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SIFA LACS Year-End Report 2023-2024

We are excited to share the exceptional achievements of SIFA LACS during the school year 2023-2024. Our students, parents, faculty, staff, and our other stakeholders have demonstrated remarkable dedication and skill across various domains, contributing to our school's legacy of excellence.

Academic Excellence:

In the realm of academics, our students showcased their prowess in mathematics through their commendable performance in the MATHCOUNTS competition. Their inclusion in the Chapter Competition and qualification for the State Competition underscore their strong mathematical abilities and problem-solving skills. Moreover, the success of our science enthusiasts in the Science Fair, with over 400 projects submitted and 27 selected for the Island-wide Science Fair, highlights their scientific inquiry and innovation. Recognition of winning projects from four of our students demonstrates our students' excellence in scientific research.

The remarkable achievements of SIFA LACS students in the MATHCOUNTS Competition underscore the school's dedication to fostering excellence in mathematics and problem-solving. With their inclusion in the Chapter Competition and qualification for the State Competition, our students have demonstrated exceptional mathematical skills and prowess. Their success in these rigorous competitions not only reflects their dedication to mastering complex mathematical concepts but also highlights their ability to think critically and solve challenging problems. Through their participation in MATHCOUNTS, our students have showcased their talent and determination, setting a high standard for mathematical achievement at SIFA LACS. We commend all participants for their hard work and commitment to excellence, and we celebrate their achievements as they continue to excel in the field of mathematics.

The success of SIFA LACS in the Science Fair exemplifies the school's commitment to fostering scientific inquiry and innovation among its students. With over 400 projects submitted in the school-wide Science Fair and 27 projects selected to represent the school at the Island-wide Science Fair, our students have showcased their ingenuity and dedication to scientific exploration. These projects not only demonstrate the depth of their scientific knowledge but also highlight their ability to think critically, solve problems, and conduct meaningful research. Through their participation in the Science Fair, our students have embraced the scientific process and shown a genuine passion for exploring the world around them. We commend all participants for their hard work and enthusiasm, and we look forward to celebrating their continued success in scientific endeavors not only at SIFA LACS, but also in regional and international stages.



Language and Literacy:

In language and literacy, our students excelled in the Spelling Bee and Oratorical Speech Contest, demonstrating their proficiency and eloquence. The recognition received in the Read-a-thon prizes further underscores their dedication to language arts and public speaking.

Participation in language competitions such as the Spelling Bee and Oratorical Speech Contest at SIFA LACS is more than just a contest—it's a pathway to honing crucial language skills and fostering confident communication. Engaging in these competitions offers students a platform to enhance their language proficiency, expand their vocabulary, and refine their public speaking abilities. Through rigorous preparation and spirited competition, students not only sharpen their linguistic skills but also build self-assurance and poise in articulating their thoughts and ideas. These language competitions serve as invaluable opportunities for students to cultivate essential communication skills that will serve them well in academics, professional pursuits, and beyond. We commend all participants for their dedication and courage, and we celebrate their achievements as they continue to excel in language and communication at SIFA LACS.

Social Studies and Community Involvement:

In Social studies, participation in the Guam History Day Competition - NHD goes beyond conventional learning. It serves as a platform where our students delve into the depths of historical research, honing their critical thinking skills while unraveling the intricacies of Guam's rich cultural heritage. Through this competition, students not only acquire knowledge but also develop a profound understanding of the historical events and figures that have shaped our community. Their participation underscores our commitment to fostering a holistic education that extends beyond the confines of textbooks, empowering our students to become informed and culturally aware global citizens.

Additionally, the induction of 27 new members into the National Junior Honor Society acknowledges our students' academic excellence, leadership qualities, and commitment to community service. Their induction reflects our school's values of scholarship, leadership, and service.

The induction of 27 new members into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) at SIFA LACS represents a significant acknowledgment of students' outstanding achievements in academics, leadership, and community service. This prestigious recognition not only celebrates their dedication to scholarly excellence but also highlights their exemplary leadership qualities and commitment to making a positive impact within their community. As members of NJHS, these students will have the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills, engage in meaningful service projects, and uphold the principles of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. The advantages of NJHS membership extend beyond academic accolades, providing students with invaluable opportunities for personal growth, civic engagement, and leadership development. We congratulate

the newly inducted members for their remarkable accomplishments and commend them for their commitment to excellence and service.

Artistic Achievements:

In the arts arena, SIFA LACS students showcased their talents through various competitions, including the Migratory Bird Art Contest and the Guahan Academy Charter School Council Logo Contest. These achievements not only celebrate our students' artistic abilities but also promote creativity and self-expression.

