirational Quote: “The classroom remains the most radical space of possibility in the academy” -bell hooks, Teaching to Transgress



Doctoral Milestones



Dr. Sylvia O. Taylor

- ★ School: Upi Elementary School (2010 - Present), Library, (HeadStart -5th Grade)
- ★ UOG SOE Program: M.Ed. in Reading, (2019), Advisor: Dr. Catherine Stoicovy
- ★ Ph.D. Program: Doctor of Philosophy, Major in Educational Management
 - Philippine Women's University (2023), Advisor: Dr. Alvin S. Sicat
- ★ Dissertation Title: DISRUPTIVE INNOVATIONS IN GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION K-12 LIBRARIES FOR THE NEW GENERATION
- ★ Inspirational Quote: "The learning process is the most beautiful thing, but just like with any other career or profession, it can feel very frustrating at times or along the way. Enriching our brains with valuable information improves our ability to think, and adapt to new and unfamiliar perspectives, ideas, and even beliefs and cultures. Higher Education sparks our imagination to tackle challenges and to reach full potential to achieve greater success. It goes beyond shaping us as individuals to become a better citizen and eventually help in bringing people from all backgrounds into problem solving as we all face the future to building a better community in the society."



Dr. Philip Patricio

- ★ School: Southern High School (1997-Present), Guam History (11th - 12th Grade)
- ★ UOG SOE Program: M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision, (1998), Advisor: Dr. Jose Cruz
- ★ Ph.D. Program: Doctor of Philosophy, Major in Educational Management
 - Philippine Women's University (2023), Advisor: Dr. Alvin S. Sicat
- ★ Dissertation Title: THE EXTENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF GUAM'S ADEQUATE PUBLIC EDUCATION ACT THROUGH THE LENS OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS: INPUTS FOR ENHANCED GUIDELINES AND PROVISIONS
- ★ Inspirational Quote: "I am who I am today because of the choices I made yesterday."

-Eleanor Roosevelt





EVIDENCE-BASED MATHEMATICS TRAINING



- April 10 -SOE Dean Dr. Alicia Aguon conducted **evidence-based** mathematics training for eighty K-3 teachers, administrators, and instructional coaches from four State Systemic Improvement Project (SSIP) schools at the Westin Hotel.

The four schools are:

- ★ MU Lujan Elementary School
- ★ Capt. HB Price Elementary School
- ★ JM Guerrero Elementary School
- ★ Chief Brodie Elementary School



TRAINING OUTCOMES

As a result of the session, participants will have:

- Increased knowledge and skills in teaching **WHOLE NUMBER CONCEPTS** including **FOUNDATIONAL STRUCTURES**;
- Increased knowledge and skills in teaching **PLACE VALUE**, and
- Increased knowledge and skills in teaching concepts of **ADDITION** and **SUBTRACTION**.





AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Hosted by UOG and GDOE faculty



- ❑ February 15 - Dr. Michelle Santos hosted an Afterschool Workshop for our student teachers, interns and graduates from the last three semesters. The workshop was called, “Classroom Management and Working With the Student Who Doesn’t Want to be There.” It had 43 participants.
- ❑ March 29 - Dr. Jackysha Green hosted an Afterschool Workshop entitled: Mindfulness - Social Emotional Learning: A Critical Element of Instruction. We were excited to see our recent alumni and our current student teachers and interns.





SCHOOL OUTREACH



SOE professors and other community professionals served as judges for the Luis P. Untalan Middle School Science Fair held March 16, 2023. There were various innovative projects! Keep up the great work, wildcats! Thank you to the following professors who participated in the event:

1. Dr. Andrew Grunzke
2. Dr. Rebecca Grunzke
3. Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera
4. Dr. Cheryl Sangueza
5. Dr. Michelle Santos



Judges for the Luis P. Untalan Middle School Science Fair held March 16, 2023 received a Certificate of Appreciation for their service.

