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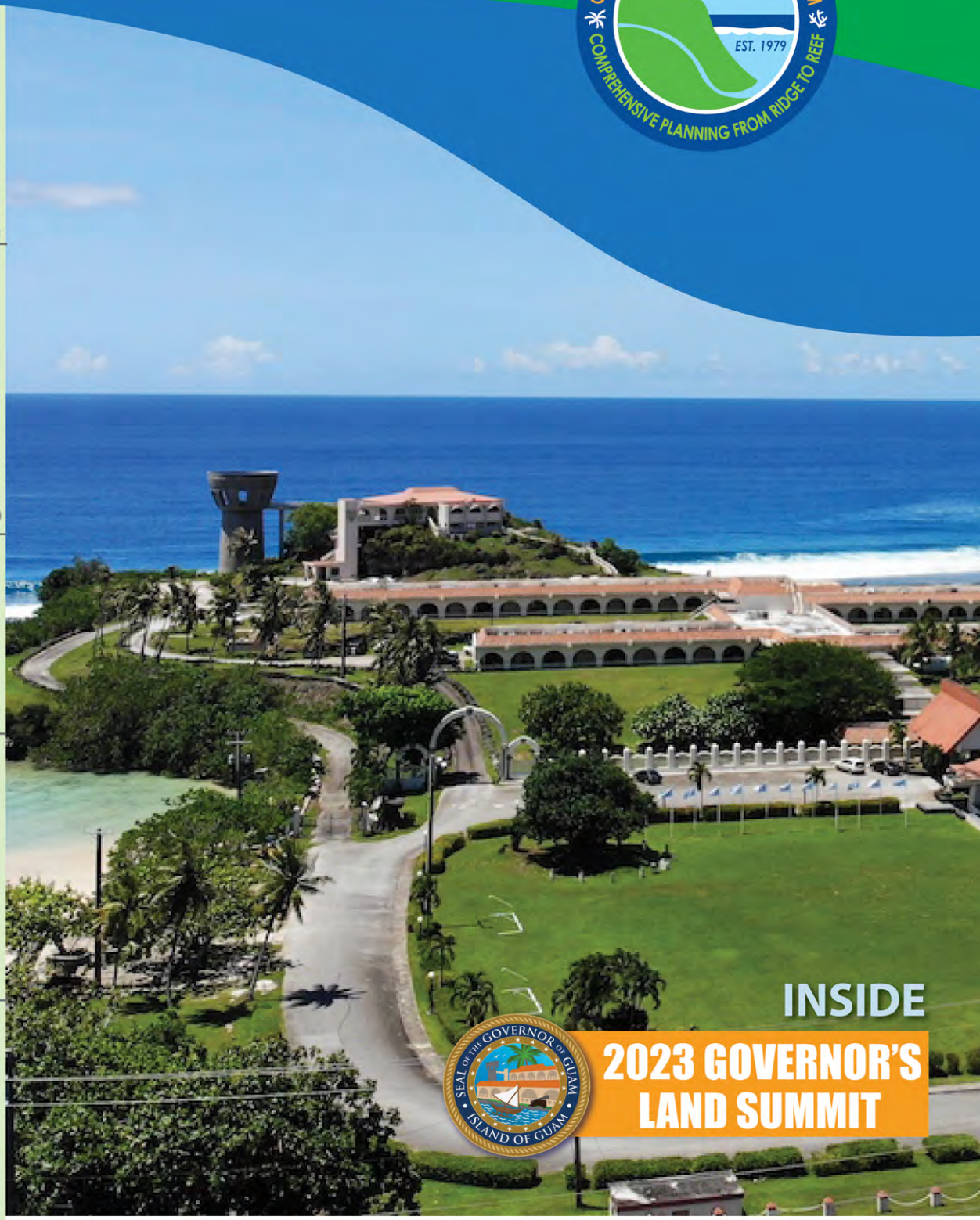

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2023 GOVERNOR'S LAND SUMMIT

Summer Interns

The Bureau of Statistics and Plans (BSP) and Guam Coastal Management Program (GCMP) participated in the Guam Department of Education's 2023 Youth Employment Internship Program hosted by GDOE and the Department of Youth Affairs to provide the island's youth opportunities for positive development and valuable workforce experience needed to become responsible, productive, and contributing members of society. Three interns joined the Bureau to assist our agency with administrative work for BSP and creative work with GCMP in developing Coastal Outreach Media Campaigns and PSAs.

Recently, our interns have assisted the Bureau with organizing and staffing the recent 2023 Governor's Land Summit as well as data entry for the Application Review Committee (ARC). Look out for the upcoming 2023 Guam International Coastal Cleanup promotional video written, produced, and directed by our talented BSP interns! Great job Kayla, Brian, and Johnah!

Johnah Manibusan
Father Duenas Memorial School
10th Grade

What is your favorite hobby or activity outside school and work?

I like playing basketball and lifting.

What do you like most about interning with BSP/GCMP?

I like that the office is quiet and chill and that we occasionally go out on trips for work.

What do you think the most important or critical issue today that our department and program does in protecting Guam's natural resources?

Protecting our water supply from pollutants.

What advice would you give for other students who may be interested in a summer intern job with the agency?

They should look for a job that they would actually be interested in and always look to make new friends with other interns.

Brian Cruz
Tiyan High School
11th Grade

What is your favorite hobby or activity outside school and work?

I like video editing but more for show and fun, I enjoy playing games, and a little bit of photography.

What do you like most about interning with BSP/GCMP?

