



‘Pursue true beauty through integrity’ Rector urges faithful at St. Thomas Feast Day Mass



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., is the main presider.

During the Eucharistic Celebration held on January 25, 2019 at the UST Chapel to mark the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas, UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. was the main presider in the Eucharistic Celebration in honor of the patron saint of the University, with the Dominican Fathers as concelebrants.

The Santisimo Rosario Parish (UST Chapel) also held Triduum Masses from January 22 to 24, 2019 with the theme “Keep us in Beauty, in Truth, and in Virtues: Celebrating St. Thomas Aquinas in the Year of the Youth.”

In his homily, the Father Rector discussed how true beauty can lead to a life of holiness, saying that, *“Sa Filipino, ang salitang ‘kagandaan’ ay hindi lamang tumutukoy sa panlabas na anyo. Laging sinasabi natin na ang kagandahan ay makikita sa loob. Kaya beauty is the splendor of being... Sa mga Pilipino, ang konsepto natin ng kagandahan ay ang pagiging “buo.” Ang buong loob ay maganda.*

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Royal Thai Embassy, PH mark 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations through performances at UST



Ambassador Designate of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Philippines His Excellency Vasin Ruangprateepsaeng delivers a message.

The Royal Thai Embassy in Manila, in close cooperation with the University of Santo Tomas, marked the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Thailand with the Thailand-Philippines Cultural Performances. Held on January 22, 2019 at the Dr. Robert Sy Grand Ballroom at the UST Paredes Building, the musical occasion featured presentations from the Ang Thong College of Dramatic Arts, the UST Symphony Orchestra, and the UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe.

Ambassador Designate of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Philippines His Excellency Vasin Ruangprateepsaeng graced the event and delivered a message, while UST Office of Public

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UST inks partnership agreement with ABS-CBN, 29 other institutions for fair 2019 elections coverage



Public Affairs Assistant to the Director for Publications Asst. Prof. Virginia Sembrano (front row, in yellow) with other institutional representatives at the signing event



Asst. Prof. Sembrano digitally signs the partnership

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Ang tamang loob, maganda rin. Ang mabuting loob, maganda rin. Kaya ang kagandahan sa mga Pilipino, ay "buo." May integridad, totoo, at mabuti. At ang kagandahang ito ay magdadala sa atin patungo sa langit. Integridad, ibig sabihin ang isip at ang puso ay magkaugnay. In sync. At dahil magkaugnay ang isip at damdamin, hindi pagkakasala ang kilos at malinaw ang aksyon." (In Filipino, the word 'beauty' does not only refer to the external appearance. We always say that beauty can be seen from within. That is why beauty is the splendor of being. The Filipino concept of beauty is in "wholeness." A whole sense of self is beautiful. A just and kind self is also considered beautiful, which is why beauty is equated with wholeness of the self. There is integrity, truth, and goodness. This beauty can bring us towards heaven. Integrity means that the mind and the heart are linked. In sync. And because of this link between the mind and heart, the resulting actions are not sins and there is clarity in decisions.)

Through integrity and having a whole sense of self, one can be committed, said the Father Rector. He explained, "Kaya competent ang mga Tomasino kasi ang mga kilos at gawa ay tama, akma... At ang pagmamahal, compassion, ay hindi labis at hindi kulang. Sapat." (Thomasians are competent because their actions are right and just... and their love, their compassion, is neither excessive nor lacking. [It is] sufficient.) The Father Rector further discussed that through the values of commitment, competence, and compassion, a saintly life can be achieved. He ended his homily with the challenge, "Do we have what it takes to be a saint? Yes, we have. Buo dapat [ang loob], tama dapat [ang kilos], sapat dapat [ang pagmamahal]." (Have integrity, act justly, and be compassionate.) The feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, patron of Catholic schools and one of the Doctors of the Church, falls on January 28, a holiday in UST.

The University of Santo Tomas joined ABS-CBN News and Integrated Affairs, educational institutions, government agencies, and special interest groups in a partnership to help ensure fair coverage of the May 13, 2019 elections. Office of Public Affairs Assistant to the Director for Publications Asst. Prof. Virginia A. Sembrano represented the University of Santo Tomas in a ceremonial signing held on January 18, 2019 at the ABS-CBN Executive Lounge.

Included in the partnership were video-sharing platform YouTube, social networking site Twitter, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Department of Foreign Affairs Overseas, Voting Secretariat, Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Elections (COMELEC), Manila Bulletin, Vera Files, and election monitoring groups National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL), YouthVote, Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV), and Kontra Daya.

