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UST earns CHED's Quality Excellence Award

The University of Santo Tomas received the Quality Excellence Award from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on May 18, 2022, for having thirteen of its program areas classified as Centers of Excellence (COE).

According to a notification letter sent by CHED Executive Director IV Atty. Cinderella Filipina S. Benitez-Jaro to UST Chancellor and Master of the Order of Preachers Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco P. Timoner, III, O.P., the award was presented in recognition of "valuable contributions in uplifting and sustaining quality and excellence in higher education in their respective programs, disciplines, and areas of responsibility."

UST's thirteen Centers of Excellence are: Biology, Chemistry, Psychology (College of Science), Chemical Engineering (Faculty of Engineering), Hotel and Restaurant Management and Tourism (College of Tourism and Hospitality

Management), Pharmacy and Medical Technology (Faculty of Pharmacy), Medicine (Faculty of Medicine and Surgery), Music (Conservatory of Music), Nursing (College of Nursing), Philosophy (Arts and Letters), and Teacher Education (College of Education).

In a circular released to the Thomasian community, UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., EHL, said, "We thank the Lord for the unending graces that guided the synergy among students, University staff, parents, alumni, and other partner institutions toward the continued journey of achieving and sustaining excellence in various fields."

The awarding coincided with the commemoration of the 28th founding anniversary of CHED and the celebration of the 2nd National Higher Education Day. Nine other Philippine higher education institutions received the award.

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(From left:) USTH Finance Director Rev. Fr. Roman L. Santos, O.P., UST Rector Very Rev. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Prior Provincial Very Rev. Fr. Filemon I. Dela Cruz, Master of the Order of Preachers and UST Chancellor Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco Timoner, III, O.P., Medical Director Dr. Charito Malong-Consolacion, Director for Administration Prof. Analin E. Porto, DrEM, USTH CEO Rev. Fr. Julius Paul Factora, O.P., Assistant Medical Director Dr. Julius Caesar J. Dalupang, and Pastoral Director Rev. Fr. Arturo Pestin, O.P., unveil the commemorative marker.

UST Hospital celebrates opening of new St. John Paul II Building

The University of Santo Tomas Hospital (USTH) partially opened the St. John Paul II Building (SJPII) on the Lacson Avenue side of the Sampaloc campus on April 30, 2022. The ceremonies were conducted through hybrid modality, with a limited in-person program and a Eucharistic Celebration live streamed on the University of Santo Tomas and UST Hospital Facebook page.

The eleven-storey SJPII Building is the third building of USTH. It houses the latest facilities and technologies of the hospital, including the following ancillary and medical services that will now be operational: Dermatology Center, Center for Respiratory Medicine, Blood Bank, Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, and San Jose Ward. It is named after St. John Paul II, who visited the University as Pope in 1981 and 1995, and whose miracles of healing led to his quick beatification and canonization.

In his message, USTH Chief Executive Officer Rev. Fr. Julius Paul Factora, O.P., detailed the 11-year journey to open SJPII, which started construction in 2011, in UST's 411th year, saying "God's timing is always perfect."

"We are not only opening another building in the UST Hospital Complex, but

we are opening another era in the hospital's history, and we are blessed to be at this threshold, standing between the hospital's great achievements of the recent past, and the hospital's further glorious contribution to the healthcare community into the immediate future," said Fr. Factora.

The Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by the Master of the Order of Preachers and UST Chancellor Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco Timoner, III, O.P. In his homily, he shared, "Our dear doctors and nurses, you touch the wounds of Christ in your patients. The hospital is

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The façade of SJPII Building



Very Rev. Fr. Timoner during the homily



Very Rev. Fr. Ang delivers an inspirational message.



Fr. Factora shares the process leading to the opening of SJPII.



One of the rooms available in SJPII Building



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also an institution for evangelization. The Church is on a synodal path, and synodal means walking together, and I hope, in our own institutions too, we will be able to communicate that same spirit of synodality. We must be capable of listening to one another, of listening to points of views other than our own, but in the end, the decision must always be for the common good. I hope that you will also take this path, because that is the surest way to make this hospital truly successful and faithful to the work of the Gospel."

The image of St. John Paul II at the connecting bridge that leads to SJPII Building.

In his inspirational message, UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., thanked the previous and present USTH administrators, who led the hospital to this moment. In Filipino, he expressed, "I believe that we all want USTH to be a peaceful home, where expert doctors and nurses can serve, and where patients can seek healing from illnesses of the body and soul. USTH is a family, and families always help each other, showing concern and care for each other, needing a synergy of minds and spirit. As St. John Paul II said, 'To maintain a joyful family requires much. Each member must become the servant of others.'"

To conclude the partial opening ceremonies, UST Vice-Chancellor and Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines Very Rev. Fr. Filemon I. dela Cruz, Jr., O.P., underscored the importance of "never forgetting that [the USTH] is an instrument of service and healing."

Fr. dela Cruz also reminded the community, "Let us continue to think of what else we can give to the people."

The administrative, finance, and executive offices will also be transferred to the SJPII Building, with walkways connecting to the St. John Macias, O.P. Building and St. Vincent Ferrer, O.P. Building.

With new services available to more people, USTH continues to deliver multidisciplinary Healthcare service that is Exemplary, Appropriate, Responsive, and Thomasian (HEART).



SANTISIMO ROSARIO PARISH

CENTRAL SEMINARY CHAPEL

PRACTICE GYM

Participants pray the Rosary in the morning.

UST holds three-day university-wide retreat

As a culmination of the *Ambag* retreat series that began in 2010, the University of Santo Tomas held a University-wide retreat from April 27 to 29, 2022. With the theme “*Eukaristiya: Biniyayaan Upang Maging Biyaya* (Eucharist: Gifted to Give),” this year’s retreat was open to all members of the Thomasian community, including the campus security officers and housekeeping staff, through hybrid modality of Facebook Live streaming and in-person attendance distributed among different buildings.

UST Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., encouraged participants to heed the call of God for our hearts to be an ‘*Ambag*’ (humble contribution).

“We can be a blessing to each one of us, because in the Eucharist – unworthy, sinful, and lacking as we are – we still join Christ, and Christ keeps us with Him in the mystery, theology, and most profound meaning of the Mass: we offer ourselves only through Jesus,” shared Fr. Tiong during the perspective setting.

UST Chancellor and the Master of the Order of Preachers Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco Timoner, III, O.P., who himself was previously one of the organizers of previous University retreats, graced this year’s *Ambag* and said, “Brothers and

sisters, I am one with you in prayer, that in this holy retreat we will rediscover the loving presence of Jesus within us and among us. Through the Gospel and the Eucharist, which is the abiding Sacrament of God’s presence among us. We are not alone. As St. Augustine assured us, God is closer to us than we, to ourselves.”

Taken

The first day, with the theme “Taken,” began with the Enthronement of the Cross and the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Manaoag led by UST-Secretary-General

Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., EHL, and included a Eucharistic Celebration with UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., as the main president.

In his Day 1 homily, the Father Rector underscored the retreat theme and



UST Chancellor and the Master of the Order of Preachers Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco Timoner, III, O.P.

reminded the community that joy can be found if sought and recognized by choice. “One, our being and our well-being are free gifts. We should be grateful for being alive and physically fit. Two, our family and

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loved ones are blessings. We should be appreciative that we have them at our backs even during our lowest moments. Three, our University community is a present, we should be thankful for the diversity, camaraderie, warmth and everything in between. The best things in life are free. We have been gifted for a very good reason. God gave us blessings to transform us to become blessings to one another, so these gifts should lead us to generosity.”

Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan and CBCP Commission for Seminaries Chair His Excellency Most Rev. Socrates Villegas, O.P., D.D., served as the conference speaker.

Using the taking, blessing, breaking, and sharing of the bread as an allegory for the Lord choosing and continuing to choose us to serve Him in spite of sin and wickedness, Archbishop Villegas said, “The Lord chose us for greatness, even if we were so little and crooked, but the road to greatness is the road of woundedness in serving and loving. You are the bread: taken, from your crooked story to the wounded story that will unfold later on. Let this choice of the Lord lead you to greater encouragement. Do not look at your crooked past, but rather look at the one who has loved you in spite of who you are.”

