



# GONZAGA HONORS APPLICATION

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# Hello!

- My name is Mariana Acfalle. In this presentation, I will be displaying the things I care about most.
- I use the term “formation” throughout this presentation to describe my most focal arrangements that have grown to become my life’s structure.
- “Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.” – George Bernard Shaw



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I am all that I love.

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Thank you.

# Ethical Formation



- Each year, I try to participate in cleanups around my island. Depicted largely is the village of Inalåhan after an especially long cleanup.
- I also keep a few plants, often to keep me grounded and busy.
- It is crucial to human life for it to return to its most vulnerable stage: earth. *I am earth interacting with earth.*



# Spiritual Formation:

- I began singing in my family's choir at the age of 5, and have since then turned it into a lifelong passion.
- Depicted is San Vicente/San Roke Church in Barrigada, Guam.
- I have attended Catholic schools all my life, and in those dozen years God's cause has become an essential piece of my identity.
- When I learned to be part of something larger than myself, I learned the true intentions of humility and humanity. *I am my faith.*



# Cultural Formation

- (Mair'ee'ah'nuh)  
(Sage) (Ge'rero)  
(Ack'fah'gee)
- *Mariana* and *Guerrero* originate from the heavy Spanish influence on Guam during their colonization that lasted hundreds of years.
- *Acfalle* is the only piece of CHamoru heritage I was able to keep after the war.
- *I am my ancestors.*

*Mariana* means *the sea*.

Depicted to the right is a picture of Guam's sea by the pools in Inalåhan. I am my name.



*Guerrero* means *warrior*.

Depicted to the right is a *latte stone*, used in CHamoru culture as a test of strength and the foundation of many CHamoru homes. I am my surname.



# Social Formation:



- Depicted to the left is my Volleyball team that placed (1st/2nd) throughout all four of my years there.
- To the right is my Class of 2022's Songfest performance, of which I coordinated, as well as wrote the original song for.
- Relationships formed in the pursuit of a common goal have changed my outlook on life. *I am everyone I have ever encountered.*





# Personal Formation



I am all that I love.





# Conclusion

In the future, my hope is to become an occupational therapist after four years of pursuing my BS in Human Physiology (Pre-Physical Therapy). With extensive teamwork and dedication, I can contribute to Gonzaga's Honors program not only with my academic aspects, but my ethical, spiritual, cultural, social, and personal ones, too.

*Thank you* for your consideration. Virtual flowers for all.



## Works Cited

- All pictures depicted are product of my camera roll, except for the top left picture on the seventh slide.
- Guam Sports News Network, 2021, *Notre Dame High School vs Academy of Our Lady of Guam High School Varsity Volleyball*, GSPN, Tomas, Jojo Santo. Accessed 08 December, 2021.
- Slide 1: The beautiful village of Humatak (Umatac) at a lookout dedicated to the soldiers who lost their lives to the war that liberated Guam.
- Slide 3: My backyard.
- Slide 4: My plants, the beautiful village of Inalåhan.
- Slide 6: Inalåhan pools. Hagåtña Mayor's Office.
- Slide 8: My family.