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JERRICHO SHARES
ABOUT HOW HE PASSED
THE CGFM EXAM



View the updated **Calendar of General Membership Meeting Topics** and details on **FREE training*** from PITI-VITI, APIPA, as well as the **AGA National Training Events Calendar**

* Free for qualifying individuals, as stated in their respective websites

Nominations are open for the
AGA Guam Chapter

2021
PROF. JOHN M. PHILLIPS
EXCELLENCE IN
GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY
AWARD

Submissions are due by
FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021



Catch the upcoming
Accountability Talks Podcast to
hear about the Guam Chapter
and YP Danica Batac!



**MEET THE
FALL 2021
JAS OFFICERS**

APPLY FOR FALL 2021 SCHOLARSHIP

**Scholarship Opportunities Available for
UOG and GCC students**



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PLATINUM

2021

Achievement in
Chapter Excellence



2021

Chapter Communications
Award



president's
M E S S A G E



Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

We would like to thank Ms. Daphne Leon Guerrero, Society for Human Resource Management - Guam Chapter President, for being our guest speaker to our July General Membership Meeting. Ms. Leon Guerrero's presentation was on "Practical intro to People Analytics". The topics she presented in people analytics and tips that she shared are all very pertinent and will be very useful in our respective organizations as we deal with these issues. We are also very grateful for the time and effort Ms. Leon Guerrero took in the preparation of her insightful presentation and for sharing her experiences and expertise with our members.

August is exciting, and several of your committees are busy and have implemented their programs/initiatives. The Accountability Committee has started their work in compiling our chapter's Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) for program year 2021. Target completion of our chapter's CCR is

by September 30. The committee chair is also monitoring and has provided reminders to government agencies' CCR due dates and requirements to comply with the mandates of P.L. 30-127.

The Certification Committee held its first Coffee Klatch on July 24th with almost a dozen of members participating. The meeting is to provide an avenue for those actively pursuing their CGFM for resource information and networking. The coffee klatch meeting also enabled participants to discuss study tips, ask questions related to preparing for the exam and more importantly to share individual goals and help keep each other accountable to meet those goals. The committee also updated the CGFM scholarship and reimbursements forms. We are also very proud to announce that your chapter has issued already 4 scholarships this program year to members who passed their CGFM. A Guam Chapter CGFM Pamphlet is currently being developed by the committee to provide members a comprehensive guide with information about the CGFM program from the National and the various scholarships and assistance that Guam chapter is offering.

The Communications Committee is hard at work updating our website and ensuring that timely information is communicated to the membership. Our newsletter editor is also actively engaging with various committees and members for materials to our August newsletter. The Membership Committee is

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. CONTINUED

in the process of establishing its rewards/incentive program to execute one of our National President's initiatives of "Everyone Gets One." This is a member-get-a-member campaign and National's goal is to collectively recruit 2,022 new members by April 30, 2022.

Our Awards Committee has issued its announcement seeking nomination for the 2021 Professor John M. Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award. This annual award recognizes the cumulative achievements of a government professional that has, throughout his/her public career, served as a role model for others and has consistently exhibited the highest personal professional standards. Nominations are open to federal, local, state government employees, elected or appointed officials, or private sector employees in Guam. Nominations are due on August 27, 2021 and may be emailed to agaguamchapter@gmail.com.

The Scholarship Committee has issued its scholarship announcements to both Guam Community College and University of Guam students. The committee hopes to award total of 4 scholarships for Fall 2021 semester. Due date for scholarship application is September 17, 2021. Our Community Service Committee has a lined-up the first community service event this program year. On August 28th (Saturday), we invite you all to join us for the adopt-a-bus stop clean up in Agana. Additional information will be emailed on this activity, so please be on the lookout.

