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### OPA Continues Partnership with UOG Accounting Internship Program

*Four UOG Seniors Complete Spring 2019 Internship*

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Hagåtña, Guam – The Office of Public Accountability (OPA) continued its partnership with the University of Guam’s (UOG) Accounting Internship Program during the Spring 2019 semester by employing four seniors majoring in Accounting. The program provided 150 hours of on-the-job training experience to Samuel Mantanona, Charles Roque, Baby Jane Sapao, and Joanne Sy. The interns were paired up with OPA Accountability Auditors and were exposed to governmental auditing by conducting research, preparing and completing work papers, and observing financial audit meetings and procurement appeals.

*“The biggest takeaway and point of development I received from my time at the OPA was an understanding of professional communication. At the core of every task I did at the OPA, whether technical or not, communication was the determining factor that influenced the quality of its completion,”* said Samuel Mantanona, a resident of Barrigada.

*“I learned that effective communication was a key skill to maintain to complete tasks efficiently. Overall, I was challenged during my time here at the OPA and believe that the knowledge I learned is essential for me to know before working full-time in the accounting field,”* said Charles Roque, a resident of Yigo.

*“I have gained valuable insights in the audit industry over the past weeks. I was given the opportunity to work on a project, observe the different phases of an audit, and actually prepare work papers. This internship has definitely increased my interest in pursuing a career in audit,”* explained Baby Jane Sapao, a resident of Dededo,

*“I had a great time because I was able to observe the different government agencies and gain writing, analytical, and teamwork skills. Overall, I had a fulfilling internship experience during my time at the Office of Public Accountability,”* said Joanne Sy, a resident of Dededo.

*“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 interns learned valuable lessons throughout their time with the OPA as their contributions have made an impact on our office. I want to commend and congratulate our four interns – Baby Jane, Samuel, Charles, and Joanne—on successfully completing their internship and wish them well as they graduate this May,”* remarked Public Auditor Benjamin J.F. Cruz.

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