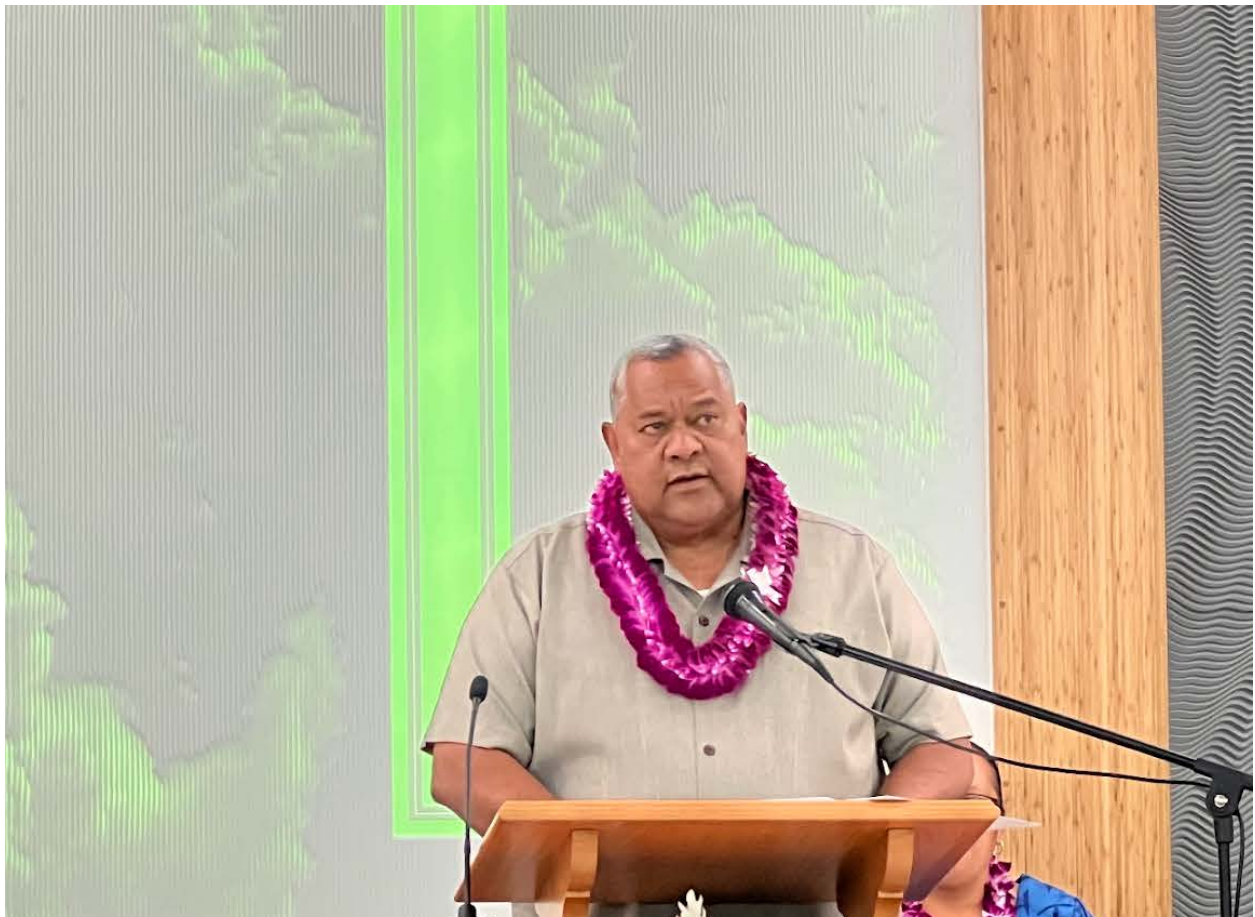


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Governor Lemanu Delivers Special Remarks at the Manumalo Baptist Academy's Graduation

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[PICTORIAL]: On Friday, May 26, 2023, Honorable Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga attended the Manumalo Baptist Academy annual commencement held at the Manumalo Baptist Church in

Malaeimi. The class of 2023 graduated nineteen students, with three Co-Salutatorians awarded to Ms. Lana Snow, Mr. Jason Qi, and Mr. Paul Jing Hao Liang. The highest achievement award was presented to Valedictorian Mr. Ron Gabriel Flores Mendoza.

In his special remarks, Governor Lemanu began by reciting the biblical story of David and Goliath. “Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied... Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith,” an excerpt of the battle of David and Goliath. Honorable Lemanu remarked, “You have faced and battled many Goliaths in your lives here at Manumalo Baptist Community. However, this battlefield has created many *Davids* who have all had to overcome the many challenges, and because you have all stood firm in your faith, you have all come out successful.” He continued, “Graduates, the world will come to you with many more Goliaths, but you will continue to face them in the name of our Lord and God Almighty.”

Also in attendance at the commencement ceremony were Secretary of Samoan Affairs, Paramount Mauga and wife, Acting Director of the Department of Education, Dr. Teresa Atuatasi, Congresswoman Uifa’atali Aumua Amata Radewagen representative Mrs. Stina Fuatagavi, and ASG Scholarship & Financial Aid board member Mrs. Donna Gurr.

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