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TEC Extends COE's Center of Excellence

The Teacher Education Council (TEC) extended the Adventist University of the Philippines-College of Education (AUP-COE) designation as a Center of Excellence in Teacher Education for another year, valid until November 2025. The awarding ceremony took place at Bulwagang Karunungan in the Department of Education Compound, Pasig City. On behalf of the AUP, COE Dean Jeremiah Fameronag and COE Elementary Education Department Chair Dr. Cecil Ronia accepted the certificate, which was presented by the Department of Education Secretary and TEC Chairperson Sonny Angara.

AUP-COE is one of only 35 Centers of Excellence in Teacher Education in the country, a distinction that highlights its commitment to excellence and leadership in the field of teacher education.

As a designated Center of Excellence, AUP-COE is tasked with supporting TEC in significant initiatives, including the development of a new recognition and performance system for identifying and accrediting Centers of Excellence in Teacher Education. The institution will also provide technical expertise for revising and improving the pre-service teacher education curriculum and addressing other key priorities of the council.

The AUP-COE expressed gratitude for this renewed recognition, praising God for the opportunity to continue its mission. The institution is committed to fostering collaboration with other Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs), particularly within the Adventist community, to advance the shared goal of training future educators, who are both competent and values-driven.

The AUP-COE encourages continued prayers and support for its ministry. It remains dedicated to shaping future character builders and classroom ministers, who will make a positive impact in the field of education.



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AUPA RoboLights Emerges as Champions in Creotec 4th Robotic Competition

AUP Academy (AUPA) marked a historic achievement as Grade 7 students from the Garnet section, Serene Perdon and Zaira Fugoso, emerged as champions at the 4th Creotec MakeX Competition—Starter Category, held at Robinsons Galleria South, San Pedro, Laguna, on November 19, 2024. This triumph highlights the success of the Academy's newly-integrated robotics course in computer classes.

Under the guidance of Mr. Moises Jimenez, a junior high school computer teacher, Serene Perdon and Zaira Fugoso successfully coded command sequences, securing the top position in both the automatic and manual stages. Supported by three backup players—Johann Castillo, Eli Arce, and Von Carlo Casasis—they demonstrated that faith in God and hard work lead to triumph.

Coach Jimenez attributed their success to divine guidance: "Even with only 2 weeks of preparation, they still managed to become champions. This shows that when we submit to the guidance of God, there is nothing we cannot do."

Their victory earned them a sponsored trip for the two winners and their mentor to China, where they will represent the Philippines in the Starter Category competition, which will take place on December 4-6, 2024.

AUPA's robotics course, a new integration to the computer classes curriculum for School Year 2024-2025, equips students with foundational skills in robotics while integrating faith-based principles. The course introduces students to the fundamental concepts and skills needed to understand and work with robots while integrating faith and values. It begins with an introduction to the basics of robotics, where students learn about different types of robots and the components that make up a robotic system.

The objectives of the class include the following: (1) develop problem-solving skills and critical thinking skills through hands-on experience in designing, building, and

programming simple robots using kits or basic materials; (2) encourage collaboration and teamwork through group activities; (3) demonstrate the real-world application of robotics through the integration of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) concepts; (4) foster responsible innovation by discussing ethical and social considerations, in line with the biblical principle of stewardship; (5) recognize students' creativity by exploring and experimenting different ideas in robot design and programming; and (6) helps students to realize that they can reflect the image of God through innovation and creativity, as stated in Genesis 1:27.

This remarkable achievement embodies AUPA's philosophy, mission, and vision, paving the way for future innovations and inspiring students to develop their God-given potential.



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AUPA Held Its 1st International Student Immersion Program in Indonesia

Nine students from the Adventist University of the Philippines-Academy (AUPA) held its first international student immersion program in Indonesia. Hosted by Bright World Academy in Jakarta, the 2-week immersion program from November 13-26, 2024, aimed to provide students with international educational experiences and foster cross-cultural understanding.

