Adamson University ties up with Zhengzhou University

Adamson University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Zhengzhou University at the OP-Conference Room last February 7, 2018. The MOU provides for the sending of five scholars from AdU’s Chemical Engineering Department and College of Pharmacy to Zhengzhou for doctoral degrees.

AdU honors outstanding alumni in 4th Global Alumni Reunion

Adamson University gave recognition to its alumni who have exceptional achievements and significant contributions not only to the country but also to the world at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza in Pasay City last February 17, 2018. The event was the Gala Night, part of the weeklong 4th Global Alumni Reunion that started on February 12 and ended on February 18, 2018, which in turn was part of the Adamson University’s 86th Founding Anniversary.

The Office for Institutional Advancement (OIA) and the Adamson University Alumni Association, Inc. (AUAAI) joined hands to make this big event a reality.

The International Alumni Achiever Award was given to alumni outside the country who have made exceptional contributions in their chosen field.

Office of the President with the College of Business Administration hailed as the Champion of Cheerdance Competition during the 86th Foundation Week opening.

Adamson University celebrated its 86th founding anniversary differently from past anniversaries as it opened the festivities today, February 12, 2018, with a cheerdance competition featuring the loudest of cheers and the grooviest dance moves.

The 86th annual foundation week commenced with a ceremonial releasing of doves and balloons headed by University President, Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM; Vice President for Administrative Affairs, Dr. Venusmar C. Quevedo; and Dr. Brigida M. Octavio, dean of this year’s host college – the College of Business Administration.

Immediatly following the opening ceremony was a performance by the UAAP Season 80 Cheerdance Competition champion, the Adu Pep Squad. Afterwards was the cheerdance competition proper among the various offices and colleges of the university. The panel of judges included talent scout Rollie Halagao, Mark Alvero, and Jeremy Lorenzo – AdU Pep Squad head coach.

The Office of the President, clustered with the College of Business Administration, emerged as champion with their theme of Philippine Festivals. The Vice President for Academic Affairs, grouped together with the College of Education and Liberal Arts, and the Junior High School wowed the audience with their Aloha-themed performance, garnering them the 1st place.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs, grouped together with the College of Education and Liberal Arts, and the Junior High School with their performance during the 86th Foundation Week opening last February 12, 2018.

The Vice President for Financial Affairs, together with the College of Law, Graduate School, and the Human Resource Management and Development Office landed the 2nd place with their dance moves inspired by the beat of pop culture. The Vice President for Administrative Affairs and the Senior High School department got the 3rd place with their Pinoy pop beats while the Vice President for Student Affairs together with the College of Engineering landed 4th place with their military-themed routine.

More than that, different colleges and offices set up their respective booths with fun and informative activities. Different programs, conferences, and seminars will also be held by different colleges and departments. The 86th founding week will run until February 16, 2018 – Saturday, culminating in the Falcon Run 2018.
In some societies of the Pacific, the most important birthday celebration is the first. The baby who survives the first year is considered fortunate and promised that he would go well in the future.

This thought comes to me because today we start the 86th anniversary celebration of Adamson University. We are finishing this week the 85th celebration. In the 85th anniversary, we have started the first of the 15-year journey towards 2032.

What have we done during this first year? The most significant is, as we have mentioned in the planning for the 85th celebration, we not only look to the past achievements but we are propelling ourselves into the far future. Part of that we did last May when we crafted the 5-year strategic plan which we started to implement in June.

I would like to point out the principal facets of the strategic plan. Adamson University aspires to be among the top universities known for their excellent programs. The excellence in our programs will be achieved through optimized instruction, knowledge generation through research and innovation, and strategic partnership with other educational institutions and industries. The excellence of our programs will be guaranteed by the management and development of our resources, particularly the human resources that fuel innovation. The Vincentian character of education will also foster the excellence of our programs when our faculty and co-academic staff are so motivated to give the best to our students so that once they leave our university our students would also give the best of themselves to our country and to the world.

The readings of our Eucharistic celebration this morning talk of what we need to do achieve our educational objective, which we have expressed in our strategic plan.

In the gospel passage from Matthew, achieving our goal does not consist in merely being able to articulate it. That is just the beginning. In the first reading, from the letter of St. James, achieving our goal means taking a good look at what has
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happened and reading a meaning of it. St. James talks of trials that we undergo, testing of faith that produces perseverance. One of the trials in our educational journey may readily refer to the K+12 transition. Looking at the very middle of this transition, we can say we have survived it at least financially. Yet the human costs of the transition have been heavy. I am new in Adamson and I don’t feel as much as many of you, who have been here a longer time than me, do feel the loss of colleagues who are no longer with us. They are colleagues with whom you have shared the shaping of the dream of Adamson in one way or another.

The K+12 transition has impacted all educational institutions in the country; yet, its effects are felt quite differently according to each institution. In the letter of St. James, he likens a hearer of the word and not a doer to a man who looks at himself at a mirror and then goes off forgetting what he looked like. In order to really learn from the trials, we need to take a second and third look, to re-examine what we have adopted as concrete measures to cope with and manage the transition. And derive lessons for the future, to benchmark with similar institutions on how they are learning their lessons.

In the gospel, Jesus says, “Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be a wise man who built his house on rock.” Jesus is a teacher in whom actions come before words. To the disciples of John who wanted to join him, he said, “Come and see.” To his disciples, he first acts: he welcomes people who come to him, listens to them, heals their sickness, feeds their hunger. Then he asks, what do you see, what do people say, what do you say? And finally, he tells them, do likewise. So, for the disciples of Jesus, it is not a simple matter of listening to his words, as if the lessons are to be derived from the words. It is rather seeing and being a part, a collaborator, of his actions that a lesson is learned.

