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AUP Launches Official University Mascot at 108th Anniversary

The University celebrated another historic milestone by officially launching a penguin mascot during its 108th Founding Anniversary at the University Grandstand on February 2, 2025. This momentous occasion followed the AUP Limitless Color Run, adding vibrancy and excitement to the celebration.

A university mascot is more than just an emblem; it embodies the institution's values, unity, and school spirit. The AUP penguin signifies resilience, faithfulness, community, and adaptability—values that align with AUP's mission and vision.

The Story Behind the Penguin Mascot

The presence of penguin structures at AUP dates back to the 1990s when the structures first appeared as environment-friendly figures dedicated to keeping the campus clean. These penguin-themed trash bins donated by a student organization in the 90s, installed initially near the AUP Store, became an integral part of the University culture. The penguins had been a campus fixture since 1999, known as “environmental-friendly birds from Antarctica” who helped keep AUP clean. Over the years, they evolved from being simple “trash eaters” to becoming one of AUP's most cherished symbols, gaining prominence as permanent landmarks.





In 2016, the removal of these iconic structures left a significant void in the hearts of AUPians. Their disappearance sparked a social media outcry, and the response highlighted their significance beyond functionality—they had become part of AUP's identity.

However, the penguins were not forgotten. Recognizing their symbolic value, the AUP Advancement Office, led by Advancement Director Mr. Oemer Rey Daquila proposed making the penguin the official University mascot.

The designer is Jay Mosquera, an AUP alumnus and senior concept artist and designer at Walt Disney Studios. Mosquera played a vital role in redesigning, reimagining, and animating the mascot, bringing this beloved icon back to life.

Why Penguin?

Among various campus icons considered—including the AUP gate, the AUP Fire, and the AUP Pillars—the penguin stood out as an icon that touches the hearts of University stakeholders. Aligning with the University's core values, the penguins are known for their lifelong dedication to their mates and offspring, symbolizing the University's commitment to faith and nurturing future generations. These creatures thrive in strong, supportive communities like the AUP family, where students, faculty, and staff work together for growth and success. Penguins endure extreme environments, reflecting AUP's mission to equip students to overcome challenges in an ever-changing world. Once considered mere waste receptacles, the penguins have transformed into potent symbols of tradition, history, and identity.

A New Chapter for AUP's Penguin Mascot

As AUP embraces the penguin as its official mascot, it embarks on a journey of renewed University pride, unity, and legacy. More than just an emblem, the AUP Penguin represents perseverance, faith, and the shared history of AUPians past, present, and on ever onward!

Claudel Shines in 2025 Annual Accounting Quiz Bowl, Secures Spot in Regional Round



The College of Business celebrated the remarkable achievement of Alexoore Claudel, who placed 2nd in the Level 2 Accounting Quiz Bee during the 2025 Annual Accounting Quiz Bowl organized by the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants–Cavite Chapter. The competition took place at Emilio Aguinaldo College Cavite, on February 21, 2025, bringing together some of the brightest minds in the field of accountancy from schools in Cavite.

"I can see that God was really with me," Claudel shared. "There were instances when I heard a silent voice telling me what to answer. And every time I didn't listen to that voice, my answer was wrong. But there were two items that I was able to get the correct answer due to God's providence," Claudel testified that he forgot to bring his calculator to the quiz bee. His hard work and dedication earned him not only a finish but also the opportunity to represent Cavite at the regional quiz bee on April 30, 2025, in Los Baños, Laguna. His out-

standing performance is a testament to his perseverance, analytical skills, and deep understanding of accounting principles.

Throughout the competition, Alex was supported by Ryan Abas, Accountancy Department faculty, and fellow accountancy students Noreen Tezano Cafe, Niño John Sabuero, Kane Castellano, and Lyndon Sulit.

"I see the opportunity of going to the regionals not just an avenue to promote AUP," Claudel stated. He also shared his thoughts that moving to the regional round would give him the "opportunity to share the light" and "share the love of God with my companions and my opponents."



