Adamson hosts CM Visitor’s Meeting 2019

Palencia wins DOST-NAST G.Y. Zara Award

Prof. Merlinda A. Palencia, PhD, a full professor in the Chemical Engineering Department, was awarded the Dr. Gregorio Y. Zara Medal for Outstanding Technology Commercialization during the opening of the 2019 National Science and Technology Week (NSTW) Awards held last July 17.

Dr. Palencia, who is known for her research of the Vigormin substance, a blend of natural biogenic materials that significantly improve

Second ‘Mechatronics’ batch get degrees from Taiwan U

Adamsonians soared high as the second batch of the Mechanical Engineering (ME) major in Mechatronics Engineering dual-degree program graduated last June 16 at the International Conference Hall of the Minghsin University of Science and Technology (MUST) in Taiwan.

The batch composed of 16 M.E. students who finished the two-year Mechatronics degree in MUST had their tassel-turning ceremony in the morning and graduated along with other students in the afternoon.
Editorial

The novel coronavirus pandemic has shelved the whole world. It has led to the death of millions, and even the fall of economy of some countries. To this day, CoViD-19, as it is infamously known, has continued to fester country after country, person after person, forcing the World Health Organization (WHO) to declare it as a pandemic.

In the Philippines, CoViD-19 goes beyond being a health risk. The highly infectious virus has caused countrywide quarantines leading to temporary closure of schools, churches, and businesses, which, in turn, led to massive lay-offs in some corporations, and even small-scale businesses. Given the situation of the pandemic, to go along with the limitations of the imposed quarantines, some of these laid-off workers have begun to ask where would they get money to fund their children’s education and their daily necessities; some have already resorted to begging in the streets, as we see in news reports.

The pandemic has also left everyone confined in their homes, well this is the case for those who have houses. As we see everyday in the streets of the Metros, there remain street dwellers roaming around amid the threat of the coronavirus, possibly aware but susceptible. As establishments closed down one by one, their sources of income have also dwindled; they, too, have fallen victims not just to a health risk but also to the financial and social crisis brought by CoViD-19.

Being Adamsonians, we are Vincentians, and we belong to the bigger Vincentian Family. Saint Vincent de Paul has been known for his profound love for the poor, and his works of charity. Although we also feel the brunt of the pandemic, we must not forget our brothers and sisters who have been less fortunate.

“You will find out that Charity is a heavy burden to carry, heavier than the kettle of soup and the full basket. But you will keep your gentleness and your smile. It is not enough to give soup and bread. This the rich can do,” Saint Vincent once said.

“You are the servant of the poor, always smiling and good-humored. They are your masters, terribly sensitive and exacting master you will see. And the uglier and the dirtier they will be, the more unjust and insulting, the more love you must give them. It is only by your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give to them.”

Let us remember the less fortunate. Charity has always been good, and for the good, be it in financial aid, social assistance, or in fervent prayer.

Ad Meliora:

Marrying tech and humanities

Why study the humanities? Why study history, literature and other ‘soft’ sciences when we are in the brink of the fourth industrial revolution?

Why study sociology or political science when the world is driven by technology, and is being ‘upgraded’ through robots and all forms of machine that ‘lessen’ the works of man?

Today, technology has become the status quo.

With this, educational institutions, as it established the new Senior High School program, have begun to put more focus on what is called STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) career programs. STEM has somewhat become the generic, or even the sole golden ticket for success, security, and even relevance.

―“Technology alone is not enough—it’s married with liberal arts, married with the humanities, that yields us the results that makes our hearts sing.”

Looking at this situation, it is not just technology that solely sets the status quo, but the trendsetters who take the lead in innovation – they who wed STEM and the liberal arts.

To put things into perspective, a machine may give man answer but the former cannot provide the latter questions. Technology may be the revolution but man remains the reason behind the revolution.

It is history that records the developments that science and technology produces. It keeps a record of each society’s progress in tradition, and way of life – cultures that are individually unique for each society, and unique for each person.

The humanities married to science also perpetuates man’s search for knowledge – science continues to give answers while the humanities continue to ask questions. Such complement gives man a never-ending cycle brought by skepticism.

It is through these arguments that we must remember to marry science and technology and the humanities. Man must not just learn how to make or improve machines, instead, man must know why these innovations are needed, and must be reminded that it is him who must remain in control and not technology. Man must always be critical and analytic.

Although man provides answers, he/she must also ask questions. STEM careers may be the makers of innovation but it is the humanities that allow these breakthroughs’ conception.

As long as humanities and technology are wed, man will have the potential to “change the world”.

“Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances.”
Build excellence

“"You are a fortunate class,” morning session guest speaker Edilberto de Jesus, PhD said, telling the graduates how privileged they are for finishing their studies.

“If you had been the typical students who enrolled together in Grade 1, three-fourths of the seats around you would be empty. Out of 100 pupils who begin Grade 1, less than 25 manage to earn a college diploma. You belong to a fortunate, privileged group,” he continued.

The former President of the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) and Far Eastern University (FEU) reminded the graduates that a degree is not enough and that adaptability is essential noting that companies have raised qualifications in hiring new employees.

Using the Parable of the Three Servants, Dr. de Jesus encouraged the graduates to build from what they learned from the university just like one of the servants from the biblical text did.

“Over the course of your lifetime, you may need to change jobs as many as 10 times. This will require the ability to adjust to new people, to adapt to new situations, to learn new things,” he argued.

He also noted, alluding to the Vincentian motto of Veritas in Caritate and its role in excellence.

Afternoon session guest speaker Secretary Fortunato dela Pena of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) echoed Dr. de Jesus’ words as he encouraged the graduates to remember what is truly important in choosing a career path.

“It is okay to change jobs, don’t force yourself to a job where you are not happy,” the University of the Philippines (UP) Engineering alum said.

“"You can never succeed without hardwork. It is a requirement,” he also noted, alluding to the Vincentian motto of Veritas in Caritate and its role in excellence.

He argued that the motto embodies what the graduates need to remember, Build excellence... especially the education were molded with inside Adamson.

The remarks backed-up the words from the homilies of Fr. Agustin Advincula, CM and Fr. William Azul Encelan, CM who presided the Baccalaureate Mass for each session.

Fr. Advincula and Fr. Encelan reminded the graduates to stay true to the values of Adamson University – like IDs, they should always wear their identities as Vincentian-Adamsonians.

“"You have to" Meanwhile, the Batch of 2019 was advised to remember to serve the nation no matter how high they soar.

“With great regret and pain, I must confess that we have fallen short of our dream for you, our children and grandchildren,” Dr. De Jesus said, pointing out the failure to establish an outspoken, democratic nation...
Adamson hosts CM Visitor’s Meeting 2019

Representatives from the Congregation of the Mission (CM) gathered in the University as it hosted one of the stops of the 2019 CM Visitors’ Meeting held in Manila from June 22 to July 8.

CM Superior General Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, CM headed the contingent that included Visitors of CM Provinces and Vice-Provinces, members of the General Council, including translators and staff, during their visit at Adamson last July 6.

The event was bannered by a Vincentian Family Encounter held at the Adamson University Theater which featured both religious and lay associations under the CM.

In his address to the participants, Fr. Mavrič lauded the Vincentian Family in the Philippines saying that the charism in the country has been “very much alive.” He also discussed initiatives and updates that the Vincentian Family has done internationally.

Fr. Mavrič mentioned the 13 Houses project, a project to address the global issue of homelessness and the Vincentian Freedom Festival, an initiative to reach out to artists and the youth in extending the Vincentian charism of helping the poor.