To conclude the first day, the community participated in the Veneration of the Cross, the Liturgy of Lament, and Vigil of Tears, where UST Vice-Chancellor and the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines Very Rev. Fr. Filemon I.



UST Vice-Chancellor and the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines Very Rev. Fr. Filemon I. dela Cruz Jr., O.P., leads the Liturgy of Lament.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., delivers the homily for the Day 1 Mass

dela Cruz Jr., O.P., commemorated the Thomasians who have passed away and returned to the Lord’s embrace during the pandemic.

Blessed and Broken

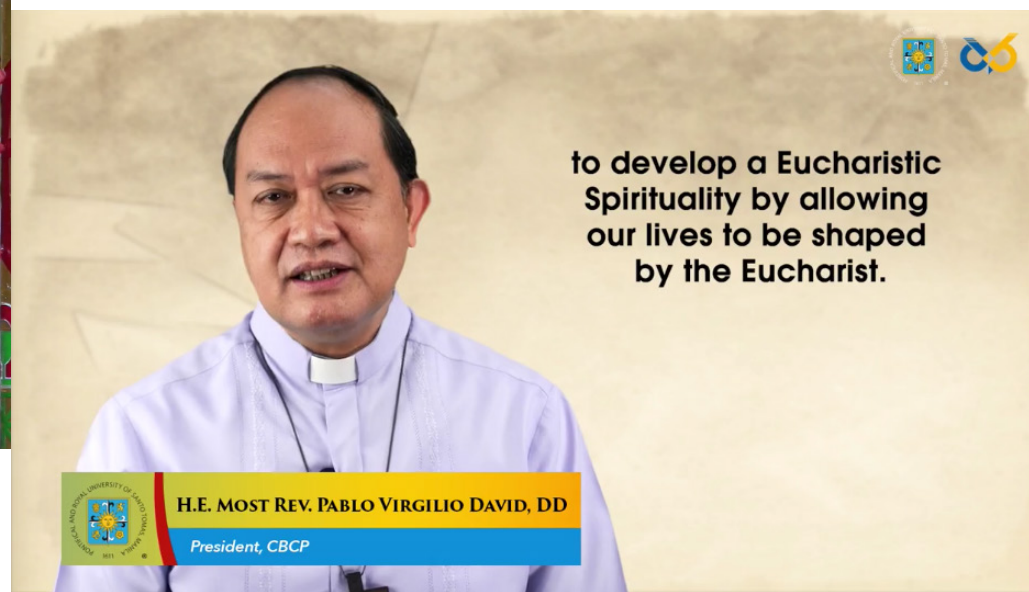
After the morning rosary on Day 2, Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines His Excellency Most Rev. Charles John Brown, KC*HS, served as main president of the Holy Mass.

In his homily, Most Rev. Brown urged the community at large, “We need to live the truth, and be children of the truth. If we live the truth fully, we will progressively

become more and more children of light. We will know Jesus more fully if we respect the truth, if we love the truth, if we combat falsehood. [...] We Christians believe in the importance of truth because Jesus tells us that whoever lives the truth will come to the light - the light which is Him. [The UST motto] is *Veritas in Caritate*. So love the truth.”

After the Mass, the National Catechetical Study 2021 (NCS) turned over its seven-volume output in celebration of the 500th Year of Christianity in the Philippines. The NCS is a five-year collaboration between UST’s Research Center for Social

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to develop a Eucharistic Spirituality by allowing our lives to be shaped by the Eucharist.

H.E. MOST REV. PABLO VIRGILIO DAVID, DD President, CBCP

CBCP President His Eminence Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio David, D.D, Bishop of Kalookan, is the third conference speaker.



UST Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., leads the perspective setting.



Prof. Clarence Batan, Ph.D., turns over the seven-volume output of the National Catechetical Study.

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Sciences and Education and the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines – Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education. The seven-volume output was turned over as part of the Pastoral Action Research and Intervention (PARI) Project. It consists of four catechetical modules and three research-based outputs, namely, a book of research poems, a handbook on Catechetical Ministry, and a research monograph.

Project Lead Prof. Clarence Batan, Ph.D., of the Faculty of Arts and Letters and Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSD) presented copies of the books to the Apostolic Nuncio, the Master of the Order, and Filipino bishops, including Most Rev. Roberto Mallari, D.D., Chair of the CBCP-ECCCE, who were present on the second day of the retreat.

Professor Emeritus of the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties and former Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy Rev. Fr. Enrico D. Gonzales, O.P., served as the second conference speaker. He focused on the topic of Thanksgiving.

“We will never be complete as a human person if we are not grateful. Eucharist or Thanksgiving is not only good for our sanctity, but also good for our sanity. The completion of a human person is attitude, it is character that should be permeated with gratefulness. We learn it every day in attending the celebration of the Holy Eucharist,” reminded Fr. Gonzales.

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UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., EHL, presides over the Enthronement of the Image of Our Lady of Manaog.



Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines His Excellency Most Rev. Charles John Brown, KC*HS, presides over the Mass on Day 2.



Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan and CBCP Commission for Seminaries Chair His Excellency Most Rev. Socrates Villegas, O.P., D.D., serves as the Day 1 Conference Speaker.



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Given

UST Vice-Rector for Finance Rev. Fr. Roberto Luanzon, Jr., O.P., led the *Via Lucis* on Day 3 of the retreat, which included prayers, songs, and stories of light and hope.

CBCP President His Eminence Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio David, D.D, Bishop of Kalookan, served as the third conference speaker. He highlighted the Last Supper, where “Jesus turned a Meal of Betrayal into a Meal of Forgiveness. When he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to [the Apostles], when he said ‘This is my body,’ it was his way of saying ‘I am the Lamb by whose blood you will be saved. I will give my life for love of you.’ [Jesus had] given the Passover meal a new meaning by taking the place of the Lamb [for he] became the giver and the gift.”

To conclude the Ambag 500 Retreat, Very Rev. Fr. Filemon I. dela Cruz Jr., O.P., presided over the Holy Mass, where he emphasized that what the University seeks to develop in its community through the three-day event is a relationship anchored in Christ. He said in Filipino, “You are part of the University. Thus, you are part of His Mission, and we are all a collective image of the Eucharist. In the coming days, I hope we can continue to live the spirit of the Eucharist.”

The three-day retreat proceedings can be viewed through the official Facebook page of UST.



(From left:) UST AAI President Dr. Evelyn Songco, Engr. William Belo, Jeffrey Tarayao, Prof. Maria Minerva Calimag, MD, Ph.D., UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard Ang, O.P., Ph.D., Dr. Crispin Maslog, Dr. Saturnino Javier, Nemesio Miranda, Jr., Atty. Nilo Divina, Sec. Ramon Lopez, OAR Director Asst. Prof. Fredeswindo R. Medina.

UST's The Outstanding Thomasian Alumni (TOTAL) Awards recognizes new batch

The University of Santo Tomas Office of Alumni Relations, in partnership with the UST Alumni Association, Inc., recognized its exemplary alumni with The Outstanding Thomasian Alumni (TOTAL) Awards. The ceremony was held on May 14, 2022, at the Dr. Robert C. Sy Grand Ballroom of the UST Buenavventura Garcia Paredes, O.P. Building in its Manila campus.

Eleven awards for a new batch of prominent Thomasians were given. Having demonstrated the Thomasian brand of excellence within their respective fields, UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., said that "They are indeed living treasures of the University and living examples of what the University stands for: *Veritas in Caritate.*"

Among the TOTAL Awards 2022 awardees is the Manila Archbishop Jose Cardinal Advincula for the category Service to the Church. Before his appointment, he has been known for his pastoral programs reaching out to communities and establishing mission stations and schools in far-flung areas in the country especially in the diocese of San Carlos and Capiz.