The AUPA delegation, accompanied by Principal Janeth Bacomo, were Sean Conrad L. Avila, Bryce Gian Asi, Jenson Ssemakula, Jzyrh Auie O. G. Sullano, and Zynel A. Jael from Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics strand; Karlo Ryan P. Yonarto, Elverge John



Jimenez, and Abigail Love S. Arit from the Accounting and Business Management strand; and Psalm Torres from the General Academic strand.

Through classroom activities and collaborative projects, students gained valuable insights, enriching both AUPA and its Indonesian partner schools. This exchange strengthens the institutions' relationships.

PIC and ACS Extend Relief Efforts to Typhoon Khristine Victims in Lemery and Bicol

The Philippine International Church (PIC) and the Adventist Community Services (ACS) extended relief to communities affected by Typhoon Khristine through a 2-phase donation campaign. The first wave of donations took place on November 3, 2024, in Sinisian East, Lemery, Batangas, followed by a second wave on November 10, 2024, in Lemery.



For monetary donations and assistance, a total of P41,000 was raised and distributed: P32,000 for 32 families in Sinisian East, with each family receiving P1,000; P20,000 for relief efforts in Laurel, Batangas. P58,000 was endorsed to the Southern Luzon Mission for Typhoon Khristine victims in Bicol; P3,000 in financial assistance was provided to a student from Bicol; and P20,000 for a Psychological First Aid Program to support emotional recovery.

For additional support, the Central Student Council (CSC) sponsored fuel for transportation to Laurel, with expenses totaling P8,000. Pre-



loved clothing donations were also collected from the AUP community for distribution to affected families.



These efforts demonstrate the commitment of PIC, ACS, CSC, and the AUP community to support disaster-stricken areas through both financial and emotional assistance. The relief provided has helped ease the burden on affected families and individuals as they begin their recovery.

JLDM Library Commemorates Its 10th Book Week Celebration



Joining the 90th National Book Week Celebration, the John Lawrence Detwiler Memorial Library commemorated its 10th Book Week celebration with the theme “Magbasa, Mangarap, Magdiwang” (Read, Dream, Celebrate) on November 25-29, 2024.

“We come together to celebrate the power of books, the beauty of dreams, and the joy that learning brings,” Mrs. Alva Albay, Director of Libraries, expounded the theme and the power of reading. “Reading is not just about gaining knowledge—it helps us imagine, dream big, and achieve more. Each book we read shapes our future, one page at a time,” she remarked during the opening of the week’s celebration.

The AUP elementary pupils witnessed the opening ceremonies with inspirational messages given by the administrators. Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president, sent a message to be read during the opening event pointing out how people are surrounded by “stories that transport us, ideas that inspire us, and knowledge that empowers us. Because when we read, we don’t just turn pages—we turn possibilities into realities.”

Mr. Oemer Daquila, advancement director, energized the pupils with the slogan, “Readers are Leaders and Leaders are Readers,” encouraging everyone to embrace reading as a tool for leadership and personal growth.

Keynote speaker Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, vice president for academics, delivered a powerful message anchored on Proverbs 3:5-6, empha-

sizing the God-given design of human receptiveness to knowledge through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. She urged students to develop their reading habits early as a pathway to success and deeper faith.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the inauguration of the Library’s newly-expanded section, the library lounge area, a space for students to study with friends and classmates while eating.

Attendees to the opening event witnessed a storytelling session led by Mrs. Merriam Torres, AUP Elementary kindergarten teacher, who captivated young audiences with the folk tale “The Bees and the Beetles” and the live rendition of “The Enormous Turnip.” These lively performances featuring kindergartners sparked the imagination and enthusiasm of students.

The week-long celebration also engaged students in various activities such as board games, pop-a-balloon contests, open microphone sessions, the Library Information Science Department sweet store, JLDL amnesty box, the College of Education booth displays, and a photo booth.

