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## AUP Celebrates its 107th Founding Anniversary

The Adventist University of the Philippines celebrated its 107th founding anniversary from January 26-February 4, 2024 with the theme, "Advancing, Uplifting, Persevering: Mission Driven@107."

The University's enduring commitment to advancing knowledge, uplifting communities, and persevering in its pursuit of excellence was reflected during the week-long celebration, which included various activities.

### Community Extension Services and Clean-Up Drive

Led by the Community Extensions Services Department, the University extended its services to the community of Puting Kahoy, Silang, Cavite, from January 26-30, 2024.

The "Plant and Grow" project of the College of Arts and Humanities-National Service Training Program students helped the residents of Heritage to plant 110 fruit-bearing trees. The College of Business conducted a candle-making demonstration



under skills development training for unemployed women of Barangay Kawayanan. They also conducted an entrepreneurship seminar on how to start a business, cost accounting, and marketing strategies. The College of Dentistry conducted a dental mission at Puting Kahoy Elementary School with 91 beneficiaries. The Medical Laboratory Science Department faculty and students conducted a diagnostic

test by administering FBS, urinalysis, and total cholesterol tests among the senior citizens at the Barangay Health Center with 84 beneficiaries. The College of Nursing conducted a breastfeeding seminar among 13 pregnant and lactating women. They also conducted a blood pressure screening with 75 beneficiaries. Simultaneously, the University held a clean-up drive by students, faculty, and staff.

## Parade and Palaro ng Lahi Open the Week-long Celebration



The opening program commenced at the Grandstand Soccer Field on January 28. The celebration started at 6 a.m. with an in-campus parade from Roda's Park to the University grandstand. Simultaneously, the faculty and staff paraded their colorful and creative floats from the University gate to Paseo, then to Imperial, and back to the University grandstand. The soccer field was packed with students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Joyosthie Orbe, Graduate Nursing chair and the AUP National Alumni president, in her devotional message, invited the Lord's presence. Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, vice president for academics, declared the opening of the foundation celebration. Mrs. Aileenmae Silverio, vice president for finance, lit the cauldron with fire to symbolize the official start of the week-long event. To immortalize the celebration, the University community formed "AUP107" for a drone shot.

This year, the AUP Dormitory Circle *Palaro ng Lahi* opened its traditional event to off-campus and non-dormitory occupants. These traditional Filipino games include "It's More Fun in the Philippines," "Bato-Bato Pick," "Basag Palayok," "Lakad sa Pilapil," and "Palosebo."

This event "connects us with each other and builds friendship and camaraderie. It is so



exciting that here in AUP, we witness this kind of activity," Cydrex Cantonios, a College of Business student, expressed.

In the afternoon, the intramurals, led by the Central Student Council, officially started.

## The 1st University-Wide Organization Fair



With the theme "*Salubong: Connections Beyond Welcome*," the first organizational fair opened from January 29-31, 2024. Located at the front of the University gymnasium, the fair ran from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Organized by the Central Student Council, the fair created a supportive and interconnected community hub where students could explore and join religious organizations, professional groups, student associations, and music groups. The student organizations that participated were the following: Anchors, Touching Lives, Discovery, Ministerial Association, Sinai, Maranatha, Senior Youth Leaders, Campus Youth Ministry, Student Association of Literature Evangelists, Unceasing Cantica, Music Society of Nurses, Light Plays, Red Cross Youth, Analysts of Body Constituents and Diseases Club, University Voice, Off-Campus Student Association, and International Student Association. "What we want to achieve this year is that all existing organizations will be revived, and all those new organizations will be introduced to the students," Fely Rose Boquida, CSC vice president, expressed. "We wanted everybody to feel that they belong."

The CSC-Academics and Research Council

added a creative event to the fair by displaying artboards where students could paint freely. A photo highlight board and an open mic were also stationed in the area for students to showcase their creative expressions.

