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AUP Hosts AWESNA 53rd Alumni Convention

The Adventist University of the Philippines hosted the 53rd PUC-AUP Alumni of Western North America (AWESNA) Annual Convention with the theme “Carpe Diem” from June 30-July 4, 2023. This event stood as a testament to the Association’s enduring devotion to God and their unwavering commitment to support the University.

House of Delegates

On the 30th of June, the House of Delegates meet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City. Esteemed alumni leaders, the Board of Trustees, and the University administrators gathered for a discussion chaired by Pastor Jose Manalo, Sr., the AWESNA president. Among the Board of Trustees present were Pastor Gerardo Cajobe, NPUC president; Rabi Velasco, NPUC treasurer; Pastor Jose Zabat, Jr., NPUC executive secretary; Dr. Mary Jane Zabat, NPUC education director. Atty. Fugoso, the University in-house counsel; Engr. Lagariza, the facilities and development director; Maureen Marinas, the planning and institutional effectiveness administrative assistant; Dr. Mendoza, the COM dean, were also present.



The discussion, spearheaded by Dr. Rosario, revolved around the University’s priority projects. Significantly, it focused on the ongoing College of Arts and Humanities building and the plans for a teaching hospital.

Moreover, Engr. Lagariza, the facility and development

director, provided insights into the structural framework of these buildings. In response, the alumni delegates expressed their support to the University's endeavors.



Opening Ceremony

The convention officially opened in the vesper service at the Philippine International Church. Representing the 16 chapters of the Association, presidents and alumni march according to their regional affiliations: Alberta, Arizona, Cascadia, Glendale, Greater Central Valley California, Greater Los Angeles, Greater Northern California, Hawaii, Las Vegas, La Sierra, Loma Linda, Pacific Northwest, San Diego, San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley, and the Young Alumni chapters. Moreover, members from the Eastern North America Chapter Alumni Association and the National Chapter joined the ceremony.

"You are home. And we are very happy that you have chosen to come home," Dr. Rosario, AUP president, welcomed the alumni delegates. In response, Welmie Guerra, Loma Linda chapter president, expressed how great it was to be back home and "make the most of every opportunity with wisdom and grace as we convene together."

Guided by the theme, Pastor Manalo shared a message



on the nearness of God, urging all to seek His presence. "Come as you are. Come to Jesus Christ. He is waiting for you," he reassured.

Sabbath Services

On the 1st of July, Pastor Simeon Rosete, Jr., the AWESNA spiritual advisor, and speaker during the divine service, highlighted the importance of redeeming the time. He shared how one must value time by using it wisely for the glory of the Lord.

The worship services continued in the afternoon,



highlighting God's blessings to the University, shared through presidential reports. Pastor Jose Manalo, Sr., AWESNA president, reported on the committee elections and how the association had continually raised funds to complete the CAH building since its initiative in the year 2021. He also shared the chapter visitation plans for the longevity of AWESNA's legacy. He concluded the AWESNA report with an invitation to join the next alumni convention.

Emmanuel Dizon, PUC-AUP Academy Alumni president, reported their events and programs through an audio-visual presentation, such as the online alumni banquet last June 21-25, 2021. He also discussed plans for Academy Alumni Association, such as scholarship grants, menu-driven donations, and the aspiration to have their designated academy dormitory.



Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president, reported the University's accomplishments. First, she shared a glimpse of the university's history, the blessings received, and the University's achievements through its strategic goals. Then, she presented the major academic programs, innovations on the campus, and research involvements. The University's plans for 2023-2024 were also introduced.

Alumni Banquet

"To all of you who made the 53rd AWESNA Convention, your memories and efforts are etched in our hearts," Pastor Manalo remarked during the alumni banquet at the University gymnasium in the evening.

More than 500 alumni from various batches attended



the event to celebrate the moment. Honor classes were acknowledged, and the Class of 1993 rendered a performance that drew a resounding applause from the audience.



2023-0368, the building was dedicated to its major donor— Dr. Alfonso Miguel, Jr.