The Library balcony, featuring displays from Christian publishers, including the Philippine Publishing House, Philippine Christian Bookstore, Learning is Fun Publishing, and CLC Publications, was transformed into a haven for book lovers. These displays allowed students to explore a diverse collection of books to ignite their love for reading.

The 10th JLDL Book Week was a vibrant testament to the power of books in shaping minds and dreams. As this year’s theme suggests, let us continue to Magbasa (Read), Mangarap (Dream), and Magdiwang (Celebrate) and explore the limitless possibilities that books bring into our lives.

AUP Achieves Exceptional Results in Recent Licensure Examinations

The University continued to celebrate the success of its graduates, who achieved exceptional results in the recent licensure examinations: Electronics Technician Licensure Examination and Nutritionist Dietitian Licensure Examination.



In the October 2024 Electronics Technician Licensure Examination, the University secured a 100% passing rate surpassing the national passing rate of 70.77% with Joshua Vivern Decano, a graduate of the Electronics Communication Engineering program, who exemplified AUP's commitment to excellence in education and training.

In the November 2024 Nutritionist Dietitian Licensure Examination, the University achieved an impressive 94.74% passing rate for first-time takers. This outstanding result exceeded the 69.73% national passing rate.

Reflecting the strong spiritual foundation of AUP, the University's newly registered nutritionist-dietitian passers echoed their faith, with the words of Zechariah 4:6.

"I can really testify that God has been faithful to me," Mark Louie Santiago shared his experience working while doing self-review. "God did not just prove His good plans to me but rather gave me His "best" providence."

"If there was one highlight of the review season, it was undoubtedly the worship sessions," Julianne Revil underscored. Those moments reminded them of God's marvelous plans for their lives and their calling to be a light to the world. She was also inspired to witness the spiritual growth of her classmates during this time. She shared their collective spiritual journey: "Conversations that had once been filled with discouragement and doubt transformed into powerful testimonies of faith and hope. Not only did our connection with our Savior deepen, but our bonds with one another were strengthened as well."

"I experienced God's guidance through the people around me." Risel Rañola mentioned how her batchmates and future colleagues, family, and friends gave her the courage to press on. She testified that these experiences taught her important truths: "God sees, God cares, and God listens."

"When I didn't believe in myself anymore, God reminded me that since I already prayed for this, my part was to do what I could and believe in what He could do and not on what I could do," Dorothy Love Fumera shared her moments of fragility. "Being vulnerable and even feeling like giving up are okay. Jesus, too, faced similar struggles. This journey broke and rebuilt me. I learned that if we believe in God, like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, we are not be left in this fragile state."

These impressive results reflected the University's core value of academic excellence.

NUTRITIONIST-DIETITIANS

NOVEMBER 2024 NUTRITIONIST-DIETITIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION

94.74% AUP PASSING RATE FOR FIRST TAKERS **100%** MAY 2024 GRADUATES

69.73% NATIONAL PASSING RATE

 CHARMAINE JOY BARNEDO, RND	 JEANNE JAUCIAN BAYOT, RND	 IRISH JENNALI BITANGCOL, RND	 LEOREEN DE LA PAZ, RND	 DOROTHY LOVE FUMERA, RND	 FRICHELLE RESH GRAGAS, RND	 JAMAKA JARANGA, RND	 APRIL JOY LACEDA, RND	 CHRISTIAN DAVE LLANTE, RND
 ARIELLE FAYE MAXINO, RND	 RISEL RAÑOLA, RND	 JULIANNE FAITH REVIL, RND	 DIONNE VERONICA REY, RND	 DONNA LYN SABUKUHAN, RND	 MARK LOUIE SANTIAGO, RND	 DANICA TANNAGAN, RND	 MABELLE TUGADE, RND	 CLANDESTINE JOY TUGAY, RND

Engineering Students Win Cavite Inter-University Technological Pitching Competition



Electronics Communication Engineering (ECE) students of the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) triumphed at the Cavite Inter-University Undergraduate Technological Pitching Competition, held on November 3, 2024, at the AUP Finster Hall of All Nations. The competition, organized by the Institute of Electronics Engineers of the Philippines – Cavite Student Chapter (IECEP-ESC), brought together top university teams from across the region to showcase their innovative technological ideas and solutions.