## National Bible Day Celebration: A Sanctuary Experience

The University, led by the College of Theology-Young Ministers' Club, celebrated the National Bible Day through the sanctuary experience. The exhibit opened on January 29-February 1, 2024, at COT Room 4. It included a Bible quiz bee. For visitors and students, the sanctuary experience was a replica of the Old Testament sanctuary with three divisions: Outer Court, Holy Place, and Most Holy Place. The attendees toured inside and learned about the altar of burnt offering, laver, table of shewbread, seven candlesticks, the altar of incense, and the ark of the covenant.

Reinhart Jan Fadriquela, a psychology student, testified that he saw the significance of the sanctuary and the intercession during the Israelites as a means of "how [they] communed with God."

## A Night Featuring University Talents



On January 29, 2024, the Social Development Council hosted the Talents Night at the University gymnasium at 7 p.m. Showcasing different God-given talents, the event brought together 12 performances in singing, cultural dances, and other skills from elementary to college.

Three presentations were recognized as outstanding. Meltheor Cadiao, a CON student, won for his original song composition. Matthew Ephraim Natanawan, a Development Communication student, won

for his cultural ballet performance. Crayon Ronia, an AUPE student, won for his song rendition.

## Film Showing Under the Starry Night



On January 30, the University community enjoyed a night sky film showing at the AUP Centennial Park from 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. This event was organized by the CSC-Student Welfare and Basic Services Council. The two films were viewed and won fan favorites from the list of movies released from the Council's Facebook page. First, the 1998 animated movie Prince of Egypt explored the themes of hope, virtue, and character. Second, the 2015 film War Room instilled faith, prayer, and family themes. "It is a time when they can laugh . . . and experience the joy of gathering not just for fun but also for educational purposes," Alpha Jem Iturriaga, the CSC-Student Welfare and Basic Services counselor, shared. "We hope this will serve as another avenue for students to look forward to next year."

## Midweek Service Award: Honoring the Servants of God

"Let us be the mission," Pastor Rex Mangiliman, Cavite Mission executive secretary, emphasized during the Midweek Service Award program on January 30, 2024, at the Philippine International Church at 7 p.m. He emphasized how one must be a servant of God who embodies His mission. "You are not working for the administration, you are not working for the University, you are not working for the denomination, but you are working for the Lord," he reiterated. Dr. Lolina Mostaza, the Human Resource director, led the recognition of faculty and staff who had reached significant service milestones for the University and the Church. The University administrators donned

the pin to the following faculty and staff for their exemplary service:

### Diamond service award, 10 years of service:

Barangan, James  
Collado, Michelle  
Diaz, Jazel May  
Franche, Daven Don  
Franche, Manilyn  
Francisco, Helen  
Grijalva, Myrtle  
Lagariza, Noel  
Manzano, Mark Allen  
Mendoza, Doris  
Myopia, Delina

### Pearl Service Award, 20 years of service:

Arit, Heidi  
Batocabe, Radel  
Bicua, Jackilyn  
Castillo, Sheryll Ann  
Divina, Lea  
Esguerra, Teofilo Corpus Jr.  
Felices, Neonem  
Ibañez, Jovillo  
Lagariza, Jessrel  
Pajarito, Dexter  
Ramos, Rowena Imelda  
Samson, Mark

### Emerald Service Award, 25 years of service:

Bacolod, Annalyn  
Cruz, Abner  
Ibañez, Jeruel  
Laguador, Perfecta  
Maalihan, Marilou  
Tayaben, Precious  
Vegafria, Penina

### Silver Service Award, 30 years of service:

Bualoy, Restituto  
Catangay, Alden  
Fernando, Andresito  
Salera, Romelda

### Sapphire Service Award, 35 years of service:

Borroмео, Elvie  
Carbonilla, Michelle  
Fabroa, Amelina  
Laberinto, Tessie  
Lamputi, Maria Corazon  
Manlapig, Belle  
Morales, Evangeline  
Olarde, Mervyn Allan

Santos, David

### Special Service Awards:

#### 36 years of service

Carpizo, Sanny  
Custodio, Joyce  
Mostaza, Leonardo  
Sausa, Gilbert  
Secoya, Marjorie



