

The North Philippine Union Conference (NPUC) held the first Adventist Academies Festival of Talents at the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) on April 11.

The Adventist University of the Philippines Academy (AUPA), Baesa Adventist Academy (BAA), Banahaw View Academy (BVA), Concepcion Adventist Academy (CAA), Central Luzon Adventist Academy (CLAA), Lipa Adventist Academy (LAA), Manila Adventist College (MAC) Senior High School, and Pasay City Academy (PCA) were the eight Adventist academies that participated in this historic event.

Officially launched by Dr. Mary Jane Zabat, the NPUC director of the Education Department, this one-day affair provided an opportunity for Adventist academies to highlight their God-given skills through a variety of activities including a choral festival, a quiz bee, ball games (basketball and volleyball), and extemporaneous

speeches.



The festival, which was based on Adventist education values, aimed to solidify ties and form fresh connections centered on Christ. "Not that you

compete with the best that you have, but you come together to be one— one big brothers and sisters." Dr. Zabat emphasized.

The AUP president, Dr. Arceli Rosario, graced the event. She thanked the participating schools for their positive response to the invitation.

The event ended with awarding, prayers of thanksgiving, and picture taking.





PIC Hosts "GENESIS OF HOPE"

he Philippine International Church (PIC) hosted the "Genesis of Hope," a weeklong Bible study program on April 16-22 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The resource speaker was Pastor Jonathan Henderson, lead pastor of Vallejo Central SDA Church in California, USA. Collaborating with AUP and PIC for the nightly meetings were the church members of Puting Kahoy Church, headed by Church Pastor Emmanuel Acosta; Silang, Cavite District 3 led by Pastor Ernesto Denia; and Silang, Cavite District 4 led by Pastor Rommel Villamor. Also coordinating with these churches were the PIC pastoral staff: Pastors RArandia, SMolina, KPatilan, DPumicpic, and FGayoba. Part of the program were singing and musical groups from AUP and representatives from the different groups and congregations.



At the opening night, Hon. Mario Marqueses, barangay captain of Puting Kahoy, gave his welcome remarks. Pastor Julio Amurao, VP student services of AUP who served as the Tagalog translator, represented the administration in welcoming the congregation. Later in the week, Pastor Salvador Molina, one of the PIC elders, took his place as translator. Pastor Lani Esteves, PIC senior pastor and coordinator of the campus religious life, welcomed the in-person and online worshippers. Church members and visitors from Puting Kahoy, Tartaria, Lumil, Hoyo, Pasong Langka, Muzon, Carmen, Sto Domingo, Hukay, Creekside, Morning View, Imperial, Hilltop, Pandemic, Heritage, Kuboside Paligawan, Kabangaan, Buklod Bahayan, Verona, Inchikan, and Tagaytay attended the services.

"Wazzup"... "Kumusta kayo?" These were Pastor Henderson's first words on the first meeting of the "Genesis of Hope." The topic centered on faith in creation rather than faith in evolution. As Pastor Jonathan said, "We believe that we were not made by accident but created intentionally according to God's purpose and plan, which reminds us of our specialness and value. We are the evidence that You (God) are the creator... You (God) have given us the hope we need to seek and know You (God) better." Pastor Henderson spoke for the last time during the divine service. He expressed his gratitude to all the participants, the music groups, choirs, and orchestra as well as to all the PIC staff. He also thanked the congregation and took a selfie with them.

After the divine service, the baptism of 48 precious souls was held at the AUP swimming pool.







AUP Workers Ace First Team- Building Excursion

by Ivy Cleana Ruales

The University held its first team-building excusion at Pico de Loro, Batangas, on April 24-25, with the theme ACE: "Acquainted, Connected, and Energized!" This excursion was organized by the Social Committee (SC) led by Romelda M. Rodelas and composed of 18 members.

The 430 faculty and staff were divided into two batches. The first batch was scheduled on the 24th and the second batch on the 25th. The SC grouped the participants randomly by colors: yellow, blue, green, and maroon.

On the the first day, the SC led the devotional program, with Dr. Arceli Rosario, the AUP president, as speaker. She emphasized on how God holds AUP in His hands. She asked repeatedly, "Can we entrust AUP in God's hands?" She assured, "Yes, we can because God's hands are sanctifying, saving, sustaining, and shaping. Our present and our future are safe in His hands."

