

AUP HIGHLIGHTS

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New AUP Officers Elected During Special Constituency Meeting and University Election 2026

The Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) elected its new set of University leaders during the Special Constituency meeting and University election at the Finster Hall of All Nations on February 24, 2026. The Constituency announced the newly elected AUP officers for the 2026–2030 term: Dr. Arceli Rosario, president; Dr. Susy Jael, vice president for academics; Mrs. Aileen Silverio, vice president for finance; and Dr. Jimmy Adil, Jr., vice president for student services. The Special Constituency meeting gathered around 82 attendees, including delegates from various Seventh-day Adventist institutions who participated both in person and online.

The meeting opened with a devotional message from Pastor Gerardo Cajobe, president of the South Luzon Philippine Union Mission and chair of the AUP Board of Trustees, followed by a musical offering from the Philippine Meistersingers. Pastor Cajobe also delivered the welcome remarks and gave reminders to the delegates. Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, vice president for academics, conducted the roll call of delegates, both in-person and online. With a quorum established, Pastor Cajobe, as the board chairman, officially declared

the meeting in order.

University Report Highlights

One of the major parts of the meeting was the University report presented by Dr. Arceli Rosario, the University president, covering the period June 2022 to January 2026. Dr. Rosario presented AUP's progress and institutional priorities based on the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

The report began with the University's philosophy, mission, and vision and highlighted the core values for students, faculty, and staff, as well as the institution's strategic and institutional goals.

Among the key accomplishments highlighted were:

- Consistently increasing enrolment trend
- Increased participation of faculty, staff, and students in personal and public evangelism
- An increased number of precious individuals accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour through baptism

Renewal of AUP's Autonomous Status and granting of institutional accreditation
 Accreditation status of its 38 programs—22 Level IV and 11 Level III
 Increased faculty and staff participation in research
 Strengthened institutional linkages and partnerships
 Positive licensure examination results
 Substantial capital expenditures on physical plant and facilities
 Increasing support of alumni and donors for scholarships and projects
 Continued development of community extension programs and social responsibility initiatives, including God's Abundant Basket, God's Abundant Garden, and God's Abundant Cupboard.



Dr. Rosario also reported on the AUP's financial stewardship and stability, noting an increasing trend in the wage factor. She also shared that 12 out of 13 legal cases involving the University were settled without financial cost.

In terms of infrastructure, the following have been achieved: start of the construction of Phase 1 of the AUP Medical Center, completion of the Bethel Prayer Garden, retrofitting of the former Narra Hall (now called Deborah Residence Hall), and renovation of faculty housing units, the Roda's Alumni Center, Volunteers' Guest House, Detwiler's Guest House, and the serving and the dining areas of the cafeteria (now called The Manna Dining Hall). The renovation of the facade, the cooking, and the food preparation areas is in the pipeline.

Additional initiatives highlighted include:

- Work Scholarship Programs
- Health and wellness advocacy
- Solar clean energy
- Alumni engagement and denominational relations
- Institutional branding, including the Penguins' identity and merchandise items

Currently, the University has 624 faculty and staff members (full-time and part-time).

Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Board Members

The program also included the presentation of certificates of appreciation to outgoing officers and board members who served



from 2022 to 2026.

Board of Trustees Elections

Several governance actions were approved during the meeting, including:

- C2026-03: Acceptance of Ex Officio members of the Board of Trustees (BOT) for the 2026–2030 term by virtue of their positions.
- C2026-04: Election of eight expert members to the BOT, representing the fields of business, education, health, and legal, with two representatives from each field serving 2.5-year terms.
- C2026-05: Approval of the sequence of AUP faculty representatives who will serve on the BOT from 2026–2030.

The faculty representatives will serve in the following order:

1. Angel Grace Bingcang – 1st Year
2. Atty. Gizelle Lou Fugoso – 2nd Year
3. Alva Albay – 3rd Year
4. Teofilo Esguerra – 4th Year
5. Ruben Carpizo – 5th Year

For the AUP alumni representative, Dr. Rene Ballenas will serve the first 20 months of the term.

