

UMGC

COMMENCEMENT

2025





CEREMONIES

TOKYO, JAPAN
Saturday, April 12

YOMITAN, OKINAWA
Saturday, April 19

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA
Saturday, April 26

RAMSTEIN, GERMANY
Saturday, May 3

TUMON BAY, GUAM
Saturday, May 10

ADELPHI, MARYLAND
GRAD WALK
May 15–18



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
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A Message from the President of University of Maryland Global Campus

Dear UMGC Graduates,

Congratulations! Commencement represents an important academic milestone, and you deserve to celebrate.

Today, we are honored to celebrate with you. I know I speak on behalf of everyone at University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) when I say that we are so proud of your every achievement and equally proud to partner with you on your learning journey.

When you succeed in your studies and in life, we succeed in our mission, and we are honored to welcome you as UMGC alumni.

Many of you are also active-duty servicemembers, veterans of the U.S. military, or medical personnel and first responders. We salute you and the many others who live lives of service, and we thank you for choosing UMGC to continue your education.

As UMGC graduates, you are each better equipped to lead—in your family, your community, your place of work.

Be brave, and know that we share your vision of a world that is better and brighter, safer and more secure, more peaceful, and more just.

Embrace that vision and let it lead you. Together, we can help build that world for ourselves, our loved ones, and for all.

Again, congratulations to you and to all who share in this special achievement, whether in person or in spirit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Greg W. Fowler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregory W. Fowler, PhD
President
University of Maryland Global Campus



Tokyo

Commencement 2025

Order of Events

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Pomp and Circumstance by Sir Edward Elgar

NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES

Erica A. Huseby

PRESIDING

James B. Cronin
Vice President and Director, Asia
University of Maryland Global Campus

GREETINGS

Gregory W. Fowler, PhD
President
University of Maryland Global Campus

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Colonel Burt N. Okamoto

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Gregory W. Fowler, PhD
President
University of Maryland Global Campus

ASSISTED BY

Aaron P. Jasny, PhD
Overseas Collegiate Associate Professor
University of Maryland Global Campus

Gretchen I. Jones, PhD
Assistant Vice President, Academic Operations
and Student Services, Asia
University of Maryland Global Campus

Amanda C. Maguire
Associate Vice President
and Deputy Director, Asia
University of Maryland Global Campus

Cynthia L. McGinnis
Overseas Collegiate Associate Professor
University of Maryland Global Campus

Jeffrey D. Newbern, DM
Associate Vice President
and Associate Dean, Asia
University of Maryland Global Campus

RECESSIONAL

Radetzky March by Johann Strauss

Commencement Speaker



Colonel Burt N. Okamoto

Commander, 374th Mission Support Group
Yokota Air Base, Japan

Col Burt N. Okamoto is the commander of the 374th Mission Support Group, Yokota Air Base, Japan. He is responsible for over 2,800 personnel across six squadrons and one geographically separated flight and manages over \$7 billion in assets to provide combat support, agile expeditionary capabilities and mission-ready forces for the 374th Airlift Wing and over 50 mission partners including Headquarters U.S. Forces, Japan and 5th Air Force. The group provides installation force protection, communications, contracting, logistics, civil engineering, and personnel services and quality of life programs for over 11,500 military and civilian personnel and families.

Colonel Okamoto enlisted in the Hawaii Army National Guard in June 1994 as an Infantryman. He entered the Air Force through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program as a graduate of the University of Hawaii. He is also a graduate of the Joint and Combined Warfighting School.

Colonel Okamoto has served in several operational deployments as a mission planning cell targeteer for the 379th Expeditionary Operation Support Squadron; Senior Intelligence Officer for the 380th Expeditionary Wing in support of Operations ENDURING/IRAQI FREEDOM and Operations NEW DAWN and UNIFIED PROTECTOR; and the J2 for the Theater Intelligence Group-CJIATF-435 at the premier national detention facility in Afghanistan. He has served in key intelligence leadership positions as a Wing Intelligence Officer, Squadron Director of Operations, J2, Squadron Commander, Deputy Group Commander, and Numbered Air Force Director of Cyberspace Operations.

EDUCATION

2000 Bachelor of Education in Secondary Education, University of Hawaii, HI

2001 Officer Intelligence School, Goodfellow AFB, TX

2002 Combat Targeting School, Goodfellow AFB, TX

2007 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2007 Masters in Business Administration, Webster University, MO

2011 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence

2012 Joint Analyst and Interrogator Collaboration Course, Ft Huachuca, AZ

2013 Joint Forces Staff College, Joint Professional Military Education II, Norfolk, VA

2013 Joint Targeting School, Norfolk, VA

2016 Air War College, Correspondence

2024 Indo-Pacific Orientation Course, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Tokyo, JPN





Graduates and Candidates



Masters of Business Administration and Masters of Science

Academic Honors

Academic honors for excellence in scholarship are determined from the cumulative grade point averages (GPA) of students who have completed 30 or more credits with University of Maryland Global Campus. Graduate students who have earned a GPA of 4.000 are named to the President's List. They wear red cords as part of their academic regalia at commencement.

Academic honors for Spring 2025 candidates are based on academic standing as of February 15 and are pending final degree audit.

★ President's List

Master of Business Administration

Roolse Alexandre
Michelle Allen
Joseph Peter Andre ★
Jonah Allie Arkinson
Godsgift Arerebo Arokarawei
Kiwamu Asai
William Bailey ★
Teresa Tan Beckett
Justin Billingsley ★
Christi Ann Brent ★
Viki Valerie Brings ★
Jason Diez Calata
Rico C. Cameron
David Mark Camp
Hector E. Campos
Diana Tanishia Marie Carter
Justus James Casino ★
Gianpierre Castagneto
Astrid Castro Rodriguez
Erin Delancey Charles
Amanda Shadden Chavez
Allan Ladia Chua
Christian L. Collins
Bailey Counts ★
Raeven Marie Cox ★
Lawrence J. Coyne
Mary Cathryn Cronk
Berome S. Deceus Jr.
Everett A. Dees
Joseph Matthew Downen
Jennifer Ann Engeberg
Ryan Joseph Eugene
Philip Franzoni
Gregory Lynn Funk
Francis Garcia
Jazzmyne Garcia
Brienne Garske ★
Olivia Akua Asamoah Gawu
Junia Georges-Vaughn
Joel Anthony Gil ★

