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AUP Hosts Academy Fiesta 2024

The spirit of competition, camaraderie, and academic excellence illuminated the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) Gymnasium on April 14, 2024, as the Academy Fiesta 2024 unfolded under the theme "Shine On." This prestigious event brought together 270 participants from four esteemed institutions: AUP Academy (AUPA), Lumil Integrated High School (Lumil INHS), Banahaw View Academy (BVA), and

Lipa Adventist Academy (LAA). The Academy Fiesta 2024 showcased the intellectual prowess and talent of the students across various academic disciplines, as well as their skills in sports. The event was a testament to students' and educators' dedication and hard work in nurturing holistic development. One of the highlights of the Fiesta was the Quiz bee, where students showcased their

knowledge in various subjects. For the Grade 10 students, the subjects were Bible, Filipino, Math, Science, Social Studies, and English. For Grades 11 and 12, the subjects were Gospel of John (Grade 11) and Daniel and Revelation (Grade 12), Komunikasyon at Pananaliksik, General Mathematics, Earth and Life Science, and Oral Communication. The following winners in the Quiz Bee categories exemplified excellence.



GRADE 10 QUIZ BEE WINNERS:

Bible

2nd Place: Sean Gabriel Mangiliman and Angel Ram Valdez (AUPA)
3rd Place: Jillian Archie Reformado (BVA) and Louis Erik Endriga (AUPA)

Filipino

1st Place: Wyneth Bazh Alob (AUPA)
2nd Place: Ivan Miguel Antonio Rivera and Trisha Mae Arrogante (AUPA)

Science

3rd Place: Zach Castaño (AUPA)

Social Studies

3rd Place: Jedd Victor Parra (AUPA)

Math

1st Place: Tricia Songcawayon (AUPA)
2nd Place: Mcllin Dion Quezon (AUPA)
3rd Place: Nyljun Lord Macaraan (BVA)

English

1st Place: Xian Yuri Nacario and Amethyst Gaile Magcawas (AUPA)
2nd Place: Froilan Alfred C. Wahiman (AUPA)
3rd Place: Cristina Jasmine Tortogo (AUPA), Czyreen Caboje (LAA), and Alexis Hanah Arceo (BVA)



GRADE 11 QUIZ BEE WINNERS:

Gospel of John

1st Place: Angela Gabrielle Ferraren (AUPA)
3rd Place: Jefferdz Flaviano (AUPA)

General Mathematics

1st Place: Gabrielle Divine Dela Cruz (AUPA)

Oral Communication

1st Place: Maeve Keene Dominguez (AUPA)
2nd Place: Gabriel Sam Lamputi (AUPA)
3rd Place: Timothy John Guevarra (AUPA), Alessia Venus Hernandez (AUPA), Vianna Marie Ola (BVA), and Princess Akeisha Mondilla (BVA)

GRADE 12 QUIZ BEE WINNERS:

Oral Communication

3rd Place: Janeth Nicole I. Oabel (LAA), Allyssa Mae R. Aliazas (BVA), and Summer Genevieve O. Rodriguez (BVA)

Daniel & Revelation

3rd Place: Rusem Ricalde (LAA) and David Lanquino (BVA)

General Mathematics

3rd Place: Jamaica Mae Macalam (BVA)
Another highlight of the Fiesta was the extemporaneous speech held at the AUPA Samuel P. Dizon Auditorium. The extemporaneous speech was graced by skilled judges: North Philippine Union Conference Education Director Mary Jane Zabat, University Quality Assurance Director Maureen Mariñas, and Languages Department Chair Kathleen Flores.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH WINNERS:

Junior High School Category

1st Place: Shekinah Safe Lucion (AUPA)

Senior High School Category

1st Place: Kyle Malagambe (AUPA)
2nd Place: Kelcey Nhieu Caspe (LAA)

3rd Place: Azneya Jannah Salacop (AUPA), Louise Francine Bravo (BVA), and Shellen Wyles Bagano (LAA)

The academic competition was complemented by thrilling sports events, fostering teamwork and sportsmanship among the participants.

