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UAAP Season 79 ends with street dance competition, season awards



Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., UST Rector formally turns-over the hosting of the UAAP Season 80 to the Fas Eastern University (FEU) through a symbolic passing of the UAAP flag to Dr. Michael M. Alba, FEU President (in yellow shirt).



From left: Rev. Fr. Ermito G. de Sagon, O.P., UAAP President with Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., UST Rector, and Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P. UST Secretary-General as they receive the UAAP General Championship trophies for both Juniors' and Seniors' division of the University of Santo Tomas.



Asst. Prof. Gilda Ma. Paz R. Kamus, member, UAAP board of trustees (in yellow shirt), with the UAAP Street dance 2nd place winners – UST Prime.

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Season 79, the University Athletic Association of the Philippines nine-month long multi-sports tournament that brought athletes, schools, and fans to Dare To Dream, officially ended on May 20, 2017 in the same place where it began: at the Plaza Mayor of host school University of Santo Tomas (UST).

The three-hour long ceremony started with the UAAP Street Dance Competition, an annual event held during the second semester that showcases the wide variety of talent from member-universities besides mainstream sports.

This year's performances began with University of the East's (UE) Armada, followed by Adamson University's CAST, UST Prime, University of the Philippines (UP) Street Dance Club, Company of Ateneo Dancers, Far Eastern University's (FEU) Dance Company, and La Salle Dance Company-Street. The past three seasons were dominated by the UP Street Dance Club, with La Salle owning the crown during the first two years of the competition.

High school street dance groups from De La Salle Zobel and UST Galvanize performed exhibition numbers in between the group presentations.

A highlight of the closing event was the awarding of Season 79 Athlete Scholars, the Athletes of the Year, and the league's overall champion. UST reclaimed the overall championship, both in the senior and junior divisions, annexing its 41st seniors and 17th juniors general championship trophies to its collection.

UST ruled women's and men's beach volleyball, men's taekwondo, men's and women's judo, men's table tennis, and women's athletics and placed second in baseball, softball, women's football, poomsae, women's taekwondo, women's table tennis, men's and women's lawn tennis, and men's fencing. It finished third in women's volleyball, women's fencing, and men's athletics.

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UST eyes increase in research outputs with St. Albertus Magnus Award



Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., UST Rector



Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., UST Rector together with Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., UST Secretary-General presents a token to guest speaker, Mr. Ruel T. Maranan, Faculty of Civil Law alumnus and Ayala Foundation, Inc. president



(Left photo) Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. with the 2017 Rector's Academic Awardees (top photo) Neill Steven Cachuela from the Faculty of Pharmacy delivers his message.

As an affirmation of its thrust to strengthen its research capability and to encourage students to conduct research, the University of Santo Tomas (UST) honored exceptional research studies for the first time, with the St. Albertus Magnus award during the Student Awards Day 2017 held on May 12 at the UST Quadricentennial Pavilion in España, Manila.

Fifteen individual and group papers, which were recognized by national and international organizations, and published in reputable journals abroad, were bestowed the St. Albertus Magnus Award for Outstanding Research Work. The award, which was given for the first time, was categorized under the clusters Social Science and Education, Arts and Humanities, Health and Allied Sciences, Science and Technology, and Faith/Religious Studies.

Among the recipients of the award was Graduate School student Antero Rosaura Arias, Jr., whose research and

investigative interview protocol on marital nullity in the Philippines saw publication in various journals in Psychology.

Neill Steven Cachuela from the Faculty of Pharmacy was this year's number one among the Rector's Academic Awardees after registering a general weighted average (GWA) of 1.059, Summa cum Laude. Other graduating students, who garnered GWAs ranging from 1.145 to 1.462, were also be conferred with the Rector's Academic Awards.

The Pope Leo XIII Community Development Award was given to 49 recipients, which advanced UST's role in social transformation. One of the honorees was Dean Alan Recaña, who spearheaded a project that managed to send 104 student-scholars to school.

Legal Management student Wynona Marie Silverio, meanwhile, received the Benavides Award for Outstanding Achievement after winning in the "2016 Impact Challenge of the Governance and

Diplomacy Track" in the Harvard Project for Asian and International Relation held in Hong Kong. Ninety-nine more student achievers, who took part in spreading the light of knowledge to the world, receive the award.

UST Central Student Council's Chan Young Park received the Quezon Leadership Award for bringing into fruition a partnership between the Harvard Project for Asian International Relation and the UST Community Achievers' Association. She was one of the 52 recipients of the leadership award. For its exemplary performance for five consecutive years, the Becarios de Santo Tomas (organization for scholars) was given the Tradition of Excellence Award.

Faculty of Civil Law alumnus (1992) and Ayala Foundation, Inc. president Ruel T. Maranan, managing director of Ayala Corporation, was this year's guest speaker. UST Rector Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., led in the awarding ceremonies.

UST sends off 8,000 grads for AY 2016-2017 at Baccalaureate Mass



Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., UST Rector delivers his message



Medicine students sing the "Our Father" during the Baccalaureate Mass.