We thank you for your continuous support and participation in our association. We also encourage you to volunteer by contributing to the newsletter, participating in our committees, and assisting us in activities promoting our chapter goals and advancing government accountability. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to get involved in a committee. Visit our website at <http://aga.guam.net> for more information. You may send us an email at agaguamchapter@gmail.com. We look forward hearing from you. Take care and be safe.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings are held every fourth Wednesday of the month and will begin at 11:45 a.m. (to ensure sufficient time is available to complete the CPE requirements). Meeting invites will be sent to members at least two weeks in advance. At this point, meetings will continue to be held via Zoom. While we hope to hold in-person meetings, safety is our priority.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES	
DATE	TENTATIVE TOPIC/EVENT
07/28/21	People Analytics (SHRM) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
08/25/21	New Medical Campus
09/22/21	Our Tourism and its Economic Impact During the Pandemic *Prof. John M. Phillips Award Presentation*
10/27/21	Economics / State of Our Island's Economy
11/24/21	Retirement/Investing/ Social Security
12/22/21	*AGA Guam Chapter Christmas Party*
01/26/22	Tax Updates / ERM / Taking Care of Your Personal Finance
02/23/22	Utilities Update and the LEAC Factor / DOL Internal Controls to Address Fraud
03/23/22	How to be an Efficient Leader / How to Effectively Handle Difficult Employees or Situations *CGFM Month*
04/27/22	Ethics in Government / Guam Ethics Commission Initiatives
05/25/22	Safety in the Workplace *Awards*
06/22/22	Leadership during Difficult Times *Oath of Office*



New Medical Campus

AGA Guam Chapter
August General Membership Meeting Guest Speaker

Lillian Perez-Posadas
Guam Memorial Hospital
Authority Administrator/CEO

AUG 25 • 11:45AM • ZOOM



CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR THE ZOOM LINK
TAKE NOTE OUR MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 11:45AM

1 CPE | FIELD OF STUDY: PUBLIC ADMIN

COMMUNITY TRAINING EVENTS

NEED
CPEs



SAVE
THE
DATE



Access to, or even FREE CPEs are
all part of your
**MEMBER
BENEFITS**

upcoming trainings
UPCOMING TRAININGS



AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 3 9AM-11AM
12PM-2PM

ASSOCIATION OF PACIFIC ISLANDS PUBLIC AUDITORS (APIPA)
The **32nd Annual APIPA Conference** will be delivered **virtually** from **Monday, August 23 through Friday, September 3, 2021**. Registration is FREE for insular government professionals.

Additional information about courses, instructors, CPE credit hours and local course times are all available online at <https://www.apipa2021.org>.



SEPTEMBER 28-30
10AM-1PM

Pandemic Relief Funding: Reviewing and Auditing Awarded Contracts (12 Hours CPE)
Instructor: **Bob Adachi**
Guam Course Date and Time: **September 28 – 30, 2021 ★ 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
Registration Link: <https://learn.pitiviti.org/67>



As a member of AGA, you also have access to trainings provided by AGA National. Refer to our **Links and Resources** section for upcoming trainings offered or click [here to view National's Event Calendar](#). Kindly note some are offered for free or at a cost and times are stated in Eastern Standard Times (EST).



Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training 2021

Sept. 21-22, 2021
A Virtual Event
14 CPEs

Registration and fees		
	Online	Email/Mail/ PO/SF-182
AGA member		
Early Bird (by Sept 3)	\$425	\$450
Standard (after Sept 3)	\$525	\$550
Non-Member		
Early Bird (by Sept 3)	\$525	\$550
Standard (after Sept 3)	\$625	\$650

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEC) MEETINGS

CEC Meetings are held **every second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m.** via Zoom.

If you are interested in joining discussions for Chapter events or joining a committee, feel free to contact President Maripaz Perez or President-Elect Josie Villanueva.

Refer to the agenda for discussion items from this month's CEC meeting.

Minutes of General Membership meetings are posted on our website upon approval. Click [here](#) to view.



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**AGA Guam Chapter
Chapter Executive Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 12:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. Call to Meeting to Order
- II. Approval of July 2021 CEC Minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. President's Report
 - A. Strategic Plan and Goals – Submitted to National on July 31
 - B. Guam Chapter Policies and Procedures - *Target Update Completion by October 31, 2021*
 - C. Congratulations to our Communications Committee for Winning the Chapter Communications Award for 2021
- V. Status of Finance Turn Over
- VI. New Business
 - A. Program Year 2021-2022 Theme: ***Turning Obstacles into Opportunities***
 - B. 2022 Chapter Budget – For Discussion and Approval
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Programs & Technical - August Speaker
 - i. Venue for Planned September Face-to-Face Meeting
 - B. Accountability (CCR)
 - C. Education
 - D. Certification /CGFM
 - E. Communications Website
 - F. Communications Newsletter
 - G. Membership – “Everyone Get One”
 - H. Young Professionals
 - I. Community Service
 - J. Budget & Finance
 - K. Scholarship
 - L. By-Laws
 - M. Awards (ACE) –
 - i. John Phillips Award Update
 - N. Research/Standards
- IX. Other Matters
- XI. Next Meetings
 - A. General Membership Meeting Virtual – August 25
 - B. CEC Meeting Virtual – September 8
- VIII. Adjourn Meeting - _____