I would like to believe that this same dynamic is what would prove helpful for us. We are all learners. Not one of us is The Teacher. We learn from each other when we are able to do things that we have taken efforts to understand together. We can learn from each other when we know we can critically and collaboratively review together a task or project. We will learn from each other when we reach decisions that incorporate not only our minds but also our hearts together. This dynamic, again I would like to believe, can operate in all levels, between top management to middle administrators, between deans, chairs and section heads, between administrators, faculty and students. We have to do this because we realize we have quite varying or even divergent takes on things, based on our area of expertise, years of experience and basic convictions in life.

The gospel focuses on building on firm foundation. I believe we share already basic tenets of our educational enterprise. Let me shift a bit the image, from the firm foundation to the house that we build together. This is our mandate this year as we move towards our distant goal: Adamson in 2032.
AdU hails best student leaders and organizations

Each year, outstanding student leaders and organizations of Adamson get the chance to be honored for special achievements through the now institutionalized event called the Student Awards.

The Office for Student Affairs (OSA) held the Student Awards 2018 at the Midas Hotel, Pasay City last March 11, 2018. The Awards gave recognition to the Top 10 Best Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) and Outstanding Student Leaders for the academic year 2017–2018 for their great contributions to the community.

With Soaring with Greatness through Excellent Service, Leadership, and Competence as theme, this year’s edition classified the awards into various categories to further recognize the outstanding leadership embodied by students in their respective fields.

The top administrators of the university were present in this event. In his opening remarks, University President Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM said that the achievements of the students are the answer to a comment that while the university levels up in terms of athletics, it should do the same for the quality of education. He also challenged the students to create projects that contribute to nation building as their leadership is crucial to the role of education for the future of our country.

The Office for Student Affairs awarded the Top 10 Best Student Organizations of the university to Adamson University Chemical Engineering Student Society (AdUChESS), Adamson University Computer Engineering Society (ACOES), Adamson University Junior Marketing Association (AdJMA), Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants – Adamson University (JPIA–AdU), ENACTUS Adamson University, Junior Financial Executives – Adamson University (JFINEX–AdU), Physics Society of Adamson University (PSAU), Adamson University Psychology Society (AUPS), Adamson University Civil Engineering Society (AdU–ACES), Ozamiz Study Grant Program (OSGP), and Adamson University – Political Science Students United in Living out its Identity for Truth, Integrity, Knowledge, and Academic Supremacy (AdU–PULITIKA).

The 10 recipients of the Campus Leadership Award 2018 were Hideyuki Sato (AdU–PULITIKA), Trishia Alexis Mainagat (Adamson University Student Government – AUSG), Louise Stephen Junawid (AUPS), Christalie Jan Canlas (JFINEX), Jay Ryan Cruz (AdJMA), Rosemarie Ortega (AUSG), Ronnel Rizafrente (JFINEX), Jose Elaiza Monedo (AUSG), Jhastine Navarro (Academic Scholars Alliance–AdU), and Kelly Isuan (AdUChESS).

The Campus Ministry Office (CMO) gave recognition to students who have greatly embodied the Vincentian spirit in their leadership. They were awarded the St. Lorenzo Ruiz Award – the highest award that is given to the student leaders who have manifested courage. CMO honored Ray Mark L. Gaviño and Angelina R. Panelo from Society of St. Vincent de Paul as well as Ivan Louise H. Villalva with this prestigious award. CMO also gave a Special Citation Award to a number of students.

For the international students, the Office for University Relations handed the Campus Leadership Award to Solomon Supuruchikwu Abanobi, Elijah Nathaniel James, and Alaba Moat Masayan for their exemplary leadership and concern for the International Students’ Association of Adamson University (ISAD). Furthermore, they also awarded the Sports Excellence Award to Ejike Lawrence Ugwoke of the AdU Soaring Falcons Men’s Football Team and the Invention Excellence Award to Bethesda Uchechukwu Owuama – Njoku and Kouadjo Koumalese Nayo for their perfume creation.

Awards were also given to graduating athletes and for the best newsletters, activities, and researches of the student organizations.

Adamson University produces successful Vincentian professionals

Once again, Adamson University has proven that when it comes to licensure exams, the top is really its turf.

Twenty-five Industrial Engineering graduates form Adamson passed the 9th Industrial Engineering Certification Examination administered by the Philippine Institute of Industrial Engineers (PIIE) last November 26, 2017 in Manila and Cebu. The bigger news is that one of them, Emerald A. Custodio, made it to the Top 10, placing 4th overall. In previous exams, Adamson harvested the top ranks, with 8 topnotchers in 2015 and 5 in 2016.

Out of 34 takers, 25 passed, thus giving the university a 73.53% overall passing rate and 78.13% for the first-time takers – both figures way above the national passing rate of 56.89%. On a nationwide count, 512 out of 900 successfully hurdled the exams.

On the other hand, the university produced 47 new licensed civil engineers who passed the Civil Engineer Licensure Examination conducted by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC). The first-time takers posted a high passing rate of 68.85%.

Moreover, Adamson University once again produced three topnotchers and a fresh batch of licensed geologists in the Geologist Licensure Examination last November 2017. Among the 28 new Vincentian geologists were board topnotchers Marvin Diaz who landed in the 5th spot and Edzel Dela Cruz and Aldreth Garas who shared the 6th spot. This year, Adamson garnered a 59.57% passing rate for first-time takers.

Lastly, another Adamsonian, Arch. Oliver D. Abesamis, topped the Special Professional Licensure Examination for Architects in the Middle East last September 2017. Eleven Adamsonians passed the examination, giving the university a 64.71 % overall passing rate. Out of the eleven, five took the exam for the first time.
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Here is the list of the new Vincentian Industrial Engineers:

1. Baloloy, Heralynn A.
2. Bautista, Adrielle D.
3. Biblianias, John Glenn L.
4. Colmo, Kezea M.
5. Custodio, Emerald A. – TOP 4
6. Dela Paz, Hazel T.
7. Efondo, Lorenz Arnold T.
8. Ervera, Dustin Jan A.
9. Esguerra, Vanessa Chesca M.
10. Gacusana, Eliseo D.
11. Gonzales, Carl Joshua B.
12. Harisco, Alyssa Grace C.
13. Hernandez, Joy Carlyn Ann N.
14. Joscon, Kirk John D.
15. Lombos, Junneliza D.
16. Makinano, Rhea D.
17. Mariñas, Kilnh Allen A.
18. Mercado, Marvinne Monique P.
19. Morales, Larry Lloyd Jr. R.
20. Munoz, Mary Jay V.
21. Quijao, Lorezette Joyce O.
22. Rodillo, Maria Eunice L.
23. Rodriguez, Jasper H.
24. Sadorra, Karissa T.
25. Santos, Kholeen Claire L.