#### 37 years of service

Barnedo, Jaime  
Bosito, Lourdes  
Felices, Leonilo  
Natividad, Leonardo  
Ponsaran, Ramona

#### 38 years of service

Amurao, Julio  
Cordial, Rogelio  
Javien, Ruth  
Lagajino, Elmie

#### 39 years of service

Baret, Rogelio  
Carpizo, Rueben  
De Ocampo, Rowena  
Estrada, Miriam

#### 40 years of service

Capiendo, Raquel  
Rosario, Arceli

#### 41 years of service

Arit, Leocadio

## State of the University Address: Sharing Mission-driven Goals and Successes

"Today, we reiterate our dream. We dream of a university that is rooted in its mission, shared values, and time-honored traditions but is open to embrace change," Dr. Arceli Rosario emphasized during the State of the University Address on February 1, 2024, at 8 a.m. at the



Philippine International Church. NPUC Director Pastor Gerardo Cajobe remarked that the University has been a pillar of knowledge for 107 years. Amidst setbacks, “our unwavering mission-driven approach has helped us advance, uplift, and persevere throughout the journey—a journey with Christ.” Further fulfilling the University’s mission, he reiterated the need to “put God first in everything.”

Dr. Rosario meticulously outlined the University’s accomplishments from January 2023 to December 2023 through the six strategic goals. These goals encompassed Transforming Spirituality, Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Committed Christian Service and Ministry, Excellent Organizational Stewardship, Qualified and Committed Personnel, and Effective Institutional Relations. “We dream of a supportive and nurturing community;” she highlighted her vision for this year’s term.

“This year, we will start the construction of the teaching hospital.” She shared plans for facilities expansion including the proposed construction of the Student Association Literature Evangelist building and a Hope Channel compound in the University in partnership with NPUC.

Dr. Rosario concluded with a prayer, recognizing God as the ultimate source of the University’s success: “The Lord God Almighty is God over AUP!”

In gratefulness for the University’s journey, the celebration recognized the contribution of the pioneers. Dr. Rosario; Dr. Sheryll Ann Castillo, Guidance Services director; and Mr. Jeruel Ibañez, History Department faculty, shared a presentation of their study (with Dr. Jesse Songcayawon) entitled “Alfonso Roda as PUC President: A Portraiture.” Using the portraiture research design, a type of

narrative inquiry, the study explored the leadership of Dr. Roda, the 9th AUP president. Dr. Castillo concluded: “Leaders who live for others and their institution are those whose influence endures. They are transformational, servant leaders with personal humility and professional will.”

A mural painting for the University called “Invisible Visible of God’s Love for Us” by Mr. Merick Eupalao, Fine Arts Department faculty, was unveiled. Inspired by Jeremiah 17:7, 8, the artwork delved into the remarkable intervention of both seen and unseen miracles of God’s love to AUP. The faces of the past and present presidents epitomize mission-driven leadership, empowered by God for advancement and resilience.



The University awarded four distinguished individuals for their mission-driven accomplishments: Pastor Benjamin Martin, Distinguished Service Award; Dr. Edna Domingo, Distinguished Service Award in the Nursing Profession; Dr. Eppie Manalo, Distinguished Achievement in Service to the University; and Angela Manalo-Lalas, honoris causa for Doctor of Business Administration.

NPUC Education Director Dr. Mary Jane Zabat expressed how the University set the stage for Adventist schools’ growth and played a great role in advancing God’s mission through Adventist education. She urged AUP to “reach for the highest goals so the world will know God lives in you and with you. Onward, dear AUP. Shine on forever!”

### University Inaugurates CAH Building

The University inaugurated the AWESNA—Alfonso P. Miguel, Jr. building on February 1, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Michael Naidas, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, welcomed the benefactors, students, faculty,

and staff, and Church leaders who graced the ceremony. Dr. Jesse Songcayawon, History Department chair, recounted the College’s history.



“This College of Arts and Humanities building is now a part of reality,” Loida Miguel, one of the project’s major donors, expressed. “Truly, this building is a gift from God.”