Also providing support are businessmen and professionals from the Anvil Business Club, Management Association of the Philippines (MAP), Finance Executives of the Philippines (FINEX), LENTE (Legal Network for Truthful Elections), Philippine Computer Society, Philippine Communication Society, and Pulse Asia Research Inc., and from non-government organizations Fully Aabled Nation, The Asia Foundation, and Regional Emergency Assistance Communications Team (REACT) Philippines. Along with UST, educational institutions, namely, University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University, Polytechnic University of the Philippines, and STI Colleges, also joined the partnership.

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Ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps with UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., (center, in yellow coat), UST Conservatory of Music Dean Antonio P. Africa, Ph.D., (top row, thirteenth from left), performers, and guests.



Dancers from Ang Thong College of Dramatic Arts present "Natnaree Sri Ayothaya," a tribute to the beauty of Thai women and delicate style of Thai dances.



The UST Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of conductor Prof. Herminigildo G. Ranera, Ph.D., plays "Overture of Philippine Folk Songs."



UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D. (left) and UST Conservatory of Music Dean Antonio P. Africa, Ph.D. (right) present Ambassador Designate H.E. Vasin Ruangprateepsaeng with the University's coffee table book "400 @ 800."



The Salinggawi Dance Troupe performs the "Tinikling", a traditional Filipino folk dance.



UST Conservatory of Music Dean Antonio P. Africa, Ph.D., (center) receives a token from Ang Thong College of Dramatic Arts Director Mr. Witoon Poonsawat (right), accompanied by UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D.

Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., gave the welcome remarks.

The Ang Thong College of Dramatic Arts performed the "Pursuit of Supanna Matcha," a masked-drama dance from the Thai national epic Ramakien, "Natnaree Sri Ayothaya," a tribute to the beauty of Thai women and delicate style of Thai dances, and their finale, the "Rum Wong," a dance that moves in circular manner with graceful hand movements.

In turn, the University of Santo Tomas presented the Symphony Orchestra's "Overture to Philippine Folk Songs" and the Salinggawi Dance Troupe's "Tinikling" and "Magandang Pilipinas."

The event concluded with the giving of tokens, where His Excellency Vasin Ruangprateepsaeng received the "400

@ 800" coffee table book, and with an exchange of flowers among the University of Santo Tomas, represented by UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., the Royal Thai Embassy, represented by H.E. Ruangprateepsaeng, and the Ang Thong College of Dramatic Arts, represented by its Director Mr. Witoon Poonsawat.

The event was coordinated through the efforts of the Office of Public Affairs, led by its Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., and the Royal Thai Embassy, with Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Urawadee Sriphiromya, who previously spoke on "Learning Mobility in the Context of ASEAN Integration" at the 5th discourse of the UST Ambassadors Lecture Series.

UST holds summit on social media, mental health

The University of Santo Tomas held LinkEd 2.0: A Social Media in Education Summit from January 22 to 24, 2019 at the UST Tan Yan Kee Student Center.

Speakers were physician, blogger, and media influencer Ma. Gia B. Sison, M.D.; UST psychologist Ma. Claudette A. Agnes, Ph.D., Psychologist and Psychometrician Renz Christian Argao, The Youth for Mental Health Coalition, Inc. founder and national chair Raymond John Naguit, M.D., Lyceum of the Philippines University Guidance Director Carolyn Quiba, and DLS St. Benilde Student Involvement Head Leandro Loyola.

Topics discussed were: Social Media and Mental Health, Mental Health and the Curriculum, Teachers' Roles in Students' Mental Health, How Social Media Mobilizes Advocacies, Developing a Mental Health-Friendly Campus, and Social Media and Student Affairs.

The conference was organized by the UST Communications Bureau headed by its Director Fr. Christopher Jeffrey L. Aytona, O.P. According to Fr. Aytona, who was also the conference chair, the conference will benefit faculty members, administrators, guidance counselors and other school practitioners who will learn from experts regarding mental health and student affairs and how social media either help or hamper the promotion of the former.

According to the Communications Bureau Assistant Director for Online Philippe Jose Hernandez, "the summit



Dr. Gia Sison (center) with UST Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., (right) and Communications Bureau Director Rev. Fr. Christopher Jeffrey L. Aytona, O.P.

aimed to determine the possible link between social media and mental health considering the rising cases on mental health-related issues among adolescents and the sustained massive use of social media, in order for schools to know how best to handle these new realities.

The first LinkEd was held last year on January 18 and 19, 2018 at the UST Paredes Building. It was called "LinkEd: The first social media in education summit."



LinkEd 2.0 participants

Catholic universities hold National Conference on Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*



Most. Rev. Roberto C. Mallari, D.D. (center) and ACUP President Rev. Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, C.M. (front row, in white barong) with ACUP Board Members and participants in the ACUP 2019 National Conference.



PCNE Director and ACUP National Conference Speaker Rev. Fr. Jason Laguerta (center) with ACUP President Fr. Manimtim (left) and ACUP Vice President and UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P.