With the said projects, Fr. Mavrič encouraged the participants to continue to evangelize through personal communication and to reach out using modern technology, namely the social media.

“Let us use the power of the media to connect to the younger generation to know us and make them involved or even inspire them to enter a consecrated life,” he said. “Let us use media, especially the social media to evangelize, for charity to be globalized.”

Fr. Mavrič and Provincial Visitor of the Philippines Fr. Gregorio Bañaga, Jr. answered questions from the Vincentian Family afterwards. Luke 4:18, a band that consists of Vincentian priests, also performed before Fr. Mavrič delivered his speech.

The visit to the University also featured the blessing of the new Museo ng Medalya Milagrosa which housed an array of religious exhibits highlighting the Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

The CM contingent also went to the San Agustin Museum and the Manila Cathedral in Intramuros and were treated into a multi-lingual museum tour at the Adamson University Museum.

Fr. Mavrič led the day’s concluding mass after the Vincentian Family Encounter. Fr. Bañaga and Adamson University President Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim concelebrated with the CM Superior General.

Fr. Renato Ruelos, CM, treasurer of the Vincentian Family Multi-Purpose Cooperative, was the main presider during the concluding and send-off mass last July 7 at the Santuario de San Vicente de Paul in Tandang Sora.

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and government.

“We cannot claim that we have effectively prepared the ground for leaders who will not steal from us, who will not violate our rights, who will not mock our faith, who will not scandalize and corrupt our children,” he continued.

He then proceeded to tell the graduates that the struggles he has mentioned will also be the their struggles even if their main focus remains on their own careers.

“Even if your concern focuses on your individual career, you do realize that larger, public issues will shape your future prospects. You may have to take a stand on these issues, as your parents did before you. You will be called upon, in the spirit of the Adamson prayer: too be just and true when the values of leaders contradict your own,” he said as he delivered the conclusion of his remarks.

Sec. Fortunado de la Pena of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the afternoon session’s Guest Speaker made one simple address which he deemed would leave mark on the graduates.

“When you bring up a family, it’s not what you say but what you do that your children will remember. It is what you do,” he said.

Sec. de la Pena also encouraged the graduates to accept challenges and additional work and be prepared to leave their comfort zone as these them invaluable experience. He also incited them to always be sensitive to emotion of others and stressed the value of perseverance amid failures.

University welcomes yuletide season with Serenata, Paskong Adamson

Christmas vibes were in full display in the University as the Adamsonian Community began the season with the annual Serenata and Paskong Adamson last November 29 at the SV Facade.

Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM, in his Christmas message, reminded Adamsonians to be mindful of the true reason why Christmas is celebrated - not merely to enjoy but to enjoy with a purpose.

Dr. Ma. Liria Dacanay, Dean of the College of Science, and Ar. Sylvester Shaun Seno also gave their own yuletide greetings to the community.

This year’s festivities featured school-based and local talents, as well as an advocacy performance by children from the Philippine General Hospital (PGH).

Adamsonians also saw presentations from the AdU Dance Ensemble, AdU Chamber Orchestra, AdU Acoustic Band, AdU Chorale, HIMIG and featured artists Kyle Maceda and Lance Carr.

The program concluded with a fireworks display and the launching of this year’s theme song, Paskong Adamsonian.

Bands Room for Celo, Written by the Stars, Tanya Markova, Mt. Lewis, and Bita and the Bottflies concluded the night with the annual University concert.
The University sent-off 815 new Vincentian professionals as it held its 33rd Mid-year Commencement Exercises at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) Plenary Hall, January 24.

Fr. Agustin Advincula, CM presided the Baccalaureate Mass which kickstarted the ceremonies. Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, University President, Fr. Rafael Eloriaga, CM, VP for Finance, Fr. William Azul Encelan, CM, Director of the Campus Ministry Office and Fr. Rowen Carlos, CM cocelebrated in the momentous occasion.

Fr. Advincula, in his homily, reminded the graduands the value of doing good deeds, especially the little things.

“We are not asked to be heroes, but in a small way, we can change the world,” he said. “You will not appear on the television, you will not be called heroes but you will experience love, care and understanding.”

Manila Mayor Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso, the event’s Commencement speaker, echoed Fr. Advicula, saying everything boils down to man’s mindset.

Dr. Catherine Castaneda, Dr. Venusmar Quevedo, Fr. Andrew Bayal, CM, along with the different college deans, meanwhile, administered the presentation of academic and special awards, as well as the distribution of diplomas.

Angelica Barrera, an Academic Merit awardee from the College of Education and Liberal Arts, delivered the address of petition while another Academic Merit awardee from the College of Science, Ellen Rose Salazar gave the address of thanks.

The fresh graduates then pledged their alumni oath before Engr. Hubert Q. Temprosa, president of Adamson University Alumni Association, Inc.

Graduands clad in denim jeans flocked the ST Quadrangle as the University sends-off and welcomes the Mid-year graduating Batch of 2020, January 17.

University Administrators led by Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM, University President, oversaw the ceremonies and party that featured a Diamonds and Denims theme.

University’s Acoustic Band, Himig, and performances from chosen graduands provided entertainment for the attendees.

The festivities have been a tradition in the University which symbolizes Adamson U’s formal farewell to graduands and a demonstration of well-wishes as they pursue their professional careers.

The University holds encryption seminar
Administrators and staff of the different offices and departments of the University gathered in the OZ AVR for a seminar on File Encryption last February 4.

Mr. Mario Demerillas, Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and Head of IT Consulting at Exceture Inc. delivered a talk in managing sensitive files, namely those in the Microsoft Office. He also discussed file encryption on file compiling software, as well as full disk encryption.

“It’s all about the secrecy and privacy of the files we do not want others to see, especially University and students’ files,” Mr. Demarillas said in Filipino.

The said seminar is expected to heighten University offices’ data privacy protocols.
The University showed its gratitude to its industry partner as it held the annual Industry Appreciation Day at the Manila Prince Hotel last July 4.

Unlike the previous years, the eighth installment of the event spanned for two days, featuring the industry partners of the Colleges of Engineering, Architecture, Nursing and Pharmacy on the first day and the partners of the Colleges of Business Administration, Education and Liberal Arts and Science on the second day.

Guidance Services Director Mr. Richmond Yap welcomed the representatives, noting the change the university has done with the event. Mr. Yap also revealed the planned full establishment of the Adamson University Careeer Center set on 2022.

Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM echoed the remarks from Mr. Yap saying the said center should be fully operational sooner than the original target year. He also addressed the representatives from Adamson’s industry partners and described the event as a way for the University to thank them for giving Adamsonians an avenue to practice their future professions.

To end his address, Fr. Manimtim argued that such partnership of the industry and the academe should be strengthened as feedbacks from the industry suggest improvements on the programs in the academe.

Signings of the Memoranda of Agreement and distribution of appreciation tokens were led by Fr. Manimtim and Career and Placement Services Head Mr. Celso V. Mangaoil who also delivered the the closing remarks.

Industry partners who had representatives present in the first day of the event include Analog Devices Inc., Boysen Paint, Emerson Electric-Asia, Far Eastern University- Nicanor Reyes Memorial Foundation (FEU-NRMF), Gat Andres Bonifacio Memorial Medical Center, Grid Laboratories, Headroom Concept Design and Visualization Co., Justice Jose Abad Santos General Hospital, Mercury Drug, Morishita Seggs Pharmaceutical Co., Philippine Human Resource WorldWide Employment Co., Propmech Corporation, Veteran Memorial Medical Center, Watsons Philippines, YSS Laboratories Co., ASSIST Asia and SAP Philippines.