Dr. Alfonso Miguel, Jr. and his daughter, Dr. Carolyn Louser, thanked all who supported the CAH building. By faith, they looked forward to completing the CAH building amidst challenges. “Seize every opportunity that you have to make it happen,” Dr. Miguel, Jr. encouraged the audience to do what they could to help as supporters of AUP. To conclude his response, he assured the University that “AWESNA has always been there. We will have your continued support.”



One hundred seventy-five stakeholders witnessed the ceremony as Dr. Alfonso and Loida Miguel, Jr., donors; Pastor Jose Manalo, AWESNA president; Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president; Pastor Jose Zabat, Jr., NPUC president; and Dr. Eunice Aclan, CAH dean, did the ribbon cutting and unveiling of the plaque. The donors also have unveiled the signage installed on the top front of the building.



The event highlighted the presentation of gifts to the University from Pastor Jose Manalo, AWESNA president; Dr. Elmer Bangloy, Endowment Fund Committee chair; and Eppie Manalo, Fundraising Committee chair. The University administration received PhP2,875,147.30- PhP556,500.00 for the teaching hospital and PhP 2,318,647.30 for the College of Arts and Humanities building.

Notable alumni, namely Minnie Tamayo, Ramon Lijauco, Jr., and Annie Lee Ibarra, were awarded by the Association for exemplary service. Loma Linda Chapter received an award as the most active and supportive chapter.

CAH Naming Ceremony

The College of Arts and Humanities held its naming ceremony for its new building on July 2, 2023. The building was named “College of Arts and Humanities AWESNA-Dr. Alfonso P. Miguel Jr., M.D.”

Dr. Eunice Aclan, CAH dean, narrated the College’s history while Engr. Jessrel Lagariza reported the progress and future completion of the building.

By virtue of the Administrative Committee Action No.

Medical Missions

AWESNA and the University’s Community Extension Services conducted a series of medical missions. These activities below demonstrated a shared commitment to serve humanity’s diverse health needs:

- July 2 Surgical Services
- July 3 Medical and Dental Services
- July 4 Chiropractic Services

The surgical mission was conducted at the AUP Health Service Department. A total of 210 patients were served: cyst excision (39), cataract/pterygium screening (65), and



A total of 276 patients from the community were served, with the majority of patients coming from Cavite, including Puting Kahoy, Tartaria, Inchican, Carmen, Lumil, Balubad, Pasong Langka, San Francisco, Hoyo, Ulat, and San Miguel. Six patients from Laguna, specifically Canlubang, Santo Domingo, Mamatid, Banadero, and Balubad, also received medical attention. The 0-17 and 45-54 age ranges had the highest number of registrants, with 58 patients in each age group. Of the total patients, 189 were female, and 87 were male.

As for the chiropractic services, 74 patients received alignment treatment from Windell Pedreso, the chiropractor, and his team.



CES Visitation and WSA Luncheon

On the 4th of July, AWESNA continued to seize the moment by extending visitation to the University's community extension services in the neighboring barangays, specifically the "Bigasan" Livelihood Project.



A luncheon for the University work scholars and alumni was organized at Finster Hall of Nations, sponsored by the Canlas and Villanueva families. One hundred fifty working students received cash gifts sponsored by the Malagar family. Moreover, the scholars got freebies sponsored by the AWESNA San Gabriel Valley Chapter and the Advent Mission Foundation.



The 53rd AWESNA Convention demonstrated the spirit of shared mission, unity, and commitment. The alumni have continued to be a beacon of light, nurturing the legacy of academic excellence, Christlike character, and exemplary service.

circumcision (145). The surgical mission was supported by 44 medical volunteers from organizations such as the International College of Surgeons, VLuna Medical Doctors, AFP Medical Center Orthopedic Residents, AUP College of Medicine, and AUP Health Service.

The dental services were held at the College of Dentistry. Sixty-nine dental volunteers served 271 patients: 218 for dental extraction and 53 for oral prophylaxis.

