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Dr. Rosario Delivers Her Presidential Hour Message

During the Adventist University of the Philippines' first student convocation for the Academic Year 2023-2024, Dr. Arceli Rosario, the AUP president, delivered her President's Hour message. The event was held on August 11, 2023, at the Philippine International Church. She described the AUP culture, which is characterized by a culture of love, a culture of faith, and a culture of hope.

Dr. Rosario emphasized the importance of having faith in God, which removes our fear as we face our storms. She encouraged the University community to exemplify faith in God, faith in people, and develop faith in themselves.

Moreover, Dr. Rosario expressed the importance of hope within

AUP Celebrates Academic Emphasis Day

Welcoming the new and returning students, introducing the University's Academic team members, and nurturing students' commitment to holistic excellence, the University held its Academic Emphasis Day last August 25, 2023, at the Philippine International Church.

Atty. Cinderella Filipina Benitez-Jaro, the executive director for Region IV of the Commission on Higher Education, was the event's keynote speaker. During her message, she spoke about the current state of the higher education sector and its services. Her inspiring words encouraged students to continue their pursuit of learning in their chosen career paths, as this is the way to truly feel alive in the world. She also discussed the advantages

of pursuing higher education, particularly in the tertiary sector. She encouraged students to keep improving their skills and knowledge, stating, "as you reach [and] increase your





the context of the University community. Drawing from Biblical stories of hope, she urged the University to share Bible verses, paint a picture of their future aspirations, and speak with conviction about life, while keeping in mind that "God has a purpose for each one of you."

Dr. Rosario encouraged the faculty, staff, and students to exemplify God's love, the first and greatest commandment. She stressed that students could find lifelong friends and nurture loving relationships at the University. She also underscored that working students should be treated with respect.

"In this place, let there be faith. Let there be hope. Let there be love because God is in our midst," Dr. Rosario concluded.



level of attainment, your level of productivity also increases."

Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, vice president for academics, introduced the academic team for the Academic Year 2022-2023. On behalf of the administration, she also gave the book, *The Great Controversy* by Ellen G. White, as a welcome token to the new students. She presented Dr. Susy Jael as the newly-elected assistant vice president for academics for graduate studies.

The academic directors are Dr. Ruben Carpizo, the Accreditation Office director; Dr. Jolly Ballila, the Research Office director; Ms. Eunice Carpizo, Community Extension Services director; Dr. Michelle Carbonilla, director of Libraries; and Dr. Teofilo Esguerra, Jr., Records and Admission Office director.

The college deans are Dr. Eunice Aclan (CAH), Dr. Lualhati Sausa (COB), Dr. Herminiano Subido, Jr. (COD), Dr. Leonardo Dorado (COE), Dr. Miriam Estrada (COH), Dr. Doris Mendoza (COM), Dr. Raymond Caagbay (CON), Dr. Edwin Balila (CST), and Pastor Lowel Domocmat (COT).

The Academic Emphasis Day is an academic convocation conducted every August. Designed to welcome and orient new students and re-orient the returning students, the event includes the introduction of the academic team members and a formal address by the vice president of academics



and the college deans. There is also a procession of new students and faculty in academic regalia. This ceremony officially marks the beginning of the students' academic journey.



AUP-COM Welcomes 53 Students



The College of Medicine welcomed 53 students during the 7th White Coat Ceremony, with the theme “In the Service of the Master” held on August 6, 2023 at the Siew Huy Memorial Atrium.

“You will have a distinction of being a physician,” Dr. Zenaida Antonio, Professional Regulatory Commission Board of Medicine member and keynote speaker, remarked. She defined the nobility of wearing a white coat. “The white coat

is a symbol of a physician,” she stated, describing its significance in the service of the Master.

