

bored and boring so, what does Atty. Mari do for fun and to stay in the swim of things?

She paints, does crafts, plays the piano-violin and drums, is an award-winning photographer, uses a recurve bow with a draw weight of 26 lbs. and tries to shoot 300 arrows a month at 15 yards up targets and packs a 9mm Glock 19 Generation 4 pistol for gun target practice.

Oh and she, her faculty and the University Management intend to keep steering the top-notch College towards the head of the line of the country's top law institutions in the years to come.

Already it's been awarded the Center of Excellence for two years running and ranked first among top law schools by the Legal Education Board, but who's counting? ■

**PAMANTASAN NG LUNGSOD NG MAYNILA**

*(University of the City of Manila)*

Intramuros, Manila

**SCHEDULE OF TUITION, BASIC MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES AND OTHER FEES (Effective SY 2016-2017)**

Particulars	C O L L E G E O F L A W							
	1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		4th Year	
	Categ. I Manilan	Categ. II Non Manilan	Categ. I Manilan	Categ. II Full Cost	Categ. I Manilan	Categ. II Full Cost	Categ. I Manilan	Categ. II Full Cost
Tuition fee/unit	733.00	1,464.00	733.00	1,464.00	733.00	1,464.00	733.00	1,464.00
<b>Basic Miscellaneous Charges</b>								
Registration fee	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00
Entrance fee	146.00	146.00						
Deposit (new student)	74.00	74.00						
Library fee	1,464.00	1,464.00	1,464.00	1,464.00	1,464.00	1,464.00	1,464.00	1,464.00
Medical/Dental	293.00	293.00	293.00	293.00	293.00	293.00	293.00	293.00
Publication fee	293.00	293.00	293.00	293.00	293.00	293.00	293.00	293.00
Athletic fee w/o PE	118.00	118.00	118.00	118.00	118.00	118.00	118.00	118.00
Student Welfare fund	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.00
Cultural Activities	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.00
ID	220.00	220.00						
Community Chest/Welfare	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
Guidance fee	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Fee</b>	<b>3,092.00</b>	<b>3,092.00</b>	<b>2,652.00</b>	<b>2,652.00</b>	<b>2,652.00</b>	<b>2,652.00</b>	<b>2,652.00</b>	<b>2,652.00</b>
<b>Other Fees :</b>								
LEDf (Legal Education Dev't. Fund)	2,197.00	2,197.00	2,197.00	2,197.00	2,197.00	2,197.00	2,197.00	2,197.00
Admission fee	503.00	503.00					1,464.00	1,464.00
Graduation fee							366.00	366.00
Diploma fee							220.00	220.00
Late registration	220.00	220.00	220.00	220.00	220.00	220.00	146.00	146.00
Change of registration card	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	103.00	103.00
Change of registration / Add / Drop Fee	103.00	103.00	103.00	103.00	103.00	103.00	146.00	146.00
Transfer & refund fee	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00
Course desc., Cert., Etc.	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00	146.00

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# Czieloh Jomea Villajin Makes the Cut

(public relations junior is selected as one of 80 participants to the 2018 Ayala Young Leaders Congress)

by Kelly B. Vergel de Dios



## “What, her again?!”

That was my initial reaction when I read the letter Ayala Young Leaders Program Director John Philip Orbeta sent the PLM President following the last and deciding phase of the selection process for the AYLC.

Let me just emphasize that I don't mean that in a bad way.

It's just that I've seen that name before ... several times before, in fact.

Wasn't she the girl we featured in a boxed news clip of the September 2017 issue for having placed first in an on-the-spot essay writing contest at an international assembly of youth for UNESCO?

Can't say it's second time lucky in her case because Czieloh had to vie for that slot along with more than six hundred other nom-

inees – a number that was later pared down to eighty following the toughest round of panel interviews conducted by executives of the Ayala Group of Companies and by senior AYLC alumni so, there was nothing 'lucky' about that.

If anything her triumph was the result of extremely hard work.

First, there were the questions she had to answer online about organizations she was affiliated with, her position and role in each, problems she encountered within each and how she resolved them and which ones she felt helped shape her and why.

Then there were the odd summer jobs that honed her self-confidence, her chutzpah, like being home tutor to a bright slip of a girl for three straight years running, a stint at a call-center, becoming part of a special program for the employment of students (spes) at the manila city library, working as student assistant at FEU checking students' journals and making chief girl scout after pitching a medal scheme for a community in Dagonoy, Singalong where she immersed herself from six months to a year teaching its children about their cultural heritage including traditional or indigenous games like piko and shato they no longer play in the internet age, folk songs and dances.