Lance Kyle Gogue
Nick Gordon
Barbara Grant
Gary William Grant
Christina A. Grantham ★
Mark V. Halog ★
Jarneec Halsey
Junyeop Han
Alexander Grate Harbeson
Michael M. Harris ★
Terence S. Harris
Benjamin Harrison
Grace Dahye Higdon
James O. Holder ★
Rachael Ann Jacinth ★
Rebecca Lara Jaurigue
Jayson Bigay Javier
Virgil Francis Miave Javier ★
Jaeil Jo ★
Valeria Denisse Jones
Michael Carlos Juarez ★
Ricardo Jules
Norihiro Kawate ★
Carter Khoury
Jihwan Kim ★
Tae Young Kim
Won Kim
Yoon San Kim
Bonniekeya Kelly Kliet ★
Paul E. Koch
Roland Si-Yuan Kwan ★
John Robert Latinette ★
Troy Britain Drew Lawrence
Byung Hoon Lee ★
James Thomas Lee III ★
Kiara Shinice Leverson
Daleina Alo Lizama
Alexander Eduardo Lopez
Katherine Lopez
Antoinette Manderson
Kavita Maniram ★
Paul Singh Mannino
Bridget Rena Marcantel

Krista Michelle McGraw
Carol McMullen
Evan Mellick ★
Osiris Mendoza
Heriberto Mercado Rodriguez ★
Preston Kale Miller
Brian Yong Min
Timothy James Minchew Jr. ★
Julie Morishita Zierler
Aiko Mucklow ★
Yoshitaka Nagase
Janina Nucum Narciso
Carissa Negron Rivera
Lavelle Andrae Nettles
Kevin Huu Nguyen
Ar-Bell Bugayong Obosa
Shinji Okada
Lliser Ortiz Lopez
On Chun Pak
Franklin Palfy ★
Marcel Hinabe Blas Palomo
Michaela Pangilinan-Gogue
Michael Joseph Panza ★
Inwoo Park
Kevin Pelaez
Adrian Pineiro
Leon Pinto
James Keith Pyeatt II ★
Joseph Idolor Roque
Christopher Rotzinger ★
Julainah San Nicolas
Anfernee Sanchez Estrella
Anna Rizza Baluyot Savares
Megumi N. Savoy ★
Ray A. Savoy ★
Kaede P. Serzhantov ★
Sidney Ming Shimomura
Caleb Smith
Amanda L. Snowden ★
Austin Reed Sommer ★
Edward Jay Song
Hyeonbi Song
Vichien Sornchan ★

Lawrence Corrie Stewart II ★
Krissy Streed
Joseph LaRell Stroud Jr. ★
Drew Edison Sturgeon
Julie Marie Sutton ★
Daniel Scott Thomas
Emeline Sioson Toole ★
Donhuy Truong
Anna Uehara ★
Severino Jose D. Urbano
Krizia Bautista Valenzuela
Haley Velez
Charnita Walker ★
Christopher Lee Williams
Nathaniel Williams
Arlynnndria Chantrell Wokeme ★
Cristina Wood
Zhan Yang
Min Chae Yi
Pom Chun Yi
Emi Yokota
Ryan Jaehyun Yoo ★
Chunghan Yoon
Kwang Su Yoon ★
Kozue Yoshida
Rinka Yoshihara
Shannon Zintgraff

Master of Science

Carolina Angulo
Graham Deans
Ricardo Gonzales
Yessenia Celene Greene
David Izaguirre ★
Kevin Kim
Jenkyn Kittrell
Dominique G. Laboy
Michael Loomis
Marie Marino
Antonio Rios
Neil Raymond Rissling
Masaki R. Sudo
Booker Tallafarro Washington

Bachelor's Degree Graduates and Candidates

Academic Honors

Academic honors for excellence in scholarship are determined from the cumulative grade point averages (GPA) of students who are pursuing a bachelor's degree and have completed 30 or more credits with University of Maryland Global Campus. Students may earn the distinctions of *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *summa cum laude*, which signify graduation with honor, high honor, and highest honor, respectively. Sometimes called graduation honors, these traditional academic designations are awarded at the time a baccalaureate degree is conferred.

The distinction of *summa cum laude* is conferred on students with a cumulative GPA of 4.000, *magna cum laude* for a GPA of 3.901 to 3.999, and *cum laude* for a GPA of 3.800 to 3.900.

Students who have earned the honor of *summa cum laude* are also named to the President's List. They wear gold and red cords as part of their academic regalia at commencement. Blue cords indicate the honor of *magna cum laude* and white cords *cum laude*.

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• Cum Laude

✦ Magna Cum Laude

✦ Summa Cum Laude/President's List

Bachelor of Arts

Dylan Michael Beaver •
Marina Vanessa Bergman
Kenneth M. Briones
Matthew Castellini
Ryan Lee Chelf ✦
Jordan M. Cribbs
Leroy Louis Culley III
Eric Zane Davis
Isiah J. Dawkins
Naose Dominguez
Jaqueline Dorton
Lucas Michael Drenth
Collin Avery Eddington
John Joseph Elliott II
Lorna Sophia Ellis
Mario Fail
James Kinsey Faught
Mitchell Finney
Zen Fulton
Carter George ✦
Radway Go
Maria Hadden •
Evan Martin Haney ✦
Christopher Huston
Jessica Jaime
James John Kennedy
Michelle Hyejung Kennedy

Adyn Kust
Hyejin Lee ✦
Andre Jerome McClendon
Kyle Morris
Donald Eugene Newell Jr.
Dylan Joseph Newman
Kaitlin Pineda ✦
Ruben Bayotas Pineda Jr. ✦
Emily Morgan Timms Romo ✦
Nathan Cruz Sanchez •
Anthony Philip Scoma ✦
Eric Julian William Sierra
Xristion Smith
Aaron Deonte Stephens
Nobukazu Tanaka •
James Tyree-Williams
Yuka Uezato ✦
Trent Christian Vert
Lavonne A. Watkins •
Toi Williams
Ta'Niqua Ta'Sha Ball Williams •

