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Culture of Connecting Summer Outreach



Voyaging Through Guam's History Series

Guampedia took Wettengel Elementary's fourth grade summer school students from John Borja and Elmer Nezerreta's classrooms on a virtual voyage through Guam's history. Over a seven week period, students were introduced to Guam's seven historical eras and key historical figures from Guam. Students were also engaged in activities from building model latte structures to imagining and

creating artwork of their vision for Guam's future.

Pathways to Self-Governance: Exploring Guam's History of Decolonization

Guampedia, in collaboration with Dr. Kevin Escudero of Brown University and the Guam Museum, partnered with the Department of Education in conducting a three-day professional development workshop for teachers with a focus on self-governance and decolonization. The course was designed to help increase engagement and understanding of Guam's history at the middle and high school levels and showcase resources (like Guampedia and the Guam Museum) that can reinforce instruction.



[Click here for digital resources.](#)

Teaching Micronesia's Students

In case you missed our [Culture of Connecting virtual series](#) last month, you can now access the session recordings at guampedia.com. Entitled "Teaching Micronesia's Students," session one and two focused on digital resources, from Guam Preservation Trusts' newest CHamoru/Chamorro educational project on historic sites, Ekungok I Estoria'ta, to the lesson plans and applications of Guampedia in the classroom.

Our final session featured two CHamoru scholars, Lazaro Quinata and Dr. David Sanchez, who shared their research on the value of culturally relevant pedagogy in higher education and perspective on why indigenous island wisdom works in the 21st century. The session recording will be accessible online later this month.



UPITT Sustainability of Island Nations: Guam

In partnership with the University of Guam (UOG), Guampedia hosted the first University of Pittsburgh's (UPitt) Study Away program, Sustainability of Island Nations:



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Guam was held from July 30 through August 13, 2021.

In response to UOG's Maila Tätte initiative to cultivate connections with indigenous Micronesian scholars and educators abroad, Dr. David Sanchez, Assistant Professor in UPitt's Civil & Environmental Engineering department and Assistant Director for the Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation, brought 10 of UPitt's engineering students to experience Guam's cultural landscape.

Their visit provided an opportunity for UPitt's students to engage with UOG's faculty and programs, and as a final project, contribute sustainable design ideas in critical areas of energy, water/wastewater, building structures, and traditional medicinal plants.



This Month in Marianas History...

island in 1950. However for the next 20 years, the President of the United States, not Guam voters, selected the governor. The [Guam Elective Governor Act](#) was passed by the United States Congress on September 11, 1968 and granted the people of Guam the authority to elect the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Guam.

AMERICAN HOLIDAYS

January 1899 was the beginning of the first of many Naval governors of Guam to be appointed by the Navy to serve as commandant of the US Naval Station Guam, ushering in changes to our way of life through general orders. By September 15, 1900, [General Order No. 26](#) was issued declaring that public holidays

of the US shall be observed as such in Guam. Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, and Independence Day were enacted.

SPANISH GALLEON WRECK

The largest ship of her day, the [Nuestra Señora de la Concepción](#) was a Spanish galleon plying the lucrative Manila-Acapulco galleon trade when she wrecked off the southern coast of Saipan, near Aguingan Point, on September 20, 1638. Many of the wreck's valuable artifacts remain on permanent display in the Northern Mariana Islands Museum of History and Culture located in Saipan.



Governor Ricardo Bordallo with President Lyndon B. Johnson.

ELECTIVE GOVERNOR ACT

The [Organic Act of Guam](#) established a civilian executive branch of government for the