Tradigital Fine Arts Student Reaches the Finals at UST Annual Inter-School On-the-Spot Painting Competition 2025

Kian Sison, a 3rd year student from AUP Tradigital Fine Arts, reached the finals in the UST Annual Inter-School On-the-Spot Painting Competition on February 21, 2025. The event, with the theme, "Art Uncompromised by AI," highlighted the authenticity and boundless creativity of human expression, emphasizing the irreplaceable role of artists in an era increasingly influenced by technology.

Sison's work entitled "This Comfort" is a piece about the degradation of the human brain due to the rise of artificial intelligence in the 21st century. "In recent times, we've become too comfortable and dependent, relying our entire humanity on AI, forgetting how it affects our environment. It would be hypocritical of me to say that



"I am not part of the problem, because I am. Unfortunately, we can't get rid of it any time soon, so we must learn the art of accepting responsibility for our actions," Sison described the meaning behind his art.

The event gathered around 200 art students from various schools and universities in Luzon for a day to paint. Among the participants were 13 Tradigital Fine Arts, who showcased their art skills and demonstrated how artists continue to innovate and staying true to creativity.



Accounting Camp 2025 Brings Together AUP and MAC Student Accountants

The PALANA Accounting Camp 2025 brought together aspiring accountants from the AUP College of Business, the AUP Academy Grade 12- ABM, and Manila Adventist College (MAC) for a meaningful and enriching experience centered around the theme “Palana,” meaning “Stewardship of Blessings Beyond Measure.” Organized by the College of Business Batch Evara Level 3 Accountancy, the event served as a platform for students to bond, reflect, and strive for excellence—both spiritually and professionally—on their shared journey in the field of accounting.

The AUP Junior Philippine Institute of Accountancy sponsored the annual event, which continues to strengthen fellowship and camaraderie among accountancy students from Adventist schools.

For many participants, the camp was more than just an academic gathering. It was an opportunity to build deeper connections. “This camping experience helps me connect with my classmates beyond the classroom. It allows me to know not just my peers but also the freshmen and sophomore students,” Juliana Kate Coden, a third-year BSA from MAC student, shared her experience.

Through team activities, reflections, and moments of spiritual growth, the PALANA Accounting Camp reinforced the values of stewardship, accountability, and fellowship. It focused on one’s responsibility as stewards of God’s blessings.

The Accounting Camp 2025 concluded with strengthened friendships, renewed purpose, and an inspired commitment to lead with integrity in the accounting profession.

AUP Among 14 Institutions Recognized for Medical Technologists’ Careers in Hawaii

The Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) stood among only 14 institutions in the Philippines recognized by the Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) for its Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) program.

This recognition grants AUP graduates an easier pathway to employment in Hawaii’s healthcare system by removing certain regulatory barriers. Alongside the University, other distinguished academic institutions included in this recognition and Angeles University Foundation (Angeles City, Pampanga); Cagayan State University (Tuguegarao, Cagayan); Centro Escolar University-Makati (Gil Puyat, Makati City), Centro Escolar University-Manila (Mendiola, San Miguel, Manila); Far Eastern University-Manila (Nicanor Reyes St., Sampaloc, Manila); Far Eastern University-Nicanor Reyes Medical Foundation (West Fairview, Quezon City); Lyceum of the Philippines-Batangas, Inc. (Capitol Site, Batangas City); Our Lady of

Fatima University-Quezon City (North Fairview, Quezon City); Our Lady of Fatima University-Antipolo (Sta. Cruz, Antipolo City, Rizal); Our Lady of Fatima University-Valenzuela (Marulas, Valenzuela City); Saint Louis University (Bonifacio St., Baguio City); Trinity University of Asia-Quezon City (E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., New Manila, Quezon City); and University of Santo Tomas (Sampaloc, Manila).