Winning the Outstanding Alumni for Service to Humanity was Mr. Jeffrey O. Tarayao. After previously being conferred as the Thomasian Young Achiever of TOTAL Awards 2008, Arts and Letters, he continues to excel in managing corporate social

responsibility and corporate foundations. His role as the Chief Corporate Social Responsibility Office of the Manila Electric Company (Meralco) and the President of One Meralco Foundation paved the way for the expansion of Meralco's community electrification program that served thousands of low-income households and remote public schools across the country.

For Arts and Humanities, another TOTAL awardee is communications and journalism scholar Dr. Crispin Maslog for the category of Media and Entertainment. The Philosophy and Letters alumnus has authored 39 books and became the director of Silliman University's School of Journalism and Communication. He served as a professor at UP Los Baños and produced generations of journalists throughout his teaching career.

Painter and sculptor Nemesio Miranda, Jr. was conferred the TOTAL Award for Music, Arts, Literature and Design. Known as the Father of Imaginative Figurism, the Fine Arts alumnus has been considered as an influential art leader in his hometown, Angono, Rizal. Recently, he was nominated for the National Artists Award administered by the National Commission for the Arts and Cultural Center of the Philippines.

In the category of Accounting, Business, and Management, two graduates stood out in their respective field of expertise. UST High School alumnus DTI

Sec. Ramon Lopez is this year's TOTAL Awardee for Management while Wilcon Depot founder and chairman emeritus Engr. William T. Belo is the TOTAL Awardee for Business.

Sec. Lopez's solid professional career focused on the development of MSME sector and advocated for the empowerment of young, aspiring entrepreneurs and underprivileged sectors. He has worked on major reforms for stronger investment inflows in the country such as the Ease of Doing Business, Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises to name a few.

Wilcon Depot patriarch Engr. Belo has built a brand trusted by many industry professionals, home enthusiasts and homeowners nationwide. His socio-civic institution named Wilcon Foundation has provided education assistance to underprivileged children and aide to victims of calamities.

Another TOTAL Awardee is UST Faculty of Civil Law incumbent dean Atty. Nilo Divina for the category of Law and Justice. With decades of corporate and banking law experience, Atty. Divina continues to contribute to the legal community through publications of books on Commercial Law and articles for his column at the Daily Tribune. His firm, Divinalaw, has become

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AB closes quasiquicentennial anniversary celebration with alumni fellowship

The Faculty of Arts and Letters celebrated its 125th anniversary this academic year. With the theme: **Life, Love, Lore: Brimming Full**, it hosted numerous activities beginning in April 2021 to April 2022. The celebration began with a mass officiated by the former regent, Rev. Fr. Rodel E. Aligan, OP and Rev. Fr. Christopher Jeffrey Aytona, OP, an alumnus of Arts and Letters. The various departments hosted local and international conferences in fully digital format, webinars, academic lectures, memorial lectures and professorial chair lectures.

The celebration ended with the Alumni Fellowship organized by the UST Philets and Artlets Alumni Association which included a tribute to the former deans and regents who all contributed significantly to what Arts and Letters is today.

The former deans who were honored were: Prof. Magdalena Villaba, Ph.D. (1976-1987), Prof. Milagros V. Munoz (1987-1990), Rev. Fr. Virgilio Ojoy, O.P. (1990 1st Term), Prof. Belen L. Tangco, Ph.D. (2003-2006), and Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D. (2009-2019). As for the regents, the following were given special recognition: Rev. Fr. Rolando V. dela Rosa, O.P. (1983-1984), Rev. Fr. Efrén Rivera, O.P. (1982-1983; 1988-1990), Rev. Fr. Joseto Bernadas, O.P. (2007-2015), Rev. Fr. Virgilio Ojoy, O.P. (1990-1991); Rev. Fr. Rodel E. Aligan, O.P. (1991-1997; 2007, 2015-2021).

The Faculty of Arts and Letters partnered with the UST Philets and Artlets Alumni Association headed by Dean Henry Tenedero for this culminating activity which took place at the Club Filipino in Greenhills on April 24, 2022. Part of the



(Front row, seated from left:) English Department Chair Prof. Rachele Lintao, Ph.D., Asst. Prof. Josephine Placido, Asst. Prof. Narcisa Tabirara, AB Dean Prof. Marilu R. Madrunio, Ph.D., Prof. Belen L. Tangco, Ph.D., Dean Emeritus Prof. Magdalena Villaba, Ph.D., UST GS Dean Prof. Michael Anthony Vasco, Ph.D., Rev. Fr. Joseto Bernadas, O.P., (second row, from left:) AB Assistant Dean Assoc. Prof. Alejandro Bernardo, Ph.D., Literature Department Chair Prof. Jack Wigley, Ph.D., Interdisciplinary Studies Department Chair Dr. John Kliatchko, Sociology Program Head Prof. Clarence Batan, Ph.D., Rev. Fr. Efrén Rivera, O.P., Mr. Henry Tenedero, Dr. Louie Ignacio, Communication and Media Studies Chair Asst. Prof. Jose Arsenio Salandanan, (top row, from left:) Journalism Program Head Mr. Felipe Salvosa II, Atty. Antonio Chua, AB Regent Rev. Fr. George Phe Mang, O.P., Rev. Fr. Virgilio Ojoy, O.P., History Department Chair Dr. Archie Resos, Economics Department Chair Dr. Carlos Manapat

program were the re-launching of the AB Leadership Competency Map, a project of Artlets Batch '69 headed by Ms. Eyra Umali and Ms. Tita Puangco, a relaunch of the Adopt-an-Artlets Scholarship Fund headed by Mr. Oscar Picazo of Batch 1978, and a relaunch of the AB Promotional Video which highlighted all the achievements of Arts and Letters through the years.

The Alumni Association announced that a grand alumni homecoming is scheduled on February 18, 2023 to allow the other alumni and batches to participate more actively, with the hope that the situation in the country continuously improves. The event is spearheaded by the Golden Jubilarians Batch 1973.

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one of the country's biggest law firms with a wide clientele base.

Three Thomasian doctors have also joined the list of this year's TOTAL Awards.

Makati Medical Center Medical Director Dr. Saturnino Javier was awarded for the category of Health Allied. As an interventional cardiologist, he devoted his time to continuing medical education through lectures and conferences. His commitment made him an active participant in improving the status of medical practice and education in the country.

In the field of Science and Technology, nephrologist Dr. Edgar Lerma is the TOTAL Awardee for this category. The Chicago-based doctor is also a clinical professor at the University of Illinois. He has published 26 books and authored more than 100 peer-reviewed publications about chronic kidney disease, hypertension, bone and mineral disorders.

The 2022 TOTAL Awardee for Medicine is Dr. Maria Minerva Calimag. The Thomasian doctor, who has been with UST from high school to medical school and later on, for her doctoral degree in Educational Management, is a practicing anesthesiologist, professor, and researcher. She held many positions in different medical groups, and travelled around the world to conduct research and present papers to fellow scholars and doctors. Recently, she was awarded as Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipino Teacher in Higher Education.

The family of Dr. Maria Minerva Calimag is this year's TOTAL Awardee for the Thomasian Family Award. The award is conferred upon a family whose members are all Alumni of the University of Santo Tomas and who exemplify the Thomasian core values in their respective fields of expertise.



Angeles of Education bags 2nd at KWF Makata ng Taon 2022

UST College of Education academic staff Mr. Mark Anthony Angeles won second place at the *Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino's Makata ng Taon 2022*. The awarding was held at Hotel Rembrandt, Tomas Morato Avenue, Quezon City on April 27, 2022.

Angeles's winning epic poem "Buntot Kang Gumuguhit sa Lawas na Dalubtalain" narrates the Filipino people's process of naming—from our concept of *nyáwa* to our

nom de guerre. One stanza interrogates:

Kailan niya unang sasambitin Ang báyan/bánwa/lli?

Kailan niya maaalala Ang una niyang pagsikad Sa pagkakatali sa matris?

Dala niya ang bigat ng inunan Paglabas sa sangmaliwanag.

Nababalot siya ng dugó.

