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AUP Ranks 6th for New RMTs, Acosta Shines in Top 7



TOP 7

PITZMAN JO R. ACOSTA

MARCH 2024 MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

AUP PASSING RATE **98.31%** NATIONAL PASSING RATE **80.6%**

To God be the Glory!

RANK 6

AUGUST 2023

AUP PASSING RATE **100%**

NATIONAL PASSING RATE **73.73%**

TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL | Adventist University of the Philippines | COLLEGE OF HEALTH | MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The University ranked 6th place among top-performing schools during the March 2024 Medical Technologists licensure examination released on March

27, 2024. The newest batch of registered medical technologists achieved a 98.31% passing rate, compared to the national passing rate of 80.6%.

Among the 58 examinees, Pittzman Jo R. Acosta, RMT, AUP-MLS Paglaum 2023, made a remarkable achievement by ranking Top 7 nationwide.

Acosta reflected on his academic experience from the pandemic until the board examinations. He stated that “studying is a holistic experience! AUP reminded me that we should never sequester ourselves. I have my classmates, family, teachers, and God to thank for. We are witnesses to His miracles. We are the testimonies of His mercies. I hope that the challenges I went through become a lesson for everyone. [This] success is a testament to how God works in us. You cannot finish a journey on your own. You need a friend, a family, and a God who shines a light on your path,” Acosta concluded.

Here is the list of the successful examinees from AUP:

1. Acosta, Pittzman Jo R
2. Aguila, Lorenzo C
3. Almarez, Camille Ann R
4. Artiga, Victoria B
5. Badilles, Harry V
6. Batuigas, Fritz Jane M
7. Bautista, Faye Dominique V
8. Bay, Hazel F

9. Belmonte, Chidelle D
10. Bencito, Q Beryl R
11. Blancio, Vanessa May J
12. Buera, Michaela G
13. Caagbay, John Almer P
14. Cacuyong, Shane Bernadette A
15. Corpuz, Ma Patricia Kate F
16. Cortez, Hazel J
17. Dela Cruz, Humphrey S
18. Desoasido, Eddrei Pallynne D
19. Dimayuga, Mutya Veronica C
20. Em, Edward M
21. Espinosa, Agape Cristy C
22. Estrebilla, Kyjn Franster R
23. Falcunitin, Lislybel R
24. Fallaria, Charlotte Fae F
25. Famaran, Ken Paolo M
26. Fiedacan, Aeronn D
27. Fiedacan, Kate Mariane M
28. Galanza, Sweet Queenie L
29. Guiquing, Faye Mariele R
30. Labradores, Rochiele E
31. Laroa, Marie Danielle P
32. Macahilo, Keziah Marie A
33. Manalili, Mary Lynne L

34. Marcera, Ramlev B
35. Martinez, Czerlle Keith P
36. Miranda, Danielle Dana P
37. Morales, Francheska Marie P
38. Ornopia, Marchie Lynn T
39. Pagkalinawan, Michelle N
40. Paquiao, Ruevein Bob D
41. Piol, Dennise Julinne M
42. Ranes, Charles Andrew T
43. Remonde, Shadrock A
44. Reyes, Wrygl Q
45. Riano, Carl AJ G
46. Rilloma, Neldon Leoben O
47. Ringo, Neil-Mhar D
48. Riosa, James Karl G
49. Rojas, Inna Patricia V
50. Ronato, Jether RJ B
51. Rubio, Caryl Beam G
52. Sian, Jessa Ivana D
53. Sinuhin, John Mark S
54. Somoso, Nhemie Llewr R
55. Tanacio, Shekinah S
56. Tayamora, Jullienne Faye M
57. Ubasa, Prym J
58. Wagayan, Rhocer Ray G

University Dedicates New Ambulance for the HSD

This ambulance will be a means and an avenue through which people will be served,” VP Student Services Pastor Julio Amurao emphasized during the dedication of the new ambulance for the AUP Health Services Department (HSD) on March 8, 2024.

Pastor Amurao signified that this ambulance would “serve and save people, not just physically but spiritually.”

The VP Finance Mrs. Aileenmae Silverio, expressed the administration’s support for the need for an ambulance to serve both on-campus residents and the neighboring community.