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEC) MEETINGS



GUAM CHAPTER
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS
GUAM CHAPTER
P.O. Box 1124, Hagatna Guam 96932

Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

ASSETS	
Cash in Banks and on Hand	\$ 64,540
Accounts Receivable	550
TOTAL ASSETS	65,090
LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	
Accounts payable	2,291
Total Liabilities	2,291
Net Position	62,799
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	\$ 65,090

Statement of Activities For the year ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

Revenues	\$ 20,468
Expenses	18,247
Change in Net Position	2,221
Net Position at the Beginning of Period	60,578
Ending Net Position	\$ 62,799



CEC DIRECTORS & OFFICERS



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT – PROFESSOR JOHN M. PHILLIPS
EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AWARD

Nominations are open for the
AGA Guam Chapter

2021
PROF. JOHN M. PHILLIPS
EXCELLENCE IN
GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY
AWARD

Submissions are due by
FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021

Email
agaguamchapter@gmail.com
for more information or visit
www.aga.guam.net/phillips-award
to download the
nomination forms.



The AGA Guam Chapter is **seeking nominations for the 2021 Prof. John M. Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award.**

Nominations are **due on Friday, August 27, 2021**, and may be emailed to agaguamchapter@gmail.com.

The Award will be presented during the September 2021 General Membership Meeting.

Visit our [website](#) for more information and to download the nomination form.

Nominees should identify:

1. Individual's contributions to improve government services and operations.
2. Individual's demonstration of leadership in government programs and the financial management profession.
3. Individual integrity.
4. Results (savings, increased productivity, expanding services, improvements) from applying innovative management techniques.

A high-resolution picture of the nominee should be included with the submission of forms.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT – PROFESSOR JOHN M. PHILLIPS EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AWARD

2021 Professor John M. Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award

Award Description: This annual award recognizes the cumulative achievements of a government professional that has, throughout their career, served as a role model for others and has consistently exhibited the highest personal professional standards. Nominations are open to federal, local, state government employees, elected or appointed officials, or private sector employees in Guam.



PROUDLY CELEBRATING YEARS

50

YEARS

1970-2020

Did You Know...

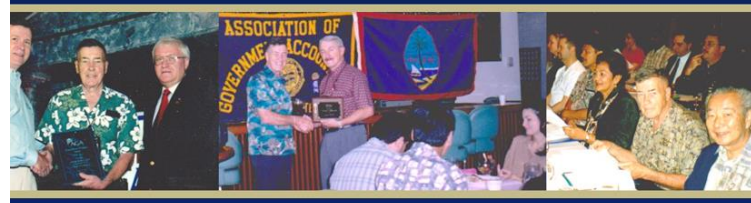
John M. Phillips, a charter member of the AGA Guam Chapter, was a well-respected and staunch supporter of accounting and accountability in Guam and the Pacific. Mr. Phillips worked in the federal government and academia during the infancy stages of the accounting profession in Guam and is recognized as the original "Godfather of Accounting" in Guam. His physical presence will be missed, but the indelible mark he has made in our community will remain.



AGA
GUAM CHAPTER

CGFM

Celebrating our Past, Igniting our Future...



past recipients

Professor John M. Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award Past Recipients

2012



Doris Flores Brooks
CPA, CGFM
Public Auditor
Office of Public
Accountability

2013



Mary A. Y. Okada
Ed.D.
President
Guam Community
College

2014



Vicente "ben" C. Pangelinan
(Posthumous)
Senator and Former Speaker
Guam Legislature

2015



Taling M. Taitano
CPA, CGFM
Deputy Superintendent
Department of Education

2016



Robert J. Torres, Jr.
Chief Justice
Unified Courts of Guam

2017



Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Speaker
Guam Legislature

2018



Joanne M.S. Brown
General Manager
Port Authority of Guam

2019



Jon J.P. Fernandez
Superintendent
Department of Education

2020



Carmen Kwek Santos
(Posthumous)
Vice President
Guam Community College

FALL 2021 SCHOLARSHIPS



THE AGA GUAM CHAPTER IS NOW
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR

FALL 2021 SCHOLARSHIPS

UOG | TWO (2) - \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS
GCC | TWO (2) - \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS
VISIT WWW.AGA.GUAM.NET/SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
DETAILS AND FULL REQUIREMENTS

CANDIDATES MUST:

- HAVE A GPA OF AT LEAST 3.0
- UOG | BE AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AT UOG AND BE PURSUING A DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS ADMIN, FINANCE & ECONOMICS, OR PUBLIC ADMIN
- GCC | HAVE COMPLETED 24 OF THE 60 HOURS TOWARDS THE ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING
- SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FORM AND ESSAY BY THE DUE DATE



**APPLICATIONS
SHOULD BE
SUBMITTED BY
SEP. 17, 2021**

FALL 2021 SCHOLARSHIPS

The AGA Guam Chapter provides academic scholarships for students who intend to pursue degrees in business administration or public administration disciplines. These scholarships are listed below. For more information, contact our Scholarship Directors or visit our website at <https://www.aga.guam.net/scholarships>.

AGA Guam Chapter Herminia Dierking Scholarship

University of Guam

FALL 2021 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**Due Date: SEPTEMBER 17, 2021****Overview**

The Herminia Dierking Scholarship program is sponsored and funded jointly by the AGA Guam Chapter and private sector contributors in recognition of the achievements of the late Herminia H. Dierking, a Legislator, Educator, Humanitarian, Past President of AGA Guam Chapter, Past Regional Vice President of AGA Pacific Rim, and a past recipient of the AGA National Chapter Service award. This Scholarship is open to students who intend to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Business Administration, Finance and Economics or Public Administration at the University of Guam (UOG).

Benefit

A total of \$2,000 in scholarship funds will be awarded to **two (2) undergraduate students (\$1,000 for each recipient)** at UOG who exhibited academic excellence in the Accounting, Business Administration, Finance and Economics or Public Administration disciplines. (Subject to availability of funds).

AGA Guam Chapter Scholarship

Guam Community College

FALL 2021 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**Due Date: SEPTEMBER 17, 2021****Overview**

The AGA Guam Chapter Scholarship program is sponsored and funded jointly by AGA and Private sector contributors in order to "advance government accountability" and transparency in all government levels by reaching out to all accountability professionals from Accounting Technicians to Accountants. This Scholarship is open to students who intend to pursue an Associate's Degree in Accounting at the Guam Community College (GCC).

Benefit

A total of \$1,000 in scholarship funds will be awarded to **two (2) undergraduate students (\$500 for each recipient)** at GCC who has exhibited academic excellence in the Accounting discipline. (Subject to availability of funds).

MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS
MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



August ANNIVERSARIES

23 YEARS

GILDA M. MAFNAS

Guam Waterworks Authority

17 YEARS

JOCELYN LLAMAS PASCUA

Guam Power Authority

MARIETTA (MAYETTE) PAEZ VICENTE

Guam Waterworks Authority

15 YEARS

FELINA DALINDA CONCEPCION

Guam Power Authority

14 YEARS

GAUDENCIO (GOODY) A. ROSARIO

Guam Department of Administration

12 YEARS

JOE SAN NICOLAS

Retired

11 YEARS

PILAR O. PANGELINAN

Guam Community College

8 YEARS

MICHELLE S. BRILLANTE, CGFM

Guam Office of Public Accountability

6 YEARS

AMACRIS V. LEGASPI, CGFM

Port Authority of Guam

ADRIANA URSULA QUITUGUA

Department of Administration

CHRISTIAN S. RIVERA

Guam Office of Public Accountability

5 YEARS

HYO S. KIM

Docomo Pacific

IRA MARIE P. PALERO

Office of Finance and Budget

VANESSA D. VALENCIA

Office of Finance and Budget

4 YEARS

MERCEDES (CHED) F. POLIARCO, CGFM

Guam Waterworks Authority

1 YEAR

THOMAS EM BATTUNG

Guam Office of Public Accountability

ODETH BF IGNACIO

Guam Department of Administration

SUA KIM

Student



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



"Everyday is a chance to be better."

-UNKNOWN

Let's meet **Elizabeth D. Cena**, an AGA member since April 2017...

