# Sustaining UPLB-Alumni Alliance





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#### THE 2020 PRE-LOYALTY DAY WEBINAR SERIES

- 1. September 23: Hosted by Class '55 Blue Sapphire Jubilarians Title: "Outstanding National and International Impact of UPLB Alumni" Speaker: Dr. Fernando A. Bernardo
- 2. September 25 Hosted by Class '60 Diamond Jubilarians Title: Remembering Masagana 99 and Lessons Learned. Ms. Rica Cortez Rentzing; Mr. Jose Lustre; Dr. Santiago Obien
- 3. October 1 Hosted by Class '75 Sapphire Jubilarians Title: "Sustaining UPLB-ALUMNI Alliance" Speakers: Dr. Rogelio Colting; Mr. Nicolas Beda Priela; Mr. Nathaniel Acha; Dr. Juanito Sangalang
- 4. October 6 Hosted by Class '70 Golden Jubilarians Speaker: Dr. William D. Dar Title: "Harnessing UPLB Alumni's Participation In These Times of Pandemic"
- 5. October 7 Hosted by CPAf-UPLB Speaker: Pres. Weerapon Thongma Title: Strengthening UPLB-Alumni Alliance: An International Perspective

#### **102nd LOYALTY DAY AND UPLB ALUMNI CELEBRATION**

#### October 10

9am: UPLB Alumni Virtual Reunion 2pm: UPLBAA Virtual Awarding Ceremony

This year marks another milestone in the existence of the UPLB alumni. With Class '70, the Golden Jubilarians, leading the way, the celebration continues amidst the pandemic setting. The celebration starts with the first ever Webinar Series where Jubilarians share their expertise and experiences. The Alumni Reunion, as well as the Recognition Program, will be transformed digitally thru the virtual mode and live-streamed around the world."Is it not wonderful that our audience will be the entire UPLB Alumni population?" ' - Cristino M. Collado, President Class 70

## Program of Activities

Speakers: Dr. Edgardo C. Quisumbing; Dr. Orlando Santos; Mr. Domingo Panganiban;



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University of the Philippines Office of the President

On behalf of the University of the Philippines, I congratulate you, our beloved UP Los Baños alumni, on the occasion of UPLB's 102nd Loyalty Day and Grand Alumni Homecoming.

I also commend the members of UPLB's Golden Jubilarian Class of 1970 on all the hard work and deep sense of unity and commitment you have put into organizing this year's celebration.

Because it is, indeed, an extraordinary Loyalty Day and Grand Alumni Homecoming. The world has been shut down by a global pandemic and life is transforming before our eyes. Our alumni reunions and gatherings with friends are held online now, our homecomings conducted virtually from the comfort of our actual homes. This may be the 102nd UPLB Loyalty Day celebration, but it is the first to be held in the "next normal".

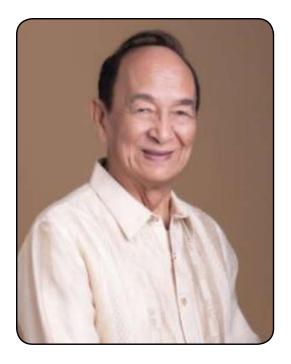
Yet it is in the darkest of times that the spirit of UPLB burns the brightest. It was also a dark period in history when, on October 10, 1918, the students, faculty and staff of the UP College of Agriculture and Forestry enlisted to serve in the Philippine National Guard and fight in the war. The spirit of volunteerism and courage of Loyalty Day lives on in the members of the UPLB Community who have answered the call to serve during the pandemic. Individuals and groups of UPLB alumni, faculty, students and staff continue to use their knowledge and scientific expertise to conduct testing for COVID-19, to map out the progress and impact of the viral outbreak, to solicit support for those in need, and to use their talents to help Filipinos make sense of the seeming chaos.

In this sense, UPLB's 102nd Loyalty Day celebration and Grand Alumni Homecoming is much more than a commemoration. It is the UPLB Community reimagining the spirit of the original Loyalty Day for the 21st century. For you, our alumni, "Sustaining UPLB - Alumni Alliance" is more than just a theme, it is a new call for UPLB alumni to continue to add your light to your Alma Mater's, so that UPLB may continue to serve the country with honor, excellence and compassion in a post-COVID-19 world.

Mabuhay kayo, mahal naming alumni ng UPLB! Padayon!

DANILO L. CONCEPCION President







#### UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (UPAA)



University of the Philippines Los Baños Office of the Chancellor

On behalf of the UPAA Board of Directors, I am extending my warmest and most felicitous greetings to all alumni, officials, faculty, and staff of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) on the occasion of your 102nd Loyalty Day celebration and Grand Alumni Homecoming. Moreover, I heartily congratulate all the members of the UPLB Class of 1970 for attaining the title of Golden Jubilarians on reaching the Fiftieth Anniversary of your graduation.

Your theme for the events – "Sustaining UPLB-Alumni Alliance" – is a most appropriate and timely one in the face of the daunting challenges that we cannot help but courageously confront as a country and integral part of the global community, namely, battling the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, more than at any other time in the annals of our University, is the need more critically felt for the alumni to join hands with the Alma Mater in confronting this deadly menace that threatens to irreparably damage, if not completely obliterate, our precious lives, livelihoods, and lifestyles.

