

Almost 9000 UST students join Baccalaureate Mass, send-off rites



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., (right) concelebrates the Baccalaureate Mass with Dominican Fathers, including Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P. (left).



Students from the graduate school walk out of the Arch in the traditional send-off rite.

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Almost 9,000 graduating students of the University of Santo Tomas (UST) joined the yearly Baccalaureate celebration and send-off rites on May 24, 2018 at the UST Grandstand and Open Field.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., led the Eucharistic celebration concelebrated with the Dominican Fathers. In his message to the Class of 2018 who entrusted their academic development to Asia's oldest, Pontifical, and Royal University, he urged them to "Recognize God's actions in your life. God has touched you with His grace." Relating his hope for the graduates to the Gospel reading that day about the Wedding at Cana, he told the students, "It was His grace that made you the best wine... The first sign of Jesus' presence is that He takes ordinary people

and provides them enough with what is necessary for these people to become extraordinary."

Offerings and collections during the Holy Mass were donated to the Dominican missions, specifically to the St. Bartholomew Academy in Calayan and the Lyceum of Camiguin in the Babuyan Group of Islands.

The students were given a Thomasian Mission Cross, as a reminder to stay true to Thomasian ideals. The recitation of the Thomasian Pledge of Loyalty followed the blessing and imposition of the Dominican crosses.

Public Affairs attends ANC's 'Leading with Trust' session with Covey



Dr. Fontanilla (left), together with Asst. Prof. Sembrano (right), also met with ABS-CBN News Channel Chief Operating Officer Ms. Cilette Liboro-Co (center).



Mr. Stephen M.R. Covey (center) with Dr. Fontanilla (left) and Asst. Prof. Sembrano (right).

Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., and Assistant to the Director for Publication Asst. Prof. Virginia A. Sembrano attended the Stephen M.R. Covey's lecture on the 'Speed of Trust' held on June 19, 2018 at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Makati City organized by the ABS-CBN News Channel (ANC).

Coming from the celebrated Covey family whose father, Stephen, introduced to the world the

best-selling book 'The Seven Basic Habits of Highly Effective People,' Stephen M.R. Covey, known as a leadership guru discussed 'Leading with Trust.'

The famous author of the bestseller book "The Speed of Trust," Stephen M.R. Covey shared with his audience the importance of trust, how to develop trust, the five waves of trust, smart trust, the economics of trust, among others.

Alongside with international figures such as Warren Buffet, Nobel Peace Prize awardee Muhammad Yunus, he mentioned Filipino leaders who have gained the trust of others in the international scene such as former Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Amando M. Tetangco, Jr. and PEZA head Lilia de Lima. Also cited was the Honesty Coffee Shop of Batanes for being a real medium for trust at work.

The one-day engagement was attended by leaders from industry, business, education, government and other sectors.

Fontanilla, an accredited Public Relations practitioner, was interviewed by ANC on her thoughts about the lecture. This was later shown on television as a post-event press release.

"ANC Presents: Leading with Trust, A Session with Stephen M.R. Covey" is one of the endeavors of the network to raise the level of discourse on global and business matters in the country by getting distinguished international speakers. Award-winning broadcast journalist Karen Davila was the moderator.

Covey obtained his Master's in Business Administration degree from Harvard University. He is the co-founder of CoveyLink and the FranklinCovey Global Speed of Trust Practice, and the former CEO of the Covey Leadership Center. He serves as adviser to the world's top 500 companies.

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The pioneering batch of graduating students from the Institute of Physical Education and Athletics walk towards the UST Grandstand.

Rector's Academic Awardee Janela Love B. Nartates, a senior student of the Institute of Physical Education and Athletics, gave the response on behalf of the Class of 2018, urging her fellow candidates for graduation to show the world how competent, compassionate, and committed Thomasians are.

Part of the program was the traditional "Ceremony of the Light" that represents UST's mission of spreading the illuminating light of education and evangelization to others. The flame that originated from the torch of the Father Rector was passed on to the torches of the deans and regents of the faculties and colleges, from where their respective students lit their candles.

The graduating students symbolically left the University in the traditional reccessional parade where they exited through the Arch of the Centuries, signifying the completion of their student life in UST. They were met with cheers by students from the lower batches outside the Arch. The Class of 2018 was led out of the historic gateway by the UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., and UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda Jr., O.P., who as per tradition, also welcomed the same students into the Arch during the traditional Thomasian Welcome Walk in their first year some four or five years ago.

The much-awaited annual grand pyromusical lit up the University's skyline before the reccessional parade.



A student representative from the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery waves their college flag.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

Embassy of Japan delegation visits UST, meets officials



(From left:) Director of Public Affairs Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., Minister and Consul-General of the Embassy of Japan in Manila Mr. Atsushi Kuwabara, UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, O.P., Director of the Japan Information and Cultural Office Mr. Ken Nakamura, Mr. Shinya Yabe, Mr. Tomoyuki Honda, Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General Mr. Emmanuel M. Batulan, Ph.D., and Graduate School Secretary Assoc. Prof. Alejandro S. Bernardo, Ph.D.