Designations: **Juris Doctor (JD), MBA, MSM**

Employer/Position Title:
CFO, Finance & Accounting - Guam Federation of Teachers, Local Union 1581

Adjunct Associate Professor, College of Business & Management, University of Maryland Global Campus Asia Division (Andersen Air Force & US Naval Base)

Favorite Quote: **Everyday is a Chance to Be Better.**

Resilience: Turning Obstacles into Opportunities

Membership Monday

"AGA has a network of professionals who are passionate and knowledgeable. I joined to contribute to my growth and the growth of young professionals."

PILAR PANGELINAN
AFC CB
GCC PROFESSOR
MEMBER SINCE AUGUST 2010

ADVICE: Work on earning your CGFM and remember Membership is what you make of it.

MEMORABLE STORY: I really love the events when we give back to our community, whether it's with the 5K, bell-ringing, clean-ups; seeing our team work together is inspiring.

Membership Monday

"I love the networking events and CPE opportunities that AGA offers."

JUSTIN CASTRO
CFE
GWA - ACCOUNTANT 1
MEMBER SINCE JANUARY 2017

ADVICE: I recommend joining a committee or running for office.

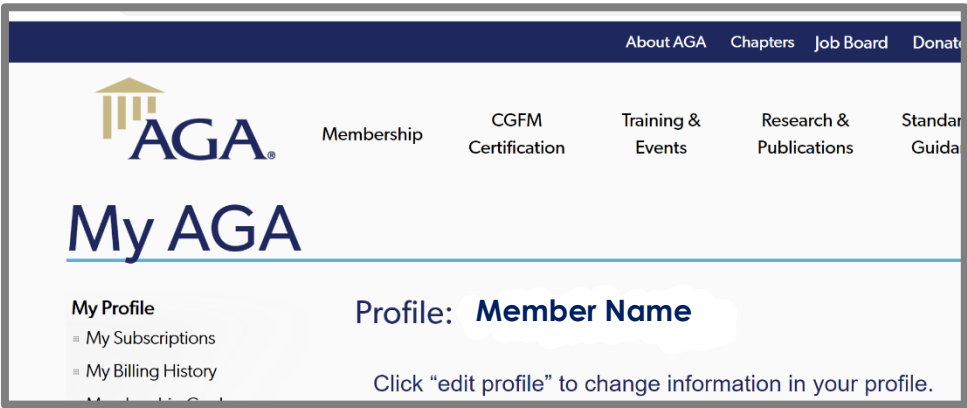
MEMORABLE STORY: In 2018, I received the National Young Professional Scholarship and had the privilege to attend the 2018 PDT in Orlando Florida.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

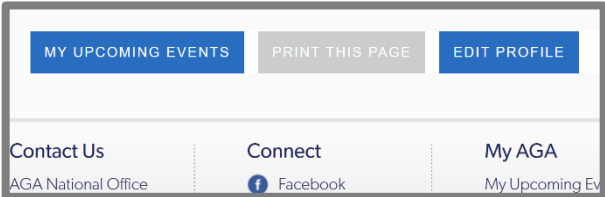
Friendly Reminder!

UPDATE YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
PROFILE
ON AGACGFM.ORG

Be sure to update your member profile for any changes in personal, work, and contact information. This will ensure you receive all your benefits and notifications.



To update your profile, log into your account at AGACGFM.org, and once you're at "My AGA" scroll to the bottom and select "EDIT PROFILE."



The membership roster is based on your profile, so information such as your place of work is taken from here. We kindly ask that you update your information as changes occur. Contact any Membership Director should you need assistance.

Member Mondays



SEND US YOUR PICTURE, ALONG WITH YOUR NAME, EMPLOYER AND A SHORT QUOTE ON WHAT AGA MEANS TO YOU AND BE FEATURED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA &/OR NEWSLETTER.

CELEBRATING
YOU, OUR
MEMBERS



CLICK HERE
TO SEND US
YOUR INFO.

CGFM CORNER

The AGA GUAM CHAPTER
supports its members with their
CGFM goals!

The AGA Guam Chapter Certification Committee has various initiatives to promote the CGFM designation. This includes the following:

- CGFM Scholarship Reimbursement,
- CGFM Review Exam Questions Scholarship Reimbursement,
- Study Guides Loan Program,
- CGFM E-Book Study Guides Scholarship Reimbursement, and
- CGFM Mentorship Program

For more information, visit our website and view the section on CGFM Initiatives (or click [Here](#)).

