


# AUP HIGHLIGHTS

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A woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a green dress, is speaking at a clear acrylic podium. She is holding a microphone. The background shows a large church interior with a high ceiling, wooden beams, and a large stained glass window. A banner in the background reads "WISDOM OUR MANDATE".

## Dr. Rosario Delivers Her First State of the University Address

Newly elected President of the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP), Dr. Arceli H. Rosario, delivered her first State of the University Address during the 106th Founding Anniversary on February 1 culminating a weeklong celebration.

The AUP family together with the alumni, retirees, and students gathered inside the Philippine International Church (PIC) to celebrate and to recognize God's unwavering hand that led the institution to victory and success even during the pandemic. This event was highlighted by participants coming from CHED Region 4-A, Silang municipal administration office, and workers who have contributed to AUP's accomplishments thru their valuable years of service, highlighted with the musical rendition of the PIC orchestra, mass choir and the Philippine Meistersingers.

A foundational inquiry; "Who are we?" marked the opening of Dr. Rosario's speech. The question of identity which drove the purpose and the meaning of the institution's existence wherein she underscored the mission of Adventism as a global movement and its fundamental understanding of the biblical teaching of third angel's message (righteousness by faith) from which the role of education

as the integral part of the Christian worldview that Church members embrace. "This concept drives the institution to passionately involve in the proclamation of the everlasting gospel and the soon return of Jesus that prompts the institution to produce professional and excellent missionaries that go all over the world," she added. From humble beginnings of this school in 1907 in the Pasay campus, Dr. Rosario ushered everyone to where the institution is now.

The President then further enumerated the mission and the institutional goals of the University - how they were accomplished and how its members still continue to remain faithful to its call. Moreover, she stressed the plans of providing food and educational scholarships for the less privileged students. She also announced the three major projects that are at hand and invited everyone to help, give and join her in making these noble projects a reality: the completion of the CAH building, University cafeteria, and the University Teaching Hospital.

"God has once again revealed Himself through what He has done and will continue to achieve through His people. Truly the event is one which defines God's faithfulness to His people" a worker expressed.

## Daily Events Resound AUP's 106th Founding Anniversary Theme

Advancing, Unwavering, Persevering, AUP's theme for the 106th Founding Anniversary resounded from every event highlighted on campus on January 27 to February 1.

### Bayanihan at dawn, sacred concert for vesper commence AUP's 106th



Friday morning saw students, faculty, and staff persevering together to kick off dried leaves, broken tree branches, and rubbish in an orchestrated campus-wide clean-up drive a.k.a. "bayanihan" or campus community day. The evening program featured a dozen choirs on campus in a sacred music festival at PIC of unwavering Godly praise, coordinated by the music department, headed by Sheryl Ann Botabara, Music Department chair



### Alumni, guests, and musicians lead Sabbath Services



Sabbath celebration featured outreach and missionary reports of "Orior" class of 1993 both in the national and international scenes for Sabbath School headed by class president Liberty Olive Bautista Macias. The Honorable Harlin Abayon exemplified in his message Joseph whose life embodied the theme in the Divine Hour of Worship coordinated by Pastor Lani Esteves PIC Senior Pastor. Also the mass choir and the PIC orchestra unwavering in their music blended once again after being silenced by the pandemic for three years. Lunch potluck at the Gym was hosted by barangays Dahilig and Taging Ilog. Chosen, alumni, administrators, faculty, and students reminisced God's goodness to AUP for many years during AY led by the Campus Youth Ministries.

### Sports, food fair persevere through weeklong affair



Residents of AUP Dormitory Circle (ADC) paraded around the campus to open the sports festival, and international food fair coordinated by the Central Student Council (CSC), the ADC, and the Student Services Office headed by Dr. Julio Amurao, VP for



Student Services. The group and parlor games as well as team and ballgames, food sale continued unwavering from Sunday through Wednesday.

### IFVL seminar advances mentors as PMS concert raises funds



Advancing academically on Monday was the whole day training on integration of faith, values and learning for the academic team headed by Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, VP for Academics. In the evening, a thanksgiving and fundraising concert-banquet for the CAH building in progress held in the COM building featured the celebrated Philippine Meister Singers (PMS) conducted by Ramon Lijauco Jr., and guest benefactors unwavering in their commitment for AUP's cause.

### Exhibits, researches entertain scholars



Persevering with the celebration on Tuesday the Research Office led by Dr. Jolly Balila, research director and the Detwiler Library headed by Dr. Michelle Carbonilla, chief librarian presented DOST researches and Creation Center exhibits open to the public.

### Dr. Arceli Rosario expounds state of the University Address

Advancing still on the last day Dr. Arceli H. Rosario, AUP President gave what many faculty members termed as "a very empowering" State of the University Address. In the center of all the pomp and pageantry of national flags, chorale hymns and orchestra music, processional of AUP workers in nationalistic Filipiniana attire, felicitations of CHED and Silang high ranking officials, and scores of service awardees honored by the HR office headed by Dr. Lolina Mostaza, HR director, God's name remained glorified.