Angeles was conferred with the title *Makata ng Taon* in 2016. He also bagged 2nd place in 2014. He is the founder and Director of the first Caloocan Writers Workshop, which he organized with the Caloocan Historical and Cultural Studies Association.

Aside from teaching Filipino subjects and Multimedia Storytelling, he is also a Resident Fellow of UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies.

LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

Economics Department holds intl webinar on investment, post-pandemic recovery plans

As part of the Faculty of Arts and Letters' (AB) 125th anniversary, the Department of Economics organized the 6th Economic Outlook webinar titled, "The Global Outlook: Building a stronger economic partnership with the Philippines through foreign direct investments in major industries and the role of the academe."

The webinar discussed how foreign investors can forge stronger economic ties with the Philippines through direct investments in major industries and the crucial role of the academe in this matter.

"Now that we are entering the third year of the pandemic, creating economic recovery and growth after COVID-19 is a direction we are all hoping to take," said AB Dean Prof. Marilu R. Madrunio, Ph.D., in her opening remarks, adding that "The government should be able to anticipate and prepare for public health crises in any form. Thus, economic recovery should be part of the agenda to enable the government to take the road to economic expansion, which affects the education and healthcare domains."

Sharing their valuable insights on how the Philippines can recover from its present slump were three guest speakers, labor economist Dr. Alfredo R. Paloyo of the University of Wollongong, Australia, who tackled "The Post-Pandemic Recovery through a Gender Lens"; Mr. John Forbes, Senior Advisor of the *Arangkada* Philippines Project of the American Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines, who shared about the "Arangkada Project and the Future of Foreign Investment in the Philippines"; and Mr. Chris Nelson, Executive Director/Trustee of the British Chamber of Commerce Philippines, who discussed "Investment Outlook After a Global Pandemic".

The webinar was publicly live streamed on the [UST Artlets Economics Society Facebook page](#).

Paloyo during the presentation



Forbes answers questions from the host.



Nelson tackles UK-PH trade and investment.



Mr. Victor S. Marasigan (Top row, leftmost), Dr. Elizabeth O. Recio (top row, rightmost), Dr. Tomas S. Tiu (Top row, fourth from left), Dr. Nelson C. Bool (second row, fourth from left), Dr. Jackson Tan (fourth row, fourth from left) and graduate students

GS highlights corporate management strategies at business leadership webinar

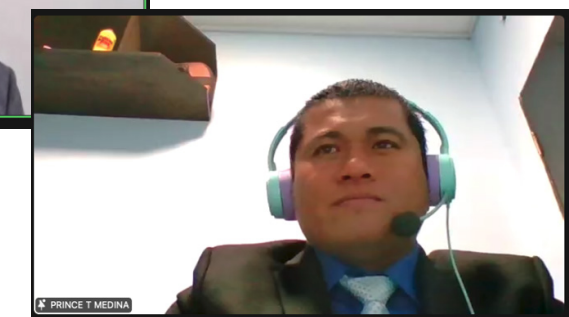
The UST Graduate School (GS) hosted the 2022 Business Leadership Lecture with Mr. Victor S. Marasigan, Senior Vice President of Masspower Philippines Electronics, Inc. as its guest speaker. He delivered a lecture on "Corporate Management Strategies in the 21st Century" to GS Ph.D. and MBA students via Zoom last April 7, 2022.

Marasigan began his talk by recounting his journey from his humble beginnings to his corporate success. He highlighted corporate management techniques to handle various obstacles in the 21st century, particularly the corporate challenges brought about by the pandemic. He also focused on strategies on how to handle people as a very important corporate resource.

Marasigan is the founder of Great Joy and Distribution Inc., where he serves as President and General Manager. He is also the president of the Philippine Eco-Zones Business Club Inc., an organization directed towards the accelerated growth



Marasigan (left) answers questions posed by the host, Prince Medina.



of foreign direct investments in the Philippines and assists foreign companies in setting up their operations in the country.

Aside from his heavy corporate responsibilities, he is an active community member, a civic leader, an inspirational speaker, and faithful ministry member.

Present during the event were Dr. Tomas S. Tiu, Course Facilitator and Dr. Elizabeth O. Recio, UST GS Business Cluster Head who delivered the opening remarks.

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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CMN
THE CATHOLIC MEDIA NETWORK

MEDIA LEADERSHIP LECTURE SERIES

Christianity in PH 500 years hence:
THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN EVANGELIZING THE FAITHFUL

📅 **20 April 2022** ⌚ **9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** 🖥️ **Zoom**
(Wednesday)

Keynote Speaker: **Panel Discussants:**



Rev. Fr. Francis Lucas
President
Catholic Media Network



Bro. Clifford Sorita
Chief Strategy Officer, Veritas846
Columnist, People's Tonight



Ms. Sky Ortigas
Social Media Manager,
Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines
(CBCP) Media Office

UST Media Leadership Lecture Series focuses on evangelization post-quincentennial milestone

The University of Santo Tomas, through its Office of Public Affairs, partnered with the Catholic Media Network (CMN) to present the Media Leadership Lecture Series on April 20, 2022. It was [live streamed through the official UST Facebook page](#).

With CMN President Rev. Fr. Francis B. Lucas as keynote speaker, along with Veritas846 Chief Strategy Officer Bro. Clifford Sorita and CBCP Media Office

Social Media Manager Ms. April Frances “Sky” Ortigas as panel discussants, the lecture tackled “Christianity in PH 500 years hence: The Role of the Media in Evangelizing the Faithful.”

“Receiving the faith entails the duty to evangelize, to share the faith to everyone. The role of media in evangelization, more than ever, has been an indispensable tool in the modern world,” shared UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P.,

EHL, in his welcome remarks.

“It is our hope that by knowing the ways that media organizations spread the Good News and encounter the presence of Jesus Christ through its programs and initiatives, we would be encouraged to support each other in dynamic ways as we engage in the various traditional, social, and news media platforms available to us,” said UST OPA Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D., who introduced the speaker.

Aside from heading CMN as its President, Fr. Lucas is a mass media consultant and development worker with over 45 years of experience in organizing and leading social development NGOs, people’s organizations, cooperatives, and Church organizations. He has also been involved in the media industry as broadcaster, producer, manager, and provider of media services.

Fr. Lucas shared his expertise, based on documents from the Second Ecumenical

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Moderator and Assistant to the Director for Publication Ms. Katherine Patrice B. Sibug (top left), with Fr. Lucas (top right), Bro. Sorita (bottom left), and Ms. Ortigas during the question-and-answer portion



Fr. Coronel delivers the welcome remarks.



Asst. Prof. Rocamora introduces the keynote speaker.

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Council of the Vatican (Vatican II), such as *Inter Mirifica* (The Means of Social Communication). He emphasized that, “Whenever you communicate, you have to be responsible for it. You have to think of the common good, and not just your own good, to enhance the evangelization apostolate. Keep on fanning the fire for evangelization.”

The first panel discussant, Bro. Sorita, made the role of media in evangelization easier to remember through an acronym: MEDIA – Mediate in the dialogical process; Eradicate the obstacles towards communicative rationality; Disseminate the story of 500 years of the richness of our faith; Introduce the frontiers of New Evangelization; and Advocate for the ethical utilization of media in Philippine society.

Sharing her experience and insights with CBCP News and Areopagus Communications was Ms. Sky Ortigas as the second panel discussant. ‘Who is God?’ remains one of the trending questions being searched online, said Ortigas, and as evangelizers, “We pondered on what we could offer as an answer. Through brainstorming sessions, the words truth and news were the clear message to us: In order for us to tell who God is, we need to tell the truth through the news, to the world.”

Since news is one of the biggest influencers of public opinion, one of the ways they help amplify the truth is through providing opinion, news, and aiding in fact checking efforts with PressOne.PH, to help readers make sense of the digital and interconnected world without falling victim to disinformation or propaganda.

“Wherever God’s people are, we [evangelizers] need to show up,” emphasized Ortigas.

The webinar had over 250 participants from the University, as well as external guests from local Church communities.