Pastor Jose Zabat, Jr., executive secretary of NPUC, and Dr. Arceli Rosario, president of AUP, expressed heartfelt messages and thanksgiving for the Lord’s providence in realizing this building project.

Pastor Lowel Domocmat, the dean of the College of Theology, led the litany of dedication, which was followed by the commitment prayer of Pastor Ephraim Parulan, the president of CLC.

The inauguration concluded with a tour to the four-story building.

### CSC Held Its Groundbreaking Project for the University

The Central Student Council 2023-2024 held a groundbreaking ceremony for their project, which is a footpath from the cafeteria to the Student Park, on February 1, 2024, at 4 p.m. near the Lambingan Bridge. “This project will make the students’ lives easier as they traverse this area of the campus,” CSC President David Agustin said when presenting the project to the University administration and community. It will give an easier access from the cafeteria to the park.



It will be safer for the students who will be walking through, especially during the night," he further elaborated.

Mrs. Aileenmae Silverio, vice president for finance, acknowledged the Council's commitment to serve their fellow students through this project initiative.

Pastor Julio Amurao, vice president for student services, and the Facilities Development team—Engr. Jessrel Lagariza, Facilities and Development director, Engr. Rex Pueblo, University engineer, and Architect Lalaine Malala, University architect—were present to accept the project.

## University Honors Donor Through An Appreciation Banquet



In the evening, the first Donor Appreciation Banquet was held at the Finster Hall of All Nations. This event highlights the contribution of generous donors.

Advancement Director Oemer Rey Daquila presented the Donor Appreciation Program, which was developed to advance the University's mission by providing opportunities for alumni and friends of AUP to be channels of blessings.

The Unceasing Cantica rendered their musical repertoire during the dinner. Then, the awarding of donors followed. Some donors expressed their grateful sentiments during the banquet:

*"Masaya tayo na maging isang kabahagi ng Adventist University of the Philippines. Hindi po ito dahil sa aking kakayahan kundi dahil sa tulong ng Panginoon upang tayo ay makatulong sa ating University [We are happy to be a part of Adventist University of the Philippines. Not because of our own capacity but because of the Lord's blessings, we are able to help our University]."* (Jimmy Mayores, one of the donors for the Working Student Association)

"I hope AUP will continue what it does and improve in the next few years. One of my dreams is to have the teaching hospital completed. Hopefully, within 3-4 years, we will be able to help the medical students and allied health professions in their particular needs." (Dr. Alfonso Miguel, Jr., one of the major benefactors of the CAH building)

## Vesper Service: A Choral Festival

Uplifting praises to God, the University offered its thanksgiving through a choral festival vesper service at the Philippine International Church on February 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

The following groups participated in this choral festival: Soli Deo Gloria Ensemble, Sunbeam Ukelele Ensemble, the Singing Sunbeam Society, Little Singers, AUP Canticlars, AUP Academy Chorale, Faculty Male Chorus, Regent Square Chorale, Indonesian Chorale, Voice of Indonesia, African Congregation, Music Society of Nurses, AUP Ambassadors, AUP Medicine Chorale, AUP Unceasing Chorale, AUP Celestial Echoes, Advent Euphonic Chorale, Sola Gratia Chorale, AUP Mu Gamma Chi, and the Philippine Meistersingers.

In harmony, the choir's finale was the mass choir piece "Come, Thou Fount of Every



Blessing." Mrs. Sheryll Ann de Dios, Music Department chair, recognized the groups' dedication to the ministry in her closing remarks.

## Sabbath Celebration: A Mission-Driven Praise and Thanksgiving

"It is [AUP] not simply here to offer Christian education, but it is here to offer a mission-driven Christian education, thus producing missionaries who are sent not only here in the Philippines but around the world," Pastor Felixian Felicitas, Mission Refocus director of the Southern-Asia Pacific Division, stated

during the Sabbath School service.

During the hour of worship, mission and conference leaders—Mr. Joel Manlungat, Central Luzon Conference treasurer; Pastor Adriel Gavenia, Cavite Mission ministerial secretary; Pastor Noel Galang, Central Luzon Conference executive secretary; and Pastor Rex Mangiliman, Cavite Mission executive secretary—led the worship service.