This recognition stemmed from the renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and HDOH which establishes the qualifications for Filipino Registered Medical Technologists (RMTs) seeking licensure and employment in Hawaii. Previously, under Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) 11-110.1-26, applicants for a medical technologist license were required to complete 1 year of full-time experience as a medical

laboratory technician in an HDOH-approved clinical laboratory. However, under the new agreement, this requirement will now be waived for applicants who meet the following criteria: they must hold a bachelor’s degree in medical technology from an institution recognized and accepted by HDOH; have completed an internship program from a government-accredited training laboratory affiliated with a recognized institution; be licensed as a medical technologist in the Philippines; and have at least two years of full-time work experience in a tertiary-level, hospital-based clinical laboratory licensed by the Philippine Government.

In addition, PRC has specified that only applicants who graduated within the last 5 to 10 years from a recognized institution are eligible to apply under this agreement. This development further strengthens the global career prospects of AUP graduates,

reinforcing the University's commitment to producing highly skilled professionals in the field of medical laboratory science. The agreement is a significant step in making the licensing process smoother and more accessible for qualified Filipino medical technologists aspiring to work in Hawaii.

The renewal of this MOU will remain in effect for 5 years unless extended or terminated earlier by both parties. This milestone underscores AUP's dedication to world-class education and training, equipping students with the skills necessary to thrive in the global healthcare industry. With this recognition, AUP-RMT graduates can look forward to greater international career opportunities, making their journey toward a future in healthcare more seamless and rewarding.

Academic Team Presents 616 Senior Candidates for Graduation

You are almost there, and this is our way of saying 'give it a dash!' Affirm to yourself that you will let the story find its ending during your graduation, for the Lord has been with you, and He will carry you through," AUP President Dr. Arceli Rosario welcomed the graduating candidates during the seniors' presentation at the Philippine International Church on February 21, 2025.

Six hundred sixteen seniors were presented: 97 (70 undergraduate, 27 graduate) from the College of Arts & Humanities, 116 (79 undergraduate, 37 graduate) from the College of Business, 58 from the College of Dentistry, 34 (23 undergraduate, 11 graduate) from the College of Education, 117 (82 undergraduate, 25 graduate) from the College of Health, 28 from the College of Medicine, 111 (105 undergraduate, 6 graduate) from the College of Nursing, 30 from the College of Science & Technology, and 25 from the College of Theology.



Seniors' presentation is a tradition at AUP. It is an event that highlights a student's academic journey, underscoring the importance of perseverance in the months before graduation.

"Not every opportunity that glitters is gold. Sometimes, what feels like a breakthrough is just a detour, a lesson in disguise, and those lessons, as hard as they are, often prepare us for the real

opportunities that are meant for us," CHED Region IV-A Director Dr. Rogelio Galera inspired students with lessons of resilience in achievements during his message.

He emphasized that the journey holds more significance than the destination and shared a parable about the wisdom hidden within humanity, reminding the seniors that true knowledge is discovered through experience and introspection. "Sometimes, when doors close despite your efforts, despite your prayers, and despite your preparations, this is not a denial. God is simply redirecting you to what is meant for you, and what is meant for you is what God wants you to become."



One highlight was the revelation of the batch name—ZAHARI Class of 2025. The term whose name signifies "The Lord Has Remembered." The ZAHARI Class of 2025 also presented the leaders of the batch: Goldwyn Burce (COE), class president; Yvanna Bitangcol (CAH), vice president; Shekinah Famaran (COD), secretary; Gwyneth Cula (CON), associate secretary; Michael Hinohosa (COB), treasurer; Kyla Caserez (COB), associate treasurer; Julianna Jore (CON), auditor; Fely Rose Boquida (CON), public information officer; Tricia Hara (COH), public information officer; Eric Joshua Olivarez (COT), class pastor; Brandel Joy Vallao (COB), graduate student representative; Pierre Paolo Ylagan (CAH), artist; John Alexi Tobias (CST), artist; and Caitlyn Patricio (COH), artist. Zahari's class advisor is Dr. Maria Julita Sibayan, and the faculty sponsors were Mr. Jonathan Perdido, Ms. Yanna Macayan, and Mrs. Raiza Angela Almocera.