Team-building activities followed. A group presentation of the "Rabbit Dance" was prepared by each team. This activity aimed to give a warm-up. Using the PMV and AUP song, "Call me up and I'll be there" activity was done. This game required the groups to assign 10 singers who sang their assigned song outside the circle. The rest of the members were blindfolded and must find their station by listening to their group's assigned song. This was followed by the "Fill it up and let it overflow." The teams raced to fill up the bucket using whatever they had. On the second day, the beach volleyball game was added to the activity.

After the two-hour team-building activities, the faculty and staff enjoyed their free time until 5:00 pm. They spent their time at the white beach and the swimming pool. They also engaged in group games. Many of the the faculty and staff appreciated the refreshing seawater, the infinity pool, and breath-taking sights, the outdoor activities such as bird watching, volleyball, football, and

frisbee. They enjoyed the free service of a multi-seat shuttle and the sumptous buffet lunch and snacks.

Through this team-building excursion, AUP has once again reaffirmed its commitment to nurture the well-being of the faculty and staff and create a positive university culture.









AUP Highlights April 202:

Educational Fieldwork Class Conducts Hybrid Training



"I Teach Reading," the first hybrid training seminar in teaching reading, was conducted by the Graduate Education Department of the College of Education (COE). The training was held on April 27 with 70 preservice teachers. The speakers and the organizers were students of the Educational Fieldwork class

under Dr. Cecilia Ronia. The speakers were Maybeline M. Onate-devotional message; Fe C. Montallana, LPT-Strategies for Teaching Reading; Mycel Orongan, LPT-Commonly-Mispronounced Words; and Jonathan M. Ronia, LPT-Tongue Twisters. All three presenters were

alumni of COE. Other program participants were Julie Anne Calixto, who led the singing of the national anthem and the AUP PMV song; Lou Yu-welcome remarks; Shuangshuang Zhou and companions-musical offering; and Shen Zhongyi-opening prayer and musical offering. College dean Dr. Leonardo B. Dorado commended the speakers and facilitators for the success of the first hybrid training seminar on reading, as well as the pre-service teachers for their active participation. Also featured was the revived COE song composed by Prof. Bayani Agnazata and Prof. Ramon Lijauco Sr. It was sung as the closing song led by Felicity Duane Licayan.





CAH Advocates "One Day At A Time" Retreat

by Charyse Vine Unggay



ne hundred seven College of Arts and Humanities (CAH) students, and 15 faculty and staff, joined the CAH Retreat, the first after 3 years of pandemic, at CCT Retreat and Training Center in Tagaytay City on March 24 and 25. The event prepared by the CAH Student Council focused on the theme "One Day At A Time." "One Day at A Time, Sweet Jesus" means going back to Jesus, asking for help and not forgetting that He is the one who gives us strength to continue to live every day. The activities reflected the following objectives:

- to unite the College in heart and spirit by creating an experience that integrates faith and love;
- 2. to provide an avenue where the students can refresh

- their minds and relax their thoughts as it is an academic-free environment;
- to build teams and showcase every person's unique strength and ability, which subjects them to show their weaknesses.

The activities started on Friday from 2:45 pm until 8:30 pm and continued on Sabbath from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. Bonding and team-building activities included games such as Capture the Flag, PATS, and swimming; vespers, Sabbath morning worship services, and testimonials; Bible games such as Find and Draw, Fisherman, and Tower of Babel on Sabbath afternoon. In the evening, two more activties were done-open mic and bonfire. Students were



encouraged to write their regrets on a piece of paper and toss the paper into the fire, letting go of their poor past choices. They also wrote their goals on another piece of paper, which they kept in a bottle.

Evaluation results of the whole program and activities (Continued on next page)

CST Socio-Spiritual Retreat Highlights "Infusion..."



The Socio-Spiritual Retreat of the College of Science and Technology (CST) was held at the La Palmera Garden Dine-In Resort in Matabungkay, Lian, Batangas, from March 24-26. The theme of the retreat was "Infusion: Discovering Life's Catalyst" with the objective to provide students with opportunities to foster meaningful connections and relationships, promote personal and spiritual growth, de-stress from academic activities, and facilitate team building and collaboration.

