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A Message from the Dean

Buenas yan háfa adai!

December reminds us that the holidays are upon us. Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Omisoka, to name a few. As this year comes to an end let us turn our joy and celebration toward charity, peace and thankfulness in our thoughts and in our hearts for the upcoming new year.

This 2023 has been quite a year for the School of Education (SOE) and the University of Guam (UOG). Not only did SOE experience a minor enrollment decline we remained steadfast and resilient from Typhoon Mawar and post typhoon recovery. We grew a partnership with the Palau Ministry of Education for the BAE in Elementary Education with Special Education specialization. The Yap Individual Degree Plan program was revitalized. Several students majoring in music and art were recruited to the Secondary Education program. We continued to increase the number of certified teachers in Guam Dept. of Education (GDOE) under the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Initial Teacher Certification Assistance program with GDOE. The UOG Board of Regents approved the first ever proposed doctorate program at UOG, namely the SOE EdD in Academic and Instructional Leadership. Currently, we are undergoing the rigorous review by the WASC Senior College and University and Commission for the EdD. Additionally, SOE adds a graduate degree for the master's in library and information systems. The master's programs in Counseling, Reading, and Administration & Supervision continue to boast graduate student enrollment and completion rates.

SOE takes great pride in the achievements this year and stands proud of the innovation, collaboration and resilience witnessed all around the school.

The SOE faculty's dedicated commitment to teaching, service and research underscores their goal of preparing the best teachers and professionals for Guam, the region and abroad. I cannot possibly express enough gratitude for the continued efforts of SOE faculty, staff and students to make this year a success. Despite the tremendous challenges all have faced, I am inspired by the SOE faculty, staff and students for successfully completing two more challenging academic semesters and a summer semester, post pandemic. I also thank the UOG leadership and Ms. Vilma Perez, our SOE building custodian, for their unwavering support.

I sincerely wish you, your families and your loved ones good health and even greater happiness in the New Year. Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

Sen dangkolo na agradecimiento (immense appreciation),

Alicia Cruz Aguon, PhD



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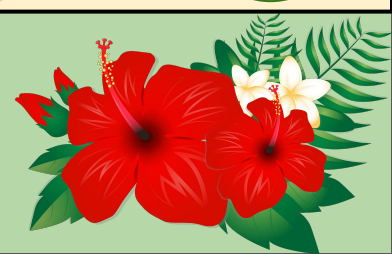
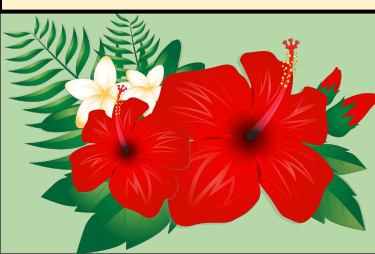
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Congratulations Graduates & Thank You Partners

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

The School of Education undergraduate graduates 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		
Denise Benavente	Price Elementary	John Wesolowski
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Billings	Andersen Elementary	Fumi Marquez
Alysa Evon C. Bustamante	Inarajan Elementary	Micheal Perez
Gabrielle Jean Cruz	Talofof Elementary	Jessilyn Manglona
Mia Kirsten Marasigan Dulana	Inarajan Elementary	Dr. Cheryl Manglona
Donicia Nicole Iriarte	Inarajan Elementary	Miklenne Carbullido
Olivia Louise Iriarte	Inarajan Elementary	Michelle Paulino
Madison Truly Kadiasang	Talofof Elementary	Dr. Erica Areco
Maria Elias C. Lacanilao	Inarajan Elementary	Kristina Meno
Mellissa Laiwegiyang	Yap DOE	Yap DOE
Maria Leah Baloran Pagdilao	Merizo Elementary	Erica Cepeda
Vivian Leonor Echon Peralta	Talofof Elementary	Stephanie Concepcion
Chauntae Quichocho	PC Lujan Elementary	Saina Rufina Mendiola
Nolan Rug	Yap DOE	Yap DOE
Selencia Ulloa Saladier	Talofof Elementary	Jean Aguon
Andrew Beltran Simsiman	Inarajan Elementary	Dr. Kathy Candaso