Minister and Consul-General of the Embassy of Japan in Manila Mr. Atsushi Kuwabara visited the University of Santo Tomas on June 21, 2018. Accompanying him were First Secretary Mr. Shinya Yabe, Second Secretary Mr. Tomoyuki Honda, and Japan Information and Cultural Office Director Mr. Ken Nakamura.

They were welcomed by UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., and the Blessed Lord Takayama Ukon Jubilee Foundation Managing Trustee Dr. Ernesto De Pedro.

The Japanese delegation was given a tour of the UST Museum which was

facilitated by its Collection Management and Documentation Assistant Ms. Maita Oebanda. This was followed by a visit to the Arch of the Centuries and the Blessed Lord Justus Takayama Sanctuary at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex Building. According to Dr. De Pedro, the Japanese Embassy is researching on the roots of the Philippine devotion to Blessed Takayama.

Blessed Takayama, a Catholic layman who died in Intramuros in 1615 after being exiled for refusing to abjure his Catholic faith, is considered a pillar of the early Church in Japan for his martyrdom. He had close ties with the Dominicans, whose outgoing missionaries in Japan, upon being banished, took "La Japona," an image of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, back to Manila on the same ship as Blessed Takayama and 300 Christian exiles.

By the account of historian and former Archivist of the University of Santo Tomas Fr. Fidel Villaruel, O.P., in his book "The Saga of La Naval," "La Japona" was originally donated by former Spanish Governor-General, Luis Perez Dasmariñas to accompany the Dominicans in their Mission to Japan. Upon being brought back to the Philippines, the Marian image was placed at the Santo Domingo Church in Quezon City.

After the tour was a luncheon meeting with UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P.



The delegation visits the Blessed Lord Takayama Sanctuary at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex in UST.

UST Librarians benchmark with libraries in Singapore



Mr. Starker (fourth from left) with UST Miguel de Benavides Library Chief Librarian Ms. Ma Cecilia Lobo (fifth from left), Assistant Librarian Ms. Diana Padilla (third from left) and the UST Librarians at the Singapore American School



Mrs. Loh (second from left) and Ms. Jasni (rightmost) with the UST Librarians at NTU



Ms. Peranandam (third from left) and Mr. Valles (rightmost) with the UST Librarians at NUS

As the UST Miguel de Benavides Library gears up for the opening of the Senior High School (SHS) Library in its own building across the UST campus and the improvement of the Library's reference services, programs and facilities, and further enhancement of the operations of the entire library department, seven librarians went to Singapore to benchmark with school libraries. They visited the Singapore American School - Middle School Library, Singapore American School (SAS) High School Library - the Khoo Teck Puat Library, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Lee Wee Nam Library, and the National University of Singapore (NUS) High School of Mathematics and Science Library. Currently, the SHS library is located at the 9th floor of the Paredes building.

The visit of the UST librarians composed of Chief Librarian Ms. Ma Cecilia Lobo, Assistant Chief Librarian Ms. Diana Padilla, four high school librarians, namely, Ms. Kaori Fuchigami, Ms. Leonila Manuel, Ms. Lourdes Fatima Ramos, and Ms. Marjorie Irish Suarez, and one reference librarian, Raquel Lontoc, took place on June 11 and June 12, 2018.

During the visit to the Singapore American School-Middle School Library on June 11, where they were met by the librarian, Mr. Ron Starker, the UST librarians observed that the student-friendly library provides dynamic and supportive setting for exploratory learning. It is designed based on the Multiple Intelligences theory. The library staff work collaboratively with

the administrators, faculty members, and stakeholders to support the curriculum and to encourage lifelong love for reading. Also, it offers a diverse range of print and electronic resources and provides innovative library facilities.

A group of high school librarians visited the Singapore American School (SAS) High School Library - the Khoo Teck Puat Library, which offers a wide variety of resources tailored to support SAS curriculum and student interests. It has subscription of online databases; 30,000 printed books; magazines and collections on the rich history of SAS. A tour of the facility was conducted by Mr. Jess Loo, librarian, and Ms. Simonette Torreon, library staff. Another group went to Nanyang

Technological University (NTU) Lee Wee Nam Library.

At the NTU, the librarians saw a wide range of materials on engineering and science. The library provides a variety of learning spaces and facilities for different needs such as dual screen monitors, mini-cinema, learning pods, recording room, learning commons, and research commons. Information literacy programs are also offered to its clientele. The Library follows the 'e-copy first' policy in terms of the acquisitions of library materials. Mrs. Hazel Loh, deputy director and Ms. Nurashikin Binte Mohamed Jasni, assistant librarian in-charge of Communication & Outreach, received the group.

The visit to the NUS High School of Mathematics and Science Library took place on June 12. Mr. Eric Francis Valles, English language and literature teacher, and Ms. Sheela Peranandam, assistant library executive, met the librarians. The library is a first-of-its-kind high school in Singapore developed and managed by a University, which aims to provide a stimulating environment for students with special aptitude in mathematics and science.

The other librarians explored the NUS Central Library where they received by Ms. Hashimah Johari, deputy university librarian who also facilitated the library tour. The group saw the spacious reading areas, modern facilities and vast collections of library materials. The tour was followed by a discussion on the library programs and technological concerns of the library.