Bachelor of Science

Alexander Abel
Casey Tran Abella-Scott ✦
Patrice Acoff-Williams
Krystal Acosta •

Akwasi Amponsah Adom
Jordan Alacca
Felix Andres Alachan-Monzon
Jonathan Elijah Aleman
Elgin Fitzgerald Alexander
Moharam Khaled Ali
Gordon Stanley Allen
Prudence Lera Moon Allen
Annistazha Marie Alston ✦
Lionel Richard Alvarado Jr.
Nghia Viet An
James Eseau Anderson Jr. •
Kyle Edward Anderson
Jason Christopher Andrews ✦
Van Lawrence Ang
Allyson Suyun Angell ✦
Miguel Alejandro Antivero
Socorro
Tracy Marie Anunciacion ✦
Joseph G. Arakaki •
Michael Philip Anthony Prejean
Atoigue ✦
Noel Angel Auliveld
Andrew Bartholomew Auxier ✦
Taylor Michelle Avila ✦
Wyao Awesso ✦
Xiomara Taimanao Ayuyu
Michael G. Bacon •

Keanu Baez
Scott Gregory Bailey
Jose A. Barragan
Tristen Baylis
Matthew Beets
Robert Brandon Belcher
Leanne Joy Belmonte
Crystal L. Belton-Clark
Valerie Lynn Benoit ✦
Brandon Benton
Robert Berry
Adrianna McKenna Berry
Kirara R. Blessett
James Phillip Bonin
Enrique Borrego ✦
Christopher Thomas Bouchie •
Rosa Bravo Bravo
Kailani M. Briaes
Brenda Haro Brown ✦
Jeffrey Richard Brown ✦
Santana Deoñko Brown
Grace Bryant
Eriko Burks ✦
Christiane Cachero-Xiao
Carlos Jean Cadet Sr •
Glenda P. Calisay
Gabriel A. Caliz
Armando Campos

Adamaris Laisha Cardona	Adam Diaz	Alexandria Lynn Taijeron Garcia	Carlos Alberto Hernandez
Gregory D. Carter	Angela Diaz	Andrew Damien Garcia	Christopher Hernandez •
Keana Kaori A. Castro	Julio Cesar Diaz 🍃	Zina Belle Ocomen Garcia	Jonathon P. Higdon
Kiofy Weia Ceasar	Kaytlyn Rae Dibble	Andrew GarigMeyer 🍃	Wendy L. Hill
Andrea Cercone	Cory James Dingler •	Matthew Charles Garrett	Cadedra Lazell Johnson Hines
Ryan A. Cerra Collazo	Rebecca Dolan	Taylor Garrett	Brendan Lawton Hirsch
Jessica Champion	Randy D. Dollente	Alex Gawaran	Tuan Hoang 🍃
Mia Chang	Jose Enrique	Catherine Elizabeth Geiger	Donald Matthew Hoobler
Sabrina Chavez	Domenech-Alvarado	Carlos Fabian Gervacio •	Jennifer Hope
Ming Hung Chiu	Alberto Donayre	Albert Gibson	Shamar Lee Hope
Oliver Christofferson	Devin Downs	Sean Gill ✚	Irina Howard ✚
Corinne Divelleres Chua	Alexander Keith Dubois 🍃	Montrell Antwan Gipson •	Ayumi Hubbard 🍃
Ki Taek Chung	Samuel B. Dunn	Benjamin Glenn	Tyler Huber ✚
Joshua Perrin Cignarale •	Alena Marie Duran	Jameson Patrick Golden	Aidan Huffman
Kayla Clark	Quantaya Easterling	Jeffrey C. Gomez	Alexander Hurst
Andrew Cohen •	David Edson	Tracy Marie Gomez	Ignacio Hurtado Reyes
Vincent Coker •	Cody Edwards	Adrian San Gil Gonzales	Danielle Leigh Hutchinson
Christopher Sean Cole	Andrew Elliott Sr.	Oscar Jesus GonzalezRamirez	Brandon Hwang (Henry)
Christopher Coleman	Ukeet C. Engelke	Ean James Goodwin	Dudley Innocent
Sangeun Colonna ✚	Derek Raymond Epps •	Zsawy T'najeeara Kykora	June Isomura
Tyler Condron •	Steve A. Etheard	Gordon	Melissa Ines Ito
Cody Conerly	Arianna M.	Kobe Charles Graham	Kapeli Tapa John Iuli
John Joseph Connor III	Eustaquio-Malveaux 🍃	Keith Grant	Matthew Jackson
Kyle Robert Coons	Anthony Evans 🍃	Sean James Grantham 🍃	Tyrique Jackson
Jessica Cooper	Ashley Michelle Evans	Edward G. Graybill IV	Hanan Jaghab
Mark Steven Copeland	John Amir Lonny	Joshua Scott Greear 🍃	Nicholas Edward Jangula
Paul Cameron Cotrill	Everette-Domino	Peter James Griva 🍃	Savannah Lynn Jellison
Kahleel George Cox	Zachary Ezekiel	Pablo Manglicmot Guarnes	Luis Antonio Jimenez
Miranda Cox	Kiana Mahealani Anne Farm	Roland Guerra Jr.	Melissa J. Jimenez •
Jacob Myles Coy	Jeffery Fauver 🍃	Lillian Opena Guerrero	Asia Jaquay Johnson
Lyjene Carol Coy	Laura Lynn Tass Fernandez	Bella Rose Guzman •	Brandon Johnson •
Christopher Mejos Crouse	Amber Ferro	Richard Guzman	Ian James Johnson ✚
Angel De Jesus Cruz	Brea Fields-Payton	Tihtina Meshesha	Nia Marie Johnson
Kieli Cruz	Kevin Lazaro Figueroa Ortega	Habtemariam ✚	William Robert Johnson
Winston Charles Torio Cuison	Jonathan Jermaine Fleming	Robert E. Hames ✚	Brandon Scott Jones Jr.
Seiya Dal Pezzo	Roberto Flores Baylon	Kevin Han	Keith Joyner •
Alonzo Hunter Davis	Chiara Florio-Phillip ✚	Hunter Hansen	Aaron Juarez
Deqavioun Deshon Davis	Lawrence Florvil	Aimi Hanson	Brandon Ty Juarez
Erica Davis ✚	Fatima Ford •	Semaj Nicole Hardy	Mary Claire Panis Jundis ✚
Justine Ann Davis ✚	Shayne Curtis Franklin	Andre Antiono Harris	Matthew Steven Kahler
Patrick Davis	Zachery Steven Franklin 🍃	Hope Lucero Villanueva Hart	Zackery Kaiser •
Goddiiyosa Pacheco De Arce	Darlene Fraser	Kazuki Hase •	Sofia Kasten 🍃
Faith Danielle Delaney	Donald Henry Freel	Kharise Lillie Hayes	Taquala Kiara Kendrick
Axel Deleon	Eddie Fuller	Jacob Paul Hayhurst	Jamison Kidd •
Jeovanna DeLeon	Adeleha J. Funes •	Alyssa Heffelfinger	Angela Youn Kim
Nicole Cruz Delgado	Carlos Funezsanchez •	Matthew George Henderson	Danny Kim
Ardrell Artique Dennis Jr.	Brionna Gaillard	Christopher Norman Hendricks	Taehoon Kim
Nicholas Di Dominicus	Jesse Franklin Gaines	Julnise Herard	Yong Il Kim