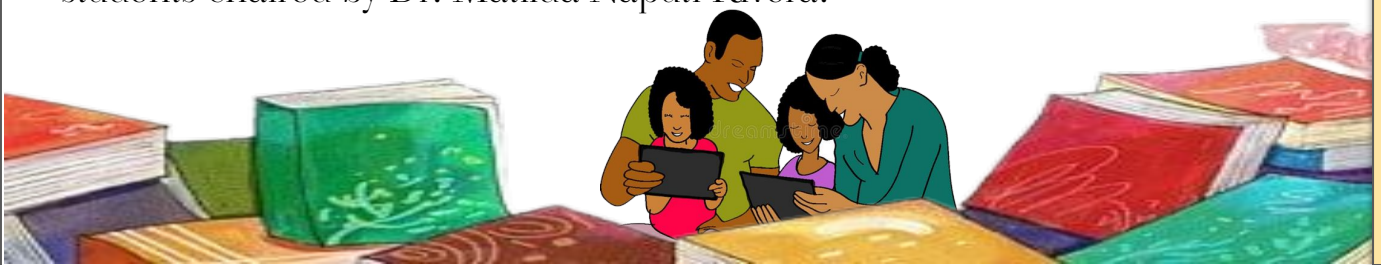


STORY HOUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The School of Education's Reading Program is partnering with the District 204 Lions Clubs International, School of Education Alumni Association, Guam Public Library System, The Guam Council of the International Literacy Association, Guam Department of Education CHamoru Studies and Special Projects Division, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Guam Flotilla 140-02-24, and the Guam Police Department's Recreational Boating Safety Program, to host monthly story hour events to meet family literacy and water safety needs in our region, including Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, American Samoa, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Participants are able to win books and other exciting prizes by answering questions during the various Read Alouds, which include engaging thematic stories, bilingual readings, Coastie/Boats 'N Kids features, and more! We hope to see you at the Story Hour! Register now at <https://bit.ly/lionsclubreading>.

Participants can also visit the D204 Lions Clubs Effective Literacy Websites special project page at <https://lionsclubreading.blogspot.com> to explore a plethora of engaging websites they can use to help improve reading at all grade levels. Contributions are made by the SOE Reading Program students chaired by Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera.





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together with the Guam Public Library System, Guam Council of the International Literacy Association, GDOE Chamoru Studies and Special Projects Division, University of Guam-School of Education Reading Program, UOG-SOE Alumni Association, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Guam Flotilla 140-02-24, and the Guam Police Department's Recreational Boating Safety Program present the



D204 LIONS CLUBS

Saturday Story Hour

MAY 20, 2023 | 10:00 AM VIA ZOOM



REGISTER NOW!

To register, please scan the QR code or click the link below:

<https://bit.ly/lionsclubreading>



Win books and other amazing prizes by answering questions during the Read Aloud!



FEATURING:
Coastie Time ~ Boats 'N Kids



For more information, contact Reading Action Program Chair Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera at mnrivera1@gmail.com



CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS



- February 23 - Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera presented at the 52nd Annual National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) Conference in Portland, Oregon. alongside GDOE educators. Her presentation was titled, “Fostering Family Literacy in the Pacific and Beyond.”



- March 10 - Drs. Katherine Gutierrez, Michelle Santos, and Jackysha Green conducted a panel session at the 44th CLASS Annual Research Conference at the University of Guam. Their session was titled, “Faculty Reflections: Negotiating instructional frames that honor, respect, & support our diverse learners.”
- March 13 - Drs. Jackysha Green and Joann Diego presented at the International Conference on Business, Economics, and Information Technology in Nagoya, Japan. Their presentation was titled, “Oceans of energy within Micronesia adult learners in education: University of Guam within Micronesia and Western Pacific.”

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our SOE Professors who were elected to the following positions:

- ★ FACULTY ELECTION COMMISSION - Dr. Kathrine Gutierrez
- ★ FACULTY SENATE - Dr. Genevieve Leon Guerrero



COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS/PROJECTS

- ❑ January 7 - Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera conducted a community Read Aloud with Lion Mae Mendiola during the D204 Lions Clubs International New Year's Saturday Story Hour.
- ❑ March 4 - Dr. Genevieve Leon Guerrero conducted a community Read Aloud with Dean Alicia C. Aguon during the D204 Lions Clubs International CHamoru Saturday Story Hour.
- ❑ March 5 - Dr. Dean Olah's orchestra arrangement was performed at the 2023 Tumon Bay Music Festival by the Pacific International Orchestra. [Radetsky March by STRAUSS, J / OLAH, D | J.W. Pepper Sheet Music \(jwpepper.com\)](#)
- ❑ March 24 - Drs. Genevieve Leon Guerrero, Matilda Naputi Rivera, Catherine Cardenas, and Josephine Cruz conducted a Hita Para Mo'na Culturally Responsive Engagement presentation at the GDOE State Professional Development Grant (SPDG) Meeting.
- ❑ April 8 - Dr. Andrew Grunzke conducted a presentation of a paper written by him and Dr. Rebecca Grunzke titled, "Theme park as cultural museum: Tokyo Disneyland and the development of the gaikoku mura" at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.
- ❑ April 20 - Dr. Dean Olah completed an educational material review for the Online Trombone Journal. He has completed previous educational reviews which can be found at [OTJ Authors: Dean Olah \(trombone.org\)](#)



SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS



- ❑ March 23 - Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera conducted a cultural presentation titled, "Preserving Guam's History Through Storytelling" at Guam High School.
- ❑ April 20 - Drs. ShinHwa Lee and Chris Yeo (WERI) supervised the Guam Water Kid: All About Water Resources project completed by Cauline Ricafort at J.Q. San Miguel Elementary School.

PEER REVIEWS



- ❑ Drs. Cathy Cardenas, Genevieve Leon Guerrero, and Matilda Naputi Rivera, conducted peer reviews for the Micronesia Educator.
<https://www.uog.edu/schools-and-colleges/school-of-education/micronesian-educator/index.php>
- ❑ Dr. Dean Olah conducted a peer review for the International Education Journal: Comparative Perspectives: [#15896 Peer Review Educating and Training Students in the period of COVID 19 Challenges faced by teachers when using Digital Technology in Primary School in Western Division in Fiji](#)
- ❑ Dr. Dean Olah conducted a peer review for the US-China Education Review + "Ubiquitous Approach for Knowledge Management in Higher Education Institution: A Quantitative Study", 2023: [Journals-David Publishing Company \(davidpublisher.com\)](http://journals-david.com)





SOE FACULTY AND STAFF



Alicia C. Aguon,
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Mary Jane Miller,
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Dean A. Olah,
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Assistant Professor



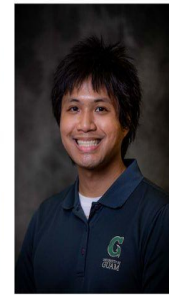
Cheryl R. Sanguenza,
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Carim Yanoria,
Administrative Officer



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An Appreciation Tribute to our Retired SOE Professors

It is with a profound sense of appreciation for their many scholarly, pedagogical, and community contributions that the University of Guam School of Education announces the retirement of the following inspirational Professors:

★ Jacquelyn Cyrus, Ed.D. ★
Assistant Professor of Instructional Technology

★ Lourdes M. Ferrer, Ed.D. ★
Professor of Elementary Education

★ Yukiko Inoue-Smith, Ph.D. ★
Professor of Educational Research & Foundations

★ Velma A. Sablan, Ph.D. ★
Professor of Educational Research & Foundations

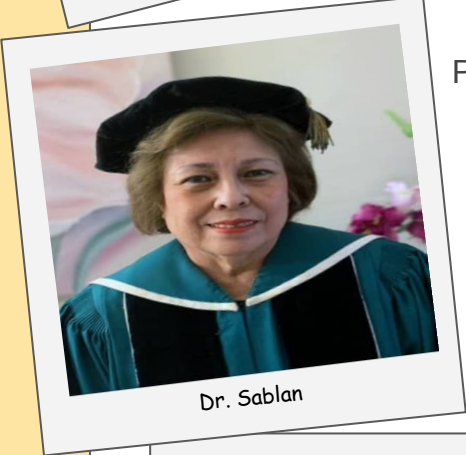
★ Catherine E. Stoicovy, Ph.D. ★
Professor of Reading



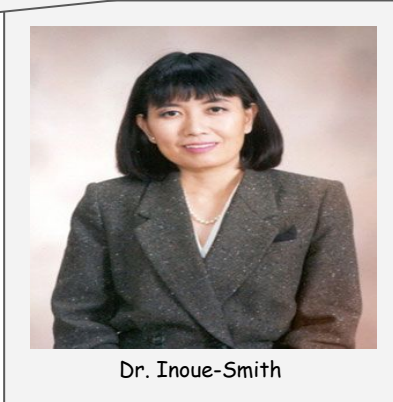
Dr. Stoicovy (left) with Dr. Rivera



Dr. Cyrus



Dr. Sablan



Dr. Inoue-Smith



Dr. Ferrer

