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63 Graduates Celebrate 5th COM Commencement Exercises

The AUP College of Medicine celebrated its 5th commencement exercises with 63 graduates from Sinagtala Class of 2023, the largest number of graduates ever for the College, on June 23-25, 2023.

"You are ready to arise and shine," Pastor Jose Manalo, the AUP Alumni of Western North America president, conveyed. He also challenged the graduates to take Jesus Christ as the Light of their life in this dark world.

During the baccalaureate service, Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president, shared the characteristics of a star physician and how star physicians should shine—shine with joy, love, faith, and courage. "You are a star physician. Keep on shining," Dr. Rosario remarked.

For the tribute to parents, faculty and staff, Pastor Abdul Rajagukguk, Adventist Medical Center-Manila marketing, public relations, and

philanthropic services director, inspired the graduates to "have a fruitful mission."

During the commencement service, Dr. Zeno Charles-Marcel, General Conference Health Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church associate director, encouraged the graduates to reflect God's light not only in the medical practice but also in every aspect of their life.

Awarding of diplomas and investiture of academic hoods was done by Dr. Doris Mendoza, AUP College of Medicine founding and current dean; Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president; and Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, vice president for academics. Seven received Latin awards (*cum laude*), namely Jeanmuelle Desiree Kae Balintongog, Aldwin Ivan Bandiola, Yaro Caracas, Kim Gutierrez, Amiel Lorenzo, Magela Ainah Mallari, and Nina Kathlyn Valmocena. Dean's Award were received by Matt Elton Arit and Myles Rosario.

For the Most Outstanding Clinical Clerks Awards, Dr. Teresita Risalyn Villanueva, head training officer of Batangas Medical Center, presented 10 awards for clerkship at Batangas Medical Center, namely: Marc Philip Ocoma (2 awards), Lois Kyle Zabat, Kathleen Jhoanne Martinez, Kim Gutierrez, Matt Elton Arit, Mariell Bernadette Archeta, Amiel Lorenzo,



Alecs Krizel Andaya, and Vanessa Francisco; while Dr. Linda Varona, clinical clerkship coordinator of the Adventist Medical Center Manila, presented awards to Aldwin Ivan Bandiola, Myles Rosario, Lara Mae Navea, and Lois Kyle Zabat. Two received the Overall Most Outstanding Clinical Clerks Award, namely Loise Kyle Zabat and Marc Philip Ocoma. The six Loma Linda University clinical clerkship rotators were given recognition, namely: Jeanmuelle Desiree Kae Balintongog, Daryka Feb Ejercitado, Ingrid Idyll Tornalejo, Matt Elton Arit, Yaro Caracas, and Kim Guterrez.

Furthermore, Aldwin Ivan Bandiola and Lois Kyle Zabat were honored as among the 2023 Ten Most Outstanding Medical Students in the Philippines, regional and national categories, respectively. Marc Philip Ocoma and Myles Rosario received individually the Physician-Missionary Award; Lois Kyle Zabat received the Outstanding Leadership Award; and finally, the Most Outstanding Medical Student's Award, also known as the Most Distinguished ACE (academic excellence, Christlike character, and exemplary service) Award was given to Jeanmuelle Desiree Kae Balintongog, the Sinagtala Class valedictorian and class president.



AUP Enrollment Increases by 9% in Inter-semester 2023

Enrollment figures for the Inter-semester 2023 at the Adventist University of the Philippines had a 9% increase compared with the previous year, with a total of 1,846 officially enrolled undergraduate students.

Six out of eight colleges that offer undergraduate programs experienced an increase in enrollment. The College of Dentistry took the lead with a 30% increase in enrolment after welcoming a total of 241 students. Other colleges that noted an enrollment increase of 9%, 3%, 18%, 15%, and 7% respectively are the College of Business (289), College of Health (443), College of Nursing (441), College of Science and Technology (77), and College of Theology (29).



Congratulations TO OUR NEW CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS



ANILLO, MELIZ JOY L.

CPA



FERRERA, CHARMINE F.

CPA



FORNOLES, MERELLE ROSE F.

CPA



GHISELLINI, GABRIELE M.

CPA



MANIQUIS, RONNA MIA P.

CPA



PARAGAS, AIRA RUZZELLE L.

CPA



PARCON, PEARLEN ZIA A.