Basketball

Champion: Lumil INHS

1st LAA
2nd AUPA
3rd BVA



Men's Volleyball

Champion: Lumil INHS

1st BVA
2nd AUPA
3rd LAA

Women's Volleyball

Champion: Lumil INHS

1st AUPA
2nd BVA
3rd LAA

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AUP Tradigital Fine Arts Embarks on a GACCE Creative Journey at USA

The Tradigital Fine Arts Department of the Adventist University of the Philippines embarked on an artistic journey by participating in the Global Artists' Creative Collaboration for Empowerment (GACCE) International art exhibit on April 2, 2024, at the United States of America. Fine Arts Department Chair Ann Anolin and Fine Arts Faculty John Merick Eupalao represented the University at the Philippine Center in New York under the theme "Creative Journey," where a plethora of imaginative wonders were unveiled, showcasing the rich tapestry of Filipino artistic talent.

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The event at Fiesta Street showcased the academic programs offered by the University. Various colleges and departments set up booths where students could explore and learn about the courses available through fun activities, games, and informative sessions.

The Academy Fiesta 2024 celebrated academic achievements and embodied

The grand opening of the exhibit was graced by the presence of distinguished individuals, including Mr. Angelo Maristela, Vice President for Creatives at GACCE; legal luminaries Atty. Loida Nicolas Lewis and Atty. Lara Gregory; esteemed academics Dr. Dely Po Go, Mr. Edwin Josue, and Dr. Lestrino Baquiran.

Among the delegate artists who captivated the audience with their exceptional works were John Merick Toribio Eupalao, Ann Anolin, Manuel Sintos, James Frani Dayrit, Euodia Zeta, and the visionary GACCE

Chairman, Dr. Bernadette Escalona. Their contributions were complemented by the talents of Ann Galeon, Zorrick Piñero Enriquez, Nante Carandang, Aron Ray Dee Carandang, Felisa Rose Carandang, and Jorge Banawa.

Running from April 2-12, the exhibit served as a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity and artistic excellence, serving as a testament to the boundless creativity that unites us across borders.

the values of collaboration, resilience, and excellence. It served as a platform for students to showcase their talents, broaden their horizons, and forge lasting friendships across schools. As the participants continue to shine on in their academic and personal journeys, they carry invaluable lessons and memories

from this enriching experience.



AUP Empowers NELAC Students to Shine On During Their Career Week

The Adventist University of the Philippines empowered Northeast Luzon Adventist College students to chart their paths to success during their career week on April 23, 2024.

With an impressive turnout of 344 senior high school students, the event was a testament to their eagerness to explore and make meaningful career choices. NELAC SHS Principal Saddy Jovellanos warmly welcomed all, setting the tone for a productive career exploration day.

The University Advancement team played a pivotal role during the event. Advancement Director Oemer Rey Daquila inspired students to make significant decisions about their career paths. Anchored in the Scriptures, his message about the Light who guides them on their career choices resonated with the students.

NELAC students had the opportunity to “experience, see, and taste” the Adventist University of the Philippines through Marketing Officer Ron Ivan Perdido. He orchestrated engaging promotions, allowing students to participate and ask questions regarding each academic program.

“Even before AUP’s promotion, I had already set my sights on studying there, as it has been a dream of mine ever since my first visit to the University,” Cristy Abara, one of the Grade 12 students, expressed. “I was thrilled to have MAC and AUP visit our school to showcase and highlight the offerings of our [Adventist] institution. Their promotion reinforced my decision and motivated me to promptly submit my application, enabling me to pursue further the path I am passionate about,” she concluded.

In collaboration with Manila Adventist



College, the Advancement Team played a crucial role in promoting Adventist education. Both sister institutions shared their unique offerings. NELAC Dean for Academics Dr. Vergilio Quimba, warmly welcomed the two institutions. The event served as a bridge, connecting students with valuable resources for their educational and career journeys and providing them with the necessary support and guidance to navigate their paths confidently.

As the Career Week concluded, students gained renewed determination and a clearer vision of their future paths as they shine for Jesus.



