

**Guam Education Board**  
**Island-Wide Board of Governing Students (IBOGS) SY 2024-2025 Report**  
**Tuesday, May 20th, 2025**  
**Term Ending: June 2025**

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Successfully hosted the 6th Annual IBOGS Leadership and Mental Health Conference, bringing together student leaders from across Guam to engage in meaningful discussions on leadership, advocacy, and mental health awareness. This annual event empowered students to prioritize well-being while strengthening their leadership capabilities and fostering a supportive school culture.
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## **Participation**

- Maintained active representation at monthly Guam Department of Education Board meetings, consistently voicing student concerns and priorities.
  - Participated in Legislative oversight hearings, providing student insight on education policies and initiatives that directly impact public school learners.
  - Engaged in Stakeholder Town Hall Meetings, collaborating with community members, educators, and policymakers to ensure that student perspectives remain central to educational decision-making.
  - Represented Guam on the national stage through IBOGS members Segundo Garrido and Faith Freeman, who currently serve on the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) First Student Advisory Council—an important milestone that highlights Guam’s growing student leadership and influence.
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## **Reflections**

Serving as a member of IBOGS and representing Guam’s public school students on the Guam Education Board has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my student life. It wasn’t just about attending meetings or wearing a title, it was about carrying the voices, concerns, hopes, and dreams of students across our island and making sure they were heard in the rooms where decisions are made.

Through IBOGS, I’ve learned the true meaning of leadership: not just speaking up, but listening, really listening to those around me. I’ve grown more confident in who I am and in what students are capable of achieving when we’re given the chance. I’ve witnessed how powerful student voices can be when united

for a common cause, and I've seen firsthand that adults in leadership will listen when we speak from the heart and stand together.

This journey has been filled with moments of pride, challenge, and growth. I'm leaving this role with a greater sense of responsibility and hope, not just for myself, but for every student who feels unseen or unheard. IBOGS gave us a platform, and I'm proud to say we used it to speak up, stand strong, and represent with integrity.

Students are not just the future, we are the present. And our voices do matter.

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On behalf of our fellow SY 2024/2025 IBOGS, we want to express our deepest gratitude to the Guam Education Board and the Guam Department of Education for giving us the opportunity to become not only the voices for students but also the catalyst for change.