

### AUP Celebrates 139<sup>th</sup> Graduation Exercises

he Adventist University of the Philippines celebrated its 139th commencement exercises on May 26-28, 2023. As traditionally practiced among Adventist schools, the

University had a consecration service in the evening of the 26th, a baccalaureate service on the 27th, and a commencement program on the 28th. Pastor Gerardo Cajobe, the president of the North Philippine Union Conference and chairman of the AUP Board of Trustees, was the consecration speaker; Pastor GT Ng, retired executive secretary of the General Conference, was the baccalaureate speaker; and Presiding Judge Chalmer Gevieso was the commencement speaker.







"Live up to the core values of AUP. Become agents of change," encouraged Hon. Gevieso. He expounded the class theme "Paglaum," a Hiligaynon word, meaning hope.

Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, vice president for academics, presented a total of 598 graduates. Among them, 38 students completed their graduation requirements in July 2022, 99 in December 2022, and 461 in May 2023. The Paglaum Batch 2023 was



comprised of two graduates with Associate in Arts, 417 graduates with bachelor's degrees, 164 graduates with Master's degrees, and 15 graduates with doctorate degrees. The graduates represented 22 countries: 148 came from foreign countries such as Indonesia (44), Myanmar (36), the United States (9), China (9), Ghana (8), Zimbabwe (3), and Liberia (2). Additionally, one graduate represented each of the following countries: Korea, Ethiopia, Peru, Angola, Zambia, India, Equatorial Guinea, Nigeria, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Hawaii, Dubai, and Burundi. There were 471 graduates representing the Philippines. Among the graduates, 75 were from the College of Arts and Humanities, 147 from the College of Business, 20 from the College of Dentistry, 90 from the College

of Education, 93 from the College of Health, 122 from the College of Nursing, 29 from the College of Science and Technology, and 22 from the College of Theology. The University granted 172 Latin awards: 96 cum laude, 60 magna cum laude, and 16 summa cum laude.

"In your life, may the Gospel be an action word," Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president, charged the graduates. "Go. Be the most competent, the most dedicated, the most compassionate servant for our Church, for our country, and for the world."





## **AUP Forwards Legacy Through Alumni Banquet**



ongratulations and welcome to the AUP national ◆alumni family," the Adventist University of the Philippines alumni association president, Dr. Joyosthie Orbe, remarked during the Alumni Banquet and Seniors' Soiree on May 25, 2023. She added, "This alumni homebased chapter is not just an association to attach to but a family to belong to and where your roots matter." The welcome to alumni, anchored in the University's core values, was further emphasized by Dr. Orbe. She encouraged them to "excel in knowledge." She also emphasized the importance of choosing righteousness in ways of living: "To be like Christ, one must choose for righteousness." Furthermore, she urged the alumni to "serve [their] best and exemplify obedience at home, work, and even play." Dr. Orbe also advised that the alumni must take responsibility to pass it forward, representing not just themselves but AUP and the great God of AUP in their

thoughts, words, and actions.

The AUP president, Dr. Arceli Rosario, delivered the charge to the alumni. Furthermore, Mr. Oemer Rey Daquila, AUP Advancement Director, introduced the Donor Appreciation Program. Additionally, professors from all the colleges presented the alumni pins to the Graduating Class of 2023.



The rustic-Tuscany-

themed banquet held at the University gym and attended by the AUP faculty and staff, the graduating class, and the alumni-created an atmosphere of nostalgia and new memories. The evening featured presentations by various colleges and exciting raffle prizes.



## AUPE Celebrates 29th Kindergarten Moving-up Exercises and Recognition Day

by Meriam Torres

The Adventist University of the Philippines Elementary celebrated the 29th Kindergarten Moving-up Exercises and Recognition Day on May 16, 2023, at the University gymnasium.

The Sunbeam Ukelele Ensemble of the Philippine International Church welcomed the attendees through a musical rendition. A message from Dr. Leni Casimiro, Education Department chair of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, followed. She focused on highlighting the pupils' achievements at home and school, while also learning how to become successful servants of Jesus.

From learning the alphabet and numbers to developing social, emotional, and spiritual skills, 29 kindergarteners completed their first year of formal education. Among the completers, four were from the online modality students and 25 students from the face-to-face modality. They were presented by Mrs. Meriam Torres and Mrs. Maricel Ramirez, kindergarten teachers and affirmed by Dr. Levy Fajanilan, the AUPE principal.