CSC Holds Dedication Ceremony for the Basketball Court and Paved Pathway Projects

By Reaneh Cagampang



The Central Student Council (CSC) held a dedication ceremony to officially open the newly-constructed basketball court project of Virtus 2020, as well as the paved pathway project of the CSC 2023–2024 at the Student Park on April 21, 2024.

During the ceremony, Pastor Julio Amurao delivered a devotional message, urging attendees to continue serving as Jesus did. Ms. Martina Valencia, the former

CSC president, shared her testimony, revealing the unwavering determination of the CSC. It took four CSC terms to plan and complete the basketball court project, a feat achieved amidst the unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic. She emphasized that the project was proposed by Batch of 2020, Virtus, with funds collected from various donors, including CSC Batch 2019–2020 and alumni batches Aurora 2018, Erudite 2019, Virtus 2020, and Paglaum

2023. The project was a testament to their resilience. It was completed during Ms. Valencia's term as CSC president in 2022–2023.

Mr. David Agustin, the current CSC president, also expounded on their journey in brainstorming to construct a paved pathway from the cafeteria to the Student Park to benefit both the occupants of the ladies' and men's dormitories.

Dr. Arceli Rosario, the University president, expressed her gratitude to the student leaders, emphasizing the power of unity and collaboration within the University community. "When we [come] together, we unite, we collaborate, we are able to do big and impactful projects."

Following her speech, Ms. Zy Dayo, a member of the current CSC batch, provided the student response. The ribbon-cutting ensued, and Pastor Francis Gayoba led the dedicatory prayer to conclude the event.

Basketball Court-Php 931,464.00
Paved Pathway-Php 281,160.00

AUP Donates Bus to NELAC

The Adventist University of the Philippines executed a deed of donation in favor of the Northeast Luzon Adventist College (NELAC) on April 7, 2024. The generous donation consisted of a registered vehicle: a Mitsubishi Bus RFY615. This act of benevolence reflects AUP's willingness to support NELAC's meaningful programs and contribute to its mission.

Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP President, and Mr. Christopher Campo, NELAC representative, formally sealed the deed of donation. This momentous event took place in the presence of several key individuals, including Roque Dano, AUP Motorpool Department

supervisor; Atty. Gizelle Fugoso, AUP in-house legal counsel; Reynaldo Laberinto, AUP legal assistant; Reynaldo Escalab, NELAC representative; and Osias Nacario, NELAC representative.

NELAC accepted the donation with deep gratitude. This kindness and generosity will undoubtedly contribute to NELAC's mission of providing quality education and service to its community. This



collaborative effort between the University and NELAC exemplifies the spirit of unity and shared purpose within the Adventist educational network.

AUP Department of Psychology Receives PRC Grant Approval for Center for Psychological Services

The AUP Department of Psychology has reached a momentous achievement with the acquisition of a permit to operate its Psychometric Facility and Psychological Services. This approval, bestowed by the Professional Regulatory Board of Psychology (PRC) on April 2, 2024, is proof of AUP's commitment to ethical and high-quality psychology practice.

In compliance with the Professional Regulatory Board of Psychology resolution No. 4 (S. 2023), the AUP Department of Psychology diligently adheres to the regulations outlined in Republic Act No. 10029. This act stipulates that only corporations, partnerships, associations, or entities may operate a psychology or psychometrics office, center, or clinic or engage in psychological practice if they obtain the necessary permit from the Board.

This recent certification marks the sixth



permit to operate granted by the Board, further solidifying AUP's reputation for academic excellence, Christlike character, and exemplary service, especially in providing psychological services.

"We are immensely grateful because this

serves as a positive direction for AUP and the AUP Psychology Department," Dr. Mrytle Orbon-Grijalvo, chair of the Department of Psychology, expressed. "We, as a Department, abide by the regulations so that we can provide better training for psychology practitioners. We can provide better psychological services to our University community and serve the neighboring community better," Dr. Rhalf Jayson Guanco, practicum coordinator and faculty of the Department of Psychology, added.

The AUP Department of Psychology's mission is to deliver excellent psychological services while upholding the highest ethical standards. In line with this commitment, the administration has mandated the Department to function as the Center for Psychological Services for students' laboratory and support its further expansion of services to the community.