You may also review our updated SOP-3: CGFM Certification Programs, Testing, and Reimbursement Scholarships on the Chapter By-Laws section (or click [Here](#)).

For more support as you start your CGFM journey, contact the Certification Director to be added to the **CGFM chat group/mailling list**. There, you will get news on when the next Coffee Klatch will be, get advice from other CGFM candidates, as well as encouragement from CGFM members.

Why become a CGFM?

The Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) credential exemplifies experience and proficiency, distinguishing individuals who have made a significant commitment to their professional development. A CGFM has:

Increased knowledge of government financial management: CGFMs must pass three rigorous examinations, covering key topics including federal, state and local accounting and reporting; financial management functions; performance measurement; internal controls and auditing.

Better understanding of the big picture of government: CGFMs recognize how the different components of government financial management fit together, and they understand their role in the process.

Greater confidence on the job: The CGFM certification is directly applicable to the everyday duties of government financial professionals, at every level. It can help a new employee hit the ground running, while enhancing the performance of existing employees.

future
MEET A CGFM



congratulations

FOR PASSING THE CGFM EXAM | JULY 2021

JERRICHO GARCIA

ACCOUNTANT II

GUAM HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY
MEMBER SINCE JULY 2018

This month let's get to know about Jerricho Garcia, Accountant II at GHURA and an AGA member since July 2018, who passed the CGFM exam in July 2021.

He shared a bit about his CGFM journey. Thank you Jerricho for sharing!

THE WHY

I decided to seek out the CGFM certification after transitioning to the government sector to enhance my knowledge and capabilities to be better in my new role.

THE BEGINNING

I was introduced to the CFGM designation during a guest presentation that the Junior Accountant Society held during my sophomore year at the University of Guam.

THE HOW

I was able to complete the exams by following a schedule and having a great support system. My schedule consisted of studying for around two hours per day during the weekdays and around five hours per day during the weekends.

THE CHALLENGES

My biggest challenge was falling off my schedule and putting the exams on the side due to focusing more on my full-time job. I believe I took around a six-month break and was able to get back into my studies by reaching out to a friend and knowing that she was in the process of taking the exams too. By knowing she was taking the exams as well, it became a friendly competition and help motivate me to continue.

ADICE FOR FUTURE CGFM's

My biggest advice would be to set a schedule and stick to it. This is the hardest part due to balancing your career and other responsibilities. In addition, reach out to other AGA members and create a group to help push one another and discuss certain topics to make the experience much more enjoyable.

Jerricho will officially be a CGFM in November 2021, upon completing the required work experience. Jerricho's drive for success was also seen in 2019, when he passed the CPA exam before graduating from UOG. Congratulations again Jerricho!

LINKS AND RESOURCES



and other member benefits



THE 2021 SUMMER ISSUE IS OUT! [CLICK HERE TO READ.](#)

Want to contribute to **The Journal**? View the [Editorial Calendar](#) for the upcoming themes or view the [Submission Guidelines](#) for more information on articles for consideration.

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. Members-only webinars are 75-minutes long and offer 1.5 CPEs. Click [Free Members-Only Webinars](#) for more information.

September Members Only Webinar

Maintaining Professional Ethics in a Culture of Oversharing

September 2 | 2:00-3:15 PM ET | 1.5 CPEs | FOS: PD

September Members Only Webinar

September 2 | 2:00-3:15 PM ET



AGA National has started a new member-get-a-member recruitment campaign: **Everyone Get One!** For the 2021-2022 Membership Year, their target is to recruit **2,022 new members by April 30, 2022.**

In case you didn't know, top recruiters get a special award from AGA National during the PDT Awards. For PDT21, Top Recruiters that were acknowledged recruited a minimum of 4 new members each. If you would like more information on recruiting for the Guam Chapter, contact any of the Membership Directors.

ACCOUNTABILITY Talks

Join AGA for "Accountability Talks," a podcast designed to enlighten and inspire you with fascinating insights from government thought leaders. Hosted by AGA member Paul Marshall, CGFM, CPA, CIA, CICA, PMP, the series covers diverse topics — from legislation that affects government accountability policies and procedures to AGA programs to best practices. Tune in and take part in our vibrant community!