It is my hope that the UPLB Homecoming, with some of the country's brightest minds in attendance, will serve as a vehicle which can help formulate measures that will increase our ability to cope with the changes now taking place around us under the so-called "new normal".

I wish all of you, celebrants and participants, a most enjoyable, memorable, and productive celebration and reunion!

REYNALDO C. LASERNA President and Alumni Regent

Although COVID -19 prevents us from celebrating Loyalty Day as we usually do, it is heartening to see that we have found ways to keep this tradition alive.

Sustaining UPLB-Alumni alliance is more crucial than ever in this prolonged crisis. The relationship between the University and its alumni is one of mutual support and assistance, and it is this relationship that is reaffirmed every year on Loyalty Day.

Earlier this year, at the beginning of the pandemic, when UPLB urgently needed resources to provide for the basic needs of UPLB students stranded in Los Baños due to community guarantine restrictions, our almuni rose to the occasion. You generously shared your time as well as your financial and material resources, and these allowed us to take care of our students. On behalf of the UPLB community, I thank all of you.

Loyalty Day began to be celebrated to honor the courage and dedication to serve of students who signed up to defend our country in a world war. This year, I propose that Loyalty Day be celebrated as well to laud the generosity, readiness to serve, and loyalty of our alumni who needed UPLB's call for help. It is the loyalty of alumni to their alma mater and UPLB's loyalty to them in turn that constitute the heart of the UPLB-Alumni alliance.

UPLB commends the UPLB Alumni Association, Inc. and the UPLB Office of Alumni Relations for their tireless work in keeping that bond strong and enduring.

Congratulations to all of us and happy 102nd Loyalty Day.

Maraming salamat at mabuhay tayong lahat!



FERNANDO C. SANCHEZ, JR. Chancellor





University of the Philippines Los Baños Office of the Chancellor



University of the Philippines Los Baños Alumni Association, Inc.

The 10th of October will always be a special day for all of us at the University of the Philippines Los Baños. Not only because this day marks a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and classmates, but also because the 10th of October serves as enduring reminder of UPLB's strength and the University's commitment to our country and fellow Filipinos.

While this year's Loyalty Day celebration does not have its usual festivities and gatherings due to current health and safety protocols, this occasion remains significant and joyous even though we are holding it, for the first time, online.

The COVID-19 pandemic is unlike any crisis that the University, our country, and the rest of the world has experienced before, but UPLB's alumni have risen to the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. In a heartbeat, you heeded the University's call for help and were among the first to respond to the needs of our students and frontliners during the enhanced community guarantine.

With this year's theme, Sustaining UPLB-Alumni Alliance, we express our desire to further improve and strengthen the ties that bind the University and its alumni, UPLB's strongest ally. We shall explore more ways to improve this relationship, making use of technology and other available resources that will result in better communication and in making all of you feel that you continue to be a vital part of the UPLB community.

Let us turn our current situation into an opportunity to deepen and make richer the alliance between UPLB and Alumni. As we celebrate this occasion from the safety of our homes, let us all renew our commitment to uphold the principles that make UPLB what it is - honor, excellence, and service to the Filipino people, no matter how difficult the circumstances.

May everyone enjoy a safe and joyful Loyalty Day and we look forward to seeing you back in the campus soon.

On behalf of the University of the Philippines Los Baños Alumni Association (UPLBAA), I would like to express our sincerest gratitude to our alumni for supporting the first ever fully online celebration of the UPLB Loyalty Day.

This year, we are celebrating Loyalty Day in a year filled with challenges like we have never experienced before. Despite this, our alumni demonstrated their grit and heart as we witnessed how they answered the call to serve the people amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our theme, "Sustaining UPLB – Alumni Alliance" truly became alive as our alumni pooled their resources to give aid to stranded UPLB students and donated for the needs of our front liners. These acts of generosity and collaboration prove that the UPLB spirit of unity and volunteerism, which our forebears demonstrated over a hundred years ago, remains alive in the current generation.

As we navigate through this health crisis, let us remember that we are not just faced with challenges but with opportunities to work together and help our fellow Filipinos. We may be apart this year, but we remain bonded through our connection to our University and our common goal to serve the people.

Let us continue to uphold UPLB's ideals of "honor and excellence" in whatever situation we may face.

Thank you, keep safe, and may God bless us all.









It is with swelling pride that I greet every fellow UPLB alumni as we observe the 102<sup>nd</sup> Loyalty Day under a challenging ecology. It is a credit to our UPLB upbringing that our celebratory spirit has not been dampened despite the Pandemic.

I am particularly proud that everyone in "The Batch To Watch", the Batch '70, rose as one in supporting me steer the preparations for a Virtual Loyalty Day this year. Admittedly, the job did not prove easy. The challenges were many. And funding generation was badly handicapped with restricted mobility. But thanks to that kind of institutional loyalty that is bred only in UPLB, in the end, plans were translated into reality.

