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AUP Celebrates God's Faithfulness Through Zahari 2025

The Lord has remembered as the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) held its 141st Graduation Exercises from May 30 to June 1, 2025, at the Philippine International Church. More than a ceremonial graduation series, Consecration, Baccalaureate, and Commencement, served as a spiritual and academic celebration of God's faithfulness to the 583 graduating students.

The graduating class, bearing the name



Zahari (from the Hebrew word zakar, meaning "to remember"), directly translating to "the Lord has remembered." Among the 583 graduates were 508 from the Philippines and 75 international students from countries such as China, Indonesia, Rwanda, the United States, Ghana, Myanmar, Korea, and more. The graduates included 2 Associate, 454 Bachelor, 107 Master's, and 20 Doctoral degree holders across the University's eight colleges: Arts and Humanities (88), Business (114), Dentistry (31), Education (40), Health (145), Nursing (113), Science and Technology (28), and Theology (24).

Consecration Ceremony: "God Remembers"

The commencement weekend began on May 30 with a Consecration Ceremony, a spiritual tradition in AUP that dedicates

graduating students to God's purpose. Dr. Remwill Tornalejo, president of Mountain View College, delivered the keynote message, drawing from Isaiah 49:15-16, emphasizing that "God said, 'I will never forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands.'" He reminded the graduates that even in moments of discouragement, uncertainty, or obscurity, divine remembrance anchors their worth and direction.

A responsive reading led by Dr. Ele Lunzaga titled "Zahari Remembered by God," and the traditional candle lighting ceremony, symbolizing the light of God shining in and through the graduates, was led by Class Pastor Erick Joshua Olivares. These moments framed the graduates' journey not merely as academic but as a spiritual calling. "The candle lighting ceremony has been a long

AUPE Holds 79th Graduation Ceremony: Batch SIDLAK 2025 Commissioned to Shine for Christ

by Frank Adonai Yabres

After years of learning, growing, playing, and praying, you stand here not just a little taller in height, but taller in heart, taller in faith and taller in spirit," Dr. Julio C. Amurao, vice president for student services, emphasized as the keynote speaker during the Adventist University of the Philippines Elementary (AUPE) 79th Graduation Exercises at the Philippine International Church, on May 15, 2025.

Their batch name, Sidlak, a Filipino term meaning "to shine" or "radiate" honored academic achievement and spiritual growth, commissioning 49 AUPE graduates to reflect the light of Christ.

Dr. Amurao urged AUPE graduates to shine not only through achievement but through character and service. "Shining is not always about being number one," he said. "Sometimes it is about quietly doing the right thing when no one is watching." He concluded with a charge to the graduates: "Go ahead, Sidlak—shine in the academy, shine in your home, shine wherever God sends you, and may the world see that light and see Jesus Christ in you." Dr. Isabelo Susada, AUPE principal, commended the graduates' resilience and emphasized the importance of Christian education in shaping learners for life and purpose.

Sidlak 2025 graduating officers delivered moving tributes to those who supported them along the way. "You are the real MVPs, the unpaid heroes, the bedtime storytellers, the rule-enforcers, and heart

holders," Deanna Amor Gaurino, Sidlak class vice president, honored parents.

"As we close this chapter and move forward, we carry with us the love, strength, and wisdom you have generously shared," Breane Ellone Valiao, Sidlak class secretary, thanked the administrators for their unwavering support.

"Our teachers have patiently molded us all these years....They have invested in us because they believe that the future is brighter with us being educated," Zach Elijah Diaz, Sidlak associate secretary, paid tribute to teachers, recognizing their role in molding minds and building faith.

The program featured the giving of tokens to parents, a special performance by the AUPE Little Singers, and the graduates singing their class song "Shining Brightly," which captured the unity and aspirations of the graduating class.

This was followed by a pinning ceremony and the pledge of loyalty led by Margarita Nagoya, Sidlak class auditor, and the presentation of 49 toga sets as the class gift.

In her farewell address, Anna Vernoneeca Saban, Sidlak class president, spoke of the unbreakable bond shared by Batch SIDLAK, "We've laughed, we've cried, and we've grown together... We made it by God's grace."



held tradition of our dear University, but to-night, it is more than just a tradition, rather it is a promise, it is a reminder, it is a symbol of hope, and as our batch song beautifully declares, moments such as this, we're reminded of the goodness of the Lord and how He opened doors."