COB Accountancy Students Shine in Regional Accounting Quiz Bee

Andrea Louise Dalisay Reodica and Alexoiree Geollegue Claudel, students of the AUP College of Business BS Accountancy program, emerged as champions in their respective levels at the Regional Accounting Quiz Bee held on Friday, April 26, 2024. The event, hosted at the University of the Philippines, Los Baños, Laguna, brought together bright minds from across the region to showcase their knowledge in accounting.

Andrea Louise Dalisay Reodica secured the prestigious title of Level 1 champion, while Alexoiree Geollegue Claudel earned the second place in Level 2.

"I was already among the bottom pack after the average round ended. I braced myself for what God would do on the difficult round," she recollected how her starting scores

were low but prayed and trusted God. "Even [our coach was] more nervous since I was already behind. But when the difficult round came, I got right after right answers...I can confidently say that my victories, both the provincial and the regional levels, were testimonies of God's providence," expressed Claudel.

The Regional Accounting Quiz Bee, sponsored by the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants, provides a platform for students to demonstrate their understanding of accounting principles, concepts, and practices. Reodica and



Claudel's success underscores the rigorous academic training and mentorship provided by the AUP College of Business.

Accompanied by their mentor, Mrs. Elaine Joy Claudel, a faculty member of the Accountancy Department, Reodica and Claudel represented AUP with distinction.

AUP-CSC Hosts LAISG Summit 2024

By Hannah Ariellebeth Cabisada

The University Central Student Council (CSC) hosted the Luzon-wide Adventist Intercollegiate Student Government (LAISG) Summit on April 19-20, 2024. The summit, themed "Interweave," brought together student leaders from various Adventist colleges across Luzon at the AUP Pilar Auditorium.



Rosario, University president; and Pastor Glenn Lagabon.

"The LAISG experience sparked my growth and reignited my passion for leadership and service. I am grateful for the connections made and lessons learned, which have shaped my endeavors within and beyond student government," Ruby Rose Ranoco, MAC Student Council vice president-social, shared.

Manila Adventist College (MAC), Northern Luzon Adventist College (NLAC), Northeast Luzon Adventist College (NELAC), and Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) student leaders were present.

One highlight of the summit was the Marketing and Sponsorship seminar by Mr. Wilson Sia II, which provided valuable insights into effective strategies in these areas. Attendees also had the privilege of hearing inspiring messages from esteemed speakers, namely Pastor Ryan Martinez, AUP College of Theology faculty; Dr. Arceli

During Sabbath School, the participants delved into "Leadership in Adventist Standard," gaining valuable perspectives on this vital aspect of student government. The afternoon worship session involved the participation of Adventist World Radio (AWR) representatives, with Emmelyne Virassamy sharing insights on maximizing social media influence and Lensyl Anne Patricio discussing how to extend influence through various platforms, alongside student leaders from AUP, including Kelvin Salak on documentation and branding, and David Agustin on student leadership.

The summit culminated with a grand sundown worship, which marked the end of the school year. Delegates had the opportunity to mingle with the University's small groups, share experiences, and reflect on the past year. The event concluded with a touching moment as participants watched a video recap and opened a time capsule, taking a trip down memory lane while celebrating the present.

The evening ended with a round-table discussion on amendments to LAISG and its Constitution and By-laws.

ND Students Served at CCV

By Anthony Mendoza

The 2nd year students of the Nutrition and Dietetics (ND) Department served an orphanage at the Chosen Children Village (CCV) Foundation Inc. in Silang, Cavite on April 30, 2024.

The ND students conducted an outreach program before the distribution of donations. Cylah Manalo, one of the ND students, told a short story. After donating to 58 children, they toured the orphanage and interacted with special-needs children.

Kenna Lizzie Musico, one of the ND students, emphasized how "comfortable the children are" in their environment. "CCV was a haven, and I am grateful for this opportunity to have been in this place and meet these

beautiful souls," Jimcy Ibañez, another ND student, expressed. "This experience has made me consider pursuing a social work course. That is just how impactful it was!" Jimcy Ibañez added.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Maria Athenna Pantoja, an ND faculty member, the ND students organized a food-selling activity called "Packed Meal for a Cause" from March 12 to April 23. The activity raised PHP20,200, which supported their outreach program and the Department's ministry to the orphanage.