Graduates and Candidates

Hannah L. King •	Anthony McKenna •	Anthony D. Peterson	Tiffany Marie Sanford •
Trenton Lee Kinworthy	Jessica McKinnon-Dux	Justin Aaron Petty •	Rosmery Santana Fernandez
David James Klauck	Jimena Aisleen Mendez-Scott	Khanh Vu Phan	Karen Leon Santiago ✦
Nicholas C. Klotz	Kendrick Ray Mercer	Diana Philpot ✦	Zariah Sargent ✦
Donna Crystal Klunder ✦	Jan Paul Artiaga Meregillano •	Ashton Joseph Picek	William George Spraktes ✦
Matthew R. Knox ✦	Samuel Mielke •	Eddie Piceno ✦	Ebonee O. Sawyer
Tsuyoshi Kochi	Nathan Michael Miller ✦	Hadassa S. Pierre	Michael David Sawyer Jr.
Michael Xavier Koder	Shannon Nicole Miller	Kemar Ometo Pinnock	Gage Scanlon •
Dustin James Krings ✦	Rene Dela Peña Mina Jr. •	Marvin J. Polanco	Michaela Schwartz ✦
Tykien D'Angelo Kudsy	Jaimie Miranda	Kevin Anthony Polidan	Reden Bernard Sese
Hiyori Kurino •	Rushwan A. Montalvorivera	Sarah Porrazza	Steven Red Sessoms
Jonathan Escalona Lacondazo ✦	Ashelyn Montgomery	Joshua Ryan Proctor ✦	Alham Shadan
Alexandria F. Lanni	Amy Elizabeth Morales	Henry Puente	Travis Keonta Shine
Tracey Sushila-Persaud	Marc Matthew Morgan	Jose M. Punzo	Jody Deepak Simpson •
Latchman	Scott Allen Mueller	Matthew A. Puroi	Tristan Manaloto Sison
Raymond Lau	Alejandra Munsinger	Keita Alex Quirk-Arakaki	Howard Skotterud
Fredrick Allen Lee	Jesus Javier Murillo	Gabriela Ramirez •	Kyle Robert Slater ✦
Jennifer Lee	Brian N. Murray	John Luis Ramos Jr.	John Smarr Jr.
Alfred D. Lewis	Diana Cecilia Murrell	Autervious Randle	Kristopher Dwight Smith
Antoine Lewis	Lance Nabors ✦	Julian Dwayne Ransom	Kyle P. Smith
Bradley James Lewis	Ayano Nagashima	Ryan William Rasmussen	Rodnica Smith-Green
Michael Keone Logan	Willem Kristoffer Naguit	Ryouka Rasmussen-Olsen ✦	Matthew Charles Spano
Juan Carlos Lomeli ✦	Kioh Nam •	Danika Lynn Renwick	Zachary Sparkman
Diamond Symone Long	Cameron Neely	Lena Christine Reyes	Justin Sprinkel ✦
Christopher Robert Looper ✦	Malinda M. Ngin	John Reynado	Ralph Andy St. Louis
Carina Lopez	Francisco Antonio Nieves Jr.	Danton Shota Robinson	Michael James Stath Jr. ✦
David Armani Lopez	Seung Gi Noh	Miriam Haruka Robinson	Anthony Steven Stauffer Hofer
Lezli Lou ✦	Jael Nicole Nunez	Enrique Manuel Rodriguez Jr.	Zachary D. Steagall
Robena Ali Love ✦	Jose Ocana III •	Nicholas Rodriguez	Tabitha Kylie Stegall •
Jordan Alexander Loyola Arcos	Isaac Ochoa	Seung Hyun Roh •	Andrew Joseph Steiner ✦
Zaid Lozano	Shayne Thomas OConnor	Erica Rojas	Thomas Kent Stejskal
Wendy Lucio	Vicente Corley Olguin	Sergio Omar Rojas	Peter G. Stephenson
Allan DelaPena Lague	Emmanuel Roque Oliva	Felix Guillermo Rosario Acosta	David Craig Sterling
Sofiia Luke ✦	Gildardo Olivas Jr.	Christopher Brandon Row	Sakiara Stevens
Miriam Idalia Luna Garcia	Kevin Ordinario •	Hakeem Anfernee Rowe •	Isis Saqqara Stewart
Aaron Todd Lynch	Adrian Ortega-Matta •	Tommy Dwayne Rowe	Talitha Stewart
Avrielle Joy Madrelino	Meagan Pacenza ✦	Maurice Jamal Rucker	Joshua Hiroto Stirling
Giovanni Madrigal	Tyrone Deshaun Packnett	Jonnathan Ruiz	Mario Antoine Stokes
Madonna Magpali ✦	Neil Arence Atas Palbusa •	Jonathan Dale Rumbolt	Tierra Elizabeth Strickland
Mary Elizabeth Marable	Gregory A. Palermo	Thomas Ray Runnels •	Koles Stvil
Christian Marasigan	Joohyeon Park	Kanta Saeki	Joel Tancinco Subang Jr.
Taija Marc	Joohyeong Park ✦	Moka Saito	Masha Sukkur ✦
Nicole Martinez	Sky S. Park	Emily Salas	Sean Michael Suppa •
Vanessa Mason	Jeqwai Parker ✦	Ken Salyer	LaDera Swiger
Heba A. Matar	Tenzin Passang	Dionna Patria Alexis	Adam Joseph Tackett
Benjamin Matheny	Siddharth Patel ✦	Sampsonwatts	Annalisa Ordonio Takazono
Christopher May •	David James Patterson	Christian Sanchez	Paul Michael Takita
John Mark Robeson McBroom •	Joana Kamille Takai Peralta	Laura M. Sanchez	Benjamin T. Tamasang