Dr. Jahnen Tanamal, AUP-COM Year Level I coordinator, introduced the 53 first-year physician missionaries of Class 2027. The event’s highlight was the donning of the white coat, accompanied by the presentation of the Holy Bible to each student. This symbolic gesture marked the students’ formal entry into their medical studies and underscored the College’s commitment to nurturing compassionate and dedicated future physician-missionaries. Dr. Ruth S. Palomero, AUP-COM Year Level III coordinator, led the assembly in reciting the Christian Physician’s Oath and their dedication to the principles of ethical medical practice. The event concluded with a dedicatory prayer offered by Dr. Julio Amurao, vice president for student services. As they embarked on their academic endeavors “through Christ, healing, and wholeness,” some new physician-missionary students shared testimonies. “I couldn’t have asked for a more meaningful introduction to the world of medicine,” Vince Alvin Daquiz shared. “A mark to begin,” Martina Nicole Valencia described. Likewise, Kayla Duremdes intimated how inspired she felt.

“This ceremony granted us, aspiring physicians, a glimpse into the responsibility that comes with the privilege of caring for others and dedicating our hearts to becoming 5-star-plus physicians,” Daquiz testified. “It led me understand the weight of wearing the pristine white coat,” Valencia affirmed. Also, Kathleen Kaye Macuno recognized the role of being a future physician-missionary who is “committed service for the Master and be His vessel for healing.” In addition, Valencia believed “that with God’s grace and guidance, He will see us through.”



HR Orients New Faculty and Staff

The University’s Human Resource Office held an orientation program for 21 newly-hired faculty and staff members on August 11, 2023 at the Finster Hall of Nations.

Dr. Lolina Mostaza, the human resource director, discussed the Code of Professional Ethics. Additionally, she discussed important topics such as employment status,

workload, work hours, attendance, leaves, travel abroad, conduct at work, and conflict of interest.

Mr. Rey Laberinto, the administrative assistant for legal services, presented the housing policy. Afterward, Dr. Annalyn Bacolod, the HR training officer, discussed the employee’s performance evaluation, grievance procedure, and basis of termination. Following her presentation, there was a 15-minute question-and-answer session.

CAH Inaugurates CELL

The Language Department of the College of Arts and Humanities inaugurated its Center for English Language Learning (CELL) on August 23, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. The CELL offers programs for pre-university students who want to enhance their English proficiency and earn an English as a Second Language (ESL) learning certification.

Opening the doors for learning, Dr. Arceli Rosario, the AUP president; Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, the vice president for academic affairs; Ms. Aileen Silverio, the vice president for finance; and Pastor Julio Amurao, the vice president for student services, did the ribbon cutting assisted by Dr. Eunice Aclan, the CAH dean; Dr. Michael Naidas, the Language Department chair; Mr. Nole Redentor Aclan, CELL coordinator; and Dr. Teofilo Esguerra, Jr., Records and Admissions Office director.

This event marked a significant milestone for the College and the University's joint endeavor to advance the English language, which, according to Dr. Rosario, the keynote speaker, "is a tool to spread the Gospel to all the world."

The CELL has created a wonderful learning atmosphere for students, where they help each other understand the courses taught by competent teachers. Nine students from the Chinese Adventist Seminary are currently enrolled. One of them shared how the class is "relaxed without tension or pressure."



SSO Faculty Facilitates in PADS

Representing the University's Student Services Office, Jun Tayaben, the administrative assistant for Student Service Office and Behavioral Management officer, served as a resource person and one of the facilitators during the "Workshop on the Development of Drug-free Learning Institutions-NCR Cluster" for the Philippine Anti-illegal Drug Strategies (PADS) on August 10-11, 2023 at the CHED Auditorium, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Quezon City. The workshop is a project for the continuous improvement of the Drug Education and Prevention Programs and for the continued efforts to strengthen the anti-illegal drug campaign in the country through higher education institutions (HEIs), a project initiative of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in partnership with the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB).

Tayaben was one of the six facilitators who facilitated in the discussions on the current practices, experiences, and challenges in implementing drug education and prevention programs in HEIs. The delegates were student services personnel and guidance counselors.

Tayaben's involvement provided an opportunity to promote the University's Adventist healthy lifestyle and practices. "It is an honor to be part of this program of



PADS and work hand in hand with CHED and DDB, wherein we can shed light as an Adventist institution among the higher education sector," he explained. He highlighted how the workshops conducted were also committed to developing preventative education on alcohol, smoking, and other substances.