Class Secretary Shekinah Joy Famaran, in her response and token of appreciation, captured the sentiment of her peers: gratitude not only for the knowledge gained but for the spiritual nurture received at AUP.

"There were tears that were shed, trials that were encountered...but the light shines on," echoed Olivares during the lighting ceremony, reflecting the resilience of the class.

Baccalaureate Service: "Called to Remember and Go Forward"

On May 31, the baccalaureate service deepened the weekend's theme with a message from Pastor Roger Caderma, president of the Southern-Asia Pacific Division. Emphasizing divine memory, he declared, "You can find all the stories that they were being forgotten, but the Lord has remembered them."



His words urged graduates to view struggles not as hindrances but as stepping stones to growth. "Use your struggles as a source of strength... Have faith that the path laid out for you is meaningful, even if it is not immediately apparent."

Pastor Caderma called them to live humbly, serve faithfully, and uphold Scripture as their

"ultimate standard of faith and practice." He reminded them that when they leave AUP, they carry the assurance that God remembers.



During the service, AUP also recognized Christian Service Award recipients, honoring students from multiple colleges for their commitment to selfless service, a cornerstone of Adventist education.

Commencement Ceremony: Called to Whole-Person Excellence

The official commencement exercises on June 1 featured Dr. Julian Melgosa, associate Director of the Education Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, as the guest speaker. In his address titled "Take Care of Yourself", he encouraged graduates to nurture not just professional aspirations but also their mental, physical, relational, and spiritual well-being.



"True optimism is not a form of illusion... The world can be horrible and cruel, but it can also be wonderful and abundant. Both manifestations are true," said Dr. Melgosa. He emphasized that living a balanced life rooted in gratitude, forgiveness, and faith is key to sustaining success beyond the academic setting. "Being a good professional does not prevent you from being a man or woman of faith," he affirmed, aligning perfectly with AUP's vision of producing competent professionals who are Christ-like in character.

The awarding of degree certificates, recognition of academic honors, and the presence of families and faculty added to the joy of the moment. But beneath the applause and

smiles lay a deeper understanding: that every achievement in AUP is tied to its mission, education for eternity.



The University honored graduates for their invaluable contributions through special awards. Cutie Canasares and Ayen Tugade, graduates of the graduate studies program, were awarded the Dr. Jeimylo de Castro Research Excellence Award (READ).



Additionally, David Agustin from the Development Communication program received the Roda's Leadership Award.



Zahari: More Than a Name

Throughout the weekend, the identity of the class as Zahari was consistently honored. It served not merely as a symbolic label but as a theological anchor, a reminder that their story is remembered by God.

As they now take their place in society, they carry with them the distinct identity of an Adventist education: faithful to mission, grounded in service, prepared for leadership, and remembered by God.



AUPA Holds 106th Graduation Ceremony: “LIORA 2025” Inspires Graduates to Shine with Purpose

With 176 graduands, the Adventist University of the Philippines Academy (AUPA) held its 106th Graduation Exercises at the Philippine International Church on May 18, 2025. The batch named “Liora,” derived from the Hebrew word meaning “light,” culminated their years of hard work, commissioning to live with purpose and conviction, carrying the light as they continue their career journey.

The graduating class was composed of students from three academic strands: 30 from Accountancy, Business and Management, 33 from the General Academic Strand, and 113 from the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The commencement address was delivered by Dr. Arnel Zamayla, MSU-IIT professor and director of the Fab Lab Mindanao and the Center for Artificial Intelligence Research. He challenged the graduates with three powerful questions: “What is the prize?”, “What is your why?”, and “Who will you enlighten?” In a world filled with noise and distraction, Dr. Zamayla urged the graduates to stay grounded in their identity in Christ. “You may see yourself a sinner, a nobody, an outsider... but always remember who you are. The fight has always been about you and where your attention is.” He empowered the graduands that their definition of own self should

not come from society’s version or even from one’s insecurities, but from how God sees each individual. He emphasized that talent and motivation must be rooted in faith to bring lasting impact. He called them to live as lights in the world, radiating truth, purpose, and grace.

The event featured the formal confirmation and declaration of graduates by Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president. “Carry with you faith in God because that is your sure anchor and that will protect you from all trials in life.”

Following the address, graduates received their diplomas and awards, marking the academic excellence and dedication they demonstrated throughout their senior high journey.