Ruben Tamez Jr.	Jarrell Cash Williams
Sayaka Tateishi 🍃	Ruth Williams •
Nateeta Taylor	Mio Willis •
Michael Robert Teany II ✦	Tyler A. Wilson 🍃
Melissa Kay Terrell	Joshua Wojtysiak
Jeffrey Thomas	Jason Reid Wommack
Rodrick Thomas	Bernie Latrell Woodard •
Momoko Toda •	Chelsey Lenée Worman De
Julio Cesar Tovar ✦	Castro
Adam Towers	Hiromu Yagi
Kaitlyn Nhu Tran	Wesley Kaito Yamanoha
Minh An Tran	Mei Yanagisawa
Quy Phu Tran ✦	Blia Genuw Yang
Angella Tran Tresler	Jae J. Yi
Raven Calhoun Tresler	Rio Yokoda
Eugene A. Trinidad Perez	Kamlyn Mariko Yokoyama
Christian Marcel Truong •	Daekwon Yoo 🍃
Patrick Blas Tydingco Jr.	Joo Min Yoo
Meghan Uitz Fuentes	Megumi Yoshino •
Angelysa Rose Baranda Ulloa ✦	Demetre Ramon Young Sr.
Elizabeth A. Valdez	Hyeyoung Yu
Krystal Valerio Como •	Victoria Ariel Zarate •
Shonia Gaskins Vance	Armando Jose Zuniga •
Jessie Brian Vangelder	
Andres Vargas	
Patricia Vazquez 🍃	
Ashley Nicole Velasco •	
David Velasco	
Jason G. Verette	
Dilia Beatriz Vicharra 🍃	
Linus Verus Villahermosa	
Debrah Ramos Viray	
Thomas Anthony Wallace 🍃	
Brian David Walters 🍃	
Brodrick Walton	
Kody Ray Walton •	
Xiaoqing Wang	
Sean Francis Warkulwiz 🍃	
Lisa Warren	
Robert Hugh Webb 🍃	
Eiseul Welch	
Tomika Giovanna White	
Donald Bernard Whitehurst	
Kasie Whitfield	
Daniel Ace Whiting	
Glasco Demostenes Whittaker	
Frederick Moon Wilcots	
Fitzroy Wilks	

Associate Degree Graduates and Candidates

Associate of Arts

Luqmaan Abdullah
 Joven Agoncillo
 Naheemat A. Ajibola
 Mikhail Alekseev
 Paul Wayne Alexander III
 Marquail Javaugh Alford
 Kasim Ali
 Conner Allam
 Sarah Allison
 Karina Jesenia Allred
 Kenna Almazan
 Charlie Anderson
 Michael Antonio Anderson
 Nehemiah Jai Anderson
 Colin Andre
 Kristian Jovanny Araujo
 Gabriel Arellano
 London Patrice Armorer
 Jaden Arnold
 Adriano N. Arteaga
 Itaru Asai
 Jeffrey Dylan Ash
 Mathew Augustave
 Eneau Jr Auguste Dujon
 Jhon M. Augustin
 David Awodi
 Alphaeus A. Baker
 Jared Daniel Balbag
 William Baranoski
 Ashley Nicole Barrera Sandoval
 Julian Ross Barreto
 Maria Guinevere Orie Basa
 Shanzi Aamirah Bashir Chipman
 Michael Lee Bauer
 Kenny Bautista
 Brandon Kyle Beaudoin
 Erick Becerra
 Larra Jen Salamat Belmonte
 Linelle Benattar-Sanchez
 Andrew Anthony Camacho Benavente
 Kristen Louvenia Bennett
 Ravyn Berlioux
 Cami Bigbee
 Jonathan Bingham
 John Hudson Blacketer
 Edmarie Bonhorst
 Madison Haskell Booth
 Garrett Blake Borzea
 Antonio S. Bradley

Amanda Breen
 Breanna Elysium Bridgewater
 Joshua Broussard
 Curtis Kyle Brown
 Jamonda Brown
 Julius B. Brown
 Lekane Dayna-Leigh Brown
 Jazmin Brownlowe
 Daniel Scott Buckley
 Joshua Burley
 Xavier Dominique Burnette
 Jacob Michael Burnhill
 Haley Burslie
 Kelly Bushey
 Cassidy Grey Butler
 Sean Patrick Butler
 Desiree Butler
 Jordan Alexander Butz
 Byona Byaruhanga
 Khalib Amen Caldwell
 Mikaela Callander
 Evelin Calle
 Jennifer Lavette Dangerfield Calliste
 Deanny Grissey Camacho
 Jacob Camdeniemyjski
 Natalie Guadalupe Camilo
 Victoria Campbell
 Michael Edward Campos
 Jacqueline Cancino
 Melissa Teixeira Candido
 Christian Brett Carlson
 Gavin Alex Carney
 Donovan Travis Carr
 Jannice Carrasco
 Tarmesha Seanette Carter
 Cameron Carter
 Jonathan Castillo
 Libby Melissa Castrejon
 Anyston Castro
 Angelica Alicia Cedeno Gonzalez
 Daniel Chaboya Jr.
 Mary Chan
 Quintin Chapman
 Ying Chen
 John H. Chilton
 David Choi
 Jasmine Christy
 Austin Chunn
 Cameron Clark
 Abbey Clark

Janiah Clark
 Monica Satiko Yoshida Clemente
 Tiffany Nana Yoshida Clemente
 Lydia Coburn
 Monshabe Dumon Coleman
 Mykel Juree Collins
 Sammantha Cook
 Tevonte French Ail Copeland
 Kaytlin A. Corry
 Westley James Costanzo Jr.
 Ashley Costner
 Tristan James Cota
 Daniel Crefeld-de Guzman
 Maliha Crockett
 Angela Crowley
 Yuki Crowther
 Justin Thomas Cruise
 Nathan Cruson
 Micaela M. Cruz
 Matthew Antonio Cuevas
 Jontrell D. Curry
 Aaron Darnell
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STANLEY J. DRAZEK TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Dr. Stanley J. Drazek (1918–96) joined University of Maryland Global Campus in 1948, one year after its founding. With more than 30 years at UMGC, he served successively as faculty member, director of the Baltimore division, dean, and chancellor.

One of Dr. Drazek's lifelong interests was excellence in teaching. He worked hard to recruit exceptional faculty for UMGC, and he established programs to help teachers reach their full potential in the classroom. Because Dr. Drazek viewed teaching excellence as one of the university's core values, it is fitting that UMGC's Teaching Excellence Awards are named in his honor.

Each year, these awards are bestowed on faculty members who have been nominated by their students for their distinguished teaching. Two faculty members are being recognized as this year's UMGC Asia recipients of the Stanley J. Drazek Teaching Excellence Award.