The Association of Catholic Universities of the Philippines (ACUP) held its national conference on the theme "The Catholic Universities' Response to *Gaudete et Exsultate*: A Mission Towards Evangelization," at the University of the Immaculate Conception (UIC), Bajada Campus, in Davao City from January 17 to 19, 2019. The theme was taken from *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad), an apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis.

The three-day conference aimed to deepen the participants' understanding of the diversity of forms that holiness takes, and to inspire them to genuinely reflect and actively respond to the universal call to holiness.

University of the Immaculate Conception President Sr. Ma. Marissa R. Viri, R.V.M., gave the welcome remarks, while ACUP President Rev. Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, C.M., who is also president of Adamson University, delivered a message.

The keynote address on "The Role of Catholic Universities in the Mission towards Evangelization: A Response to *Gaudete et Exsultate*" was given by Bishops'

Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) Committee on Catechesis and Catholic Education Chair Most. Rev. Roberto C. Mallari, D.D., while research studies on *Gaudete et Exsultate* and related works on Holiness were discussed by Adamson University Center for Research and Development Executive Director Dr. Nuna E. Almanzor.

Other speakers included Office for the Promotion of New Evangelization Director Rev. Fr. Jason Laguerta, who discussed "Inspiring the Youth to the Call to Holiness;" Kerygma magazine Editor-in-Chief Ms. Rissa Kawpeng, who tackled "Searching for Meaning and Purpose to Effect Transformation;" and Bantay Bata 163 Program Director and broadcast journalist Ms. Jing Castañeda, who talked about "Making a Difference through Dynamic Collaboration and Committed Partnership."

There were also panel discussions on the Response of Catholic Universities to the Call to Holiness: "The Mission of Education," with discussants Notre Dame of Marbel University Campus

Ministry Director Bro. Allan de Castro, F.M.S., Saint Louis University Community Extension and Outreach Programs Office Director Dr. Joselito Gutierrez, and Holy Angel University Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Alma Espartinez, and "The Mission of Evangelization," with discussants Xavier University National Service Training Program Unit Director Ms. Dennise Edwina Gonzales, Holy Name University Vice President for Academic Affairs Bro. Carl Milos Bulilan, S.V.D., and University of Santo Tomas Ecclesiastical Faculties Academic Collaborations Officer Mr. Leo-Martin Angelo Ocampo.

"The Youth's Response to the Call to Holiness" was also tackled by St. Paul University Dumaguete Continuing Education Institute Manager Ms. Mary Francis V. Laquinon, University of San Agustin Vice President for Administration and Finance Rev. Fr. Arnel A. Dizon, O.S.A., and Adamson University Student Leader Mr. Nicole Jean Mercado.

Caliwan of Accountancy named PICPA Young Achiever



Caliwan (fifth from left) receives the Young Achiever in Education Award at the 73rd PICPA convention.

UST-Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy College Secretary Mr. Francisco M. Caliwan, Jr., was honored by the Young Achiever in Education during the 73rd Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) and the National Annual Convention held at the SMX Convention Center, Bacolod City.

Caliwan was given this award for his advocacy in advancing the effective delivery of accounting teachers' development programs; his commitment in the University as the College Secretary and Program Chair for the BS Accountancy program; for launching the UST Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Provider Center for Accountancy, allowing the University and the provincial faculty members to access professional development programs; and for his active involvement in PICPA activities.

Dean Empleo, Dayag of Accountancy receive 1st PICPA award for accountancy authors

UST – Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy Dean Patricia M. Empleo, Ph.D., and faculty member Asst. Prof. Antonio J. Dayag received the first Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) Awards for Accountancy Authors, in a ceremony held at the Shangri-la Hotel, Mandaluyong City on December 13, 2018.

Dean Empleo, who teaches Auditing, Financial Accounting and Integrated Accounting, has authored seven books on accounting, auditing, financial reporting from 2018 to 2019. The latest publications are on Intermediate Accounting, The Philippine Financial Reporting and Fundamentals of Accounting volume 2.

Meanwhile, Dayag, who teaches Cost Accounting and Management Accounting, has authored books on Advanced Accounting. The books of Dean Empleo and Dayag are not only used by UST students but also by students of other universities.

The 18 awardees, all authors of various accounting textbooks, were recognized for their contribution to the accountancy profession in the Philippines by being instrumental to the acquisition of knowledge by students and industry practitioners alike.

This award is a project of the Library and Archives Committee, one of the national committees of the PICPA.



Dean Empleo



Asst. Prof. Dayag

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There was also a workshop on “How Catholic Universities Make the Mission Possible” divided into teaching, research, community engagement, and youth categories, and a UIC-facilitated community engagement with residents of a rehabilitation center.