The Art department and our student's triumph in the Migratory Bird Art Contest shines a spotlight on SIFA LACS's flourishing artistic community. The student's exceptional success not only demonstrates his individual talent and creativity but also reflects his dedication and passion of our students towards the arts with the help of our Art program. Through our student's captivating artwork, he has not only captured the essence of migratory birds but has also demonstrated his unique artistic perspective and skill. His achievement serves as an inspiration to fellow students and underscores the importance of fostering creative expression and artistic exploration within our school. We commend these students for their outstanding accomplishment and this shows the continued growth and success of our talented artists at SIFA LACS.

The Guahan Academy Charter School Council Logo Contest showcased the remarkable talents and creativity of SIFA LACS students, with three of our students emerging as the deserving major winners. Their recognition underscores the depth of student talent in graphic design within our school community. Through their innovative and captivating designs, our students have not only left a lasting impression but have also contributed to the visual identity of our school. Their success in this contest serves as a testament to the creative potential and artistic flair present among our students. We commend our students for their exceptional achievement and look forward to seeing their continued contributions to our school's vibrant artistic landscape.

Sports and Extracurricular Activities:

In the sports arena, our students showcased exceptional sportsmanship and skill in various tournaments, including basketball, soccer, volleyball, rugby, and bowling. These achievements not only highlight our students' prowess in athletics but also underscore our commitment to fostering teamwork and promoting healthy competition. Through our success in these sports, we have not only demonstrated our athletic abilities but also shown everyone that we have advanced ourselves across multiple disciplines.

Furthermore, the Student Government Association (SGA) organized a myriad of events throughout the school year, fostering community engagement, cultural appreciation, and student leadership. From our first ever SIFA Family Day to the Mes CHåmoru Celebration, these activities strengthened

our school community and provided students with opportunities for personal growth and development.

SIFA Manta Minutes, the virtual assemblies facilitated by the Student Government Association (SGA), stand as a testament to SIFA LACS's commitment to fostering a vibrant and engaged school community. These innovative gatherings serve as a platform for students to shine, where their achievements are celebrated, updates are shared, and important announcements are made.

Through SIFA Manta Minutes, students have the opportunity to showcase their talents, leadership skills, and contributions to the school community. Moreover, these virtual assemblies promote effective communication and engagement among students, teachers, and staff, fostering a sense of unity and collaboration even in virtual spaces. As a cornerstone of our school's communication strategy, SIFA Manta Minutes exemplify SIFA LACS's dedication to maintaining a connected and supportive learning environment, regardless of the circumstances.

Cultural Excursion and Celebrations:

The Social Media Club and Asia Culture Club at SIFA LACS collaborated with the Student Government Association (SGA) to orchestrate an unforgettable cultural excursion to Korea in October. This transformative trip provided students with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich tapestry of Korean culture, offering an enriching international experience that transcended the boundaries of the classroom. Through guided tours, cultural activities, and interactions with locals, students gained valuable insights into Korean traditions, language, and heritage. This immersive journey not only fostered cross-cultural understanding but also instilled a sense of global citizenship and appreciation for diversity among our students. Such initiatives exemplify SIFA LACS's commitment to providing holistic education that extends beyond academic boundaries, preparing our students to thrive in an interconnected world.

The first-ever SIFA Family Day, meticulously organized by the Student Government Association (SGA), embodies the spirit of togetherness and camaraderie at SIFA LACS. This eagerly anticipated event brings students, families, and staff together for a day filled with laughter, joy, and meaningful connections. Through a wide array of fun activities and interactive games, SIFA Family Day fosters a sense of belonging and community bonding among all attendees. From exciting sports competitions to creative arts and crafts, there is something for everyone to enjoy. The event serves as a testament to SGA's dedication to creating inclusive and welcoming environments where everyone feels valued and appreciated. SIFA Family Day is not just a celebration; it's a reflection of the strong bonds that unite us as one big family at SIFA LACS.

The SIFA Manta Rhythms performances, organized by the Student Government Association (SGA), represent a vibrant showcase of SIFA LACS students' artistic talents and creative expression. These captivating performances, held at prestigious events such as the Bank of Guam, provide students with a platform to display their musical prowess, and stage presence. Through SIFA Manta Rhythms,

students not only entertain audiences but also inspire and uplift with their passion and dedication to the arts. The coordination of these performances by SGA underscores our school's commitment to providing opportunities for students to explore and cultivate their artistic abilities. As a result, SIFA Manta Rhythms has become a cherished tradition at SIFA LACS, celebrating the diverse talents and creativity of our student body while fostering a sense of pride and unity within our school community.