Themed “Daluyong: Riding the Wave to Excellence,” the event aimed to inspire students to harness the power of technology and innovation in addressing contemporary challenges. The participating schools included AUP, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, Cavite State University, National College of Science and Technology, Maragondon, Lyceum of the Philippines University-Cavite, San Sebastián College, and Rogationist College.

The winning team, composed of ECE students Allysa Marie Canlubo, Francine Joy Gayoba, Melquisedec Fabregas, Cris Dave Goyal and Louis Kennedy Bermundez impressed the judges with their cutting-edge technological concept, showcasing their ability to blend creativity with technical expertise.

In addition to the pitching competition, the event also featured the TechTok Creators 2024, a TikTok vlogging competition that highlighted the creativity and social media prowess of students. The first runner-up award in the vlogging competition went to Blessed Winner Padares, who demonstrated exceptional content creation skills in the digital space.

The competition provided a platform for young engineers to collaborate and learn from one another, while also promoting the development of technological solutions that could benefit local communities and industries. Among the IECEP-ESC organized series of competitions were Interscholastic Quiz Show, ECE Math Olympiad, Elite Electronics Showdown, technological pitching competition, impromptu speech competition, Euphony: acoustic duet singing competition, TechTok Creators: Tiktok vlogging competition, Datathon: programming competition, and digital poster making.

This event served as a testament to the growing importance of technology in academic and professional settings, as well as the drive of Cavite-based students to contribute to innovation and progress.



COT Professors Visit MVC-School of Theology

The College of Theology (AUP-COT) visited Mountain View College-School of Theology (MVC-SOT), strengthening bonds and exchanging insights in the field of theological education, at Valencia, Bukidnon, on November 7-8, 2024.

Dr. Lowel Domocmat, AUP-COT dean, and Pasto Andresito Fernando, AUP-COT faculty, met with Pastor Jose Manuel S. Espero, MVC-SOT dean, and Pastor Clyde T. Sumatra, MVC-SOT chairperson. The visit explored several key aspects of MVC's academic programs and ministerial training. The visit focused on three areas: the ministerial seminar program, the curriculum, and Bible courses tailored to various academic programs. The benchmarking revealed valuable insights, particularly in curriculum development, practical ministry training, and interdisciplinary course offerings, to enhance the quality of theological education for their students.



Reinforcing their shared mission, both teams engaged in open discussions about the current trends in theological training, the challenges faced by institutions, and future collaboration opportunities. The interaction was especially beneficial for AUP and MVC-SOT, as they explored best practices, curriculum development, and better ways to serve their communities.

Atty. Serrano Stresses the Importance of Digital Identity Protection

By Sheila Suneth Banaag

Atty. Carmine Eliza T. Serrano, data privacy officer and head of compliance of First Cabuyao Hospital and Medical Center, explored the importance of protecting one's digital identity during the Data Privacy Awareness Day celebration at the Philippine International Church on November 22, 2024. She stressed that students in the Philippines were vulnerable to online threats that



could compromise personal information and prospects.

Citing Republic Acts 10173 (Data Privacy Act), 10175 (Cybercrime Prevention Act), and 9995 (Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act), Atty. Serrano shared crucial legal frameworks for data protection and online security that students must know to understand their rights and responsibilities under these laws.

According to Atty. Serrano, "Our digital identities are extensions of ourselves." She emphasized the need for careful management. For



example, a simple online search or social media post could leave a permanent digital footprint, potentially harming reputations and future opportunities. She recommended best practices for securing digital identities, including verifying sources, using unique passwords, limiting personal information online, and monitoring social media profiles.