### Ribbon cutting ceremony, career expo culminate festivities



The celebration concluded with the ribbon cutting of the Food Factory facility and the Rotunda road as a career expo welcomed students from other schools at the University Gym and in the open house by colleges the rest of the day. At the helm of the week long celebration was the Advancement Office headed by Oemer Daquila Advancement Director. The weeklong Founding Anniversary Celebration has ended but with God the Academic Excellence, Christ like Character and Exemplary Service of Adventist University of the Philippines continue Advancing, Unwavering, and Persevering at 106 and beyond.



## Face-to-Face Seniors Presentation Features God and Hope



Cheers and applause met the first face to face seniors presentation program on Friday, February 17 in the Philippine International Church (PIC). After two and a half years of pandemic, the prospective graduates from each college, their class officers, along with the faculty and staff, department chairs, academic directors, college deans, the President's party, flags of all nations and the colors marched with vitality to the PIC Orchestra's rendition of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee " conducted by Armand Apalat.

Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP President declared in her welcome remarks that the purpose of the gathering "is to dedicate our graduating students to ensure that we have committed them to the Lord... so that nothing will harm them, dissuade them or tempt them, but instead, with boldness of heart, with singleness of purpose, an unshakable determination, and with gladness of spirit they will approach their graduation day." The Guest Speaker, a man who wears several hats according to the introduction of Dr, Gracel Ann Saban, VP Academics, the



Honorable Eric Olivares, Mayor of Parañaque City who is also a Professor, a registered nurse, an accreditor, a school board member, and owner of Olivares College to name a few, shared

his valuable admonitions and six guidelines on the journey of the prospective graduates, among them is to "work hard and have the right attitude... and above all is to be grateful to God for He is the source of all your strength". Each of the nine college deans who presented their graduating seniors also emphasized their dependence on God through various Bible verses as they continue to work for their graduation in May, 2023. The deans with the number of seniors presented by college in both undergraduate and graduate levels were Dr. EM Aclan of CAH-95, Dr. LP Sausa of COB-171, Dr HI. Subido of COD-26, Dr. LB Dorado of COE-83, Dr. MR Estrada of COH-89, Dr. DA Mendoza of COM-63, Dr. SV Jael of CON-122, Dr. EA Balila of CST-38, and Dr. FT Felicitas of COT-24 for a total of 641 prospective graduates. Other program participants were Dr. Robert Borromeo, VP-Finance and Dr. Julio Amurao who offered the opening and closing prayers, Dr. Vicky Mergal who presented the vote of thanks and tokens to the speaker, Ms. Christine Mendoza-chorister and the Unceasing Cantica provided the messages in songs while Mr. Ivan Perdido served as voice over emcee.

Also featured were the class officers namely Rafaeli Veneche Teves (CON)-President; Zynarik Tabelisma

(CON)-Vice President; Shine Nuñez (CAH)-Secretary; Neil Ericson Ejercitado (CST) -Assoc. Secretary; Joshua Ybañez (COB) - Treasurer; Antonio Alexi Gayares (CON) - Assoc. Treasurer; Jillian Alcantara (COH) - Auditor; Gilden Mae Gelladuga (COE) - PIO; Abram Christopher An (COT) - Class Pastor; Kyle Cyra Contreras (COD), Robbie Michaela Mertalla (CAH), Valerie Matahari (COB), Gladly Princess Pascual (COH) -- Class Artists; Michelle Dulay - CGS Representative. Also announced were Class Adviser: Dr. Teofilo Esguerra Jr.; Class sponsors: Dr. Mylene Gumarao, Dr. Felixian Felicitas, and Mr. Jose Salera III; Grand Marshall: Dr. Angel Grace Bingcang; Marshals: Pastor RC Bualoy, Mr. LH Catolico, Dr. LG De Ocampo, Ms. LA Divina, Mrs. ND Estapon, Mrs. AC Fabroa, Dr. MS Gumarao, Mr. JB Ibañez, Dr. BB Mergal, Mrs. CL Romero, Mr. JP Salera III, Mr. MB Samson, Mr. RV San Diego, and Mrs. MA. Valenzuela. Before the close of the program the Senior Class President highlighted the video of the class emblems with the class theme and name, Paglaum 2023 a Visayan word translated in English as Hope.



# New RMTs Score Another 100 % Passing Rate for AUP, Jacob in Top 5

ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES | COLLEGE OF HEALTH | MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

*Congratulations!* TO OUR NEW **MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS**

March 2023 **5<sup>th</sup> Placer** **JACOB** Jezriel James M.

**100%** Passing Rate  
National Passing Rate - 76.46%

August 2022 **100%** Passing Rate  
National Passing Rate - 50.14%

*To God be the Glory*

**MAGBANUA** Royal Tyronza/Rose R.  
**MIRA** Ma. Lorell C.  
**RAMOS** Bettina S.



Once again, a 100% Passing rate (36/36 takers) plus Jezriel James Maquiñana Jacob achieving 91.50% to place 5th in the PRC Medical Technologists Licensure Examination of March 2023, gives the AUP family all the reasons to Rejoice in the Lord. "Praise the Lord; To God be the Glory" is what Dr. Miriam Razon Estrada, Dean of the College of Health (COH) expressed upon learning of the good news of the new Registered Medical Technologists (RMT). Furthermore, the office of the Mayor of Silang, Cavite congratulated Jezriel "for being a Topnotcher (top 5)...Saludo kami sa iyang husay at talino... people of Silang are very proud of your achievement." The announcement declared.