This visit, organized by the Library Committee on Professional Training and Development headed by Jonas Sahagun, was also conducted to establish linkage with other libraries for future collaborative undertakings.

St. Louis College Bangkok president, academic officials visit UST CRS

St. Louis College (SLC) President Prof. Emeritus Chitr Sitthi-amorn, MD, FACP, of Bangkok, Thailand visited the university from May 21 to 22, 2018. He was accompanied by the Faculty of Physical Therapy Dean Assoc. Prof. Pakavalee Poomsu-tat, Ph.D., Faculty of Nursing Dean Assoc. Prof. Porntip Keyuranon, Dr.PH., and Faculty of Psychology Dean Dr. Chikiat Chakchaichon. They were officially welcomed to the university by the Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla, Ph.D.

After the signing of the University guest book, the visitors were given a tour of the UST Museum followed by a courtesy call on the UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., accompanied by Office of International Relations Director Prof. Lilian J. Sison, Ph.D., and College of Rehabilitation Sciences Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie Aseron. The group also visited the Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH.

The partnership between the two institutions began with the student and faculty exchange program in August 2017. The two institutions are now looking into initiating joint research activities after a meeting that was held with SLC PT Dean Assoc. Prof. Poomsu-tat, UST PT Department Chair Ms. Jocel Regino, PT Internship Coordinator Ms. Fe Therese Chavez, and Research Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Valentin Dones, III, Ph.D.

Aside from discussions of joint research activities with the College of Rehabilitation Sciences, activities with the College of Nursing and College of Science, Department of Psychology were also explored after a meeting between the SLC deans and their UST counterparts. St. Louis College is a private, Catholic university in Bangkok, Thailand founded in 1985.



Dr. Fontanilla welcomes the delegation.

UST RCCAH Lecture features French Cultural Studies scholar



Dr. Sinardet (front row, fifth from left, in red) with RCCAH Director Prof. Joyce Arriola, Ph.D., and participants and organizers of the lecture.

Professor Dr. Emmanuelle Sinardet of the Université Paris Nanterre, Paris, France was the main discussant in a public lecture held on May 4, 2018 at the Benavides Library Conference Hall, UST. Her presentation was titled “Cultural Studies as a Research Field: The Example of Ecuadorian Studies.”

Sinardet is a full professor of Latin-American Studies at the Université Paris Nanterre and serves as director of the Centre d'Études Équatoriennes (Ecuadorian Studies Center). She has published over 60 articles and chapters in books on various interrelated topics such as Latin-American and Philippine political and economic history, cultural studies, and 19th century literature.

UST Graduate School professor and Instituto Cervantes fellow Dr. Jorge Mojarro Romero served as reactor for the lecture.

Sinardet was invited to give the Lecture after she expressed her interest to know what the UST Research Center for Culture, Arts and Humanities (RCCA) is currently doing in a number of areas including 19th Century studies, nation-

building studies and Cultural Studies. Her lecture illustrates how institutions like the Ecuadorian Studies Center can drive a specific research focus such as “the nexus between memory and history.” As she explained in her abstract, the “conceptual tools” that research centers like her institution and the RCCAH can unravel how “decolonial thought” can be an area for investigation in the field of Cultural Studies.

Prior to the lecture, Sinardet was also the main discussant in the first of the Brown Bag Series conducted by RCCAH. Participants to the Brown Bag discussion were Dr. Maria Alexandra Chua, Arch't Demetrio Alcaraz, Jr., Dr. John Jack Wigley, Dr. Archie Resos, Dr. Oscar Diamante and Dr. Cynthia Loza.

The May 4 lecture was one of the public lectures sponsored by RCCAH, which is headed by Prof. Joyce L. Arriola, Ph.D. This particular lecture was organized by the UST RCCAH, in coordination with the Office of the Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation.

The lecture was attended by faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students.



Dr. Sinardet discusses with the reactor Dr. Mojarro Romero

UNIVERSITY VISITOR



The Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia to the Philippines

UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., welcomes His Excellency Hugo Echiverri Jaramillo and presents to him the “Pope Francis @ UST” coffee table book (upper left). Office for International Relations and Programs Director Prof. Lilian Sison, Ph.D., then met with the Ambassador (upper right) along with Associate Director Prof. Karen Santiago, Ph.D., Conservatory of Music Dean Antonio Africa, Ph.D., and Music Secretary Asst. Prof. Peter Porticos, Ph.D. (bottom right).



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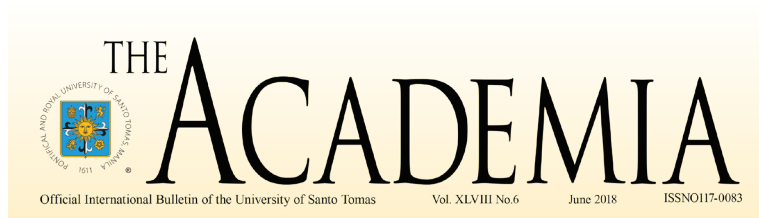
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