The new Vincentian Architects are:

1. Arch. Oliver D. Abesamis - TOP 1
2. Arch. Jay A. Angad
3. Arch. Alex Angelo M. Antonio
4. Arch. Dino O. Daza
5. Arch. Paulino S. Flores
7. Arch. Jay-Ar T. Lumaco
8. Arch. Roy A. Mejia
10. Arch. Maricar C. Tamayo

The new licensed Civil Engineers are:

1. Engr. Keith Ehmarxel R. Ablay
2. Engr. Rae Cecil N. Acadra
3. Engr. Rae Christian N. Acorda
4. Engr. Jovanni D. Aplaya
5. Engr. Earl Shadd D. Araña
8. Engr. Dom Bryan T. Bariso
10. Engr. Areeya Nicola M. Cabanza
11. Engr. Alexander S. Campos
12. Engr. Donabel L. Caudilla
14. Engr. Israel G. Cultura
15. Engr. Emilio Patrick I. Dagum
17. Engr. Joseph C. Del Rosario
18. Engr. Arjohn P. Espino
19. Engr. Maria Cristina B. Garcia
22. Engr. Jake T. Leonero
23. Engr. Antonette M. Lim
24. Engr. John Paolo D. Lopez
26. Engr. Rica Mae B. Mayores
27. Engr. Denn Paolo G. Montenegro
29. Engr. John Godfrey Piego Navarro
31. Engr. Kharlo E. Oiga
32. Engr. Errol James M. Palacio
33. Engr. Mary Anjelette R. Pedernal
34. Engr. Dave A. Pejamante
35. Engr. Ronrick Paul Potes
36. Engr. Franchette Coleen M. Presto
37. Engr. Helen Grace C. Ramirez
38. Engr. John Robert A. Ramos
39. Engr. Joshua B. Reyes
40. Engr. Francis Ian L. Rivera
41. Engr. Arlene G. Romasanta
42. Engr. Roger Justine E. Salao
43. Engr. Jonathan C. Santos
44. Engr. Mark Joseph T. Sardea
46. Engr. John Paul M. Villa
47. Engr. Mark Kevin S. Villarino

The new Vincentian Geologists are:

1. Aranzamendez, Aileen S.
2. Borromeo, Kriztzza Fae B.
3. Caido, Jeremiah G.
4. Caseñas, Matthew Ray T.
5. Cater, Von Juvi H.
6. Diaz, Marvin V. – TOP 5
7. Dela Cruz, Edzel M. – TOP 6
8. De Leon, Faye Anne G.
9. Degones, Marinel F.
10. Dimailig, Joseph Angelo P.
11. Dona – al, Jesteet Ruth M.
12. Esteban, Arian M.
13. Garcia, Marilyn R.
15. Garas, Aldeth L. - TOP 6
16. Inocentes, Ralph Oliver V.
17. Magtalas, Yloisa C.
18. Mejares, Rea Maye Leslie M.
19. Motol, Kristine Joy L.
20. Nolasco, Rhon H.
21. Palajos, Rheabelle E.
22. Perez, Kevin Kenneth E.
23. Reola, Czarina G.
24. Sabino, Anna Nerissa C.
25. Sungahid, Janice Jeanne P.
26. Tabuzo, John Harold B.
27. Tobono, Justin Ryan
28. Villarin, Yoko Nicole A.

Adamson University extends its congratulations to these new professionals and thanks them for giving the school a big honor.
Adamson passes second surveillance audit with upgrade to ISO 9001:2015

The auditors of TUV Rheinland recently recommended the award of new certificates under ISO 9001:2015 to Adamson University after conducting the surveillance audit of its Academic (Basic, Tertiary, Graduate) and Support Services last December 6 and 7, 2017.

During the closing meeting on the second day, the auditors presented the results. It was an encouraging piece of good news when Jean Laguitao, Kharen Concepcion and John Francis Faustorilla, Jr. announced in their report that they found zero nonconformity issues. They observed that “the organization has established and maintains an effective system to ensure compliance with its policy and objectives. The audit team confirms in line with the audit targets that the organization’s management system complies with, adequately maintains and implements the requirements of the new standard.”

The new certification is actually a year-end accomplishment of a target in AdU’s new Five-year Strategic Plan, which is to transition smoothly to the new version of ISO Quality Management System from 2008 to 2015 standard and pass the certification audit. From 2013 to 2016, Adamson University had attained ISO 9001:2008 certification from TUV Rheinland. With the introduction of ISO 9001:2015, it began preparing for the transition. The school was scheduled for an audit in early December.

Also in their report, the auditors noted that the commitment towards continual improvement was evident. Among the positive findings identified were the accreditation of academic programs, PTC accreditation of Engineering programs, partnership with Mingshin University of Science and Technology (Taiwan) and Teikyo University (Japan) for scholarships, Technology Business Incubation Plant in Tanauan, Batangas and commercialization of Vigormin, performance in the board examinations (above national passing percentage with placers), Top performing ITSO in the country, complete Senior High School offering, facilities improvement, new Five-Year Strategic Plan 2017-2022, accreditation of the University’s Ethics Review Board, seven consecutive UAAP Softball Championship, Champion in UAAP Cheerdance Competition 2017, and A.M.Y. National Intellectual Property Award Grand Winner 2016.