Praise God indeed for His sustaining grace to AUP that offered

the first Medtech school in the Philippines and the program now called Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (BMLS). Since AUP moved to Silang it has continued its impressive performance in the Licensure Exams garnering a 100% Passing rate 30 times from 1985 to 2023 including a consistent 100 % rating streak from 2012 to 2019 in the two licensure exams each year. Furthermore, BMLS records show a total of 43 top-notchers, and three of them first placers since 1985; their names Gladys April Catibog in 2013, Eufe Tantia, Jr. in 2002, and Vernon Mazo in 1996 will stand the test of time. Also celebrating are the mentors- faculty and staff of the MLS department: Cometa, Medjeh; Cortez, Gershon Marc; Defiño, Mary Cyrin Victoria; Fumera, Karen Faith; Gatus, Kurt -who said, "faith can move mountains and

such a milestone is to bring honor and glory to God"; Lagonera, Sheila Arly; Mendoza, Ferdinand; Mendoza, Ma. Kristine; Raymundo, Steffi; Rodriguez, Princess Red Rose, and Sales, Ma. Estrella with Department Chair- Macayan, Yan-na Yvonne who expressed, "May God bless you my dear colleagues, RMTs for the Lord..." The list of new RMTs follows:

## AUP MTLE Passers March 2023

1. Aceres, Shaine Creysel C.
2. Agustin, Joash I.
3. Baluis, Rieu May N.
4. Baret, Bernadette M.
5. Caagbay, Paula Angelika M.
6. Cariazo, Edhil Jhoy P.
7. De Guia, Edelle Laurene A.
8. De Leon, Caitlin Sumi L.
9. Dee, Elei Yana B.
10. Dela Torre, Princess Allaine C.

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## COM Produces 32 More Missionary Physicians



**A**UP congratulates the College of Medicine (COM) faculty, staff and passers for producing 32 more missionary doctors who passed the March, 2003 Physicians Licensure Examination (PLE) with a passing rate of 78.38% for first takers compared to the national passing rate of 62.12%. Likewise, AUP congratulates and rejoices in the Lord for All the Seventh-day Adventist PLE passers, and their mentors from other medical schools all over the country. Moreover, the Advance-

ment Office recognizes John Kevin Reforsado Base for placing Top 4. Dr. Kevin is an alumnus of AUP Academy, class 2016. Following is the list of the New Doctors for Christ:

### AUP PLE Passers March 2023

Acupan, Hazel Faye A.  
Alangdeo, Anton George D.  
Angelino, Elze Grace C.  
Ang, Ron Dale Ivan C.  
Apellado, Lisette Gay S.  
Argonia, Audrey Nicole D.  
Bicaldo, Lucille P.

Castro, Krishnalyn Precious Jewel C.  
Caymo, Naphi Yaen M.  
Contreras, Pamela Gem D F.  
Cueto, Melvina T.  
David, Mizael M.  
Dayego, Danise Ariana G.  
Dequito, Kristel Joy L.  
Ganal, Mary Ellen Grace H.  
Ilagan, Yesha T.  
Iya, Pauline Yves DJ  
Levarado, Carl Timothy A.  
Monta, Maniya Faye C.  
Pasco, Mark Dell Jay A.  
Pineda, Trisha Allainnah E.  
Raksham, Christopher Jesse N.  
Ramirez, Viann Jade G.  
Saavedra, Fritzie Achelle C.  
Santos, Levin R.  
Singsing, Mariel F.  
Sonio, Mizpah Joy C.  
Sta. Lucia, Bryann Marc A.  
Sy, Luke Romnil D.  
Valenciano, Sharlene Dawn P.  
Ducante, Christina M.  
Musico, Jeff Hebron T.  
Tantoco, Maureen C.

## University Experiences Two Virtual Accreditation Surveys in Two Months

**P**hilippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA), and Association of Christian Schools, Colleges and Universities-Accrediting Council Incorporated (ACSCU-I) accredited the campus on February 4-16, and March 7-9 respectively. The accreditation procedures on remote/virtual mode were under the supervision of the Accreditation Office headed by Dr. Ruben Carpizo, Director, assisted by the Audio Visual department and ICT for the zoom link. Welcome and closing programs were coordinated by the Office of the President through the Advancement Office. The Academic Team members under the VPA served as Officers of the Day. While Dr. Gracel Saban VPA who was the



overall in charge of the two events sent a letter of gratitude to all Administrators, College Deans, Academic Directors, Department

Chairs, Faculty, Students, Academic and Non-Academic Support Staff, Directors from Finance and Student Services, Directors and Staff from General Administration for

their invaluable contribution to the Virtual/Remote accreditations. AUP will receive the evaluation results within 3 months.

AUP is blessed to welcome another accreditation team before the end of March.