Her involvement in the scouting movement would eventually lead to her being named the 2016 National Outstanding Girl Scout and a weeklong trip to a camp in Tipperary, Ireland to imbibe its rich culture and

## PLM Rocks@50

It is that time of year when we feel blessed and are happiest. Some say it is the most wonderful time of the year, when everyone is ready to party! The party committee headed by Randy Nunez, Vice President for Finance and Planning, and his group know just how with this year's PLM employees' theme - PLM Rocks@50!

headed the Christmas party preparations together with committee members: Roosevelt D. Dominguez, Nanette E. Laurente, Dina C. Mendez, Margielou Peralta, Anchela U. Biag, Atty. Relson P. Moral, Arch Antonio D. Nudas III, Dr. Apple Saguing, Norliza M. Nordan, Ma. Aurora B. Lalic and Marian Gutierrez while Engr. Bryan Gulapa helped document the prizes that were to be had in the contests and raffle draw.

**MEET THE COMMITTEE**  
Chairperson VP Nuñez, and AVP Ms. Andrea Solomon of the same office, spear-

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## Birthday Celebrants



**MA. LEONORA V. DE JESUS**  
University President  
December 29

**ELLA E. VALENCERINA,**  
Head Executive Assistant  
December 16

**CARMELO B. DELA CRUZ**  
Vice President for Administration  
December 28

**HECTOR L. HOFIÑA,**  
Dean of Graduate School of Law  
December 30



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**COLLEGE OF LAW**  
GENERAL INFORMATION ON FRESHMAN ADMISSION

THE COLLEGE OF LAW	ACCEPTANCE
<p>The Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila College of Law (PLM-CL) formally opened its doors in School Year 1989-1990. Resolution No. 1329, dated April 18, 1989, of the Board of Regents authorized the establishment of a College of Law in the university and approving thereat a curriculum for the first year level. During its deliberation, the board agreed that the College of Law should primarily promote social justice through legal education. It is along this line that the curriculum was developed.</p> <p>On April 2, 1990, the Board of Regents approved the curriculum for the second, third, and fourth year levels based on DECS Order No. 27, Series of 1989 (Standard Law Curriculum).</p> <p>The First Dean of the College of Law was Atty. Serafin V.C. Guingona who was appointed as Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals.</p>	<p>Acceptance to the college will be based on the satisfaction of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compliance with admission requirements.</li> <li>2. Submission of required documents.</li> <li>3. Passing of the College of Law Admissions Test (CLAT).</li> <li>4. Personal interview and evaluation by the Committee on Admissions.</li> </ol>
<p><b>REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE OF LAW</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A general Weighted Average (GWA) of at least 2.00 or (84%) in the bachelor's degree.</li> <li>2. Applicants must have earned 18 units of English, 6 units of Mathematics, 18 units of Social Science subjects. Applicants lacking units must satisfy these requirements during summer before they are allowed admission.</li> <li>3. Manila residency as evidenced by the applicant's voter's ID/certification, and a Barangay certification (for Manila's partial scholars only). Non-residents of Manila may apply as regular full-paying students.</li> <li>4. Official Transcript of Records (TOR) from a recognized university or college.</li> <li>5. Any government-issued ID (competent evidence of identification) and/or CTC.</li> <li>6. Income tax return of applicant or the applicant's parent from the year prior to the date of application.</li> <li>7. Two (2) recent passport size, identical colored photos.</li> <li>8. A letter of recommendation from the Dean or Head of former school</li> </ol>	<p><b>PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submit requirements to the College for Committee on Admission and for interview to make initial screening according to the criteria on admission.</li> <li>2. Application form is issued to applicants who meet the criteria for admission and completed documents are returned.</li> <li>3. Pay the non-refundable CLAT fee at the Cashier's Office.</li> <li>4. Submit filled-up application form together with requirements.</li> <li>5. Applicant who passes the CLAT will be informed of the date of interview. Non-response within five (5) days and/or his/her non-appearance will cause forfeiture of slot in the College.</li> <li>6. Qualified applicants will be informed of enrollment schedule. The list of successful freshmen will be posted in the College of Law.</li> </ol>
<p><b>* NOTE: NON-RESIDENTS of Manila may apply as FULL PAYING students.</b></p>	<p><b>VERY IMPORTANT:</b></p> <p>The Committee on Admission reserves the right to deny the admission of an applicant if the above requirements and all other admission criteria are not satisfactorily complied with.</p> <p>Admission decision will be based on the result of the evaluation of all the required documents, as well as the entrance examination and the interview. The Committee on Admission shall submit to the Dean of the College its recommendation for his review and final recommendation to the President of the University.</p> <p>Any evidence of fraud, misrepresentation, or non-disclosure by the applicant of any information relative to the requirements shall be ground for the cancellation of his admission or enrollment.</p>