Another noteworthy positive finding mentioned was in relation to the attainment of targets in the previous Five-Year Strategic Plan. The auditors cited the report of the Institutional Planning and Policy Development Office (IPPDO) that the University was moderately successful in the attainment of the original targets set four years ago. Adamson engaged Reyes Tacandong & Co., (RT& Co.) to facilitate the impact assessment and presentation of the results of implementation of 2012-2017 Strategic Plan as well as the prospective 2017-2022 Strategic Plan development.

The auditors also pointed out at least 13 Opportunities For Improvement (OFI) in several offices and classroom proceedings. In essence, though, the OFIs are areas where the institution gets ideas from the auditors’ perspective that may be valuable as it pushes its quality management system for continual improvement.

The audit team explained the audit procedure and methodology thus: “Management system effectiveness was verified on site by means of random sampling by an appropriately selected audit team. This applies in particular to the compliance of workflows with standard requirements and the descriptions in management system documentation. The special features of the organization’s business activities, the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and the requirements set forth in other generally applicable documents were also taken into account. This was done by means of a sampling approach, by conducting interviews and reviewing the appropriate documentation.”

The awarding of certificates for ISO 9001:2015 to Adamson University reiterates the fact that as one of the leading higher educational institutions in the country, the school is consistent in its commitment to maintaining a quality management system for the benefit of everyone, particularly its main stakeholders, the students.

In his closing remarks, University President Fr. Marcelo V. Manintintim, CM thanked the auditors of TUV Rheinland for the encouraging result of the audit and the university community for their hard work. He reminded everyone, though, not to get into a mode that everything is ok, for the bulk of OFI is a challenge to pay greater attention to the respective areas so that these will be labeled competent. “We are upgraded to offer quality and excellent opportunities for learning,” he said.

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The memorandum signing was attended by Dr. Frank Wang, Zhengzhou University’s Director for Liaison Affairs, and Professor Su Guoying, Director for Admission Office; Adamson University was represented by Dr. Catherine Castañeda, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Engr. Erison Roque, chairperson of Chemical Engineering department and Ms. Hazel Anne Catublas, officer-in-charge of the College of Pharmacy. Zhengzhou University – one of the biggest universities in China – will grant the Silk Road Scholarship to qualified applicants from Adamson University. This research-based doctoral scholarship was offered by Zhengzhou University to three different universities in the Philippines, namely, Lyceum of the Philippines-Batangas, Angeles University Foundation, and Adamson University. Adamson was chosen for its excellent engineering programs.

The signatories also agreed to execute a formal Memorandum of Agreement soon pertaining to the field of academic research.
Adamson University strengthens Intellectual Property development


Last December 13-15, 2017, University President Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM and Vice President for Administrative Affairs Dr. Venusmar C. Quevedo attended the World Intellectual Property Organization’s Regional Conference for

SVST granted Level II Re-Accreditation

The St. Vincent School of Theology’s (SVST) Master of Arts in Theology Program received Level II Re-Accredited Status from the Federation of Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines (FAAP).

The re-accreditation was granted after the SVST was deemed to have satisfactorily met the standards and fulfilled the requirements of the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA) in accordance with the Commission on Higher

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field of endeavor. This year’s recipients are Mr. Jojo Dionaldo (BS Computer Engineering, 1994), Mr. Efren Mendoza (BS Computer Engineering), and Mr. Nestor Tan (BS Industrial Engineering, 1982).

The International Service Award was given to alumni who had helped organize the different alumni organizations and chapters abroad. This year’s roster of awardees includes Mr. Generoso Salle (BS Industrial Engineering, 1974), Ms. Joan Tabinas (BS Architecture, 1996), Mr. Romulo Luz (BS Civil Engineering, 1979), Ms. Lourdes Borja (BS Commerce, 1983), Mr. Ricardo Borja (BS Mechanical Engineering, 1976), Ms. Melinda Reyes (BS Chemical Engineering, 1985), Mr. Miguel Pimentel (BS Accountancy, 1987), Mr. Luisito Bautista (BS Mechanical Engineering, 1977), Mr. Rogelio Cruz (BS Chemical Engineering, 1978), Mr. John Llemos (BS Chemical Engineering), Mr. Levi Tejada (BS Civil Engineering, 1976), and Mr. Danilo Chioco (BS Mechanical Engineering, 1977).

The Adamsonian Award, the highest award, is given to alumni who have made outstanding contributions not only to the university but also to the country and the world as a whole. It is usually conferred during special milestones of the university, like the Diamond Jubilee in 2007 and the 85th Founding Anniversary in 2017. Since the university was holding the 4th Global Alumni Reunion, it was deemed more fitting to honor the 85th anniversary awardees during the reunion.

The ten Adamsonian Award recipients are Mr. Cesar B. Chavez (AB Poltical Science, 1989), Atty. Dante R. Corminal (AB Political Science, 1999 and Bachelor of Laws, 2004), Mr. Macario L. Gav, Jr. (BS Chemical Engineering, 1970), Mr. Anthony V. Gedang (BS Management, 1983), Mr. Lamberto L. Lee (BS Civil Engineering, 1979), Mr. Francis Miguel (BS Computer Engineering, 1992), Mr. Roberto Y. Uy (BS Mechanical Engineering), Ms. Lili Ann K. Zalameda (BS Industrial Engineering), Mr. Erlito R. Magsadia (BS Chemistry, 1963), and Mr. Edison B. Carlos (BS Civil Engineering, 1982).

The university expresses its congratulations to all awardees.
The lighting of the victory bonfire last December 6, 2018 in celebration of the historic first championship of the Adamson University Pep Squad in UAAP Season 80 Cheerdance Competition.

The Diocese of Lismore delegates visit the adopted community of Adamson University in Caluayao, Laguna for their annual immersion through the Integrated Community Extension Services.

News anchor Pia Arcanghel discusses the effects and ways to distinguish and eradicate fake news circulating all over the web in the #IAMSocial event of GMA News Channel in partnership with Adamson University last January 18, 2018 at the Adamson University Theater.