The AUP Mass Choir and the PIC Orchestra rendered a musical offering—"We Sing the Mighty Power of God."

Anchoring on Exodus 13:13-16, Dr. Alfonso Miguel Jr. urged the congregation to "go forward" and faithfully continue the mission of the University.

A total of Php 120,900 was raised as a special donation for the health mission of the teaching hospital and the health ministry. In the afternoon, the Campus Youth Ministries, Adventist Youth Ministry-Master Guide, and Senior Youth Leadership sponsored a program themed "Landmarks of Faith" to appreciate God's providence to the University campus reflected in nature. The Master Guide led more than 150 participants, including students, faculty, family, and church members, on the route. The participants traversed the campus from the historic University water tank to the Centennial Park. They engaged in interactive Bible games, trivia, and reflections. Reflections and thanksgiving concluded the Walk during the sundown worship at the Centennial Park, Commission Point.

## CSC Concludes Intramurals Through an Awarding Ceremony

Concluding the week-long games, the CSC-Physical Development Council held its Intramurals closing ceremony on February (Continued on page 8)



## Senior Presentation Marks the Countdown to Graduation

Reaching the finish line is not just about coming to an end, but it is about succeeding, achieving, and fulfilling beyond the finish line itself," Dr. Eppie Manalo, a retired associate director from the Office of Academic Publications at Loma Linda University and a former vice president of AUP, emphasized during the senior's class presentation at the Philippine International Church on February 16, 2024.

She urged the graduating seniors to "Cross Your Finish Line . . . well" by keeping the faith. "There is no stopping, no turning



around and going back mid-race," she reiterated. She also reminded that the finish line is not ultimate but being with God. "Graduation is not the end of the line. It is the starting line of your next race—finding a job, establishing a family of your own, etc.—above all, being with the One who has seen you through every race in your life."

Respective college deans presented each college's candidates for graduation:

- College of Arts and Humanities - 107
- College of Business - 144
- College of Dentistry - 23
- College of Education - 28
- College of Health - 108
- College of Medicine - 33
- College of Nursing - 98
- College of Science and Technology - 37
- College of Theology - 18

Dr. Gracel Ann Saban introduced Dr. Teofilo Esguerra Jr., the Senior Class adviser and Mr. Jose Salera III, Dr. Ma. Julita Sibayan, and Ms. Raiza Angela Almocera, the Senior Class sponsors.

She also presented the following Senior Class officers: Alysza Jane Delos Reyes, president (CON); Niel Albert Gapusan, vice president (CST); Precious Mindae, class secretary (COD); Dennies Kate Cabiedes, associate secretary (CON); Tricia Jane Molina, treasurer (COB); Judie Anne Rico,

associate treasurer (COB); Leevanie Almaza, class auditor (COB); Irish Jennali Bitangcol, public information officer (COH); Alpha Jem Ituriaga, public information officer (CAH); Jove Milmarc Jimenez, class pastor (COT); Lejane Quinatadcan, class artist (COE); Dionne Veronica Rey, class artist (COH); Ivy Cleana Ruales, class artist (CAH); and Flomae Castueras, CGS representative (COB).

Senior Class President Delos Reyes shared her excitement as she presented their batch name, "Raniag" 2024. "Now the countdown begins," she remarked, "God will see us through. Only a hundred days more."

Raniag is an Ilocano word meaning light or radiance. It evokes brilliance and clarity, like a beacon cutting through the darkness. The candidates of Raniag 2024 hold the transformative light that guides them to cross the finish line, shining forth with God's light for the world.





# Faculty and Staff Spiritual Retreat 2024: Embracing Divine Calling Beyond Ourselves

Jesus calls us beyond our capacity, beyond our comfort, beyond our current faith to trust in Him," Pastor Lee Venden emphasized, igniting the spirit of introspection and renewal at the Faculty and Staff Spiritual Retreat 2024. Held at the University Gymnasium on February 9-10, 2024, the retreat resonated with the theme "A Calling Beyond Us" as participants embarked on a transformative journey guided by Pastor Venden, the guest resource speaker from the United States and accompanied by the melodies of guest singers and musicians Jennifer LaMountain, Michael Andrews, and Steve Darmody.