More than 8,000 graduating students for Academic Year 2016-2017 of the University of Santo Tomas (UST) were symbolically sent off to serve and shape communities across nations as Thomasian professionals during the annual university-wide baccalaureate celebration and farewell rites held on May 19, 2017 at the UST Grandstand and Open Field.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., was main presider in the Eucharistic celebration that was concelebrated with Dominican priests at 6:30 p.m. In his address, he reminded Batch 2017 to not only spread the light of knowledge and evangelization wherever they go, but also to keep this light always illuminated.

The mission that each Thomasian has to fulfill was represented by the "Ceremony of the Light," when the graduating students lit their candles through a flame emanating from the torch of their respective deans and Regents who lit their torches from the torch of the Father Rector.

As a badge of Thomasian identity and a reminder of their important role outside the campus walls, graduating students were each given a "Thomsonian Mission Cross" which they had to wear before reciting the Thomsonian Pledge of Loyalty.

The graduating students were treated to a grand pyromusical before they symbolically culminated their student life when they, accompanied by the Rector and UST Secretary General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., exited through the historic Arch of the Centuries.



Thomasiens raise their candles during the ceremony of light.

Calimag of Medicine is Rizal 2017 Memorial Awardee for Academe

Prof. Maria Minerva P. Calimag of the UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery received the 26th Dr. Jose P. Rizal Memorial Award for Academe in a ceremony held on May 19, 2017 during the 110th Annual Convention of the Philippine Medical Association at the Manila Hotel.

The award capped Calimag's 30 years of service as an academic at the University of Santo Tomas. She rose from the rank of instructor to full professor, as she started teaching at the Faculty of Pharmacy in 1986, eventually trans-affiliating to the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery in 1992, and since 2012, concurrently appointed as Professorial Lecturer III at the Graduate School. She was among the recipients of the Benavides Award for Service during USTFU's 18th Dangal Awards held on May 11, 2017.

Calimag's relentless passion for life-long learning resulted in her earning two post Medical Doctor degrees: a Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology degree and a Doctor of Philosophy in Education degree Major in Educational Management and Leadership.

Being different, seizing opportunities, traveling the path least travelled and

learning for life are values that have put Calimag ahead of the pack. She teaches subjects that most would rather avoid - Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Clinical Epidemiology, and Health Informatics. She engages fellow healthcare professionals in faculty and inter-professional development programs, teaching them especially on teaching strategies utilizing educational media and technology and in developing technology-integrated web-enhanced and fully online courses to promote 21st century outcomes-based skills.

Initiated by the Philippine Medical Association-Southern Tagalog Association of Medical Practitioners in collaboration with UNILAB, the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Memorial Awards are bestowed on the basis of excellent and outstanding performance by distinguished physicians in five categories, namely: Academe, Community Leadership, Research, Clinical Practice, and Government Service. Three other Thomasian medical alumni were named finalists this year: Dr. Remedios F. Coronel (MD '64) for the Academe Category; and, Dr. Juan P. Sanchez, Jr. (MD '80) and Dr. Jeisela B. Gaerlan (MD '83) for the Community Leadership Category.

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La Salle finished second behind UST after winning men's basketball, women's volleyball, women's football, poomsae, and women's table tennis.

The Archers captured runner-up finishes in women's basketball, men's swimming, men's table tennis, women's chess, and men's athletics and wound up third in women's beach volleyball, baseball, women's badminton, men's judo, women's swimming, and men's lawn tennis.

Ateneo banked on championship runs in men's volleyball, men's football, baseball, and men's swimming to finish in third place. The Blue Eagles settled for second place in men's basketball, women's volleyball, men's and women's badminton, men's judo and women's fencing, while taking third spots in women's football and women's taekwondo.

UP was, meanwhile, buoyed up by successful title campaigns in women's badminton and women's swimming to come in fourth. Fifth to eighth places were taken by National University, FEU, UE, and Adamson, respectively.

The UAAP corporate social responsibility initiative titled "UAAP Cares" was launched with the Municipality of Itbayat in the Province of Batanes as the first recipient.

The high point of the evening was the formal turnover of the UAAP's management from its president Rev. Fr. Ermito G. de Sagon, O.P. to UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. as UAAP chair and the turnover of next season's hosting, symbolized by the turn-over of the UAAP flag, from the UST Rector to FEU president Dr. Michael M. Alba.

The evening was capped by a dazzling pyromusical, a treat for the student-athletes for their impressive Season 79 performance.

LECTURES&CONFERENCES

Architecture faculty attend academe assembly on teaching millennials

Thirty-three faculty members from the College of Architecture led the biggest delegation to the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP)'s 2nd Architects in the Academe Assembly (AAA), an annual gathering of architects involved in the academe which was held on April 28, 2017 at the SMX Convention Center, Manila.

This year's theme was "Mean it to Win It: Successfully Teaching the Millennial Architecture Students." Speakers were education and organizational development experts.