“LIORA 2025” was more than just a graduation but a heartfelt commissioning. As the graduates move on to higher education and new life chapters, they carry with them the call to shine the light of Christ—in their homes, communities, and wherever God leads them next.

COM Student Council Receives APMC Seal of Good Governance Award

The AUP College of Medicine-Student Council received a prestigious Seal of Good Governance Award by the Association of Philippine Medical Colleges—Student Network (APMC-SN) on May 9, 2025.

This esteemed recognition is awarded to medical student organizations that exemplify outstanding leadership, accountability, and commitment to service within their institutions and the broader community. The APMC-SN Seal of Good Governance recognizes student councils that uphold a high standard of governance, operational integrity, and meaningful community engagement.



The AUP-COM Student Council has consistently led initiatives that foster academic excellence, student well-being, and community outreach, mirroring the University's core values of integrity, service, and faith.

As the University continues its mission of producing competent and compassionate physician-missionaries, this recognition further affirms its commitment to nurturing leaders who serve with purpose and uphold servant leadership.

AUP Elementary Kindergarten Shines in 31st Moving Up Ceremony

The Adventist University of the Philippines Elementary (AUPE) celebrated its 31st Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony at AUP Finster Hall of All Nations on May 7, 2025. Themed "Shine," the event recognized the joyful milestone of AUPE's youngest pupils as they completed their kindergarten journey and prepared to enter Grade 1.

Family, friends, teachers, and school administrators gathered to affirm and celebrate the growth and accomplishments of the Kinder Blue Bell and Kinder Baby's Breath classes.

The ceremony opened with a heartwarming musical play entitled "The Good Shepherd" performed by the kindergarten students. The play served as a beautiful reminder of God's guidance in the lives of the little ones and reflected the values taught during their early education at AUPE.

Dr. Isabelo V. Susada, AUPE principal, gave the welcome remarks and a message of congratulations. In his address, he drew from Matthew 5:16, inspiring both children and parents emphasizing the theme for this ceremony, "Shine, it reflects the light that each of our movers



brings to the community. As these kids move on to the next chapter in their lives, remember, let them shine. They will be blessings to the world, and we can't wait to see the amazing things that they can do."


The highlight of the program was the presentation and confirmation of 28 kindergarten movers, 15 from the Kinder Blue Bell class and 13 from the Kinder Baby's Breath class, introduced by Mrs. Miriam Torres and Ms. Eva Monique Sabaricos, AUPE Kinder advisers.

With family support and God's guidance, these young pupils are now ready to "shine" as they move forward to Grade 1.

Sausa Tops PNLE, AUP-CON Shines 100% PNLE Passing Rate for First-Takers, Ranks Among Top 5 Nationwide


MAY 2025 NURSES LICENSURE EXAMINATION

TOP 7



JULIA LERI MARI P. SAUSA, RN

RANK 5



Adventist University of the Philippines
COLLEGE OF NURSING

AMONG THE TOP PERFORMING SCHOOLS
IN THE PHILIPPINES
WITH 50 TO 99 EXAMINEES

100%

AUP PASSING RATE (First-Time Takers)
98.25% AUP OVERALL PASSING RATE
64.39% NATIONAL PASSING RATE

Indeed, “unto God are our eyes,” as the AUP College of Nursing (CON) credited another milestone to faith, academic rigor, and God’s sustaining grace in the recent May 2025 Philippine Nurse Licensure Examination (PNLE). All 54 passers from Batch Elioenai successfully passed the exam, achieving an excellent 100% passing rate for first-time takers and an impressive 98.25% overall performance, placing AUP among the Top 5 Performing Nursing Schools nationwide.

Further illuminating this milestone, Julia Leri Mari Parulan Sausa secured 7th place in the national rankings.

“There’s no secret—God did it! It was never about me,” Sausa shared. “No amount of effort, studying, or struggling could ever make me deserving of what I received today. It is purely and entirely by God’s grace.”

Reflecting on her journey, she shared her prayer to continuously humble herself during the review season. “I remember during one of our pre-board exams, I prayed, ‘Lord, I barely know the answers to these questions. So if I pass, it’s all You.’ Indeed, God is so faithful.”

While waiting for the board exam results, she recalled how she surrendered everything to God. “I simply prayed, ‘May Your will be done, not mine.’ I knew that whatever the outcome, His plans would always be greater than mine.”