Drawing from his experiences and biblical teachings, Pastor Venden emphasized the transformative power of remembering who

is in control and placing unwavering faith in God's plan.

On February 9, during the vesper service, Pastor Venden urged attendees to reflect on their journeys of faith, emphasizing the omnipresent nature of God's guidance even in the face of adversity. "There can be times when trusting Him may seem harder than other times," Pastor Venden stated, emphasizing challenges where God is at work in the lives of His children, primarily through difficult moments.

Reflecting on the message, the faculty and staff had a group discussion. They shared how they have seen God in their work and how their experience of suffering can be used to better fulfill God's calling.

On February 10, the Sabbath school service commenced with testimonies from Mrs. Maureen Mariñas and Pastor Noel Mariñas. They highlighted their journey of relocation to AUP as a divine calling. "When God calls us out of our comfort zones, He leads us to a better and more fulfilling place of comfort," Maureen Mariñas expressed. Moreover, amidst adjustments and challenges, Pastor Noel Mariñas testified, "If God calls, He provides."

Pastor Venden continued his presentation, delving into the theme of remembrance, urging faculty and staff to reflect on God's faithfulness throughout their respective journeys. Drawing parallels between biblical narratives and personal anecdotes, "Last minute God comes through and then puts us in the next position He has intended for us," Pastor Venden emphasized the importance of staying attuned to God's guiding hand amidst life's uncertainties. Then, Jennifer LaMountain concluded the message with her song, "All Along," as an appeal.

In the context of Jesus' crucifixion, Pastor Venden centered his message during the hour of worship on Jesus' prayer journey in the garden of Gethsemane. Relating to the plan of salvation to the world, He portrayed the calling Jesus has to fulfill in coming to earth because "He [Jesus] did not want to win the  
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## Over 700 Students Celebrate the CAH Day

Over 700 students celebrated the College of Arts and Humanities Day with the theme, "Turning Pages: Celebrating the Arts and Humanities," at the Finster Hall of All Nations on February 14, 2024.

The CAH Student Council led the celebration with a foot and float parade inside the campus. A series of events took place at the Finster Hall of All Nations. The Council

unveiled the new CAH Mascot, Lumika, representing the diverse and creative departments under the College.

Ms. Cutie Cañasares, Psychology faculty, led a research seminar on qualitative research, empowering students in their academic inquiry. The CAH students and faculty enjoyed the event, which included contests such as cosplay, quiz bee, extemporaneous speech, and talent bazaar.

The Tradigital Fine Arts Department and the Psychology Department held a research and art exhibit, which remained open for the whole day.

On February 15, the celebration extended with an open mic and food fair games in front of the Pioneer building.



### AUP Celebrates... (from page 5)



2, 2024, at the University gymnasium. The College of Nursing was proclaimed champion of the games. The College of Dentistry was the first runner-up, while the College of Science and Technology was the second runner-up. Alumni exhibition games were also held.

Under the CSC-Physical Development Council, the intramurals were held from January 28 to February 3, 2024 to celebrate the values of mission-driven and synergy of the University community through sports. The primary ball games were basketball (men and women), volleyball (men and women), and softball (men and women). There were frisbee, table tennis, track and field, and swimming for the minor games.

### CON Wraps the Anniversary Celebration with Taglamig Fair 2024

Sponsored by the College of Nursing, the *Taglamig* Fair 2024 marked the end of the founding anniversary celebration. It was held at the AUP driving field on February 4, 2024.

With the theme "*Himig ng Taglamig*," the fair gathered 2,783 alumni, visitors, students, faculty, and staff.

The fair's various activities offered gaming booths, inflatables, food stalls, raffle draws, and stage performances. The University community and visitors also enjoyed a colorful fireworks display.