This year's event was conceived by Asst. Prof. Jonathan V. Manalad from the UST College of Architecture and Prof. Norma I. Alarcon from the UST Graduate School who sits as the national chairperson of the UAP Committee on Research and Academic Institutions and serves as Executive Director of the UAP Commission on Education, respectively. Manalad also served as this year's Assembly Convenor.

The AAA aims to provide UAP members in the academe a venue to further strengthen their competencies in mentoring while also serving as a platform for architect-educators to exhibit best practices in teaching and thereby promoting quality architecture education in the country.

LECTURES&CONFERENCES

CRS Dept. of Physical Therapy holds seminar-workshop on TMJ Dysfunction

The Department of Physical Therapy of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences conducted a seminar - workshop on "Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction: An Inter-Professional Rehabilitation Approach" held on April 23, 2017 at the St. Martin de Porres Building, UST. A total of 45 professionals composed of dentists and physical therapists, and 15 students participated in the seminar - workshop.

The seminar-workshop presented evidence based diagnosis and treatment in resolving temporomandibular joint dysfunctions. Evidence based techniques and actual evaluation and treatment protocols were integrated with the underpinning principles used by dentists, rehabilitation doctors and physical therapists. This seminar-workshop is an introductory course to a Certification Course in Manual Medicine for Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction.

Dr. Jean Hilis Tating, DMD, president of the Philippine Association of Functional Jaw Orthopedics & TMJ Inc. and a former Board Member and Incorporator of the TMJ Institute of the Philippines was one of the resource speakers. From the University of Santo Tomas, speakers were: Physical therapy Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Valentin Dones, PhD, Mr. Christian Rimando, MSPT, PTRP, Dr. Perpetuo Gutierrez,, Mr. Lyle Patrick Tangcuangco, MSPT, PTRP, and Mr. Mark Angel Serra, PTRP. They shared their expertise in the field of manual therapy and fascial manipulation.



Dr. Perpetuo Gutierrez III, assisted by Assoc. Prof. Valentin Dones III, PhD and Mr. Christian Rimando, MSPT demonstrates the techniques during the seminar - workshop on TMJ.

Abenir talks on UST social development practice at nat'l. Social Dev't. confab, UP Com Dev lecture series



Asst. Prof. Abenir (far left) with the other forum speakers

UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office Director Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, was a speaker at the Conference on Social Development with the theme, "Defining the Terrain, Exploring Pathways" held on May 17, 2017 at the University of the Philippines Diliman, in Quezon City. The activity was organized by the UPD College of Social Work and Community Development (CSWCD) through its Doctor of Social Development Program.

The conference provided a venue for sharing, understanding, and networking knowledge and commitment towards disciplinary enhancement of social development. Abenir, being one of the first three graduates of the Social Development program in UP Diliman discussed the trends and challenges of social development practice in the context of the extension services of the University of Santo Tomas.

Keynote speaker was Philippine Vice President Hon. Leni Robredo. Other speakers were from UPD CSWCD, National Economic Development Authority, Philippine Women's University, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University, and the National Anti-Poverty Commission.

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CTHM's Liba presents research findings on Halal food at Eurasian business conference



Dr. Liba (third from left, standing) with conference participants

Dr. Ryan T. Liba, CHE, faculty member of the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management, presented studies on Halal Foods and Philippine Provincial Dishes, and acted as a session chair during the Annual Eurasian Business Conference held at Bayview Park Hotel, Malate, Manila on March 30 and 31, 2017.

Liba presented a study on the "Level of Awareness of Hospitality Management Students on Halal Foods" which assessed the knowledge of students in the fourth year level under the hospitality management program in Metro Manila on Halal foods in terms of the seven Halal standards. The study revealed that students have little knowledge on Halal foods. This paper was co-authored with Dr. Milagros D. Magsanoc, Marla Celina J. Caidic, Regina Marta G. De San Jose, Renz Denzel Ilorde, Richard Mark C. Oliveros, Aina Angelly C. Santos, and Karren Faye F. Ybanez.

Another study that Liba presented was the "Visual Recognition and Understanding of Philippine Provincial Dishes by Hospitality Management Students." This study, co-authored with

Dr. Magsanoc, Ysabelle I. Cruz, Conchita O. Mendoza, Christian Allan Quirante, Kyra Leina A. Santos, and John Marqui R. Segui, measured and determined the level of visual recognition and understanding on Philippine provincial dishes by hospitality management students of two universities in Manila. It revealed that the respondents have low level of visual recognition of the selected provincial dishes but they were able to identify some of the ingredients and understood the cooking methods of these Filipino dishes.

Liba also acted as session chair of the multidisciplinary cluster of the conference.

Presented in this international conference were papers and case studies in the areas of accounting, banking, finance, economics, management, marketing and contemporary issues relating to areas of business and governance. It was attended by delegates from India, Indonesia, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Taiwan, and the United Arab Emirates, organized by the Global Research Institute for Business Academics, Australia.