Sponsored by the Data Privacy Office, the presentation highlighted best practices for digital identity protection and the right of University students to stay informed to mitigate risks. As Atty. Serrano concluded, "Your data is yours and is worth protecting."

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Hope Channel Philippines Studio at AUP: A New Era for Media Ministry



The University celebrated a historic moment with the Hope Channel Philippines (HCP) will soon rise on campus. Held on November 5, 2024, the groundbreaking ceremony took place on the site of the project location—behind the AUP Music Department Building. The event, attended by church leaders, administrators, and key stakeholders, marked a significant milestone for AUP and the Adventist media ministry in the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD).



Pastor Heshbon Buscato, SSD communication director, delivered the welcome remarks and shared his joy in being part of this “exciting endeavor.” He noted that this was not just about constructing a building but also advancing the broadcasting ministry that would impact many lives. “It will be hard financially, but we trust that God will provide the resources,” Pastor Buscato said, echoing the faith and dedication of all involved.



Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president, highlighted how the project had been discussed as early as 2022 and how thrilled she was that it was finally coming to fruition. Dr. Rosario expressed her deep appreciation to Church leaders for recognizing AUP as a strategic location for HCP. She emphasized how the University can contribute to the ministry through the Development Communication students who can gain hands-on experience through this project, while the channel benefits from talents at the University. “Together, we can accomplish great and mighty things for the Lord—things beyond our imagination. We praise God that AUP is part of something very great that is about to come,” she expressed.

Engr. Dezmond Diaz, the project contractor, presented the overview of the building features.

During the dedicatory message, Pastor Michael Palar, SSD Hope Channel coordinator, pointed out that “every island should be reached with the gospel.” He encouraged all present to “expect great things for God and attempt great things for God,” reaffirming the importance of the Hope Channel project as a significant step forward in fulfilling the gospel commission using the latest technology and media tools.

Pastor Sherman Fiedacan, HCP president, also shared his excitement about the new Hope Channel studio at AUP. He highlighted the advantages of having a production hub within the University, noting that students would have ample opportunities to be trained in media production while contributing to the channel's broadcasts. “It is very convenient for the students as they can easily access the studio, record, and develop relationships with one another. This will greatly enhance their media capabilities,” Pastor Fiedacan explained. “That is one of



the positive aspects of having our studio here at AUP. Indeed, we can maximize the ministry and the gospel, so we can share it through media and make it an avenue for the Word of our Lord to be spread to everyone," he added. With the studio at AUP's campus, he added, would allow for easy collaboration between the University and Hope Channel. Productions from AUP could be aired by Hope Channel and reach audiences across Luzon, making the studio a local asset and a hub of communication for the broader Church community.

The groundbreaking ceremony was attended by a significant group of leaders, including representatives from the communication and Hope Channel departments of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, Church leaders from the four Philippine unions, and contractors, lawyers, and staff who had played vital roles in making the project a reality.

The Hope Channel Philippines studio at AUP represents a new facility and a vision of growth and evangelism through media. As

the project progresses, the HCP team and the University look forward to collaborating on media productions that touch lives and inspire people across the country and beyond. As Pastor Palar concluded, "This is one of our attempts to do great things for the Lord." Indeed, the groundbreaking of the new Hope Channel Philippines studio is just the beginning of a new era for the media ministry in the Philippines.



COM Hosts Sabbath Fellowship with Dr. Landless

The College of Medicine (COM) gathered for a spirit-filled sabbath fellowship at the Siew Huy Memorial Atrium on November 16, 2024, graced by esteemed guests: Dr. Peter Landless, health ministries director of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists; and Dr. Rizaline Alfano, health ministries director of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division.

The fellowship, attended by COM faculty, students, and visitors from the College of Health (COH) and Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS), offered a day of reflection, prayer, and celebration. Dr. Landless, known for his unwavering dedication to health and ministry, delivered the message during the divine service, emphasizing the blessings found in serving the Lord through the health ministry.