Second day attendees were representatives from Accenture, Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment, MediLink Inc., Potato Giant, Tactile Studios Inc., Tang, Yap and Co Associates, AVP Philippines Inc., Clinic of the Holy Spirit, Philcopy Co., Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association (PIRA), Supercare Medical Services, Chinabank, First Place Inc., Hallo-Hallo Inc., Cognizant Technology Solutions, Century Park Hotel, Bank Sentral ng Pilipinas, Department of Education – Manila, Cavite Center for Mental Health and OOCL Philippines.

**WIPO workshop held in Adamson**

Intellectual Property experts from around the country converged at Adamson University as it opened a four-day workshop on Intellectual Property (IP) Commercialization last July 2.

The workshop titled National Workshop III on Intellectual Property Commercialization in the framework of the Enabling Innovation Environment for (EIE) for IP and Technology Project was organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in coordination with the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL), Adamson University and the Japan Patent Office (JPO).

Dr. Venusmar Quevedo, Vice President for Administration and Innovation and Technology Support Office (ITSO) Manager, was one of the three personalities who delivered the opening remarks, mentioning the objectives of the said event and the future establishment of a Research and Innovation Building which is being built beside the venue.

“**This is part of the university’s commitment to provide an environment that will enable us to cultivate a vibrant culture for IP development and IP commercialization,”** she said.

Mr. Makoto Nakanishi, Associate Program Officer of the Cooperation Support Division of WIPO and IPOPHL Deputy General Atty. Nelson Laluces followed Dr. Quevedo, discussing the status of IP in the country and the tedious work required in learning and commercializing IP .

Dr. Richard Cahoon, President of BioProperty Strategy Group Inc. and an Adjunct Professor from Cornell University in the US delivered the overview of the workshop . He also gave a presentation titled Prior Art Analysis and Scope of IP – Emphasis of Scope Patent / Claim Analysis.

“I’m really happy being here and seeing the progress being made and to see the commitment by all of you,” he said. “This is hard. It’s really a labor of love – something that you dedicate to because it’s good for humanity and for your society but it’s not easy [yet] it’s fun.”

The opening program featured discussions by Dr. Cahoon and a practical exercise on Applying Art Analysis and Scope of IP to evaluate the Spoke’s own Technology. Together with Dr. Cahoon are fellow workshop facilitators Dr. Ashley Stevens, the International Consultant and President of Focus IP Group in the US and Mr. John Fraser, the President of Burnside Development and Associates.

The workshop, which spans from July 2 to 5, features numerous discussions of case studies, round table discussions and practical exercises aiming to develop the familiarity of the participants to IP development.
Military personnel from Adamson U and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) paraded at the SV Building Facade as the University witnessed the donning of ranks on Fr. Andrew Bayal, CM, and the presentation of new cadets and sponsors of the 246th Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) this morning.

Fr. Bayal was elevated to the rank of Lieutenant Commander (LCDR), and was put in-charge of the newly-established 722nd Marine Reserve Company, the first Marine reserve unit in the country.

LCDR. Reimon Retaga, Commander of the 246th NROTC of Adamson U, Col. Roberto Emmanuel Feliciano, Commander of the 7th Marine Brigade Reserve, and Brigadier General (BGen.) Ariel Caculitan, Commander of the Naval Reserve Command, and the event’s guest of honor and speaker led the donning of rank ceremonies.

Now LCDR. Bayal, the University’s Vice President for Student Affairs, and Director of the National Service Training Program (NSTP) had nothing but words of optimism, gratitude, and humility as he takes on his new position.

“From stories of the veterans, they were defenseless against the atrocities, if they were trained, they could have fought for our country,” he said. “When this country comes under attack, everyone rises to defend her. ‘Di mo lang ipinagtatanggol ang sarili mo, kun’di ang kasarinlan, ang iyong mga mahal sa buhay at ang ating bansa... We must assure that we have a stable and secure country.”

The AFP General further discussed the benefits that ROTC may provide to those who participate in such training.

“Sa military, ibang antas ang disiplina - “Obey first before you complain” - tinuturuan gumawa ng tama kahit walang nakakakita; tinuturuan maging matiyaga,” he stated. “Whatever career you pursue, you’ll be successful because you have that character.”

Fr. Bayal also revealed that the feat almost coincided with the 17th anniversary of his presbyteral ordination.

“I am a soldier of Christ, of God, and I am also a soldier of our country. I am living what the saying Pro Deo et Patria,” he said.

In his welcome remarks, Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM, University President, advised his priestly brother that his position in the military would influence his post in the University through the integration of discipline in making Adamsonians responsible citizens of the country.

Meanwhile, new Cadet corps and sponsors who will lead the University’s NROTC command were also presented to the newly-installed Commander and the attending Philippine Navy Officers.

BGen. Caculitan, in his keynote speech, reiterated the importance of ROTC, especially with matters concerning national defense.

“Wala namang tao o bansa na gustong magkaroon ng away o giyera pero isang katotohanan sa mundong ginagalaw natin, palaging may giyera at palaging may mga biktima – mga bata, kababaihan, matatanda – mga sibilyan,” he said.

Mentioning memories he heard from the stories of veterans from the war against the Japanese, he reflected on the possibilities if they were trained under the ROTC.

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Fr. Azul Encelan, CM, director of the Campus Ministry led the opening mass that kicked off the event.

Engr. Elisea Casquejo, a member of the AUFEA Board of Directors, delivered the opening remarks while Engr. Hubert Temprosa led the new members of the association in taking their oath.

AUFEA officers including Engr. Temprosa, Mr. Michael Abando, Engr. Casquejo and Mr. Ireneo Ignacio gave reports on committees which they lead. Mr. Ignacio, the AUFEA Auditor, also closed the program thanking the participants for coming to the event.

Ms. Consolacion Sotto, AUFEA Treasurer, and Engr. Jose Cerisel Driz, AUFEA President, also delivered the Treasurer’s and President’s reports, respectively. An open forum followed afterwards.

The AUFEA also organized a Labor Seminar held at the BA Multimedia last August 30.
Enriquez of ITSO, IPPDO attends G-TEC, OIT training

Engr. Noe Enriquez, Technology Business Incubator Manager of the Innovation Technology Support Office (ITSO), continued this training as the University’s top Intellectual Property specialist as he took part in the World Intellectual Property Organization-sponsored (WIPO) Global Technology Entrepreneurship and Commercialization (G-TEC)- Osaka Institute of Technology (OIT) Summer Intensive Program at Osaka, Japan last August 19 to 30.

The one-week GTEC course featured an array of discussions on technology commercialization that reinforce previous WIPO trainings focused on technology valuation, market assessment, barriers to entry and patent due diligence, and licensing and technology valuation.

Professors of OIT and Intellectual Property (IP) specialists delivered talks on Technology Translation: The Gap Between Discovery and Development Phase, Translation of Science to Customer’s Need, Special Forms of IP Protection – FDA Data Exclusivity in Drug Invention, and Value Chain Analysis as A Tool for Market Assessment.

"[The program] gave me a complete grasp of technology in actual and not just theoretical [application],” Engr. Enriquez said. “I will share this tool to my technology managers handling and managing the University’s technologies. With this tool, they can identify which companies to interview for expert opinions and to gather the voice of the customers. These interviews are important for the reason that the market cares about the technology’s benefits and needs, not the features.”

AdU opens new SY with General Assembly

Administrators, faculty members, and co-academic staff opened the school year 2019-2020 with renewed vigor and commitment to the credo of continuing a tradition of excellence in education as the University held the annual General Assembly at the University Theatre last August 5.