In addition, the ceremony recognized the achievements of the elementary pupils, in-person and hybrid platforms, from Grade 1 to Grade 6. A total of 204 pupils were awarded. Among the awardees, 86 were with honors, 106 were with high honors, and 12 were with highest honors.

"It is a moment of joy for us. With delighted hearts, we receive their certificates and medals, applauding their efforts. And we give the highest honor and glory to God, who is the ultimate source of knowledge and talents," a parent shared. "The AUPE 29th Moving-up and Recognition signals the pupils' pursuit of excellence," one teacher commented. "This event allows young learners to look back on their journey,

evaluate their progress, and set new goals for the future. To God be the glory!"



### **AUPE Holds 77th Graduation Exercises**

by January Lucero

The Adventist University of the Philippines Elementary held its 77th Graduation Exercises at the Philippine International Church on May 18, 2023. Fifty-two candidates finished their elementary education as conferred by the AUP president, Dr. Arceli Rosario.

*Balligi*, an Ilocano word that means victorious or triumphant, was the chosen batch name for Class of 2023.

In line with this, Dr. Bienvenido Mergal, the education director of the Southern-Asia Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, delivered a message inspired by Paul's writings expressing gratitude to God for granting victory through Jesus Christ. He encouraged the attendees to remain steadfast, unyielding, and dedicated to excelling in their work for the Lord. Furthermore, Dr. Weamerson Estrada, the vice president of the AUP Alumni Association, welcomed the graduates into the association. The class treasurer presented the class gift, which was a sound system. Lastly, Mrs. Ardelma Sarmiento, the

principal of the AUP Academy, extended a warm welcome to the graduates to the Academy.

Deiren Rej Pajarito, president of Class Balligi, in her farewell address, recalled the challenges their batch







had overcome through the years. "May we all come out victorious in life," she offered this prayer to her classmates. The event was concluded by the singing of the graduation song, "We are Victorious," composed by Ella Louise Berto, a member of Class Balligi.

## **AUPA Graduates Hirang Batch of 2023**

he Adventist University of the Philippines Academy Senior High School graduation was held on May 21, 2023. The class name, *Hirang*, is a Tagalog word that means chosen. The batch emerged victorious as Mrs. Ardelma V. Sarmiento, Academy principal, presented 146 graduands to Dr. Arceli Rosario, the University president. Ms. Zandra Riano, the Academy registrar, called the names of the graduates by strands. The graduates came up the stage with their parents to receive their diplomas. The distribution of diplomas was assisted by the class advisers Mr. Epifanio Balmores, Dr. Michelle Dulay, Mr. Rustom Barredo, Mrs. Aiza Ramirez, and Ms. Erjelyn Dela Cruz. Among the graduates, 26 belonged to the General Academic Strand (GAS), 28 to the Accountancy, Business, Management (ABM), and 92 to the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

After the distribution of diplomas, Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, AUP vice president for academics, welcomed the new graduates. She showed the AUP experience video presentation and the programs offered by the University. Subsequently, the batch president, Alea Gale Cadao, gave her farewell address. She encouraged her batchmates not to forget the "feeling of being here . . . that God chose us to be here."

Atty. Alston Kevin Anarna, the honorable mayor of Silang, graced the event and inspired the graduates to know God's plan for their lives. "Everything has a purpose. God has a purpose for you."







## 5IRF Centers on Innovative Discoveries for Community Development

The 5th International Research Forum (5IRF) was held on April 20, 2023, with 247 researchers and 95 parallel presentations in Allied Health, Business, Education.

Humanities, and Science and Technology. The researchers were graduate and undergraduate students from 21 institutions in the Philippines and Southeast Asia. The research presentations centered on the theme "Optimizing Innovative Discoveries for Community Development." The keynote speakers were Dr. Lisa Roberts, research director and School of Nursing professor of Loma Linda University, USA; Dr. Richard Nelson, vice president for academics of the Adventist

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International Institute of Advanced Studies, Silang, Cavite; and Dr. Marilou Lucas, Professor IV, College of Business, Economics, and Accountancy, and community extension director of Mariano Marcos State University, Batac, Ilocos Norte. At the end of the event, the overall evaluation was *Very Good* in all assessed areas.

