

GDOE: JP Torres student is highest ASVAB test scorer this cycle

Pacific Daily News

Matthew Joseph Aguon Santos, a student at JP Torres Success Academy, achieved the highest overall results among 27 individuals tested in fiscal year 2027 to enlist in the Guam Army National Guard, the Guam Department of Education and Guam Army National Guard said.

"Out of the 27 testers I have worked with in FY2027, PVT Matthew Aguon Santos achieved the highest overall score with an AFQT of 76 and a GT score of 110," according to his proctor, SSG Juan Camacho, recruiting and retention noncommis-

sioned officer for the Guam Army National Guard.

In a media release, GDOE said it proudly recognizes Santos for successfully completing all requirements to enlist in the Guam Army National Guard and for earning a platinum badge on the WorkKeys Assessment, the highest level attainable.

Santos, of Tamuning, and others took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, ASVAB, a standardized test to help predict success in military training and careers.

The Armed Forces Qualification Test, AFQT, and General Technical, GT,

GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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scores are key indicators used by the U.S. Army to determine enlistment eligibility and occupational placement, underscoring Santos' readiness for military service and future career success, GDOE said.

"JP Torres Success Academy and the Guam Department of Education commend Matthew Santos for his dedication, discipline, and perseverance, and extend their congratulations as he embarks on this next chapter of service to his community and country," according to GDOE.

Santos was formally sworn in during a ceremo-



ny on Wednesday attended by his family members, along with JP Torres Success Academy adminis-

trators, faculty, and staff, marking a significant milestone in both his academic and professional journey.

EMS Commission & EMS for Children Advisory Committee Regular Board Meeting

Physical/Mailing Address:
194 Hernan Cortez Ave. Terlaje
Professional Bldg. Suite 209
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Thursday, January 22, 2026
at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)

ZOOM MEETING LINK
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85299274213?pwd=c1fGqyC5L7t9pqaqbujnbJ1c1Ez7b7q.1>

Meeting ID: 852 9927 4213
Passcode: 095893

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Confirmation of Publication
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Elections:
a. Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Minutes
- VII. HPL Administrator's Report
- VIII. Legal Counsel Report
- IX. Old Business
a. (a) Agency Reports (USNH, GMHA, GCC, GDOE, DPHSS, DPW, GPD, EMSC, EMD, GRMC)
- X. New Business
a. Certifications
a. Recertifications
b. Interfacility Transfer
- XI. Next Board Meeting
- XII. Adjournment

To view the names of the applicants being considered go to <http://guamhpl.org/emsc>
LIVE Streaming link
https://go.opengovguam.com/meetings_list/emsc

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GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Physical/Mailing Address:
194 Hernan Cortez Ave. Terlaje
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Hagatna, Guam 96910

Tuesday, January 27, 2026
at 8:30 a.m. (Guam ChST)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89373613376?pwd=bPMK49RIKaBhjZ5p4Rz6zZHOzgkfkY.1>

Meeting ID: 893 7361 3376
Passcode: 441371

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Proof of Publications
- IV. Elections
a. Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Minutes
- VII. Treasurer's Report
- VIII. HPL Administrator's Report
- IX. Old Business
a. The Practice Act Revision (TPA) – ongoing discussion
b. Rules and Regulations Proposed Revision 2.0 – ongoing discussion
c. Complaint GBEO-CO-2025-001
- X. Next Board Meeting
- XI. Adjournment

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Children's haiku contest now open for Guam entries

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Attention, young poets and artists: Entries from Guam are being accepted for the 19th World Children's Haiku Contest 2025-2026.

Organized by the JAL Foundation with Japan Airlines, the contest invites children to express themselves through haiku and artwork. This year's contest theme is "Sound."

Children 15 years old and under as of Feb. 28, 2026 may submit one original haiku written in three short lines, accompanied by hand-drawn

or hand-crafted artwork on the same page.

Entries must be the applicant's own work and unpublished.

Applicants must glue their application form on the back of their work upon submission.

The submission period will continue until Feb. 28.

Regional winners will receive certificates and prizes, with results announced in August.

For submission details and inquiries, contact Michiko Shimizu via email at shimizu.yqay@jal.com.



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