Host and Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Michaela O. Lagniton with keynote speaker CMN President Rev. Fr. Francis B. Lucas (right)

THE ROLE OF MEDIA IN EVANGELIZATION vis-à-vis the 500 YOC

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Bro. Clifford Sorita during the discussion

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Sky Ortigas shares anecdotes on creating evangelizing contents online.



CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE UNIVERSITY

Nursing student Mariano presents Ladders to Literacy project, joins Clinton Foundation's Global Initiative University

UST College of Nursing student Qjiel Guiliano Mikhl Mariano was accepted into the prestigious Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U), a mentorship and project support program by the Clinton Foundation in USA.

CGI U is a year-round program that develops young leaders and social entrepreneurs "by providing accepted undergraduate and graduate students with training and mentorship opportunities, access to a wide range of international experts and change agents, and invitations to networking events with their peers and program alumni."

To receive a spot in the CGI U program, a student or a group of students must develop a Commitment to Action with specific and measurable steps to address challenges in one of five focus areas: education, environment and climate change, peace and human rights, poverty alleviation, or public health.

Mariano pitched the Ladders to Literacy project, which also received recognitions in Harvard University, ESD Okayama Awards, and other local and international bodies. The literacy project aims to allow children to recognize a community problem they want to address and create a storybook surrounding the issue.

"The project is highly evaluated, since even during the COVID-19 pandemic, the information on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was disseminated to children and their parents in communities through storytelling," said Mr. Hiroshi Abe, Head of the ESD Okayama Promotion Commission, during the Okayama ESD Forum held in Okayama City on November 20, 2021.

"The project has a multidisciplinary approach as the SDGs are indivisible to one another. Hence, achieving one goal



Mariano

means to compliment other global goals to maximize sustainability," said Mariano.

The CGI U annual meeting, which includes mentors, students, and alumni, kickedstart virtually on April 11 to 13, 2022, with featured speakers that included former US President Bill Clinton, former First Lady and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, global health advocate Chelsea Clinton, and incumbent First Lady Jill Biden.

Mariano credits all the international achievements in helping shape his youth organization, Streets to Schools, to what it is today. In just a span of two months, the organization has established 17 chapters all

over the Philippines to create opportunities and bridge divides among children and community issues that matter to them.

Throughout the past months, chapters of Streets to Schools have provided aid in Metro Manila, Mindoro, Tawi-Tawi, Bulacan, Iloilo, Leyte, Benguet, and more through grassroots activism and micro efforts that put children and youth in the center of change. According to Mariano, he is "excited to see how the CGI U exchange can help him propagate their existing impact and sustain the momentum to encourage active change among young people."



UST Sentro sa Salin at Araling Salin Director Dr. Wennielyn Fajilan (bottom row, left), Department of Filipino Chair Dr. Roberto Ampil (third row, center), with presenters, organizers, and participants

UST Sentro sa Salin conducts webinar on technical translation

The UST Sentro sa Salin at Araling Salin gathered around 165 teachers, students, scholars, and translators in its SALINSANAY: Webinar sa Pagsasaling Teknikal bilang Gawaing Propesyonal on April 23 and 30, 2022, through Zoom.

The two-day webinar focused on actual experiences in translating technical texts, like modules, questionnaires, interview guides, informed consents, and research abstracts from various fields, including Medicine, Health, Legal, and Social Science.

In her opening remarks, the College of Education Dean Prof. Pilar Romero, Ph.D., underscored that language and translation serve as our weapons against prevailing lies, prejudice, and disrespect.

Lectures on the first day included "Ang Pagsasaling Teknikal bilang isang Kolaboratibong Proyekto" by Dr. Wennielyn Fajilan, Director of UST Sentro sa Salin, and Mr. John Dale Trogo; "Mga Katangian ng Isang Evaluator ng Saling Teknikal" by Asst. Prof. Alvin Ringgo Reyes, Chairperson of Teacher Education Department; and, "Adaptasyong Pangkultura sa Pagsasaling Teknikal" by Prof. Elenita Mendoza.



Fajilan and Trogo's presentation

The following Saturday, the lectures were "Mga Hamon ng Pagsasalin ng mga Konsepto mula sa Agham Panlipunan" by Dr. Franz Giuseppe Cortez; "Mga Hamon ng pagsasalin ng mga konsepto mula sa Agham" by Dr. Dino Tordesillas; and "Mga konsiderasyon sa Paglikha ng Baliksalin" by

Dr. Rosalyn Mirasol.

The Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, gave the closing remarks.

The program is part of the celebration of the 411th Foundation Anniversary of UST.



Participants and organizers of Uswag Artesano project

UST GS CCCPET Uswag project highlights rich basketry tradition of Leyte

The University of Santo Tomas Graduate School (UST GS) Center for Conservation of Cultural Property in the Tropics (CCCPET) in collaboration with the 3rd District of Leyte, supported by the British Council Philippines, launched the scoping project titled “Uswag Artesano: Advancing the Creativity and Adaptability of Weaving Artisans in the Third District of Leyte,” held on April 20, 2022 in Villaba, Leyte.

The launch served as an introduction and orientation activity that gathered 10 selected public school teachers and 10 liaison officers, who were tasked to document more than 30 artisans of the district from April 21 to May 22, 2022. This was followed by lectures and workshops held from May 23 to 24, 2022, that discussed basketry tradition and best practices in the Philippines.

UST GS CCCPET Director Assoc. Prof. Eric B. Zerrudo, Ph.D., conducted the



Tuazon (left, standing) welcomes participants

plenary orientation on intangible cultural heritage and safeguarding mechanism, together with CCCPET staff Ms. Beverly Bautista, who discussed HOME Craft, the customized online template in the Centers’ website.

Leyte 3rd District Board Member Anna Veloso-Tuazon delivered the Welcome Message to the participants from the municipalities of Villaba, Tabango, San Isidro, and Calubihan.

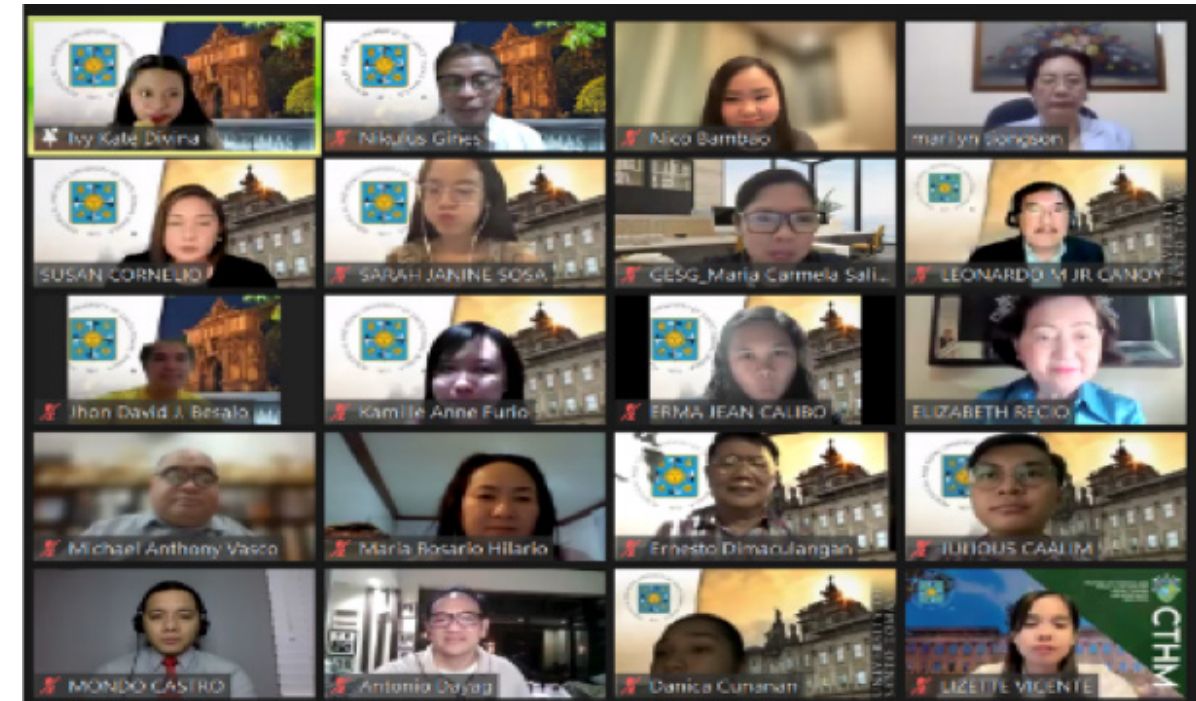
The project aims to: 1) to define the weaving traditions of the artisans of the third district of Leyte through the customized heritage online mapping experience (HOME) template; 2) to add value to the tradition and creativity of artisans through design, skill, knowledge and collaborative lectures from the academe and the industry both from national and international levels; 3) to evolve climate change protocols to safeguard the tradition and encourage the

adaptability of the artisans through case study discussions with representatives from resilient artisanal communities; and 4) to propose support mechanism and reinforcement towards sustainability through integration in the formal basic education system, particularly in the livelihood education subject/course.