Closing Ceremony

After the announcement of the new officers, Dr. Bienvenido Mergal, member of the Board, delivered words of counsel and encouragement to the newly elected leaders.

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer offered by Pastor Malabad, president of Northern Luzon Philippine Union Mission, followed by the benediction delivered by Pastor Gerardo Cajobe.



The Special Constituency meeting and election reaffirmed the University's commitment to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and community service, while setting the direction for the AUP's leadership and development for the 2026–2030 term.



AUP Signs Contract for Medical Center Phase 1 Construction

AUP marked a significant milestone with the formal signing of the contract for the AUP Medical Center–Phase 1 Construction with Trass Construction Co., Inc. at the Conference Room, Administrative Office Building, on February 23, 2026. Dr. Arceli Rosario, University president, and Mr. Joseph Tan, TRASS Construction Co., Inc., chief executive officer, signed the contract, marking the beginning of a collaborative effort between the University and TRASS bringing the vision of the AUP Medical Center to reality.



Representing AUP during the contract signing were Mrs. Aileenmae Silverio, vice president for finance; Atty. Gizelle Lou Fuguso, University legal counselor; Engr. Jessrel Lagariza, director of Physical Plant and Facilities; Mr. Reynaldo Laberinto, administrative assistant for legal counsel; and Mr. Oemer Rey Daquila, director for Advancement.

University officials expressed optimism about the development, emphasizing that the project represents a forward step in expanding the institution's capacity to serve both the academic community



and the broader public. Through initiatives such as the AUP Medical Center, the University continues to advance its mission of integrating education, healthcare, and service to pursue a healthier, stronger future for the community.

The AUP Medical Center is envisioned to support the University's growing healthcare initiatives while providing expanded opportunities for medical education, training, and service. Once completed, the AUP Medical Center is expected to enhance the University's capacity to deliver quality healthcare while contributing to the professional formation of future health practitioners.



AUP First International Congress on Clinical Medicine, A Joint Collaboration with LLU and AMCM

The AUP College of Medicine (COM), in a landmark collaboration with Loma Linda University (LLU) School of Medicine and Adventist Medical Center Manila (AMCM), successfully hosted the Inaugural International Congress on Clinical Medicine and Hospital Leadership at the Southern Asia Pacific Division-Life Hope Center, Silang, Cavite, on February 3-5, 2026.



Highlighting the fruitful partnership between the three medical entities, the Congress focused on advancing clinical expertise and leadership in the healthcare sector.

The Congress' Scientific Committee was co-chaired by distinguished leaders from partner institutions:

Dr. Laren Tan, chair of Medicine at LLU School of Medicine; Dr. Linda Varona, director of Lifestyle Medicine at AMCM; and Dr. Doris Mendoza, dean of the AUP-COM.

The three-day event featured a diverse roster of international speakers and medical experts who addressed various facets of modern clinical practice and hospital management.



Commending Student Excellence

A significant highlight of the Congress was the formal recognition of AUP medical students currently undergoing clinical training abroad. Tamara Thomas, dean of LLU School of Medicine, and Kevin Codorniz, clinical dean at LLU, spoke "happily and proudly" regarding the AUP College of Medicine clinical rotations at the Loma

Linda University Medical Center.

The LLU deans specifically commended the AUP students, describing them as "worthy representatives" of their medical school. This endorsement underscores the high academic and professional standards maintained by AUP in its mission to produce five-star physician missionaries.