Dr. Rogelio emphasized, "What truly matters is not the road we take but the fact that we have the courage to embark on the journey and are willing to learn from it." With hearts full of gratitude and minds set on the finish line, the Class of 2025 is ready to step forward, knowing that the Lord has remembered them.



AWESNA Medical Mission 2025 Serves in Bukidnon

The PUC-AUP Alumni of Western North America (AWESNA) conducted a medical mission 2025 at Valencia City, Bukidnon from February 19-22, 2025, bringing together volunteers from the USA and the Philippines to provide healthcare, outreach, and community support. With a spirit of service and generosity, the mission reached thousands of people, offering medical services, educational activities, and essential donations to communities in need.

On February 19, the medical mission began with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly established CL Pasco IT Learning Center & Library Room, a generous donation from the Pasco family at Valencia Adventist Elementary School, Valencia City, Bukidnon. The library was enriched with ten copies of “Nature’s Touch” books. Additionally, 212 students received essential items such as water containers, hand fans, and chocolates, courtesy of donors like Advent Mission Foundation and Adventist Health White Memorial CV Holding & Cath Lab.



On February 20, the AWESNA Medical Mission served over 2,000 individuals who benefitted from an array of free healthcare services held at the Valencia City Gymnasium. The mission provided medical consultations and medications; dental extractions, minor surgeries, and circumcision; laboratory testing (Lipid Panel, Glucose, HgbA1C, Thyroid Panel); 12-Lead EKG and Pap Smear screenings; chiropractic therapy and deep tissue massage; haircuts, spiritual care, and educational activities with giveaways.

The large-scale humanitarian services was made possible by the dedication of volunteers and the support of local partner organizations. On February 21, the mission extended its outreach to the Manobo

Tribe at Banlag, Valencia City, Bukidnon. The team also witnessed their cultural heritage with the tribe’s traditional attire and customs. The team provided health lectures on personal hygiene and spiritual care, while 51 families received essential supplies, including grocery items, toiletries, and vitamins.



A special feeding program served nearly 200 adults and children, who enjoyed meals served on banana trunk plates, a traditional practice of the Manobo people. The Manobos also experienced the taste of ice cream and cake. The Manobo boys and girls were given free haircut. Sponsored by the Sandwich Ministry, led by Carissa and Constantino Totalca, the tribe were also provided 300 sandwiches.



The community outreach program extended to Sulads Deaf Literacy Center at Malaybalay, Bukidnon. “It was an emotional outreach where our hearts were touched by the talents and enthusiasm of the deaf impaired children,” Esther Liongco-Ong expressed. “This is one of the most emotional gift giving we have attended! I was crying with the teachers when they reached their goals and more to attend the Pathfinders Camporee,” Carissa Totalca shared. The AWESNA

volunteers raised almost Php 65,000 after their performance to aid financial support to students attending for the SSD Pathfinder Camporee at Mountain View College. Donors such as Roselle de Guzman, Kristine Kim, and the Advent Mission Foundation contributed for the gifts to the deaf students.

The AWESNA Medical Mission 2025 was a testament of the University alumni to go “on ever onward” with the mission of compassion and service.



AUPE Shines at CPAPS DFOT 2025



AUP Elementary School participated in the Cavite Province Association of Private Schools Division Festival of Talents 2025 (CPAPS DFOT 2025), held at Rosario Institute, Rosario, Cavite on February 21, 2025. The event, sponsored by the Cavite Province Association of Private Schools, saw 35 schools from across the province competing in various academic and creative contests. AUP Elementary showcased its excellence by securing 53 awards across multiple categories.