The University gymnasium hosted the general medical services attended by 84 volunteers across 16 stations. The following services were administered by stations with corresponding volunteer designations:

- Registration and waiting areas - AWESNA and AUP volunteers
- Triage - Esther Malate and Ariel Pumarada
- Vital Signs - College of Nursing
- Body composition - AWESNA and Nutrition and Dietetics Department
- Laboratory Testing - Medical Laboratory Science Department
- Discharge Instructions - AWESNA and AUP Health Service Department
- Physician Consultation - Dr. Gabriel Lopez, Dr. Serafin Lalas, Dr. Maureen Teves, Dr. Sharon Ibañez, Dr. Lennie Teves, and Dr. Paula Caagbay
- Spiritual Care- Led by Pastor Manalo, the spiritual care pastors prayed for the patients.
- Physical wellness - Led by the Santiago-Francisco family

In the stations below, the patients were also given instructional demonstrations and lectures on how they could care for their bodies with medicines, vitamins, and kits to take home:

- Pharmacy - PUC-AUP Nursing Batch 1989
- Nutrition lecture and cooking demonstration - Nutrition and Dietetics students
- Hand hygiene - PUC-AUP Nursing Batch 1992.
- Oral and foot care - PUC-AUP Nursing Batch 1990



Being the first school that offered the medical technology program in the Philippines, the Adventist University of the Philippines-Medical Laboratory Science commemorated its 70th founding anniversary on July 3-8, 2023, with the theme, "Marveling at the Lord's Sustenance: Mighty @ 70."

Since Mrs. Willa Hilgert-Hedrick established the Medical Technology, now Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) program in the Philippines at the then-named Philippine Union College, now AUP, the MLS Department has attained remarkable accomplishments. The week-long celebration included exhibits of the Department's past and present accomplishments, bazaar-style food and shop booths, a fundraising concert, a medical mission, and a Sabbath thanksgiving ceremony.

Registered medical technologist Grachienne Banuag, Batch 2014, opened the celebration with a devotional program at the College of Medicine Alumni Hall-Lower Ground. Ms. Yanna Yvonne Macayan, the MLS Department chair, led the program while Dr. Miriam R. Estrada, the College of Health dean, cut the ribbon.



"All Belongs to Him," featuring the MLS Chorale and MLS Ensemble with other special guests, at the Finster Hall of Nations on the evening of July 6. A repertoire of religious and secular songs serenaded the audience. The concert raised Php 50,200. This amount will also aid graduating financially-challenged students of the Department.



John Almer Caagbay, a fresh graduate of the MLS department, described his experience as the leader of the benefit concert. "When I was told to lead the MLS Chorale for a benefit concert, I was met with a lot of concerns such as how we would get them to sing as a singular unit since most students come from varying choirs and non-choir singers, how we would conduct rehearsals since majority of these students are in the clinical division, and how we would rehearse in a span of 2 months," he shared. "I had my doubts, frustrations, and, of course, the growing pressure knowing this concert had to be nothing short of grand being a 70th-year anniversary event. And yet, the concert theme, "All Belongs to Him," reminded me that while this concert was under the MLS Department, it belonged to and was for God. Anything that is His and is offered to Him fully, He blesses, and He makes great for His glory."



From July 3-6, the MLS Department showcased old and new equipment used by the Department and the memorabilia gallery. They also opened a food bazaar and merchandise stall. The merchandise sale amounted to Php 118,179, which will be used to support MLS graduating students with financial setbacks.

"Indeed, the outpouring blessings of God has given [MLS] graduates opportunities to serve around the world carrying the mission. Our dearest alumni who shed light wherever God calls them have seen the miracles and wonders how Mighty our God is. Truly, He is our Great Provider," Mr. Kurt Gatus, an instructor and internship coordinator of the MLS Department, shared.

Another major event held was the benefit concert themed



A medical mission was organized on July 7, at the COM Alumni Hall-Lower Ground with 136 medical missionaries composed of MLS alumni and students. The medical mission aimed to check the health status of the residents of Sitio Muzon.

