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THS and JFKHS AY 2023-2024 Unit Awards and Community Service with Excellence Awards

Tiyan, Guam – The Guam Department of Education has recognized the exceptional achievements of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps units at Tiyan High School (THS) and John F. Kennedy High School (JFKHS). These units have distinguished themselves by earning the prestigious Distinguished Unit Award with Merit and the Outstanding Organization Award for the academic year (AY) 2023-2024 by the Department of the Air Force Air University (AETC).

The Distinguished Unit Award with Merit, Distinguished Unit Award, and the Outstanding Organization Award are prestigious recognitions within the AFJROTC community. They honor the exceptional achievements and development of cadets, the dedication of instructors as mentors, and the unwavering support from schools and local communities. The units that have met the stringent criteria for these awards in AY 2023-2024 have demonstrated outstanding performance and commitment to the program's values. These accolades not only highlight the individual and collective growth but also the positive impact these units have on their communities. It's a testament to the hard work and excellence that define the best of the AFJROTC units globally.

In addition, THS and JFKHS units also earned the “Silver Star” Community Service with Excellence Award for AY 2023-2024. The "Silver Star" Community Service with Excellence Award is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the AF/SF JROTC units. Achieving this award is no small feat, as it places the recipients in the top 5% of all units, distinguishing them for their exceptional commitment to service. The impressive total of over 1.3 million community service hours reflects the core values of the AFJROTC program, which emphasizes the development of character and leadership skills through active engagement and support of local communities. The cadets' efforts not only benefit their immediate surroundings but also contribute to the broader goal of nurturing responsible, community-minded citizens for the future of America. The recognition of the top 45 units serves as an inspiration for all cadets to continue striving for excellence in service and leadership.

Superintendent Dr. Erik Swanson said, *“The AFJROTC program's recent recognition shines a spotlight on the remarkable efforts of its cadets and instructors. It's a celebration of the unwavering commitment and leadership that have been nurtured within the program's framework. This honor serves as a beacon, showcasing the nurturing role of educational institutions and the community in shaping future leaders. Kudos to THS, JFKHS and everyone who has played a part in this journey towards excellence and for embodying the spirit of the AFJROTC. Their achievements are a source of pride and inspiration for many.”*

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