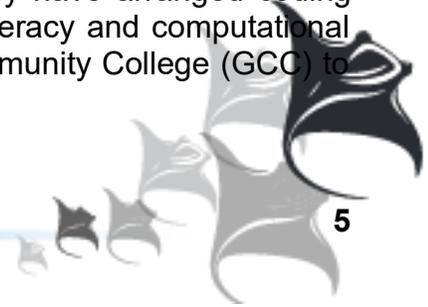
SIFA LACS proudly hosted the FULL STEAM AHEAD: Pathways to Success Career Day, a remarkable event organized with the Student Government Association (SGA). This initiative brought together professionals from diverse fields to engage with our students, offering invaluable insights and guidance on potential career pathways. Through interactive discussions and presentations, students gained firsthand knowledge about various professions, enabling them to make informed decisions about their future endeavors. The event not only broadened their horizons but also inspired them to explore new opportunities and pursue their passions with confidence. SIFA LACS remains committed to providing enriching experiences like Career Day, empowering our students to embark on their journey towards success with clarity and purpose.

The Electives department, particularly the Chamorro department and the Student Government Association (SGA) orchestrated the Mes CHamoru celebrations, known as Ha'anen Kuttura, as a vibrant tribute to the rich cultural heritage of the Chamorro people. These festivities serve as a meaningful opportunity for our school community to come together and honor the traditions, language, and customs of Guam's indigenous people. Through Ha'anen Kuttura, students engage in immersive cultural experiences, including traditional dance performances, and culinary delights, allowing them to deepen their appreciation and understanding of Chamorro culture. By organizing these celebrations, SGA demonstrates our school's commitment to preserving and celebrating cultural diversity, fostering a sense of pride and connection among students, staff, and the wider community. Ha'anen Kuttura has become a cherished tradition at SIFA LACS, reflecting our dedication to promoting cultural awareness, inclusivity, and unity.

Weekly STEAM Events:

SIFA LACS has introduced weekly STEAM events starting in the 2nd Quarter, seamlessly integrating them into the regular schedule each week, either during morning sessions or lunch breaks. These dynamic events bring together different subjects, offering special and enjoyable activities that interconnected with one another. Various departments have organized quiz bee competitions, welcomed esteemed guest speakers, facilitated enriching field trips, and curated other thrilling activities. Notably, Robotics and ICT have significantly enhanced their departments during these STEAM events.

Robotics has engaged students in hands-on workshops where they design, build, and program robots, fostering innovation and problem-solving skills. Concurrently, they have arranged coding challenges and tech demonstrations, empowering students with digital literacy and computational thinking. Moreover, ICT invited distinguished professors from Guam Community College (GCC) to



provide students with insights into potential future careers, offering a glimpse into the professional landscape ahead. These initiatives exemplify SIFA LACS's commitment to providing holistic and immersive learning experiences, preparing students for success in both academia and beyond.

Certificate Renewal:

Last but certainly not least, on March 5, 2024, the Guam Academy Charter School Council formally granted SIFA LACS its certificate renewal, marking a significant milestone for our institution. This renewal, approved for a six-year term, underscores the confidence and trust placed in our school's commitment to academic excellence and adherence to regulatory standards.

The Guam Academy Charter School Council meticulously evaluated our petition, ensuring that it satisfied all requirements outlined in the Guam Code Annotated Chapter 12 Guam Academy Charter Schools Act of 2009 and 12113. This renewal not only reaffirms our dedication to providing high-quality education but also reaffirms our status as a valued member of the educational community on Guam. We extend our gratitude to the Guam Academy Charter School Council for their support and recognition, and we remain steadfast in our mission to nurture the talents and potential of every student at SIFA LACS.

Conclusion:

These remarkable accomplishments stand as a testament to the collaborative efforts of every member within the SIFA LACS community. From the tireless pursuit of academic excellence, the steadfast support provided by our dedicated teachers and staff, supportive admin, the sacrifices made by parents, to the unwavering determination and passion displayed by our students, each has contributed significantly to this success. Your unwavering partnership and commitment to our school's success are deeply appreciated. Together, let us rejoice in this achievement and eagerly look forward to further collaboration in nurturing the talents and potential of our students.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us also take a moment to reflect on the values that define us as a school. Let us continue to foster an environment of creativity, curiosity, and compassion, where every individual is empowered to reach their fullest potential.

On behalf of the entire SIFA LACS family, let's continue to strive for greatness and inspire one another to achieve even greater heights in the future.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, let us reaffirm our commitment to nurturing the talents and potential of every member of the SIFA LACS family. Together, let us continue to strive for excellence, uphold our values, and inspire one another to reach new heights of success.



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