# PLM Rocks@50 – A Christmas Celebration

A lot of people helped put this event together to produce a remarkable evening for everyone. President De Jesus provided the direction on how the party should unfold calling the committee to several meetings before the main event and even during.

## THE PROGRAM

The PLM Community attended a thanksgiving mass at the University Chapel – the Shrine of Jesus the Divine Teacher – to get the ball rolling on December 14 (party day) and to give thanks and celebrate the reason for the season and pray for a blessed year of many accomplishments and exciting changes in the University.

The Christmas party was a mix of band jamming, dance contests, and of course a lot of fun! The Nonpareil band rocked the house down with a mix of classic rock including the well received Satisfaction by the Rolling Stones and Frankie Valli's biggest hit Going Out of my Head.

Different groups from the colleges and administration joined the contests, strutted and wiggled to different Pinoy and foreign rock music. PLM's "Satisfaction" entry to the Manila City Hall Lip Sync competition was performed again for the enjoyment of the PLM Community by Dean Jimmy Romero as Mick Jagger together with Dr. Benjamin Espiritu on rhythm guitar, VP Nuñez on lead guitar, Arch. Nudas on bass, Prof. Avila on keyboard and Meynard Nuguid on Drums.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The Nonpareil band was really the key to keeping the party going. Nearly all of the PLM employees got up and danced to the catchy beat of extended versions of 1970s disco hits. Even President Ma. Leonora V. De Jesus, Chairman Benjamin Espiritu and the VPs and Deans were spotted on the dance floor, others even led a conga line and a line dance (choreographed dance with a repeated sequence of steps in which a group of people dance in one or more lines or rows, all facing in the same direction and executing the same steps at the same time.) Seen leading a line dance at one time or another were Dr. Che Biag, Dean Clydelle Rondaris and Dean Gina Opiniano.



The night's emcee-hosts Dean Romero and Eng. Denvert Pangayao announced a surprise performance – one of many that evening – by the Greenhouse Singers composed of Jobert Vasquez, Roger Laurente and Dindo Corpuz. The group – with the special participation of consultant Menggie Cobarrubias – serenaded the crowd with a Lettermen medley (Goin' Out of my Head/Can't Take My Eyes Off You), Dave Clark Five's Because and Hurting Inside and CSNY's "Our House."

Another surprise number came from PLM Executives: EVP Joe Silerio, VP Ruffy Abuda, VP Marlo Dela Cruz, VP Gil Evasco and VP Nuñez as they lip synced and performed the Hagibis' song – KATAWAN! With the special participation of Public Affairs VP Kelly Vergel de Dios who sashayed through the stage as the male VPs lip synced the lines "katawan, katawan, katawan, katawan ohhh, katawan!" It was indeed a special performance that showed University officers knew how to have fun!

Ms. Kristel Herrera rendered and belted two songs (Rihanna's Flashlight and Minnie Riperton's Lovin' You) for the crowd who was in awe and admiration of her wonderful singing voice and range.

Then EVP Silerio jammed with the Nonpareil band and got everyone to sway with the song "Sway" by Michael Bublé. Our EVP sure can sing.

Contestants from various offices and colleges also showcased their talents in dance and lip sync with well choreographed moves and great numbers.

A lot of the participants took the time and effort to dress up in keeping with the night's glam rock theme which was a delight to witness. The UAC was turned into a sea of black leather, boots, tight jeans and fishnet stockings.

## WINNERS

A lot of prizes were raffled off: appliances, cash prizes, laptops, grocery baskets, rice cookers, electric fans, convection ovens, guitars, gas stoves and a microwave oven to name a few. The cash prizes that were given away that evening included: 33 winners of P1,000.00, 10 winners of P5,000.00, 5 winners of P10,000.00. There were 2 winners of P15,000.00 won by Mr. Emmanuel Alejo (PRMIG) and Olivia Rodriguez (CM). The luckiest man was Mr. Joseval Borja (CET) who won the most coveted cash prize of P20,000.00.