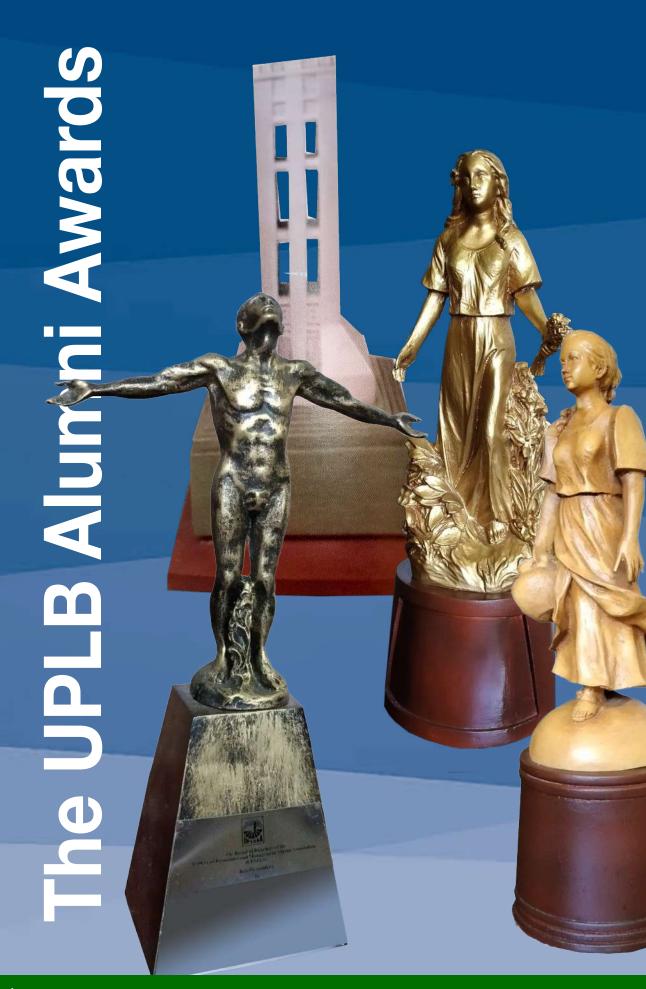
It will not be easy to grasp the meaning of uncertainties that face UPLB as it moves forward to fulfill its mandates. The academic populace, especially the students, will need reinforcements as they navigate through their day-to-day activities. It is for this reason that I am taking advantage of this space to exhort my fellow alumni to stand up and be counted. Let us give even without being asked to. Particularly those engaged in business, please always be in the lookout to help our graduates acquire or regain gainful employment.

Let us imitate the Oblation, Let us raise our head with outstretched hands to welcome with hope the immediate future. Let us, more than ever, reaffirm those lines in the old UP Beloved that wherever we wander, to UPLB, loyal her sons and daughters we will always be.

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CRISTINO M. COLLADO, Ph.D. Overall Chair, Loyalty Day Steering Committee President, Batch '70







# The UPLBAA Presidential Award

**102<sup>nd</sup> UPLB Loyalty Day** 

Sustaining UPLB-Alumni Alliance

#### UPLB Alumni Association Presidential Award

#### The UPLBAA Presidential Award

## Dr. William D. Dar

In recognition of his exemplary achievements in the field of agricultural development and management. Twice appointed as Secretary of Agriculture, he has also proved twice that with a strong leadership coupled with new productivity paradigms, the agricultural sector's contribution to the economy could be made phenomenal. This happened in 1999 during his first term and again in 2020 after steering DA for only a year.

In the Bureau of Agricultural Research, he propagated a culture of scientific research

meant to raise the level of technology needed to address on-farm concerns. At PCARRD, he presided in crafting new approaches to integrate research planning and collaborative delivery of services. At ICRISAT, his outstanding performance was recognized resoundingly when he set a record of being reappointed twice to the position of Director-General.

Secretary Dar, as a UPLB alumnus, has truly lived up to the standard of excellence of his Alma Mater



#### **Forming and Returning** to One's Roots: The Story of the **DA Secretary**

"You cannot have too many goals. As for me, I have one big goal. Once you have set that already, focus on it and go for it" said Dr. William D. Dar, current Department of Agriculture Secretary.

An alumnus from the University of the Philippines-Los Banos (UPLB), Secretary Dar has been recognized for his significant contributions in agriculture in and out of the country through the years. His determination is what kept him from pursuing that one big goal he had in mind - to be the head of the country's agency overseeing agriculture.

#### Where the Seed Was Planted and Roots Were Formed

As he pursued his doctorate degree, he took up But life is not as easy as A-B-C for Dr. Dar. the challenge to prove to his girlfriend (now his He came from a humble family in llocos, where his father worked as a farmer. wife) that he can also graduate from UP. With his inspiration, he pursued his PhD in Horticulture in Since then, Dr. Dar was exposed to both UPLB under the Philippine Council for Agriculture, poverty and the potential of agriculture. Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and He began to dream big and pursued his Development (PCAARRD) scholarship. The education aligned to agriculture. Secretary stressed out that environment is a crucial factor in his growth: "To get the best Hyped up with his dream to rise up from knowledge and best experience you can get, poverty, the Secretary obtained a college you need to have that learning attitude. You must degree of BS Agricultural Education from Benguet State University (BSU) be open to new knowledge and information. sponsored by his uncle. He then pursued Still, UPLB is still the number one university for his Master of Science in Agronomy at the agriculture."



same university, then became a researcher and instructor at the same institution.

