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GHS/OCD Welcomes Students for 2023 Island Leadership Day

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD), in conjunction with the Mariana Regional Fusion Center (MRFC), participated in the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA), Government of Guam 2023 Island Leadership Day on Thursday, April 27, 2023.

As part of the initiative, three students from Mt. Carmel Catholic School, Guam High School, and St. Paul Christian School, respectively, were partnered with three members from GHS/OCD staff, including the Acting Homeland Security Advisor, Ms. Esther Aguigui. The students received a brief overview of the agency, a tour of the facility and different divisions, and an opportunity to shadow GHS/OCD supervisor personnel for the day.

“It is an honor to welcome such bright individuals into our organization and we hope to see them as future emergency managers one day,” said Acting Homeland Security Advisor Esther Aguigui. “A good leader not only leads but inspires those around him or her to be the best versions of themselves. Anyone can be a leader – if they can show up, do the hard work, and uplift others to do the same.”

“These types of events allow us, as high school students, to get real-world experience of a possible career that we want to take on,” said Lily Vinch, Guam High School student. “It is a great opportunity.”

“This experience will help us look at our future, taking the positions of the older generations for the newer generations to come,” said Janiyah Borja, St. Paul Christian School student.

“Having this opportunity has given me insight on how important these kinds of jobs are,” said Ayea Reyes, Mt. Carmel Catholic School student.

GHS/OCD aims to inculcate the values of leadership and encourage the students to become respective leaders within their community.

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