AUP HSD Director Dr. Elmer Valenzona assured that this ambulance will be “full of prayers.” He expressed his sincerest gratitude to the administrators for supporting

the needs of the HSD. He also introduced Mr. Marc Manalili as the person in charge of the Emergency Medical Services.

VP Student Services Pastor Amurao, VP Finance Mrs. Aileenmae Silverio, General Manager for Auxiliary Enterprises Mr. Wedrick Ian Rodelas, and AUP HSD Director Dr. Elmer Valenzona cut the ribbon. Pastor Amurao offered a commitment prayer and blessing.



University Concludes Week of Prayer

The University recently concluded its Week of Prayer for both academy and college students. These events marked a significant time of reflection, growth, and renewal for the second semester of 2024.

On March 11-16, 2024, the Academy held its Week of Prayer with the theme, "Light in the Labyrinth." The spiritual journey was guided by student speakers who led their peers through the labyrinth of life's challenges toward the light of God's love and guidance. The week culminated in a baptism ceremony where five students declared their faith and commitment to Christ.

From March 18-23, 2024, the University held its Week of Prayer delving into the theme, "Embraced: Who Am I that Jesus Cares?" The speaker, Pastor Kenroy Campbell, explored the depth of Jesus' love and care for everyone. Pastor Campbell is a PhD candidate from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies.

The event concluded with a baptism ceremony of 28 college students declaring their faith and symbolizing their acceptance of Jesus.

The Week of Prayer is more than just a tradition; it is a testament to the University's commitment to nurturing the mind and the spirit.



AUP and TMC-South Luzon Forge Partnership

The Adventist University of the Philippines and The Medical City-South Luzon (TMC-SL) came together for a momentous Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing ceremony on the clinical affiliation for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The MOA signing with TMC-SL was held on March 6, 2024, at the administration conference room.

This agreement solidified the University's commitment to afford necessary training to fulfill the College of Nursing students' statutory requirements and establish a comprehensive training program.

The signing ceremony occurred in the presence of esteemed individuals representing both institutions: Dr. Arceli Rosario, president of AUP, and Dr. Cesar Ramon Espiritu, chief executive officer of TMC-SL. Among the signatories were Mrs. Aileenmae Silverio, vice president for finance; Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, vice president for academics; Dr. Raymond Caagbay, dean of the College of Nursing; and Mrs. Rosybelle Miclat, head of finance; Mrs. Leticia Carolino, head of patient services group; and Mr.



Arnold Maniebo, director of nursing from TMC-SL.

Pastor Julio Amurao, vice president for student services; Dr. Susy Jael, assistant vice president for academics; Mr. Oemer Rey Daquila, director of advancement; Mr. Rey Laberinto, administrative assistant for legal services; and Atty. Gizelle Fugoso, legal counsel, witnessed the momentous partnership.

With 15 years of partnership, Dr. Cesar Ramon Espiritu expressed his sentiments about the continued collaboration between the University and TMC-SL. This agreement set another set of training opportunities and professional development for nursing students for excellence, innovation, and service in the healthcare field.

COD-CES Program in Cavite

A total of 165 patients received dental services during the College of Dentistry (COD)-Community Extension Service (CES) dental mission held in Barangay Bernardo, Pulido, GMA, Cavite, on March 21, 2024.

This program exemplified the University's dedication to providing quality dental care and promoting oral health awareness. Eight clinical instructors, three COD staff members,

and 41 clinicians volunteered their expertise to serve the community. Services provided included dental check-ups, cleanings, fillings, and extractions.

The COD-CES dental mission at Barangay Bernardo reflects the University's dedication to holistic health and community well-being. Through these initiatives, the University

continues to shine and make a positive impact on society—one smile at a time.



University Talipapa Re-opens

AUP talipapa opened at the road leading to the Old Gate at 6:30 a.m. on March 10, 2024, after it closed during the pandemic.

The Finance and Operations Department led the opening ceremony, which included a short devotional from Pastor Julio Amurao, vice president for student services. He also dedicated the re-opening of the talipapa and prayed for the concessioners.