The Sabbath School program, led by COM clerks, featured heartfelt testimonies and enriching small group discussions on the power of prayer. In the afternoon, a special tribute program by the COM and COH, celebrated the influential contributions of Dr. Landless to the global Adventist health ministries and to the COM community. The COM honored his dedicated in supporting the milestone of the College and guidance since the establishment of the College of Medicine in 2015.

"A day like this reminds us of the true essence of Sabbath—a time for connection, worship, and gratitude," shared one attendee. The COM community, inspired by the example of physician missionaries like Dr. Landless, continues to embody its mission of healing and wholeness through Christ. By integrating faith with service, COM continues to reaffirm their commitment to bringing hope and healing to communities around the world.





Administration Celebrates Shining Talents During the Presidential Thanksgiving Dinner

The Advancement Office hosted the second Presidential Thanksgiving Dinner on November 7, 2024. This event honors the extraordinary achievements of University students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders. It is a heartfelt expression of gratitude from the University administration for the hard work, dedication, and excellence demonstrated across various fields.

The evening glittered with several notable recognitions for the University's stars in different disciplines:



Pierre Paolo Yllagan, a fourth-year student of the Tradigital Fine Arts Department, received recognition as the Vision Petron Watercolor Painting Category 2nd runner-up for his impactful work titled "Sa Likod ng Bawat Butil" (Behind Every Grain). His piece highlights farmers' crucial yet often overlooked role in

providing food for the nation. Moreover, this piece has a sentimental value to him as an artist, reflecting his origins of provincial life and dedication to his parents, who are farmers. Yllagan shared his heartfelt gratitude to AUP, particularly to his department, for nurturing his creativity and allowing him to shine. "I hope people will recognize the hard work of farmers behind every grain we eat," Yllagan said during the event. In 2022, he also won the grand prize for the Vision Patron National Student Art Competition with his watercolor piece titled "Katuwang sa Pagtahi ng Butas ng Ekonomiya."

Haoyu Lin, a Grade 11 student, won the regional champion title in the AGHAMazing Photography Competition at the Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTIW) on October 16, 2024. He was also celebrated for his exceptional contribution. He shared the inspiration for sustainable energy behind his photography.

Shandelle Grin Llagas, a 2024 graduate of the Bachelor of Music in Music Education program, garnered the fourth prize in the Advance II level online voice category at the New York International Music Competition in May 2024 under the tutelage of Mrs. Jewel B. Solidum, her voice instructor. Llagas expressed her gratitude for AUP's support, acknowledging how the University had nurtured her love for music despite her shy nature. "I am truly thankful to AUP for valuing and loving music. It has been an incredible blessing to be a part of this community," she shared.



Attendees to the Presidential Thanksgiving Dinner were Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president; Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, vice president for academics; and Mrs. Aileenmae Silverio, vice president for finance—with the respective faculty, staff, and mentors—Michael Naidas, College of Arts and Humanities dean; Ann Anolin, Tradigital Fine Arts Department chair; John Merick Eupalao, Tradigital Fine Arts faculty; Sheryl Ann de Dios, Music Department chair; and Janeth Bacomo, AUP Academy principal.



The dinner highlighted the journey, the testimony, and the providence of God in each success achieved and centered on appreciation for one another's contributions to the growth of the students and the University. "We are proud of you. May you continue to think of ways to honor the Lord through your talents," Dr. Rosario expressed her pride in the awardees bringing the name of the University and emphasized the importance of using one's talents to honor God and uplift others.



Richard Detwiler Pays Tribute to Family Legacy at JLDM Library

The John Lawrence Detwiler Memorial Library welcomed Dr. Richard Paul Detwiler, MD, along with his dear friends Dr. Michael William Jones, MD, and Dr. Janine Marie Jones for a special visit on November 6, 2024. The gathering was a poignant reflection, deep gratitude, and tribute to the Detwiler family's remarkable legacy.