Previously, the workshops were held on June 6-8 in Tagaytay, June 26-28 in Davao, July 19-21 in Iloilo, and August 10-11 at the CHED auditorium, where Tayaben received a certificate of recognition. The last workshop will be on September 13-15 in Pampanga.

Over 400 First-Year Students Attend Campus Orientation and Tour

Four hundred ten incoming first-year students attended the “Exploriation,” an orientation and campus tour program held on August 4, 2023, at the Philippine International Church. The program was a collaboration of the AUP Guidance Services Center and the Central Student Council.

VP academics Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, the devotional speaker, underscored the importance of prioritizing biblical values over material success for successful student life. She emphasized placing God at the forefront of their endeavors for God has promised that “all these things shall be added.”



She also asked students to reflect on why God had brought them to the University. Three students shared their answers. Gina Regencia, a first-year College of Education student, expressed, “I believe God has led me here to explore and develop myself and turn this opportunity into a silver lining for my future.” Another student, who had been an overseas Filipino worker for 12 years, shared, “God’s mission has enabled me to resume my studies.” Deo Jenson Fabriquel, a first-year Medical Laboratory Science student, shared that he is not yet certain of the reason but testified, “I have to trust in God, and He will lead the way.”

Afterward, a panel discussion offered valuable information about the services provided by the University. Winfred

Pasamba, the AOLIS coordinator, introduced various online platforms like the AUP website, AOLIS Personnel, and MyAUPLifebook. These platforms help students access and navigate resources. Dr. Teofilo Esguerra, Jr., the Records and Admissions Office director, explained their services, which extended beyond enrollment and admissions, encompassing certification of grades, grade-related tasks, scholarships, shifting and transferring, transcripts, and foreign assistance.



The Student Finance director, Mervyn Allan Olarte, highlighted University scholarships, discounts, and payment options for financial assessments. Jun Tayaben, the Behavior Management officer, briefed students on adhering to the Student Handbook’s behavioral guidelines. He also explained the process for addressing rule violations.

Pastor Lani Esteves, the Spiritual Development director and PIC senior pastor, encouraged students to engage in University and church-related religious activities. Noemi Fajardo, the Guidance Services director, welcomed students to visit the Guidance Office for mental health support and psychological tests. Dr. Isabelo Susado, Work Education Program coordinator, introduced the importance of Work Education in preparing students for service.

Dr. Julio Amurao, Vice President for Student Services, continued the orientation for parents while the students embarked on a campus tour. Led by Central Student Council representatives and 19 student guides, the first-year students, divided into four color-coded clusters, toured around the campus.



AUP Dedicates Faculty and Staff

The Adventist University of the Philippines held a dedication service for its faculty and staff on August 4-5, 2023 at the University gymnasium. Dr. Richard Sabuin, the associate director of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, served as the keynote speaker.

"We have a distinctive purpose for Adventist education," Dr. Sabuin remarked during the vespers service. He underlined the unique role of Adventist education in the remnant church. He emphasized its significance in the context of the Great Controversy. He stressed the need for Adventist education to be distinctive, intentional, and creative. The event also featured testimonies of Mrs. Hennie Felix, the administrative secretary for the vice president of student services; Mr. Moises Olarte, Academy faculty; and Mrs. Meriam Torres, Elementary faculty. They shared stories of their personal journeys, ministries, and the blessings they received as they performed their roles in the University.

During the Sabbath morning session, Pastor Sabuin continued to expound on the theme of comprehensive faith-based education. He discussed integrating faith values into learning, emphasizing that it should permeate all aspects of the institution's life, from curriculum and teaching to facilities and policies. "We are not only talking about when we are teaching one course; integration of faith and learning should be a whole campus life," he stated. Pastor Sabuin also touched upon important topics such as "The Great Commission and Adventist Education", "Abana, Pharpar, and Jordan", and "Laodicea and Adventist Education."