The whole-day event was under the collaborative direction of the Executive Committee, the Research Council, the Editorial Board, and the Steering Committee of the Conference led by the Executive Committee chair, Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, VP Academics; the Conference, Editorial Board, and Steering Committee chair, Dr. Jolly Ballila, research director; vice conference chair, Dr. Vicky Mergal, assistant vice president for academics and director of Centre for Graduate Studies; with members: Dr. Nancy

Oblimar, editor; Dr. Beryl Mergal and Dr. Rowena Imelda Ramos, research consultants; Karl Jeko Anda, IT support staff, and Vergel Neil Galang, layout artist.

The organizers wish to thank all the research presenters, the morning and afternoon session chairs, and the participants of the plenary sessions led by Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president, Dr. Leonardo Dorado, Pastor Cerelito Cadao, Dr. Susy Jael, Dr. Miriam Estrada, Dr. Doris Mendoza, Pastor Lani Esteves, Dr. Felixian

Felicitas, Dr. Edwin Balil, Pastor Ryan Martinez; the Music Society of Nurses, and Mu Gamma Chi; and the dedicated administrative assistants and secretaries of the offices of the Vice President for Academics, the Centre for Graduate Studies, and the Research Center for the success of the 5IRF.

#### Academic and Student Services Personnel Brave Fire and Earthquake Drills

A fire and earthquake safety awareness seminar and a fire drill were conducted for the academic and student services personnel on Friday, April 28 from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 n.n. at the Finster Hall for the lectures and in open spaces on campus such as the Administration Parking Area for the demonstrations. The date was approved by

the AUP Academic Council and attested by Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, vice president for academics, in coordination with the Occupational Safety and Health officer, Mrs. Natividad Estapon. The speaker of the event was Pastor Felixian Felicitas, dean of the College of Theology. The academic faculty and staff were mandated to attend the seminar and experience the demonstration drills such as "dock, cover, and hold," the use of fire extinguishers, and

the proper procedures for putting out a fire from a gas tank, among others.

The office primary responsible for the conduct of the exercises on campus is the Public Safety Department headed by Mr. Moises Acquioben under the Occupational Safety and Health programs of the University that supervises all drills and facilitates coordination with the Bureau of Fire Protection. More fire drills are scheduled in the coming months.



#### AUP and Batangas Medical Center Renew Contract for Another 2 Years

The Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) and Batangas Medical Center (BatMC) recently solidified their partnership through the renewal of a training contract. The signing ceremony took place on May 9, 2023 and marked the continuation of their collaboration for the next 2 years. Since its establishment in 2016, BatMC has served as the University's primary base training hospital.

The BatMC team, consisting of Dr. Ramoncito Magnaye, the Medical Center chief; Dr. Maritess Teresita Torio, head of Clinics; Dr. Teresita Risalyn Villanueva, head of PETRO; and Mrs. Josie Manalo, the head of Finance; participated in the signing event. Representing the AUP team were Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, vice president for academics; Dr. Doris Mendoza, dean of the College of Medicine (COM); Mr. Oemer Rey Daquila, advancement director; Dr. Elmer Mendoza, coordinator for BatMC; and Dr. Serge Aclan, faculty of COM.

The collaboration between BatMC and AUP serves as a vital component of the medical education at the University and provides students with valuable practical experience and exposure to the real-world medical scenarios. This renewed contract reaffirms the commitment of both institutions to foster excellence in medical training and healthcare delivery.

Both institutions are dedicated to upholding their commitment to excellence, research, and community





outreach, with the aim of cultivating well-rounded physician missionaries. Dr. Magnaye expressed his appreciation to AUP for choosing BatMC as its partner before their hospital became well-known to the public. He also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to AUP for trusting BatMC as its partner through the years.

## AUP Seals Partnership with GATE of the Republic of Korea

by Maureen Mariñas

The administrators of the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Guide Assist Training Education (GATE) of Seoul, Republic of Korea represented by Hyunsu Ha, secretary general of GATE, and Pastor Ahn Shik Kim, AUP Korean Church Senior Pastor for the Medical Missionary Movement. The MOU aims to prepare at least 20 medical missionaries from the Republic of

Korea and other parts of the world who will be enrolled in the University beginning the academic year 2023-2024.

While pursuing any of the medical and medical-related academic programs the University offers, the students will undergo training as medical missionaries provided by GATE at the AUP Korean Church during their free time. After graduation, the students will serve as medical missionaries. The MOU signing took place on April 11, 2023, to seal and commence the partnership of AUP and GATE.