A general meeting of leaders of ACUP member institutions was also held to elect the officers for 2019-2021. Elected were: Rev. Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, C.I.C.M., President of Saint Louis University (President); Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Rector of the University of Santo Tomas, (Vice President); Sr. Ma. Marissa R. Viri, R.V.M., President of the University of the Immaculate Conception (Corporate Secretary); Bro. Raymundo B. Suplido, F.S.C., President of De La Salle University, (Treasurer), and Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., A.P.R., Director of the UST Office of Public Affairs (Secretary General).

The Conference concluded with the presentation of workshop outputs and awarding ceremonies.

Established in 1973, ACUP is an organization composed of institutions of



Kerygma magazine Editor-in-Chief and conference speaker Ms. Rissa Kawpeng



ACUP President Rev. Fr. Manimtim (sixth from left) with the ACUP Secretariat and UIC Secretariat

higher learning, and its activities include the promotion and enhancement of the Christian identity of its member institutions as leading centers of teaching, research and service. Its annual conferences, particularly those held from 2013 up to the present, have themes that are anchored on papal encyclicals and other similar documents.

The participants during the community engagement activity at a local rehabilitation center



UST Alumni Relations holds first Appreciation Night for benefactors, partners, sponsors



(From left:) Office of Alumni Relations Director Asst. Prof. Fredeswindo R. Medina, benefactors Dr. Anselmo Unite, Drs. Jose and Stella Evangelista, Prof. Teresita Meer, Ph.D., Prefect of Libraries Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., and Dr. Robert C. Sy at the appreciation night

The Office of Alumni Relations held its first- ever Appreciation Night on December 7, 2018 at the Dr. Robert C. Sy Grand Ballroom of the Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P. Building, Thomasian Alumni Center, UST, España, Manila, to thank and acknowledge those who supported the office in their projects in unifying and strengthening the Thomasian alumni community.

According to Office of Alumni Relations Director Asst. Prof. Fredeswindo R. Medina, “This event is a symbol of sincere gratitude to our benefactors, partners and sponsors for their utmost support and generosity to all the activities that we have successfully accomplished throughout the years.”

Since the establishment of the Office of Alumni Relations, the office has gained the trust and support of different individuals and companies as shown by the companies that are sponsors and partners of the Thomasian Alumni Card. The perks and privileges forged by the office and these companies have been used and enjoyed by thousands of Thomasian alumni across

UST Accountancy students win international sustainability accounting competition in Indonesia



The winning Thomasian team from UST AMV-Accountancy (from left:) Mr. Gregorio, Ms. Tan, Dean Patricia M. Empleo, Ph.D., College Secretary Mr. Francisco M. Caliwan, Jr., Ms. Ireneo, and Mr. Egalloy

Team UST-Accountancy from the UST-Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy was hailed champion in the ASEAN Sustainability Accounting and Business Student Competition, held on December 6, 2018 at the Universitas Trisakti in Jakarta, Indonesia. The team, composed of senior accounting students Vincent E. Egalloy, Jett T. Gregorio, Julia Dominique Ireneo, and Franchesca Allyza F. Tan, outwon 22 other teams from Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

The competition was divided into three rounds: elimination, presentation, and quick question round. In the elimination round, a case on “Material Flow Cost Accounting,” a subset of sustainability accounting, was distributed to and answered by the participating teams.

All the 33 entries submitted were evaluated by the panel of judges and 21 teams were selected to present their answers during the second round. From the 27 teams that presented, only three teams advanced to the quick-question quiz-bowl round. In the end, Team UST-Accountancy dominated the final round and was declared as the overall-champion.

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Dr. Jose Evangelista delivers the closing remarks.

the country. The annual Rector’s Cup, one of the projects handled by the OAR, has also been successful in raising funds for Thomasian student athletes who need assistance for their competitions. During the program, Medina thanked everyone for their relentless efforts and contributions that made the office stronger each year, saying that the success of the Alumni Relations is also the success of everyone.

Some of the awardees included: Partners of the Thomasian Alumni Card such as the Santisimo Rosario Parish, UST Museum, UST Miguel de Benavides Library, Hotel San Marco, Resorts World Manila, Winford Hotel, Solaire Resorts, and Belmont Hotel and Resorts.

Also awarded were sponsors of the Alumni Relations’ events that included Phenix Garuda, AIMM Builder and Construction Supply, Ironcon Builders

and Development Corp, and Tokwing Construction Corp.

Awardees received glass plaques with the initials of the University of Santo Tomas. The event was hosted by Ms. Maita Oebanda of the UST Museum, an alumna of the Faculty of Arts and Letters and a frequent voice-over talent and host of various University events.

Also present was President of the UST Alumni Association Inc. Dr. Evelyn A. Songco.