# RAO Reports

## Enrolment Increase

Second Semester of AY 2022-2023 registered an SAUP enrolment of 4, 334 as of March 8, 2023 with 3,362 for Higher Education; lower than the first semester's enrolment but Higher than that of AY 2021-2022 second semester by 42%, as presented by Dr. Teofilo Esguerra Jr., Director of the Records and Admission Office (RAO). Among the Higher Education programs the College of Health (COH) tops the list with 631, followed by the College of Nursing (CON) with 602, and the College of Business (COB) comes in third with 573. All colleges increased their percentage figures with the College of Education (COE) showing the highest increase at 70%, followed by the College of Theology (COT) with 67% and College of Arts and Humanities (CAH) coming in a close third with 66%. Basic Education as well showed a better percentage this school year with the Elementary and Pre-school combined for a 26% increase, and the Academy's Junior High School (JHS) and Senior High School (SHS) contributing a 30% and 25% increase respectively. In addition, among the enrollees 381 are foreign students from 49 countries. The comparative enrolment figures follow.

### Higher Education

| College      | 1st Sem<br>2022-23 | 2nd Sem<br>2022-23 | 2nd Sem<br>2021-22 | % Inc/<br>Dec |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| CAH          | 533                | 495                | 298                | 66%           |
| COB          | 655                | 573                | 404                | 42%           |
| COD          | 404                | 399                | 251                | 59%           |
| COE          | 294                | 234                | 138                | 70%           |
| COH          | 662                | 631                | 528                | 20%           |
| COM          | 152                | 147                | 97                 | 52%           |
| CON          | 617                | 602                | 477                | 26%           |
| CST          | 171                | 176                | 112                | 57%           |
| COT          | 89                 | 105                | 63                 | 67%           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>3,577</b>       | <b>3,362</b>       | <b>2,368</b>       | <b>42%</b>    |

### Basic Education

| Preschool    | 2021-22   | 2022-23   | % Inc/Dec   |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Nursery      | 0         | 0         |             |
| Kinder       | 34        | 29        | -15%        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>-15%</b> |

| Elementary                               | 2021-22    | 2022-23    | % Inc/Dec  |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Grade 1                                  | 40         | 50         | 20%        |
| Grade 2                                  | 25         | 62         | 60%        |
| Grade 3                                  | 36         | 34         | -6%        |
| Grade 4                                  | 30         | 46         | 35%        |
| Grade 5                                  | 41         | 52         | 21%        |
| Grade 6                                  | 51         | 51         | 0%         |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>223</b> | <b>295</b> | <b>24%</b> |
| <b>Total Pre-School &amp; Elementary</b> | <b>257</b> | <b>324</b> | <b>26%</b> |

| Junior High School | 2021-22    | 2022-23    | % Inc/Dec  |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Grade 7            | 59         | 97         | 64%        |
| Grade 8            | 56         | 81         | 45%        |
| Grade 9            | 84         | 73         | -13%       |
| Grade 10           | 83         | 116        | 40%        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>282</b> | <b>367</b> | <b>30%</b> |

| Senior High School             | 2021-22      | 2022-23     | % Inc/Dec  |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Grade 11                       | 130          | 156         | 20%        |
| Grade 12                       | 108          | 125         | 16%        |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>238</b>   | <b>281</b>  | <b>18%</b> |
| <b>Total JSH &amp; SHS</b>     | <b>520</b>   | <b>648</b>  | <b>25%</b> |
| <b>Overall Total Enrolment</b> | <b>4,354</b> | <b>4334</b> |            |

### New RMTs... (from page 5)

11. Famorcan, Louise Ann D.
12. Gaca, Jazmin Grace C.
13. Galeon, Shekinah M.
14. Ganai, Blessie Joy Hope H.
15. Guevarra, Jewel Ruth C.
16. Jacob, Jezriel James M.
17. Lamparas, Kenn Robert S.
18. Laranan, Sophia Pauline A.
19. Liwanag, Loren H.

20. Macuno, Kathleen Kaye G.
21. Medalla, Sofia Mae T.
22. Mendoza, Alaine Janelle A.
23. Mendoza, Jen Kyla R.
24. Musa, Mosiah L.
25. Narbarte, Gabriel Rey T.
26. Pagunsan, John Carlo C.
27. Platino, Laura B.
28. Ramos, Angelique Raizza B.
29. Recometa, Rene Christian A.

30. Rodriguez, Jeziellou E.
  31. Sagun, Angelie Vea R.
  32. Separa, Hannah Mary Joy G.
  33. Tamano, Angel Lou A.
  34. Tannagan, Dave Tristan A.
  35. Tolentino, Renee Janela V.
  36. Zabat, Camille Blanz A.
- NOTHING FOLLOWS---

## Administration Honors Retirees



*have time to take naps every after lunch, we watch movies on Netflix while eating snacks, we cook together, do house chores together, we enjoy eating out together with the 20% senior citizen discount and 12% tax exemption, we tease each other, laugh, and play together. Those are just some of the many things we have missed while we fully embraced our various roles in different capacities for the past 4 decades.... We are very happy and privileged to be a part of the Team that has made AUP what it is today – a respected and excellent Bible-based education provider. We will always pray for success in all your endeavors. We will forever cherish the memories of our working together in our beloved AUP. God bless you much more! Thank you.” .*