Graduating Student	Student Teaching Location	Classroom Supervisor
Secondary Education		
Gia Maree Legaspi Aromin	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	Christian Gomez
Jonathan Robert Cruz Flisco	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	Vincent Aguon
Ian Miguel Galang	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	Bernadeth Gumataotao
Andrew Millanes Hernandez	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	Benny Chargualaf
Mariana Kier	JFK High School	Joyce Berry
Mikaela Oliva	JFK High School	Ailene Sablan
Amberlyn Pablo Flores	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	Ramona Duenas
Joseph Tomas San Nicolas	Luis P. Untalan Middle School	Marilyn Perez
Jordan Vance Taitano Santos	JFK High School	Elena Groza
Jonelle Marie Velasco	FBLG Middle School	Caroll Flores





Congratulations Graduates & Thank You Partners

Congratulations, SOE Master's Graduates!

MA in Counseling

Graduate's Name	Internship Location & School Supervisor
Maria Leiza Lynn C. Bontogon	Simon Sanchez High School, Ms. Evangeline Perez
Rebecca Lynne Larson	WestCare Pacific Islands, Ms. Beverlyn Coleman & Ms. Lavina Camacho; Stephanie Patterson LMFT, Ms. Stephanie Patterson; Daniel L. Perez Elementary School, Dr. Anne Cocornon
Olivia Simeon	GBHWC, Ms. Ovita Perez & Ms. Beverly Reyes
Ann Marie Taitague	Tiyan High School, Mr. Edward Masiwemai



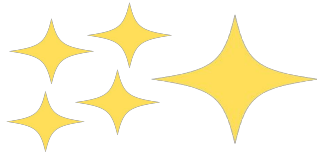
M.Ed Administration & Supervision

Graduate's Name	Internship Location & School Supervisor	Thesis Title Awards or special recognition this semester
Robert Lann Perkins	Astumbo Middle School Hannah Gutierrez	Exploring High School Students' Experiences in Online Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic

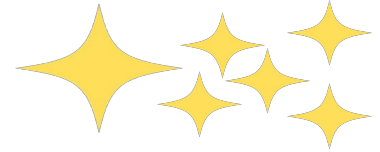


MEd Reading

Graduate's Name	Location
Florentina Aguon	Harry S Truman Elementary School
Celia B. Chavez	Inarajan Middle School
Charlene Chiguina	Harry S Truman Elementary School
Gelmae De Dios	Luis P. Untalan Middle School
Cameron R S. Diaz	Wettengel Elementary School
Andrea M. Q. Espinal	Tamuning Elementary School
Saileen Fango	Mwan Elementary School
Kevlyn Hebwere	Chuuk High School
Graham Henry	Kolonia Elementary School
Adonis Kier P. Ponce	Daniel L. Perez Elementary School
Eleanor Quichocho	LBJ & Tamuning Elementary Schools
Hemlyn Soar	Pohnpei Island Central School (PICS) High School
Leilani Mesa Tenorio	Price Elementary School
Perdania William	Madolenihmw High School
Pearl Hamada Yonamine	Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



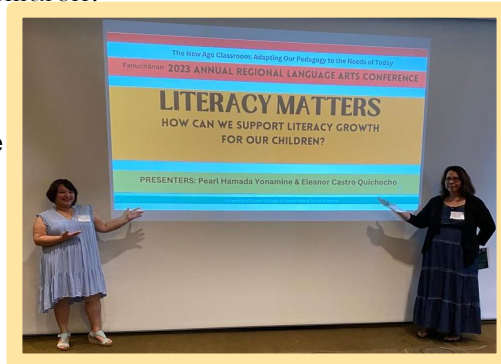
- ❑ Master of Education in Innovations in Teaching and Learning candidate, Margaret Choffat, received a scholarship to attend the University of Guam. Choffat, who is originally from Chuuk, is a Head Start Program teacher at Carbullido Elementary School. She was selected for the Region 9 Head Start Association Legacy Scholarship and was awarded with \$3,000 toward her UOG tuition for the 2023-2024 academic year. Congratulations, and we wish you continued success!