# Adventist University of the Philippines and SUMOK EDU CO., Ltd. Sign Partnership to Enhance International Education

In a significant move towards fostering international collaboration, the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) and Sumok Edu. Co., Ltd. (SUMOK) inked a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to increase the presence of South Korean students at the University on February 26, 2024.

AUP President Dr. Arceli Rosario extended a warm welcome to SUMOK for their vision to increase the number of students who are citizens of South Korea in the University by promoting the University's campus-based undergraduate programs, graduate, and medical programs. SUMOK CEO Yong Ho Choi echoed Dr. Rosario's enthusiasm for the educational partnership.

The University Legal Counsel Atty. Gizelle Fugoso led the signing process and formalized the agreement, symbolizing both parties' commitment toward shared objectives. Following the ceremonial signing, key stakeholders elaborated on the contents and



cooperation plan outlined within the MOA, especially for medicine programs and allied health education.

VP Academics Dr. Gracel Ann Saban; VP Student Services Dr. Julio Amurao; VP Finance Mrs. Aileenmae Silverio; College of Dentistry Dean Dr. Herminiano Subido, Jr.; College of Education Dean Dr. Jeremiah Fameronag; College of Medicine Dean Dr. Doris Mendoza, College of Nursing Dean Dr. Ray Caagbay, Student Recruitment Officer Ardelma Sarmiento, College of Medicine Admission Officer Dr. Ann Dorado were present during the MOA signing.

As part of the engagement, SOMUK embarked on a tour with the College of Nursing, College of Medicine, and College of Dentistry. SUMOK Education Research Director Sumin Lee intimated to the faculty in the respective colleges that young people from South Korea would come to study at AUP. Min Gu Lee, a 6th-year student from the College of Dentistry, served as the interpreter during the tour.

The partnership between AUP and SUMOK EDU CO., Ltd. is a significant step towards fostering academic partnerships and international relations with South Korea.



# COB- Accountancy Wins PICPA- Cavite Chapter Quiz Bowl 2024

Two students from the College of Business-Accountancy emerged as winners at the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants-Cavite Chapter Quiz Bowl 2024 on February 16, 2024. The competition, held at National University-Dasmariñas, brought together accounting students from 18 academic institutions across Cavite.

Andrea Reodica emerged as the Level 1 champion, demonstrating exceptional skills and expertise in basic accounting. Additionally, Alexoire Claudel secured

the title of 1st Runner-Up in Level 2, highlighting knowledge in partnership and corporation intermediate accounting.

These achievements signify academic excellence and reflect the values instilled in students through their education—a combination of academic excellence, Christlike character, and exemplary service. As they shine for God, these students' success is a testament to their dedication and hard work.

The PICPA-Quiz Bowl is an annual event for all Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants across the Philippines. The quiz consists of three categories that are based on different levels. Level 1 is designed for first-year accounting students and covers topics related to basic accounting. Level 2 is intended for second and third-year students and focuses on partnership and corporation intermediate accounting. Finally, level 3 is created for



fourth and fifth-year students and covers all the subjects needed to prepare for the board exam.

# AUP Tradigital Fine Arts Represents AUP in GACCE Spectrum Exhibit Manila

In celebration of the National Arts Month, the Tradigital Fine Arts (TFA) Department represented the Adventist University of the Philippines in the Global Artist's Creative Collaboration for Empowerment "Spectrum" exhibit on February 5, 2024, at the Manila Clock Tower Museum, Manila.

"Spectrum is a depiction of diverse style brought about the depiction of processes, influenced by the artist's experience, philosophy, research, acculturation, and eventual assimilation. It speaks of colors, a fundamental aspect of life that defines our relationship within and how we perceive them," Ms. Ann Anolin, TFA department chair and GACCE country representative,

presented during her speech at the exhibit's opening. She also congratulated all who helped GACCE reach another milestone.

Ms. and Ms. Melanie Cabalde, TFA faculty, featured their works in the "Spectrum" exhibit.