#### Bearing the Harvest of the Labor

Dr. Dar's journey did not end in his education path. In fact, he also worked his way up the ladder from being Instructor 1 to becoming Professor 6. Throughout his years as a professor, he was appointed to different government agencies such as the first UPLB Secretary of Agriculture, first director of the DA-Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR) back then, and executive director of PCAARRD.

His academic degrees, coupled with his expanding network from UPLB, gained him contacts from different institutions in the Philippines. He then attributed these as some of the factors that paved his way up in the professional ladder.

Under President Joseph Estrada's regime, he was appointed as an acting secretary of Department of Agriculture (DA). In only one year of being the DA Secretary, PH agriculture sector showed an unprecedented growth of 9.6% despite the El Niño in 1999. He also served as Executive Director in National Agricultural and Fishery Council (1998) and Presidential Advisor on Food Security (1999) at that time.

His success in agriculture became more popular when he led the international organisation - International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) based in India for 15 years. ACRISAT is a global institution dedicated to reducing rural poverty, increasing food security, improving human health and nutrition, and ensuring sustainable management of natural resources. In his term, investments in ICRISAT significantly increased from US\$ 21 million in 2000 to US\$ 85 million in 2014.

In 1988, he was one of the awardees of Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) of the Philippines from Department of Science and Technology (DOST). He also received other awards as "Outstanding Administrator Award" and "Outstanding MS Swaminathan Leadership Award" from India in 2014, a lifetime achievement award for eminent persons who have made great impact and outstanding contributions to agricultural research and development for India's overall food security and sustainability of agriculture.

In 2014, he was then awarded "Pamana ng Pilipino Award" as well as "The Outstanding Filipino" (TOFIL) in 2016. President Duterte himself lauded Secretary Dar because "He has been instrumental in giving food and opportunities, not only for our countrymen but for people all over the world, especially in India and the sub-Saharan Africa."

#### Attributing the Harvest to the Roots

Secretary Dar acknowledges that in order to be successful in one's industry, one must have the right attitude in pursuing his/her goal. Forward looking, his confidence is in the academe to hone and develop the youth to be responsible and relevant citizens.

His advice for new alumni is to strive for the best, and always think of where to make a big difference. For the Secretary, knowledge is never enough. Rather, this has to be applied to practical applications such as in honing one's entrepreneurship skills. Making a difference is always worth it especially if this would also contribute to other people's and the country's growth. Indeed, in order to enjoy the harvest, one must carefully examine his/her roots.

– Dr. Eileen Lorena Mamino



# The Outstanding Golden Jubilarian Award

**102<sup>nd</sup> UPLB Loyalty Day** 

#### Capt. Mauro W. Barradas

In recognition of his immense contribution as a pilot that pioneered cloud seeding operations in large agricultural plantations and in upland areas dependent on rainfalls to sustain farming and crop planting. He later diversified his aviation operations to include aerial photography, skydiving, cargo and passenger runs, tours, and sightseeing thus benefiting a wider spectrum of society.

Capt. Barradas also entered public service, first as Councilor and later as Vice Mayor in his native Tanauan City. He parlayed his political skills when he tandemed with then Quezon City Vice Mayor Tito Sotto to solidify the country's vice mayors into a solid political organization.

As a UPLB alumnus, Capt. Barradas will be long remembered for his untiring efforts to unite his fellow alumni in embracing the UP Los Banos Spirit. He is the point man in the much awaited Prelude that annually heralds the Loyalty Day celebration.



#### Cristino M. Collado, Ph.D.

In recognition of his outstanding performance as Undersecretary of Agriculture during which he skillfully orchestrated the operations of 15 Regional Field offices and 8 organic beauraus and attached agencies. His efforts resulted in improved farm productivity and increased income of the farmers.

Dr. Collado is also recognized for his immense contribution in developing the poultry and livestock industry in China, Southeast Asia and the Asian Subcontinent. As the Regional Technical Director of the US Soybean Export Council, he extensively conducted training programs that elevated the level of technology in feed manufacturing and animal nutrition.

As the first Filipino to obtain a Ph.D. degree in Agriculture from a Japan. Dr. Collado was instrumental in inspiring young Filipino academics to seek higher learning in Japanese universities. For his significant contribution in promoting International Educational Exchange, he was bestowed the prestigious 2018 Nagoya University Outstanding Alumnus Award by his alma mater.



#### The Outstanding Golden Jubilarian Award

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#### Ida F. Dalmacio, Ph.D.

For her dedicated and meritorious government service, especially to the University for almost 45 years in various capacities – as teacher of microbiology courses, as researcher and as administrator. She co-authored laboratory manuals and served as adviser to undergraduate and graduate students; published articles in refereed journals, written chapters in a book, handbook, position papers and concept papers and delivered numerous lectures, oral and poster papers both in national and international conferences.

She became a UP Faculty Regent, Director of UPLB-BIOTECH, Executive Director of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Philippine Council of Advanced Science and Technology Research and Development (PCASTRD) where she represented the Philippines in an APEC Working Group and in an ASEAN Subcommittee on Science and Technology.