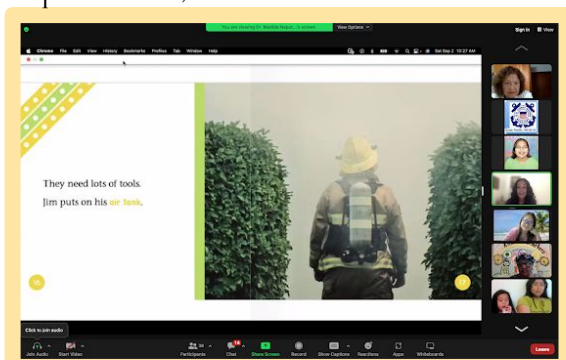
Left: Margaret Choffat, a Head Start Program teacher at Carbullido Elementary School, received a scholarship toward her Master of Education in Innovations in Teaching and Learning at the University of Guam.

- ❑ Master of Education in Reading candidates, Pearl Hamada Yonamine and Eleanor Castro Quichocho, presented at the University of Guam's 36th Annual Regional Language Arts Conference. Their presentation was titled, "Literacy Matters: How Can We Support Literacy Growth For Our Children?"

Right: Pearl Hamada Yonamine and Eleanor Castro Quichocho presented at the University of Guam's 36th Annual Regional Language Arts Conference.



- ❑ Master of Education in Reading candidate, Celia Chavez, conducted a Read Aloud during the D204 Lions Clubs International Community Saturday Story Time on September 2, 2023 via Zoom. She read the story "Firefighters."



Left: Celia Chavez conducted a Read Aloud during the D204 Lions Clubs International Community Saturday Story Time.