The event provided an opportunity for the faculty and staff from the various departments to reflect on the principles of Adventist education and draw insights from the discussions. The gathering concluded with inspiring testimonies from Ferdinand Mendoza, a Medical Laboratory Science Department faculty; Dr. Demuel Dee Berto, a College of Medicine faculty; and Erjelyn Dela Cruz, an Academy faculty. They shared their experiences and dedication to the mission of Adventist education.



PIC Celebrates Its 42nd Anniversary and the 160th Anniversary of the SDA Church

With the theme song “Go, go, go, I will go! I’m chosen for mission to go,” the Philippine International Church united in celebration of the 160th Anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the 42nd Anniversary of the Philippine International Church on August 11-12, 2023.

Testimonies of Faith

During the vespers on the 11th, Adventist Church pioneers’ faith was highlighted. The worship commemorated the pioneers who came to the Philippines, including George Irwin, Robert and Mary Caldwell, Edward Gates, James McElhany, Lewis, and Ella Finster. Their stories were shared to honor their contributions.

Two church members shared their testimonies of conversion and spiritual growth. Dr. Samuel Berto shared his testimony on the impact of the faith of his parents and of the evangelistic activities of the University during the early years. “One of my most inspiring pioneering experiences here in PUC was the robust small group missionary activities,” he recalled his ministries as a member of the HAPPY Family (then Villager’s Group) small group. He reminisced how the small groups conducted visitations, Branch Sabbath School, and outreach programs in the neighboring barangay communities. He challenged the small groups to continue serving the Church vibrantly.

Dr. Doris Mendoza recounted her journey as a non-Adventist professor to her eventual conversion to the Adventist Church. The beginning of her enlightenment occurred when she witnessed the students at the College of Medicine at West Visayas State University in Iloilo City demonstrate their faith and devotion by refraining from attending classes, exams, and academic events on the Sabbath. As their professor, she defended their actions during board meetings, declaring, “If I were in the same situation, and I believe what they believe, then I would follow my God rather than men.” And with God’s leading, she served as a witness in the health ministry as the founding dean of the first medical school in the Southeast Asia Pacific Division---the AUP College of Medicine.

Refocus on the Mission

During the Sabbath School program, Pastor Francis

Gayoba presented the Adventist heritage by sharing the story of William Miller and his contributions to Adventist history. Before the divine service, two precious souls were baptized.

“We have a mandate as a church, and we have a mission,” Pastor Felixian Felicitas, the SSD Mission Refocus director and divine service speaker, encouraged the congregation with a call to embrace the Adventist Church’s mission. “The Seventh-day Adventist Church believes that we are the embodiment of these three angels’ messages. You and I are these three angels of Revelation 14. Hence, you and I must bring the message of Revelation 14 in these last days.”



Reviewing Our History

The celebration continued with an Adventist History Quiz Bowl during the Sabbath afternoon worship. Led by quiz masters Gerardo Asi and Ardel Sarmiento, the quiz bowl delved into the history of the Adventist heritage from the Millerite Movement until 1915. Twelve teams with three members participated in the quiz. Pastor Felixian Felicitas and Pastor Restituto Bualoy served as judges.

The following winners emerged in the Adventist History Quiz Bowl: Team 3—Johnre Gabo, Dylan, and Lara Albano garnered first place. Team 2—Jonas Ranas, Mark J Garao, and Eric Olivares placed second. And Team 6—Onyx Daquila, Charol Manlolo, and Eres Baybay placed third.

The winners were honored with copies of Kindle books *Hearts of Faith: How We Became Seventh-day Adventists*, *A Living Sacrifice: Unsung Heroes of Adventist Missions* by David Trim,

and *A Brief History of Seventh-day Adventists* by George Knight.

Celebrating the 160th anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church marked a significant milestone in the journey of faith, acknowledging the past, and embracing the future with renewed zeal.

“Our whole goal was to educate, inspire, and challenge the church,” Pastor Francis Gayoba, one of the PIC associate pastors, expressed. He added that it helped church members “learn some things they have not learned before.” He further shared how stories of the pioneers can help “see how mission-minded they were and how much they’ve sacrificed,” and through sharing the Adventist history, “our members will be able to get that missionary spirit.”