## Development Projects on Campus

The University has recently completed several projects—a footpath; repair of the Alumni Volunteers quarters; renovations of the choir loft, balcony, and comfort rooms of the Philippine International Church; and a basketball court.



The footpath from the Central Parking to the cafeteria was constructed to prevent accidents, especially during rush hours because, without the footpath, pedestrians used the road. The footpath, which is 108 meters long and 1.5 meters wide, cost P235,000. It will be lit by solar streetlights, which are donated by the Paglaum Batch 2023 at a cost of P140,000, and will be installed during this inter-semester.



The repairs of the Alumni Volunteers quarters included the replacement of the roof, ceiling eaves, and balcony railings; and repainting. The facility suffered some damage from ash fall during the Taal Volcano eruption in January 2020. The cost of the repairs amounted to P421,753.





The choir loft, the balcony, and the comfort rooms of the Philippine International Church underwent renovations in May 2023. The renovations were initiated by the Church Board under the leadership of Pastor Lani Esteves, the PIC senior pastor. Total cost of the renovations was P598,290.84.



The basketball court, situated at the Students' Park, was donated by three alumni batches: Erudite, Aurora, and Virtus. It was initiated by the Virtus Class of 2021. The project faced delays due to funding constraints and the impact of the pandemic. However, the Central Student Council 2022-2023, headed by Martina Nicole Valencia, together with the Paglaum Batch 2023, revived the dream. The first phase, which is the concrete slab measuring 18 meters wide and 30 meters long, was finished at the end of May with a cost of P931,464. The second phase, which includes the basketball rings and the line paints, is yet to be completed.

#### Tugade Shines at 2023 Asian Equipped Powerlifting Championship

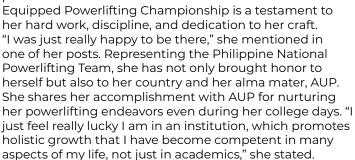


am thankful this institution helped me grow into a better student, athlete, and Christian," Charlene Tugade, an AUP graduate student, expressed after her recent win in the Asian Equipped Powerlifting Championship held from May 1-May 6 in Alappuzha, India.

Charlene Tugade is a notable member of the Philippine National Powerlifting Team, while pursuing her master's degree in psychology major in counseling psychology at the University's Center for Graduate Studies. She displayed exceptional strength and determination at the recently concluded 2023 Asian Equipped Powerlifting Championship in India. Tugade's remarkable performance

in the 84+ kgs category earned her a well-deserved place on the podium, with a total of four medals. Tugade emerged with an impressive silver medal in the total lift category, with a remarkable 415kg lift; a silver medal with a 177.5kg lift; a bronze medal in the bench category with a 75kg lift; and a bronze medal in the squat of a 162.5kg lift.

Tugade's outstanding performance at the 2023 Asian



She is currently writing a thesis entitled, Strength in Struggle: The Lived Experiences of Employed Female Powerlifters. "I feel blessed I chose AUP as my undergrad and MA degree university because AUP and the friends I have made in the institution have inspired me to deepen my relationship with God," she concluded.



## COM Inducts Leaders Into Office

The College of Medicine inducted into office 11 officers of the Executive Board Student Council and 61 officers of the Legislative Board Student Council, Academic Organization, AUP Medicine Music Society, AUP Medical Arts Society, Healer's Voice, Medical Evangelists Dedicated for Service, Medical Missionaries for Social Responsibilities, and Gideons on May 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Atrium Hall of the COM building. The event's theme, "Together with the Master," was expounded by Pastor Timothy Saxton, the regional director of Adventist World Radio. One highlight of the program was the officers' oath-taking, led by Dr. Doris Mendoza, the founding and current dean of COM.



#### AUPA Celebrates Ciel Stellaire: Academy SHS with Alumni Banquet

The Adventist University of the Philippines Academy came together at the University gymnasium on May 9 to celebrate the Ciel Stellaire-themed Senior High School with Alumni Banquet. The event was held to formally acknowledge the profound influence and impact of the senior high students, especially the virtue awardees, who served as inspirations to their younger schoolmates.