Dr. Jose Evangelista delivered an inspiring and heartfelt closing speech where he reminisced the early beginnings of the Thomasian Alumni Center or the Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P. Building we know today. “It used to be nothing but a vision,” said Dr. Evangelista. He thanked everyone who made this vision tangible and alive.

RCCAHA bags two Research Grants from CHED, NCCA

The UST Research Center for Culture, Arts and Humanities acquired two new research grants from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA).

A project led by RCCAHA Fine Arts and Design Studies Research Fellow Asst. Prof. Guillerma Mendoza, titled “Diskarte: Understanding Design culture through the Works of the Filipino Exemplars,” secured a grant valid until 2020.

Another recipient is Assoc. Prof. Maria Alexandra Inigo Chua, Ph.D., whose “Julio Nakpil @ 150 Music Project: Rethinking and Reimagining the Musical Works of Julio Nakpil in the Context of Philippine Modernity, Transculturation and Cultural Nationalism,” obtained a grant valid until 2019.

Both research grants are under the SALIKHA Creative Grants project, a joint program by CHED and NCCA.

“Diskarte,” which also includes RCCAHA Research Fellows Asst. Prof. Mary Grace Hernandez, Assoc. Prof. Nady Nacario, and Assoc. Prof. Lilia de Jesus, Ph.D., underlines the understanding of the emergence and development of Filipino design.

“Julio Nakpil @150,” highlights and reassesses the renowned revolutionary composer’s contributions to Philippine culture and history. Together with Chua in this research project are RCCAHA Director Prof. Joyce Arriola, Ph.D., Conservatory of Music Dean Assoc. Prof. Antonio Africa, Ph.D., and Fine Arts and Design faculty member Asst. Prof. Mary Ann Venturina Bulanadi.

The SALIKHA Creative Grants project is a financial endowment initiative by CHED and NCCA for higher learning



RCCAHA Research Fellows (from left:) Assoc. Prof. Nady Nacario, Asst. Prof. Guillerma Mendoza, Prof. Joyce Arriola, Ph.D. (Director), Assoc. Prof. Maria Alexandra Inigo Chua, PhD and Asst. Prof. Mary Ann Venturina Bulanadi during the awarding of the CHED-NCCA SALIKHA Creative Research Grant

institutions to support creative projects affected by the K to 12 transition program.

The project also aims to support local researchers who endeavor on studies focusing on culture and the arts, namely, its present theme “Transforming higher education through culture and arts.”

A preliminary monitoring for the “Julio Nakpil @150” grant was already conducted last November 20.

Escuadra of CRS presents research papers on Health Education at IPEC Conference in Hong Kong

College of Rehabilitation and Sciences faculty member Ms. Catherine Joy Escuadra presented her research papers, both in oral and poster platforms, at the University of Hong Kong’s annual Frontiers in Medical and Health Sciences Education Conference held on December 18 and 19, 2018, with the theme “Learning Alliance: Interprofessional Health Education and Practice.”

The papers presented were: “Readiness of Undergraduate and Graduate Health Related program students for Interprofessional Education (IPE): A Descriptive Study,” a paper co-authored with PT department chair Jocel Regino,

PT faculty member Lemuel Lim and BS PT 2018 graduates De Mesa, Acierto, Asumbrado, Badar, Co, Estrella, Mabanag, Sarmiento, Tropicales. This was presented in poster platform.

Also presented in poster platform was “The Birth of a National Network for Interprofessional Education and Collaboration (IPEC): Results from Inter-university Collaboration and Implementation of IPE Mechanisms,” a paper co-authored with Michael Sy of Angeles University Foundation as documentation for the Philippine Interprofessional Education and Collaboration Conference co-organized by CRS last August 2018.

Another paper was presented in oral platform: “Evaluation of impact of Cross-cultural and Interprofessional Online Collaborative Learning Activity among Filipino Health Sciences Undergraduate Students,” a paper co-authored with UST Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl Peralta, in collaboration with Prof. Marco Pang of Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

These research studies were presented together with the selected papers of health and medical educators from more than 15 countries and 10 professions. All papers were part of the agenda of the college in the formation of an IPEC learning community guided by evidence.

UST mentors discuss service-learning modalities at Hong Kong confab



SIMBAHAYAN Director Assoc. Prof. Abenir (leftmost), Mr. Bermejo (third from left), and Asst. Prof. Ongtangco (fourth from left), with ICSL 2019 Chair Dr. Stephen Chan (second from left), Keynote Speaker and University of Minnesota Professor Andre Furco (center), and fellow Filipino delegates at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Abenir of SIMBAHAYAN presents paper on service-learning modalities

University of Santo Tomas SIMBAHAYAN Director and Faculty of Arts and Letters faculty member Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, presented his paper on service-learning modalities and levels titled “Social Theories and Service Learning towards Building a Service-learning Modalities and Levels Framework” during the 3rd International Conference on Service Learning held from January 10 to 12, 2019 at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Abenir’s paper linked service-learning “to its sociological theoretical foundations and its modalities/modes and levels of community engagement...and produced a coherent framework to guide service-learning educators and practitioners in identifying the type of service-learning being implemented.” Identifying the service-learning type leads to possible implications for students, faculty members, and community partners involved.