Frank W. Concilus, PhD
Overseas Collegiate Professor
South Korea

Frank Concilus received an M.A. in East Asian Regional Studies from Harvard after his service in the U.S. Peace Corps in South Korea. He focused on East Asian sociology and anthropology in the two-year program. Returning to Korea after teaching at Sophia University in Tokyo, he began to teach for UMGC in 1974, first as an adjunct and later as a collegiate faculty member, teaching throughout Korea, Japan, and Okinawa.

In 2008, Frank received a Ph.D. in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with specializations in sociolinguistics, rhetoric, and cultural studies. As a result, he began to teach speech and communication studies courses, in addition to his earlier courses in sociology and East Asian anthropology.



Owen G. Phillips
Adjunct Associate Professor
Okinawa

Professor Phillips was born in Wales and has lived in Okinawa since 1998. He attained his B.A. (Hons.) in Welsh from St. David's University College, University of Wales. He also holds a Post Graduate Certificate in Education from Cardiff Metropolitan University, and an M.A. in TESOL from the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia.

Prof. Phillips taught first and second language Welsh at middle and senior high school level before being selected to join the Japanese government's exchange and teaching (JET) program, teaching English on Miyako Island. At the request of Okinawa Prefecture Board of Education, he remained on Miyako after JET, to create and implement the English program for all elementary schools in the Miyako archipelago. On a three-year return to Wales he was a teacher of Welsh at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

Prof. Phillips joined UMGC in 2015. His work mostly revolves around teaching in the Bridge Program, which is a year-long course to prepare speakers of other languages before they enroll in regular undergraduate courses, alongside native speakers of English. In addition to teaching Bridge and Speech courses, Prof. Phillips also teaches at Okinawa Christian University and Okinawa International University.

Professor Phillips said: "After ten years with UMGC, one of the biggest annual highlights is seeing former Bridge Program students now graduating with University of Maryland Associates, Bachelor's, and Master's degrees."



Tatsuki Matsui, PhD

Adjunct Associate Professor
Japan

Dr. Tatsuki Matsui holds his B.S. in Physics from Keio University, Japan and his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Iowa. His specialties are theoretical physics of space and fusion plasmas, and massively parallel plasma particle simulations. He has worked as a researcher at the medical imaging and high-performance computing lab at the University of Iowa Hospital and Los Alamos National Laboratory. As a math and physics instructor, he has been a UMGC Asia faculty member since 2013. He also teaches physics and math at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Temple University Japan Campus.



Maria S. Staton, PhD

Overseas Collegiate Professor
Japan

Dr. Maria Staton joined UMGC in August 2019, arriving in Tokyo to begin teaching with the Asia division of the university. Before that, she spent 15 years teaching at Ball State University in Indiana, where she also earned her PhD in English. Dr. Staton's first two degrees are from St. Petersburg University in Russia, where she was born and raised. Teaching has been her passion since the very first day of her career, and she is happy that she could make a contribution to educating our UMGC students in Asia.



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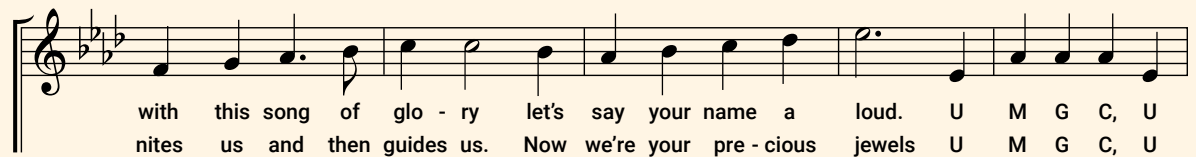
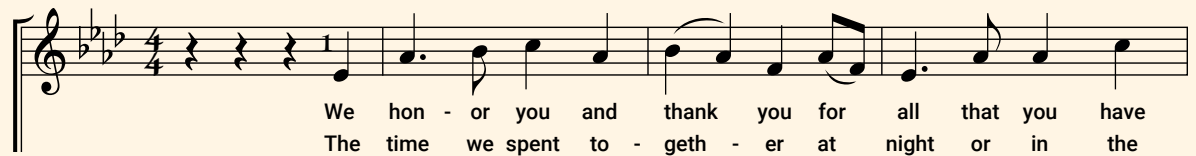
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UMGC Alma Mater

UMGC was established in 1947 specifically to serve the educational needs of adult students, many of them veterans returning from World War II. That commitment continued as UMGC first sent faculty overseas to teach active-duty military personnel in Europe in 1949 and in Asia in 1956. That mission guides us to this day. Our Alma Mater, by faculty member Susan C. Malone, commemorates and celebrates UMGC's unique culture and mission.



Academic Degrees and Dress

A degree is awarded for successfully completing a course of study. U.S. colleges and universities now confer more than 1,600 types of academic degrees.

Early Degrees

The first degree recorded in history was a doctorate conferred by the University of Bologna in the middle of the 12th century. Originally, the doctor's and master's degrees were used interchangeably, each indicating that the holder was qualified to give instruction to students. The bachelor's, or baccalaureate, degree indicated only entrance upon a course of study preparatory to a doctorate or mastership. Gradually, however, the bachelor's degree came to signify the successful completion of a level of advanced study preparatory to the higher degrees.

The associate degree originated at the University of Chicago, which began awarding it in 1900. Today's associate degree is typically awarded after two years of study and is often composed of coursework that may be applied toward a bachelor's degree.

In North America, the Bachelor of Arts (BA) was first conferred in 1642, on the nine young men who constituted the first graduating class of Harvard College. Yale conferred its first Bachelor of Arts in 1702; Princeton, in 1748; William and Mary, in 1753; Pennsylvania, in 1757; and Columbia, in 1758.

The Bachelor of Science (BS) was awarded to four graduates of Harvard's class of 1851; they were probably the first from any institution to receive that degree. Women in the United States first received baccalaureate degrees in 1841, when three women graduated from Oberlin College.

The master's degree has passed through various stages since its origin in the Middle Ages. During most of the first two centuries of U.S. collegiate history, the only master's degree awarded was the classic Master of Arts (MA). The University of Michigan offered the first Master of Science (MS) in 1858.

Throughout the 19th century, the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree gained status in both Europe and North America. The first earned doctorates in the United States were awarded to three students at Yale in 1861. Johns Hopkins University was founded for graduate studies in 1876, after which more universities developed doctoral programs in varied disciplines but with requirements similar to the PhD.