The most desired items that evening were 2 units of Lenovo laptops won by Khatalyn Mata (CET) and Gina Arcaya (JO-Janitorial). You could feel the anticipation of the people while the stubs were being drawn. You could hear the screams of those who won the items almost immediately after the announcement of the stub number.

# Linking Generations: A Parenting Seminar

By: Luis S. Cruda



The College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Student Council (CHASS SC) for A.Y. 2017-2018 together with their adviser Professor Jonathan Erfe, conducted an outreach seminar entitled "Linking Generations: A Parenting Seminar" at barangay

655 Intramuros, Manila on December 8, 2017. This outreach seminar had a total of 28 participating parents from the said barangay. The activity aims to give an explanation to parents on why the young generation behaves differently compared to the youth during their time.

The main objective of this outreach seminar is to bridge the generations and strengthen the family relationship. Professor Lalaine Isip, the principal of PLM Senior High School was the guest speaker; she discussed the different types of parenting styles and tackled the culture of the youth. Professor Isip conducted some focus group discussions; the parents were actively sharing some of their experiences and agreeing with what the speaker talked about. Truly, the parents were relating to the topic and learning from it. After the awarding of certificate and token of appreciation to the barangay and the speaker, parents thanked Professor Isip and the organizers, certificate of attendance and snacks were distributed after the activity. ■

# PLM Profile: CL Dean Marisol DL Anenias

By: Kelly Vergel de Dios



When people think of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila in Intramuros, one of the first things that comes to mind is its top-notch College of Law.

In fact, on December 9, the Legal Education Board again ranked it first among all law schools in the country, for first-time examinees in the 2016 Bar examinations. Its one hundred percent passing rate is the first in PLM's 27 year history.

Carrying on the tradition of PLM Law Deans before her, Atty. Marisol Anenias says the CL practices the Moot Court system to sharpen the competence and proficiency of its students as part of its Juris Doctor curriculum.

Moot Court or mock court is learning by immersion or by allowing law students to argue imaginary cases for practice.

The course includes the Legal Internship Program which aims to expose students to actual legal problems in the field so that

they may better understand the law for public interest.

The College of Law's mobile legal aid clinic sees its students dispensing legal aid in some of the poorest sections of Pandacan, Tondo and Sampaloc.

In mid February or early March, it is set to open its first Legal Aid Clinic on campus as well. The office will provide free legal services institutionalized in the university system and will initially run for a month

serving PLM employees as a pilot test. It will be housed at the second floor of the Gusingal Katipunan and will be open to receive "clients" from 9am-6pm on weekdays.

If it does well and completes all the requirements for accreditation – PLM law students can start earning academic credits while operating and maintaining the legal aid clinic.

It's the best kind of immersion to undergo next to hands-on immersion with exposure to actual legal cases in a real courtroom and it allows students to get involved with the local community and increases their sense of social responsibility when they provide the community with basic services like legal consultation and advice, drafting of affidavits and notarial services under the supervision of a clinic director and other attorneys on detail there.

When I looked at the girl in the white dress shirt, blue denims and oversized designer bag fleshing out the Management Team's idea for the legal aid clinic in a PowerPoint presentation, I was suitably impressed.

So young and already a Dean of one of the University's top-performing Colleges – and appointed to the post by no less than PLM's first female President – Dr. Ma. Leonora De Jesus (albeit by the acting university president at the time, Renato Oliveros).

Dean Anenias broke through a glass ceiling of sorts herself at the PLM when she became the first and youngest female lawyer to be appointed to the position on September 4, 2015.

The break came eight years after she joined the University to teach bar subjects.

On her first year at the PLM – 2007 – she made University Secretary and Secretary to the Board of Regents while concurrently holding the position of college secretary of the College of Law.

Three years later, she made Associate Dean under the watch of then University President Adel Tamano.

While she was moving up the academic ladder, Atty. Anenias kept busy: she helped produce a thesis manual for the CL's fledgling Juris Doctor program, overhauled the student manual and drafted the university research policy. She also helped organize the Pride Hall and was pivotal in the creation of the first public affairs and information office – the evolved version of which I now head.