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The conference was attended by members of the UST SIMBAHAYAN, facilitators from National Service Training Program (CWTS/LTS), and Faculty/College Community Development coordinators as part of their continuing professional education and training in the area of Community Development Work. It was attended by participants from DSWD, NEDA, NAPC, local universities such as DLSU, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippine Women's University, and foreign participants from Vietnam and other ASEAN countries.

In another event, Abenir, who also serves as the chair of the Community Development Society of the Philippines (CDSP), served as one of the reactors during the lecture series titled, "Ang Paglalakbay ng Pagpapaunlad ng Pamayanan" held on May 3, 2017 at the University of the Philippines Diliman (UPD). The activity was organized by the UPD College of Social Work and Community Development (CSWCD), in partnership with the CDSP.

Speakers included professors from UPD CSWCD Department of Community Development namely, Prof. Elmer Ferrer, Prof. Maureen Pagaduan, and Prof. Angelito Manalili. The activity aimed to review and understand the history, concepts, processes, and principles of community development. The current progress of community development in the country was also discussed. The lecture series was part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the UPD CSWCD.

Simbahayan Assistant Director Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao, Program Development Officers Ms. Jasmin A. Victoria and Ms. Abegail Martha S. Abelardo, and Training and Community Engagement Officer Asst. Prof. Melanie Turingan, formed part of the UST contingent that attended the lecture.

At the forum "Aral at Leksyon: The CSWCD Alumni in Action," held on February 23, 2017 at the UP, Abenir was guest speaker. As alumnus of the State University, he was invited to talk about his work as director of the UST Simbahayan Community Development Office and how the lessons he learned in CSWCD are being applied in the academe.

UST JHS Faculty present papers at International Confab on Action Research



The UST-JHS Faculty at the 2nd International Congress on Action research, Action learning held at the De La Salle University

Faculty members of the UST Junior High School Department attended the 2nd International Conference on Action Research, Action Learning at the De La Salle University held on March 30 and April 1, 2017. Organized by the La Sallian Institute for Development and Educational Research (LIDER), the conference served as a showcase of action research outputs through paper and poster presentations as well as an avenue for knowledge building and knowledge sharing

Through the efforts of the Committee on Research and Development (CORD), headed by school Principal Assoc. Prof. Marishirl P. Tropicales, Ph.D., the committee was able to produce one completed action research and five on-going research studies. The committee does not only produce research outputs but also inspire the faculty to establish a culture of research among the faculty.

Mr. Ryan Lansangan, a grade 9 Science teacher, presented his action

research titled, "Improving students' approaches and motivation in Earth Science through cross-disciplinary collaborative activities." His paper focused on a creative implementation to differentiated instruction to facilitate the learning of concepts in Earth Science.

Ms. Katherine Patrice Sibug, a grade 7 English teacher won 2nd place in the Best Poster Presentation category for her on-going action research titled, "Strengthening students' written outputs through writing prompts, frames, and models." Other poster presenters include Mr. Emmanuel Batulan, Ph.D., "Assessing students' understanding of Mathematics using cartoon strips", Mr. Walner Saturno "Incorporating integer time in learning linear equations in Grade 8 Mathematics", Mr. Jay Lawrence Garbin "Strengthening algebra schema through Brain-Based Questioning (BBQ)," and Mr. Charles Issac Deita "Using case-based learning to engage fast learners' need for challenging task."

Plenary speakers were Prof. Mary Brydon-Miller (University of Louisville, USA), Dr. Bill Atweh (Visiting Professor, Philippine Normal University), Dr. Sarafy Wa-Mbaleka (Adventist Integrated International Studies), and Prof. Maricar S. Prudente (De La Salle University). The conference was participated in by more than 250 educators both from the public and private sector.

The three-day conference was an opportunity for academic exposure to educational trends and issues through action research. The UST Junior High School believes that interest in action research can be of great help most especially to classroom teachers. Action research can help validate and evaluate classroom practices, methods, or techniques. The results of an action research can be a point of reflection for teachers that can help them improve and innovate their teaching practices.

Simbahayan participates in conference on Dominican advocacy for life

The UST Simbahayan Community Development Office participated in the Bartolome de las Casas Conference 2017 “Dominican Advocacy for Life” held on April 1, 2017 at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran Manila. Simbahayan Assistant Director Asst. Prof. Froilan Alipao, and Institute of Religion Community Development Coordinator Mr. Ser Allan Bodoraya served as reactors during the conference, while Simbahayan Director and current Chair of DOMNET Commission on Community Service Asst. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, was the Master of Ceremonies.

Present also in the conference were Simbahayan Program Development Officers Ms. Jasmin A. Victoria and Ms. Abegail Martha S. Abelardo, and Training and Community Engagement Officer Asst. Prof. Melanie Turingan, Ph.D.

Most Rev. Archbishop Socrates B. Villegas, D.D., Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines’ President, one of the speakers, delivered a message that centered on the Church’s advocacy for life with a challenge for the participants as proclaimers of God’s advocacy to broadcast the following truths more: 1) that there is a God; 2) that we are souls; 3) that there is sin but there is mercy; and 4) that there is everlasting life. Archbishop Villegas further encouraged the participants not to

fear in being advocates for life because God is with them and that in the process of being advocates, they should always be thankful and joyful amidst every challenge.