She has been recognized as UPLB Distinguished Teacher, Outstanding Young Scientist by the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) DOST, Outstanding Microbiologist by the Philippine Society for Microbiology (PSM), Outstanding Alumnus in Research Administration by the UPLBCA, and the G.Y. Zara Award in Basic Sciences



Research by the Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science (PHILAAS).

She is currently a Professor Emeritus of UP and still active in the professional community being a member of several organizations.

#### Mr. Nilo A. Flor Cruz

For his achievement in the field of Sugar Manufacturing and Management, Nilo A. FlorCruz, after a year of teaching Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry, dedicated in the next 40 years of his professional life navigating the sugar industry both as a Chemist and a Sugar Technologist.

Over the years, he climbed up the ladder of professional success and established his niche in sugar manufacturing and management. As one of the Officers of the Victorias Milling Co. Inc., he was one of those instrumental in turning around the financial and operational viability of the Company that had declared bankruptcy and was in the brink of total dissolution.

He proved his mettle when he led in the development of a 4-year operational rehabilitation program intended to bring back VMC to financial health and business viability. With his leadership and business acumen, a road map to business recovery was crafted. It featured modernization of the factory to sustain high efficiency and reduce the cost of production. He designed strategies to make VMC's sugar pricing to be competitive in the world market.

When he retired in 2010, VMC was in the pink of financial health. VMC was able to service its outstanding debts despite the yearly payment of P860M for the principal and interests. What's more was that VMC was able to pay its creditors



in 15 years instead of 18 years. The VMC Rehabilitation Model was hailed by the SEC and was declared the most successful.

He was elected President of both the Philippine Sugar Technologists, Inc. (2007-2008) and the UPLBAA Negros Occidental Chapter (1985-1987).

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#### Teresa Habito Stuart-Guida, Ph.D.

For her exemplary commitment, dedication, and purposeful advocacy to advance the field of Development Communication in the United Nations system, resulting in its institutionalization globally in policies, programs, staffing, and budget allocation, and thus broadening the demand for training and technical expertise in this field.

For distinguishing herself as an esteemed international Development Communication professional, from her UPLB beginnings as Instructor II to Associate Professor at the College of Development Communication, PCARRD Director of Applied Communication, UPLB Director of Extension, to Regional Adviser on Communication for Development (C4D) for eight South Asian countries, and finally as Senior Adviser on C4D at UNICEF New York Headquarters.

Her technical expertise in maternal, infant, young child, and adolescent health and nutrition is highly sought after globally to guide governments across Africa, South Asia and Southeast Asia in co-creating evidence-based communication strategies, guidelines, and training of trainers among UNICEF and other UN staff, government personnel, and frontline health workers, thus ensuring that the important role



of C4D or Social and Behavior Change Communication in upholding the rights of women and children to health, nutrition, education, protection and participation, is understood, mainstreamed, and applied in national development priorities designed to mobilize positive actions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 and beyond.

#### **Regent Francis C. Laurel**

The accomplishments of Regent Francis C. Laurel eloquently proclaim his impressive qualifications. His pedigree of political leaders and intellectual achievers paved his route to higher levels of academic and business success. He obtained his bachelor's degree in agriculture, magna cum laude from UPLB and an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

Having held directorships in various prestigious companies and institutions, Regent Laurel is highly lauded for his management expertise and business insights. The Philippine-Japan Society of which he is the president has done so much in promoting strong cultural and business linkages between the Filipino and Japanese communities such that the Emperor of Japan bestowed upon him the highest civilian honor of the Order of the Rising Sun in November 3, 2011.

In 1977, he organized YKK Philippines Inc. to manufacture and market the world famous YKK zippers in Santo Tomas, Batangas. YKK Philippines became the largest supplier of zippers and fasteners to the garment and bag industry in the Philippines. Today, it is known for its high quality and reliability.

Parlaying his business skills further, he made his mark in the automotive industry. The three Toyota dealerships that he has put up in Batangas City, in Camarines Sur and in Albay stand testament to his acumen and foresight. As a testimony to his management skills, the Batangas dealership was the recipient of the Presidential Award for Customer Satisfaction by Toyota Motor Philippines for four years. Additionally, the Camarines Sur dealership was recognized as the Dealer of the Year in 2018.

In 1990, the UPLB College of Economics and Management named him as the Most Outstanding Alumnus in the field of entrepreneurship. The University of the Philippines Alumni Association conferred upon him the Distinguished Alumnus Award in Entrepreneurship and Employment Generation in 2009. The UPLB Alumni Association



honored him as its Presidential Awardee in 2017 for his highly remarkable and exemplary achievements and contributions in the field of business management and industrial manufacturing.

The bed rock of UP's core values of Honor and Excellence is the guiding light that allows him to perform his duties as a member of the UP Board of Regents. Through positive motivation and total commitment, he constantly pushes his colleagues to aspire to be the best educational institution in the region.