DAMATH GRADE 1-6

Abas, Aziel Liesi	Grade 1	1st Place
Flaviano, Friezel	Grade 1	2nd Place
Mendoza, Seth Eiron	Grade 1	3rd Place
Goyal, Misael Iry	Grade 1	4th Place
Marquez, Jack Daniel	Grade 2	1st Place
Patilan, Knovie Jane	Grade 3	1st Place
Espiritu, Kyrie Skye	Grade 3	2nd Place
Espiritu, Kylie Raine	Grade 3	3rd Place
Villamater, Derek Ioan	Grade 4	2nd Place
Almerol, Samantha Bree	Grade 4	4th Place
Hallig, Alejandro Jiv	Grade 6	1st Place
Testa, Eryn Denize	Grade 6	3rd Place
Ingal, Zedd Ryzen	Grade 6	4th Place

POETRY GRADE 1-3

Aldana, Sydney Grace	Grade 1	5th Place
Relloso, Gula Zam	Grade 3	4th Place

RUBIKS CUBE GRADE 1-6

Ramirez, Mariaella Bernice Glo	Grade 3	3rd Place
Esquerra, Joaz Teofilo III	Grade 4	2nd Place
Mergal, Khieffer Szymon	Grade 4	3rd Place
Fernandez, Arthur Edward	Grade 4	5th Place
Abatayo, Ella Gisyll	Grade 5	1st Place
Diaz, Zach Elijah	Grade 6	4th Place

SUDOKU GRADE 3-6

Agbisit, Eunice	Grade 3	3rd Place
Oliver, Hershe Anne	Grade 4	4th Place
Cania, Kalthrelece Luzia	Grade 5	3rd Place
Saban, Maryllee Julia	Grade 5	4th Place
Yokoi, Hitomi	Grade 5	5th Place
Odon, Chris Ashriel	Grade 6	1st Place

COLORING/DRAWING GRADE 1-6

Patilan, Kaela Marikit	Grade 1	4th Place
Gibe, Samuel Martin	Grade 2	5th Place
Sakilan, Sofia Gie	Grade 2	11th Place
Borja, Samarah Abigail	Grade 3	5th Place
Atilares, Mattan Areli	Grade 3	7th Place
Gamboa, Alessandra Alayne	Grade 4	1st Place
Pajado, Viana Amber	Grade 4	5th Place
Uy, Clarence	Grade 5	1st Place
Genegaling, Shan Wern Bennise	Grade 5	2nd Place
Zabala, Jaimi Rose	Grade 5	3rd Place
Villalon, Xanthie Esse	Grade 5	5th Place
Esteves, Angel Nylrhenz	Grade 5	6th Place
Dorado, Jillianne	Grade 5	8th Place

TOWER OF HANOI GRADE 3-6

Barangan, Phaniel Xyd	Grade 3	1st Place
Fugoso, Zofia Elizabeth	Grade 3	2nd Place
Perdon, Jhv Jirch	Grade 4	1st Place
Marquez, Ezekiel Kiefer	Grade 4	2nd Place
Gerodias, Erylle Micayla	Grade 4	3rd Place
Ruedas, Jheliane Rhayne	Grade 4	5th Place
Gabrido, Abriana	Grade 5	1st Place
Gibe, Aaron Martin	Grade 5	2nd Place
Remoluna, Shan Lukas	Grade 5	5th Place
Seguin, Venezia Elaine	Grade 6	1st Place

DECLAMATION GRADE 4-6

Vino, Alexa Caye	Grade 5	1st Place
Gaurino, Deanna Amor	Grade 6	3rd Place
Goshi, Yurika Lei	Grade 6	4th Place

AUP Returns with 'LIMITLESS' Caravan 2025 to North Luzon Adventist Academies

The University returned its promotional caravan this year under the theme "Limitless," a four-day initiative held from February 17-20, 2025. With a strong emphasis on Adventist education as the guiding principle, the caravan sought to inspire students from various Adventist academies across North Luzon to embrace faith-based learning as the foundation of their college journey.



The Limitless Caravan went to four Adventist academies: Central Luzon Adventist Academy, Floridablanca, Pampanga; Baguio Seventh-day Adventist School, Bokawkan Road, Baguio City; Tirad View Academy, Cayus, Ilocos Sur; and Concepcion Adventist Academy, Concepcion, Gregorio del Pilar, Ilocos Sur; introducing the University's academic programs. It reinforced the importance



of holistic education—one that nurtures growth "through the harmonious development of the mental, physical, social, and spiritual faculties." Highlights from the Limitless Caravan included introducing the University's academic programs, providing career guidance through RIASEC assessments, strengthening partnerships with schools, and ensuring students of their limitless potential with Adventist education.