CPA



SORIANO, APRIL MAE V.

CPA

MAY 2023 CPA LICENSURE EXAMINATION

72.73%

AUP PASSING RATE

30.35%

NATIONAL PASSING RATE



Adventist University of the Philippines
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

*To God
be the
Glory!*

AUP Passes CPALE 2023

Eight accountancy graduates from the Adventist University of the Philippines-College of Business passed the recent Certified Public Accountant Licensure Examination held last May 2023. The University achieved a 72.73% overall passing rate against the 30.35% national passing rate.

The new Certified Public Accountants are Anillo, Meliz Joy; Ferrera, Charmaine; Fornoles, Merelle Rose; Ghisellini, Gabriele; Maniquis, Ronna Mia; Paragas, Aira Ruzzelle; Parcon, Pearlen Zia; and Soriano, April Mae.

Some of them testified about the significance of their field. "For me, a CPA means being a guardian of public interest," Aira Ruzzelle Paragas, testified. "In this world of unfairness and corruption, I would like to shed light on integrity. I want to start my ministry in this field. I may not do much as a newbie in this profession, but I want to do everything possible to help God's plan," Paragas continued.

Ronna Mia Maniquis, another CPALE passer also shared her thoughts on what it means to become a CPA. "It is a realization that I have a greater responsibility to fulfill and now I am excited about what I can do and learn in the profession."



Congratulations

to our new **REGISTERED NURSES**

MAY 2023 NURSE LICENSURE EXAMINATION

98.25%
AUP PASSING RATE
FOR 1st TAKERS

74.93%
NATIONAL
PASSING RATE

RANK #6
AMONG THE
TOP PERFORMING SCHOOLS
IN THE PHILIPPINES



**NOVEMBER 2022
NURSE LICENSURE
EXAMINATION**

100%
AUP PASSING RATE
FOR 1st TAKERS

74.40%
NATIONAL
PASSING RATE



Adventist University of the Philippines
COLLEGE OF NURSING

To God be the glory!

AUP CON Ranks 6 in NLE

The Adventist University of the Philippines-College of Nursing placed 6th among the top performing schools in the Philippines with a 97.01% overall performance against the 74.93% national passing rate during the May 2023 Nurse Licensure Examination released on Jun 10, 2023.

Among the 67 takers, 65 passed which resulted in a 98.25% passing rate for first-time takers. In gratitude for this accomplishment, some of the newly registered nurses shared their testimonies how passing the exam impacted them. "It was God all along," Roanne May Garlitos remarked as she shared how God led her to nursing. She experienced anxiety attacks and feared the unknown but "God's plan took over." She also mentioned the support of her CON family and AUP from the beginning. She concluded her testimony with an encouragement to "dream with God."

Savina Thalitha Cumi Ferry shared how the road to success came with fear and uncertainty, but God revealed His plans to her. "All I can share is that God never fails me

and has always shown me the light, even in my darkest days. The God who helped me survive my college days is the same God who helped me pass the board exam," she testified.

Indeed, the journey brought changes the nurses' life. "We praise God for everything He has done for us," Harvey Bermudez expressed how grateful this milestone in his career brought him closer to God. He wished to continue to strengthen his spiritual journey and relationship with God "beyond the NLE and unto our mission fields in the nursing career."

Hector Emmanuel Gayares imparted two key points about the board exam: faith and perseverance. "Faith, because no amount of studying will ever prepare you for all the questions you will face. That's just how broad the exam is. Therefore, a faith that God will supply knowledge is important. Imagine 500 questions from the different areas of nursing practice. It is physically impossible to study for it all. Perseverance, because again faith without work is dead," he concluded.

COLLEGE OF NURSING
ELISEO M. BAUTISTA, MD.
Memorial Building

NPUC Youth Congress 2023: Young Adventists Gather at AUP to Grow Spiritually

Young Adventists from different backgrounds and from various parts of the northern Philippines convened at the Adventist University of the Philippines on June 14-17, 2023 for the Northern Philippine Union Conference-Wide Youth Congress.

At the opening ceremony held at the Philippine International Church on June 14, Pastor Julio Amurao, AUP vice president for Student Services, welcomed the delegates.