Using cultural mapping data, the project translates cultural values into tangible products and solutions that inspire good design and innovation.

In November and December of 2021, CCCPET and the third district of Leyte had an Uswag Leyte project in collaboration with the UST College of Fine Arts and Design and the Design Center of the Philippines. ‘Uswag’ is a Visayan term that means ‘development.’ By the end of 2021, the program was able to assist 38 artists to create 80 designs, which were sold at three trade events.

Zerrudo during the plenary orientation



Guest speakers Atty. Nico Bambao (Top row, third from left), Ms. Carmela Salim (second row, third from left), with Graduate School Dean Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D., College of Commerce and Business Administration Dean and HRM Program Lead Prof. Leonardo M. Canoy, Jr., Ph.D., Business Cluster Head Dr. Elizabeth Recio, hosts Ms. Ivy Kate Divina (top row from left) and Mr. Mondo Castro (bottom row, from left).

GS holds online symposium on digital workplace innovation

The COVID-19 pandemic shifted focus to the human resource team, demonstrating its critical role as a business enabler and a true business partner and contributor. Throughout the pandemic crisis, HR was juggling multiple functions, including determining how employees could work from home, fostering connection and collaboration in the virtual workplace, and attempting to provide additional mental and physical health support. All of this is taking place while they strive to maintain focus on optimizing organizational performance and productivity in the face of uncertainty.

This premise inspired Dr. Leonardo Canoy, Jr, HRM Program Lead; Dr. Elizabeth Recio, Business Cluster Head; and Dr. Marilyn Tiongson, HRM Professor, with the support of the Graduate School Dean, Dr. Michael Anthony Vasco, to launch an online symposium on “Creativity and Innovation in the Digital Workplace.” They believe that to stay ahead and future-proof human capital in the twenty-first century, both faculty and students at UST graduate school must be innovative and creative in the digital workplace. The symposium was held virtually on April 6, 2022, via Zoom, with simulcasts via Facebook Live.

The program aims to provide participants with a thorough understanding of the fundamentals and best practices for implementing creativity and innovation

in the workplaces. Participants are also expected to appreciate paradigm shifts in the workplace due to embracing technology in work processes after completing the program.

Canoy presented the objective and direction of the online symposium. He highlighted the importance of students acquiring relevant skills and competencies in strategizing, creating, and engaging in digital transformations to gain a competitive advantage. It is possible to achieve this by defining work-life balance in a hybrid work environment. Furthermore, he said that there is a need to identify tools for cultivating digital platforms, skills for sharing knowledge across the corporate environment via digital tools, and devices for expanding global linkages.

In his opening remarks, Dean Vasco encouraged the participants to be innovative and creative in the digital workplace to address the growing needs of societies in the post-pandemic era. He also emphasized the urgency of developing strategies to acclimate to the changing and developing needs of various industries and government institutions.

Both speakers, who are expert practitioners in Strategic HR, highlighted Creativity and Innovation in the modern workplace. They were also able to shed light on the relevant questions of participants about current trends and issues in the

digital workplace.

The first keynote speaker, Atty. Nico Bambao, the People Experience Director of Globe Telecom, shared her thoughts on the three keys to creativity and innovation. “Be bold and take the risk; it’s ok to fail but keep trying and add purpose in everything you do,” she added. She also presented some of Globe’s best practices in employee engagement using their in-house digital platforms & AI bots.

The Global Executive Solutions Group Director, Ms. Carmela Salim, discussed the “Future of Work and its Impact on HR” as the online symposium’s second keynote speaker. As part of her discussion on the future of work, she emphasized HR’s role in dealing with these issues. According to her, predicting future talent gaps in the workforce that could affect the company’s success is the primary responsibility of HR, not just reacting when things go wrong. She also added that it is essential to identify one’s core values to be applied to their future career. Also covered in the talk are contemporary leadership skills in the post-pandemic period and methods for fostering an environment of regeneration in the workplace.

The symposium saw 109 participants from the academic staff, alumni, and students.



Event hosts DanTroy Gonzalvo (top left) and Gelli Victor (top middle); and guest speakers Eric Bataga (top right), Lourdes Batac (bottom left), and Rico Pineda (bottom right)

Industry experts lead discussions during UST GS virtual marketing symposium

Three industry leaders shared their perspectives on digital and e-commerce marketing at an online symposium organized by the Marketing Management program of the Graduate School. The virtual symposium entitled “Click Revolution: Evolution of E-Commerce Culture” tackled digital marketing and e-commerce strategies adapting to the current brand and consumer behaviors that SMEs and startups can maximize to grow their businesses. The speakers were Pick.A.ROO Head of Operations Eric Bataga, Digital Strategy Consultant Lourdes Batac, and REAP Success Founder and President Rico Emmanuel Pineda.

Bataga, in his talk, “Beyond Pandemic – A Journey of a COVID Start-up”, emphasized the importance of improving consumers’ shopping experience and adapting to consumer needs in winning their hearts and in growing one’s business. He also pointed out the power of word-of-mouth in driving awareness and building a consumer or user base.

Batac tackled “Untangling the Messy Middle of Pinoy Digital Shoppers”, going

in-depth on consumers’ exploration and evaluation stages before making a purchase. Batac shared new online shopping behaviors that emerged as Filipinos adapted to change in the previous years, as well as behavioral science principles that businesses can leverage on to convince consumers and drive purchase.

vo, saw an estimated 1,800 viewers both on Zoom and Facebook Live. The event opened with a message from Graduate School Dean Prof. Michael Anthony Vasco, Ph.D.

Pineda discussed “Networking 101: From Relationship-Building to Brand-Building”, emphasizing on the importance of building connections, particularly for service-oriented businesses and startups that are yet to venture into e-commerce. He pointed out the importance of establishing business missions and values, goal-setting, and network-building to kickstart one’s business.

The event also included giveaways that resembled online shopping flash deals – including prizes from event sponsors such as Chooks-to-Go, VitaCoco, Santen Pharmaceuticals, Ajinomoto Philippines Corporation, Team Sir George Salon – SM Fairview, and Activex by Evyap.

“Click Revolution: Evolution of E-Commerce Culture”, which was hosted by Gelli Victor and DanTroy Gonzalvo,

Event Poster

Table 3. Most productive scholars in SEA and in the US.