The activities started with a welcome and introduction by the CST Student Council president Niel Gapusan. The students were then grouped and participated in ice-breaking activities to get to know each other. The retreat featured several spiritual and religious activities, such as meditation, prayer, and reflection. These activities were designed to provide a space for students to connect with God who is the only One who can give peace and understanding and to foster personal growth. In addition, several social activities were organized to encourage students to interact and connect with each other. The retreat also featured several team-building activities, such as group dynamics, problem-solving exercises, and



team-building games. These activities were aimed at promoting collaboration, leadership skills, and a positive and productive learning environment. Most of the CST faculty were there to serve as sponsors.

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AUP Highlights April 2023

Service Awardees: AY 2022-2023

AUP recognizes the distinguished men and women who have dedicated and are still dedicating their lives to AUP and the denominational work. The following faculty and staff were awarded with certificates and cash gifts on February 1, the University Day.

Special Award: 40 years

Arit, Leocadio P. Mergal, Vicky C.

39 years

Capiendo, Raquel P. Rosario, Arceli H.

38 years

Acquioben, Moses R. Baret, Rogelio R. Borromeo, Robert A. Carpizo, Ruben T. De Ocampo, Lowena G. Estrada, Miriam R.

37 years

Amurao, Julio C. Cordial, Rogelio C. Javien, Ruth P. Lagajino, Elmie Lynn V

36 years

Barnedo, Jaime B. Jr. Bosito, Lourdes F. Felices, Leonilo G. Natividad, Leonardo M. Ponsaran, Ramona G.

Sapphire Award: 35 Years

Carpizo, Sanny T. Custodio, Joyce F. Ledesma, Joseph Y. Mostaza, Leonardo A. Sauza, Guilbert F. Secoya, Marjorie Y.

Silver Award: 30 Years

Balila, Jolly S.
Bingcang, Angel Grace F.
Esplana Ferdinand A.
Fabito, Lemuel G.
Jael, Susy A.
Morado, Loida C.
Rodelas, Judith D.
Samontina, Medardo B.
Sarmiento, Ardelma V.

Emerald Award: 25 Years

Esplana, Elizabeth B. Felicitas, Felixian T. Laberinto, Reynaldo B. Pepito, Analiza L. Valdez, Nera N.



Pearl Award: 20 years

Anolin, Ann G. Barredo, Lowelyn T. Canoy, Gemma G. Carpizo, Eunice M. Dano, Zenaida T. Endaya, Miriam A. Gelladuga, Noemi M. Lintao. Edwin O. Malabat, Carmela G. Mostaza, Lolina T. Ponsaran. Ferdinand L. Rosales, Edwardo G. Sales. Maria Estrella H. Sibayan, Maria Julita S. Songcayawon, Jesse R. Tanalas, Lailanie C. Yllano, Orlex B.

Diamond Award: 10 years

Almocera, Raiza Angela C. Asi, Mary Ann F. Berto, Demuel Dee L. De Dios, Sheryl Ann B. De Gracia, Angelica T. Flores, Kathleen B. Magbojos, Jeffrey S. Mergal, Jerry G. Racca, Abraham P. Ramos, Arvin M. Rodriguez, Princess Red Rose G. Rumarate, Emelito R. Taclan, Lorcelie B. Torres, Meriam L.

CAH Advocates... (from previous page)

showed six items *Very Effective* and three items *Effective*. Some comments are as follows:

"Learned so many life lessons."

"It was worth the money. More events like this. Give students a sense of fulfilment. Everyone has a story to tell, and we must learn how to listen." "It was fun; wanna go back there."

"Taught me how to disconnect with worldly things; to connect with Him." "Values that helped our group: Communication, Patience, Teamwork." "We can improve by doing it more."

"People make the event enjoyable. Allocate money to buy time instead." "More intimate sessions instead of structured programs on Sabbath." "Invite a speaker."

"Although there is much room for improvement, commendations to the officers and all those who played a vital role in making the retreat a reality. Thanks be to God for helping us to persevere. The place is conducive for our event."