Rev. Fr. Michael Christopher Deeb, O.P., Promoter of Justice and Peace in the Dominican Order and Permanent Delegate of the Order to the United Nations, explained why and how one should advocate for life as Christians. He emphasized that as part of the Dominican family, the participants are called to: be present where the injustices are taking place; be analytical, remain humble, take action to rectify failures, have the courage to debate; and encourage others to take action.

Aside from the talks, the document on justice and peace crafted from the recent gathering of Dominicans in Salamanca, Spain was presented. With this as an inspiration, the Dominican statement for the advocacy for life was formulated serving as the culmination of the conference and the contribution of the Dominican family on the advocacy for life.

The conference was also attended by the different members of the Dominican family along with the justice, peace and care for creation promoters from Dominican schools.

HRM paper: Halal restaurants practice standards

A study on the Halal restaurants conducted by Dr. Ryan T. Liba of the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management (CTHM) together with his students showed that the participating halal restaurants in Metro Manila are practicing the standards set in terms of Halal documentation, management responsibility, raw materials, location, exterior area, premise, facilities, tools and equipment, staff characteristics, staff policy, pest control, and waste management.

The students who are in their senior year under the Hotel and Restaurant Management program were: Christzelle Mae S. Bernardino, John Real M. Gadon, and Mikaela Louise E. Viaña, together with Dr. Liba, presented their paper titled “Practices and Challenges of Halal Restaurants in Metro Manila” to the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos – National Capital Region (NCF-NCR) on May 5, 2017. The presentation, held in Quezon City, promoted awareness on the halal certification practices in the region to help intensify the current regulations to warrant their authenticity and credibility.

The presentation was attended by the director of NCF-NCR, Mr. Camad “Kim” A. Edres, and the key personnel involved in halal accreditation and certification.



Gadon, Liba, Bernardino, and Viaña present their research before the members of the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos – National Capital Region

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Thomasian foster parents, Kidzania activities bring cheer to Makibata children

The MAKIBATA is an annual activity where the University welcomes children and scholars from its partner communities, and let them feel Thomasian hospitality. This year, the MAKIBATA was held from April 19 to 21, 2017, as spearheaded by the Student Organizations Coordinating Council (SOCC), the UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office (UST SIMBAHAYAN) and the Office for Student Affairs (OSA). This three-day activity emphasized on how Thomasians love, care, and learn, and gave the opportunity for Thomasians to share with the children and scholars from University partner communities.

The participants for MAKIBATA this year were from UST’s partner communities in Sitio Malasa, Sitio Sta. Rosa, Sitio Buok, Sitio San Martin and Sitio Mabilog of Bamban, Tarlac, Lambakin of Marilao, Bulacan, North Triangle Alliance, Montalban, Rizal and Sitio Galilee of Antipolo, Rizal. The children visited offices and sang native/indigenous carols. The children participated in interactive activities and games prepared by different student organizations. The first day of MAKIBATA was capped with the adoption of the participants by Thomasians who volunteered to be their foster parents who took them into their own homes so that the participants will have a real encounter with Thomasian families.

The participants were treated to an educational trip as part of their activities for the second day of MAKIBATA. They spent the day at Kidzania, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig where the children enjoyed role-playing their dream jobs in the future as doctors, pilot, firemen, sales persons, chef, media practitioners, etc. while also going through other activities that taught values and ethics. In the evening, the participants again went home to their Thomasian foster homes.

On the last day, the children had games in the MAKIBATA fair at the UST Tan Yan Kee Student Center where game booths had been prepared for them. A culminating activity was held for the Thomasians who acted as foster parents and chaperones, and also for the offices that took part in the event.



Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir UST SIMBAHAYAN Director, renders his send-off message to the children during the closing remarks of the MAKIBATA Activity



A Thomasian hands-over a souvenir to one MAKIBATA participant

A MAKIBATA participant tries his hand as a house painter in one of the stations during their educational trip at Kidzania Manila

Domasag housing project: UST's Tulong Tomasino for typhoon Lawin survivors of Cagayan



Simbahayan Director Asst. Prof. Abenir (in blue shirt) cuts vines assisted by Agta leaders and FAS representatives



Representatives from Simbahayan and FAS together with the Agta house beneficiaries



The new house of Domasag Agta community



Members of Domasag Agta community perform a welcome song and tableau presentation

Four months after the University of Santo Tomas responded to the appeal by the survivors of typhoon Lawin in the province of Cagayan, the Simbahayan Community Development Office visited again the place from April 7 to 9, 2017 but this time, to witness the blessing and turn-over ceremony of ten new indigenous houses for the Dupanigan Agta Tribe of Domasag in Brgy. Casambalangan, Sta. Ana, Cagayan. This project was made possible in partnership with the Franciscan Apostolic Sisters in coordination with the Social Action Office of the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao and UST.