Scholars	Publication Years	P	C	CPD	%PC	h-index
SEA						
1. De Guzman, A.B. (Philippines)	2004–2019	93	362	3.89	82.80	9
2. Tan, C. (Singapore)	2004–2019	64	689	10.77	95.31	15
3. Hallinger, P. (Thailand)	1996–2019	59	1,507	25.54	94.92	19
4. Looi, C.K. (Singapore)	2004–2019	57	2,006	35.19	98.25	25
5. Subramaniam, S. (Singapore)	1996–2019	45	444	9.87	84.44	9
6. Panijpan, B. (Thailand)	2008–2016	33	163	4.94	78.79	6
7. Wang, Q. (Singapore)	2007–2019	36	595	16.52	77.78	12
8. Ng, P.T. (Singapore)	2004–2019	31	528	17.03	90.32	14
9. Ruenwongsa, P. (Thailand)	2008–2013	29	121	4.17	68.97	5
10. Mukminin, A. (Indonesia)	2013–2019	28	153	5.46	67.86	6
United States						
1. Vaugh, S.	1997–2019	181	6,940	38.34	91.89	50
2. Fuchs, L.S.	1996–2019	161	9,244	57.42	95.65	55
3. Lane, K.L.	1996–2019	138	3,075	22.28	92.03	35
4. Fuchs, D.	1996–2019	137	7,719	56.34	96.35	50
5. Graham, S.	1996–2019	126	6,822	54.14	96.03	49

Research productivity (P), research impact (C), citations per document (CPD), percent of cited articles (%PC), global share of publications (%GSP), global share of citations (%GSC)

Source: Vinluan, 2012 (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11192-011-0496-5>)

UST RCSSED’s De Guzman is top Southeast Asian researcher for education

University of Santo Tomas (UST) academic staff and researcher Prof. Allan B de Guzman, Ph.D., of the Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSED), arose as the Philippines’ most productive researcher, according to two bibliometric studies written in 2021 and 2012.

In the paper *Research on education in Southeast Asia (1996–2019): a bibliometric review* by National University College of Education, Arts, and Sciences Dean Dr. Jessie Barrot, De Guzman was the most productive researcher (N=93) in Southeast Asia from 1996 to 2019. He still holds the top spot despite starting his publication years in 2004.

Barrot’s bibliometric paper came out in the journal *Educational Review* published by Taylor and Francis (with a 3.605 impact factor score in the Web of Science and a quartile 1 ranking in Scopus). In Barrot’s bibliometric findings, five Singaporeans, three Thais and an Indonesian made it to the top ten.

Ten years ago, a 2012 paper by University of the Philippines-Diliman academic Dr. Lorelei Vinluan focused on the most productive Filipino researchers in education and psychology. The paper *Research productivity in education and psychology in the Philippines and comparison with ASEAN countries* found that De Guzman is the top education researcher (N=21 total publications at that time) while Dr. Allan B.I. Bernardo of De La Salle University is the top researcher in psychology (N=15 during that time).

Table 1 Most productive researchers in education and psychology in the Philippines (TNP ≥ 3)

Researcher	Present affiliation	Field	TNP	LSA	TC	Citations per year	Citations per paper	h-index
de Guzman, AB	University of Sto. Tomas	E	21	18	10	3.1	0.5	2
Bernardo, ABI	De La Salle University	P	15	13	57	6.5	3.8	4
Astilla, E	University of San Carlos	P	14	0	81	2.8	5.8	5
Onglatco, ML	University of the Philippines Diliman	P	8	0	80	5.4	10.0	6
Reyes, JAS	De La Salle University	P	7	0	41	8.6	5.9	3
Gerong, A	University of San Carlos	P	4	0	46	3.7	11.5	3
Montiel, CJ	Ateneo de Manila University	P	4	4	0	–	–	0
Alampay, MRH	Ateneo de Manila University	P	3	2	17	2.5	5.7	2
Alfon, M	University of San Carlos	P	3	0	31	1.5	10.3	3
Cabrera, HF	University of Sto. Tomas	P	3	0	13	3.2	4.3	3
Gastardo-Conaco, MC	University of the Philippines Diliman	P	3	0	49	3.9	16.3	2
Gutierrez, M	University of the Philippines Diliman	E	3	0	29	1.4	9.7	3
Katigbak, MS	De La Salle University	P	3	0	50	2.4	16.7	2
Masangkay, ZS	Philippine Normal University	E	3	1	4	.1	1.3	1
Tan, ML	University of the Philippines Diliman	P	3	2	14	1.0	4.7	1

E education; P psychology; TNP total number of publications; LSA number of lead- or sole-authored publications; TC total number of citations

Source: Barrot, 2021 (<https://doi.org/10.1080/00131911.2021.1907313>)

Vinluan’s bibliometrics study came out in *Scientometrics*.

The Barrot paper also shows that UST is the top-producing Philippine university for studies in education (N=132) followed by DLSU (N=116). UST is ranked 15th among Southeast Asian universities for published studies in education, a list that

the National University of Singapore leads.

De Guzman emerged as UST’s top researcher, and 49th nationwide (across various disciplines) in the Alper-Doger Scientific Index (adsciindex.com), whose basis is the h-index in Google Scholar.



UST researcher Prof. Allan B. de Guzman, Ph.D.

UST Publishing House announces new, upcoming titles

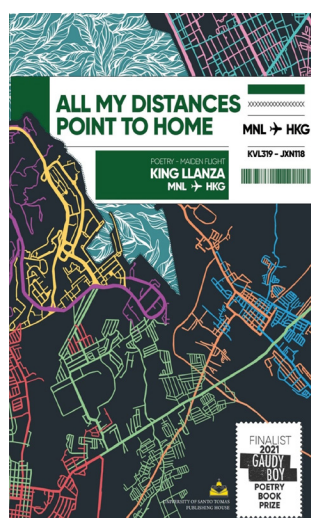
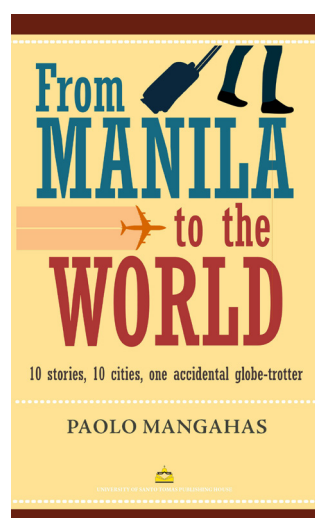
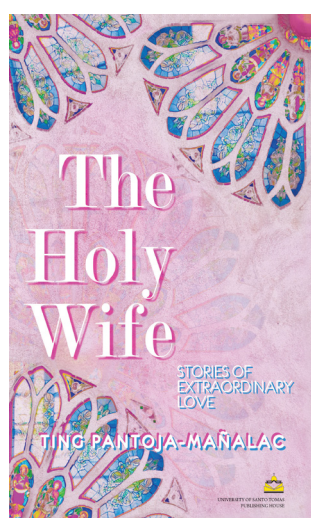
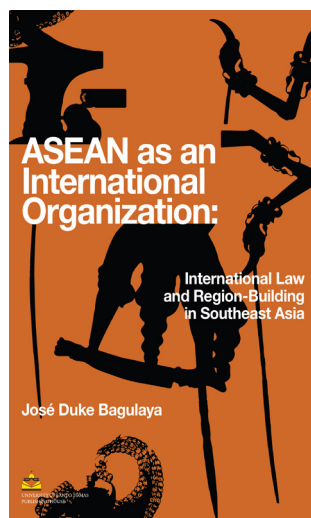
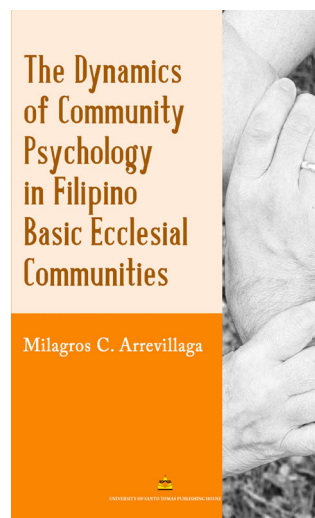
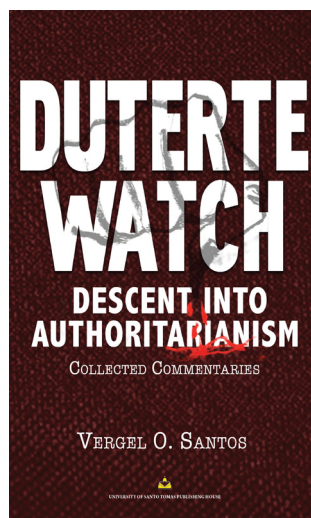
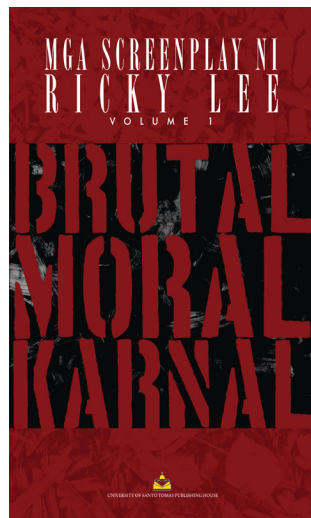
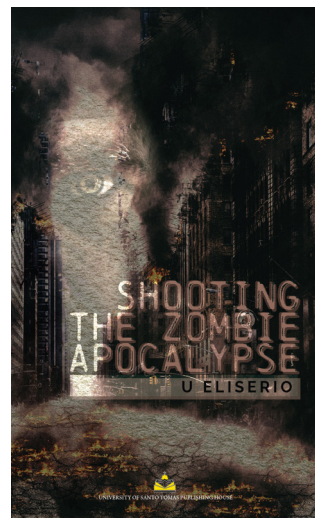
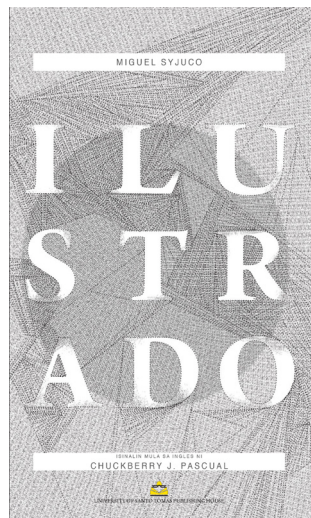
The UST Publishing House (USTPH) recently released new titles and is soon to launch more in the following weeks. Beginning with Chuckberry Pascual's Filipino translation of the internationally acclaimed novel *Ilustrado* by Miguel Syjuco, first to be published in the Philippines by the USTPH. Another forthcoming title in fiction is *Shooting the Zombie Apocalypse*, a collection of speculative short stories by U Z. Eliserio.