<https://www.agacgfm.org/AccountabilityTalks>

Look out for the Accountability Talks episode with our very own Maripaz Perez (President), Josephine Villanueva (President-Elect), and Danica Batac (Young Professional Member).

Past episodes include "Meet the YPs," "IRS Digitalization Priorities," "AI for Warrants," and many more.

Click [here](#) to listen to current and past episodes.

LINKS AND RESOURCES

AGA and its chapters offer national and local training and events to meet the continuing professional education (CPE) needs of members and the greater government financial management community. Members and guests can join AGA in person or virtually for networking and educational opportunities including [national events](#), [webinars](#) and [group training options](#). [View the event calendar](#) to see the full suite of events National offers.

- [National Training Events](#): Join your peers at multiple large-scale national events each year, including our [Professional Development Training](#) event each summer, which offers 24 CPEs via sessions that cover every aspect of government financial management, and our more focused events that can cater to specific needs, such as CFO-CIO working relationships and training on internal controls and fraud prevention.
- [Webinars](#): Individuals can learn new skills for CPEs, while groups can host an unlimited number of people, each of whom receive CPEs.
- [Group training](#): You supply the room; we provide the instructor and materials.

2021 — 2022 Webinars

September Members Only Webinar
Free for AGA members!
September 2 | 2:00–3:15 PM ET

Communications
September 8 | 2:00–3:50 PM ET

Internal Control/Improper Payments
October 6 | 2:00–3:50 PM ET

Ethics
November 3 | 2:00–3:50 PM ET

Performance Management
December 15 | 2:00–3:50 PM ET

Uniform Guidance
January 12 | 2:00–3:50 PM ET

GASB Update
February 2 | 2:00–3:50 PM ET

Improper Payments
March 2 | 2:00–3:50 PM ET

Cybersecurity/ERM
March 23 | 2:00–3:50 PM ET

Ethics
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National Events

August 26 Thursday	DFAS Informational Session & Virtual Recruiting Event August 26, 2021 Interactive Zoom Session
September 2 Thursday	Maintaining Professional Ethics in a Culture of Oversharing September 2, 2021 Webinar 1.5 CPEs
September 8 Wednesday	Communications September 8, 2021 Webinar 2 CPEs
September 9 Thursday	CGFM Live, Virtual Course: Governmental Environment September 9–10, 2021 Virtual Course 8 CPEs
September 21 Tuesday	Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training September 21–22, 2021 Washington, DC 14 CPEs
September 27 Monday	CGFM Live, Virtual Course: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting September 27–30, 2021 Virtual Course 21 CPEs
October 5 Tuesday	CGFM Live, Virtual Course: Governmental Financial Management and Control October 5–7, 2021 Virtual Course 16 CPEs
October 6 Wednesday	Internal Control/Improper Payments October 6, 2021 Webinar 2 CPEs
November 3 Wednesday	Ethics November 3, 2021 Webinar 2 CPEs
December 15 Wednesday	Performance Management December 15, 2021 Webinar 2 CPEs
January 12 Wednesday	Uniform Guidance January 12, 2022 Webinar 2 CPEs
February 2 Wednesday	GASB Update February 2, 2022 Webinar 2 CPEs
March 2 Wednesday	Improper Payments March 2, 2022 Webinar 2 CPEs
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STUDENT CONNECTIONS

The Guam Chapter maintains connections with our student organizations from the University of Guam (UOG), with the Junior Accountants Society (JAS), and the Guam Community College, with the Association of Junior Accountants (AJA). In this month's issue, we will meet the JAS officers. But first, here's a little bit of information about UOG's JAS:

JAS is a student organization under the UOG's School of Business and Public Administration. It was established in 1991 by Professor John M. Phillips (Guam's Godfather of Accounting). Its mission, like ours, is "To promote the accounting profession in the university and assist its members in learning the different aspects of accounting by arranging various activities and involvement with professionals, faculty, and peers."

Christel Marie Y. Espiritu

President



Major: BBA Accounting w/ minor in Public Administration

Expected Graduation: SPRING 2022

Goals this year:

I hope to meet professionals in all branches of Accounting through AGA events, make an impact as the President of JAS and successfully fulfill all my roles and responsibilities as an officer at the University of Guam.