Prince of Philippine Telecert Theme Songs, Bryan Termulo, serenades the Adamson University during the Serenata: A Christmas Concert last December 1, 2018.

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The Guidance, Counseling, Testing, and Placement Services personnel take time to pose with Industry partners during the Job Fair held at the ST Quadrangle on February 27, 2018.

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Art Gallery features several art groups

Adamson University, through the Cultural Affairs Office (CAO), mounted three art exhibits showcasing the works of artists from different art groups at the university’s Art Gallery.

Last November 21, 2017, the gallery exhibited the works of Pintor Kulapol-Tuy, Batangas Artists Group, Inc. in Six-Eleven that showed the paintings and sculptures of Randy Macalindong, Vic Almanzor, Nante Carandang and Antonio, Fernando, and Emmanuel Afable.

Mr. Richmond S. Yap, director of Center for Guidance, Counseling, Placement and Testing Services gave the welcome remarks. Pintor Kulapol president Randy Macalindong delivered a message in behalf of the group.

Nante Carandang, one of the artists, described his paintings as artworks with a dynamic symbolism, saying “they represent a lot of things and personal sentiments.” He also explained his painting style as ‘hyper-realism with drippings,’ adding that he was inspired by Jackson Pollock’s style but put his own personal touch.

Six-Eleven marked the first all-male art exhibition of Pintor Kulapol, whose women-artist members were featured in a show of their own two months back in the same venue. The exhibit ran until December 18.

Bishti ng Sining, featuring the works of 28 talented young artists belonging to the Hagonoy Young Artist Guild (HAYAG) was exhibited last January 16, 2018.

Led by its founder Wewen Flores, himself an artist, HAYAG exhibited the artworks of its protégés who had been undergoing training and art lessons from older artists. Still life, figurative paintings, landscapes and portraits comprised the body of works.

Veteran artists Al Perez and Fil Delacruz, both from Hagonoy, Bulacan each gave their inspirational message. While Perez was happy to see how lucky the young artists from his place are for having older artists to guide them, Delacruz encouraged them to be creative, resourceful and persevering in order to establish their careers. “Do not take the easy road. Take the hardest one and make a difference,” he advised.

Human Rights on spotlight in January 2018 cultural activities

Human Rights and other prevailing social issues became the highlight of the Cultural Affairs Office’s set of cultural activities scheduled for January 2018. Consisting of a musical and two films, the performance and screenings were held at the Adamson University Theater last January 23-25.

On the first day, a remake of Bonifacio Ilagan’s masterpiece Pagsambang Bayan, performed by Tag-Ani Performing Arts Society, made its way to the Adamson University theater stage. Pagsambang Bayan is a 1977 stage play written by Bonifacio Ilagan during the Martial Law era in the Philippines. This remake is now a musical and is directed by the award-winning director Joel Lamangan. This play talked about the atrocities and human rights violations that emerged during the Martial Law years and the succeeding incidents such as the Hacienda Luisita and Mendiola massacres. Pagsambang Bayan resembles a Eucharistic celebration and each bible verse is related to the problem discussed.

Following the stage play were two internationally acclaimed movies titled EJK and Broken Hallelujah, both directed by Roland Sanchez. EJK stars Mon Confiado, Leon Miguel, Felix Roco, Thaddeus Durano Jr., Sarah Patricia Gill, Federico Leop and Alvin Maghanoy and deals with the current administration’s drug war and the controversial extra judicial killings of suspected drug users and pushers.

On the other hand, Broken Hallelujah takes on the issue of modern-day slavery and the prevailing problem of human trafficking. Starring Eliza Pineda, Kyline Alcantara, Rob Sy Bani Baldusseri, Sarah Patricia Gill, Jun Nayra, Kate Brios, Federico Leop, Alvin Maghanoy, Jon Boyet Romano, Jef Gaitan, and Deniece Cornejo, this film won several international awards for its outstanding depiction of the inhumane and violent world of human trafficking.
Serenata 2017: A Christmas Concert

Carols and cheers once again filled the yuletide air at Adamson University with the holding of this year’s Serenata, the annual Christmas concert, last December 1, 2017 at the Adamson University Theater. Usually held at the open grounds fronting the SV building, it had to be moved to the theater due to the rain.

Opened by the music of the AdU Brass Band, this year’s Serenata featured various homegrown talents of the university performing their repertoire of Christmas songs.

Dr. Catherine Q. Castañeda, Vice President for Academic Affairs, delivered the opening remarks.

This was immediately followed by a series of musical numbers, starting with the AdU Chamber Orchestra’s singing of popular Filipino carols, Ilang Tulog pa ba? and Himig ng Pasko. The AdU Chamber Orchestra harmonized Toreadors and I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus.

The AdU Acoustic Band entertained the audience with their crowd-pleasing rendition of modern Christmas songs, Last Christmas, Jingle Bell Rock, and White Christmas. Impressing the audience with their Christmas medley was the Handog ng Pagmanahal Assoc. Inc. Choir.

Halfway through the concert, Mr. Richmond Yap, director of Center for Guidance Counseling, Placement, and Testing Services, shared his own Christmas message.

The concert continued with the singing and playing of a second set of Christmas songs starting with the Chorale’s Himig ng Pasko and Pakinggan at Awitin. The Acoustic Band came back with Jingle Bell Rock and White Christmas.

Finally, it was time for the guest artist Bryan Termulo, popularly known as the Prince of Teleserye Theme Songs, to perform. He sang Filipino and English songs, with the audience of mostly students going wild when he approached them for closer rapport.

After the closing remarks of Dr. Gliceria Lunag, acting dean of the College of Education and Liberal Arts, the whole community wholeheartedly joined together in singing Jose Mari Chan’s classic hit Christmas in our Hearts.

The AdU Brass Band played lively tunes as the audience filed out of the theater.