In a separate interview, Abenir

explained that service-learning according to the National Service Learning Clearinghouse, is “a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.”

Citing how service-learning helps the University in its community development efforts, Abenir said that, “Through service-learning, the community development efforts of the University become an integral part of academic scholarship where instruction and research are used to advance public service and civic engagement, and at the same time, form socially responsible students and faculty members.”

Abenir’s paper put together structural functionalism, conflict and critical perspectives, and symbolic interactionism and found three kinds of service-learning: Charity-Based service-learning by Mitchell, Liberating service-learning by Stoecker, and Community-Based service-learning by

Hammersley.

The conference was attended by 186 participants whose diverse backgrounds include academics and development practitioners. Eighty eight were from Hong Kong, 29 from Mainland China, and 24 were from other countries all over the world that included South East Asia, South Asia, Far East, Australia, Europe and North America.

Ongtangco, Bermejo advocate for Disability-Inclusion through action research

College of Rehabilitation Sciences faculty members Asst. Prof. Karen Sagun Ongtangco and Mr. Charles Bermejo discussed disability-inclusive education when they presented their research papers during the 3rd International Conference on Service Learning held from January 10 to 12, 2019 at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

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LECTURES & CONFERENCES

Thomasian SPED educators conduct seminar on emotional behavioral disorders awareness for freshmen



Asst. Prof. Warren Maneja discusses sensitivity and the different kinds of mental disorders.

In an effort to promote awareness of emotional behavioral disorders also known as EBD, among first year Teacher Education students, the Guild of Thomasian Speducators (GuTS) of the College of Education, in coordination with the UST Counseling and Career Center and the UST Hiraya, conducted a seminar titled “SANEsitivity: A Seminar on Mindfulness, Sensitivity, and Adapting to New Environments” held at the Central Laboratory Auditorium, Central Laboratory Building.

Ms. Amy Alarilla from the HOPE Clinic shared her insights on mindfulness, UST Institute of Religion faculty member Asst. Prof. Warren Maneja discussed sensitivity, while College of Education Guidance Counselor Ms. Nerizza Cristobal, talked about adapting to new environments.

The seminar presented the diversity and broadness of EBD and how to be an advocate of people who are in need of their support and acceptance.



Ms. Amy Alarilla shares her insights on mindfulness.



College of Education guidance counselor Ms. Nerizza Cristobal talks about adapting to new environments and finding ‘friend groups’ in college.

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Ongtangco presented “Disability-Inclusive Education through Action Research: Experience of University Partnership with Save the Children,” elaborating how the partnership with Save the Children, a Non-Government Organization, was successful through the action research studies conducted from 2015 up to the present.

In their second presentation, Ongtangco co-presented with Bermejo, a paper on the partnership of CRS with UST’s mandatory Service Learning course, National Service Training Program. Titled “Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management:

Advocacy to Transformative Action in Service Learning,” the paper tackled the research-based process of revising the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management module of NSTP.

In both presentations, experiential learning, academic study and reflections were highlighted in the process of providing service to the communities through participatory action researches.

The conference was attended by 186 delegates from 26 countries. With diverse topics on service learning involving a wide array of disciplines, both faculty members from the Occupational Therapy Department took the opportunity to advocate for disability-inclusion in this international conference.

Coroza of NCCA trains 14 UST faculty members on translation

Fourteen faculty members from different academic departments in the University have successfully completed an intensive training on translation held for ten consecutive Saturdays from 22 September to 1 December 2018 at the Lourdes J. Custodio ICD Room, Albertus Magnus Building, UST. National Artist for Literature Virgilio S. Almario, chair of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) co-facilitated the training, together with National Committee on Language and Translation of the NCCA Chair Dr. Michael M. Coroza.

The training was funded by the *Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino*. Coroza is also a professor of the Ateneo de Manila University and the UST Graduate School.