Regalia

The gowns worn by participants in an academic procession indicate which academic degrees they hold. At the bachelor's level and above, the gown is usually black, but some universities use colored gowns. At UMGC, doctoral candidates wear red gowns; master's and bachelor's degree candidates wear black, and associate degree candidates wear the traditional gray gown.

The style of sleeve connotes the level of achievement: straight-bottomed sleeves indicate the associate and bachelor's degree; longer, dangling sleeves, the master's degree; and fuller, round sleeves the doctorate.

The gown worn by those who have earned a doctorate is faced with velvet and has three bars of the same material across the sleeves; the facing and bars can be black, blue, or a color matching the field in which the degree is earned.

Hoods are lined with the colors of the school granting the degree. The velvet border of the hood indicates the discipline. The hood for the doctorate has distinguishing panels and is longer than that for the master's degree. Hoods are not usually worn for the bachelor's or associate degrees at UMGC.

Bachelor's degree recipients who have earned honors for outstanding scholarship wear cords as part of their academic regalia—gold for *summa cum laude*, blue for *magna cum laude*, and white for *cum laude*. These honors are awarded to students at UMGC with a grade point average of 3.800 and higher.

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Academic Degrees and Dress

The standard cap is the mortarboard, which is usually the same color as the gown. At UMGC, tassels worn by candidates for degrees below the doctoral level are worn on the right and are moved—with great fanfare—to the left at the end of the ceremony.

The university president is the focal point of commencement, and their regalia is uniquely designed for each institution. Unlike the gown worn by those who have earned a doctorate which has three bars across the sleeves, presidential robes have four bars of velvet, generally piped in a contrasting color. Presidential robes may also have velvet panels down the front. The UMGC president's gown is red with black velvet facing and gold piping to represent the university's colors, as shown in the photo of Gregory W. Fowler, PhD, at right.

The Colors Associated with The Academic Disciplines*

 Accountancy Drab	 Fine Arts Brown	 Pharmacy Olive Green
 Agriculture Maize	 Foreign Service Peacock Blue	 Philosophy Dark Blue
 Architecture Brown	 Forestry Russet	 Physical Education Sage Green
 Arts, Letters, Humanities White	 Journalism Crimson	 Public Health Salmon Pink
 Business Drab	 Law Purple	 Science Golden Yellow
 Commerce Drab	 Library Science Lemon	 Social Work Citron
 Dentistry Lilac	 Medicine Green	 Theology Scarlet
 Economics Copper	 Music Pink	 Veterinary Science Gray
 Education Light Blue	 Nursing Apricot	
 Engineering Orange	 Oratory Silver Gray	

*Source: Infoplease, "Academic Costume—Colors Associated with Fields," infoplease.com/us/education/academic-costume-colors-associated-fields.



UMGC Asia Commencement Speakers and Honorary Degree Recipients

General Lyman L. Lemnitzer	Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command	1957
General Laurence S. Kuter	Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Air Forces	1958
Douglas MacArthur II	United States Ambassador to Japan	1959
Shinzo Koizumi	President, Keio University	1959
Kotaro Tanaka	Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Japan	1960
General Carter B. Magruder	Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command, U.S. Forces Korea, Eighth U.S. Army	1961
Edwin O. Reischauer	United States Ambassador to Japan	1962
Tamon Maeda	President, Institute for Municipal Research	1962
General James F. Collins	Commander in Chief, U.S. Army, Pacific	1963
James Clavell	Author of <i>Shogun</i> , <i>Taipan</i> , and other novels	1978
Spark M. Matsunaga	United States Senator from Hawaii	1979
Nobuhiko Ushiba	Diplomat and Statesman	1980
Joan B. Claybrook	Chief Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U. S. Department of Transportation	1981
Michio Nagai	Minister of Education, Japan	1982
Ezra F. Vogel	Chairman, The Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Harvard University	1983
Yoshitoshi Mori	Artist	1984
Eligio de la Garza	Chairman, House Agriculture Committee	1985
Takeo Fukuda	Former Prime Minister of Japan	1985
Konosuke Matsushita	Founder and Executive Advisor, Matsushita Electric Industrial Company	1986
Mike Mansfield	United States Ambassador to Japan	1986
James Fallows	Journalist; Washington Editor of The Atlantic Monthly	1987
James Dickey	Poet and author of the novels <i>Deliverance</i> and <i>Alnilam</i>	1988
Kazuji Nagasu	Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture	1989
Michael H. Armacost	United States Ambassador to Japan	1990
Edward M. Seidensticker	Author and Literary Translator	1991
Gajaraj Dhanarajan	Director, Open Learning Institute of Hong Kong	1992
Toshiki Kaifu	Former Prime Minister of Japan	1992
Shinichi Suzuki	President and Founder, Talent Education Institute	1993
Yasuhiro Nakasone	Former Prime Minister of Japan	1994
Chiaki Mukai	Astronaut, National Space Development Agency, Japan	1995
Hiroko Sho	Director, Okinawa Regional Study Center	1997
Rafael Viñoly	Architect	1997
William J. Perry	Nineteenth Secretary of Defense of the United States	1997
Stephen W. Bosworth	United States Ambassador to the Republic of Korea	1998
Thomas S. Foley	United States Ambassador to Japan	1998
Chung Mong-Joon	Vice President, Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)	1999
Donald Richie	Author, Film Critic, and Historian	1999
Eisuke Sakakibara	Director, Global Security Research Institute, Keio University	2000
General Thomas A. Schwartz	Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command, United States Forces Korea	2000
Keiichi Inamine	Governor, Okinawa Prefecture	2000
Chang Myong-Sue	President and Publisher, Hankook Ilbo	2001
Dorinda Elliott	Editor, Asiaweek	2001