MLS 70th Anniversary Celebration Reflects on God's Sustenance



I can only marvel at how the Lord opened the way step by step as our faith increased and what was accomplished with so little in human and physical resources... Now I know that God's biddings are His enabling," emphasized Professor Benjamin Siapco Jr., an AUP Medtech alumnus and former faculty member of the University. He affirmed God's sustaining grace to the Medical Laboratory

Science Department in his message during the Sabbath worship services on July 8, 2023, at the Philippine International Church.



Aligned with the anniversary's theme, the Sabbath services centered around God's sustaining grace for the Department. During the Sabbath School program, three registered medical technologist (RMT) alumni shared their

stories of how the Lord had sustained them throughout the years.

Ivan Garcia, RMT Batch 2007, owner and chief medtech of Quarter Moon Clinical Laboratories, spoke about his experience and journey as a medtech student. He highlighted the pivotal role played by the exceptional AUP faculty in guiding students like him. Another esteemed alumna, Ritzel Joyce Gabat, RMT Batch 2018, a medtech at Adventist Medical Center, Bacolod, shared her profound belief in God's guidance that prepared her for her work. She asserted that "AUP is not just a quest for higher learning but a ground for selfless service." Lastly, Shadrach Federico Aldovino, RMT Batch 2016, appreciated their batch's unity and joy, celebrating their remarkable achievement of a 100 percent passing rate in the licensure exam. He encouraged everyone, "May we be willing in doing God's work."

Ms. Yanna Yvonne Macayan, chair of the MLS Department, acknowledged the medtech alumni and students by donning a pin symbolizing their renewed commitment to the values that have guided them for seven decades. "Let us celebrate this extraordinary milestone with thankfulness to God. May the legacy of our medtech education continue to inspire generations to come, and may we remain faithful to our mission until Jesus comes," she remarked.



Tabing-Ilog and Dahilig Roads Undergo Asphalt Overlay

The University administration, in collaboration with the Facilities Development Office, took the initiative to have the roads in Barangay Tabing-Ilog and Dahilig undergo an asphalt overlay on July 3, 2023. This was the second phase of the University's development of these roads.

The project extended from the rotonda at Roda's Park to House #159 on Tabing-Ilog's major roadways. Furthermore, it repaired Dahilig roads from the rotonda at Roda's Park to the University's water tank. The asphalt overlay including all house entrances and driveways,



covered a total area of 5,930 square meters with a total cost of P4,769,000.

COT Celebrates 1st Alumni Homecoming Symposium



Attended by 117 alumni, the Adventist University of the Philippines-College of Theology (COT) celebrated its first alumni homecoming with the theme, “Symposium on Leadership and Spirituality,” on June 30-July 2, 2023, at the Finster Hall of Nations.

During the symposium breakout sessions, which were held at the COT classrooms, Dr. Geoffrey Tio, Dr. Mel Baga, Dr. Ronald Yabut, and Mr. Bing Alabata, all COT alumni, served as resource speakers. In addition, the first officers of the AUP-COT Alumni Association, Philippine Chapter were elected to office on July 1. The elected COT alumni officers for 2023 are Pastor Restituto Bualoy, president; Atty. Chito Castillo, vice president; Dr. Maila Dizon, secretary; Pastor Jun Tayaben, treasurer; and Pastor Joel Sarmiento, Public Information officer. The ex-officio members are Pastor Lowel Domocmat, COT dean; Pastor Gerardo Cajobe, Northern Philippine Union Conference president; and Pastor Felixian Felicitas, Southern-Asia Pacific Division Mission Refocus director.

On the last day of the symposium, the College presented a certificate to Michael Jan Fuentes, grandson of Dr. Archibald Tupas, in recognition of the latter's leadership. The gesture was done to honor the legacy of the late Dr. Tupas who served as professor and dean of the School of Theology of the Philippine Union College. Dr. Jose Manalo, Sr., AWESNA president, concluded the event with his closing message.



PRC-BOM Visits AUP-COM



The Professional Regulatory Commission Board of Medicine (PRC-BOM) Inspection and Monitoring Team visited the Adventist University of the Philippines-College of Medicine as part of its ongoing evaluation process on July 12, 2023.

