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# GRAD TAB

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*Guam High School Class of 2019*



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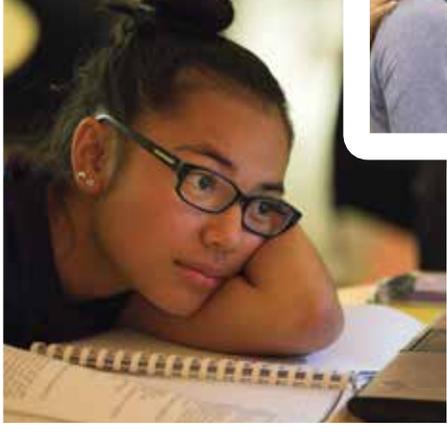
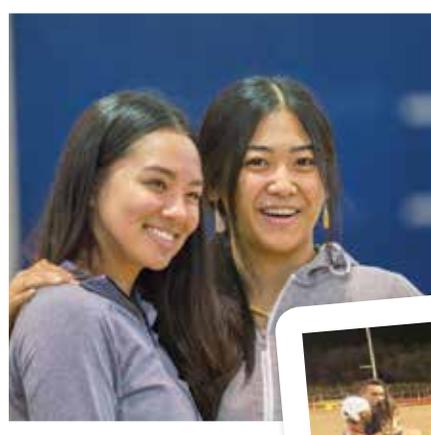
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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES 2019



# Guam

*Dear Loved Ones,* As we come to the end of our journey in the DODEA school system, we must stop for a moment and reflect on moments in our lives; the defining moments that made us as the young adults we are and more importantly remember those people that guided us to this incredible moment. These people are the parents that cared for us throughout our entire lives and the multiple educators from many different schools all over the world that gave us the knowledge to succeed in the upcoming mental challenges, as well as the other caring adults who have helped us reach that final stretch right before the finish line.

To our parents we say thank you for all of your hard work and effort that you've invested into us over the past years. It is all greatly appreciated and without your guidance, we would not be the bright young minds we are today. You have instilled in us life lessons that no one else could have taught us. We have followed you from base to base, post to post, duty station to duty station; and although at times it may have been difficult, you have raised us to be resilient and adaptable to various circumstances, living a life with the rules you have set before us. Now it is our time to report for duty, whether it be the military, college, or the workforce; it is now our time to receive our orders and report for duty.

As military kids most of us have not had the pleasure of staying in one school system for our whole lives. We have moved from the Pacific to the European Theaters and vice versa. We have had mascots ranging from Dolphins to Panthers. But one constant remains and they are the educators we have had who have impacted our lives. They have taught us the necessary skills to be able to go out into college, get a job, and take on the world with vital life skills. They inspire us to pursue our

passions and dreams. They give us hope that we can be more than what we ever see in ourselves. They reveal to us our mental and physical strengths that we held inside ourselves but didn't realize until they pointed them out. Without them we wouldn't be the wise bunch of scholars that will soon grasp our diplomas and wave as we walk across the stage.

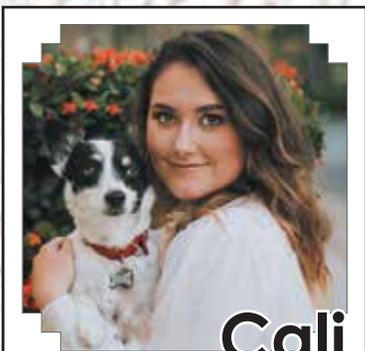
As military kids who constantly have to adapt to change, developing relationships and friendships are not the easiest. But at the same time we are all one community with a support system comprising of adults in that same community who do everything they can to make you feel as comfortable and normal as possible despite those constant changes. It truly takes a village to raise a child; while we are biologically born with a mother and a father, military kids are raised by many moms and dads. These people care for us as if we are one of their own children. They have fed us, driven us, cleaned us, and even at some point, clothed us. They are the backbone of our community, they have kept this whole class afloat when we felt like we were sinking, and cheered us on as we shocked the world with our gifts.

As we finally do what every single one of these people have pushed us to do and graduate, we will remember. We will remember all those who helped us get to where we are today and made us who we are. So as we walk across the stage, shake the hands of our administration, firmly grasp that hard-won diploma and wave to the crowd of cheering people, we wave to you and pay homage to all of those people, those defining people, who made us, us.

Love,  
Your Seniors



# We made it!



## Cali

Congrats Cali on your H.S. graduation. You've truly touched this island community on Guam with your grace, charm, and love.

———— Mom & Dad



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Being an LUJ student changed my perspective significantly. It certainly has shown me a diverse environment as the campus is located in the city of Tokyo and many opportunities are filled within this college. For example, there are temples and shrines to visit not too far from school. Also, the size of each class is quite small, which makes it easier to get individual help from the professors. There is nothing comparable with studying in a delightful locale in a beautiful country.”

### Quinn Borders

Lakeland  
University Japan  
Academic Program



My name is Quinn and growing up I lived mostly in America. I was thankful to not have to move very often because my dad was already close to serving 20 years in the military, at which point he retired. When I was 16 we moved to Australia, but I had always been really interested in going to Japan. It started with meeting our neighbors, whose father was also in the military. They had just moved back from Japan and I became really good friends with their son, a half Japanese-American. Eventually, I went to Japan by myself when I was 18 because I really wanted to learn the language. I started at a language school and then was having trouble finding a university that even knew what the GI Bill was. That was when I found Lakeland University and talked with the Dean and was interviewed by staff. Once I was accepted after the interview, the school was very quick with starting me on the GI Bill from my father's service. I really do appreciate my father giving the GI Bill to his two kids. If it weren't for him, I wouldn't be able to attend this great school.