**E**cclésiastes 3 says, “There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens”. There is a time to work and also a time to retire. AUP retirees headed by Dr. Miriam P. Narbarte former VP for Academics with 40 years of denominational service, Dr. Reuel E. Narbarte, former HRM Director with 39 years; Dr. Salvador T. Molina former VP for Student Services with 38 years; Dr. Oliveth H. Tolentino former faculty of the Languages department with 34 years ; Mr. Jesse D. Golosino former staff of the Motorpool department with 31 years; and Mrs. Celia O. Villacampa former staff of the Laundry department with 34 years, were honored through tributes, gifts, and well wishes from the administration, supervisors, and colleagues during the retirement program themed “Time for New Beginnings” at the Finster Hall on February 27 Monday at 2pm. Supervisors who presented the retirees and their tribute were Dr. Suzy Jael, Dean of the College of Nursing; Mrs. Jocelyn Salmeo, Secretary of the HRM department; Dr. Julio Amurao, VPSS; Dr. Michael Naidas, Chair of the Languages department; and Mr. Leonardo Mostaza, Head of the Laundry and Water Station. After the presentation each retiree gave their respective responses. According to Dr. Reuel and Dr. Miriam aside from appreciating the people behind the tribute, program/ party and the preparation:

*“To us, retirement is a blessing. Every day is a holiday! Now, we wake up smiling-no more taxing and heavy responsibilities, we take our own sweet time reading our devotional-not in a hurry anymore, we walk around the subdivision every morning, relaxed and unbothered, we*

On behalf of the administration Dr. Arceli Rosario, University President and Dr. Robert Borromeo, VP Finance presented the retirees with messages of gratitude for their dedicated services and thoughts from the Holy Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy not only for the retirees but also for all those who were present (associates and assistants in administration) to witness the event. They also handed each of the retirees tangible gifts for their services to the University. Other participants of the program were the Con Corda and Mr. Warlito Yalung from the Music department who provided musical inspiration for the processional and special number; Student Services Personnel and the General Administration Team for the intermission numbers; Pastor Felixian Felicitas, Dean of the College of Theology who offered the dedication prayer; Mr. Rey Laberinto, and Mrs. Maureen Mariñas from the administrative offices who offered the opening and closing prayers. Mrs. Madonna Lourdes Felicitas, Administrative Assistant for University Administration and Mr. Oemer Rey Daquila, Advancement Director, served as emcees of the affair which was under the helm of Dr. Lolina T. Mostaza Director of the Human Resource office, and her staff.



## Development Updates:

Engr. Lagariza shares the work in progress in AUP's development projects:

**1. Food factory store outlet**, which conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony and soft opening to AUP residents on February 1, during the AUP Founding Anniversary is in the process of securing pertinent documents, permits and other equipment needed for the final opening to the public.



**2. Road repair of Nayong Masaya to Tabing-ilog road** is on the bidding process of the contractors the target timeline to finish is this June.



**3. CAH building** is on the negotiation process with the contractor to partially continue the construction until building shell structure and roofing.



## Dr. Tess Belarmino Accepts Call to Serve TAC

Dr. Teresita Garay Belarmino a faculty of the Languages Department of the College of Arts and Humanities (CAH), and the College of Education (COE) in the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) accepted the call to teach full time in Taiwan Adventist College (TAC). This year 2023 she is assigned as a professor in the Bilingual Business Department (BBD) and supervises the TAC Guest Center/Shop. Dr. Belarmino had been serving AUP since 2008 as language teacher to foreign students in the Academy, English teacher to future teachers in COE, and as coordinator of the Language Center in CAH. She has also dedicated her time in God's work since she and her family accepted Christ through baptism into the Adventist faith at Philippine International Church (PIC) in 2008 and served as deaconess, and head of the prayer committee of PIC in AUP. She continues to coordinate with AUP as adjunct professor in COE. Dr. Tess as fondly called is married to international business man Engr. Rey Belarmino and they are blessed with five talented children. Therese is a call center supervisor and is married, Brent is language teacher and Youth Director, and Rainier is also a teacher, both of them at 1000 Missionary Movement; Aaron also teaches with his mom at TAC, and Josh is a scholar of the BBD also in TAC.

## Psychology Department Conducts Outreach Services

Aside from consultations and tests on campus the Psychology Department offered free psychological services to other institutions. According to Dr. Sheryl Ann Castillo, a faculty of the Department, "We had outreach on January 20 and 21 at Northeast Luzon Adventist College (NLAC) and Bokawkan Central Adventist Church ... we conducted mental health classes and consultative meeting with faculty and students of NLAC, and then a brief training on Psychological First Aid to Pastors of Mountain Province Mission (MPM), then on Sabbath, we led the whole Sabbath program in Bokawkan." The Department also conducted free psychological services during the career expo on campus to students from other schools during the foundation day festivities.