Together with Pastor Amurao, Mrs. Ela Almocera, finance controller; Mr. Wedrick Ian Rodelas, general manager for auxiliary enterprises; Mr. Oemer Rey Daquila, advancement director, and one of the talipapa commissioners cut the ribbon, marking the start of the talipapa operations.

The AUP talipapa operates every Sunday from 5:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



AUP Celebrates Women on International Women's Month



AUP celebrated International Women's Month with a series of initiatives that acknowledged the accomplishments of women within the University community on March 21, 2024.

One significant initiative launched by the Development Communication Department was the distribution of essential products to female University community members. Female students received 250 packs of pads in a loot bag, stickers, and bookmarks. In addition, female faculty and staff members received 160 packs of hair treatment. Four male staff members and Development Communication course graduates made possible these donations.

Another vital effort spearheaded by God's Abundant Basket, a ministry for University work scholars, was providing free packs of pads to female work scholars. This ministry happens monthly, guaranteeing that the 166 female working students receive such essentials.

The highlighted initiatives align with AUP's efforts to recognize women in its community and empower them as part of an inclusive support system that overrules status and gender. These International Women's Month activities promoted gender equality and valued women's role in different sectors.



The University Holds Flag Raising Ceremony

The University held its flag ceremony at the AUP Centennial Park on March 4, 2024. Led by the Academic Administrative

Committee, the ceremony served as a poignant reminder to the University community—students, faculty, and staff—to honor tradition and foster nationalism.

Dr. Miriam Estrada, the dean of the College of Health, led the singing of the national anthem. Dr. Clint Laborde, a faculty member of the College of Health, and Dr. Ray Caagbay, who is the dean of the College of Nursing, hoisted the Philippine flag. Then, the University flag was raised, followed by

the singing of the University song.

Pastor Lowel Domocmat, the dean of the College of Theology, led the prayer, invoking blessings and gratitude for the University's leaders, faculty, staff, and students. Mr. Jose Salera, a faculty of the College of Business, served as the event's marshal.

"It feels great because it brings back high school memories," Jhanine Dano, a student of the College of Nursing, expressed her thoughts on the flag ceremony.

The University-wide flag raising ceremony is held every first Monday of the month at the Centennial Park at 7:30 a.m.





AUP Representatives Establish Linkages and Possible Exchange Program in Japan

The University delegation, represented by the Student Recruitment Officer Mrs. Ardelma Sarmiento and AUP Academy Principal Ms. Janeth Bacomo, ventured to Tokyo, Japan, from February 19-23, 2024.

The trip, sponsored by Josai High School through Ms. Ayako Yamaguchi, aimed to forge meaningful linkages and explore potential exchange programs with esteemed Japanese institutions, including Josai High School, Josai Kawagoe High School, and Nihon Institute of Medical Science.

At Josai High School, Mrs. Sarmiento and Ms. Bacomo engaged in a dynamic lecture session and extended courtesy to Principal Kamisugi Munenori and English Department Chair Ami Morita. Delving into Japanese culture, they participated in a mesmerizing flower-arrangement experience called Ikebana and were welcomed with a traditional "Tea Ceremony," fostering cultural exchange.

Transitioning to Josai Kawagoe High School, Mrs. Sarmiento and Ms. Bacomo

gave lectures alongside Principal Satoshi Watanabe. A guided tour around Kawagoe offered insights into local heritage, culminating in a captivating cultural drum presentation, igniting a deeper appreciation for Japanese traditions.

The pinnacle of the visit unfolded at the Nihon Institute of Medical Science, Mrs. Sarmiento and Ms. Bacomo actively participated in enlightening lectures, especially in English classes and promotional sessions.

Mrs. Sarmiento also gave a plenary session for Nihon Institute about AUP, what it offers, and possible exchange programs.

The results of this visit that brought about a significant change hold immense promise for future collaboration. One of the suggested collaborations is an online exchange program for English Club students from Japan. As part of the exchange programs by the English departments, AUP and AUP Academy (AUPA) would be one of the destinations. Mrs. Sarmiento endorsed and introduced the current AUPA principal for future collaboration and cultural exchange opportunities.

Moreover, AUP Academy and Josai High School established a linkage through the visit.

The Japan visit created meaningful connections, partnerships, and mutual growth on a global scale. This journey symbolizes the beginning of a fruitful collaboration that promises to transcend borders and enrich the University's linkages and exchange programs.