Fr. Franklin Pilario, CM, Dean of the St. Vincent School of Theology, presided the opening mass along with the Vincentian priests who are serving as administrators in the university. The College of Science, led by Dean Liria Dacanay, hosted this year’s general assembly.

In her opening remarks, she reminded the Adamsonian community of advocating a Vincentian Education with a heart amidst the transformation of education in the country.

Different offices presented their milestones last school year, highlighting outstanding achievements in various academic programs, improvements in facilities, relevant student engagements, improved financial performance and expanded international scholarships and exchanges among others. Intermission numbers such of songs and dances were also performed to provide a festive mood to the program.

Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM, the University President, delivered his message and echoed the assembly’s theme, Vincentian Education for the Nation’s Growth.

Fr. Manimtim reiterated the University’s commitment to provide quality education along with the challenges brought by the implementation of free tuition fees among public schools. He underscored the importance of sustained engagements in research and encouraged the faculty members to pursue researches that promote social responsibility and involvement.

The event was capped by an oath-taking ceremony of the newly appointed and reappointed administrators which was officiated by Fr. Manimtim.

University soars to Inter-Ed Guidance Fair

The University went pound-for-pound with the best schools in the country during Inter-Ed’s 29th Career Consultation and Guidance Fair (CCGF) last September 17 to 18 at the World Trade Center in Pasay City.

Adamson, together with local and international universities in the Philippines such as University of the Philippines (UP), De La Salle University (DLSU), University of Santo Tomas (UST) and Mapua University, set up exhibits and activities to catch the interest of at least 8,000 participating students, mostly from Metro Manila and nearby province-based secondary schools.

The event featured seminars and tips on passing college admission exams, career aptitude tests, and orientations given by representatives of participating schools to showcase their institutions.

Admissions and Student Recruitment Head Benjamin Felix Urbano, Jr., led the promotional drive for the University in the two-day fair where Adamson’s mascot, Falcon, toured the booths of other participating university-exhibitors.

The annual gathering is organized by International Education Specialists, an organization specializing in student development and training for universities abroad.
AdU Opens New Innovation, Research Center

Adamson University (AdU) continued to make strides in technological advancement in its infrastructures after opening its new innovation and research center.

San Marcelino’s Catholic institution inaugurated the Dr. Carlos Tiu Center for Technology Innovation and Research last November 29 during ceremonies presided by Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, C.M., AdU President, and Fr. Gregorio Bañaga, Jr., C.M., Provincial Visitor of the Congregation of the Mission, and featured major patrons Dr. Carlos Tiu, Chairman and Founder of Akari Lighting and Technology Corp. and Mr. Vicente Co, Vice President of Manly Plastics, Inc.

Center for Technology Innovation and Research

Now known as the most modern structure in the campus, the nine-storey structure boasts 42 classrooms including special laboratories, innovation spaces, technology incubation hub, conference rooms and audiovisual hall. The rooftop houses the executive floor to serve visitors and partners on occasions of accreditation, certification and various academic scholarly exchanges.

Dr. Venusmar Quevedo, AdU Vice President for Administration, explained the reason behind CTIR’s establishment, saying, “Top management and academic officers are aware that unless we invest on new facilities, the University will have difficulty in realizing the targets of the strategic plans set.”

“To spur a vibrant research and innovation culture, and eventually successful technology transfers, the Innovation and Research Center was thought to rise in the Ozanam grounds for the continuous pursuit of excellence, competitiveness and sustainability,” she continued.

Aside from providing additional space for the growing enrolment in the University’s College of Engineering, the Center also backstops the 38-year old Ozanam Engineering Building which is no longer enough to meet the growth and development demanded by the different engineering programs. It is also part of the continuing initiatives to upgrade laboratory and instructional facilities to encourage generation of useful innovations and relevant researches leading to technology commercialization.

Dr. Quevedo also expressed openness for the development of other structures around AdU although she asserts that the University is keen on the continuity of building rehabilitation projects.

“Plans for improvement of other buildings is always in the pipeline. It is best to improve and rehabilitate other buildings while putting up new ones,” Dr. Quevedo said. “In regard to ensuring that all buildings are safe in case of calamities, this is a continuous program since we have to comply with government regulations. Also, the top management is serious in providing a safe working environment for all, hence, continuous rehabilitation is a must.”

Modern, Filipino, Student-centered

“The CTIR building features a plethora of shared multipurpose spaces that are open to all the students. These spaces function as breathing room for the students. This acts as a very Filipino spatial identity where people can congregate and enjoy the presence of each other. They are life spaces that you will find in every community in the country,” said Arch. William Ti, top architect of WTA Architecture and Design Studio and architectural designer of the Center.

“Icons are defined by time and not by the contemporary definitions that we artificially tack on to our ideas. The CTIR aspires to be an institution that serves and develops the needs of our students and in doing so becomes an indelible part of their collective memories,” Arch. Ti furthered.

The CTIR features an architectural design that is intended as a modernist reflection of the existing buildings on campus with a base structure that matches the height of the surrounding buildings while the glass core breaks out and reaches up as a contemporary expression of Filipino urbanism at the same time acting as a mirror for the surrounding landscape.

Arch. Ti further explained CTIR’s design, saying, “The building itself is quiet and subdued in shape and form. It does not call attention to itself but seeks to be experienced and appreciated amidst the serene beauty of its forecourt and the surrounding trees.”

“The CTIR is a structure that seeks to inspire the students with a facility that expands their own capabilities. As the elevator opens up on each floor to increasingly open views of the campus and the cityscape, one can almost imagine how a student would someday be standing here looking out over the tree-tops and solving the problems of our coming generations,” he added.

School officials expect the CTIR to be fully operational starting on the second semester of School Year 2019-2020.
The characteristics of wastewater effluent, was cited as the first researcher in the country to successfully commercialize a new technology.

Vigormin currently has at least 54 technology adopters and 10 regional distributors, and has done significant contributions in the development of natural water treatment technology. The said product also has its roots planted in the University with a spin-off company called Envigor Natural Products Manufacturing Inc. which is also headed by Dr. Palencia.

Other awardees of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST)-Philippines-led event include Dragonpay Corporation chief Robertson Chiang and University of the Philippines (UP)-Los Baños Professor Emeritus and Soil Scientist Erinda Paterno, PhD who also got the Gregorio Y. Zara Medal.

UP-Diliman Professors Mary Donnabelle Balela, PhD and Alonzo Gabriel, PhD were also awarded the Julian A. Banzon Medal for Outstanding Research and Development (Applied Research) and Eduardo A. Quisumbing Medal for Research and Development (Basic Research), respectively.

UP-Visayas Chancellor Ricardo Babaran, PhD was given the Dioscoro L. Umali Medal for Outstanding Science Administrator.

This year’s NSTW featured the theme Science for the People: Enabling Technologies for Sustainable Development.

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Second ‘Mechatronics’ batch get degrees from Taiwan U

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“We will carry on with pride the second batch of ME dual-degree program students,” batch president Jerome Cedric Keng said in his graduation speech. “We will carry on with hope that this ME program promises.”

The program began with a prayer led by Sr. Maruja Padre Juan, MScS, director of Adamson University’s Office for University Relations (OUR). Sr. Maru, as she is known in Adamson, is representing Adamson President Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM.

MUST’S Dr. Jen-Chao Tai, an Associate Professor of the M.E. Department and Dr. Alex Liarrng, director of the International Exchange Center delivered the Opening remarks and Congratulatory Message, respectively.

Engr. Arnoldo Valino, Chairperson of Adamson’s ME department, also gave an inspirational message to the graduates.