#### Isaias G. Lumanta Jr., Ph.D.

In recognition of his invaluable contribution to the field of Animal Nutrition for the Feeds and Livestock Industry in the Philippines. His work on feed resources and raw material management, use of industry byproducts, computer applications in animal nutrition and modeling, feed mill operations, product development and innovations, animal nutrition research, management of direct material costs in Feeds, and Livestock business is well recognized in the industry.

His appointment in various managerial capacities in businesses engaged in food, feed, livestock and poultry, breeding, animal health, and nutritional products gave him insights in promoting and expanding business. The Feeds and Livestock industry is grateful for his contribution.

While his stay in the industry was a lot longer than his time in the academe, he is greatly gratified that his work as Head of Animal Nutrition Division, UPCA has contributed to education and research.





# The Outstanding UPLB Alumni Award

#### **College of Agriculture and Food Science**

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#### **College of Agriculture and Food Science**

**Mr. Fabian G. Espiritu** BS Agriculture 1969

#### Agribusiness and Food Processing

For his outstanding accomplishments as President and CEO of Farmtec Foods, a family-owned food processing business. With his professional approach, he was able to link the various stakeholders in his supply chain and produce quality powdered dehydrated and food ingredients sold locally and abroad. He continues to improve his business and partner with government agencies such as the Department of Science and Technology, the Department of Trade and Industry and many others. His achievements led to awards and recognitions from several government agencies and non-government organizations.



#### Dr. Manuel L. Logroño MS Agronomy 1984 Innovative Management and Social

Enterpreneurship

For his outstanding achievements in leading the multibillion dollar product three development programs of highly regarded global agribusiness corporations that developed outstanding corn and rice hybrids. These seeds products together with other new production technologies have been benefiting millions of farmers in the Asia Pacific Region, including the Philippines, by increasing farm productivity, profitability and sustainability. He also had an important role in the introduction and eventual commercialization of genetically modified corn hybrids in the Philippines.

He was instrumental in the expansion of Syngenta's global reach by establishing research and development (R&D)



centers in ASEAN, South Asia, China and the USA, thereby significantly increasing Syngenta's share in the corn seed markets in the Asia-Pacific region. Through the years, Dr. Logroño has led a global team of scientists and operations staff across several countries responsible for research and development of field crops at Syngenta.

#### The Outstanding UPLB Alumni Award

#### **College of Arts and Sciences**

#### Amb. Bernardita L. Catalla Hon.

AB Communication Arts 1979

#### Foreign Service and **Diplomatic Relations**

#### (A Posthumous Award)

For her distinguished and long service as career diplomat that brought her to various posts in Malaysia, Hongkong, Indonesia, and Lebanon;

For embodying the spirit of service as she actively engaged in the affairs of Overseas Filipino Workers and sought to improve their job contracts and working conditions:

For supporting the call of progressive groups for amendments in the contracts of Filipino domestic helpers in Hongkong during her stint there as Consul General;

For introducing innovations that reduced bureaucratic red tape at the Department of Foreign Affairs when she served as



Passport Director from 2002 to 2005;

For spearheading and overseeing the difficult task of voluntary mass repatriation of OFWs during the armed conflict in Lebanon; and

For modeling the ideal diplomat in her pursuit of goodwill, her excellent communication and people skills, and genuine concern for peace and justice.

## The Outstanding UPLB Alumni Award

#### **College of Economics and Management**

#### Isidro T. Ungab

BS Agricultural Economics, 1983

#### **Public Sector Governance**

for his dedicated and exemplary service in Philippine public sector as Representative of 3rd District, Davao City during the 14<sup>th</sup> to 16th, and 18<sup>th</sup> Congress from 2007 to present; and for his outstanding performance in the House of Representatives as Chairman, Committee on Appropriations from July 2013 to June 2016, and from July 2019 to March 2020; Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, from January 2012 to June 30, 2013. His sterling leadership and meritorious legislative accomplishments led to the approval of General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Years 2014 to 2016 and 2020, and notably, the landmark passage of Republic Act No. 10351 – "An Act Restructuring The Excise Tax On Alcohol and Tobacco Products" commonly known as the Sin Tax Law. Its approval was a historic victory for the Philippine health and revenue reform. The law was designed to respond not



only to increase government revenue but also it was passed as a significant step forward in the country's resolve for social development anad to improve Filipino quality of life, specifically the health benefits that it aims to deliver.

#### The Outstanding UPLB Alumni Award

#### **College of Economics and Management**

#### Mr. Roel Z. Castro

BS Agricultural Business 1988

#### **Corporate Governance**

for his dedicated and exemplary service in the Philippine public sector in various positions; for his sterling leadership as President and Chief Executive Officer of ABCI; for his unwavering passion as MORE Power President and Chief Operating Officer; and for his signature affiliative leadership style and passionate service in various companies for the past twenty years which has earned him recognition as one of Asia's leading CEOs by the CEO magazine.



## The Outstanding UPLB Alumni Award

#### **College of Engineering and Agro-Industrail Industry**

#### Engr. Romeo E. Capuno, Jr.

BS Chemical Engineering, 1995

#### Global Corporate Management

Engr. Romeo E. Capuno Jr. is a licensed professional engineer and a motivated and goal oriented global technical leader with over 20 years of total experience in manufacturing at a Fortune 500 company, consulting at a top 500 design firm and academia at top technical universities.

