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Bank of Guam Announces 2022 LIFE Scholarship Recipients

April 20, 2022, Hagåtña, Guam – Bank of Guam® is pleased to announce Ha’ani Bettis and Ella Fedenko, as their 2022 LIFE Scholarship recipients. Both are attending the University of Guam and will be awarded \$2500 each for financial support.

Ha’ani Bettis is a junior majoring in Tropical Agriculture Production. Her project, *Na’nahong*, (meaning “to supply, provide” in CHamoru) proposes to construct a 1-acre community garden paired with a cultural literacy program. The initiative addresses the values of cultural preservation and food sovereignty, drawing a circular connection between the land, people, and the food that the community consumes.

Ella Fedenko is a sophomore studying Biology. Her project focuses on the issue of waste management and illegal dumping, with a particular emphasis on the damage that it has done to our oceans. The initiative proposes to repurpose properly organized recycled waste into building materials that would be used for local construction projects, simulating the economy while reducing fossil fuel emissions and the need to import materials from overseas.

“Ha’ani and Ella are stand out students who represent a generation with a profound passion for achieving a socially sustainable island community. Both scholars offered heartfelt and well-thought-out proposals and we are both excited and honored to support them as they continue to learn, create and give back to our community.”

-Joaquin P. LG. Cook, President & Chief Executive Officer

Bank of Guam LIFE Scholarship program, which stands for Live, Imagine, Fulfill and Experience, gives the island’s students the opportunity to advocate for corporate social responsibility (CSR) values and beliefs expressed through a project that proposes a sustainable solution to an issue found in the community. The LIFE Scholarship, now in its second year, was created to support Guam’s local institutions and is open to students attending the University of Guam and Guam Community College.

For additional information regarding Bank of Guam’s LIFE Scholarship, please contact:
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(From Left to Right) Ella Fedenko – LIFE Scholarship Recipient, Joaquin P. LG. Cook – President & CEO, Bank of Guam, Ha'ani Bettis – LIFE Scholarship Recipient

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