Bonifacio: Isang Saruwela

“Adamson University Cultural Affairs Office once again teamed up with the Philippine Stagers Foundation (PSF) to run four shows of Bonifacio: Isang Saruwela by Atty. Vince Tanada for Senior High School (SHS) students at the AdU Theater last February 28 and March 1, 2018.”
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Best researches hailed in 6th Engineering Research Congress

The College of Engineering held the 6th Engineering Research Congress at the Adamson University Theater last February 14, 2018. The congress theme was Research Empowerment: Learning with our International Partners.

The seven departments under the college participated and the Chemical Engineering Department emerged as the winner of the Best Research award, besting the other engineering disciplines.

The ChE Department’s research was titled Extraction of Andrographolide From Sista (Andrographis paniculata) using Ultrasound Methods by Patrick Calugay, Manuelito Díaz, Kimberly Dimayuga, Farah Gagui, Kathleen Tare, and Francis dela Rosa.

Bagging the Second Place was the research of the Computer Engineering Department called Real-Time Street Violence Alert and Monitoring System Using Video Processing. Jose Enrico Amante, John Paul Ortega, Pamela Reyes, and Elisha Riza presented it.

The Electrical Engineering Department got the Third Place, with a research titled Development of a Self-Sustaining Sea Surface Device for Harnessing Renewable Energy from Solar and Sea Wave for Lightning Swim Boundaries on Beaches.

It was developed by Gazitawfige Fadol and Samuel Oluwaseyi Olorde.

These top three researches were chosen by a panel of judges composed of Dr. Nuna Almanzor, executive director of the Center for Research and Development; Dr. Nathaniel P. Dugos, De La Salle University-Manila Chemical Engineering Department chairperson, and Ms. Anna Ramos, head of the Innovation Technology and Support Office.

The winning research will be presented at the 5th Regional Conference on Campus Sustainability 2018 (5RCCS2018) at the Universiti Malaysia Sabah in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia on March 20-21, 2018.

Pharmacy faculty is Best Oral Presenter in international conference

Mr. Darwin L. Obel, a faculty member of Adamson’s College of Pharmacy, was named Best Oral Presenter during the 5th International Conference on Advanced Pharmaceutical Research (ICAPH 2018) held in Rangsit University, Bangkok, Thailand last February 20-21, 2018. The conference was hosted by Rangsit University Faculty of Pharmacy and co-hosted by Blackmores Institute, Australia. It carried the theme Pharmaceutical Research for Quality of Life.

Obel was sent by the College of Pharmacy to present his research paper titled Preparation, Characterization and Antibacterial Activity of Gentamicin-Loaded Chitin Nanogel which was previously accepted and approved for oral presentation by the organizers.

Various international presenters coming from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Australia, Thailand and the Philippines attended the two-day conference. Engaging sessions about the benefits of the use of medical marijuana and different innovative ways of developing pharmaceutical products from plant sources also took place during the conference.

Biology Department conducts mining-related research

Adamson University’s Biology Department, in partnership with some faculty of Caraga State University in Butuan City, is currently conducting an intensive research for the post-mining intervention of Dinagat Island to provide a scientific or evidenced-based solution to the harmful effects of mining.

Titled Baseline Survey of Biodiversity and Physico-chemical Characteristics of Disturbed and Undisturbed Environments in the Province of Dinagat Island, Philippines, the research is funded by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and is headed by Dr. Eleanor Austria, PhD, a senior faculty member of the Biology Department. Assisting her is a team composed of Gil Gabriel Villancio, MS, Maria Regina Quibod, MS, and Ace Bryan Cabal, MS. The team aims to provide a holistic survey of terrestrial, marine, and aquatic environments in Dinagat to provide better solutions to the mining aftermath. The research commenced last August 2017 and is targeted for completion in August 2019.

With consultants from the Zoology Department of the National Museum of the Philippines, the baseline survey aims to be an underlying research for a more sustainable solution of the deteriorating effect of mining. It hopes to provide a more holistic catalogue of the resources of the mining site and adjacent area for its pre-mining and post-mining states.

The research is a part of a three-phased project called Post-mining Interventions for Environmental Rehabilitation and Land Sustainability Program, also dubbed as the Perlas Project. The project was established in observance of the statutory mandated social and environmental responsibility of mining agencies as stated in Republic Act 7942 or the Philippine Mining Act of 1995. This act requires mining agencies to contribute to the rehabilitation of social and environmental aspects of their sites or conduct a research as regard to these aspects.
Adamson breaks ground for engineering research building

Adamson University held a groundbreaking ceremony for a proposed nine-story building last January 25, 2018 at the OZ building grounds. Tentatively named Ozanam Annex Building, it will be erected beside the AdU Theater and facing the old Ozanam Engineering building. The new edifice will be the home of eight laboratories and specialized classrooms designed to cater the various engineering disciplines, five conference halls, an audio-visual room and an executive floor for visitors and for official events. Given this new space, it is hoped that research and technology transfer will have a chance to flourish.

In his speech, university president Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM said that the College of Engineering is spearheading the efforts for all the programs to attain excellence. He also said that this building is an attempt to show the university’s commitment to excellence not only in the College of Engineering but in other colleges as well.

The new structure will be an added space for the College of Engineering, which is vying for the different engineering courses to be Centers of Excellence (COE). Vice President for Administrative Affairs and project head Dr. Venusmar C. Quevedo said that the original concept of the building was for it to be devoted to engineering research and innovation and to meet the standards not just to be a center of excellence but for global competencies and recognition as well. It is a mark of the university’s commitment to give the best engineering education to its stakeholders, particularly the students.

Ozanam Annex is an investment for a higher level of instruction and learning in the field of engineering. Its facilities will consist of integrated technological access and software to meet the Commission on Higher Education’s requirement for centers of excellence to have an outcome- and research-based curriculum and for better education to prepare students for international standards. It will be the most modern building in the university, reflecting the fast development and dynamism of the Engineering discipline.

