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UOG alumni begin doctoral programs this fall

As the academic year begins, several alumni from the University of Guam are among students going back to school, this time in pursuit of doctorates. Following completion of their degree programs, which range from two to five years, many have plans to return home to Guam to serve the community and produce research within their subject areas.

"Our Triton alumni are exceptionally passionate and motivated. And we're proud to say that they're also prepared," UOG President Thomas W. Krise said. "The well-rounded experience and mentorship students receive in our master's and undergraduate programs have made them highly competitive in some top-tier schools and highly selective doctoral programs."

Among UOG alumni beginning doctoral programs this fall are:



Ian Aflague (2020
 B.A. in Psychology) is beginning his juris doctorate at the University of California Berkeley School of Law. He is interested in practicing environmental law and technology law as well as serving communities that cannot afford non-criminal legal services.



Krystal Aldaca (2020 B.S. in Biology, Bio-Medical Track) is beginning her doctorate in dental surgery at the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry at the University of Southern California with plans to practice in Guam.



Eduardo Biala Jr. (2017 B.S. in Biology) is beginning a postbaccalaureate program in medicine at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii prior to entering the school's **Doctor of Medicine** program next year. He plans to practice in Guam, potentially in gastroenterology, in a hospital setting.

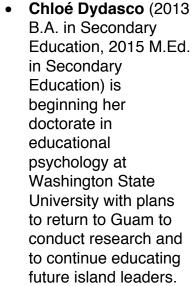


Brandon Datuin
 (2020 B.S. in
 Chemistry) is
 beginning his
 doctorate in chemistry
 at the University of
 Minnesota – Twin
 Cities with an interest
 in working in an
 advisory role in the
 private sector.



Grace Donaldson (2017 B.A. in Interdisciplinary Arts and Science, 2019 Master of Public Administration) is beginning her doctorate in international relations at Ritsumeikan University in Japan with an interest in continuing her research on Micronesia-U.S.-China relations.







Megan Gimmen
 (2020 B.S. in Biology
 and Chemistry) is
 beginning a post baccalaureate pipeline
 program at Johns
 Hopkins University in
 Maryland for students
 wanting to pursue
 doctorates in
 medicine. She plans to
 eventually return to
 Guam to contribute in
 health care and health
 research.



Jonathan Guerrero
 (2012 M.S. in Clinical
 Psychology) is
 beginning his
 doctorate in clinical community psychology
 at the University of
 Alaska Anchorage
 with an interest in
 returning to Guam and
 helping address social
 issues through
 community- and



Arielle Lowe (2016 B.A. in English and CHamoru Studies, 2019 M.A. in English) is beginning her doctorate in English focusing on Asia Pacific cultural studies at the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa. She is interested in returning to Guam to drive cultural conversations through teaching, community programs, or government work.



Leiana Naholowa'a
 (2018 M.A. in English)
 is beginning her
 doctorate in English at
 the University of
 Hawai'i at Mānoa with
 an interest in returning
 to Guam to teach and
 continue her research
 of CHamoru literature,
 history, and culture.



Joshua Tingson
 (2020 B.S. in
 Chemistry) is
 beginning his
 doctorate in chemistry
 at Stevens Institute of
 Technology in New
 Jersey with an interest
 in researching cancer
 treatment.

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