Along with Keng, students who graduated from the said program are Aaniel Cabrera, Erjohn Magsombol, Vincent Archie Umandal, James Patrick Palencia, Honey Grace Regalado, Michaelangelo Barroga, Enrique Miguel Gungon, Jaya Jane Gabutero, Randolf Matthew Lazaro, Martin Clarence Samson, Sean Philip Cruz, Rogelio Cartagena III, Mike Angelo Ngo and Lyzander John Ganapin.

Gratitude also flooded the halls of the ceremony as both graduates and their relatives have nothing but thanks for MUST and Adamson.

According to Sr. Maru, “Discussions by the officials of MUST and Adamson University present at the graduation ceremony indicated the gratitude and joy of the parents and the students about the way the two institutions are implementing the M.E. dual degree program.”

She also noted the support system that the two batches built with each other, saying that the success of the latter was partially because of the support of the former. More relatives and friends were also welcomed this year as 92 loved ones of the graduates were allowed to witness the momentous event.

“It was only for the students of Adamson and MUST’s dual-degree program where parents, relatives and friends were allowed to attend,” Sr. Maru said. “When we interviewed the parents, they said they were indebted to Adamson and MUST for this very important stage in the life of their children and how this is going to upgrade their education.”

The dual-degree program requires students to take a two-year program in MUST for the Mechatronics degree. Upon graduation, they will come back to Adamson and finish the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree.

“Like the first batch, the second batch excelled in their academic performance while at MUST. As expected, everyone graduated on time, meaning they have successfully taken the two years of the M.E. double-degree program without hurdles,” she added.
Pharma studes, profs present papers in Int’l confabs

The University received international recognition as students and faculty of the College of Pharmacy (CoP) presented their research in a pharmaceutical conference in South Korea.

Dean Perlita Crucis led the contingent that presented 12 papers in the 9th Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) Conference held at Ajou University in Suwon last July 3 to 5.

The studies Preparation, characterization and antibacterial activity of gentamicin loaded chitin nanogel by Darwin Obel, Agnes Castillo and Christina Binag; The Development and Validation of Instructional Materials in Improving Communication and Medication Literacy of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Patients by Hazel Anne Catublas; and Antibacterial activity of the formulated ointment containing methanolic fruit extract of Annona squamosa and Azadirachta indica leaves extracts of Psidium guajava and Cassia alata by Janita Bunagan, Anne Lalaine Garcia, Ramvel Vesalee Tamio, and Darwin Obel.

Other Adamsonian-made studies presented in the conference include:

- Functional group analysis of solvent partitioned extract of medicinal plants Eleusine indica by infrared spectroscopy by Joanne Katherine Manlusoc, Anthony Yen, Liahona Faith Mancol, and Jade Cometa;
- Knowledge, attitude and practices on the use of antimicrobials among residents in Towerville Phase 5, Barangay Minuyan, SJDM Bulacan, Philippines by Perlita Crucis, April Mergelle Lapuz, Jocelyn Pantia, Elaiza Mariz Encarnacion, Mylene Magno, and Lourdes Anne Solis;
- Digital Marketing of Pharmaceuticals: The impact on customer relationships by Perlita Crucis, Elaiza Mariz Encarnacion and Susan Montemayor;
- Evaluation on Customer’s Purchasing Behavior and Satisfaction in Hospital Pharmacy, Single Proprietor, and Chain Drugstore in Ermita, Manila by Jose Gerardo Aquino, Catherine Pozon, and Majoy Malasabas;
- Preliminary Characterization, Antioxidant and Antiproliferative Properties of Polysaccharide from Caulerpa taxifolia by Carlo Embralino, Renaliza Alonte, Catherine Caniel, Patrick Conde, Ariane Marie Bayro, and Joanne Katherine Manlusoc; and
- Wound Healing and Antimicrobial Activity of the Prepared Emulgel Containing Combined Crude Extracts of Psidium guajava and Cassia alata Leaves by Janita Bunagan, Anne Lalaine Garcia, Ramvel Vesalee Tamio, and Darwin Obel.

AdU REPRESENT. Pharmacy faculty and students represented the University in various international conferences.

PST Conference

The University was also well-represented during the Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology (PST) International Conference held at The Ambassador Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand last June 18 to 19 as three studies by Adamsonians were presented during the annual meet.

The oral and poster presentations of the papers Preparation of spray containing essential oils of Ocimum basilicum and Plectranthus amboinicus (Family Lamiaceae) and determination of mosquito repellent activity against Aeges aegypti by Romarie Jane C. Ronquilo et al.; Antimicrobial activity of the prepared emulgel containing combined crude extracts of Psidium guajava (Guava) and Cassia alata (Akapulko) leaves by Angel Sharmaine Paz et al.; and Formulation of a pediculicidal shampoo from Annona squamosa and Azadirachta indica fixed oils by Florian Mae Pascua et al. bannered AdU in the conference that featured 10 oral presentations and 74 poster presentations.

Plenary lecturers from Japan, China, South Korea, United Kingdom, and Thailand universities also graced the event and discussed advanced topics on quality assurance, cosmeceuticals, natural products, pharmacology, toxicology, and pharmaceutical engineering.
The University continued to refine its technological research as two more Adamsonians presented their co-authored study in the 13th Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) PowerTech Conference in Milan, Italy last June 23 to 27.

Dr. Angelo A. Beltran, Jr. of the Electronics Engineering (ECE) Department, together with Engr. Peter Mark Buay, an ECE alumnus and Prof. Ying-Yi Hong, a professor in the Electrical Engineering Department from Chung Yuan Christian University, Taiwan, delivered the research presentation of the study titled Maximum Power Point Tracking of Photovoltaic System Using Taguchi-based Fuzzy Control.

Dr. Beltran said, referring to the continuous development of research in the university. “Conferences are also a good platform in order to meet and network with lead researchers who are experts in the field for possible research collaboration.”

The paper which provides a new means of achieving a higher efficiency of solar photovoltaic system by means of Taguchi-based fuzzy logic method will also be published in the IEEE Xplore database and will be further indexed in Scopus.

PowerTech Conference is a leading power engineering conference that showcases studies related to electrical power, energies, motor drives and control, power electronics and converters, smart grid and microgrid.

The College of Engineering, in partnership with National Taipei University of Technology (NTUT), has successfully conducted the 2019 Problem-Based Learning (PBL) Camp in Automation and Mechatronics last November 1 to 3 at the NTUT Campus in Taipei, Taiwan.

Fifteen engineering students, together with their faculty-mentors, were selected to represent the University on the camp which had the Adamsonian student participants team-up with NTUT students and develop a prototype using Arduino microcontroller and set of sensors to enhance smart manufacturing.

Event co-organizer Dr. Chih Hung Li, Associate Dean of College of Mechanical & Electrical Engineering of NTUT, lauded the Adamsonian delegation saying projects have improved this year.

“I was impressed by the projects made by the students. I can say that projects presented this year were better than last year,” he said.

The PBL camp is an innovative educational activity where students are guided to successfully accomplish a task which includes coding, assembly, installation & wiring, troubleshooting, and commissioning of a system using a problem-based and multi-disciplinary approach.

Eng’g, Taiwan U tie-up for PBL Camp 2019

Dr. Li co-chaired the event with Engr. Antonio Doroliat, a PhD student and former chair of Adamson’s Mechanical Engineering department.

Engr. Evelyn Q. Raguidin, Dean of the College of Engineering saw the camp as the first step of the college towards student mobility and internationalization.

“We are [also] planning that seminars, fieldtrips and on-the-job trainings of Engineering students can now be done out of the country” she said.