Construction will be done by a team of Vincentian engineers from Metro Stonerich Corporation. Engr. Bong Nuño, Metro Stonerich Corporation president and an active Adamson University alumnus, said that it is a privilege for him to be able to build a building inside the university. He also stated that there is nothing more rewarding for him and his team than to give value to the trust given by the administration.

Adamson ties up with Daegu Health College

Adamson University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with South Korea-based Daegu Health College last January 24, 2018, establishing mutual cooperation in academic research activities and programs.

The university welcomed Daegu Health College President Dr. Nam Sung Hee, Executive Director for International Relations Dr. Kim Kyung-Yong, and Culinary Arts professor Dr. Ahn Hong as they discussed matters regarding the MOU.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Catherine Q. Castañeda said in an interview that Adamson University and Daegu Health College are tying up for a student exchange arrangement in the Hospitality Management program. Daegu Health College offered a one-week internship program wherein students from Adamson University will go to Korea to learn about Korean cuisine and experience their culture. Students will be able to learn the recipe of various signature Korean dishes.

In addition to that, Hospitality Management department chair Ms. Judy Mappala said that the department is planning to consider this one week internship as an alternative for the first phase of the Hospitality Management on-the-job training which is the Restaurant phase taken during the summer break of their second year. Also, Daegu Health College is offering an online lecture on how to create Korean dishes.

Furthermore, Dr. Castañeda said that Daegu is also planning to tie up with the College of Nursing but it is still subject to further discussions.
Adamson University holds 34th Institutional Awards

Adamson University, through the Human Resource Management and Development Office (HRMDO), held the 34th Institutional Awards and Recognition Ceremonies at the Adamson University Theater last February 15, 2018. The annual Araw ng Parangal, whose theme this year is Extraordinary, gave recognition to employees who have served the university from ten to forty years and to the recently retired ones. The awardees received tokens of appreciation that included a plaque, a statue of St. Vincent, a ring and cash, depending on the number of years rendered.

In her opening remarks, Vice President for Administrative Affairs Dr. Venusmar C. Quevedo acknowledged the service that the awardees rendered, which had contributed to the transformation of the university and which has inspired the whole Adamson community. Both Dr. Quevedo and University President Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM noted in their respective speeches that nothing could ever compare to the outpouring of gratitude of the awardees’ friends and colleagues for their loyalty and service.

Here is the list of the awardees:

**LIST OF AWARDEES FOR 10 YEARS IN SERVICE**

1. Ms. Sharon D. Alaurin - Cash Management Office
4. Mr. Paul M. Belleza - BED – Senior High School
5. Mr. Orlando P. Breganza - HRMDO - Records and Information Management
6. Atty. Theresa S. Dizon - College of Law
8. Dr. Julius Rae A. Estampador - Management and Marketing Department
9. Mr. Novie Shane F. Florida - Customs Administration Department
10. Atty. Fretti G. Ganchoon - College of Law
11. Ms. Ma. Thelma C. Gutierrez - BED - Grade School and Junior High School
12. Ms. Evelyn R. Jacob - Integrated Community Extension Services (ICES)
13. Ms. Joyce Ann P. Lalata - BED - Grade School and Junior High School
14. Ms. Maria Theresa M. Malabuyoc - College of Science
15. Ms. Pamela B. Mantuhac - Office for Vincentian Identity & Mission
16. Ms. Arlene V. Paredes - Office of the President
17. Ms. Marives P. Rivero - Library Services
18. Mr. Roel G. Selva - BED - Grade School and Junior High School
19. Ms. Michelle T. Tonel - BED - Grade School and Junior High School
20. Ms. Charlene I. Vergara - Information Technology and Information Systems

**LIST OF AWARDEES FOR 15 YEARS IN SERVICE**

1. Mr. Raul D. Agner - Institutional Development and External Affairs (IDEA)
2. Ms. Eleanor S. Austria - Biology Department
3. Dr. Lorna A. Espeso - BED – Senior High School
4. Dr. Florante D. Garcia - Education Department
5. Engr. Joselito Eduard E. Goh - Computer Engineering Department
6. Atty. Glenn Miguel Mangaoil - College of Law
7. Mrs. Katherine D. Nopuente - Controller’s Office
8. Dr. Merlinda A. Palencia - ITSO - Vigormin Technology
9. Ms. Maylene U. Urcia - St. Vincent School of Theology

**LIST OF AWARDEES FOR 20 YEARS IN SERVICE**

1. Mr. Michael R. Abando - Registrar’s Office - Student Records Management and Evaluation
2. Dr. Eden U. Alberto - Management and Marketing Department
3. Engr. Romulo Vicente DG. Basaen - Mechanical Engineering Department
5. Mr. Conrado O. Cortel - BED – Senior High School
6. Dr. Maria Liria D. Dacanay - College of Science
7. Dr. Rodli F. Facdi - Math and Physics Department
8. Mr. Ira A. Fajardo - BED – Senior High School
LIST OF AWARDEES FOR 25 YEARS IN SERVICE