But you know what they say: without time off from work, a person becomes both

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expand her network of contacts even more. The Ayala interviewers must have liked her answers to both the online and panel interview questions and must have been thoroughly impressed with her strong leadership track record and dedicated involvement in the service of her school, student organizations and community for aside from the UNESCO essay-writing contest she won, she also happens to be Director General of the PLM UNESCO Club and is part of the Magwayen Creative Scholars Guild who wrote and played the lead role in the 2017 staging of the play Lili which is based on the life and times of Martial Law martyr and PLM student Liliosa Hilao. It might have also helped that Czieloh was the University's delegate to the ARC

Young Leaders Camp in her sophomore year – a program like AYLC that seeks to gather underserved but deserving students who are active community youth leaders and involve them in a free three-day youth camp and workshop. That was the dry run or the icing. This one is the cake. From this Congress – that will be held from February 20-23 at the Lima Park Hotel in Batangas – Czieloh is also hoping to help organize a Congress with her network of student-leader friends developed through the various leadership activities she's busied herself with over the years. And her ultimate destination after graduation? An ambassadorship. hopefully in

a country like Syria or Afghanistan or parts of the Philippines that direly need but seldom get, help of any kind.

But why a dangerous posting? She says it's because she feels it's where she can do the most good and help people the best.

"My heart is in the service," she explains.

To seek a dangerous posting, to willingly accept a risk in service to one's country over a cushy job – that's inspiring in one so young.

PLM has certainly taught her well. And Ayala has chosen wisely to include her in its leadership congress.

As the words inscribed on the lower portion of its emblem – Karunungan, Kaunlaran, Kadakilaan – so does Czieloh choose to live her life.

In Latin – Sapientia. Progreso. Magnitudo.

You go, girl. The world awaits. ■

## CHASS Abot Kamay

By: Luis Cruda

At around 4:50PM (August 18, 2017) a fire incident transpired at Barangay 704 zone 77 District 5 near Leveriza, Manila. The cause of the fire is still under investigation by NDRRMC. A total of 250 families were victims of the fire and evacuated to the Barangay Amadome covered court. It was reported that 125 house were affected by the incident. The estimated cost of damage was placed at 1,000,000.00php. Because of this incident, the College of Humanities, Arts and Social

Sciences Student Council (CHASS SC)'s annual activity entitled "Blue Ravens In Action" (BRIA) extended help to the victims of the said fire Last December 8, 2017. BRIA is a college wide competition of blocks that will compete through donation of certain materials. This year's category is Pre-loved clothes and Hygiene materials for the fire victims. CHASS SC decided to help barangay 704, through BRIA, the CHASS SC was able to donate 17 eco-bags of pre-loved clothes and brand new hygiene materials. Together with the CHASS SC Adviser, Prof. Jonathan Erfe and students, the project was a success. ■



## "Tis the Season to Share, Serve and Delight"

by Prof. Neil Gamus

Christmas is a popular time for exchanging gifts with our family and friends, co-workers and loved ones. Last December 2017, the Lightbearer Society (LS-PLM) celebrated the occasion through a service event that aimed to deliver its objectives of helping the University in providing noble and selfless services to its stakeholders – students, employees and community in Intramuros.

The Light Bearer Society is an accredited non-academic organization in PLM and its objective is to train its members to be future leaders, deliver services and foster camaraderie with the different academic and non-academic organizations in the University.

Two major service events were organized to serve the students and employees here at the PLM. Since it is only a month old after the opening of the second semester for 2017-2018, the LS organized a free book covering and bookmark giving to students from different colleges and administrative staff log books. The event ran from December 6 to December 9, the service hours started at 9 in the morning up to 5 in the afternoon at Shed 12 near Gusaling Lacson. During the service event, members and officers of the LS covered books and gave out bookmarks with zest and enthusiasm.

Hitting two birds with one stone became the inspiration of LS officers to launch its second activity. After the success of its

first project, the LS culminated the month of December with its new project of a Christmas Party and Gift Giving –for the children of PLM Security and Janitorial personnel. Shed 12 was again chosen to be the venue of the Christmas Party and Gift Giving. On the date of the event in December 16 the shed was well decorated with colorful balloons and the aura and spirit of Christmas can be felt with the smiles and joy of each child and his/her parents who participated in games and fun filled activities hosted by a clown. Before the party ended, each child received a Christmas gift from the LBS and food was served and enjoyed by everyone who attended the Christmas party.