The successful fellows of the intensive training on translation were: Assoc. Prof. Jovito V. Cariño, Ph.D., and Prof. Franz Giuseppe F. Cortez, Ph.D. of the Department of Philosophy; Asst. Prof. Evalyn B. Abiog, PhD, Assoc. Prof. Rosalyn G. Mirasol, Ph.D. and Asst. Prof. Raquel R. Jimenez of the Department of English; Asst. Prof. Amur M. Asuncion, Ed.D., Asst. Prof. Elenita C. Mendoza, Mr. Alvin Ringgo C. Reyes, and Asst. Prof. Ma. Lanie V. Vergara of the Department of Filipino; Prof. Felicidad Galang-Pereña, Ed.D., and Assoc. Prof. Luciana L. Urquiola, Ph.D. of the Department of Literature and the Humanities; and Prof. Joan Christi S. Trocio-Bagaipo, Ph.D., Mr. Christopher E. Esparagoza, and Asst. Prof. Chito M. Sawit, Ph.D., of the Institute of Religion.



The fellows of the intensive training on translation with Dr. Coroza (seated, 2nd from left) and National Artist Almario (seated, 4th from left) (photo courtesy of Wennielyn F. Fajilan)

The intensive training on translation is a capacity-building effort of the Department of Filipino for the planned *Sentro sa Salin*, an office that will lead all translation undertakings in the University. According to Department of Filipino Chair Alvin Ringgo Reyes, the pool of translators of the *Sentro* shall come from the fellows of the training. They shall be assigned translation works within and outside the University based on their expertise to make knowledge in various fields more accessible to a wider Filipino audience, to translate indigenous knowledge for the benefit of foreign consumers, and to contribute to the intellectualization of the Filipino language.

Gomez, Lipardo, Villafania of CRS present research posters, papers at Pan Pacific Confab on Rehabilitation in Hong Kong

Mr. Ivan Neil Gomez from the Department of Occupational Therapy, Assoc. Prof. Donald S. Lipardo from the Department of Physical Therapy and Ms. Joyce Anne P. Villafania from the Department of Speech-Language Pathology of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences were among the international circle of presentors at the 11th Pan Pacific Conference on Rehabilitation (PPCR) held at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Kowloon, Hong Kong, SAR China.

PPCR fosters interdisciplinary collaborations among rehabilitation professionals including academics, clinicians, students and healthcare administrators in the Asia Pacific region and beyond. The theme of the conference was "Advances in Research and Practice."

Gomez gave an oral presentation on "Parasympathetic Resting State Differences between Children with and without ADHD," and presented two research posters on "Utilizing Neuroscience Evidence to Inform Research: A Reflective Inquiry" and also on "Behavioral and Physiological Adaptation in Children of Migrant Origins: A Psychophysiological Study" under the Pediatric Rehabilitation subtheme.

Lipardo delivered a research poster presentation titled "A Comparative Study on the Functional Abilities and Physiologic Profile of Community-Dwelling Older Adults with and without Mild Cognitive Impairment" under the Geriatric Rehabilitation subtheme.

Villafania presented a research poster with the title "Feasibility of Telerehabilitation in the Service Delivery of Speech-Language Pathology in the Philippines" under the Basic Science and New Technology subtheme.

The University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences spearheaded and organized the 8th edition of the conference in 2012 held at the Medicine Auditorium of the St. Martin de Porres Building of the University of Santo Tomas. It was the first time that the PPCR was held outside of Hong Kong.



Assoc. Prof. Donald Lipardo

Mr. Ivan Neil Gomez (left), with his thesis adviser Dr. Cynthia Lai of Hong Kong Polytechnic University

UST joins Int'l Day of Persons with Disability through conference on State of Children in PH



Sagun-Ongtangco presents the consolidation of research studies conducted in the area of inclusive education.

In celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disability which is marked on December 3 annually, the College of Rehabilitation Sciences, together with the National Council for Disability Affairs, Council for the Welfare of Children, NORFIL Foundation and Save the Children, organized the 2nd Conference on the State of Children with Disability in the Philippines that was held on December 3, 2018 at Novotel Hotel.

This conference aimed to establish an annual venue for collaboration of advocates, to secure commitment of relevant national government agencies and non-government organizations and to set an engaging environment for disability-inclusive policy advocacy. Its theme was "Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality."

These aims were realized in the conference through discussions of evidence-based practices in local school and urban community settings and presentation of national-level efforts of networks contributing to the

promotion of disability-inclusive services for children, aligned with the National Strategic Plan on Children with Disabilities.

In the conference, UST CRS Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie Aseron pledged her support as representative of the local academe's commitment to work for the vision for Children with Disabilities in our country.