CON Caregiving Program Students Pass NC II Assessment

Ten students of the Caregiving NC II program of the College of Nursing achieved a 100% passing rate for the healthcare assessment held on August 8, 2023 at the Cavite School of St. Mark Assessment Center.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Marilou Maalihan, these 10 students successfully passed their second assessment, proving their competency. These students previously underwent the Caregiving NC II certification assessment on July 28, 2023, at the same assessment center, and also received a 100% passing rate with a “competent” remark from the assessors.

Since 2004, the Caregiving NC II program of the College of Nursing has been providing healthcare education with a 100% compliance rating. The TESDA NCR auditors gave the same compliance rating last June 2, 2023.



PRC-BON Recognizes AUP- CON's 6th Rank in NLE

During the oath-taking ceremony for new registered nurses, the Professional Regulatory Board of Nursing recognized the Adventist University of the Philippines-College of Nursing (AUP-CON) for achieving the 6th rank in the May 2023 Nurse Licensure Examination. The oath-taking ceremony was held on August 7, 2023 at the Queen Margaret Hotel, Lucena City.

With a passing performance of 97.01%, the AUP-CON received a certificate of recognition. Dr. Susy Jael, assistant vice president for academics; Dr. Ray Caagbay, CON dean; Dr. Joyosthie Orbe, Level II Department chair; Mrs. Angel Grace Bingcang, Level III Department chair; Mrs. Carmela Malabat, Level IV Department chair, and Mr. Oemer Ray Daquila, University advancement director, were present.

The first ceremony was scheduled on a Sabbath day, but the newly-registered nurses of the College decided to take their oath ceremony in Lucena City. This decision demonstrated their commitment to honoring the Sabbath, which is a core principle of Adventist education.





A Sweet Ending to a New Beginning: Administration Pays Tribute to Retirees

"You do not quit; you only redefine your work," Pastor Lani Esteves pointed out in his devotional message during the retirement program with the theme, "A Sweet Ending to a New Beginning," on August 31, 2023 at the Finster Hall of Nations. The administration, led by the Human Resource Office, honored five retirees: Mr. Edmund Acquibon, History Department faculty with 29 years of denominational service; Dr. Rufina Fabellon, College of Education faculty with 35 years; Mr. Joseph Ledesma, History Department faculty with 36 years; Dr. Vicky Alejandrina Mergal, assistant vice president for academics for graduate studies with 40 years; and Dr. Robert Borromeo, vice president of finance with 39 years.

Pastor Lani Esteves, the Philippine International Church senior pastor, delivered his message centered on the biblical text found in Numbers 8: 23-26. He strongly empowered the retirees to make their retirement years productive, creative, and innovative. "It may be another ministry. Do not quit on serving the Lord," he urged them.

With sweet goodbyes and grateful hearts, the faculty and staff gave a tribute video presentation for the retiree under their department. Faculty and staff who expressed their tribute were the Physical Education Department headed by the chair, Mrs. Jonalyn Aclon; Dr. Jesse Songcawayon, the History Department chair; Dr. Susy Jael, assistant vice

president for academics for graduate studies; Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, vice president for academics; and Mr. Mervyn Allan Olarte, Student Finance director.

After each presentation, each retiree gave their responses:

"To AUP, my beloved Alma Mater, my dream school. Thank you so much for opening your doors to me. You have molded me to be the person I am now. Here, I learned to be submissive to professors and believed that you sent them to share their expertise and prepare me not only for this world but also for eternity."

"Serving my God and my church, this school has given me the best environment. AUP has strengthened my capabilities through faith."

"With a noble aim, I will continue to offer my service to the University."

"It is by the grace of God that you are here; I am here."

"Indeed, AUP is a paradise. To serve and live at AUP is a great honor, a distinct privilege, and an indescribable blessing!"

"I will retire from my job, but I will try not to retire my hands, my feet, and my mind. So, if given the opportunity, I can make myself available to serve in whatever capacities I will be needed."