The participants were also treated to a cultural tour of Taiwan including trips to historical museums, local restaurants and landmarks, and a laboratory tour and walkthrough around the NTUT campus.

Student participants of the said event include Andrea Maurisse Calong, Janina Manimtim and Mark Noe Christian Caadyang of the Computer Engineering (CpE) Department; Jona Marie Mialal, Gabrielle Anne Villacarlos, Jay Bjie Santos and Floyd Escarlan of the Electronics Engineering (ECE) Department; Vergel Valera and Angelica Mamangun of the Electrical Engineering (EE) Department; Bethany Laryssa Wong, Hyacinth Pineda and Alyysa Ira Manuel of the Industrial Engineering (IE) Department; and Ma. Joana Therese Santiago, Kim Kirby Quiocson and Peter Dion Alcantara of the Mechanical Engineering (ME) Department.

The conference attended by researchers from different international universities and industries features an array of studies on IOT Technology, communication engineering, micro and nanofabrication, robotics and automation, biomedical engineering, artificial intelligence.

“The [IEEE] international conference is significant for researchers from the academy and industry because it is where we share and discuss our ideas with experts in the field,” Dr. Beltran said. “From there, we network with experts for possible research collaboration in the future.”

The Electronics Engineering Department of the University has a Level II Accreditation from PACUCOA, center of development (COD) recognition from the commission on higher education, and an accreditation from the Philippine Technological Council (PTC).
**Mechatronics students victorious in Macau**

Adamsonians under the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, major in Mechatronics dual-degree program struck gold in their latest robotic tilt in Macau.

Two teams from the University bagged back-to-back victories in the Track Race Event (College), securing two championships, a first runner-up and a second runner-up finish during the Asian Conference on Robot Education and Innovation held last August 10 to 13 at the Macau Convention Center.

Another team under the Obstacle Avoidance Event (College Level) also finished with a second runner-up award.

Second batch dual degree students Michaelangelo Barroga, Martin Clarence Samson, James Patrick Valencia, Sean Phillip Cruz and Jaya Jane Gabutero led the contingent from Adamson along with third batch students James Aldrin Tatlonghari, Rojlan De Los Reyes and Carlo Sibaruten.Engr. Basil Bautista and Engr. Arnaldo Valino accompanied the students during the event joined by schools from the Asian region.

The Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, major in Mechatronics is a joint program between Adamson and Minghsin University of Science and Technology (MUST), Taiwan.

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Consul Andaya-Nauts said, citing the importance of culture-sharing and people facilitation.

The US Consul also highlighted the significance of awareness and respect of cultural differences as “today’s students will be global citizens” who will be responsible for nation-building in the future.

“International students away from their home country can sometimes feel homesick but Filipinos tend to make someone feel not out of place and will try to converse with you. In that way they could feel the sense of belongingness,” said Consul General ad Honorem Michael Alexander Ang from the Consulate of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, lauding Filipino hospitality which he said makes the stay in the country easier for international students.

CG Ang also made mention of the recently-concluded Tourism Summit last 2019, saying that students being exposed to such events and hospitality have nothing but positive results.

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OUR hosts 6th Prexy Cup

Adamsonian football enthusiasts got together at the SV Covered Court as the Office of University Relations (OUR), led by its director Sr. Maruja Padre Juan, MSCS, hosted the sixth installment of the Presidential Football Cup last October 9.

Last year’s titlist Abiola FC scored back-to-back championships while Blood and Bones and Palung-Palo Football Club finished first and second runners-up in the tournament that featured nine teams this year.

Philemon Soji Okemakinde

Abiola FC emerged as this year’s MVP and Golden Boot winner while Blood and Bones booters Xi Luo and Xiang Yu received the Best Midfielder and Best Defender award. Kouadjo Kounalesse Nayo was chosen as the tournament’s Best Goalkeeper.

Diversity was in full display during the event with the teams being composed of international students from different African and Asian nations.

Abiola FC had Nigerians, Rwandese, Beninese members; Blood & Bones had Chinese, Sudanese, Nigerian, Myanmar, Eritrean; IP Men were composed of Japanese, Rwandese, Eritrean, Sudanese; Kamikaze PFC had Eritreans, Japanese, Sudanese, Jordanian, Filipino players; Fusion had a Papua New Guineans, Syrian, Myanmar, Eritrean, Yemeni composition; and United Tigers composed of Pakistanis, Congolese, Rwandese, Eritrean, Mozambican and Filipino.

Palung Palo Football Club were all Filipinos, while Forca Lafaek had an all Timorese line-up. Niugini Kumul was also composed of Papua New Guineans.

According to the OUR, the tournament, which began last 2014, aims to foster unity and promote sportsmanship among international students, as well as be an avenue for their sports expression.

The Presidential Cup is done in collaboration with the Philippine Football Federation (PFF), Teen Azkals Football Foundation, Kaya Football Club, and the Philippine Youth Football Club.

University secures ties with Chinese Tech school

New affiliations have been established as the University established another educational collaboration with a reputable institution in the Asian region.

Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM, led the Adamsonian contingent during the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Nanjing City Vocational (Technological) College, represented by its President Dr. Chen Sheyu, last October 15 in Nanjing City, Jiangsu Province, China.

The said MOU sets a partnership of the two schools focusing on the Computer Science program, enabling exchange of ideas and techniques on the said learning area. Fr. Andrew S. Bayal, CM, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Sr. Maruja S. Padre Juan, MSCS, Director for University Relations, was with Fr. Manimtim during the event.

Nanjing City Vocational College, located at the Lishui Economic Development Zone, is jointly administered by the people’s government of Nanjing City and China’s Ministry of Education. The institution boasts of advanced teaching techniques and training facilities including 99 laboratories and huge workshops for its almost 10 thousand students, as well as renowned industry partners such as Skyworth Planar Display Technology, Nanjing Biotechnology Development, ASEAN Electric Company, Bank of China and Chengtong International Logistics Port.
The University has continued to reach for its goal of increased connectivity and cultivation of external strategic partnerships towards delivering quality education after it was recognized by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) as a Civil Society Organization (CSO).

Disaster Risk Management Plan of Vigan Heritage Zone
Using the ISO 9001:2015 Model, a research project from Architecture, was also awarded a half-million-peso research grant during the NCCA Commission meeting last November 19.

The study led by the College Dean Arch. Sylvester Seño involves its faculty members, students, and external consultants specializing in heritage in conducting a site documentation and mapping, archival research, needs analysis, inter-stakeholder workshop and consultative sessions, towards the production of a conservation management plan considering possible manmade and natural disaster risks. This was based from the NCCA Resolution No. 2020-206, in their 2020 NCCA Competitive Grants Program.

A memorandum of agreement is to be signed between the University and the NCCA for the above-mentioned project. The output, individually written in English, Filipino and Cebuano, will then be handed over to the local government of Vigan.

Once completed, the project is expected to pave the way for the College to undertake possible heritage, architecture and art-related research endeavors. Reports from Arch. Sylvester Seño

Vincentian Student Leaders and their respective Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) received acknowledgement as the Office for Student Affairs (OSA) held its Mid-Year Assessment, Evaluation, and Formation Program last February 1 at the Co Po Ty Audio Visual Hall of the Dr. Carlos Tiu Center for Technology Innovation and Research Building.

The event featured accomplishment reports from the Adamson University Student Government (AUSG), The Adamson Chronicle, Association of Campus Student Advisers (ACSA), and OSA's Development Section.

Resource speakers Ms. Pamela Mantuhac, Dr. Lilian Ng Gui and Atty. Joseph Noel Estrada, meanwhile conducted discussions on Vincentian Student Leadership, Resilient Leadership: Mindfulness, Mental Health and Self Care and Cyber Safety and Data Privacy.