Representing the University, Simbahayan Director Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir; Assistant Director Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao, and Program Development Officer Ms. Jasmin A.

Victoria joined the blessing of the Domasag houses presided by Rev. Fr. Manny Catral, chairman of Social Action Commission. An indigenous ritual was performed where Agtas put their feet near the fire in order to invoke the spirit of their ancestors to bless their family and their houses. A cutting of vines, a ritual similar to ribbon cutting, was also conducted before proceeding to the actual blessing of the houses.

After the blessing, guests and members of the community proceeded to the school for the thanksgiving and turnover ceremony. Abenir delivered a turnover message which in return was responded with thanksgiving messages delivered by Domasag Agta community leaders and Sr. Josie Mata, FAS, Superior General of Franciscan Apostolic Sisters.

Funded through the Tulong Tomasino Disaster Response Campaign of the Thomasian community raised during the first term of school year 2016-2017, the housing project gave the Domasag Agta community "a sense of dignity as human persons for having a comfortable and secure home to stay."

"Hindi na kami mag-alala na mabasa kapag umuulan at mag-alala kapag bumabagyo. Nakakahiga ng komportableng posisyon, hindi na palaging nakabaluktot para lang magkasya kaming pamilya sa pagtulog", said an Agta beneficiary. ("We will no longer worry that we will get wet when it rains. We can now sleep comfortably, because there is now enough space for the family members," said an Agta beneficiary.)

Empowering Thomasian, Partner Communities through Dunong Tomas



Ms. Orlina of the UST Junior High School Department discusses the topic "Your Teaching Voice" and demonstrates techniques in proper vocalization.



A community participant shares his every day teaching experience and how the seminar has developed his practice

The UST Simbahayan Community Development Office spearheaded the Dunong Tomas Advocacy in collaboration with the Education Cluster comprised of the College of Education, Junior High School, Institute of Information and Computing Sciences (IICS) and the Senior High School. Several research studies conducted in partner communities were showcased during the Advocacy Forum and Research Colloquium delivered by UST faculty members and students.

"Service Learning as the Key to Social Transformation" was the theme for this year's celebration. The event was launched in conjunction with the Bartolome Delas Casas Community Development Poster Exhibit on April 24, 2017. The participants were also able to develop a deeper understanding of Service Learning Project or SLP as a contemporary trend in community development. For their part, leaders of partner communities shared some experiential learning.

The highlight of the event was the Daycare Teachers Seminar Workshop which aimed to empower day care teachers from Tarlac, Navotas and Bulacan partner communities. Lectures on teaching strategies, spirituality in the workplace, developing musical and creative skills and basic legal aspects were carried out by members of the faculty and alumni of the university. There was also a cooking demonstration of healthy snacks for pre-school children done by selected students of B.S. Nutrition and Dietetics and B.S. Food Technology.

The three-day celebration concluded on April 26, 2017 with a fun-filled gathering held at Jollibee Dapitan as a treat to the hardworking, diligent and tireless day care teachers from the partner communities.



Assoc. Prof. Quintana of Faculty of Arts and Letters discusses a research study.

28 new books on USTPH's roster unveiled

The 415-year-old University of Santo Tomas Publishing House (USTPH) launched 28 new titles on April 25, 2017 adding to its diverse selection of books from fiction, nonfiction, poetry, history, culture, religion, and academic references.

"Today, I am beaming with pride to announce the launch of books published in 2016. Some are written by canonical and senior writers who have published many, many books, others are first-time authors. Some are historical, others are books of poetry. One is a book on medicine, the first Philippine book on comprehensive physical examinations written by a Philippine medical doctor. Another is a literary criticism on Catholic writings. Categories range from history, culture, Catholicism, poetry, fiction, nonfiction, academic references and even a book of plays," said USTPH Director Assoc. Prof. John Jack Wigley, Ph.D., during the publishing house's Grand Book Launch.

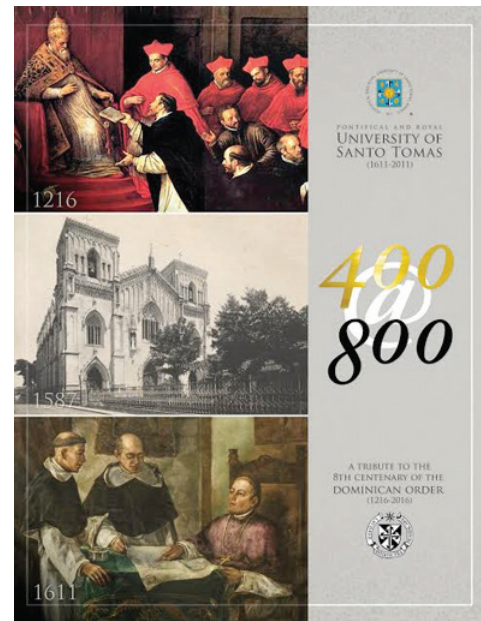
The diversity of USTPH's latest titles mirrors the colorful history of what is "probably the oldest continuing press in the world today" while echoing the University of Santo Tomas' "goal of promoting a dialogue between faith and reason."