The banquet's theme, "Ciel Stellaire," meaning stellar sky in English, was chosen as a poignant reminder of the beauty and grandeur of God's creation. It emphasized the majesty and greatness of God, Creator of the heavens and the earth. As the attendees gathered to celebrate their accomplishments and cherish memories, the focus shifted toward expressing gratitude for the wonders of God's works. They were encouraged to reflect upon God's grace and faithfulness and acknowledged His profound involvement in their lives.

The evening featured the recognition of exceptional alumni who had achieved remarkable accomplishments. Dr. Kevin Base, a member of AUPA Batch 2012, received recognition for being the 4th topnotcher in the 2023 Physicians Licensure Exam. Another notable alumnus, David Agustin from AUPA Batch 2019, was recognized for his international awards in video making.



## **COE Hosts a Thanksgiving Banquet**

The College of Education hosted a Graduate Thanksgiving Banquet on Saturday night, May 27, 2023, to honor its graduands. The evening was dedicated to recognizing the achievements of the 90 COE graduating students.

Among the graduands, 29 were from the undergraduate level, all of whom were Filipinos, while 61 were from the graduate level. Of the 29 undergraduate graduands, 10 pursued a Bachelor of Physical Education, 9 specialized in Bachelor of Secondary Education with a major in English, and 1 majored in Science. Additionally, 4 students earned a Bachelor of Special Needs Education, 4 in Bachelor of

Elementary Education, and 1 in Bachelor of Early Childhood Education. In the graduate program, 48 graduands were from Indonesia, 9 were from the Philippines, 3 were from China, and 1 was from Myanmar, totaling 61 graduands. Among them, 58 obtained a master's Arts program, while 3 a doctoral program. Notably, Dean's Awards were presented, accompanied by special certificates.



The event, which centered around the theme of gratitude, was honored by the presence of Dr. Arceli Rosario, the AUP president, who served as the keynote speaker. Additionally, testimonies were shared by Mr. Brandes Lasut from the graduate level and Ms. Jean Tabuclin from the undergraduate level.



#### **WSA Hosts Banquet of** Reminiscence

by Carmelitte Rioveros

he Working Student Association (WSA) hosted a banguet on May 15 at Finster Hall with the theme "Reminiscence."

Sixty-two students were awarded for their outstanding work and academic achievements in each department. Gerald Macatol, WSA president, was honored with a leadership award for his unwavering support to the group. During the event, Macatol delivered a heartfelt message of thanksgiving and encouragement to the WSA.



Mr. Emer Rumarate, the WSA adviser, expressed gratitude for the efforts of the student volunteers and officers. He emphasized their contribution to the event's success. The

organization celebrated God's goodness and the achievements of the work scholars.





#### **CON Batch Elioenai Holds Its** Social-Spiritual Retreat by Oselle Grace Orbe

In celebration and culmination of the semester's achievements, the College of Nursing Batch ELIOENAI 2024 had their social-spiritual retreat in AUP and Woodside Farm and Waterpark, Casile on May 11-13, 2023. With the theme, "YUGTO: You & God Together," they reminisced experiences with fellow student nurses and God who guided their journey throughout the semester.

To meet the social aspect, the officers organized funfilled team-building activities such as amazing race, water activities, team cheering, relays, and talent shows. They ended the first day with a heartful evening of worship. Jonas Ranas, College of Theology student, blessed Batch Elioenai with a powerful message. He



underscored that "we are all mortals that need an Omnipotent God."

One of the highlights was the appreciation for each other through the giving of letters.

To culminate the twoday retreat, Elioenai celebrated the Sabbath together. They shared

testimonies and received another blessed message from Jonas Ranas. Batch Elioenai was then dedicated to the Lord by CON chaplain, Pastor Ryan Martinez. With thanksgiving and dedication, the student nurses sang

their batch song, ELIOENAI. The song says, "We pray, as Elioenai, unto God, are our eyes." Batch Elioenai set their eyes on God as they continue to write another YUGTO of their book with God.





### Kisapmata Captures Fleeting Stories

by Dorie Salibio

The Tradigital Fine Arts Photojournalism class, with the theme *Kisapmata*, exhibited the magic of photography on May 2, 2023, at the Tradigital Fine Arts Gallery of JLDM Library. The students illustrated stories through five images, that aimed at relating their photographs anchored on sustainable development goals.