It is true that serving others especially the less privileged is a selfless act that should be done not only during the Christmas season but every day. In fact, Lightbearers feel it should be a way of life. ■

The lantern making contest winners were also awarded during the Christmas party. The College of Architecture and Urban Planning and the College of Engineering and Technology won consolation prizes. The Office of the Vice President for Finance won 3rd, Internal Audit got the 2nd Prize, and the College of Physical Therapy was declared the winner.

PLM employees showed they knew how to sashay when the spot was on for the PLM Rock & Roll Guy and Gal. Contestants paraded in costume to the enjoyment of the crowd. Only those who had striking Rock and Roll glam

outfits and listed up for the contest could win the award. While everyone had their favorites, the judges got to decide who would get the title. Ultimately, Danilo Sanchez (OUsec), who resembled Joey Pepe Smith, an icon of Pinoy Rock, got the title PLM Rock and Roll guy and Jonalyn Lee (OVPA) for PLM Rock and Roll gal.

6 contestants battled for the PLM production competition (PLM, Its Showtime), 3 consolation prizes were given to the Office of the University Legal Counsel, the Office of Guidance and Testing Services and the College of Phys-

ical Therapy for giving of their time and effort to participate and wow the crowd. The College of Science bagged the 3rd prize, the Office of the Vice President for Finance was 2nd, and the Human Resource Development Office and VPA group emerged as the 1st Prize winner!

The night ended with more dancing courtesy of the Nonpaeil band and male vocalist Boy Mendez who tirelessly provided the non-stop disco numbers and everyone went home happy still dancing off to the parking lot and out the PLM gates at way past eleven. Whatta night! ■

# Joyfully Sharing Life!

(the PLMSFI Celebrates its 18th Anniversary with a Hawaiian Luau)

The PLM Scholars Foundation, Inc. ushered in December with leis and flowered frocks and shirts over dinner at the PRMEC.

At least seventy trustees and scholars old and new turned up for a Hawaiian Luau to celebrate its coming of age with gratitude.

PLMSFI President Terry Galvante (PLM batch 1967) described the gathering as a reunion, Christmas party and anniversary celebration all rolled into one (aside from being a chance to get all dressed up!)

"That's why on our invitation it says 'Aloha!' because the word means a lot of things and is used in greetings and farewells but it means even more because the word holds within itself all one needs to know to interact rightfully in the world -- to 'come forward, be in unity and harmony with your real self, God and mankind' – or 'joyfully sharing life."

Which, concisely, defines what the PLMSFI is.

The PLMSFI President remembers that in 1999 when the Securities and Exchange Commission released its certificate of registration – the group was filled with trepidation because they did not know if they were going to be able to sustain their scholarship program. At the time, all the money they had was just enough to cover the allowances of eleven bright but struggling students at the university.

But every time they meet with new students seeking sponsorship and listen to their stories, the trepidation all but disappear and is replaced by confidence, hope and optimism.

As the December 2 night unfolded, guests listened to the heart-warming testimo-

nials of scholars from as far back as 2002 to the present batch of thirty eight: among them a senior desk editor at CNN-Philippines, an application development analyst at ACCENTURE, an officer at SGV, another at Deloitte who started as children of a single parent down on her luck, a factory worker, a rag-maker who sold his wares on the street but who were nevertheless diligent students who dared to dream big.



The PLM Scholar's Foundation Inc. (PLMSFI) 18th Anniversary and Homecoming

The trustees gathered around them like the proud guardians or parents that they were or presently are, thinking to themselves how the PLMSFI had truly come of age.

There were games, a raffle of prizes,

gift-giving and the launching of PLMSFI's commemorative magazine 'Celebrating Gratitude.'

The evening of fellowship and camaraderie is probably best summed up by something trustee Marcelina Refugido-Casipit -- once a scholar herself -- said to the present PLMSFI scholars from "one who has been there."

"I know you want to free yourselves from the tangles of poverty. You very well know that education is the key. But the key cannot by itself move, turn and click. First, it needs your will, determination and focus. Second, the support of those who love you, including us here at PLMSFI. And third, the grace of the Almighty. Poverty notwithstanding, hold your head up high. Be proud. And be a benefactor yourself."

"For inspiration and example, you need not go far. Do not forget those who love you – your parents, fellow students, benefactors and even those impossible professors. You are on track. You might not exactly find your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow but you are on track. Remember, it's the journey more than the destination."

