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UOG Students Receive Travel Awards

The following six University of Guam students received travel awards from the Research Corporation of the University of Guam (RCUOG) and will spend a part of the spring or summer immersed in interests related to their degree program.



Ida Shalilian successfully defended her thesis in Environmental Science in January and will return to Guam from her hometown of Houston to continue her research on her thesis topic, which, according to her advisor Dr. John Jenson, focused on “innovative field measurement and discovery of an extraordinary volume of freshwater discharge estimated to be 5.3 million gallons of per day, flowing from a cave on Guam.” She will validate her initial work with

additional high tech measurements. She is expected to finalize her technical report and prepare her manuscript for journal publication as well as present her thesis to Guam Waterworks Authority.



Joleen Unas, Fine Arts and Computer Science major, and Katlyn Sutherland, Fine Arts major, were both selected to represent UOG at the *Zureta- the Misprint Exhibition* held at the Chinretsukan Art Gallery at Tokyo University of the Arts in May. This printmaking show receives submissions from twenty universities around the world and throughout the year the show will travel to other countries. Unas and Sutherland will also participate in the International Printmaking Symposium, which is being held in conjunction with the exhibit. “Attending and participating in international events like this is a great opportunity for students to meet with other artists who share the same passion,” said Sutherland.

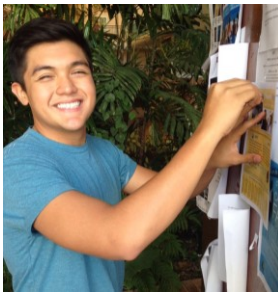




James Fifer, graduate student in Marine Biology, will travel to England to continue research on an emerging coral disease discovered by UOG Marine Lab's Dr. Laurie Raymundo. He will participate in the analysis and sampling of DNA, RNA and protein cells, which are essential steps in the study of a new coral disease. James will work in Dr. Mike Sweet's laboratory at the University of Derby in England. Dr. Sweet and Dr. Raymundo are partners in this research project.



Cassandra-Jay Flores-Hughes, Education major, has a strong interest in developing a set of courses centered on climate change that is culturally relevant to the region. The RCUOG travel award will allow her to participate in the Pacific Education Conference in Palau this July, where she will learn more about developing climate science curriculum and lesson plans to use at the high school level.



Cameron Dudkiewicz, majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resources, will attend the Society for Human Resources Management national conference in New Orleans this June. He will have the opportunity to network with HR professionals from around the world and across the USA. Upon his return, Cameron will give a presentation to other business students at UOG about his experience at the largest Human Resources Management conference in the world.

"We were able to offer travel awards to assist students in getting to their destinations using mileage accrued from purchases made with the RCUOG official credit card in accordance with Public Law 32-019," said Cathleen Moore-Linn, interim executive director of RCUOG. "RCUOG continues to unlock opportunities for UOG students and researchers, supporting them in their endeavors, which results in positive outcomes for Guam and the region," she added.