CST Socio-Spiritual... (from previous page)

The La Palmera Garden Dine-In Resort provided comfortable accommodation and amenities for the retreat participants. The rooms were clean, spacious, and air-conditioned, with comfortable beds. The resort also had a swimming pool. Dandees restaurant served the group with delicious and nutritious meals throughout the retreat.

In conclusion, the Socio-Spiritual Retreat at La Palmera Garden Dine-In Resort was a success. The retreat provided a conducive environment for students to foster meaningful connections and relationships, promote personal and spiritual growth, de-stress from academic activities, and facilitate team building and collaboration.

The activities organized during the retreat achieved their objectives, and the participants expressed satisfaction with the overall organization and execution of the retreat. The CST is looking forward again to another retreat next collegiate year to continue to promote holistic development among students.



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COE Students Find JOY at Retreat

by Rhea May Salapare



Seventy-six students and eight faculty and staff of the College of Education (COE) spent March 31-April 2 in Punta Malabrigo Beach Resort in Lobo Batangas for their Socio-Spiritual Retreat with the theme "JOY- Jesus, Others, and You." Guest speaker, Pastor Jose Orbe Jr., presented Jesus as the focus of the teaching ministry and how the teaching ministry contributes to the spiritual growth of the students in school, in church, in choosing a future life partner, and in the family.

The Teachers of Tomorrow (TOT) Club left the campus in the afternoon of Friday, March 31. At 7:00 pm, the vesper program started under the direction of Goldwyn Burce, TOT president. Singspiration was led by selected English majors, followed by the welcome remarks of Jannah Lanojan. Mikeas Lapura offered the opening prayer followed by a musical offering by the BEED majors. Vespers speaker, Dr. Leonardo Dorado, college dean, talked about how to find joy in God's presence. He stressed, "True joy is when we are serving God. And when we seek God's purpose, we see the true essence of life in this earth." The vespers ended at 8:00 pm.

The Sabbath School was led by Pastor Joe Orbe and his wife, Dr. Joy, in a group dynamics called MIND. The worship started with a song service by BSNEd majors, followed by the opening prayer of Jimuel Cortez. Wilson Chiquito welcomed the COE students, faculty, staff, and visitors that joined the retreat. The BEEd majors offered a special song to the Lord.

After the Sabbath worship, Pastor Orbe focused on the third objective of the retreat--the value of the teaching ministry in contributing to the spiritual growth with a future life partner. Selected COE student leaders, started the program with a special music. Pastor Orbe continued

his presentation on how to choose a life partner who could contribute to the development of one's spiritual growth. He stated that "the essence of love is giving." God gave Adam and Eve their needs and a place called home, which was Eden. He also gave them food because He loved them. That's why the love of God is "Ahava," which means "giving." God's act of giving is a way of showing His love for His children.

The AY program was coordinated by Carl Hero Garcia. Myra Tahum and Lejane Quinatadcan led the song service. The opening prayer was offered by Rufa Mae Felices, followed by the question-and-answer portion about love issues with Pastor Orbe. A special song was rendered by BSNED majors. Pastor Orbe emphasized that it is important to first build a loving relationship with God before loving other people.

During the social night, there were bonfire and games which the group held at the seashore. Rhea May Salapare led the singspiration, followed by an opening prayer. The games were led by Shari Abellanosa and Ann Jeline Magmanlac.

The last day of the retreat started with a morning devotional at the seashore with program director, Loriemar Canon leading. The opening prayer was led by Lloyd Daniel Morado and the special song was rendered by the BPHED majors. Pastor Jaylord Hernando, chaplain of the COE, shared the devotional message, followed by the closing remarks of Goldwyn Burce. The group did a "Zumba" exercise before breakfast.

The groups Masigla, Masaya, Maligaya, Maliksi, Mahusay, and Magaling continued their team-building activities such as "Tug-of-War" and "Fill the Bucket" at the seashore. They also went swimming until 11:00 am.

Dr. Dorado confirmed the success of the event with gratitude to everyone. The group left the place at 12:00 nn and arrived on campus at 3:00 pm.



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ISA Presents Culture Fest

by Evan Kaloh

Celebrating diversity at AUP, the Culture Fest of the International Student Association (ISA) featured dances, music, and songs on April 2. During the opening program, which was held at the University gym, selected students carried the flags of countries that represented the AUP student body.