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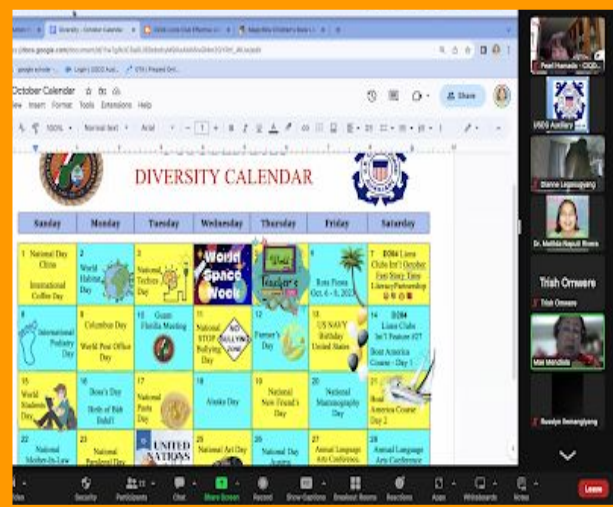
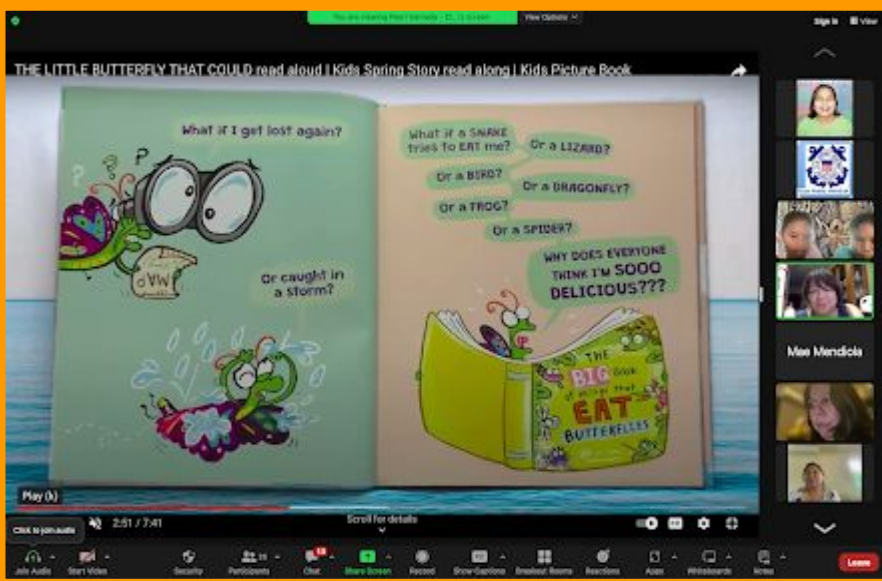
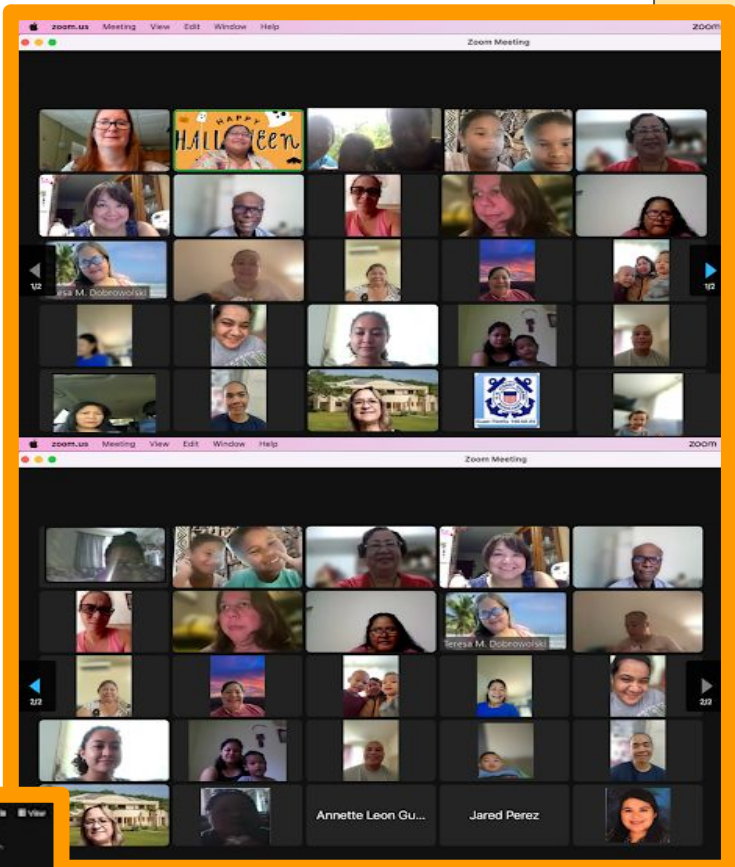
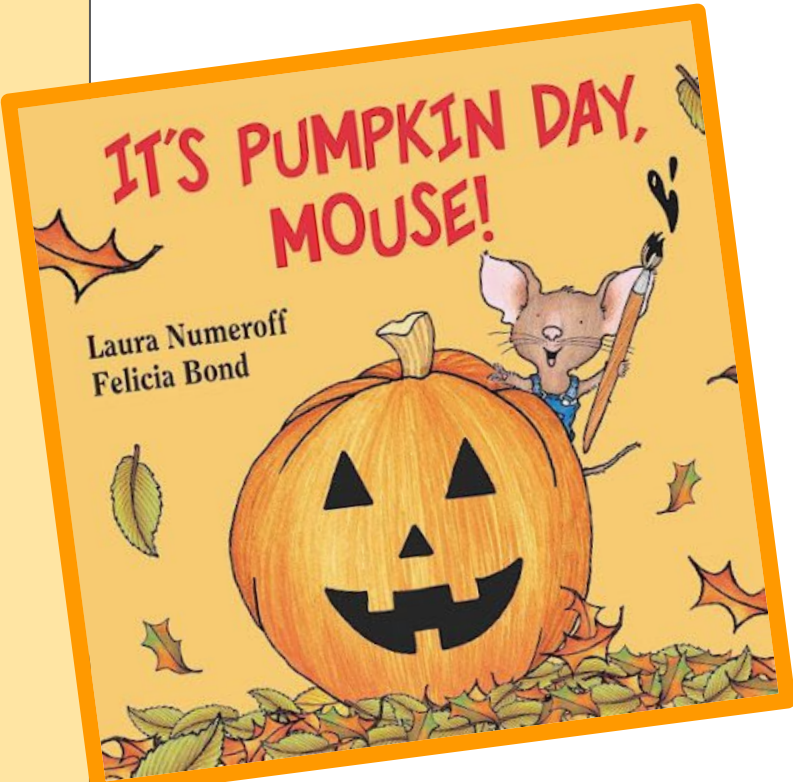