Hausland Construction Turns Over College of Arts and Humanities, AWESNA, Alfonso P. Miguel, Jr., M.D. Building to AUP



The Hausland Construction officially handed over the College of Arts and Humanities, AWESNA, Alfonso P. Miguel, Jr., M.D. Building to the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) on April 30, 2024. This momentous occasion marks the culmination of years of hard work, collaboration, and dedication since its groundbreaking ceremony in 2019.

During the turnover ceremony, Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president, delivered a heartfelt welcome address. She urged everyone present to “cherish this event and keep it as part of institutional memory,” a milestone that will forever be etched in the University’s

history, symbolizing its growth, progress, and commitment to academic excellence.

Pastor Cajobe, NPUC president, also addressed the audience, drawing inspiration from Romans 12:10: “Be devoted to one another in love,” underscoring the importance of unity and devotion among alumni, faculty, and administration in stewarding the newly-completed building.

Engr. Sonny Boy Bagang, the general manager of Hausland Construction, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all those involved in the project. He emphasized that the building represents more than

bricks and mortar; it symbolizes “progress, innovation, and collaboration.” From the talented architects and engineers to the skilled construction team, suppliers, stakeholders, AUP, and the generous donor, he recognized that “each and every one of your contributions played a vital role in bringing this vision to life.”

As the symbolic keys

were handed over, Engr. Bagang expressed his hope and confidence that the College of Arts and Humanities (CAH) building would not only meet but exceed expectations. “We entrust it to those who will inhabit it in the days, months, and years to come, with the belief that it will serve as a beacon of learning, creativity, and inspiration,” he concluded.

Joining Engr. Bagang in the turnover were Engr. Lucas Cardenas, the project engineer and Engr. Charles Capistrano, the site manager from Hausland Construction. They presented the symbolic key to the University administrators, including Dr. Arceli Rosario, Dr. Julio Amurao, Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, Mrs. Aileenmae Silverio, and Dr. Michael Naidas.

Dr. Naidas reflected on the journey of the CAH, which began as a stand-alone college in 2011. “The CAH has dreamed of a place we can call our own. Today, that dream is not a dream anymore. Because of God’s grace, this vision has become a reality.” He also expressed his gratitude to the collective efforts of past and present University administrators and his three predecessors, Dr. Grezaida Ledesma, Dr. Florvilla Marticio, and Dr. Eunice Aclan, the faculty and staff, and, most of all, to AWESNA. “Without you, the dream will only be just a dream,” he concluded.



AUP-MLS Honors March 2024 RMTs

By: Yanna Yvonne Macayan

AUP-MLS faculty, staff, and the Clinical Division officers organized a thanksgiving sabbath to the March 2024 registered medical technologists on April 7, 2024, with the theme "Grateful Horizons: Celebrating the Voyage."

Dr. Cherry Eborá Calbayag, a faculty of AIIAS Public Health Department, delivered an inspiring message during the divine service. She highlighted the importance of gratitude and reflection on the journey. The message emphasized the importance of carrying forward the confidence in Christ Jesus into the next phase of their professional journey.

During the Sabbath School session, Mutya Dimayuga, a recent board passer, shared a compelling testimony recounting how God guided her through various challenges.

In the afternoon, selected new RMTs, including Wrygl Reyes, James Karl Riosa, Fritz Batiguas, Shadrock Remonde, and Pittzman Acosta, who ranked 7th among 9,068 takers, shared their testimonies.

The AUP-MLS community expressed their love and support for the March 2024 RMTs. The faculty and staff urged the graduates to hold onto the lessons learned during their board exam journey and to remain faithful in their endeavors. The event was marked by a spirit of unity, faith, and gratitude, symbolizing the strong bond shared between the faculty, staff, and graduates of the AUP-MLS program.

Congratulations to the March 2024 RMTs from AUP-MLS. May they continue to shine as they serve their communities with compassion, excellence, and integrity.



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