On behalf of the administration, Dr. Arceli Rosario, the University president, expressed how grateful AUP is for their service. She also remarked how each retiree's "era will always be remembered." As a token of appreciation, the administration presented the retirees with gifts. Additionally, the General Administration team expressed their heartfelt appreciation by performing a thank you song, bidding a fond farewell to the retirees.

CAH Strengthens International Extension Programs in Thailand

by Hannah Ariellebeth Cabisada

The Adventist University of the Philippines-College of Arts and Humanities, in collaboration with the Community Extension Services (CES), held cultural immersion and international extension programs from August 8 to 12, 2023, in diverse locations in Thailand. Spearheaded by Dr. Eunice Aclan, the College dean, and Mrs. Eunice Carpizo, the CES director, a group of 8 students accompanied by Dr. Myrtle Grijalvo, Psychology Department chair, and Ann Anolin, Tradigital Fine Arts Department chair, empowered communities through education and health, and providing other means of support.

On the 8th of August, the group visited the King Mongkut of Technology Thonburi School of Architecture and Design (SoA+D) in Bangkok. Mr. Michael Paripol Tangtrongchit, School of Architecture and Design dean, welcomed the University team. Opening a new perspective on structural modernity and advancement of technological living through the arts, the team signed a Memorandum of Agreement for the faculty and students exchange program with SoA+D initiated in collaboration with the University's Fine Arts Department.

Wanting to immerse in the culture of Thailand, the group visited historical ruins and temples that hold significant historical and cultural importance in the city of Ayutthaya, including the Bang Pa-in and Wat Arun temples, on the 9th of August. The team deepened their cultural experience and enjoyed traditional food at the Michelin-certified floating restaurant Ton Nam.

All activities were undertaken to immerse the team in the Thai culture, including the cultural significance of Thailand's landmarks, cuisine, and people. This preparation was in anticipation of their CES mission on August 10-12, 2023.

Maelah Klo Christian School - Empowering through Education and Health

With an unwavering commitment to empowerment, the team orchestrated a series of activities at Maelakloh Christian School in Mae Sot, Thailand. This school serves as a refuge for students predominantly from internally-displaced families residing in Thailand's border regions. As part of the team's endeavors, Grade 4, 5, and 6 students at Maelah Klo Christian School received flute recorder tutorials, enabling them to showcase their musical learning. Prioritizing oral health, the team gave the Grades 1, 2, and 3 pupils a dental hygiene lecture and complimentary toothbrushes and toothpaste. The Grades 4, 5, and 6 girls learned creative skills in brooch-making. Furthermore, psychological assessments and interventions were conducted to aid students in coping with the trauma. English tutorial sessions and values education programs underscored the team's commitment to comprehensive growth.



Nang Bo Den Learning Centre—Fostering Development through Psychological Intervention

The team conducted a psychological assessment and intervention at the Nang Bo Den Learning Centre to cater to specific community needs. This center caters to approximately 158 orphaned students, all members of displaced families from Myanmar seeking refuge in Thailand. Guidance and counseling skills were provided to empower teachers in dealing with student behavioral challenges. Additionally, observations and interviews were conducted to inform future development campaigns aligned with these challenges.

Sunshine Orchard Camp - Nurturing Hope and Resilience

Demonstrating continued service dedication, the team distributed food supplies initiated by the Sunshine Orchard. This initiative aims to alleviate immediate needs and instill hope among refugees. Through collaborative efforts and a spirit of compassion, the initiative has significantly enhanced the lives of displaced people.

Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) were signed at Nang Bo Den Learning Centre and Maela Klo Christian School, outlining further intervention and extension programs. In a similar effort, Pastor Kalu Hser Paul, the Director of Education and Health at the Western Border Attached Mission signed the MOA with the University for future partnership initiatives.

Beyond geographical borders, the international extension program of the University has ignited a collective spirit of education and health aimed at uplifting lives and inspiring lasting change in diverse regions of Thailand.

Congratulations to our newly **REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGISTS**



Arianne
Alvarez, RPsy



Ethel
Amboy, RPsy



Divine
Cervantes, RPsy



Ma. Anne
Fabella, RPsy



Lucille Jean
Foja, RPsy



Channele
Pedrosa, RPsy



Samantha Nicole
Satairapan, RPsy



Val Roman
Sena, RPsy

To God be the Glory!

