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Four UOG ROTC cadets rank in nation's top 20%

Four cadets from the University of Guam Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps have earned the honor of Distinguished Military Graduate, placing them in the top 20% of more than 5,000 Army ROTC graduates nationwide.

The honor is determined by grade-point average, performance on the Army physical fitness test, demonstrated leadership in their trainings, and character.

Earning the title of Distinguished Military Graduate are:

- Lucand Camacho
- Jeanie Nguyen
- Brendan Santos
- Michael Schommer

"I am so proud of our cadets for being named DMGs," said Lt. Col. Thomas Anderson, professor of military science at UOG. "Each one of them worked hard over the course of their college experience to be the very best they could be, oftentimes sacrificing fun or relaxation in order to maximize the benefits of their college and ROTC experiences. They all demonstrated not just academic excellence, but leadership and service to others."

The designation is one that will stay with them throughout their careers, Anderson said.

"It is a term that lets other Army leaders know that the cadets are serious scholars and leaders," he said.

The cadets were notified of the honor and recognized by senators and University leadership at the University's Veterans Day Tribute ceremony on Nov. 12.

Schommer will graduate this coming December and be commissioned as an infantry officer. The other three will graduate in May. Camacho will be commissioned as a cyber officer, Nguyen as a finance officer, and Santos as an engineer officer.

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Photo captions:



1: Four cadets from the University of Guam Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps were recognized for earning the nationwide honor of Distinguished Military Graduate at a Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 12 at the university. (From left) Lucand Camacho; Brendan Santos; Michael Schommer; and Jeanie Nguyen.



2: (From left) Thomas W. Krise, president of UOG; Major General Esther J.C. Aguigui, adjutant general, Guam National Guard; Michael Schommer; Lucand Camacho; Brendan Santos; Jeanie Nguyen; Lt. Col. Thomas N. Anderson, professor of military science; Sen. Amanda Shelton; and Sen. Wil Castro.



3: Jeanie Nguyen, a cadet in the University of Guam's ROTC program, shakes hands with (from left) Major General Esther J.C. Aguigui, the adjutant general of the Guam National Guard, UOG President Thomas W. Krise, and Professor of Military Science Lt. Col. Thomas N. Anderson at a Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 12 at UOG upon

receiving word that she has been selected as a Distinguished Military Graduate within the nationwide Army ROTC program.



4: Michael Schommer, a cadet at the University of Guam's ROTC program, shakes hands with (from left) Maj. Gen. Esther J.C. Aguigui, the adjutant general of the Guam National Guard, at a Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 12 at UOG upon receiving word that he has been selected as a Distinguished Military Graduate within the nationwide Army ROTC program.

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