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COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS/PROJECTS



October 7, 2023 - Reading Master's candidates, Pearl Hamada Yonamine and Eleanor Castro Quichocho, along with Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, conducted community Read Alouds during the D204 Lions Clubs International October Fest Saturday Story Time via Zoom. They read the stories "It's Pumpkin Day, Mouse!" and "The Little Butterfly That Could."





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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 204

Together with the Guam Public Library System, Guam Council of the International Literacy Association, GDOE CHamoru Studies and Special Projects Division, University of Guam's School of Education's Reading Program, UOG-SOE Alumni Association, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Guam Flotilla 140-02-24, Guåhan Isan Famagu'on Lions Club, Guam Police Department's Recreational Boating Safety Program, and Peto's Journey LLC present the



LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 204

NEW YEAR'S

SATURDAY STORY TIME

LET'S CELEBRATE!



JANUARY 6, 2024 | 10:00 A.M. VIA ZOOM



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2024



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FEATURING:

Coastie Time ~ Boats 'N Kids

For more information, contact LCI D204 Reading Action Program Chair Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera @ mnriviera1@gmail.com.





Palau Cohort Partnership. UOG & SOE hosted a meeting on September 10, 2023 with Palau Ministry of Education (PMOE) to celebrate the partnership cohort of Palau teachers for the BAE Elementary Education with SPED specialization. Pictured L to R: Dr. Zena Sablan, VP Marlena Pangelinan, Dr. Jackysha Green, PMOE Director Ida Kilcullen, Dr. Genevieve Leon Guerrero, Dean Dr. Alicia Aguon, Madam President Dr. Anita Enriquez, ISVPP & VP Dr. Sharleen Santos-Bamba, PMOE Chief Lucia Tabelual, and Dr. Catherine Cardenas.



Graduate Studies Community Recruitment Fair. Graduate Program Chairs from SOE had the opportunity to recruit and reach members of the community at the graduate recruitment fair held November 4, 2023, at the Micronesia Mall. Pictured L-R: Dr. Catherine Cardenas, Dean Dr. Alicia Aguon, Dr. Cheryl Sanguieza, Dr. ShinHwa Lee, and Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera.



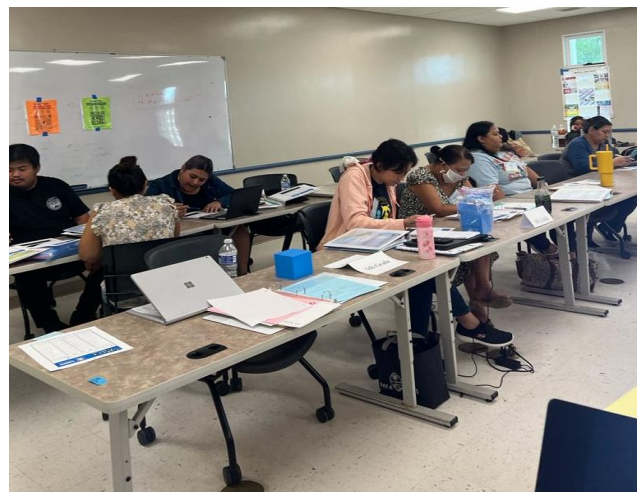
Supporting Essential Math Conceptual Development