As President of JAS, Christel also sits on the CEC as Co-Director of the Young Professionals Committee.

Tiera Nikole Santos

President-Elect



Major: BBA A w/ Math Minor

Expected Graduation: DEC. 2022

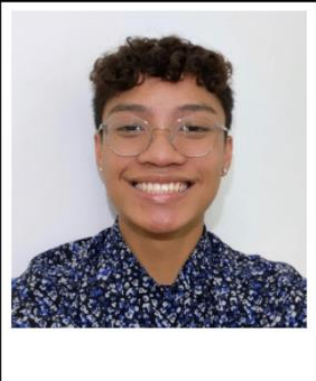
Goals this year:

I hope to learn much more about accounting and hopefully figure out what section of accounting interests me most.



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Secretary



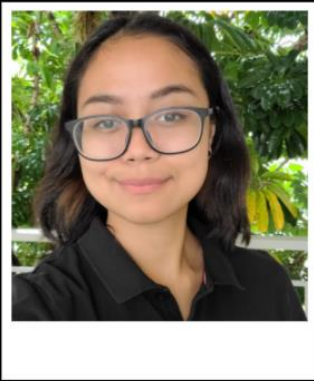
Major: Accounting

Expected Graduation: SPRING 2023

Goals this year:

This AGA year, my goals are to pass all of my classes with As to maintain Regent Scholar standing and to successfully fulfill my duties as Secretary. I also aim to become more involved in my community either through service or by participating in more events.

Jamabeva Masangkay
(Jamie)
Treasurer



Major: BBA Accounting

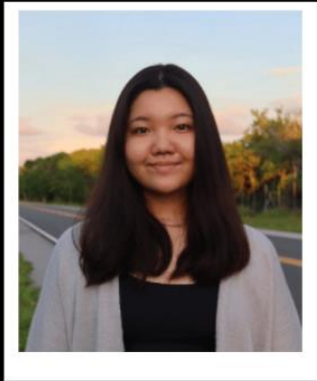
Expected Graduation: SPRING 2022

Goals this year:

I'm hoping to learn more about accounting concepts this semester, actively serve as the Treasurer of UOG's Junior Accountants Society by fulfilling my officer roles and responsibilities, and gain more insight on the accounting industry by participating in AGA events!

Jamie is a recipient of AGA National's 2021 Undergraduate Scholarship.

Danielle Lee
Treasurer-Elect



Major: Accounting

Expected Graduation: DEC. 2022

Goals this year:

I hope to accomplish accommodating all majors in SBPA including Accounting with learning opportunities to grow in their academic and career journey through JAS and to welcome more students into the Accounting major.

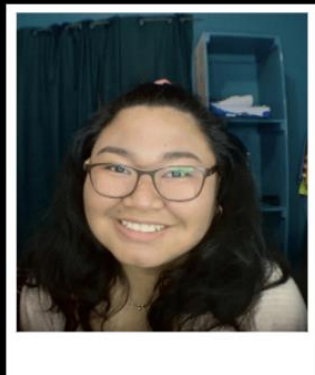


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Director of Communications



Major: Accounting

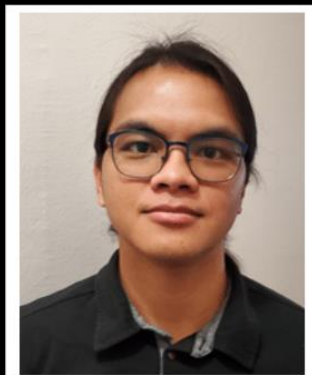
Expected Graduation: JUNE 2022

Goals this year:

To meet more people and expand my network. But most importantly learn from members and gain experience to prepare me for the real world when I graduation from college.

Beato Manglona

Academics Director



Major: Business Administration in Accounting

Expected Graduation: DEC. 2021

Goals this year:

I hope to graduate with my degree in Accounting this year and be a part of any community service projects AGA may have this year.

Beato is a recipient of the AGA Guam Chapter's Herminia Dierking Spring 2021 Scholarship.

Noli Sanchez

Membership Director



Major: Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting

Expected Graduation: DEC. 2021

Goals this year:

I hope to graduate and earn my degree in Accounting this year. I also hope to participate and help our community through AGA events.

Noli is a recipient of the AGA Guam Chapter's Herminia Dierking Fall 2020 Scholarship.



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