"Life is caring for others. It is joy and love shared. Not worldly possessions, not lofty titles, but lives you have touched, helped and made happy."

This is the deeper meaning of Aloha. "Nature is continuously and generously giving to satisfy our needs and fulfill our wishes. But here is also a meaning of give and take. Just as the rising swells of the sea recede to gain renewed energy, Nature must also 'recede' to renew itself and

give strength to the foundation of our reality. So just as Nature gives of itself to us, we must give of ourselves back to Nature."

In short - beneficiary now, benefactor tomorrow. ■ - Kelly Vergel de Dios



# 3rd Grand Alumni Homecoming of the PLM College of Medicine: A Community Service Diaspora

By Kelly B. Vergel de Dios



ICTO VP Garry de Gracia, Dean Angeline Alabastro, and Public Affairs VP Kelly Vergel de Dios



Alumni President Frederick Loyola and Asst. Dean Teresita Brion

So there I was on that rainy Sunday afternoon (they had to move the tables from the courtyard of Father Blanco's Garden - named after Fr. Manuel Blanco, the father of Philippine botany - into the covered walk because it rained three hours earlier). The venue is located behind the San Agustin Church and Museum.

The celebration - hosted by the silver jubilarians (batch 1992) this year - began with a mass at the seminary chapel of San Agustin with no less than the curator of the Museum as celebrant, then the alumni repaired to the dining hall with its lambent lamps and growing hum of conversation as alumni from 1987 to 2016 caught up with one another.

There were several speakers that night including Dr. Allan Hilario of Batch 1992 and PLM College of Medicine Dean Angeline Alabastro and the common thread through all their speeches (mine included) was appreciation of their work (special awards went out to a selected few who demonstrated exceptional achievements and outstanding contributions in their chosen field: Rose Anna Banal, Eleanor Galvez, Frederick Loyola, Gaerlan Inciong, Maria Hilda Bucu and Charmaine Ann Rabago) and a call for continued support to the College and the University in terms of equipment, facilities, books, additional funding for the review classes as well as provisions for their scholars (six from batch '92 alone).

As I looked around and picked out familiar faces in the crowd - my co-VP Garry de Gracia of ICTO (who came to give me moral support, yay!), Drs. Alabastro and Brion from the College of Medicine, Dr. Anna Mariano, Dr. Rey Salinel who I recognized from television (DZRJ) and a new friend I made - Dr. Rachel Melendez-Deniega (who is currently based in Brussels, Belgium) - my heart swelled with pride at what Dr. Deniega described as PLM doctors' inherent sense of community service (she does community work wherever her husband, who is Consul General at the Philippine Embassy is posted so, Singapore, Japan and now Brussels and Luxembourg), the same concern that cost Dr. Ma. Emma Palazo (batch 1987) her life in a plane crash while en route to her award-winning NGO "Botika Binhi" (providing access to cheaper medicines for the poor) in the mountains of Nueva Vizcaya in 1999... the

alumni who made Philippine Medical Association Governor in their respective regions...and those who like Dr. Deniega count among the diaspora of PLM College of Medicine graduates currently making their mark elsewhere in the world.

I observed the quiet dignity of Dr. Palazo's parents as doctors in the chapel deferentially made way for them at the head of the queue to receive Holy Communion during the alumni mass and shared their triumph in their daughter's supreme sacrifice that a simple marker now commemorates at the CM floor of the Gusaling Bagatsing -- for future medical graduates to celebrate, honor and strive to emulate.

To the College of Medicine alumni I say, pay it forward - not that many of their numbers don't already - I'm just pushing the envelope and urging them to keep the alumni fire burning, to always take pride in their University and profession, to always practice resilience, compassion and dedication in everything they do and to never lose the common touch.

Keep fighting the good fight. Non sibi sed omnibus. ■



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## College Day Report

The College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) celebrated its second anniversary with the theme "Celebrating Success: CHASS 2nd Anniversary Celebration". The two-day event was held on December 11 and 12 and was led by the CHASS Student Council.

The first day started with a thanksgiving mass at 8 in the morning. As part of the tradition of the College of Mass Communication, which is now Department of Mass Communication, the commemoration of journalists who were killed in the Maguindanao massacre followed. Dean Risa P. Asuncion gave her welcome remarks during the anniversary of CHASS while students, faculty, and staff gathered at the University Activity Center (UAC). Afterwards, a series of games and activities took place.