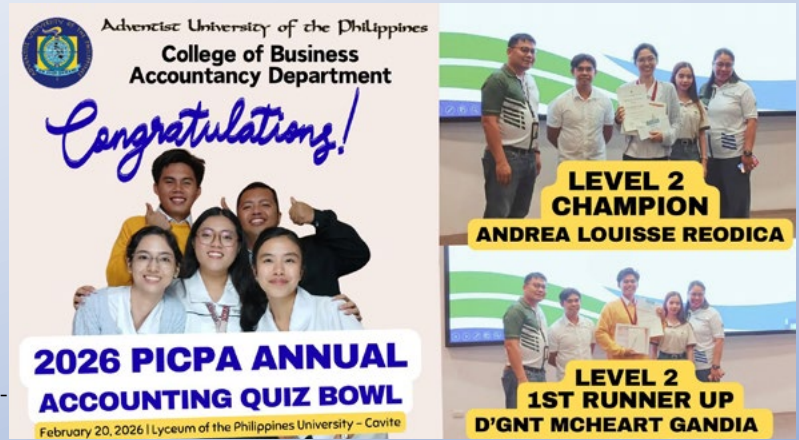


A Vision Fulfilled

The Congress concluded as a successful and fruitful endeavor, reinforcing the University's identity as a school that "trains for service and prepares for eternity" by bridging local expertise with international medical standards through this tripartite collaboration.

COB Accountancy Students Excel in PICPA Cavite Annual Accounting Quiz Bowl

AUP College of Business (COB) Accountancy students demonstrated academic excellence after securing top placements in the Level 2 category of the 2026 Annual Accounting Quiz Bowl organized by the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) Cavite Chapter. The competition was held at Lyceum of the Philippines University, Cavite, on February 20, 2026.



Andrea Louise Reodica emerged as Champion in the Level 2 category, while D'Gnt McHeart Gandia secured the 1st Runner-Up position. Their outstanding performance highlighted their mastery of accounting concepts and analytical skills, bringing honor to AUP-COB.

As a result of their achievements, both Reodica and Gandia will represent the PICPA Cavite Chapter in the upcoming PICPA CALABARZON Quiz Bowl scheduled on May 8, 2026, at National University, Laguna. Their participation in the regional competition reflects the University's commitment to preparing students for professional excellence and leadership in accountancy.

Other AUP students also represented the COB in the competition, including Mia Katriel Romero as the Level 1 representative, Noreen Cafe as the Level 2 representative, and Alexoiree Claudel as the Level 3 representative. The delegation was accompanied by Ryan Abas, a COB faculty member, who provided guidance and support to the students throughout the event.

The achievements of these students underscore AUP's mission of nurturing excellence, integrity, and service through Adventist education, preparing graduates who are equipped to contribute meaningfully to their professions and communities.