“My mother told me I placed 7th; I broke down in tears. It wasn’t about my strength or intellect. It was His grace that put me there. God gave me more than I imagined—for His glory, not mine,” she testified how her prayers were answered. “I will never forget that this achievement is not mine alone; it is a testament to what happens when you surrender fully to God’s will and trust in His perfect timing.”

Unto God are our eyes.

—*Elioenai CON Batch*



AUP and Ethiopia Adventist College Sign MOU to Strengthen Partnership

In a spirit of shared mission and academic collaboration, the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) and Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) formally entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) during a meaningful ceremony held at the AUP Administration Conference Room on May 5, 2025.

The agreement outlines a five-year partnership aimed at enhancing both institutions' commitment to Adventist education, global mission, and holistic development. Key areas of cooperation include joint research and publication, professional development training, faculty and student exchange programs, community service initiatives, and collaborative participation in seminars, academic meetings, and study tours. Representing EAC were distinguished academic and church leaders:

- Pastor Tadesse Adugna, President of the East Ethiopia Union Mission and EAC Board Chairman
- Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC
- Mrs. Aster Dalu, Head of the EAC Clinic
- Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, EAC Vice President for Institutional Advancement, MBA Program Coordinator, and Professor
- Dr. Ester Karosekali, Director of Guidance and Counselling and Associate Professor at EAC

Pastor Carlito Quidet, Jr., mission refocus initiative director of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) and Pastor Stephen Salainti, vice president of SSD, accompanied the EAC team in their meaningful visit.

The ceremony served as a reaffirmation of AUP's vision to be a leading Seventh-day Adventist educational institution in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. It also emphasized the strength of cross-cultural collaboration under a shared faith, as both institutions seek to prepare young people not just for a profession, but for service to God and humanity.

"This partnership is a testimony of how Adventist institutions around the world can unite in pursuit of academic excellence and mission-driven education," Pastor Adugna expressed.





COE Clinches the Championship Trophy

Praise God! We have been praying for this!" an elated College of Education (COE) delegate testified. "We did it!" COE delegates exclaimed as they emerged as champions in the Professional Education Quiz Bee during the 10th Young Educators' Society Congress held at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas on May 7, 2025.

The winning team was composed of Rebekah Dawn Infante, Felicity Duane Licayan, and Kyla Shayne Rivera, under the guidance of their coach, Dr. Cecil Ronia. The competition challenged participants with 30 questions covering six professional education courses.

Their victory reflects their diligence and preparation and the strong foundation of teaching and learning provided by the College. In addition to the Quiz Bee, Ms. Starlene Buitizon represented AUP-COE in the Teaching Demonstration as "Math-ilda," the math wizard. Her engaging performance captivated the audience, and many students could still be heard singing the song she used during her demonstration long after the event concluded. A dean from another institution personally congratulated Ms. Buitizon for her outstanding presentation.

AUP-COE sent 28 delegates to the congress, with the support of Mr. Jeremiah Fameronag, COE dean, Dr. Cecil Ronia, and Mr. Roland Gadela, COE faculty.

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DevCom Students Engage in Benchmarking Visit at CvSU Knowledge Management Center

In a meaningful step toward strengthening academic and research competencies, the Knowledge Management class of the Development Communication (DevCom) Department conducted a benchmarking visit to Cavite State University's Knowledge Management Center (CvSU-KMC) at CvSU, Indang, Cavite, on May 15, 2025.

Led by their course adviser, Ms. Charyse Vine Unggay, the delegation was warmly welcomed by CvSU's KMC team for a collaborative engagement that spotlighted best practices in knowledge and intellectual property management. The visit provided the AUP DevCom students an in-depth view of how CvSU's KMC functions through its two primary divisions: the Publication and Communication Division and the Intellectual Property and Technology Business Management Division.

Throughout the visit, the KMC team facilitated presentations, open discussions, and knowledge-sharing sessions focusing on academic publishing, strategic communication, intellectual property rights, and



technology transfer systems. The sessions emphasized the importance of safeguarding students' rights in research and publication, highlighting tools such as the Mentee Consent/Attestation Form, a vital measure to ensure ethical acknowledgment of student contributions and IP applications.

The exchange provided the AUP delegation valuable insights into how well-structured knowledge management systems can promote academic integrity, operational efficiency, and innovation within the university setting.

CvSU's Knowledge Management Center likewise expressed its appreciation for the opportunity to host the benchmarking visit and conveyed openness to future collaborations aimed at enhancing academic excellence and innovation across institutions.