The inspection team was composed of esteemed medical professionals and representatives from PRC-BOM: Hon. Eleanor Almoro, MD and Hon. Martha Nucum, PRB

members; Joanne Barlan, PRC representative; and Ramon Raphael Lustado. They evaluated the College's adherence to PRC-BOM's requirements for medical schools' regulatory criteria, the quality of its curriculum, and its general suitability for the teaching and training of future medical professionals.

Conclusively, the PRC-BOM Inspection and Monitoring Team granted AUP-COM a clean slate with no deficiencies, no proposed corrective or preventive actions with recommendations for issuance of the certificate of compliance.



NPUC and AUP Host 1st Cooking Camp



In partnership with the North Philippine Union Conference, the Adventist University of the Philippines—Occupational Health and Safety Office, the Nutrition and Dietetics Department, and the Food Service—hosted its first cooking camp featuring a healthy plant-based diet on July 18-22, 2023.

“If you can pray, you can cook,” Eric Jan, Elann Reuth, Abigail Ruth Villavicencio, and Rowena Sandot introduced the motto of their ministry as the camp’s resource speakers. They highlighted the versatility of cooking without oil and showcased creative recipes that are nutritious and delicious.

The cooking camp drew 43 participants from the Baesa Adventist Academy, Banahaw View Academy, Concepcion Adventist Academy, Central Luzon Adventist Academy, Lipa Adventist Academy, Mountain Province Mission, Northern Luzon Adventist College, Northeast Luzon Adventist College, Philippine Publishing House, and Tirad View Academy. Notably, the AUP Food Service and the Food Factory personnel and children of the faculty and staff also participated.



“We can apply what we learned not only in the school, but we can also introduce it to our household,” Michelle Asis, one of the participants from Northeast Luzon Adventist College, stated. “We thanked NPUC and the University for sharing this opportunity,” she concluded as the camp ended with promotion of a balanced and nutritious lifestyle as part of the University’s strategic aims.

Aleli Gamaro, a participant from Lipa Adventist Academy, reflected: “Indeed, when we seek the Lord in prayer, He will guide our recipes according to His will.” She attested how the camp encouraged her to share the health message.

AUP-Tradigital Fine Arts Department Holds Summer Art Class 2023

The AUP-Tradigital Fine Arts Department held the Summer Art Class with 12 sessions from June 13 - July 19, 2023. The 20 students, aged 6 to 17, were categorized according to skill level.

The beginner level students explored the world of art using pencil and oil pastels as their chosen mediums. Those at the intermediate level delved into colored pencils and acrylics, expanding their creative horizons. Meanwhile, the advanced-level artists honed their skills using a combination of acrylics and watercolors.



The class had an art exhibit as the culmination activity on July 19, 2023, at 9:00 AM at the JLDM Library Fine Arts Gallery. During the culmination program, Atty. Gizelle Fugoso and Dr. Sheryl Castillo, the artists’ parents, highlighted the importance of art-making cultivation. The closing remarks by the College of Arts and Humanities dean, Dr. Eunice Aclan, concluded the program. Ceremonially opened by Dr. Flor Villa Marticio’s ribbon cutting, the art exhibit featured a rich collection of children’s artworks in various mediums.



AUP-ND Holds Baking 101 Class



“Children develop decision-making in baking different types of bread, choosing pizza toppings, and decorating cakes,” Ms. Maria Athenna Mallari, the class instructor from the Nutrition and Dietetics Department, remarked. She further shared how the students learned to “become more self-reliant as they explore their interests and discover their strengths and weaknesses in baking.” She emphasized how the class helped the children connect with others through their baking engagement throughout the duration of the program.



The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics of the Adventist University of the Philippines held its first “Baking 101.” A total of 29 enrolled students, with an age range of 9-16 years old, explored the fundamentals of baking under the guidance of dietary professionals who ran 11 sessions from June 19-July 7, 2023.