August 2023 Psychologist
Licensure Examination

AUP PASSING RATE

100%

NAT'L PASSING RATE

76.27%



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DEPARTMENT

CAH-Psychology Department Achieves 100% Passing Rate In BLEPP

In the August 2023 Board Licensure Examination for Professional Psychologists, the College of Arts and Humanities Psychology Department achieved a 100% passing rate for the first takers, with an 88.89% overall performance rate against the 73.27% national passing rate.

Realizing this significant milestone, some of the new psychologists shared testimonies about their journey. "The learning unselfishly shared by our professors paved the way for a stronger foundation as I enrolled in my Ph.D. and ultimately the Psychology Licensure Exam," Divine Margallo, one of the passers, shared. "Always start your review with a prayer and seek His wisdom. Just like what AUP had been doing; we always started with a prayer." She "always reached out to God" when she doubted herself. She also shared how she valued her professors' and mentors' inputs during her exam preparations. "I am

so grateful that our mentors are so caring. They guided us through just like a parent's tough love. They would let us explore and discover more."

"This dream had been a challenging one," Ethel Amboy, another passer, shared how she encountered numerous highs and lows, shedding tears and experiencing moments of despair. Yet, she overcame because "God has instilled in my heart to continue to serve as a driving force, compelling me to persevere." She recognized the pressing need for mental health support. This awareness reinforced her conviction to "become a psychologist dedicated to serving Christ and humanity."

Congratulations to our newly REGISTERED PSYCHOMETRICIANS



**Blossom Dalyn
Abcede, RPh**
March 2022



**Wendyfred
Aquino, RPh**
March 2022



**Xyleen
Arnaiz, RPh**
March 2021



**Aliyah
Austero, RPh**
March 2022



**Czerny Psalm
Balmores, RPh**
March 2020



**Cris
Banzuelo, RPh**
March 2022



**Jhun Marc
Beniga, RPh**
March 2023



**Katrina
Buenavista, RPh**
March 2020



**Dane Alric
Cabag-iran, RPh**
March 2020



**Dennis
Casas, RPh**
March 2022



**Mikaela
Condemilcor, RPh**
March 2022



**Umiel
Dotimas, RPh**
March 2022



**Alyssa May
Ferriol, RPh**
March 2022



**Dan Kloyd
Fiecas, RPh**
March 2022



**Christine Joan
Laro, RPh**
March 2023



**Elly Rose
Lumpay, RPh**
March 2022



**Julie
Macasio, RPh**
March 2022



**Jana
Magayon, RPh**
March 2022



**Trisha
Manlapaz, RPh**
March 2020



**Yoogenace
Masbate, RPh**
March 2022



**Aleij
Mesina, RPh**
March 2022



**Alma Jane
Patricio, RPh**
March 2023



**Catherine
Quiatchon, RPh**
March 2021



**Charlene Ariel
Salugsugan, RPh**
March 2022



**Jasmin Joyce
Sumagpao, RPh**
March 2022



**Ehsah
Talledo, RPh**
March 2021



**Mark
Villafuente, RPh**
March 2023



**Genlee
Villanueva, RPh**
March 2020



**Jhal
Villareal, RPh**
March 2020



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College of Arts & Humanities
PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

**August 2023
Psychometricians
Licensure
Examination**

AUP PASSING RATE

87.88%

NAT'L PASSING RATE

73.27%

To God be the Glory!

CAH-Psychology Department Surpasses National Passing Rate for Psychometricians Licensure Exam

The College of Arts and Humanities Psychology Department surpassed the national passing rate of 73.27% with an overall passing rate of 87.88% and achieved a passing rate of 87.5% for first-time takers in the August 2023 Psychometricians Licensure Examination.

In gratitude for this achievement, some students shared how God blessed their efforts to prepare for the examination. Genlee Villanueva, one of the new psychometricians, reflected on how God placed her in situations where she realized He wouldn't abandon her. Blossom Abcede echoed the same theme: "In all those long and desperate days and nights, He's my companion."