I like the fact that there are people and agencies out there that help try to save the environment.

What do you think is the most important or critical issue today that our department and program does in protecting Guam's natural resources?

The most important issue is that some people don't really care so that just makes it harder for people that actually care.

What advice would you give for other students who may be interested in a summer intern job with the agency?

I would tell them to at least have some knowledge of what they are doing and use this knowledge to help them with whatever work they have or want to do.

Kayla Rivera
John F. Kennedy High School
Incoming Senior

What is your favorite hobby or activity outside school and work?

My favorite hobby is to play sports, both soccer and paddling.

What do you like most about interning with BSP/GCMP?

It's a big opportunity to experience working with the government, especially here in Adelup, and to actually know the importance of my department. I like how I was able to see how work flows throughout the office and to further realize the significance of communication and verification. Plus everyone is very welcoming, so that's another thing I like.

What do you think the most important or critical issue today that our department and program does in protecting Guam's natural resources?

I think the most critical issue that our department and program does their best to protect our natural resources from is human impact. I've read GCMP's booklet and was able to see the many programs that they have and how important public awareness is to make these changes and to work in a more environmental way.

What advice would you give for other students who may be interested in a summer intern job with the agency?

I would just advise them to be ready to learn, to always pay attention and to take notes of everything you've been taught. Don't be afraid to ask questions, even if you're shy like me, make use of the experience.

Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration

Leads Tumon Bay Cleanup

The Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration completed a four-day cleanup to repair and rejuvenate Tumon Bay from Hilton Guam Resort & Spa to Lotte Hotel Guam and all public accessways in between. A total of 100 dump trucks of downed trees and debris and 30 roll-offs were removed from the Tumon stretch this week. The initiative is part of ongoing efforts to clean up public parks and beaches islandwide from fallen debris following Typhoon Mawar.

"With the summer months in full swing, we are excited to welcome back our families and visitors to enjoy and make memories at our island's parks and beaches," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "We thank the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Public Works, the Guam Visitors Bureau, the Guam International Airport Authority, the Port Authority of Guam, the Department of Agriculture, Guam State Clearinghouse, the Guam Police Department, Guam Homeland Security, and the Office of Senator Roy Quinata, who joined forces to support this beautification initiative. We also want to thank our Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program interns from the various agencies."

"In the last four years, our administration has made significant investments towards building and renovating recreational and community spaces islandwide," said Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio. "At this stage in our recovery, reopening our parks and beaches symbolizes the incredible strides we've made to restore normalcy to our day-to-day lives, enabling our people to enjoy our island's beauty and outdoor activities. We look forward to restoring more of these treasured spaces in the coming weeks, especially with onboarding additional staff through the National Dislocated Worker Program."

For more information, call (671) 475-6288 or email inquiries@dpr.guam.gov.

2023 GOVERNOR'S LAND SUMMIT

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 @ Dusit Thani Beach Resort

"The path forward in effectively meeting the needs of our people, that path, is forged in discussions and information provided in forums such as today's land summit"

- Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero

Management and Staff of the Department of Land Management attend the Governor's Land Summit.

The Bureau of Statistics and Plans in partnership with the Department of Land Management, Guam Ancestral Lands Commission, and Chamorro Land Trust Commission held the Governor's Land Summit on July 25, 2023, at the Dusit Beach Resort. The Governor's Land Summit called for the participation of subject matter experts from Government of Guam agencies and organizations to determine the status of reserved government lands and discuss plans which would require additional land. In attendance were over a hundred participants including representation from management and staff from multiple government agencies. Each agency presented their current land inventories, land use plans, and challenges in the implementation of programs and projects. The land use issues covered included major development for utilities, infrastructure, government facilities, housing, parks, and conservation. The discussions contributed to the Government of Guam's ongoing efforts to update the comprehensive development plan for Guam.

Department of Land Management Director, Joseph Borja, delivers the Keynote Address at the Governor's Land Summit.

Guam Economic Development Authority staff attend the Governor's Land Summit.

Jay Merrill presents the Introduction to the Guåhan 2050 Sustainable Development Plan.

Southwest Regional Maintenance Center Team

Helps Cleanup Asan Beach

The Southwest Regional Maintenance Center (SWRMC) Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Maintenance Execution Team (MET) was on the island the week of Jul 5, 2023and participated in a beach cleanup at Asan Point.

The team is part of SWRMC LCS MET based in San Diego. Their mission is to conduct critical preventative maintenance onboard LCS class ships in homeport Naval Base San Diego and overseas. Their mission includes providing support to LCS ships, which is what has brought them to Guam.

During the 3 hours of clean up at Asan Beach on July 6, 2023, they collected various debris that are harmful to marine life such as plastic bottles, beverage cans, diapers, food wrappers, bottles caps, hygiene products, cigarette butts, foam plates, utensils, straws, and 6-pack holders.

Thank you team SWRMC for your generous contribution to helping keep Guam's beaches and shorelines clean.

Participants (Left to Right): Luis Rodriguez Perez, Eric Abbot, Junie Vukovich, and Devin Rivers.

"Whenever we are in Guam, beaches are amazing places for my team to explore and enjoy together. With this great appreciation, we try our best to give back to the community and participate in keeping Guam beaches clean and safe."

- Junie Vukovich, Member of Maintenance Execution Team

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Organizing a Beach Cleanup?
We can help!

Contact the Guam Coastal Management Program and get connected with other volunteers and supplies. Call 671-475-9647 or email gcmp@bsp.guam.gov for more information.

*limited supplies available per cleanup event.