Each regional association enthralled the audience with their presentations of talent and culture, such as walking down the runway with clothing and fabrics unique to each country.

The regional associations gave the audience an indelible sense of awe with their production numbers. The Chinese Association performed both a Peking Opera and a poem called "The Left Hand Refers to The Moon." The South Pacific Island Student Associations presented the Ua Here Ua, Tamari'i no Tahiti, and Logo te Pate. The North America Student Associations rendered the High School Musical Medley. The Middle Eastern Student Association performed Al Yolla & Na'asha. The Latin Community appeared with their live performance of the Bachata and Honduran Folklore Dance. Other associations such as MASA (Malaysian Student Association) and (Myanmar Adventist Student Association in the Philippines) depicted nationalism with their performance of Kurik Kundi, the Candle Dance, and the Welcoming Dance.

Traditional dances ranging from the Bamboo Dance and Bhangra to the Gumboot Dance and Congolese Dance performed by the African and South Asian Student Association provided an invigorating beat that set the tone of the night.

Finally, the PPIF (Perhimpunan Pelajar Indonesia di



Filipina) closed the night with their folk-dance medley representing each of the main islands.

Vendors lined the outer perimeter of the gym. Kaui Coffee, Potato Corner, and Desi Wok, a South Asian Student Association shop, provided drinks and finger foods.

The Culture Fest gave the audience a taste of the culture, folklore, and traditions of the different countries of the AUP student body. It attested to AUP's rich diversity and multi-faceted cultural experience.







PE Students Celebrate "A **Night of Rhythmic Exposition**"

by Matthew Natanawan



unday night, April 30, marked the 31st annual night of Rhythmic Exposition (PE Night); where 12 classes of Physical Education 2 performed their marching and folk dances prepared throughout the second semester.

This year's event presented a spectacle of color, music, and energy as the students showcased their talents and creative choreography. The Night of Rhythmic Exposition has become a much-anticipated event in the academic calendar, not only for the students but also for the faculty, staff, and the local community. The atmosphere in the University gym was festive as the AUP community filled the stands to witness the students' performances. The event brought together people of all ages and

backgrounds and united them in their appreciation of the rich cultural heritage of the Philippines.

The University gym, complete with banners and barricades, gilded with an intricately folded fabric, was transformed into a vibrant performance venue. The organizers ensured that every detail was in place to enhance the ambience and create memories. The audience was treated to a feast of colors, movements, and rhythmic beats.

The ceremony opened with the PE II students marching into the gym. For the main event, different classes took turns performing their choreographed pieces. The presentations showcased Pinoy folk dances such as Tinikling, Pandanggo sa Ilaw, and Maglalatik, among others.

The PE Night is a testament to the students' discipline. teamwork, and dedication. Participating in a marching or group folk dancing offered numerous benefits, including order and organization, high morale and unity, enjoyment and creativity, fellowship and collaboration, and leadership skills.



Men's Dorms Open House

by Yvon Frenell de Guzman



he Men's **Dormitories** spearheaded the open house on Sunday, March 12 with the theme "Music = Life: Hear it. See it. Live it." Guests, both on-campus and off-campus, visited the Eastern Hall, Mahogany Hall, Acacia Hall, and Molave Hall from 10 am to 5 pm. This event sparked enthusiasm among peers, considering that the last open house was held during the pre-pandemic years.

which was joined by all participating dorms, started at 9

The devotional time.

am at the Molave Plaza. Dr. Julio Amurao. VP for student services, blessed the program with a message after which he led the proclamation to open the event. All throughout the day, the guests visited different rooms, which showcased creativity and gimmicks. "A successful event indeed that fostered friendship and camarederie among AUPians," a guest commented.



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AUPE Conducts Adventurer, Pathfinder Camporees

by Dr. Isabelo V. Susada



Adventurers and their parents joined in an outdoor weekend camping organized by the AUP Elementary (AUPE) on March 31-April 2 at the AUP Campsite. Anchored on the theme: "A Wonderful Journey, Celebrating God's Goodness in Adventurer," the parent-and-child tandem worshipped together and participated in interactive and sports activities.

