



## President's Message



We believe, as members of the Guam Council – International Reading Association that the successful educational, social, and emotional growth of our students is achieved through the collaboration and involvement of our members, parents, educators, and our community. As we commence with the new year, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone's support as we continue working with educational partners to "Get Involved" improving and enhancing student learning across the globe.

One way to "Get Involved" is by participating and committing to our

annual International Reading Association Read-A-Thon "Get Connected, Read More!" February 8-19, 2016. Literacy is fundamental. We want to get people passionate, and excited about reading. Apps with visual components work to make reading come alive. E-readers can allow the child to interact with a story in many different ways. If a child struggles with reading, audio books are a wonderful way to connect with a book. Let's get involved and excited about reading.

Join us in February as we launch the Guam Council – International Reading Association Read-A-Thon February 6, 2016 at GW High School Cafeteria 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

## Join Us for Information, Prizes, and Fun!

We welcome three presenters, namely UOG Professors Kisha Borja-Quichocho and Victoria-Lola Leon Guerrero, along IRA's Martha Sudo, Grant Coordinator! Quichocho and Leon Guerrero will share valuable information on the revived UOG Press, its goals/mission, resources available, and other benefits to expect in the future. Sudo will share exciting IRA grant opportunities and ways to increase your chances of winning a grant!



## UOG SOE Alumni to Hold General Membership Meeting

The University of Guam School of Education Alumni Association is holding its general membership meeting immediately following the Guam IRA meeting on February 6, 2016, 11:00 a.m. at George Washington High School. The organization serves as a connection for which SOE alumni can give back to their alma mater by sharing their talents, resources, etc. in different SOE events. It further serves as a source for developing alumni pride, spirit, and life-long commitments to the School of Education. For more information, contact [soe.alumni@gmail.com](mailto:soe.alumni@gmail.com).

## UOG 28th ANNUAL REGIONAL LAC



As customary, the Guam Chapter of the International Reading Association is co-sponsoring this year's conference, which will be held at the Pacific Star Hotel, Chamorro Ballroom on Friday, February 19, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, February 20, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For your convenience, conference registration payments will be accepted during the meeting.

Dr. Kevin Colleary will deliver the Keynote Address on the 28th LAC theme—Literacy for the Content Areas: Effective Educators and Life-long Learning. Our members are encouraged to attend this worthwhile professional development opportunity.

## 2015-16 Calendar of Events

February 6, 2016—"Using Technology to Enhance Engaged Learning"

**RAT 2016 KICK OFF**

March 12, 2016—"Taking Steps to Meet Educational Technology"

April 16, 2016—"Electronic Books in the Classroom"

May 21, 2016—"Read and Write in the Computer Age"



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