To highlight the event, the 39 attending RSOs witnessed the announcement of the ten most outstanding organizations and top three bulletin boards.

Adamson University- Association of Civil Engineering Students (ACES) bagged the top performing RSO and top bulletin board awards, followed by the Adamson University Chemical Engineering Students Society (AdUChESS).

The Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (JPIA-ADU) and Adamson Junior Marketing Association (AdJMA) ranked third and fourth while the Academic Scholars Alliance (ASA-AdU) ranked fifth.

Rounding up the top ten are the Junior Financial Executives-AdU (JFINEX), AdU Computer Engineering Society, Adamson University Psychological Society, Junior Pharmacists’ Association - Rho Chapter and Adamson University Petroleum Engineering Student Society and Enactus AdU.
Administrators, faculty and staff of the University showed the Adamsonian value of social responsibility as they conducted a tree planting activity, September 28, at the La Mesa Watershed and Nature Reserve.

Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, University President and Engr. Jose Cercicel Driz, Adamson University Faculty and Employee Association (AUFEA) President, spearheaded the partnership event where participants planted more than 600 Dau (Dracontomelon dao) and Bignay (Antidesma bunius) trees.

The Department of Environment and National Resource of the National Capital Region (DENR-NCR) guided over 80 participants in the program that started past eight in the morning.

According to the DENR guide, the participants may visit the site to check the trees they planted anytime they are free as a marker was set in front.

Local film culture was showcased in the University as the Communication department, in coordination with the University’s Malaya Production, brought the crew and actors of 2019 Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF) entry Write About Love (WAL) for interactive sessions with the community.

TBA Studios, with director Crisanto Aquino, Film Editor Vanessa De Leon and lead actress Miles Ocampo hyped Adamsonians as they conducted a campus tour which concluded with a program at the University Theater last December 9.

The film crew gave a short talk question and answer with the students with inquiries focused on technicalities of filmmaking and the movie industry in general. Trailers of WAL and The Lost Sitty were also shown.

Participants were given a piece of paper to write a love letter for their loved ones and each of them had a chance to win special merchandise from the production outfit.

Write About Love is the full-length partner film of the The Lost Sitty which is Malaya Production official entry to the MMFF’s Student Short Film Competition.

Both films will be shown in cinemas nationwide from December 25, 2019 to January 7, 2020.

The Adamson U Chorale bagged 2nd runner-up in the college category of the recently concluded Philippine Tours Operators Association (PhilTOA) Eco Chorale Competition 2019, held at the SMX Convention Center last September 1.

The chorale serenaded the audience with Daluyong, a piece by Mr. Ily Matthew Maniano, and Anak ng Pasig, arranged by Mr. Arnel de Pano, which was the event’s contest piece.

Filipino composers Joy Nilo, Oliver Neil Rodriguez, and Nathanael Arnel De Pano were the judges of the said competition which had Polytechnic University of the Philippines’ (PUP) Himig Serenata and Rizal Technological University’s (RTU) Himig Rizalina as Champion and 1st runner-up.

The event was part of PhilTOA’s celebration of its 30th year which had the theme Fostering Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism.

Vincentian identity enveloped the University Theatre as the Cultural Affairs Office (CAO), in partnership with the Philippine Stagers Foundation, once again, hosted Vincent Tanada’s San Vicente: Isang Sarswela from September 24 to 26.

The innovative theatre play on the life of the University’s patron saint, St. Vincent de Paul, featured seven installments wherein dialogues were delivered impromptu.

The play featured St. Vincent de Paul’s upbringing in France to eventually entering priesthood and becoming a saint of the Catholic Church.

Saint Vincent’s feast day is celebrated every September 27.
The Cultural Affairs Office (CAO) treated the Adamsonian community to two eye-opening plays focused on lingering issues of today.

Anne Villegas’ musical play *Aquarium na Walang Tubig*, staged by Sining Pinagpala Theatre Foundation, Inc., features an anti-drug advocacy.

The play, held at the University Theatre last November 7 and 8, shows students’ daily struggles and their coping mechanisms which included turning to the use of illegal drugs.

*Aquarium na Walang Tubig* features a play about four friends—high school graduating students—who were beginning to experience the challenges of life. This aims to inform and educate audiences on the ill effects of illegal drug use.

Stories from the Japanese invasion haunted the University Theatre as CAO, in coordination with the Philippine Stagers’ Foundation (PSF), staged *Sindak 1941: Ang Filipinas sa Panahon ng Hapon* from November 13 to 15.

*Sindak 1941*, which tells Filipino's resiliency and sacrifices through the eyes of brother Felipe and Nestor, and their love interests Sofia and Emilia, clears facts regarding Philippine history and reminds the audience of the true heroes during the time. A star-studded cast made up of Aliw Theatre awardees compose the characters led by its director and lead actor Atty. Vince Tañada.

“Napakarami nang aklat ang naisulat kaya lang inalis nga sa pag-aaral ang asignaturang Kasaysayan ng Pilipinas ngunit napakaraming makabagong manunulat ng kasaysayang nagsasaad ng katotohanan,” Tañada said when asked about the facts in his play. “Kaya nga tayo narito, kasi itinatama natin ang nakasaad sa kasaysayan.”

“Ang sining po ay mahalaga... sapagkat ang sining ang kaluluwa ng bansa,” the lawyer-theater actor said, stressing the importance of arts in education.

The Cultural Affairs Office (CAO) welcomed a new set of aesthetic treats at the AdU Art Gallery and, once again, revitalized the artistic side of the Adamson Community.

One of these events is *Creative Connections*, an exhibit by talents from the California-registered art organization, Global Artists' Creative Collaboration for Empowerment (GACCE), featured at the Adamson U from August 6 to 30. This is GACCE’s pilot international art exhibit.

CAO also hosted Pintor Kulapol’s *Sari-Saring Sining* from September 3 to 30, Pintakha Art Society’s *Sentiments on Walls* from October 9 to November 9 and Vice Versa Artists Group’s *Kultura at Ako* from November 15 to December 13.

The series of exhibits culminated with a painting workshop led by Ms. Janet Arboleda-Ballecer from December 5 to 6.

CAO also spearheaded screenings of two of today’s advocacy-centered films, *Quezon’s Game* and *Despicable Rascals*, last October 9 and 10 at the University Theatre.

CAO had two offerings of *Quezon’s Game*Last October 9, placing each screening on morning-afternoon schedules. Despicable Rascals had three installments with one in the morning and two in the afternoon.

*Quezon’s Game* by ABS-CBN Film Productions is biopic of Philippine President Manuel L. Quezon, namely on his move in accepting Jew refugees from the Nazi Germany in the pre-World War II era.

*Kinetics Films’ Despicable Rascals*, meanwhile, brings a political theme highlighting abuses of government officials while they are in seat of power.
New exhibits adorn the walls of the University Art Gallery as the Cultural Affairs Office treats the community with Emo Diversity, a gallery featuring masterpieces of internationally acclaimed Filipino artist and arts advocate, Dr. Bernadette Escalona-Cooper.

The exhibit highlights Dr. Escalona’s render of “positive emotions as seen in different subjects.”

“Emo Diversity intends to motivate, rouse and dazzle viewers by the varied emotions depicted in [each works’] eclectic-impressionist style,” Dr. Escalona said in her message. “Let this art exhibit affirm freedom to keep a space alive for love, play, surprise, and the feeling of the unexpected emergence of poignant possibilities.”

Dr. Escalona has four decades of international art experience from 1978, conducting art exhibits in various countries, as well as receiving accolades for her works and leadership for GACCE, which she founded.