This benchmarking activity marks a continuing effort by AUP's Development Communication Department to provide experiential learning opportunities that equip students with practical knowledge and a broader perspective on institutional communication and knowledge systems.

Neriah Batch Embraces the Divine Calling of Holistic Nursing at CON Pinning and Dedication Ceremony

The College of Nursing held its pinning and dedication program at the Philippine International Church on May 28, 2025. With the theme "Neriah: Nurses who Exemplify, Reform, Inspire All to be Holistic," the event honored not only the academic journey of the graduating class but their deeper commitment to a life of service under God's leading.

The term "Neriah," meaning "God is my Light," served as both an identity and a mission for the future nurses who were reminded that nursing is more than a profession—it is a divine calling rooted in faith, compassion, and a holistic approach to care. This perspective is the cornerstone of Adventist education, which seeks to mold not just competent professionals but Christ-centered individuals who live out their calling with integrity and spiritual clarity.

Drawing from biblical truths, Pastor Jose P. Orbe Jr., communication director and public affairs and religious liberty director of the Southern Luzon Philippine Union Mission expounded on the significance of making God one's Light, encapsulating it with five attributes:

- Leader – Guiding each step with divine direction (Psalm 23:2).
- Illuminator – Providing clarity in both clinical and emotional moments (Psalm 119:105).
- Guardian – Offering strength and protection amidst fear and challenges (Psalm 27:1).
- Healer – Extending healing not just through hands, but through presence, words, and prayer (Malachi 4:2).
- Teacher – Continuously shaping the nurse as a disciple of compassion and

truth (Psalm 27:11).

He challenged the graduates with soul-searching questions, "Who is God in my career? Who is God in my profession?" His message reminded everyone that healing extends beyond treatment. Healing includes ministry, emotional presence, and being conduits of God's light.

In heartfelt messages, students expressed deep gratitude for the sacrifices and guidance that brought by parents, sponsors, and clinical instructors. "Your love, your sacrifices, your steady presence in the background, they carried us through more than words can ever express," Samantha Cometa stated in her tribute to parents and sponsors.

"It took an army of CI's to raise us 105 com-

petent future nurses,” Prsnigarbha Dasi Potian added representing the class in honoring the clinical instructors.

Their sentiments were matched with emotional responses from faculty. “You became part of my life, my source of inspiration....You are the light the world needs,” Dr. Angel Grace Bingcang, Level 3 chair, expressed. Dr. Carmela G. Malabat, Level 4 chair, affirmed the batch as “living proof of God’s love, goodness, mercy, and grace,” while Dr. Raymond C. Caagbay, CON dean emphasized, “You are not just healing wounds. You are touching lives—renewing hope and restoring dignity... not only by your own strength but by the power of Yahweh.”

Indeed, as Pastor Orbe dedicated, “as you make God your Light in your profession, be an extension of that Light as well.”



In Love, Your Memory: An Alumni Banquet 2025



“In love, we remember the people. With your memory, we carry the moments. In both, we honor the God who remembers.”

The Adventist University of the Philippines hosted its Alumni Banquet with the theme, “In Love, Your Memory” on May 29, 2025.

Held as part of the graduation week celebrations, the banquet brought together graduating students, faculty, and alumni. True to its theme, the event honored the friendships nurtured over years, the mentors who inspired growth, the lessons learned both inside and outside the classroom, and the joy shared along AUP’s familiar pathways.

“What we built together in these halls was more than just knowledge. It was a community grounded on the love of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. A love that continues to guide us even as we walk different paths,” Pastor Julio Amurao, vice president for student services, reminded during his welcome remarks. “You are our living testimony of our mission. You have carried with you the light of Christ. The light of our savior and the legacy of our beloved AUP.”

The Ambassadors Alumni rendered a musical offering, setting a reverent tone for the keynote message delivered by Pastor Glenn Mar Lagabon. “Remember the people in AUP. Remember the events. Re-

member the places in AUP, places where you have met God,” Pastor Lagabon emphasized how the University is a place of remembrance and a home. “There is no place like home. There is no place like AUP.” He also called for an action to all graduating seniors to remember their alma mater and what they can do in the future for AUP.

After the devotional concluded, the banquet proper started with a game “The Lambingan Bridge,” inviting graduates in a game of matching perspectives on what they would look for in their future partner.