AUP-COM and BSU-COM Consult on a Unified Clinical Clerkship Manual
The Adventist University of the Philippines-College of Medicine (AUP-COM), Batangas State University-College of Medicine (BSU-COM), and Batangas Medical Center (BatMC) held a consultative meeting to craft a unified clinical clerkship manual on February 29, 2024.

The meeting was warmly opened by Dr. R. Magnaye, the director of BatMC, who welcomed the delegates from AUP-COM and BSU-COM. The atmosphere was filled with a sense of unity and purpose, which was further amplified by the AUP Clinical Clerks Choir's rendition of the national anthem.

Dr. Doris Mendoza, the dean of AUP-COM, introduced the AUP-COM delegation, which included esteemed faculty members Dr. DDBerto, Dr. ECValeznaza, Dr. BMacaya, Dr. PSCocos, and Dr. SJaclan.

The meeting highlighted the collaboration of the partner medical schools, AUP-COM and BSU-COM, at their shared teaching hospital, Batangas Medical Center. This partnership aims to enhance the clinical learning experience of their students and ensure the delivery of high-quality healthcare services.

A significant moment in the meeting was the forging of an academic partnership between Dr. Doris Mendoza, dean of AUP-COM, and Dr. Dolores Viliran, dean of BSU-COM. Their shared vision and commitment to medical education promise their institutions and students a bright future.

Shine On Caravan Visits North Luzon Academies

Connecting with Adventist academies, the University Advancement Office embarked on a “Shine On Caravan” promotional campaign in North Luzon from March 18-20, 2024.

The Shine On Caravan visited six Adventist academies in North Luzon: Central Luzon Adventist Academy (CLAA) in Floridablanca, Pampanga; North Luzon Adventist College-Academy (NLAC-A) in Sison, Pangasinan; Baguio Seventh-day Adventist School (BSDAS) in Baguio, Benguet; Concepcion Adventist Academy (CAA) in Gregorio del Pilar, Ilocos Sur; and Tirad View Academy (TVA) in Quirino, Ilocos Sur.

Mr. Omer Rey Daquila, advancement director; Mr. Ron Ivan Perdido, marketing officer; Mrs. Ardelma Sarmiento, student recruitment officer; and Ms. Charissa Uy, communications officer, visited Adventist academies fostering connection among the Adventist education community. This initiative also showcased the University’s academic programs and opportunities.

Shining for Jesus

During the caravan, one of the highlights was the devotional message wherein Mrs. Sarmiento shared three points: “Know the light which is Jesus. Recognize . . . Reflect Jesus.” This message inspired students in Adventist academies to shine on for Jesus.

Mrs. Sarmiento, Mr. Perdido, and Ms. Uy taught the students “This Little Light of Mine” with a counterpart melody of “Will the Circle of Life Be Unbroken.” Mr. Perdido encouraged students to pursue Adventist education during his promotional talk inspiring them to strive for excellence, character, and service.

He expounded on the diverse range of academic programs the University offers and its campus life. He also engaged the students through a video presentation, and a Terin-Terin (an AUP kind of bread) reward was given



during the interactive question and answer portion for a whole AUP experience.

Strengthening Linkages with Sister Institutions

During the caravan, the advancement team, led by Mr. Daquila, strengthened linkages and connections with Adventist academies led by Pastor Edmar Andres, CLAA principal; Mr. Russ del Castillo, NLAC-A principal; Mrs. Marinda Garbin, BSDAS principal; Mr. Dary Fabito, CAA principal; and Mrs. Jassin Gregorio, TVA principal.

Upon meaningful conversations with each academy, possible future initiatives of the University were discussed, such as sharing accreditation guides and templates, possible donation of computers and printers from the

University, seminars for Adventist academies, and a share-a-faculty program.

Moreover, the team had a courtesy call with Hon. Henry Gallardo, Gregorio Del Pilar municipality mayor, an alumnus of the University. He shared his journey as a working student at AUP Health Foods. He emphasized that financial constraints should not hinder education.

The Shine On Caravan promotional campaign is a dynamic initiative by the Adventist University of the Philippines to connect with Adventist academies across the Philippines. The campaign aims to inspire students to pursue Adventist education, empower Adventist academies, and promote the University’s academic programs.