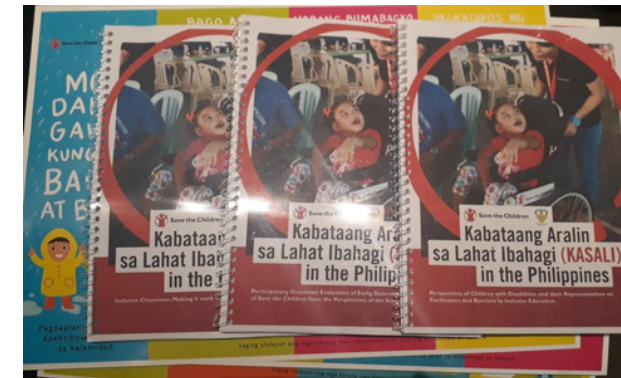
UST CRS faculty member Asst. Prof. Karen Sagun-Ongtangco presented a consolidation of research studies on disability-inclusive programs conducted by the College and joined the panel of resource speakers to talk about transitioning from segregation to inclusion in school settings.

Ongtangco also presented five posters together with students under the Occupational Therapy program to disseminate findings of the research studies conducted on disability-inclusive education. To further encourage utility of the research findings, copies of research studies were given to the local agencies who attended the event.

In 1992, the United Nations proclaimed December 3 of each year as the day to observe the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.



Dean Aseron (left) and Sagun-Ongtangco



Copies of research studies conducted by CRS in partnership with Save the Children given to national agencies

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Microbiology Batch 1999 donates to Project Agham's scholarship fund



Batch 1999 representative Dr. Rachel Lee-Chua (center) with College of Science Assistant Dean Dr. Maria Carlota B. Decena (left) and the Biological Sciences Department Chair Dr. Rey Donne S. Papa.

“Nearly two decades ago in 1999, Ms. Kim Lamigo, a BS Microbiology student almost missed her graduation ceremonies because of financial constraints, had it not been for the good heart of Assoc. Prof. Milagros Del Callar, the head of the Department of Biological Sciences, who allowed the Department to lend her money so she could enrol.” This is a recount from the incumbent chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, Prof. Rey Donne S. Papa, PhD.

Lamigo, who is now based in Montana, USA saw the experience as contributory to her success. She then thought of giving back to UST by raising funds to help students under the BS Microbiology program who are in need of financial assistance. This was made possible through the help of her batch mates who are one with her in acknowledging the efforts of their teachers in honing them and in making them who they are today. The worthwhile experiences they had under the tutelage of their professors, Dr. Thomas

Edison Dela Cruz, in particular, did not make them have any reservations to realize this altruistic endeavor.

Dela Cruz, therefore, is instrumental in making this undertaking possible. Through him and with Dr. Rachel Lee-Chua together with the Biology Department chair Dr. Papa, the agreement was drafted. Under the auspices of BS Microbiology Batch 1999, PhP100,000.00 was donated to the University of Santo Tomas for a scholarship fund specifically for BS Microbiology students. The scholarship program is part of the College of Science's "Project Agham."

Initially, the scholarship program is offered to one freshman and one graduating student for the second term of the A.Y. 2018-2019. Those who will be chosen shall enjoy free tuition and miscellaneous fees for the said term.

To qualify, a student must meet the following requirements: a GWA not lower than 2.25 in the previous term (Term 1, A.Y. 2018-2019); total annual family income not exceeding PhP 300,000; enrolment paid

through instalment basis; not a concurrent recipient of any major scholarship or financial aid, and physically fit. A letter of intent must be emailed in pdf format to biology.sci@ust.edu.ph addressed to Department of Biological Sciences Department Chair Dr. Papa. The aspirants shall be subject to an interview by the Committee on Scholarship, College of Science. Passing grades without failures allow the recipients to continuously enjoy the scholarship.

At the moment, the scholarship is on a per term basis. The donors promised to maintain their contribution to sustain the scholarship program in the succeeding terms.

It is said that, "a teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." Faculty members Del Callar and Dela Cruz have been inspirations to their students who like Kim Lamigo successfully made it through life because of her mentors' sense of commitment, competence, and compassion.

UNIVERSITY VISITORS

President of the Catholic Theological Institute of Bomana, Papua New Guinea



Catholic Theological Institute of Bomana President Fr. Joseph Dominic Vnuk, O.P., (third from left) receives a "Pope Francis @ UST" coffee table book from Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., (second from left), assisted by Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Katherine Patrice Sibug (leftmost) and Academic Collaboration Officer Mr. Leo-Martin Angelo R. Ocampo (rightmost).

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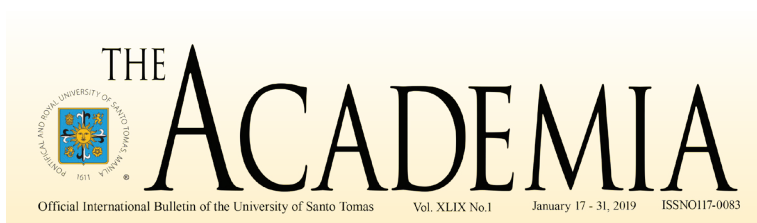


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