Each school visit included a structured program that began with devotional sessions focused on how students could achieve their potential with God. Presentations on AUP's offerings and university experience followed. Afterward, RIASEC career assessments were conducted to help students explore their aspirations, activities, skills, and interests in various professions, guiding them toward careers and fields of study that align with their strengths. The visits concluded with interactive Q&A sessions to address students' inquiries about career alignment and the University. Flyers were distributed at each visited school, and students received AUP giveaways, such as school calendars and the famous terin-terin bread. In appreciation, the team presented principals and teachers

with AUP gift sets and special gift packs from University Health Foods.

Ron Ivan Perdido, Advancement marketing officer, led the promotional presentations, highlighting AUP's mission, academic offerings, and student life. Jither Ken Patalinghug, the Guidance Office psychometrician, facilitated the RIASEC tests, assisting students in identifying their career interests and strengths. Rodel Romero, the creatives and webmaster officer, along with Kelvin



Salak, an intern in the Advancement Office, managed content creation, capturing event highlights through photos, videos, and drone footage. Additionally, Charissa Uy, the communication officer, delivered inspirational devotional messages about transcending limits with God and managed AUP's social media updates.

The Limitless Promotional Caravan 2025 effectively showcased the University to potential students and made a significant impact on the schools visited by blending academic promotion, spiritual engagement, and career guidance. The caravan also gave posters to neighboring churches in the area.



AUPA Maps Dreams at the Career Day 2025

By Dianah Fahad, AUP Academy Voice

The AUP Academy (AUPA) hosted its highly anticipated Career Day, themed "Map Your Dreams," on February 24, 2025. The event aimed to guide students in exploring various career paths and making informed decisions about their future professions. The academy grounds were transformed into a hub of opportunities, featuring interactive booths from university colleges, engaging activities, and inspiring talks.

Career Day showcased diverse 18 academic booths representing fields such as Dentistry, Nursing, Information Technology, Business Administration, and Engineering, among others. Each station provided valuable insights into potential career paths, with professionals, students, and faculty members sharing their expertise and experiences. AUPA students could interact, ask questions, and explore fields that aligned with their interests.

The program commenced with the "Foundation of Dreams" devo-

tional, setting an inspirational tone for the day. Highlights included a university song performance by Grade 8-Crystal students, a special message from Dr. Florvilla Marticio, University retired guidance counselor, and an AUP promotion presented by Ms. Charissa Uy, advancement communication officer.

One of the most exciting activities was the March of Dreams and Freeze Frame Challenge, where students creatively showcased their aspirations. The event energized the crowd and reinforced the theme of pursuing one's dreams.

Students navigated through various stations using a well-organized map and checklist, gathering insights and tracking their progress. Additionally, a seminar-workshop was held, focusing on essential soft skills such as communication, time management, interpersonal skills, creative leadership, and adaptability in a rapidly changing world.



LUMICAH'S QUEST: A Celebration Beyond the Canvas

by Naiara Jorainne Amparo

The College of Arts and Humanities (CAH) at Adventist University of the Philippines took creativity to new heights with CAH Day on February 20, 2025. This year's theme, "LUMICAH'S QUEST: Beyond the Canvas," invited students to explore history, literature, fine arts, and communication through an immersive day of exhibits, performances, and academic discussions.

The event opened with inspirational messages from university leaders, followed by a Fine Arts Exhibition ribbon-cutting, showcasing breathtaking student artworks. A historical cosplay competition brought history to life, while an essay writing contest recognized outstanding literary talents. Students also engaged in an open mic session, sharing poetry, music, and spoken word pieces.

The afternoon featured a Research Forum and Workshop led by Dr. Michael Naidas, PhD, where students explored the evolving role of humanities in academia. Later, a Lantern Parade illuminated the campus, with each department presenting handcrafted lanterns reflecting their discipline.