ND Department Initiates Wellness Program



The lecture covered important topics such as “A-Tension: Managing Your Life with Hypertension; Dia-beat-this: Nutrition Education on Managing Diabetes Type 2; Active Aging Lectures 1 & 2; and Obesity: Your Killer Besty.” These topics encouraged the employees to prioritize their health and adopt sustainable lifestyle practices to enhance their overall well-being. The lectures were complemented by juicing, marathons, and jazzercise activities.

Twenty-five out of 28 completed the assessment. The post-assessment revealed that 22 out of the 25 participants were able to decrease their weight, while 13 out of 25 participants were able to decrease their body fat percentage and 8 out of 25 participants were able to decrease their waist circumference.

The AUP-Nutrition and Dietetics Department of the College of Health initiated a wellness program themed “Fueling Your Health: Nourish, Energize, and Thrive” on July 12-26, 2023.

A total of 28 personnel from the Maintenance Department participated in the said wellness program which aimed at promoting health and well-being. The Nutrition and Dietetics interns conducted the health lectures and lifestyle practices through hands-on activities focused on various wellness aspects, including free personalized lunch meals, one-on-one counseling, and physical activity.



AUP ND Interns in 18 Silang Barangays

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The fourth-year interns of the Nutrition and Dietetics (ND) department served in 18 barangay health centers in Silang, Cavite from June 13-July 4, 2023, as part of their community nutrition practicum.

The interns rotationally visited the barangays under the rural health units (RHU) of Silang, namely: Puting Kahoy, Lumil, Maguyam, Imperial, Tartaria, Buklod Bahayan, Bulihan, Litlit, and and Carmen; and RHUs of Bulihan: Anahaw I and II, Bukluran, Banaba, Ipil I and II, Narra III, Yakal, Acacia, and Kaong.



With the assistance in the planning, assessing, monitoring, and evaluating of the nutrition and municipal-wide nutrition-related programs and projects, this first-ever collaboration of the Department with the RHUs presented further opportunities for cooperation to achieve the mutual goal of eliminating malnutrition problems such as stunting, wasting, and low-weight-for-age, faced by Silangeños.

“Immersing our nutrition students in the community,

with the support of the government, will help them in creating a program that is tailored-fit to the needs of our fellow Filipinos,” Ms. Maria Athenna Mallari, the instructor explained.

Nutrition education seminars on the importance of exclusive breastfeeding and managing malnutrition which targeted pregnant women and lactating mothers were conducted in three barangays: Lumil, Litlit, and Bulihan. The seminars concluded with the interns handing out nutritious snacks that were prepared by the interns themselves.

Furthermore, the interns assisted the midwives, health workers, and barangay nutrition scholars with their daily duties at the barangay health centers. They offered nutrition counseling services to patients from different socio-economic backgrounds with various health problems.

“During my practicum duty in the barangays of Silang, I understood that nutrition was extremely important because the families in the barangays that we visited were among the poorest of the poor,” Marrick Llarena, an intern and a local of Brgy. Puting Kahoy, expressed. “The majority of the children have nutritional deficits. When he [Mayor Kevin Anarna] took office, the Nutrition Council in Silang was reestablished... [and] officers-in-charge have taken action.”

Cyrus James Navarro, the Municipal Nutrition Action officer, thanked the University for choosing the municipality of Silang as the ND interns’ community exposure. He further stated that “sending the students to us was a big help in the nutrition section of the municipality. They accomplished their part in the implementation of nutrition programs by sharing knowledge about good nutrition, infant and young child feeding programs, as well as the FIK program for pregnant and lactating mothers. They played a big role in the lives of the people of Silang.”



AUP Hosts the 8th WLE International Conference

The Adventist University of the Philippines hosted the 8th International Women Leading Education Across Continents (WLE) Conference in collaboration with various organizations, including the Asian Qualitative Research Association (AQRA), the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS), the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA), Loyola Marymount University (LMU), Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Adventist Human-Subject Research Association-Asia (AHSRA), American Association of School Administrators (AASA), University of Nottingham, and British Educational Leadership, Management and Administrative Society (BELMAS). The conference was attended by 68 delegates: 43 international delegates, 6 international guests, and 19 local delegates. This conference took place from July 23-27, 2023, at the Hotel Dominique Tagaytay in the Philippines.