Each block, together with the assigned faculty and staff, performed their respective

cheers. Then, the game Jackpot and Poy commenced, with each team fielding 5 representatives. The winner for this is BMC IV-1 PR.

Kasya at Kinaya was the next, wherein each team did strategies to achieve the instruction given, and BMC IV-1 PR and BMC IV-3 were the finalists.

The tradition of CHASS in every anniversary is the Boodle Fight. Everyone gathered at the Tanghalang Bayan (TB) for the free-for-all. Each block contributed a dish and rice to the potluck spread that was shared by everyone.

The CHASS Faculty Recognition Program, headed by Prof. Jonathan Erfe, CHASS SC Adviser, was held place at the Justo Albert Auditorium (JAA). Awards and recognition were given to the faculty and staff, for notable accomplishments.

Before ending the first day, a Lip Sync Battle Duo followed. As the highlight of the day, four (4) pairs competed, performing the song of the chosen artist. The winners were from

BSSW IV-1, who performed as Ariana Grande and Nicki Minaj. Each pair received a certificate and the winners got a trophy.

December 12, 2017 marked the second day of the celebration. CHASS Euphony 2017 started at 2pm, wherein students composed a song for CHASS in line with the theme "Celebrating Solidarity and Unity through Music". The group, PATRODEI(RA)2 from BAC III-2 was adjudged the winner.

Afterwards, the most awaited Night of the Ravens. It started with the last competition Misc Q&A. This competition tested the wit and confidence of the students by makes them answer tricky questions in the first round, then serious questions in the finals. Rolando Guieb, Jr. from BMC IV-2 was named the winner. Also part of the Night of the Ravens was the awarding of the winners for all the competitions in the college day celebration. ■

## PARA LA MUSICA PRESENTS PREDIS OF ST. SCHOLASTICA COLLEGE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Aproned by the monumental Manila Cathedral to the front, the historical Gobernadorcillo to the left and Ayuntamiento to the right, the "Para La Musica" (PLM) Concert Series featuring PREDIS (Philippine Research for Developing Instrumental Soloists) of St. Scholastica's College School of Music unfolded on December 7, 2017 at the scenic Plaza Roma in Intramuros.

This penultimate concert in the series for 2017 presented the young, talented violin and cello students and music mentors of PREDIS. Facilitated by the Intramuros Administration (IA) and the Department of Tourism (DOT) in collaboration with the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM) through its Office of the Vice President for Public Affairs (OVPPA) and the Presidential Committee on Arts, Culture and Sports (PCACS).

The program started with Welcome Remarks by Arch. Gil Evasco, the Vice President for Academic Affairs of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, emphasizing the universality of music and the importance of historic Intramuros as a cross section of Philippine economy, arts and crafts. After which the PLM Executive Chorale sang Pasko Na Naman, a composition of Philippine National Artist for Music Felipe de Leon Sr., under the baton of Prof. Maribel Miguel-Ararao.

For this concert, PREDIS performed choice string music consisting of Christmas carols, classical masterpieces, and Filipino and

world folk songs. PREDIS had sub-groupings that played two music pieces each: the Cello Ensemble, Violin Groups A, B and C (grouped from beginners to most advanced violin students), a String Quartet, the Chamber Orchestra and finally, a joint Predis Kids and Teachers ensemble with the Chamber Orchestra.

Incidentally, PREDIS is composed of young musicians (ages 4-25) who are trained and inspired to become professional musicians as concert soloists, chamber performers and professional orchestra players. Co-founded in 1985 by the late Prof. Basilio "Billy" Manalo and Sr. Mary Placid Abejo, PREDIS holds its lessons, group classes, rehearsals and performances at the St. Scholastica's School of Music. It has produced an illustrious list of alumni who have distinguished here and abroad.

Their repertoire included Henry Purcell's Hornpipe, an English carol We Wish You a Merry Christmas, J. Brahms' Hungarian Dance, a German carol O Tanenbaum, A. Vivaldi's Concerto for 4 Violins in B Minor and Cello, L. Anderson's Sleigh Ride, A. Buenaventura's Pagsasaya, J. S. Bach's Air in G and Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, W. A. Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, and Fusion, a compendium of well-loved folksongs from around the world.

The PREDIS played with much elan,



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passion and deep understanding of their music resulting to a standing ovation from the appreciative audience.

Surely, it was a most memorable performance in a most historical and beautiful setting!

Here's looking forward to another promising year of great performances. ■ - Harold Perfecto Galang