The Library stands as a lasting memorial to John Lawrence Detwiler, the late brother of Dr. Richard Paul Detwiler and son of Dr. Howard Detwiler. Detwiler's passion was helping build establishments that would benefit people in the Philippines.

For John's hopes and dreams, Dr. Howard Detwiler's generous donation made the library's construction possible, providing a space that continues to serve the University's academic community by offering access to a wealth of knowledge and resources. Dr. Howard was a good friend of the late president, Dr. Alfonso P. Roda, the longest-serving president of the University. They discussed the urgent need of the University, then Philippine Union College, to have a library. Dr. Detwiler supplied the need to realize the long-cherished dream for the University and his late son, Dr. John.

Dr. Howard dedicated several projects to his son's aspirations: the Garden by the Sea, Shelter Cove Lodge in Pismo Beach, and the Dr. John Lawrence Detwiler Memorial Library at the Adventist University of the Philippines.

Dr. Richard Paul Detwiler expressed his gratitude for the library and its continued impact, noting how meaningful it was to see his father and brother's legacy preserved in such a tangible and enduring way. His visit to the library is a powerful reminder of the enduring power of generosity and the importance of preserving legacies that uplift communities for generations to come.

This visit has further strengthened our commitment to preserving Dr. Howard Detwiler's legacy, ensuring that his dedication to education and the advancement of knowledge continues to inspire all who walk through the doors of the John Lawrence Detwiler Memorial Library.



University Welcomes Renowned Theology Scholars

Privileged to host a distinguished panel of scholars and theologians, the University welcomed Dr. Frank M. Hasel and Dr. Clinton Wahlen, both associate directors of the Biblical Research Institute; Dr. Denis Kaiser, associate professor of Church History at Andrews University Theological Seminary; and Dr. Leonardo Nunez, assistant professor at the AIIAS Biblical Studies Department on November 13, 2024.

They had a courtesy call with Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president, and visited the JLDL Library and Centennial Park. During their conversations, Dr. Rosario shared the spiritual engagement of the University's students and the growing number of College of Theology students. Dr. Rosario offered a special prayer for the scholars for their ministry in the country, especially their primary engagement in the 27th Annual Theological Forum at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS).

Mr. Hasel made significant contributions to the JLDL Library, by donating his latest book, "Love Is! A Journey of Grief, Grace, and Gratitude." With his signature in the book, he dedicated it to all University students who have experienced loss, as well as to the pastors, chaplains, grief counselors, and laypeople who serve them.

Theologian Scholars' Background

Dr. Frank M. Hasel is a distinguished theologian and associate director of the Biblical Research Institute. He specializes in

systematic theology, biblical hermeneutics, and biblical theology. Dr. Hasel is a prolific author, contributing to works such as *Biblical Hermeneutics: An Adventist Approach*, where he explored modern trends in biblical interpretation. Additionally, he has served as an editor for the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible and Theological Dictionary* and the revised *SDA Encyclopedia*. With a career that spans pastoral ministry and academia—including roles as a theology professor and director of the Ellen G. White Study Center in Austria—Dr. Hasel is also noted for his works that integrate spirituality with theological scholarship, such as *Living for God and Longing for God: A Prayer and Bible Journal*.

Dr. Clinton Wahlen is also an associate director of the Biblical Research Institute, recognized for his expertise in New Testament studies, biblical theology, and hermeneutics. His research extends to Adventist history and the writings of Ellen G. White. Dr. Wahlen has authored significant contributions addressing the cultural relevance of Scripture and its universal principles. His scholarly work includes editing and writing for major theological publications and engaging with contemporary issues in biblical hermeneutics to provide insights aligned with Seventh-day Adventist theology.

Dr. Kaiser is an Associate Professor of Church History at Andrews University Theological Seminary. He specializes in the interplay between history and theology, with particular focus on the development of Seventh-day Adventist views on divine inspiration, the

Trinity, and the doctrine of God. His research delves into the historical progression of Adventist theology, particularly Ellen G. White's role and writings. Dr. Kaiser has contributed to various scholarly works, including chapters in the *Oxford Handbook of Seventh-day Adventism*. His teaching portfolio includes courses like *Issues in Ellen G. White Studies* and *History of Seventh-day Adventist Theology*. Additionally, he has provided valuable insights into the historical development of Trinitarian theology within Adventism.