## CES Reports Medical Mission, Health Promotion



**M**rs. Eunice M. Carpizo Director of Community Extension Service (CES) and her staff are happy to report the involvement of faculty and students in this year's first quarter of medical mission and health promotion services to the community on January to March. The following groups are Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (CON), Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics, College of Medicine (COM) in collaboration with Loma Linda University (LLU) USA, and College of Dentistry (COD). Following are the details.

| College  | Program/Date                              | Activity   | Venue                                    | Served                                    | Volunteers   |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| MSN  | Breastfeeding seminar<br>January 27, 2023 | The faculty and graduate school students conducted a seminar on breastfeeding among pregnant and lactating women in Buklod Bahayan, Tartaria.                                      | Buklod Bahayan, Tartaria, Silang, Cavite | 16 pregnant and lactating women<br>4 BHWs | 2 faculty<br>3 students  |
| BSN, BSND, MSN/MN  | February 24, 2023                         | Conduct lectures to promote personal hygiene practices such as regular handwashing, daily bathing and how to eradicate lice and nits to the pupils of Cabangaan Elementary School. | Cabangaan Elementary School              | 161 pupils                                | 10 faculty<br>30 students  |
| College of Medicine  | January 27, 2023                          | Physical Examination of Day-care pupils  | Puting Kahoy Muzon Buklod Bahayan        | 60<br>23<br>90                            | 4 faculty<br>35 students   |
| College of Dentistry   | January 30, 2023                          | Dental Mission to Tartaria West Elementary School  |  | 52<br>100                                 | 15 faculty<br>60 students  |
| College of Medicine in Collab with LLU (Loma Linda University) | March 19, 2023                            | Out-patient Services   | AUPA-SPDA (Samuel P. Dizon Auditorium)   | Approx. 70 patients                       | 3 LLU faculty,<br>19 LLU students<br><br>AUP COM<br>6 faculty<br>4 alumni<br>48 students |

## CON'S Taglamig Fair Draws Biggest Crowd



**A**ng Huling Kilig ng Taglamig" this year's theme of the annual College of Nursing (CON) Taglamig Fair from 3:00 to 9:00 pm on March 5, at the Driving Area, captivated the biggest crowd estimate of 2,300 based on ticket sales excluding performers, complimentary ticket holders, staff, vendors, and organizers since the first Taglamig Fair in 2009. Following are the details of the event organized by Elioenai 2024 headed by Batch President Andre Alcantara, Sponsors Mr. Mark Samson, Mr. Raul San Diego and Dr. Beryl Mergal as reported by Chairperson Dr. Angel Grace F. Bingcang. "The planning of the Taglamig Fair started on the second week of January 2023. It was initially planned to be a smaller event, such as an acoustic night or something similar. This was due to the lack of personnel to organize the event. Make-up duties and busy schedules contributed to the initial plan to hold a smaller event, but with the determination and persistence of the batch Elioenai officers, the planning of the Taglamig Fair continued."

She further disclosed, "Initial foresight estimated around 1,000 - 1,500 based on past Taglamig Fairs, but we were surprised to generate 2,000 ticket sales on our last week before the event. With only 97 personnel from the batch, handling the Fair and the people was absolutely challenging, but the efforts and willingness of each individual contributed to the overwhelming success of the event. There were a lot of challenges, put downs, and times when we felt hopeless, but in times like those, we kept praying and kept our faith strong that God will show us His will." Her itemized report follows. "Date of Approval: SSO - February 6, 2023, ADCOM- February 14, 2023; Budget: 125,000 pesos; Objectives: Fundraising for AUP CON level 3 socio-spiritual retreat, Promote camaraderie among general AUP studentry, Promote the university among guests and visitors; Activities: Game booths-Balloon and Dart, Whisper Challenge, HW Pong, Galac-Toss (Ring toss),

Broom Broom Skkrt Skkrt, Can Knock Down, Drop Ball, Flip It Till You Make It, Ping Tac-Toe, Separation Anxiety, Glass Road Trucker, Nimble Thimble, Yank Me, Office Tennis, Heart Strings (Strings Lottery Booth); Inflatables-Giant Soccer, Obstacles course, Basketball Shooting, Giant Billiards, Gladiator Joust; Performers-Singers: 34, Islander Cultural Dance, Torotot Boys; Attractions-Photo booth, Face paint booth, Polaroid Event photographer, Aesthetic pixie lights, Food booths, Game booths, Giant parachute tent, Fireworks; Raffle draws-8- 500 peso worth of dorm supplies. (Laundry soap, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.), 2 electric stand fans, 2 steam irons, 1 plastic drawer set, 1 kg capacity washing machine with spinner (Grand Prize); Sponsorships-Kauai Coffee (Non promotional to coffee and all sales and promotion had no coffee), Eastern iConnect; Food Vendors-Kauai, Kainan ni Roy, Indonesian Food, BoPo Cafe, Wubin-



geryu (ISA), Aprils Pinoy Street Food and Ice Scramble, AUP Silver Spring, Desi Wok (ISA), ChaTime, Potato Corner, Mommy Binxx Sari- Sari store, Elioenai Cotton Candy and Popcorn stall; Promotional Partners-Landers, dscpl apparel, Taglamig Fair Shirt Stall."