The event started on Friday afternoon with the registration, tent pitching, and opening ceremony. The following day, Sabbath, centered on worship activities. Mrs. Carmela Lacuarin, a retired elementary school teacher and a long-time school-based Pathfinder director, led the Adventurer's Hour. She mentioned the significance of camporees in forming a closer bond between child and parent. "Camporees are significant memory events that impact the lives of the Adventurers," Lacuarin emphasized. "They become anchor points in the Christian development of the children with their parents providing them with love and affection. This bonding is a pre-requisite for a healthy braine development, self-confidence, capacity to thrive, and ability to form relationships," she added.

The children and their parents shared other activities, including a bonfire and marshmallow broiling on Saturday evening. The last day, Sunday, consisted of early morning exercises, water safety, and rope courses. The camporee concluded with the closing ceremony, where the campers received honor patches for their active participation in each activity.

Meanwhile, 79 Pathfinders guided by 20 Master Guides and counselors participated in another camporee themed, "I Will Go: Light the World" on April 3-5. The program included daily activities, honor classes, live morning and evening messages, and other opportunities designed for early teen-aged children.

Despite a positive start, the camporee suffered an unexpected setback in the early morning of the second day when heavy rain poured, soaking most tents. The teacher-counselors quickly ran with flashlights, attending to the campers and checking their safety. The rain stopped after several hours. Due to flooding, the organizers suspended all the activities scheduled for the day. MG Ramil Ramirez, the camp director, declared the untimely break of the camp. "With a heavy heart, I declare to close the camp temporarily until the weather permits us to continue," MG. Ramirez told the campers.

The following day was a sunny morning. The fair weather signaled the children to return to the camp to resume the postponed activities: recreational swimming and rope courses. The closing ceremony followed afterward. "The connections, camaraderie, and learning you achieved in this camporee impact your life, Pathfinder. This informal mentoring cannot be underestimated; it is life-changing," MG. Ramirez said in his closing message.







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Ladies' Open House Presents "Beauty in Seasons"

by Melody M. Abacan



Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president and guest speaker, said, "Life is beautiful in all its seasons." Dr. Julio Amurao, VP for students services, pointed out that being a saint makes one beautiful. These messages were delivered during opening ceremony at the Student Park at 9:00 am, on April 2.

The opening ceremony of the ladies' open house was attended by all the ladies' dorm deans, headed by Mrs. Raquel Capiendo; ladies' dorm occupants; men's dorm deans; Student Services personnel; some parents; and friends. After the opening program, the dorms cut ribbons at their respective archway to signal the start of the festivities. Guests visited the ladies' dorms featuring different seasons: spring, summer, autumn, and winter. The occupants entertained the guests with their creativity, games, and food. A male student quipped, "It is not just a feast to my eyes but also to my stomach." The open house started at 10:00 am and ended at 5:00 pm. An estimated 500 guets participated in the event.





With the criteria of 50% Cleanliness and Orderliness, 20% Creativity, 10% Adventist Home Ambience/Music, 10% Attendance at the Opening Ceremony, and 10% Hospitality, the following were the rooms or units that wowed the judges the most.

Dormitory	No. of Occupants	Unit or Room/Theme	Judges
Cadena de Amor	201	Room 128 - Spring Room 223 - Summer (Both with the same score)	Pastor Elmer Lagarile, Mrs. Melanie Aganio, Monitors
Cattleya	41	Unit 8 - Summer	Dr. Martha Macalalad, Mrs. Penny Vegafria, Mrs. Rose Susada, and (Grace) Nkwiza Musezye Nankolongo
Dama de Noche	57	Unit 7 -Summer	
Ilang-ilang	169	IA Room -Winter	Dr. Martha Macalalad, Mrs.Melody M. Abacan, Mrs.Rosie Aquiobin, Mr. Conrad Lo
Sampaguita	236	Room 211-Winter Hallway Winner- Right Wing ground floor -Autumn	rs. Cristy Carpizo, Mrs. Gemma Canoy, Mrs. Helen Francisco
Waling-waling	201	Room for 2 – room 118-Spring Room for 4 room 309-Winter	Cutie Canasares, Jitherken Patalinhug, Cenebel Cebrian, Marlon Andoy

Open House occurs yearly in dormitory life, except during the COVID-19 pandemic. The last open house happened in October 2019. Because AUP is a boarding school this event exhibits the beauty of the dormitories. It develops cooperation, camaraderie, and unity among dormitory occupants, showcasing the benefits of residential life.