Veteran screenwriter Ricky Lee is set to release another book with the USTPH, titled *Mga Screenplays ni Ricky Lee - Vol. 1: Brutal, Moral, Karnal*—the first in an ongoing series featuring his works that have become cult classics in Philippine cinema, directed by Marilou Diaz-Abaya.

Coming soon on the bookstore's nonfiction shelves are *Duterte Watch: Descent into Authoritarianism*, a compilation of socio-political commentaries by journalist Vergel Santos, whose other work *The News Writing Formula (Second Edition)*, an influential manual on journalism, was also published by the USTPH. Also included in the list of upcoming titles are *The Dynamics of Community Psychology in Filipino Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs)* by Assoc. Prof. Milagros C. Arrebillaga, PhD, a research on communal psychology; *ASEAN as an International Organization: International Law and Region-Building in Southeast Asia* by José Duke Bagulaya, which offers a comprehensive analysis of ASEAN; and finally, the creative nonfiction titles: *The Holy Wife* by Ting Pantoja-Mañalac, a collection of personal stories that ruminate on God's gentle love, and *From Manila to the World* by Paolo Mangahas, which compiles the author's bizarre and insightful travel stories across the globe.

The first poetry title of the year is *All My Distances Point to Home* by King Llanza, the author's debut poetry collection and soon to be released by USTPH.

These titles will also be made available through the USTPH Shopee and Lazada stores as soon as they are released.



The Pontifical Foundation Gravissimum Educationis Secretary-General Prof. Msgr. Guy-Réal Thivierge visited the University of Santo Tomas on April 27, 2022. He was welcomed by OPA Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, accompanied by Research Center for Social Sciences and Education Director Prof. Belinda Castro, Ph.D., and researcher Prof. Allan B. de Guzman, Ph.D.

Msgr. Thivierge visited UST after a three-year research project that RCSSED conducted in coordination with Gravissimum Educationis on *Democracy: An Educational Urgency in a Multicultural and Multireligious Society*, which culminated in Prof. de Guzman's presentation at the Vatican in March 2022.



Mr. Jarosław Szczepankiewicz, Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of Poland in Manila, and Ms. Anna Krzak-Danel, Counselor-Minister, Head of the Political and Economic Section, visited the University of Santo Tomas on May 13, 2022. UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., and Office of Public Affairs Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D., welcomed the visitors upon arrival.

The visit included a courtesy call upon the Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., discussions with administrative officials,

and a tour of the Museum and UST Hospital's newest edifice, the St. John Paul II Building, named after the Polish-born Pope who visited UST twice.

A highlight of the visit was the tour of the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library, where a first edition copy of Polish polymath Nicolas Copernicus' book, *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium* (*On the Revolutions of the Celestial Spheres*), printed in 1543 at Nuremberg, was shown to the Polish delegates.



(From left:) Counselor-Minister Ms. Anna Krzak-Danel, UST Rector Very Rev. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of Poland in Manila Mr. Jarosław Szczepankiewicz, UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., UST Office of Public Affairs Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D.



Polish Embassy Chargé d'affaires Mr. Jarosław Szczepankiewicz (left) is welcomed by OPA Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D.



UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., (rightmost) exchanges business cards with Mr. Szczepankiewicz and Counselor-Minister Ms. Anna Krzak-Danel.



Mr. Jarosław Szczepankiewicz (right) signs the University guestbook.



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D. (left), meets the Polish delegation led by Mr. Szczepankiewicz.



Very Rev. Fr. Ang (left) receives a token from Mr. Szczepankiewicz.

Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of Poland in Manila Mr. Jarosław Szczepankiewicz (seated, left) with UST Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Isaias D. Tiongco, O.P. (seated, right), and [standing, from left:] UST Office of Public Affairs Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D., UST Office for International Relations and Programs Director Prof. Lilian Sison, Ph.D., UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., EHL, Embassy of Poland Counselor-Minister and Head of the Political and Economic Section Ms. Anna Krzak-Danel, UST Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation Rev. Fr. Jannel Abogado, O.P., and UST Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P.



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UST Hospital Director for Administration Prof. Analin E. Porto, DrEM, Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of Poland in Manila Mr. Jarosław Szczepankiewicz, Counselor-Minister Ms. Anna Krzak-Danel, UST Hospital Medical Director Dr. Charito Malong-Consolacion, and UST OPA Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora visit the UST Hospital St. John Paul II Building, named after the Polish-born Pope who visited UST twice.



Visitors from the Seoul National University of Science and Technology (SeoulTech) and the King Sejong Institute joined a walkthrough tour of the UST Manila campus. UST Angelicum coordinated the visit through the UST Office of Public Affairs. The guests were welcomed by a team from OPA, led by its Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D. (in beige suit), assisted by Assistant to the Director for Publication Ms. Katherine Patrice B. Sibug.



UST Museum Assistant Director Ar. Carlo Sayco (center) leads the tour of the Museum's collection.



Archivo de la Universidad de Santo Tomas Archivist Rev. Fr. Gaspar Sigaya, O.P. (center), and UST Miguel de Benavides Chief Librarian Ms. Ma. Cecilia Lobo (left), welcome Mr. Jarosław Szczepankiewicz to the library.



Prefect of Libraries Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P. (leftmost) and Assistant Chief Librarian Ms. Diana V. Padilla (center) present Polish books from the Heritage Library's collection.





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March 2022

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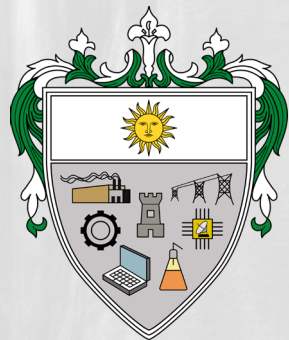
Ma. Gliceria B. Mapanao

3rd – 92.20%



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7th – 90.80%



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