"We are proud to have been instrumental in publishing works that have contributed to the country's intellectual and cultural progress by consistently producing publications of high quality mirroring the University's goal of promoting a dialogue between faith and reason, so as to integrate knowledge about man, nature and God. The UST Publishing House has been awarded "Publisher of the Year" four times, in 2003, 2004, 2010, and 2012—the most awarded "Publisher of the Year" academic press in the country," added Wigley.

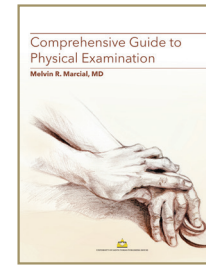
During the launch, the authors gave a preview of the new titles, some sharing their insights on the creative process, upcoming volumes, and what readers may look forward to in their works.

Award-winning poets Allan Popa (Incision) and Vaughan Rapatahana (Atonement) regaled the audience by reading poems from their books.

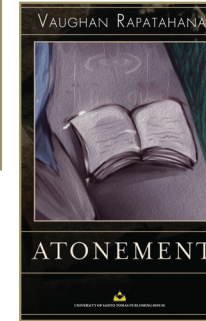
First-time authors USTPH Deputy Director Ma. Ailil Alvarez (Slivers of the Sky), Dawn Laurente Marfil (Looking for Polaris), and Arnie Quibranza Mejia (Writing Naked) also shared their journey to publication and highlights of their works.



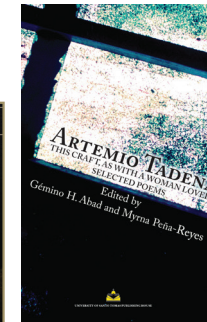
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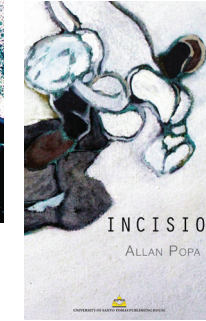
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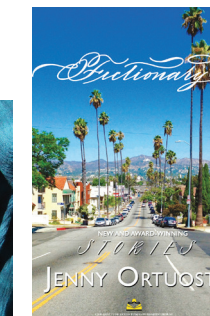
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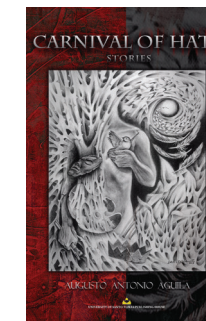
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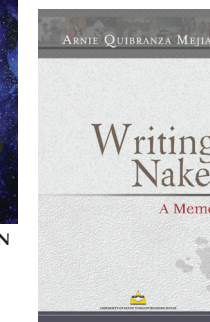
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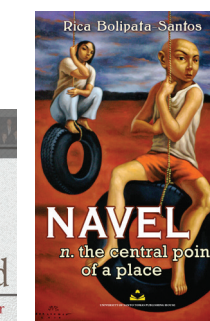
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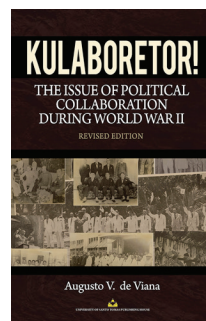
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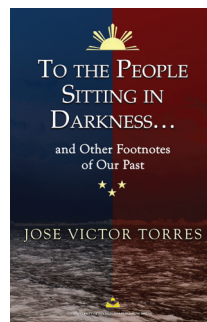
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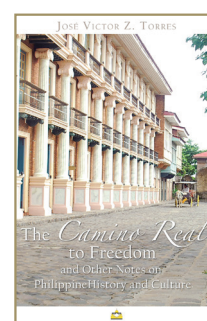
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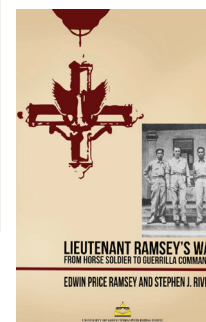
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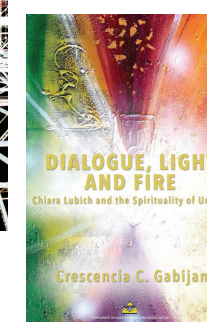
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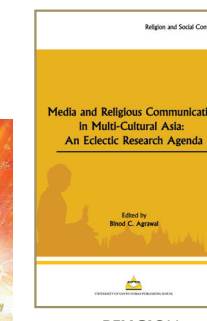
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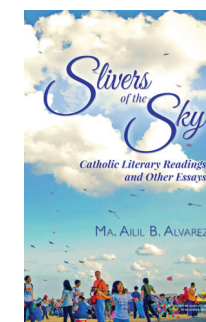
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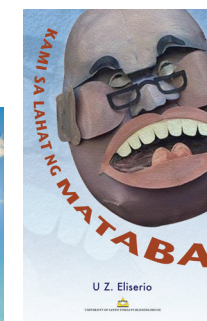
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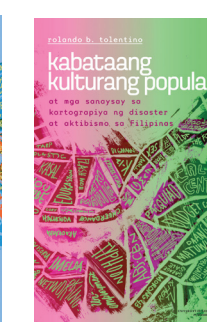
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Archi student wins Grand Prize in Bartolome delas Casas ComDev exhibit