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Women Ministries, Deaconesses Link 3-in-1 Morning Devotion

hysical training is good, but training for Godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come" (1 Timothy 4:8). This was the memory verse of the Women's Ministries (WM) and deaconesses of PIC as they engaged in their joint 3-in-1 activity on Sunday, April 23 at 5:30 to 8:00 am. The activities were exercise, prayer walk, and prayer breakfast as they visited, sang spiritual songs, and prayed for the families of the faculty and staff. The clusters of homes were divided into six stations. The six stations were the pastoral houses behind PIC, homes behind the Academy building, the Health Service area, the AUP main gate, and off-campus homes. They visited the residences of Pastor and Mrs. Moises De Ocampo and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Olarte. The WM is led by Sister Raquel Capiendo, ladies dormitory dean, while the deaconesses are headed by Dr. Mercy Buhia, the University dentist.





AUP Alumnus, Former Faculty Conducts Andrews University Chorale

yril Punay, an AUP alumnus, and former Academy faculty, conducted the Andrews University (AU) singers and chorale in a graduate recital themed "From Darkness Into Light," an Easter Tenebrae Chorale Concert on April 7 at 8:00 pm in AU, Berrien Springs, Michigan, USA. Cyril is pursuing Master of Music in Choral Conducting at AU, while serving as a graduate assistant of the Chorale Studio and assistant conductor of the AU singers, under the tutelage of Professor Stephen Zork. Cyril's conducting of the Chorale Concert is in partial fulfillment of his degree. In closing, Cyril expressed gratefulness to

God who made it possible for him to study in AU. Among the many people and groups he thanked were his parents and relatives; the AUP Music Department faculty and staff; the Academy faculty and students; the Philippine Meistersingers under Ramon Lijauco Jr., wherein he was a member and assistant conductor: the AUP Young Voices; the Silang Youth Choir; and his current choir, the Sola Gratia; along with a dozen other choral groups he has conducted and performed with in the Philippines, across the USA, and some 10 other countries around the world.





Brenda Walsh Empowers God's Children of All Ages with Jesus Ministry

by Ronette Joy Alfanta

s. Brenda Walsh, an internationallyrecognized inspirational speaker; author of devotional books such as "My Strength for Today," "Moments with God." "Battered to Blessed," children's books, cook books, and more; and producer of the television show "Kids Time" decided to come to AUP on April 24-29 through the invitation of the WM of PIC to conduct a series of lectures on empowering God's children to be better Christians.

On her first day, she toured the campus, meeting students along the way who were inspired by her devotional books and avid followers of her television show "Kids Time." She spent

her first evening with the ladies dorm occupants at the Cadena De Amor lawn, where she led in singing songs of praise while accompanying on the piano. She talked about how God have been faithful to her in the early days of her life. "If you let God direct your life, He will surely lead you to success," she said.

On Wednesday night, she started her series of presentations in PIC. In her first topic "Becoming Who God Wants You to Be," she talked about how to listen

to God's plan and how to find one's purpose in life. She urged students to focus on sharing the love of Jesus and allowing each one to be used by Him.

On Thursday night, she shared her sad experience as a victim of domestic violence. She warned young people about the dangers of not choosing the life partner God

has prepared for them. But she gave hope that God still loves the confused sinner and will remain faithful. She talked about finding her God-given husband despite her old age and how young people should wait for the right partner God will give them.

On Friday night, she encouraged everyone to choose to shine for God. God wants His children to use their talents, time, and skills for His glory. "God will surely guide us and bless us and others if we let God use us," Miss Brenda emphasized.

On the Sabbath day, she praised the Lord with her message about recognizing the voice of God. She emphasized how important it is to have constant communication with Him. She mentioned three important points to know God's Voice. These points

are be willing, be obedient, and be joyful. In the afternoon, she pointed out the importance of surrendering all that one has to God.

Aside from her series of presentations, Ms. Brenda offered counseling services every day from 2:00 to 4:00 pm throughout the week. "I believe she inspired us to become better Christians and better children of our Heavenly Father who is ever faithful and loving to us," a student testified.



















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