Pastor Busi Khumalo, youth director of the General Conference; Pastor Ron Genebago, youth director of



the Southern Asia-Pacific Division; Sir Anukul Ritchil, pathfinder coordinator of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division; Atty. Harlin Abayon, legal adviser of the Northern Philippine Union Conference; and Atty. Gizelle Fugoso, legal adviser of the Northern Philippine Union Conference and professor of the AUP College of Business, were the guest speakers at the Congress.

AUP Inaugurates New X-ray and Ultrasound Machines for the Health Service Department

The Health Service Department acquired and inaugurated new X-ray and ultrasound machines on June 27, 2023.

Taking part in the ribbon cutting were Dr. Prudencio Sta. Lucia, AUP Health Service medical director; Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president; Dr. Robert Borromeo, vice president for finance; and Dr. Julio Amurao, vice president for student services.

Dr. George Abarro, AUP Health Service radiologist, explained that the newly-acquired Shimadzu direct radiology filmless X-ray and ultrasound machines “will help doctors manage and correlate with other ancillary procedures [which] would be a great adjunct with the initial diagnosis for proper management and treatment of patients.” He added that “this technology will hasten the interpretation of X-ray images and through teleradiology, results will be presented faster.”

These two machines are part of realizing the University's “dream of [having] a teaching hospital.” As part of its mission to provide whole-person care and healing, “this purchase is in line with the dream,” Dr. Rosario pointed out.



COD Holds Virtual Clinical Conference

The Adventist University of the Philippines-College of Dentistry held a virtual clinical conference on June 22, 2023. One hundred nine attendees composed of 86 clinicians, 12 residents, 8 clinical instructors, and 3 alumni participated in the conference.

All three resource speakers came from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. Dr. Anupama Grandhi, Dental Practice faculty and Dr. Alan Herford, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery department professor and chairman gave a combined lecture on Oral Pathology and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery. Afterwards, Faculty Dental Practice and Practitioner Wellness was

discussed by Dr. Jessica Kim, Dental Practice faculty in the Center for Dentistry and Orthodontics.



AUP DevCom and ADRA Strengthen Partnership

by Ivy Cleana Ruales

The AUP DevCom team looks forward to further involvement in ADRA's projects," Dr. Juvy Lou Bhattraï expressed as the Adventist University of the Philippines-Development Communication (DevCom) Department solidified its partnership with the Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA), a non-profit humanitarian and development organization on June 15, 2023.

Under the 2018 Memorandum of Agreement, the Department annually sends students to the agency for an internship, immersing them in humanitarian projects and activities around the country. This year, Ms. Shantelle Villapez, ADRA marketing officer; Dr. Bhattraï, DevCom Department chair; and the DevCom students discussed projects that will strengthen their partnership.

"This partnership provides development assistance to the right communities at the right time," Dr. Bhattraï stated. She added that the partnership facilitated change at the grassroots level wherein the Department, "create content based on the information needs of a community. ADRA is the ideal organization for our students to hone their skills and gain valuable insight." The Department hoped to send students in partnership with ADRA's project.

This year, ADRA promised more field experiences to the current and future interns of DevCom. "Together, with DevCom, we can bring our messages out and not just any kind but messages that foster justice, compassion, and love to masses and through this, ultimately create

ripples of change in the Philippines," Ms. Shantelle Villapez, ADRA marketing officer expressed. She believed that "one powerful way to send this across the whole world is through the skills and talents that DevCom students have, which AUP has been nurturing."

Villapez inspired the students to experience "the real world of humanitarian and development through ADRA Philippines. Look forward to learning outside the classroom and touching people's lives."



Con Corda String Ensemble and Mu Gamma Chi Lead Workshops and Concerts in Malaysia

The Music Department of the College of Arts and Humanities recently embarked on a music promotional tour in Malaysia from June 14-20, 2023. The tour, spearheaded by Mrs. Sheryl Ann de Dios, chair of the Music Department, was participated by 24 music majors and four faculty members.

The group visited Goshen Adventist Secondary School in Kota Marudu, Malaysia and Sabah Adventist Secondary School in Tamparuli, Sabah. As part of their promotion, they held concerts and led workshops on violin and choir at the Sabah Adventist Secondary School.

In addition to school visits, the group also held a series of concerts in Mangcupa Adventist Church, Goshen Adventist Church, Tagas Adventist Church, Damai Adventist Church, and Pangasaan Adventist Church.



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