## AUP, PIC Recognize Choirs for Lambshelter



Philippine Meistersingers



Advent Euphonic Chorale



Sola Gratia



For the sake of the youngest generation of the church the following choirs presented their gift of singing. This is to persuade the brethren to give liberal offerings during Friday sacred concerts to renovate the lambshelter (worship area of the children's division) of the Philippine International Church(PIC), for which AUP and PIC are grateful for. These choirs are Sola Gratia, Advent Euphonic Chorale, Phil. Meistersingers, Yukele/Singing Sunbeam and Unceasing Cantica. The lambshelter is now serving all the levels in the children's division every Sabbath. Following is the record of collection of funds.

| DATE       | REF NO     | EXPLANATION                            | AMOUNT            |
|------------|------------|--|-------------------|
| 08/30/1011 | OR# 245044 | TO OR# 245646 INCL SUMM                | <b>61,939.60</b>  |
| 10/04/22   | OR# 245647 | TO OR#246000/292001-292331             | <b>10,536.00</b>  |
| 11/08/22   | OR# 292333 | TO 29800/308001-308235                 | <b>58,883.51</b>  |
| 11/26/22   | OR# 30241  | OR# 308837 INCL SUMM                   | <b>43,359.93</b>  |
| 10/31/22   | GJV 22-000 | IGLESIA JOHN & LENNIE DON-LAMB-SHELTER | <b>19,000.00</b>  |
| 01/12/23   | OR# 308841 | OR# 309200-OR# 250801-351182           | <b>106,786.00</b> |
| 01/12/23   | OR# 308841 | OR# 309200-OR# 250801-351182           | <b>20,102.00</b>  |
| 11/08/22   | OR# 292333 | TO 292800/308001-308235                | <b>21,042.26</b>  |
| 01/11/23   | OR#351183  | TO OR 3520093 INCL SUMM                | <b>76,290.45</b>  |
| 01/11/23   | OR#351183  | TO OR 3520093 INCL SUMM                | <b>60,000.00</b>  |
| 02/28/23   | OR# 352094 | TO 352400/377601-378284                | <b>17,661.75</b>  |
| 02/28/23   | OR# 352094 | TO 352400/377601-378284                | <b>166,649.19</b> |
|            |            | MARCH 4-18                             | <b>90,605.00</b>  |
|            |            | <b>TOTAL</b>                           | <b>752,857.69</b> |

## COE Serves Community with ALS, Tutorial, Brigada Pagbasa

After the hard lockdowns and stringent protocols imposed by the pandemic, the College of Education (COE) continues its ministry and services to the community, through the Alternative Learning System (ALS), free tutorials to Puting Kahoy Elementary School, Silang, Cavite students, and "Brigada Pagbasa" a reading program for students of Don Jose Integrated High School and Don Jose Elementary School in Sta Rosa, Laguna all in coordination with the AUP Community Extension Service. The last ALS graduation saw 10 graduates with Mr. Michael Tordecilla, DepEd ALS coordinator, assisting. This academic year 10 volunteer students are assisting in the ALS program, and 24 students are tutoring for free in Puting Kahoy. During the pandemic, classes were conducted online but this year they are back to face to face classes. Volunteer students in the past were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their services. Meanwhile, after the MOA signing with



both schools in Don Jose the Brigada, with 17 volunteer students are ready to start on Friday, March 24. Tutorial, and Brigada classes are held on Fridays at 1:00 to 3:00 PM, and ALS on Sundays at 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Coordinating for Tutorials in Puting Kahoy is Dr. Rufina Fabellon Chair of Elementary Education Department; coordinating for Brigada Pagbasa is Dr. Michelle Collado, Chair of Secondary Education Department who is also incharge of the ALS program assisted by Mrs. Noemi Gelladuga, faculty of COE.

## AUP Celebrates Global Youth Day in Two Sabbaths



**A**UP participates in the Global Youth Day in two Sabbath days. According to Pastor Lani Esteves, PIC Senior Pastor and AUP Director for Religious Life “We have a unique version of the Global Youth Day: Part 1, which was done on March 18 was the student visitation to the faculty & staff homes where they conducted worship with the families; Part 2 which is on March 25 will be distribution of booklets & food supplies to the non-Adventist and Adventist working students in the campus. Other procedures will be disseminated by the PIC secretary to persons in charge.



## Women’s Ministry Serves First Prayer Breakfast



**A**t 5:30 to 7:00 AM while most of the brethren were still in their homes the Women’s Ministry of the Philippine International Church (PIC) conducted its first Prayer Breakfast at the AUP President’s House on Sabbath, February 11. Sister Lowelyn led the singspiration with “What a Friend we have in Jesus” as opening song followed by the scripture reading of Hebrews 4:16 by Sis. Cutie and the opening prayer by Sis. Ma. Isabel. Sister Raquel Capiendo, head of the Women’s Ministries (WM) department gave a warm welcome message on the chilly morning. Testimonies on the power of prayer were shared by Sisters Trixie, Grace, and Christy representing the women of the undergraduate, graduate, and faculty levels. A message in song of praise to God was rendered in between by Sisters Gladys and Jovylove. The program continued with a season of prayer by partners. Dr. Arceli Rosario, University Presi-



dent gave the closing remarks and the charge to all women ministers of God in this generation and also to culminate the 10 Days of Prayer program of the church. Everyone Rose up to sing “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” for the closing song followed by a prayer by Sister Cora Bañaga to close the program and to welcome the Sabbath Prayer Breakfast celebration. Everyone shared a wholesome meal of wheat bread, nuts, soy milk, fruits, and veggies. On their way home to prepare for Sabbath School, they share this quote from E.G. White, Prayer page 2, written in their poster: “Prayer is the breath of the soul. It is the secret of spiritual power. No other means of grace can be substituted, and the health of the soul be preserved.” Pastor Arden Perdon, former VP Student Services is God’s messenger on February 25 at the second Prayer Breakfast.