Math and Physics Department Celebrates International Day of Mathematics

During the International Day of Mathematics, the Math and Physics Department hosted a Pi Day celebration on March 14, 2024, at the College of Education breezeway.

Mrs. Precious Tayaben, a faculty member of the Math and Physics Department, challenged the audience to memorize the value of Pi. Solace, a Math student, and Erika Joy Zoleta, an English student, accepted the challenge and memorized the most numbers of Pi. As a reward, they were given a Pi pin.

Dr. Edwin Balila, the College of Science and Technology dean, delivered his message about the object lesson on the lever. The central theme of his message was how it

can influence people. One of the lever's components is the fulcrum located between two loads. "You have to find a point where you can find balance," Dr. Balila emphasized. He quoted from Archimedes: "Give me a place to stand, and I will move the earth." He concluded by inviting the audience to ponder: "Are we bringing good influence to those around us, or are we bringing bad influence to them?"

Logical abilities, games, and activities such as Parabolic Target, Pi Roulette, Cutting Pie, Tapatan, and Artificial Intelligence were held at the College of Theology Level 1 Hallway.





COE Empowered Polillo Island Educators with UDL

In collaboration with Polillo Adventist Institute, the AUP-College of Education (COE) spearheaded a transformative in-service training program with the theme, "Universal Design for Learning: Secret to Equitable Teaching," at Polillo, Quezon, on February 29, 2024.

Over 150 island educators from both public and private schools in Polillo, Quezon, participated in the training program: Southern Luzon State University-Polillo, Polillo Central Elementary School, Sibulan Elementary School, Binibitanan Elementary School, Pilion Elementary School, Bigyan Elementary School.

Dr. Michelle Collado, the COE Secondary Education department chair and known for her insights into inclusive classrooms, delved into the "Keys to Integration: Special Needs," emphasizing the importance of

accommodating diverse learning styles and needs within the educational landscape.

Dr. Jeremiah Fameronag, the COE dean and an advocate for Universal Design for Learning (UDL), elucidated its "Principles & Applications." His session provided educators with practical strategies to implement UDL effectively, ensuring that learning environments are accessible and equitable for all students.

Further enriching the discourse, Dr. Mary Grace De Guzman, a COE faculty member, shared invaluable insights into "Equitable Teaching Strategies." Her presentation equipped teachers with a repertoire of techniques to foster an inclusive classroom culture where every student feels valued and supported in their learning journey.

The collaborative effort between AUP-COE and Polillo Adventist Institute underscores a commitment to advancing educational practices that prioritize inclusivity and equity. By empowering teachers with the tools and knowledge to implement UDL, this initiative aims to create an educational landscape where every student can thrive regardless of their unique abilities or backgrounds.



Honoring Dr. Andrew Haynal: A Tribute to a Legacy of Service



Remembering Dr. Andrew Haynal's remarkable legacy, the University hosted a special tribute during her daughter's visit, Mrs. Lois Haynal Robinson, at the Center for Graduate Studies on March 7, 2024.

Mr. Oemer Rey Daquila, the advancement director, welcomed Mrs. Robinson and Dr. Ginger-Ketting Weller, the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies president, to the University.

The tribute featured a video presentation with heartfelt letters from the Public Health students expressing gratitude for the late

Dr. Haynal's mentorship and guidance. Additionally, Mrs. Lilibeth Casel, the NPUC administrative assistant, advancement and human resource manager and Mrs. Amelina Fabroa, the administrative secretary, shared touching stories, underscoring the late Dr. Haynal's lasting impact on their lives.

Dr. Miriam Estrada, the College of Health dean, represented the Public Health students of the late Dr. Haynal in awarding a recognition plaque and acknowledging his invaluable contributions to public health education and advocacy. Mrs. Robinson received the plaque with a heartfelt response, expressing gratitude for the outpouring of love and appreciation for her father's life and work.

A fiddle tree was planted near the Haynal guest house, a place that he and his wife donated and where they stayed when they came to teach classes at AUP. This symbolic gesture commemorates Dr. Haynal's dedication to mentoring students and advancing public health initiatives.



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