

## G IS FOR *Giving*

### \$135,988 RAISED!

From November 1 through December 31, the Foundation raised a total of \$135,988, including funds generated from the Tumua comedy show as well as an additional \$88,176 raised through other outreach efforts.

Much of this support came from donors who chose to strengthen the future of student aid by increasing the balance of their endowed scholarships, ensuring long term impact for generations of UOG students.

## Tumua Unites the Island Community with Laughter



In 2025, the UOG Endowment Foundation hosted one of its most exciting and community-driven events of the year. Polynesian comedian Tumua helped launch the Foundation's annual G is for Giving campaign as part of his wildly popular "Chee Hoo" Tour.

The one-night-only live stand-up performance took place on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the University of Guam Calvo Field House, bringing together the island community for an unforgettable evening of laughter, culture, and purpose. More than 2,000 attendees filled the Field House, generating \$47,812 in proceeds. These funds directly support the UOG Endowment Foundation and college affordability through student scholarships. These G is for Giving (GiG) scholarships help to expand educational opportunities for UOG students while encouraging volunteerism and a giving culture in our community.

Through humor and shared island pride, Tumua's "Chee Hoo" Tour stop in Guam became more than a night of entertainment. It served as a celebration of Pacific culture and a powerful reminder of what is possible when the community unites to invest in students and the future of Guam.

## Last Mile Scholarships Expand Opportunity for UOG Students

The UOG Endowment Foundation continues to advance its mission of supporting student success through its Last Mile Scholarships—awards designed for students who are within 30 credit hours of completing their first bachelor's degree. These scholarships help students remain enrolled, overcome financial barriers, and reach the finish line of their academic journey. In 2025, growing community support enabled the Foundation to award **\$40,000** in Last Mile Scholarships, ensuring more Tritons could stay on track despite financial challenges. Donor generosity also reached new heights, with more than **\$125,000** contributed to scholarship and endowed fund support, strengthening opportunities for future graduates.

This impact was made possible through the generosity of donors and partners, including:

- **Tom Tajalle**, who funded seven *Brother Tom Last Mile Scholarships* through a **\$3,500** gift.
- **Six Guam senators**, who collectively donated **\$3,000** during the Fañomnåkan (Spring) 2025 semester.
- **Dr. Helen Whippy**, who established the *Whippy Family Last Mile Scholarship* fund that awarded **\$500** each to 3 students.
- **Mobil Oil Guam**, which contributed **\$7,500** to establish the *Mobil Oil Guam Last Mile Scholarship for STEM* students, benefitting 15 students.
- **Patricia Feore**, who donated two **\$110,000** to create an endowed *Last Mile Scholarship for Single*



*Parents and Children of Single Parents.* As a single parent herself, she felt called to build a legacy that uplifts others facing similar challenges.

She shared, "Wealth and strength can be taken away from one. But no one can beat the education out of you or steal it from you. More opportunities and a better life are the promises of good education."

The Foundation extends its deepest appreciation to these donors for investing in Guam's future workforce and empowering students to complete their degrees with confidence and hope —



Katrina T. Perez, Executive Director