- ❑ July 25, 26, 27, 2023 - SOE Dean Dr. Alicia Aguon conducted the GDOE Summer PD Institute Math Training Sessions for 26 K-5th grade teachers from GDOE schools at the UOG SBPA Building.
- ❑ Dean Aguon also continued a one-day math training for the GDOE State Sytemic Improvement Project schools on August 8, 2023 at the Dusit Thani.

TRAINING OUTCOMES

As a result of the sessions, 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**.





FACULTY CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS



October 27, 2023 - Presentations at the University of Guam’s 36th Annual Regional Language Arts Conference (LAC):

- ❑ Drs. Geraldine James and Rebecca Grunzke conducted their presentation titled, “Sharing Cultures In A Classroom.”
- ❑ Drs. Genevieve Leon Guerrero and Matilda Naputi Rivera conducted their presentation titled, “Building Learning Capacity For Culturally Diverse Learners With Maximized Literacy Strategies.”
- ❑ Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera conducted her presentation titled, “Fostering Language and Historical Knowledge Through The Art of Storytelling.”

LAC SNAPSHOTS



November 2-5, 2023 - Dr. Andrew Grunzke attended the History of Education Society’s annual meeting from November 2-5 in Atlanta, GA. He presented a paper entitled, “American Cosmopolitanism, Transatlantic Prestige: Navigating Nationalism in the Selection and Teaching of the Early Newbery Winners.” He also served as the discussant on the panel which focused on Learning and Popular Culture. Additionally, he was the co-host and discussant for the annual film screening (HES After Dark). He helped recreate a typical Saturday morning cartoon line-up from the 1960s and led a discussion about the history of children’s media, focusing on the commercialization of children’s television and parent responses to cartoon violence.



PUBLICATION



- ❑ Gutierrez, K.J., Santos, M.M., & Green, J.N. (2023 June). Faculty reflections of negotiating instructional frames and assessing our work. *Micronesian Educator*, Volume 33, Fañomnåkan 2023, 5-13.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION

- ❑ October 12, 2023 - Drs. Genevieve Leon Guerrero and Matilda Naputi Rivera conducted their Reading Comprehension Strategies presentation at the Guahan Academy Charter School.



PEER REVIEWS



- ❑ Drs. Catherine Cardenas, Genevieve Leon Guerrero, and Matilda Naputi Rivera, conducted peer reviews for the *Miconesia Educator*.
<https://www.uog.edu/schools-and-colleges/school-of-education/micronesian-educator/index.php>





FACULTY TRAINING

- ★ August 2023 - Dr. Kathrine Gutierrez completed a Quality Matters workshop earning a certificate for Applying the QM Rubric, re: the 7th edition standards.
- ★ The UOG OTR (Online Teacher Resources) I Meyeng Moodle training program team decided to use the Fanuchãnan 2023 semester to focus on professional development and research, which included exploring ways to support UOG faculty, staff, administrators, and students in online teaching and learning.

Dr. Dean Olah recently completed the updated Moodle 4.0 training, an internationally recognized Instructional Design and Best Practices in Online Instruction Certificate. The training was through Nephila Web Technology Inc., a Moodle partner based in the Philippines. It is a certificate composed of six courses and over 48 hours of instructional training.

The Moodle Educator Certificate training provides new skills and tools to support and institutionalize UOG's I Meyeng Moodle training program, which has now awarded 500 certificates to faculty and staff. In addition, Dr. Olah recently completed Moodle Teaching with AI training, Google Generative AI certification, and Microsoft's "Essentials in Generative AI".





Dr. Unaisi Nabobo-Baba becomes Vice Chancellor at FNU

Former UOG Professor, Dr. Unaisi Nabobo-Baba, affectionately known as Dr. Una, has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Fiji National University (FNU). This prestigious position is the equivalent of a President in the US system, according to Dr. Robert Underwood, former UOG President and College of Education Dean.