The Women Leading Education Across Continents is a group of women from different parts of the world. With its mission to inspire women to educate and empower individuals and communities to bring about positive change, WLE is a group participated in by women and men who are zealous about studies on women. This was the first time that a WLE conference was held in Asia. Previous WLE conferences were held in Rome, Greece, Ghana, Germany, New Zealand, Brazil, and the United Kingdom.

The research conference centered on the theme “Diyosang Mandirigma (Goddess Warrior)” embodying the qualities of the Filipino woman. The conference sessions were organized according to the following sub-themes: “Women in Educational Leadership,” “Awareness

and Empowerment,” “The Status of Women in Society Session Moderator,” “Work-Life Interface for Women Session,” “The Complexities of Leadership in Women’s Lives,” “Resilience of Women in the Workplace,” and “Challenges of Women in Educational Leadership.”

To highlight the theme “Diyosang Mandirigma,” which was inspired by the examples of Maria Makiling and Gabriela Silang, Arceli Rosario, Carthy Joy Aguilon, and Carol Keith Garma presented their research, “Unraveling the Mystique: Exploration of the Conceptualizations of Mariang Makiling as a Woman.” Recognizing the complexities of women leadership, Maureen Mariñas presented a hermeneutic phenomenological study on the “Work-Life Balance of Women University Presidents.” Eunice Aclan and Kathleen Flores presented a narrative inquiry study on “Thelma Savedia Pallasa, a Dedicated Educator, Adventist Education Advocate, and Exemplary Philanthropist.” Eunice Aclan presented another study on the session of racism and violence against women titled “Modern Gabriela Silang: A Social Constructivist Qualitative Case Study.”

The WLE delegates experienced a cultural tour at Villa Escudero on the first day and a concert rendered by the Philippine Meistersingers at the University’s Siew Huy Memorial Atrium, College of Medicine on the second day, and dinners at the Farmer’s Table on the third day and at Taal Vista Hotel on the last day.

The organizing team received some comments:

“I cannot thank you enough for all the hard work you all have put into making this 2023 WLE gathering so beautiful and meaningful. I can’t even fully imagine how many hours it took to produce such a labor of love. This week has been filled with so many nice touches, from the parting gift bags to the leis when we first began, and countless others.” *(Continued on next page)*



AUP-CON Publishes International Book Chapter

The College of Nursing of the Adventist University of the Philippines achieved a significant milestone with the publication of a comprehensive book chapter titled “Leaders Shaping Leadership: Monitoring, Advising, and Coaching” in the book *Mentoring in Nursing through Narrative Stories Across the World* in the recent July 2023 edition.

Authored by esteemed faculty members and experienced nursing professors, Dr. Michael Dino, from Our Lady of Fatima University; Dr. Joyosthie Orbe and Dr. Maria Julita Sibayan, from the Adventist University of the Philippines, the chapter delved into essential aspects of effective

leadership within the nursing profession, providing valuable insights and guidance to both aspiring and seasoned nursing leaders.

The book was published internationally through Springer, an international publishing company. The book is available for purchase in Research Gate, Kindle, and Amazon.



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“The greatest round of applause for you and your most outstanding team, who have worked so hard to make the conference a big success. I am always inspired to be a part of such a group. I will be traveling back with lots of beautiful memories and a treasure of knowledge to share.”

“I have nothing but love for you wonderful women and men. I want to come back and conduct research here to learn more about your schools and education. Your hospitality and warm heart has been a life-changing event for me. I truly loved my time here and the cultural events you exposed us to.”

“I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the care, warmth, love, and leadership you provided us as Women. I salute you for your leadership, and your scholarship demeanor, which brought all the

women’s wisdom together for a good purpose. May this multiply and be a seed to be planted not only to these current women but also to future generations.”

“Thank you for all of your time, effort, and love put into organizing and carrying out the 8th WLE conference. While this may have been the first WLE in Asia, you’ve all set the bar high for others. I hope we all have the opportunity to meet again.”



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