The celebration concluded with departmental performances, highlighting the diverse artistic and musical talents of CAH students. As CAH Day 2025 came to a close, it proved that art, history, music, and communication aren't just subjects to study—they're forces that shape how we see the world and what makes life worth living.

AUP Partners with Healthway Qualimed Hospital Sta. Rosa



In a significant step toward strengthening medical education and training, the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) officially partnered with Healthway Qualimed Hospital Sta. Rosa, alongside Cavite State University (CavSU) and signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for training medical laboratory science interns. The ceremony was held at Healthway Qualimed Hospital, Sta. Rosa, Laguna, on February 28, 2025.

Signing dignitaries were Mr. Jaime Ysmael, Healthway Qualimed Hospital Sta. Rosa, president and chief executive officer; Atty. Nirmala Barbara Vanguardia, Healthway Qualimed Hospital Sta. Rosa chief operating officer; Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president; Dr. Maribel Balagtas, AUP College of Health dean; and Ms. Teodora Valderama, Cavite State University chair.



Mr. Jaime Ysmael, Healthway Qualimed Hospital Sta. Rosa, president and chief executive officer, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, emphasizing the institution's commitment to investing in people and training future healthcare professionals. "We

strive to reach more Filipinos and provide patient-centric care beyond cure." He expressed that he was honored and privileged to partner with neighboring schools, knowing that AUP and CavSU provided quality medical practitioners. "This collaboration will ensure that we deliver the best possible care and benefit from the expertise of these bright young minds," said Ysmael.

Highlighting the significance of collaboration, Dr. Arceli Rosario, president of AUP, emphasized that "the Bible says, 'how pleasant it is when neighbors live together in harmony.' This harmony is achieved when we combine our expertise." She described this partnership as an investment in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) students, providing them with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to excel in the medical field.

Dr. Rosario also instilled in the medical practitioners the importance of valuing their work as interns in the field. "In your own small sphere, you show care to a piece of specimen is from a person," she expressed. "Our goal is to mold these young people to be academically excellent, to be Christ-like, to be exemplary in their service," she emphasized the University's core values in training MLS students.

Dr. Danilo Andro S. Garcia, AUP-MLS acting vchair, also graced the event, supporting the vision of holistic education and practical

training of eight medical laboratory science interns from the University who were present for the signing. Kurt Gatus, MLS intern coordinator, and Yanna Yvonne Macayan, MLS faculty member were present.



Concluding the ceremony, Rosario imparted words of encouragement, reinforcing AUP's mission to develop academically excellent and service-oriented professionals. "We are here to add value, not to be a burden. We want our partner institutions to say that this hospital has been better since you came. God bless our partnership and may we have fruitful years ahead."

Tradigital Fine Arts Department Opens its Faculty and Student Art Exhibit with Special Guest Ral Arrogante

by Ronette Joy Alfanta

The AUP Department of Tradigital Fine Arts officially opened its Faculty and Student Art Exhibit on February 20, 2024, at the CAH-AWESNA Building. With the theme "Stories We Tell Beyond the Tradigital," the exhibit, curated by John Merrick Eupalao, features a collection of traditional and digital artworks created by students and faculty.

The opening program was graced by the renowned artist Ral Arrogante, the Society of Philippine Sculptors president, who participated in the official ribbon cutting. Students also had the opportunity to meet and interact with alumni and award-winning artists, including Herbert Pajarito,

Lito Mondejar, Sam Cruz, Lorebert Maralito, Honey Maglalang, Ian Maigan, Sib Reyes, and Euodia Zeta.

Ms. Eleanore Pagaduan, the exhibit organizer, shared that one of the exhibit's objectives was to give aspiring student artists a space to interact, learn, and collaborate with experienced artists.

Students who participated in the exhibition expressed that the experience inspired and motivated them to create more art. Aighla Pangilinan, one of the department's first-year students, shared that being able to meet and converse with other artists was a

joyful experience.

The exhibit is open for viewing and can be visited in the CAH-AWESNA building until March 31.



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