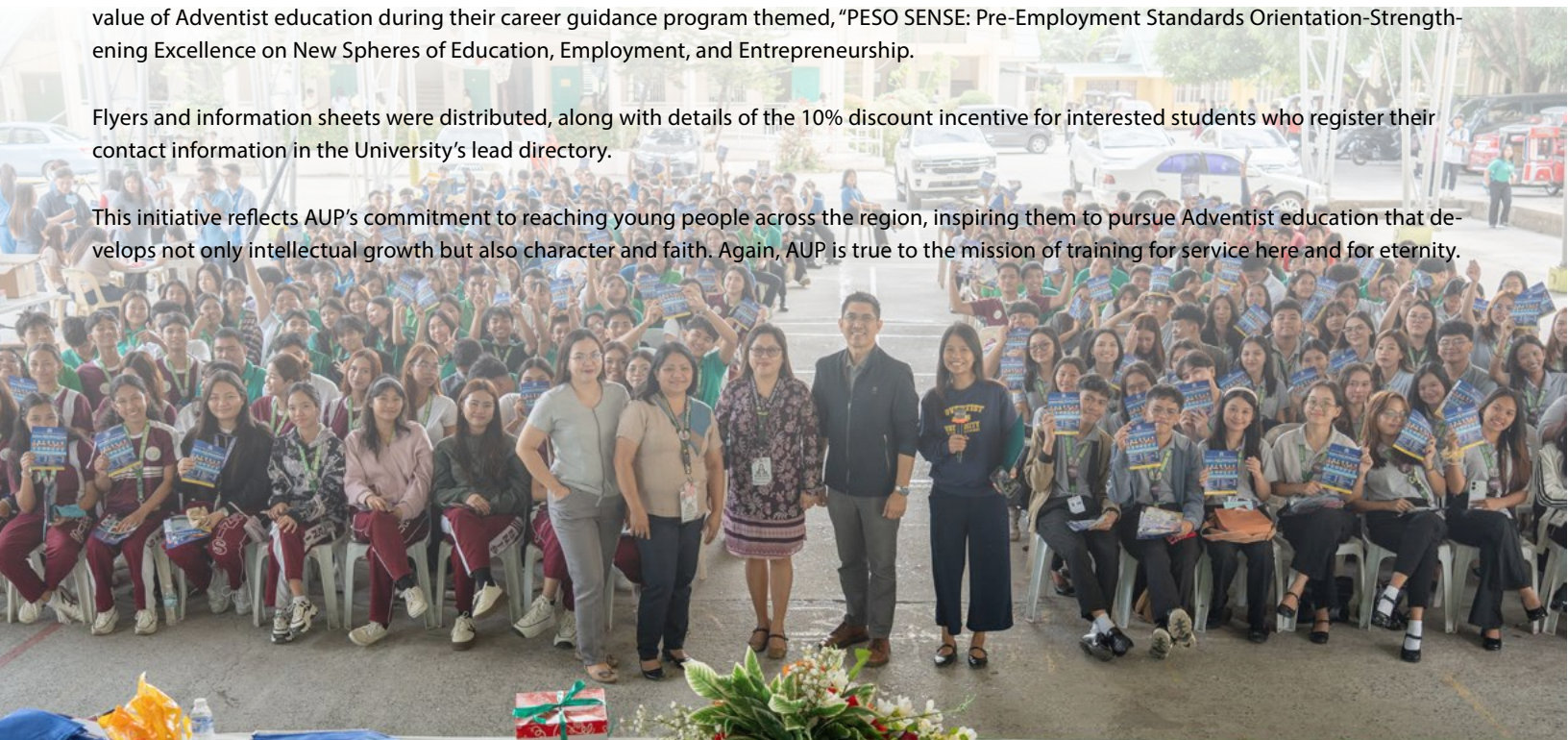
AUP Promotes Adventist Education at Bucal National High School Career Day

The University promoted Adventist education at the Bucal National Integrated School, Maragondon, Cavite, on February 10, 2026.

With over 348 students, the AUP Advancement Team maximized the opportunity to promote the University's academic programs and the value of Adventist education during their career guidance program themed, "PESO SENSE: Pre-Employment Standards Orientation-Strengthening Excellence on New Spheres of Education, Employment, and Entrepreneurship."

Flyers and information sheets were distributed, along with details of the 10% discount incentive for interested students who register their contact information in the University's lead directory.

This initiative reflects AUP's commitment to reaching young people across the region, inspiring them to pursue Adventist education that develops not only intellectual growth but also character and faith. Again, AUP is true to the mission of training for service here and for eternity.





Mangoba Family Strengthens Partnership Through CTE Sponsorship

By Genard Malimban, BSEd English

The College of Teacher Education (CTE) formally introduced three scholars of the B&E Mangoba Scholarship Grant to the donor's family during a meeting in the Conference Room of the Administrative Office Building on February 4, 2026. The gathering fostered meaningful dialogue among the scholars, University administrators, and the Mangoba family, highlighting a shared commitment to nurturing future educators.

This year's scholarship recipients are Gadlyn Mae Fillarca, Genard Malimban, and Arlyn Dagangon, all enrolled in the Bachelor of Secondary Education major in English program. The occasion provided them not only financial affirmation but also personal encouragement from the family whose generosity sustains their academic pursuits.



Central to the event was the inspiring academic journey of Dr. Mangoba, whose life story laid the foundation for the scholarship. Beginning his career as a public school teacher, he completed his

bachelor's degree in elementary education before earning two master's degrees in education, specializing in educational administration and supervision and in elementary education. His dedication eventually led him to pursue and complete a Doctor of Education degree abroad after receiving a scholarship opportunity. His professional path reflects perseverance, faith, and a deep sense of gratitude toward institutions that supported his growth.

The scholarship was established through the generosity of Dr. Tony Mangoba in honor of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Esther Mangoba. During the meeting, a memorandum of agreement was signed to formalize continued collaboration. Starting June 2026, Dr. Mangoba will serve as a missionary-volunteer faculty member in the College of Teacher Education, while Mrs. Mangoba will support fundraising efforts to benefit the wider University community.