The dinner proper was served alongside memory lane videos, which stirred laughter and nostalgia. The evening also marked a significant moment for the alumni association as the PUC/AUP National Alumni Association (PANAA) conducted their turnover and induction ceremony. Outgoing PANAA officers were recognized, with Dr. Joysthie Orbe presiding over the turnover ceremony as the outgoing president of the association.



The new officers inducted were:

Pastor Glenn Lagabon, PANAA president

Pastor Salvador Molina, PANAA vice-president religious

Mrs. Irelyn Gabin, PANAA vice-president social

Mrs. Lowielyn de Ocampo, PANAA secretary

Mrs. Alevir Pido, PANAA treasurer

Pastor Glenn Mar Lagabon, PANAA president returned to officially

welcome the graduating class into the alumni family. A special segment titled “In Love, Your Zahari 2025 Memory” served as a collective farewell from the graduating class of Zahari 2025, expressing their shared memory through a song rendition and photographs captured during the banquet.

“Zahari 2025, remember that memorable moments and the beautiful people here at AUP. Remember what God has done to you. Remember that your alma matter loves you and wants you to come back,” Dr. Arceli Rosario, University president, expressed as she delivered the charge to the alumni.

Symbolizing the class’s official entry into the University alumni community, the pinning of alumni commenced.

“These are more than just memories,” Goldwyn Burce, Zahari 2025 president, responded a commitment to the University by signaling

his fellow Zahari 2025 to commit through locking locks as a symbol of their commitment to the University. “Each secret chapters authored by God himself and that is why we embrace the names of Zahari, the Lord has remembered.”



MLS Department Holds First-Ever Internship Culmination and Pinning Ceremony

The Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) Department held its inaugural Internship Culmination and Pinning Ceremony at Finster Hall of All Nations, on May 8, 2025. Themed “Aletheia 2025: Unconcealed,” the event honored the dedication and perseverance of 66 graduating interns, who were celebrated by faculty, alumni, and families.

Keynote speaker Ms. Katrina Salomon, a registered medical technologist (RMT) at Adventist Medical Center Manila and an alumna from Batch 2019, delivered an inspiring message titled “Aletheia: A Calling to Truth and Excellence.” She urged the interns to treat their profession as a higher calling and “let your work be an act of worship.”

The highlight of the event was the pinning ceremony which symbolized the students’ formal transition into the professional world of healthcare. The interns and faculty recited an affirmation of commitment, pledging to uphold the values of excellence, integrity, and service. Eon MelySa Ben Caagbay was awarded Most Outstanding Intern and also debuted the batch’s original song, “Ready to Bear Your Truth.”

“It’s great to see how our interns are not just good in studying, but also in singing. That batch song gave me goosebumps!” remarked Yvette Pineda, CLS III, who also officially welcomed Aletheia 2025 into the PUC/AUP Medical Technology Alumni Association (PAMTAA).

Parents and guests expressed deep appreciation for the values integrated into the program. “As a parent, I am beyond proud. Seeing our children not only finish strong but grounded in faith brings so much joy,” shared one parent.

“Your labor is not in vain when it is for the Lord,” Ms. Yanna Yvonne Macayan, the MLS department chair reminded the interns.

Student reflections highlighted how transformative the internship experience had been. Katrina Bianca Villanueva shared how this internship “reminded and further ignited the desire in my heart to do my best ... to solely use it to glorify God.” Fellow intern Fritz Sherdan Calago added, “What started as a requirement, an obligation, soon became one of the most unforgettable chapters of my life.”





Rodas Donate Renovated Alumni Room

Dr. Ferdinand and Mrs. Loree Roda donated a newly renovated room, reaffirming their support for the University's mission. A simple blessing ceremony was held on June 1, 2025, in dedication to the renovated room, led by Pastor Lani Esteves, senior pastor of Philippine International Church.

Present during the blessing were Dr. Ferdinand Roda, major benefactor and son of former president Alfonso Roda; Mrs. Loree Roda, Dr. Arceli Rosario, University president; Mr. Nimrod Rosario; Mrs. Romelda Rodelas, University treasurer; and Mr. Oemer Rey Daquila, advancement director.

The renovation of room 7 was completed in May and cost PHP 907,807. This total includes both structural improvements and interior upgrades.

AUP expressed appreciation for the donation and acknowledged the support from Dr. Ferdinand and Mrs. Loree Roda. Dr. Roda stated their ongoing commitment to improving AUP's facilities. The Alumni Hall renovation project aims to refurbish all the rooms with fully furnished setups.



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