Mr. Michael Naidas, College of Arts and Humanities dean; Ms. Melanie Cabalde and Mr. John Merick Eupalao, TFA faculty; Steffi Galeon, Pierre Paolo Ylagan, and Kian Sison, TFA students attended the opening event.

"Spectrum is a band of colors. It signifies diversity. All of the artists that you see here are multi-cultural in terms of the style that they do," Dr. Bernadette Escalona, GACCE founder, expounded.



The Exhibit runs from February 5- March 30, 2024, at the Manila Clock Tower, Padre Burgos Avenue, Ermita, Manila, Philippines.



# Dr. Rosario Conducts Training on Phenomenology

AUP President Dr. Arceli Rosario held a seminar on designing a transcendental and hermeneutic phenomenological study at the Finster Hall of All Nations on February

12, 2024. The event was attended by faculty, staff, and students. Online participants also joined via Zoom.

Dr. Rosario presented frameworks in formulating the research questions for both transcendental and hermeneutic phenomenology and in crafting an interview guide for the phenomenological interview. “Your interview guide will help you elicit rich data. If you do not ask the right questions, you do not get the right data. If you do not get the right data, you will not have the right



themes,” she emphasized.

During the presentation, Dr. Arceli provided sample research questions for some phenomena. She also engaged the participants in crafting an interview guide. As an example of how themes are extracted, she shared her team’s study on the lived experiences of Adventist humanitarian service providers during the Ukraine-Russia War.

## Faculty and Staff... (from page 7)

great controversy without winning you, too.”

The afternoon session featured testimonies from Elaine Joy and Manasis Claudel, who shared their struggles and triumphs in answering God’s call to serve at AUP. “When you cannot think of a solution, He always has a solution,” Mr. Claudel testified to God’s unwavering provision and guidance amidst their challenges and uncertainties as a family.

As Jennifer LaMountain, Michael Andrews, and Steve Darmody offered their final musical offerings, the retreat drew close, inspiring participants to embrace their calling with renewed conviction.

Marji Venden, Garrison LaMountain, Rick Clemente, Nida Clemente, Ester Tagarao, Peter Moseka Maki, Jeson Amoren, Eunice Caras, Marcelino Amurao, Conchita Amurao, Vicky Tobias, who were part of the team, were also present during the retreat.

## Events & Announcements

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**6<sup>th</sup>**

**Dates to Remember**

Deadline for ABSTRACT SUBMISSION	Deadline for FULL PAPER	Deadline for PPT-RECORDED PRESENTATION	STRANDS
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## DENR-EMB Region IV-A Monitors the University for the NSSEFS

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region 4-A, through the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), visited the University on February 22, 2024, for the National Search for Sustainable and Eco-friendly Schools (NSSEFS) program.

In 2017, the University was recognized as one of the Regional Winners of the NSSEFS Tertiary Division. As part of their program, the team from DENR-EMB Region IV-A, comprising Ms. Maria Aurora Llave, DENR-

EMB R4A Officer-in-Charge, Ms. Anne Clarisse Canceran, and Mr. Vee Cementina, conducted photo documentation and monitoring of previous regional winners to ensure the sustainability of the schools' environmental programs and best practices in environmental protection.

Mr. Oemer Rey Daquila, University Advancement director, along with Mrs. Maureen Mariñas, Institutional Quality

Assurance director; Mr. Juarren Vegafria, Environmental Management supervisor, and Dr. Reuben Carpizo, Accreditation director, toured the DENR-EMB Region IV-A team around the campus.

They also visited the Art Park, Creation Science Center, Natural Park, and Material Recovery Facility of the University.

Also present during the meeting were Mr. Edwin Balilla, College of Science and Technology dean; Dr. Michael Naidas, College of Arts and Humanities dean; Dr. Jervensesense Florece, National Service Training Program Department chair, and Dr. Jolly Balila, Research Office director.

The NSSEFS Program encourages schools and academic institutions to become more involved in environmental issues at a practical and local level. It also seeks to develop skills and understanding among students, faculty, and school administrators in initiating active responses and increasing community awareness and participation in environmental concerns.



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