Dr. Arceli Rosario, University president, and Dr. Jeremiah Fameronag, CTE dean, conveyed their appreciation for the Mangoba family's partnership and its alignment with the University's mission of faith-driven service and academic excellence.

The scholars expressed their gratitude for the scholarship that they had received and their determination to finish their studies. Fillarca pledged to consistently give her best. Malimban emphasized honoring the scholarship and glorifying God through excellence. Dagangon shared how the grant eased her struggles as a working student, calling it a life-changing blessing.

Through the B&E Mangoba Scholarship Grant, aspiring educators continue to receive not only financial assistance but also renewed hope and inspiration for their professional journeys.

COB Celebrates Innovation and Entrepreneurship During “COB in L.O.V.E.” Week

The AUP College of Business (COB) held its week-long celebration of the COB Week 2026 at the COB–College of Science, Engineering, and Technology building lawn on February 9-14, 2026. Carrying the theme “COB in L.O.V.E.—Leading Opportunities, Valuing Entrepreneurship,” the event highlighted innovation, experiential learning, and entrepreneurial engagement among students.



The COB Week officially opened on February 9 with an opening ceremony and the COB Open House, where the College welcomed high school students from nearby communities. Faculty members and students from various departments presented interactive activities designed to introduce visitors to academic programs and opportunities within the college.

A key feature of the celebration was the Entrepreneurial Mind Showcase, where students enrolled in the course, The Entrepreneurial

Mind, set up business booths at the COB–CST Lawn. The student-led enterprises offered food products and other items from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, providing students with practical exposure to business planning, marketing, and customer engagement.

Other activities throughout the week included a Business Pitch competition, guest talks from industry practitioners, departmental activities, and an Acoustic Night held on February 12 at the COB Park. These events fostered collaboration, creativity, and professional growth among students while reinforcing the College’s commitment to applied business education.

As part of the celebration, the College also held a typing competition that recognized students for their speed and accuracy. James Calvin Gallao, from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, won first place; followed by Hananel Delcoro, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, second place; and Mia Katriel Romero, Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, third place.

Throughout COB Week 2026, COB reaffirmed its mission to prepare students to become competent, innovative, and service-oriented professionals, reflecting the values of Adventist education while promoting enterprise and leadership in the business community.





AUP TraDigital Fine Arts Showcases Creative Excellence at Luneta Art Fair 2026

by University Voice and Charissa Uy

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Faculty and students from the AUP TraDigital Fine Arts Department participated in the Luneta Art Fair 2026 at Rizal Park in Ermita, Manila, on February 7–8, 2026. The event provided the department with an opportunity to present selected artworks to a broader public beyond traditional gallery spaces.

The fair featured artworks by both faculty and students, with several pieces available for purchase. The participation marked the Department’s first engagement in a large public art fair, expanding its visibility within the Philippine creative community and allowing emerging artists to interact directly with viewers, collectors, and fellow practitioners.

Reflecting on the experience, Pen Pagaduan, a faculty member, shared, “It was an exhausting day for everyone, but it was worth it. We went home full of stories and experiences that trigger everyone’s creativity.”

The AUP TraDigital Fine Arts program is known for integrating traditional art practices with digital media, a distinctive approach that prepares students to navigate the evolving demands of contemporary art and the creative industries. Through its Bachelor

of TraDigital Fine Arts major in Visual Communication and Design, the Department cultivates strong studio foundations in painting, drawing, photography, and new media while encouraging critical engagement with culture and society.

Since 1999, the AUP Fine Arts program has produced award-winning artists and designers recognized for their conceptual strength, technical versatility, and professional readiness. Participation in events such as the Luneta Art Fair supports the University’s commitment to holistic education, nurturing creativity, professional competence, and meaningful cultural engagement.

By bringing its tradigital approach to a national art platform, AUP continues to advance its mission of preparing students to contribute thoughtfully and ethically to the arts and the broader creative community.

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