## 10 Days of Prayer

by jgpolancos

**T**he Philippine International Church supports the belief of the world church that prayer is the birthplace of revival. God has worked so many miracles in past years as we have sought Him together in prayer and fasting. The Holy Spirit has brought about conversions, renewed passion for evangelism, revived churches, and healed relationships (

[daysofprayer.org](http://daysofprayer.org)). With this, the PIC celebrated this year’s 10 Days of Prayer with a Theme: Back to the Altar: Making a Place for God.

Ideally, this nightly prayer session is given on the 1st week of the year, but because we just started the second semester and first 2 weeks of January is class organization time, we modified the schedule to February 1 – 10, 2023, every 7:00

in the evening at PIC. Part of the modification is to call this program “Nights of Prayer”.

## Week of Prayer Reaps 17 Baptized Souls



**P**astor Mamerto Guinguing II, Associate Secretary, Human Resource of Southern Asia Pacific Division was the speaker of the 2nd Semester Week of Prayer (WOP) on March 13-18, 2023 at the Philippine International Church (PIC). He presented the Savior Jesus Christ, in the books of Ephesians and Philippians integrated with testimonies and stories of

people he encountered in his visit to different countries mostly in Southeast Asia. He also related his own experiences with Jesus, the only reason why people's puzzling experiences in life can be "Resolved: a mind transformed by grace," which is the theme of the WOP. At the end of the week-long program that was streamed live on YouTube and Facebook, aside from students' and faculty's renewed commitment in Jesus Christ, 17 students accepted Jesus through baptism. The WOP is organized this semester by the Campus Youth Ministries (CYM) headed by their overall coordinators Abram Christopher An and Oselle Grace Orbe, assisted by the CYM staff divided into different committees among them, the music committee that was in charge of the theme song, appeal song and all music and musicians throughout the morning and afternoon programs. Pastor Guingging often referred to "music as one that stays in the mind longer than the sermon". The

music committee members were Jove Milmarc Jimenez – Mass Choir and Orchestra (Asso. Servant Leader, CYM) Celmar Sabado - Theme and Appeal song coordinator, Eon Caagbay – Appeal Song Composer and Xyla Kryzlei Guelos – Theme song Lyricist (Music by: Celmar Sabado). Faculty in charge were from PIC and the College of Theology (COT).

### Newly Baptized:

Al-Ros Absari, Zhou Fushuang (Sally), John Mark Sumido, Sam Rabin Bardinas, Jan Nico Louise Gabo, John Robert Lapuz, Romeo Jose Lara, Jon Emmanuel Rodriguez, Ken Gabriel De Guzman, Caitlin Faith Evangelista, Raynjun Aracap, Kielce Jiede Cajayon, Elisa Laberinto, Audrey Mae David, Christian Dhel Carreon, Yzsah Rheanne Veronica, and Lyle Octavio.



# Peace in the Presence of God

by Gelyne Pangilinan



*"Peace is not a place or any geographical location. Peace is anywhere in the presence of the Father."*  
— Bro. Jasper Iturriaga

On March 11, 2023, Bro. Jasper Iturriaga a missionary serving with PAMAS was invited as the guest speaker during the AUP Grand Sundown Worship hosted by the College of Dentistry with an audience that filled the open Centennial Park. Bro. Jasper's message related to his testimonial message during the Sabbath morning worship service at Finster Hall which was also packed with students that they had to sit on the floor to accommodate everyone. He shared testimonies about the missionary services of his close friend Bro. Daniel Lui and Sis. Janelle who were among the team that figured in the recent news of a Helicopter search in Palawan. The message during the Sabbath morning worship was about God's plan in our lives. There will always be a point in our lives when we

doubt God's plans, and we are reminded to never doubt God's goodness because, amidst all the uncertainties, God's goodness will always prevail.

As a continuation of his morning sermon, during the Grand Sundown Worship in the afternoon, Bro. Jasper reminded the students, faculty, staff, parents, and visitors that there are times when we cannot feel at peace. After all, we are very busy with our work which sometimes leads us to where we cannot say "no" because "we have to do it" rather than "we want to do it." He also mentioned that storms in our lives are inevitable. Storms just pass by our lives to test our faith in God. Then after the storm, it will reveal our founda-

tion. Sometimes, as mere human beings, we think peace can only be felt when we don't experience problems or storms. However, the message of God through Bro. Jasper revealed that "Peace is not the absence of the storms" and "You feel peace when you are with someone you love." Amidst the storms in our lives, when we have Jesus in our boat, we will indeed have peace in our hearts and minds, for our foundation in facing the storms in life is founded in Jesus Christ.



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