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OPA INTERN RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Hagåtña, Guam – The Office of Public Accountability (OPA) continued partnership with the University of Guam's (UOG) Accounting Internship Program during the Fanomnåkan (Spring) 2024 semester by employing a senior majoring in Accounting. The program provided 150 hours of on-the-job training experience to Abigail Naputi. She was paired up with OPA Accountability Auditors and was exposed to governmental auditing by conducting research, gathering information. data and preparing completing work papers, and observing financial audit oversight.

"Throughout my internship at the OPA, I gained newfound knowledge and experience in a government agency where one of its purposes is to provide impartial reports of government resources and programs, ensuring accountability for the welfare of the public.



OPA Intern: Abigail Naputi is presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from OPA Public Auditor Benjamin J.F. Cruz.

Working under the Public Auditor and alongside an audit team, I've witnessed the importance in the professional work they conducted and the amazing camaraderie within the agency. One of my biggest takeaways from OPA is the unlimited support they have for its employees by promoting further academic and professional growth. Through OPA's organizational values and culture, I was able to gain valuable insight into the auditing processes and build professional networks with the agency. Through this experience, I am and continue to be very grateful for this opportunity," said Abigail Naputi, a resident of Inalåhan.

"I would like to thank the University of Guam and Dr. Doreen Crisostomo—UOG Accounting Professor— for continuing this worthwhile partnership in giving our island's future leaders the opportunity to work in a professional environment. I am certain our intern learned valuable lessons throughout her time with the OPA as her contributions have made an impact on our office. I want to commend and congratulate our intern – Abigail Naputi—on successfully completing her internship and wish her well as she graduates this May," remarked Public Auditor Benjamin J.F. Cruz.