He is a strategist and visionary leader at The Coca-Cola Company who effectively assures continuous supply, improved profitability and end-to-end quality for McDonald's restaurants on over 120 countries across the globe.

As the current Director of Global Supply Chain at The Coca-Cola Company, The McDonald's Division, he leads in creating a sustainable framework for driving strategies and initiatives in alignment with internal and external stakeholders, building business cases and leading innovation to transform and add value to The Coca-Cola Company and The McDonald's Corporation.

He graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering,



magna cum laude from UPLB in 1995. He holds Master of Environmental and Water Quality Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Master of Science in Environmental Engineering, from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

He was recipient of various academic and professional awards including the 2018 CEAT Distinguished Alumnus, 2018 Ten Outstanding Overseas Filipino Workers and The Outstanding Young Scientist in 1996.

#### The Outstanding UPLB Alumni Award

#### **College of Forestry and Natural Resources**

#### Dr. Juan M. Pulhin

BS Forestry 1981, MS Forestry 1987

recognition of his exemplary In accomplishment in Instruction, Research, Extension and Development in the Field of Forestry and Forest Governance. He is currently holding the highest faculty rank of Professor 12 as well as the highest honorific UP Rank of Scientist III. He also served as DEAN of the College of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of the Philippines Los Baños. He is a world renowned scientist and professor exemplified by the number of books and scientific journal articles that he authored, including an online course taken by both local and international students. Nationally, his work on social community-based natural forestry, resources management, climate change disaster risk management studies. and forest policies has immensely contributed to national development of the country serving as crucial reference in the crafting of a number key national policies in forestry and allied fields. He is a multi-awarded professor who has received a number of awards both locally and internationally. But what separates him from other scientist was when he received the very prestigious Nobel Peace Prize Award in 2007 for his contribution



to the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Adding to his illustrious career was his conferment as Academician by the National Academy of Science and Technology earning him exclusive membership to this elite group of scientist.

## The Outstanding UPLB Alumni Award

#### **College of Public Affairs and Development**

#### Atty. Rommel A. Gecolea

Master in Public Affairs 2013

#### Outstanding Leadership, Good Governance and Public Service

In recognition of his outstanding political leadership as Mayor of Cabuyao City that has brought forth significant improvements in the city's standards of governance and delivery of basic services. Mayor Gecolea gave poor but deserving students educational opportunities by providing scholarships. He improved the city's finances through innovative and equitable taxation system that motivated the business community to invest more. The city's health delivery system has vastly improved under his stewardship. By providing the right resources and providing trainings, he elevated the level of preparedness of the city's various barangays for effective disaster management and risk mitigation.



Mayor Gecolea has effectively created a leadership template for local governance by setting moral and ethical standards that he succeeded in imbuing his fellow officials and subordinates with.



## Distinguished Alumni Award

# College of Agriculture and Food Science

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## Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award College of Agriculture and Food Science

#### Dr. Rhodora R. Aldemita

BS Agriculture 1980, MS Agronomy 1988

#### International Service and Cooperation

For providing leadership as the Director of ISAAA SEAsia Center to raise understanding of agri-biotechnology among all stakeholders and provide enabling capacities for informed regulatory and decision-making processes, to move acceptance and adoption of biotech products in the region. Also, as the Director of the ISAAA Global Knowledge Center on Crop Biotechnology, Dr. Aldemita leads the development of biotech-related materials, including the highly authoritative Annual Report on Commercialized Biotech/ GM Crops, coordinates the 15 ISAAA network of Biotechnology Information Centers (BIC), and assist developing countries in improving regulations of biotech crops. She has partnered with national, government bodies and international agencies around the world for the global acceptance of biotech crops. Her accomplishments have been recognized locally and internationally becoming one of a competent spokesperson on biotech crops.

#### Mr. Laureano A. Callao, Jr.

BS Agriculture 1970

#### Agri-Entrepreneurship

For his significant contributions in converting idle farm lands into innovative agribusiness establishments which provided employment to farmers and their families. The transformation of their family's 11-hectare farm into a rubber-coconut-cacao intercropping served as a demo farm which other farmers from Davao del Norte areas copied and replicated. He was instrumental in changing a 400-hectare low performing farm land owned by Hiquiana Plantation into a highly profitable hybrid coconut cum cattle fattening farm. Because his intense desire to contribute to the well-being of many rural farmers that he continues to share his agribusiness and agri-entrepreneurial skills to the many rural farmers in the Davao-Cotabato area.



#### Ms. Myrna S. Galang

BS Agriculture Economics 1977, MS Animal Science 1990

#### Public Service and Extension in Dairy/ Livestock Development

For having had distinguished herself in extension, training, technical assistance and over-all support to local dairy development for more than four decades. Her activities resulted in the upgrading of technical expertise, development of rural institutions and increased incomes and empowerment of dairy farmers.

She has established her credibility, expertise and exhibited her deep concern for the welfare of farmers. Her passion for dairy and rural development earned her the respect of dairy farmers of more than a hundred dairy cooperatives and associations in all dairy areas in the country.