It featured the works of several tradigital artists: Fadriquela, Politon, Tigor, Dela Cruz, Empleo, Jalando-on, Galeon, Ocampo, and Tumaneng, who challenged the traditional boundaries of photography and pushed the medium to reflect on the fleeting moments of life that were often left unnoticed. The use of both traditional and digital techniques in the artworks created a distinctive visual experience that left a lasting impression on the viewers. The artists' styles varied widely, creating a diverse collection of works.

One captivating photo exhibit curated by the prodigy, Ms. Ocampo, radiated a poignant light on the topic of poverty. "Poverty is a common problem in the world. For a long part of my life, ever since I was a little girl, I have seen poverty. I chose this topic because it is a prevalent problem, and I am spreading more awareness of it. Children are the victims of poverty."

The well-lit gallery provided an ideal setting to showcase the intricate and thought-provoking artworks, which displayed the diverse approaches of the artists. The theme

Kisapmata was explored through a range of photographic styles, including portraiture, landscapes, and still life.





## **AUP Faculty and Staff, and Students Receive Lifestyle Insights**

Through the leadership of the Occupational Health and Safety Office director, Natividad Estapon and the Health Ministries Department leader of the Philippine International Church, Jacqueline Polancos, faculty and staff, and students received lifestyle insights from Pastor Jim Brackett, director of Live Better Seminars on May 12-13, 2023. Pastor Jim and his wife Neva are from Eastern Washington State, USA.



The health lifestyle seminar focused on lifestyle-related diseases and issues such as diabetes, heart attack, and cancer. Other topics were, "You Need to Avoid Carbs, Right? Wrong!" and "Protein: Now You Need It,



Now You Don't." Paster Brackett emphasized that any kind of processed oil is among the culprits that have to be avoided. The seminar ended with a commitment service officiated by Dr. Julio Amurao leading participants to a decision to live a healthy lifestyle from then on.



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# AUP-PIC Trailblazers Pathfinder Club Invests 46 Master Guides of Sulong Batch 2023

by Shaina Jessa Bondad

The AUP-PIC Trailblazers Pathfinder Club presented and invested the Sulong Batch 2023 on May 10. The ceremony took place at the Philippine International Church, where 46 new master guides were officially recognized and prepared for their service.

"Remember, when storms come, God wants us to mature and grow spiritually. The storms serve as reminders for us to depend on God, our Creator, our Provider, our Sustainer," emphasized MG Anukul Ritchil, Southern Asia-Pacific Division Pathfinder coordinator and guest speaker. He highlighted the leadership entrusted to the master guide trainees. He left a reminder that "every trial is a teacher; every storm is a school; every experience is an education; and every difficulty is for the development of the master guide trainees."

During the skills demonstration, MGT Jovel Baui showcased impressive skills by successfully tying 20 knots while being blindfolded. Additionally, MGT Jovelyn Mengote captivated the audience with her narration of the story of Samuel for the Christian Storytelling segment. The donning of the neckerchief and pinning of Insignia followed, serving as the highlight of the ceremony.

These young leaders are prepared to serve the church and community on a broader and deeper level. True to their batch name, "Sulong," which means advance, they are determined to carry forward the message of God as the Great Master Guide.









#### **Educators From COE Pass LEPT**

Tourteen graduates of the College of Education passed the March 2023 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers. The board results were released on May 19, 2023. AUP earned a passing rate of 100% for Elementary Education and 72.73% for Secondary Education, against the national passing rate of 46.94% for Elementary Education and 40.76% for Secondary Education.

Among the 14, eight were from the Bachelor of Elementary Education: Diana Flores from Early Childhood Education; Arjane Libot, Jerah Mae Mapute, and Ma. Bernardita Salo from the Bachelor of Elementary Education; Linedelle Joy Babar, Criselle Bolisay, Elda Sorillo, and Almira Vargas from the Bachelor of Special Needs Education; and six from the Bachelor of Secondary Education: Aaron Contemplacion, Kien Gerill Liwanagan, and Waren Christopher Panuncio--MAPEH; John Homer Salvo and Ma. Roselyn Valles--Science; and Gizelle Castardo--English.

"Deep in my heart, I believe that I am meant to be in the teaching ministry," Diana Flores shared. "The school's holistic approach to education, combining academic rigor with spiritual development, helped me maintain a balanced perspective and reinforced my belief in God. With God's grace, hard work, and dedication, I can overcome any obstacle and succeed in my endeavors," she testified.

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