Three students were awarded the major prizes in the poster-making contest for the Bartolome delas Casas Community Development Poster Exhibit. Awarded during the ceremonies held on April 24, 2017 at the UST Quadricentennial Pavilion were: Grand Prize Herculhes H. Ebol (College of Architecture), First Runner-Up Gytha Kate A. Torres and Roel Nicco S. Valenzuela (Faculty of Medicine and Surgery), Second Runner-Up Trish Cruz (College of Tourism and Hospitality Management).

In his message, Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Filemon I. Dela Cruz, Jr., O.P., said: "Activities like this is an occasion for us to deepen our understanding, our awareness of what has become, for us, a common activity."

In line the theme "Ambag ng Tomasino para sa isang mapayapa at makatarungang lipunan (Thomasian Engagement for a Peaceful and Just Society)", Simbahayan Director Asst. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, underscored that one cannot dismantle justice and peace in the actions that aim to change the society for the better.

"This poster-making contest serves as a message to spread awareness of our University's initiatives", Abenir said.

According to Abenir, the posters used environment-friendly materials. "Instead of using tarpaulin, we used photo paper which was five-times the cost but what is more important? For us, it is the environment," he said.

Aside from the major prizes, three students were also presented the People's Choice Awards: First – Christian Derick L. Aquino (Senior High School), Second – Ancilla Diamante (College of Rehabilitation Sciences), Third – Cristelle Jane B. Ferrera (Institute of Physical Education and Athletics).

Abenir noted that the awards were only on top of the interest and the contest gave the students a picture of their own contribution, as Thomasians, to society through their artwork. In collaboration with the community development units of the College of Education, Institute of Information and Computing Sciences, Junior High School, and Senior High School, Simbahayan also launched its week-long Dunong Tomas Advocacy Fair



From left: Rev. Fr. Filemon Dela Cruz, Jr., O.P., Mr. Nathaniel Siao, Ms. Trish Cruz, College of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Second Runner-Up and Asst. Prof. Mark Abenir

with the theme, "Service Learning as the Key to Social Transformation Leadership".

Since its conception in 2013, the exhibit has been an annual activity that highlights the best practices of the University in the field of community development and its various initiatives. This year and for the first time, Simbahayan held the activity by integrating a poster-making contest.

Ledesma of CRS commended for Poetry at 2017 Hippocrates Prize in Harvard Medical School

College of Rehabilitation and Sciences faculty member Dr. Ma. Arlene Lee-Ledesma received a commendation for her poem, *Grandfather's Dementia*, under the Health Professional Category of the 2017 Hippocrates Prize for Poetry and Medicine. She was the only Asian and Filipino among authors of 29 poems which received commendations. The awards ceremony was held on May 6, 2017 at the Harvard Medical School in Boston, USA. The 2017 Hippocrates Awards was organized by the Hippocrates Initiative in partnership with the Arts and Humanities Initiative of Harvard Medical School. It is composed of three categories namely, the Open Category, the Health Professional

Category and the Young Poet Category. Currently in its 8th year, the Hippocrates Prize has attracted over 8,000 entries from over 60 countries all over the world. All winning and commended poems in the Hippocrates Prize are published in the annual Hippocrates Prize Anthology.

When asked about her inspiration for her poem, *Grandfather's Dementia*, she mentioned that, "Memory and recall has been a favorite theme in my poems. I have correlated dementia, a medical condition which intrigued me, with the visual imagery of sky at dawn, and fascinated me as a child."

UNIVERSITY VISITORS

Prof. Dr. Ir. Yohanes Budi Widianarko, M.Sc.



Prof. Dr. Ir. Yohanes Budi Widianarko, Rector of the Soegijapranata Catholic University (2nd from left) with Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Director of the UST Office of Public Affairs and the guests from Indonesia.

H.E. Franz Jessen Ambassador of the European Union to the Philippines



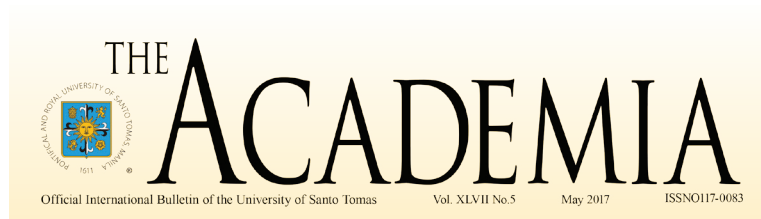
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H.E. Jaroslav Olsa Jr., Ambassador of Czech Republic to the Philippines and H.E. Jozsef Bencze, Ambassador of Hungary to the Philippines



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