Dr. Una was the Keynote Speaker at the SOE TEAM Conference held March 10-11, 2019 at UOG.

Dr. Una's appointment as Vice-Chancellor of FNU is a testament to her exceptional leadership skills and extensive experience in the field of education. Having served as a professor at UOG's School of Education, Dr. Una has left an indelible mark on the institution and its students.

During her time at UOG, Dr. Una played a pivotal role as a Thought Leader and External Reviewer in the inception of the SOE's EdD doctorate program. Her expertise and guidance were instrumental in shaping the program to meet the highest standards of academic excellence.

The news of Dr. Una's appointment has been met with great excitement and pride within the UOG community. As Dr. Una embarks on this new chapter in her career, we extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes for continued success. Her dedication and passion for education will undoubtedly continue to make a lasting impact on the field and the lives of countless students.

Right: Dr. Una delivers her keynote speech at the 2019 International Conference on T.E.A.M. (Technology, Education, Assessment and Management), organized by University of Guam's School of Education in collaboration with our partner institution in the Philippines, the Western Philippines University,





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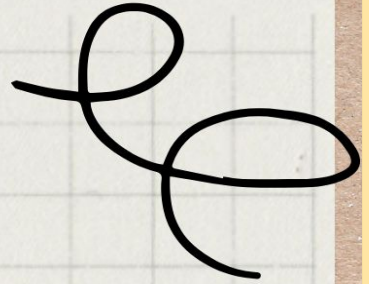
One feature that I like about this website is how every book has a description. I think that this is really helpful in choosing what book you want to read, especially if you are using the free one-book-a-month access. I also like how each book has a star rating. The online library is always expanding, which makes this resource better than it already is. The choices of books are endless! I also appreciate the stories that have the audio narrations and music.

MagicBlox is a resource that everyone should know about. I, myself, use it for my kids. As an educator, I want to instill the love for reading into my students and as a parent, I want the same for my children. MagicBlox makes reading a whole different experience for them and they love it!

**Contribution by J. Balajadia*



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Stories
from
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Teachers

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\$10 Special Book Price

A Window Unobsured reveals a glimpse inside the world of educators and a unique understanding of the profession as they experience it today. Through the eyes of teachers, each writer offers readers a different perspective of Guåhan's public middle and high schools.

This collection is meant for current and future educators and for those who have wondered: what do the teachers have to say?

Writers:

- Renee Julia D. Blancaflor
- Leah Fuentes Llegado
- Christine Joy Borja Mallari
- Piyamas "PJ" Sablan-Jalique
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- Andrealline Fajardo Mayoyo-Buan
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Stories from Guåhan Teachers

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TA TUGE' MO'NA



Editors Terry Perez (UOG) and Simone Bollinger (GCC) presented their book to SOE Dean Alicia Aguon at their book launch on Dec. 9, 2023, at GCC.



Members of the Ta Tuge' Mo'na writing organization, namely Terry Perez (UOG), Simone Bollinger (GCC), and Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera (UOG), show off the new release of A WINDOW UNOBSCURED on Dec. 9, 2023, at the ILA Community Book Fair held at the Agana Shopping Center.



Roberta Abaday (GCEC) and Christine Mallari (GDOE) autograph copies of A WINDOW UNOBSCURED at the book launch. Abaday (left) wrote the Foreword for the book and Mallari wrote two stories in the anthology titled *As the World Returns and Rebuilding and Beyond*.



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WELCOME, DRS. GRUNZKE & SABLAN!

Welcome, Drs. Rebecca Grunzke and Zena Sablan, to our esteemed faculty team! We are thrilled to have you join us and look forward to the valuable contributions you will make to SOE. Your expertise and passion will undoubtedly enrich the learning experience for our students. Welcome aboard!



Dr. Zena Sablan with her ED334 class



Dr. Rebecca Grunzke





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