Dr. Nunez is a respected professor at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS) in the Biblical Studies Department. His academic interests encompass the heavenly sanctuary, discipleship, mission, biblical theology, and New Testament studies, with a particular emphasis on the Pauline epistles and the Book of Hebrews. Dr. Nunez's work reflects a commitment to exploring the theological underpinnings of salvation and the broader mission of the church, providing both practical and theological insights to his students and the academic community.

PIC Women's Ministry Prays for Chrysanthemum Residents

To start the sabbath with prayers, the Philippine International Church-Women's Ministry (PIC-WM) offered a special prayer walk worship with the ladies of Chrysanthemum Residence Hall on November 23, 2024, at 5:30 a.m.

The worship started with a group discussion per room facilitated by PIC-WM. These conversations were about testimonies, struggles, insights, and takeaways based on Psalm 91. The discussion highlighted God's faithfulness and protection, encouraging the participants to trust Him amidst challenges. Each story shared was dedicated to God in prayer.

During the devotional message, Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president, emphasized the beauty of life through God's creation. She underscored that God's time model embodies rhythm, order, presence, and celebration. While elaborating on the creation story, she introduced a refreshing perspective on how we view life: "[Life is] full of discoveries, full of WOWs, full of creativity, and full of innovation."

Dr. Rosario empowered the women by focusing on God's time model, which fosters stability. She encouraged them to engage in the "now and here" and to let go of guilt, past regrets, and fears.

One of the highlights of the prayer walk was the anointing of the residence hall rooms, led by Pastor Diosdado Pumicpic, PIC associate pastor. The anointing is a spiritual act of entrusting the building and the residents to God for protection and guidance. Pastor Lani Esteves, the PIC senior pastor, offered a commitment prayer for all the ladies to be filled and empowered by the presence of the Lord.

The worship concluded with a hearty breakfast potluck prepared by the PIC-WM and PIC deaconesses.



Belga Bags 6th Place in the 57th Shell National Art Competition with a Tribute to the Philippine Eagle



of many with its poignant message about preserving our national treasures.

The artwork, which beautifully honors the memory of the Philippine eagle named Mangayon, brought attention to the tragic fate of this majestic bird, which was found shot in July 2024 in the forests of Davao de Oro. Mangayon, a symbol of strength and pride for the Filipino people, was believed to have been shot by a “jolen gun” (marble bullet) or a real firearm. The bird, suffering from severe blood loss, sadly passed away.

Through her sculpture, Belga masterfully captures the heart-wrenching story of Mangayon, turning tragedy into a powerful call to action for the protection of the Philippine eagle—a species that is exclusively found in the Philippines and is considered a national treasure. Her artwork serves as a reminder of the delicate balance of nature and the urgent need for conservation efforts.

In her reflection, Belga expressed the inspiration behind her work, saying, “The artwork was a sculpture, and the resources I utilized to create it were marbles (Jolen) and discarded keys and doorknob parts that I gathered from the University dorms. For me, each key, is a person. They reflect the journey of the used key in opening doors,” she explained the concept of combining keys, functioning as one and open up new possibilities. “The same goes for educating the

country on how Filipinos can come together [as one nation.] This piece is not just about remembering Mangayon; it is about understanding the significance of protecting our national treasures. The Philippine eagle symbolizes our nation’s strength, and we must all play a part in preserving it for future generations.”

The tragic story of Mangayon is not an isolated incident. With wildlife in the Philippines facing increasing threats from poaching and habitat loss, Belga’s piece speaks to the larger conversation of conservation and environmental awareness. It calls on every Filipino to recognize their role in safeguarding the country’s natural wonders and biodiversity.



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