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### **ROTC Cadet John Joseph Bautista takes command of UOG battalion**

Cadet John Joseph Bautista assumed charge of more than 100 cadets within the University of Guam's ROTC battalion at a change of command ceremony on July 22, where he received the battalion's colors from former Cadet Battalion Commander Kortney Camacho.

Camacho is a graduate of Guam High School and is majoring in criminal justice, while Bautista graduated from Father Dueñas Memorial School and is majoring in business administration with a concentration in human resources.

Lt. Col. Thomas Anderson, the professor of military science at the University of Guam, said that Bautista was chosen "based on his demonstrated leadership qualities and his consistent desire to make others better. He's a great leader in that he always pushes himself to be the best he can be, but he also looks to make those other leaders around him better."

Bautista's role as battalion commander is one example of the different leadership positions for which the ROTC cadets are selected during their time as students. Leading their peers in the program allows the cadets to put into practice the leadership lessons and theories they learn in the classroom.

"Being selected as the battalion commander is a great honor," Bautista said. "This gives me the opportunity to be in a unique position to serve my peers and the cadets of our battalion through developing and overseeing training and providing them with guidance and direction on this road to commissioning as an officer in the U.S. Army."

UOG's ROTC program was established in October 1979 and is celebrating over 40 years of producing dynamic leaders for Guam, Micronesia, and the United States.

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**Photo captions:**



*Passing the Colors*

Former Cadet Battalion Commander Kortney Camacho of the University of Guam ROTC program holds the battalion's colors for the last time as they are passed to her by Cadet Command Sgt. Major John Perez during a change of command ceremony on July 22.



*Taking Command*

Newly installed Cadet Battalion Commander John Joseph Bautista of the University of Guam's ROTC program addresses the program's more than 100 cadets during the change of command ceremony on July 22.

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