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UOG accounting student receives \$10,000 national scholarship

University of Guam senior accounting major Mariah Castro has been selected by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Scholars Program to receive a \$10,000 scholarship for the coming school year.

PCAOB, a nonprofit corporation that oversees audits of public companies, awards academic scholarships to undergraduate and graduate accounting students who are attending accredited U.S. universities and are likely to become accountants and auditors.

“I look forward to working as an auditor after obtaining my bachelor’s degree,” Castro said. “I also hope to one day be able to teach financial literacy and accounting to high school students as they prepare for the next step in their lives — something I was fortunate to experience at George Washington High School.”



Castro also plans to pursue a master’s through UOG’s new [Master of Accountancy program](#) and complete the Certified Public Accountant exam.

Castro is the third student from UOG's School of Business and Public Administration to receive the PCAOB scholarship, with the first two being Jonathan Yanger in 2020 and Tiera Santos in 2021.

"Receiving the scholarship during my senior year means so much to me," Castro said. "As a first-generation college student, not only is it a weight lifted off my shoulders but also for my parents and other half. I finally get to invest in myself [...] while enjoying my last year of undergraduate classes with my cohort."

Students must be nominated for the PCAOB scholarship by their institution. UOG Professor of Accounting Doreen Crisostomo-Muña nominated Castro for the merit-based scholarship based on her community service contributions.

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