Dr. Chan-Mo Park	Distinguished Professor and Dean of the Graduate School, Pobang University of Science and Technology	2001
Hiroharu Matsuda	Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Kyorin University	2001
The Honorable Barbara A. Hoffman	Maryland State Senator	2001
Adi Ignatius	Executive Editor, TIME	2002
The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.	United States Ambassador to Japan	2002
The Honorable Nancy Landon Kassebaum Baker	Former United States Senator from Kansas	2002
The Honorable Thomas C. Hubbard	United States Ambassador to the Republic of Korea	2002
Dr. Lorraine Suzuki	Associate Dean University of Maryland University College - Asia	2003
General Leon J. LaPorte	Commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea	2003
General Paik Sun Yup	Former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Republic of Korea	2003
The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp	Treasurer, State of Maryland	2003
Donald Kirk	Journalist and Author	2004
Dr. Wilham J Currie, S.J	President, Sophia University	2004
Moshin Morita	President, University of the Ryukyus	2004
Shigeru Ishiba	Minister of State for Defense, Japan	2004
Christopher R. Hill	Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs	2005
Dr. Robert B. Laughlin	President, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	2005
Dr. Michael Vatikiotis	Journalist and Author	2005
Howard W. French	Journalist and Author	2005
Dr. Gary T. Hunt	Director, Korea University of Maryland University College -Asia	2006
Dr. Ramesh Thakur	Senior Vice Rector, United Nations University, Tokyo	2006
Lt. Gen. Wallace C. Gregson	Commander, Marine Forces Pacific	2006
Fukushiro Nukaga	Minister of State for Defense, Japan	2006
Ramesh Thakur	Senior Vice Rector, United Nations University	2006
Alexander Vershbow	United States Ambassador to the Republic of Korea	2007
Dr. Susan C. Aldridge	President, University of Maryland University College	2007
The Honorable Alexander Vershbow	United States Ambassador to the Republic of Korea	2007
The Honorable J. Thomas Schieffer	United States Ambassador to Japan	2007
Major General John W. Morgan III	Commanding General, 2nd Infantry Division	2008
Major General Larry O. James	Vice Commander, 5th Air Force, Deputy Commander, 13th Air Force	2008
Major General Robert E. Schmidle	Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing	2008
Brigadier General John A. Toolan Jr.	United States Marine Corps, Deputy Commander, United States Forces Japan	2009
The Honorable Kathleen Stephens	Ambassador of the United States Republic of Korea	2009
Colonel Kelly E. Fletcher	Commander, 18th Missron Support Group Kadena Air Base	2010
Colonel Michael A. Coss	Chief of Staff 2nd Infantry Divison United States Army	2010
Lieutenant General Edward A. Rice, Jr.	United States Forces Japan, Commander, 5th Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan	2010
Orlan M. Johnson	Regent and Vice Chair, Board of Regents, University System of Maryland	2011
Raymond F. Greene	Consul General, Consulate General of the United States, Okinawa	2011
The Honorable John V. Roos	United States Ambassador to Japan	2011
Jonathan Dorfan, PhD	President and CEO, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology	2012
Mark J. Gerencser	Executive Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton, and Chair, UMUC Board of Visitors	2012
Mark Tokola	Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy, South Korea	2012
DeMaurice Fitzgerald Smith	Executive Director National Football League Players Association	2013
General James D. Thurman	Commander, UNC/CFC/USF, Commander-in-Chief, Combined Forces Command, U.S. Forces Korea	2013
Javier Miyares	President, University of Maryland University College	2013
Rushern L. Baker III	County Executive, Prince George's County, Maryland	2013

Alfred R. Magleby	U.S. Consul General, Naha	2014
David Schlaefer	Political Military Affairs Chief, Japan	2014
General Curtis M. Scaparrotti	Commander, U.S. Forces Korea	2014
Shirley “Sam” Mabini, PhD	Former Senator, 31st Legislature, Guam	2014
The Honorable Alfred R. Magleby	U.S. Consul General, Naha	2014
Chi Eun-hee	President of Duksung Women’s University	2015
Judge Maria Teresa	Bonifacio Cenzon, JD, Superior Court of Guam	2015
Major General James C. Boozer, Sr.	Commander, United States Army Japan and I Corps (Forward)	2015
Major General Lloyd Miles (U.S. Army, Ret.)	Senior Vice President, Global Military Operations (UMUC)	2015
Allan J. Berg, JD, PhD	Vice President and Director, Asia (UMUC)	2016
Honorable Hiroshi Fukuda	Former Supreme Court Justice of Japan, Former Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs	2016
Robert L. Caret, PhD	Chancellor, University System of Maryland	2016
Senator Rory Respicio	33rd Guam Legislature, Majority Leader, Chairperson, Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; Human & Natural Resources; Election Reform and Capitol District	2016
Honorable Yutaka Kawashima	Former Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Former Grand Chamberlain to the Emperor of Japan	2017
Lieutenant General Thomas S. Vandal	Commanding General, Eighth Army, Chief of Staff, United Nations Command, ROK—US Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea	2017
Benjamin J.F. Cruz	Speaker of the 34th Guam Legislature	2017
Colonel Kenneth E. Moss	Commander, 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan	2018
Colonel Tony S. Lombardo	Commander, 18th Maintenance Group, Kadena Air Base, Japan	2018
Command Sergeant Major Steven L. Payton	Command Sgt. Maj., United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea	2018
Jefferson S. Cronin, MFA	Collegiate Professor, University of Maryland University College	2018
Colonel Otis C. Jones	Commander, 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan	2019
Colonel Scott W. Mueller	Garrison Commander, United States Army Garrison Humphreys, Installation Management Command Pacific Region	2019
Kara Van Dam, PhD	Vice Provost and Dean, The Undergraduate School (UMUC)	2019
Robert Koepcke	Consul General of the United States to Naha, Okinawa, Japan	2019
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Brigadier General Joseph D’costa	Deputy Commanding General, Sustainment, Eighth Army	2022
Bruce Corsino, PsyD	Author, Ethicist, President of Bioethics, Inc., Colonel (Retired), U.S. Army	2022
Captain Michael Luckett	Commanding Officer, Naval Base Guam	2022
Major General William J. Bowers	Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations Pacific	2022
Gregory W. Fowler, PhD	President, University of Maryland Global Campus	2023
Scott P. Maskery	Regional Vice President, USO Indo-Pacific, Colonel (Ret.) USAF	2023
Douglas A. Boltuc	Area Director, USO Korea	2023
Martina Hansen	Senior Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer (UMGC)	2023
Major General Lloyd Miles (U.S. Army, Ret.)	Senior Vice President, Global Military Operations (UMGC)	2024
Colonel Marlin D. Williams	Chief of Staff, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF	2024
CSM Nicholas M. Curry	Command Sergeant Major, Eighth Army	2024
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Letter from the UMGC Alumni Association President

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Again, I congratulate and personally welcome you into the global UMGC Alumni Association. I hope you continue to use your energy and enthusiasm to make a greater impact on the UMGC alumni community.

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Sincerely,



Frank Musmar, DBA '11
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