Villanueva commended the professors for being the pillars behind her success. "I looked up to them and admired their dedication to their work," she

testified. Likewise, Jhun Marc Beniga, another new psychometrician, affirmed the positive influence of the faculty and staff of the Department. According to him, they taught him to explore beyond books. He also shared how he interpreted Proverbs 3:5-6. "Once you trust the Lord, you are ready to accept whether you pass or fail."

"I graduated just two months ago. A short preparation? Exactly! But you know what? It might have been brief, but God made it sufficient for me. God always fulfills His part. He remains faithful in making the seemingly impossible possible," Villanueva attested. She believed a higher purpose guided every step she took. Abcede also revealed that "the journey was never easy to navigate, but God made it bearable. God had been faithful in the days of doubt and uncertainty." She added, "We are not the masters of our fate, but we can be masters of faith."

AUP-ND Bags 2nd Runner-Up in the 2023 Regional CHED ASEAN Celebration

The Nutrition and Dietetics Department of the College of Health was awarded 2nd runner-up in the Cultural Fest-Food Festival category, where the Adventist University of the Philippines participated in the 2023 CHED ASEAN Regional Kick-off Ceremony. This event was held at the Lyceum of the Philippines University in Batangas City on August 8, 2023, with the theme “ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth,” underscoring the pivotal role of the ASEAN region in global development in commemoration of the ASEAN’s 56th Founding Anniversary.

Representing the country of Brunei, 22 AUP students and 9 faculty and staff participated in the cultural festival.

Capturing the traditional flavors, the ND Department served three delicacies under the said category. For the main dish, the team prepared vegetarian Mee Goreng, a sweet and spicy fried noodles with vegetarian ingredients to substitute seafood and pork. Kuih Ketayap, a flavorful snack and street food in Brunei, featured a combination of pandan, shredded coconut, and palm sugar. For the beverage, they introduced Kopi Tarik, using soy coffee instead of real coffee and tea.

The University also participated in two other categories: fashion and cultural dance. Two participants were in the fashion festival category: Wilson Chiquito, a Bachelor of Arts major in English, and Yao Ziki, a Bachelor of Science major in Nutrition and Dietetics. Upholding “simplicity is the beauty” in Brunei’s traditional clothing, they wore the religious aspect of the dress, Baju Cara Melayu for the men and Baju Kurung for the women.

Selected students, adorned in golden fans, headpieces, and costumes, showcased a traditional dance from Brunei called Dang Mengalay. Accompanied by kulintang, gambus, and gentang instruments, the dancers moved gracefully to the rhythm of the song with the ethereal sound of ethnic singing mixed with the soulful melody of the violin.

According to one student who participated in the event, he had an incredible experience with “ten autonomous schools in the Philippines showcasing various cultures from Asia.” He described how the event provided an



opportunity “to immerse [himself] in the vibrant diversity of Asian cultures.... Overall, it was a memorable and enriching experience that allowed me to appreciate the beauty of Asia’s cultural tapestry.”

Pres. Rosario attends the EDCOM 2 Consultative Meeting

Dr. Arceli H. Rosario, AUP president, participated in the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2) Consultative Meeting at the Hotel Benilde Maison de La Salle on August 29, 2023. The EDCOM 2 is a national commission tasked to undertake a comprehensive national assessment and evaluation of the performance of the education sector. It is composed of lawmakers from both the Senate and House of Representatives, guided by an Advisory Council, and assisted by the Technical Secretariat, under the direction of Executive Director Dr. Karol Mark Yee.

The consultative meeting was a roundtable discussion with the Coordinating Council for Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA), which involved officers and representatives from Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU), Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP), Philippine Association of Private



Schools, Colleges, and Universities (PAPSCU), and the Association of Christian Schools, Colleges, and Universities (ACSCU) of which Dr. Rosario was one of the three representatives.

The roundtable discussion focused on the horizontal and the vertical typology of higher education institutions, the Tertiary Education Subsidy, and the Voucher System. It was facilitated by Dr. Cynch Bautista and Dr. Karol Mark Yee.



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