1. Engr. Elisa O. Casquejo  
   Math and Physics Department

2. Ms. Aurelia B. Encarnacion  
   Registrar’s Office – Student Records Management and Evaluation

3. Engr. Leo L. Jasaren  
   Geology Department

4. Engr. Virgilio Leoncio B. Lomotan  
   PFGSO - Campus Security and Safety

5. Dr. Josefina Sy. Ong  
   Health Services

6. Ms. Ethel A. Ramos  
   Computer Science Department

7. Ms. Maria Anidel S. Sarayno  
   Integrated Community Extension Services (ICES)

8. Ms. Ellen S. Tejada  
   Library Services

LIST OF AWARDEES FOR 30 YEARS IN SERVICE

1. Ms. Jocelyn S. Dela Cruz  
   BED – Grade School and Junior High School

2. Ms. Ruby R. Gantala  
   Budget Office

3. Ms. Marieta R. Necesito  
   Math and Physics Department

4. Ms. Noemi P. Segura  
   BED – Grade School and Junior High School

   Electrical Engineering Department

LIST OF AWARDEES FOR 35 YEARS IN SERVICE

1. Mr. Pompio A. Celada  
   PFGSO - Housekeeping

2. Ms. Aurora M. Fernando  
   Math and Physics Department

3. Mr. Perce L. Lauresta  
   PFGSO - Building Maintenance & Operations

   Health Services

5. Ms. Aurea C. Suzara  
   HRMDO – Records and Information Management

LIST OF AWARDEES FOR 40 YEARS IN SERVICE

1. Ar. Divinia S. Aspras  
   College of Architecture

2. Mr. Gabriel M. De Los Santos  
   Institute of Religious Education (IRED)

3. Ms. Carmencita L. Quintos  
   BED – Grade School and Junior High School

4. Ms. Imelda O. Valdez  
   Business Affairs Office

LIST OF RETIREEs for the INSTITUTIONAL AWARDING CEREMONY 2018

1. Engr. Josefina A. Acosta  
   Civil Engineering Department

2. Ms. Alicia V. Anuddin  
   Physical Facilities and General Services Office (PFGSO)

3. Mr. Dante S. Bernardo  
   Physical Facilities and General Services Office (PFGSO)

4. Engr. Mario V. Bonifacio  
   Civil Engineering Department

5. Mr. Fabian P. Carmen Jr.  
   Physical Facilities and General Services Office (PFGSO)

6. Ar. Maundelito S. Florendo  
   College of Architecture

7. Ms. Fely G. Francisco  
   Cash Management Office

8. Atty. Alfredo U. Ganggangan  
   Electronics Engineering Department

9. Engr. Rolin N. Limos  
   Computer Engineering Department

10. Dr. Orlando M. Malaca  
    Computer Engineering Department

11. Engr. Maria V. Mano  
    Civil Engineering Department

12. Ar. Ma. Aurora B. Medina  
    College of Architecture

13. Dr. Joselyn M. Mendoza  
    Social Science Department

14. Dr. Carl Mark B. Mimiano  
    College of Business Administration

15. Engr. Robert Augusto G. Montales  
    Mechanical Engineering Department

16. Ar. Lucille P. Pamute  
    College of Architecture

17. Mr. Radney O. Ranario  
    Languages Department

18. Ms. Lynn D. Sarto  
    Languages Department

    Chemical Engineering Department

20. Ms. Maria Cristina R. Tabuloc  
    Math and Physics Department

    Computer Engineering Department
For Adamson University, UAAP Season 80 is one for the books.

The Adamson Pep Squad bagged its first ever Cheerdance Competition championship title, toppling seven other competing squads last December 2, 2017 at the Mall of Asia Arena.

The AdU Pep Squad, headed by their coach Jam Lorenzo, and team captain Dwyeth Vergeire, emerged victorious with their ‘80s Manila disco music-themed cheerdance number. Composed of classic disco moves and swings, matched with modern routines, the Falcons indeed soared to the top of the tier.

Not always looked upon as a top contender, the AdU Pep Squad inevitably surprised the crowd when they finished 3rd last season with their Hawaiian-themed performance and soared all the way to the top this season.

The UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe placed second while the UE Pep Squad finished third. Notable crowd favorites these past seasons, the UP Pep Squad and NU Pep Squad, failed to get a podium finish this time.

Expect the Soaring Falcons to continue to shock the UAAP in its coming seasons. Kudos, Falcons!

An unexplainable kind of happiness rushed through his body as the names of their biggest contenders were announced; and when they were declared champion, he did nothing but run to the podium to claim his victorious moment.

Seven years into cheerleading and as AdU Pep Squad captain, Dwyeth Vergeire had at last won a championship.

One of the most awaited events during the annual University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) is the Cheerdance Competition. For years, only two or three schools dominated the event but UAAP Season 80 dropped a big surprise – the first championship of the usual underdog and the 2016 bronze medalist, the Adamson University (Soaring Falcons) Pep Squad.

With their hashtag #80for80 for their ‘80s Manila-inspired routine, the AdU Pep Squad lorded it over the other seven UAAP member schools during the UAAP Cheerdance Competition at the Mall of Asia Arena last December 2, 2017. The win also marked Dwyeth’s last stint in the UAAP.

An Operations Management major, Dwyeth has been a part of the Pep Squad since his first year in the university. He was there during those seasons when everyone seemed to disregard them in the competition. Last 2016, he was there when they surprised everyone with their Aloha-themed number that landed them their first podium finish – a bronze.

According to Dwyeth, that first podium finish drove their coach, Jam Lorenzo, to maximize their potential as cheerleaders with a routine more intense and faster than the previous one. He said that their skills improved even more, making them capable of performing more challenging executions. Every year, their coach designs their performance and upon hearing the ‘80s Manila theme for this season, he felt the thrill to perform a unique and groovy choreography.

The road to their victory was not an easy one. Being student-athletes, they still had their academics to worry about. They are students in the morning and athletes at night. Fatigue and pressure are their biggest challenges in balancing a dual lifestyle.

As captain of the Pep Squad, he made it a point that the team solve all misunderstandings and miscommunications before and after every training. He said that the secret to their success is cultivating a good relationship with each other by addressing each and every concern of the members so their performance won’t be ruined. He also shared that they always made sure that every practice is as good as the real performance so that they will already be “ripe” on the mat.

Dwyeth narrated that while dancing in the cheerdance competition, all they thought about was bringing pride and honor to the university. They were really hungry for victory and they wanted to change the stereotype attached to the AdU Pep Squad as a non-contender. And for this last battle on the mat, he changed that stereotype, thus turning the Pep Squad into one worth watching out for.

It may sadden Dwyeth to bid farewell to his teammates and to cheerleading after graduation but his heart will continue to support the AdU Pep Squad. He will always cheer for them and proudly shout UNAWAKANAHIMO!