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UOG psych grads accepted into prestigious doctoral programs

Danielle Concepcion, Monique Nakamura and Brooke Pangelinan graduated from the University of Guam Master of Science in Clinical Psychology program this year and have been accepted into prestigious doctoral programs in the U.S. mainland. They will start their programs this fall.

"Doctoral programs in psychology are generally very competitive and programs in clinical psychology are especially competitive," said Iain Twaddle, professor of clinical psychology and chairman of the MSCP program. "Students must have high GPAs, good GRE scores and strong backgrounds in research and applied clinical work to get in."

He said the MSCP program helps students gain the experience necessary to make their applications competitive. Concepcion, Nakamura and Pangelinan have presented their master's thesis research at international conferences and have had extensive clinical experience conducted through Isa Psychological Services Center, the Violence Against Women Prevention program, Department of Corrections, and the Superior Court of Guam Client Services and Family Counseling Division.

Danielle Concepcion

Concepcion, a mentee of Twaddle, was accepted into eight schools but ultimately accepted an offer into the accredited clinical psychology doctoral program at the California School of Professional Psychology at



ACCEPTED: From left: Brooke Pangelinan; Danielle Concepcion and Monique Nakamura from the University of Guam Master of Science in Clinical Psychology program have been accepted into doctoral programs in the U.S. mainland and will start their studies this fall. Photo courtesy of UOG

Alliant International University in Los Angeles.

She will work toward a doctorate in psychology as part of CSPP-LA's multicultural community-clinical psychology emphasis area under Lisa Liu, whose research focuses on multicultural, ethnic minority and diversity issues, and Asian-American mental health.

Concepcion also is the recipient of a \$15,000 IMPACT Scholarship from the school, the top award amount possible under that scholarship with others starting at \$2,500.

Concepcion's long-term plans are to work in a community-based setting providing mental health services to low-income families, ethnic minorities, victims of trauma, victims of war and violence, and other marginalized and disadvantaged populations.

"I want to come back and practice here," she said. "I was born and raised

on Guam. This is my home."
Monique Nakamura

Nakamura has been accepted into a competitive social psychology program with a 6 percent acceptance rate at the University of Minnesota.

"The University of Minnesota has one of the top psychology programs, including social psychology," said Yoshito Kawabata, Nakamura's psychology professor and mentor at UOG.

She will pursue a doctorate in philosophy under Jeffrey Simpson, the school's chairman of the Department of Psychology, who conducts research on close relationships through attachment theory in his social interaction lab.

Nakamura received a full tuition waiver with a monthly stipend for five years.

Her long-term goals include teaching research methodology in university

classes and conducting longitudinal studies, or repeated observations, of ethnic minority couples and how past literature has impacted them.

After completing her doctoral studies, Nakamura said, she plans to continue to collaborate with researchers on Guam.

Brooke Pangelinan

Pangelinan, another mentee of Twaddle at UOG, was accepted into six doctoral programs but ultimately accepted an offer into a selective clinical psychology doctoral program at the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma. The program has been accredited since 1991.

She will be working toward a doctorate in philosophy in the Study of the Prevention, Adjustment, and Resilience to Trauma and Adversity Lab, otherwise known as SPARTA, under Lisa Cromer, who was awarded an American Psychological Association award for Outstanding Early Career Achievement in Trauma Psychology.

"I wanted to work with Dr. Cromer because she was really interested in me doing something that I was passionate about, which is being able to do research that is relevant to Guam and the Micronesian region," she said.

Pangelinan's long-term goal is to return to Guam to work in a nonprofit, community-based organization serving Pacific island populations.

"It has always been my intention to come back and be able to serve the community," Pangelinan said.

For more information about the Master of Science in Clinical Psychology program at the University of Guam, contact Twaddle at 735-2882 or isa@triton.uog.edu.

Information was provided in a press release.

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