She is also a Resident Artist for Alameda Artwork Studios and Commissioner and Advisory Board Member of the Social Services Commission-Santa Clara County in California, USA.

Works of realist artist Melissa Banzon-Monzon of Global Artists’ Creative Collaboration for Empowerment (GACCE) were also featured in the exhibit that had Kevin Lawrence Ala of Keyword Studios as Narrative Curator.

Dr. Escalona, Ms. Banzon-Monzon, Dr. Venusmar Quevedo, AdU VP for Administrative Affairs, Arch. Sylvester Shaun Seno, Dean of the College of Architecture, and renowned painter Mr. Jessie Marinas led the event’s ribbon cutting ceremonies.

Other notable personalities who attended the event include Atty. Lorna Kapunan, Mr. Gary Apolonio, Curator of the Gateway Gallery, Dr. Gloria Baken Sly, Founder and President of Association of Administrators in the Hospitality, Hotel and Restaurant Management Educational Institutions (AAHRMEI), and Atty. Solfia Arboladura, Head of the Department of Tourism, Culture and Arts of Manila.

The exhibit was from February 26 to March 18 but was cut-short due to class suspensions brought by the coronavirus pandemic.

He would have celebrated his 53rd birthday on February 7.

An active member of the Children of Mary - Vincentian Marian Youth as a student, Suarez graduated from the University with a degree in Chemical Engineering in 1988. Later on, he entered the Companions of the Cross in order to pursue priesthood.

In his vocation, Suarez became famous for his healing ministries and founded the Mother Mary of the Poor Healing Ministry.

He was also chosen as one of the recipients of the 75 Outstanding Alumni of the University last in 2009.
Ahanmisi leads Falcons to third place finish in Filoil Cup

JERRICK Ahanmisi saved the best for last as he led the Falcons to third place of the Filoil Flying V Preseason Cup via a lopsided victory over the Lyceum University Pirates, 96-63.

The Adamson main gunner torched the Pirates with eight three-point bombs to post numbers of 31 points, three rebounds and two assists in just 24 minutes of play last June 24 in San Juan.

Jerom Lastimosa finished with 15 points, four rebounds and six assists while Mythical Five member Simon Camacho tallied a 14-6-2 stat line.

The Falcons led 25-11 in the first quarter and never looked back.

Rhanzelle Yong tallied 20 points to lead the Pirates who were missing the services of Mike Nzeusseu, Tosi Tansingco and twins Jayvee and Jaycee Marcelino.

James Kwekuteye paced the Red Lions with 16 points and seven rebounds while eventual tournament MVP Donald Tankoua posted a 15-point and 10-rebound double-double.

Slamdunk King

AdU’s Slamdunk King along with PBA greats (L-R) Danny Ildefonso, Danny Siegle, and Denok Miranda

Rookie AP MANLAPAZ also had a share of the spotlight as he wowed the crowd inside the Filoil Flying V Centre when he bagged the Slamdunk championship of the 2019 Filoil Flying V Preseason Cup All-Star festivities last May 31.

The 6-foot-4 forward punctuated the final round of the competition with an off-the-bounce two-handed reverse flush that received 45 points from the judges.

Other finalists Rhenz Abando of UST and Adama Faye of NU failed to convert on their attempts, giving Manlapaz the title.

Jerome Santos of Centro Escolar University, Neil Guarino of Colegio de San Juan de Letran, Fritz Saladaga of Lyceum of the Philippines University, and Joe Gomez de Liano of the University of the Philippines also competed in the event.

PBA legends Danny Ildefonso and Danny Siegle led this year’s set of judges, along with former college stars Bradwyn Guinto and Dennis Miranda, as well as LGR Sportswear boss, Rhayan Cruz.

Baby Falcon is UAAP 82 Rookie MVP

An Adamson Baby Falcon is this year’s Most Valuable Player in the UAAP 82 Boys’ Basketball tournament.

Jake Figueroa, a Grade 11 forward, accumulated 73 statistical points with averages of 13.21 points, 14.14 rebounds, 3.14 assists, 1.64 steals, and 1.21 blocks per game while leading Adamson to an 8-6 finish, and a slot at the Final Four.

The Pampanga native ran away with the award, leading runner-up Josh Lazaro (66.79 SP) of Ateneo by 6.21 points.

Figueroa, now a rookie-MVP, is the first Baby Falcon to win the feat since Mark Juruena back in Season 71.

Rounding up the top 5 SP getters are Lebron Lopez of Ateneo (66.21SP), Karl Quiambao of National University-Nazareth School (66.14) and Sean Torculas of University of the Philippines Integrated School (65.57).

Pep Squad retains podium finish; bags bronze, silver awards in CDC 2019

The Pep Squad soared high and landed at third place anew in the UAAP 82 Cheerdance Competition at the SM Mall of Asia Arena yesterday.

Sporting a Caribbean-themed routine, the team from San Marcelino wowed a jam-packed crowd , tallying 658.5 out of the 800 total points.

The Pep Squad also ranked third in the Group Stunts competition and was awarded Juicy Cologne’s Pyramid 1st runner-up.

The annual competition saw a repeat of last year’s rankings where National University booked back-to-back cheer titles and Far Eastern University ending up with a bridesmaid finish.
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Finals MVP Louie Romero had another outstanding performance controlling the offense with 24 excellent sets to go along with seven attack points while Best Middle Blocker Lorene Toring was still a force on the net, tallying 15 points with six kill blocks.

Conference MVP and Best Open Hitter Trisha Genesis hammered 14 points on 10 kills and four aces.

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NU did not allow any Baby Lady Falcon to reach double figures while delivering an offensive onslaught. Kate Santiago led Adamson with only four points.

The Jhocson-based team swept the elimination round to setup a stepladder competition to determine who will face them in the Finals. Second-seeded University of Santo Tomas (UST), reigning champions De La Salle-Zobel (DLSZ) and the Baby Lady Falcons vied for a chance to go against the Lady Bullpups.

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Trailing 1-10 in the final set, UST unleashed a 7-1 run to trim the Baby Lady Falcons’ lead to three, 8-11, but the Baby Lady Falcons had built enough cushion to close out the game.

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The Baby Lady Falcons bowed down to Thailand’s powerhouse 3BB Nakornnont Wittaya 6 Sports School of Nonthaburi, 25-7, 25-19, last November 29 at the Ynares Center in Pasig for the championship.

Adamson came out misfiring in the opening set, getting demolished by the Thais. The Baby Lady Falcons eventually got their groove in the second canto but were not able to recover.

The Adamsonians clinched their finals berth after beating eventual third placers Team Aloha Region of Hawaii. Kate Santiago was also hailed as second best spiker of the league.

Adamson U soars to UAAP HS hoops history

The Lady Baby Falcons made the history books after blasting Ateneo de Manila University (AdMU), 121-44, and registering the very first victory in the inaugural UAAP Girls Basketball Tournament last Saturday at the Paco Arena.

Joan Camagong scored the first points of the game which saw a 25-0 blitz by the girls from San Marcelino, ending the first quarter with a 37-3 tally. The lead ballooned to as high as 92 in the fourth canto with the score at 112-20.

Camagong registered a near triple-double with 23 points, nine rebounds and eight assists while Mia Miguel posted a 24-13 point-rebound double-double to go along with three steals in only 17 minutes of court time.

The UST Junior Tigresses dispatched De La Salle-Zobel, 63-45, in the second game.

The Lady Baby Falcons will next face UST on Saturday at the same venue.

The four-school tourney was launched as demonstration event this season and will be part of the General Championship tally.

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