#### Dr. Glenn B. Gregorio

BS Agriculture 1986, MS Plant Breeding1991

#### **Rice Genetics and Breeding**

For his extraordinary scientific achievements in rice molecular biology and its application in rice breeding with focus on tolerance to abiotic stresses and nutritional value. In his research activities, he has collaborated with scientists not only from the Philippines but also from countries in Asia, Africa and the Americas. A prolific scientific writer, his international and local publications are highly cited by rice scientists worldwide. In addition to his researches, he also assumed executive responsibilities such as program leader, division head and lately as Center Director of the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA).





#### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award College of Agriculture and Food Science

#### **Dr. Eric P. Palacpac**

BS Agriculture 1988, MS Animal Science1994

## Public Service and Extension in Livestock Development

For his exemplary achievements as a dedicated public servant in the agriculture sector particularly the livestock subsector and the carabao industry and for his outstanding contributions in the promotion and dissemination of science and technology-based solutions by way of effective knowledge management system and extension modalities, which have benefitted thousands of farmers, field technicians, and other carabao industry value chain stakeholders across the country. His excellent and effective leadership transcends disciplinary and organizational boundaries as evidenced by his engagement as a former President of the Philippine Society of Animal Science (PSAS), current President of the Philippine Extension and Advisory Services Network (PhilEASNet), former Chairperson of the Philippine Carabao Center Multipurpose Cooperative, and current Chairperson of the Muñoz Credit Surety Fund.

#### Mr. Primitivo Jose A. Santos

BS Agriculture 1980, MS Horticulture 1985

#### Public Service and Extension in Crop Production and Mineral Nutrition

For his tireless efforts in co-developing and promoting the SNAP Hydroponics technology, one of the most popular and highly adapted program of UPLB through the use of various extension platforms which created the awareness of soilless production system suited for urban agriculture and other settings with limited space thus paving the way to the establishment of gardens for personal and business use of a wide range of clientele.



## Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award College of Agriculture and Food Science

#### Dr. Julie D. Tan

BS Food Technology 1979, MS Food Science 1983

#### Food Science Research

For her excellence in food product research and development of root crops which addressed food and nutrition security of the country specially in rural areas. She received various grants and awards from local and international institutions in recognition of her expertise and distinction in food science and root crop related researches. She has published several scholarly articles in ISI and Scopus indexed journals and developed technologies that received patent and utility model approval from local and international patenting agencies.

#### Mr. Arturo N. Tolentino, Jr.

BS Agriculture 2006

#### **Rural Development**

for his passion and dedication in helping small farmers that paved the way for ARTFARM Sustainable Solutions, an agribusiness enterprise he co-founded which focused on developing sustainable production technologies and farming inputs for commercial farms, home gardeners and anyone interested in plant production. His untiring desire to serve farmer-residents in resettlement area in Calauan, Laguna led him to forging relationships with private sector to seek employment and enterprise opportunities for relocated families. By pushing for organic agriculture practices in AVVIARE Farm, he did not only help the farmer-residents increase their income but has also helped maintain a safe and healthy work environment for his constituents. During this time of crisis, he continues to uphold the value and relevance of farming by starting the #BuyAni campaign where farmers and their produce are tapped for food donor relief efforts, benefiting both the farming community and recipient communities.













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# College of Arts and Sciences

#### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award **College of Arts and Sciences**

#### Hon. Aidel Paul G. Belamide

**BA** Communication Arts 2009

#### Good Governance and Public Service

For embodying honor and excellence in local governance that is formed by his solid academic grounding in the humanities and the social sciences, and his years of practical experience;

For his practical and sustainable initiatives that made significant impact on the lives of his constituents and the environment, such as various zoning ordinances, tax revenue amendments, setting up of schools and scholarship programs, and his vigorous advocacy of local industries;

For his creativity and boldness in blazing new trails through his innovative style of governance, such as conducting Sangguniang Bayan sessions in Filipino and holding them in public places, and posting of financial statements and key projects in public places for greater transparency and enhanced accountability:

For his initiative and commitment to promote arts and culture with his efforts to preserve the Nuestra Senora de Candelaria Parish Church; now declared as a national cultural treasure by the National Museum; and finally,

For his tireless determination to constantly be of service to his constituents during this current health crisis as he provides clear and concise daily updates on COVID 19 cases and on various LGU initiatives on his social media platform, showcasing his expertise in communication arts and governance, and setting him up as a quintessential millennial leader.

#### Ms. Lilia T. Habacon

**BS Statistics 1978** 

#### Educational Administration and Leadership

For her significant achievements and exemplary performance as an administrator, leader and empowered woman committed to public service, science education, and innovation. Under her leadership, the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) system continuously carries the PSHS brand of global excellence and service to the nation as they harness the future scientists, technocrats, and engineers of this country.

For initiating breakthrough projects and putting in place administrative protocols for better management and improved efficiency of administrative offices for which she had been tapped to head. Her style of leadership has made offices under her management deliver their duties and services more efficiently by inculcating the spirit of promptness, passion, and responsibility.



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## Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award **College of Arts and Sciences**

#### **Dr. Cymbeline T. Culiat**

BS Biology 1981, MS Genetics 1988

#### Health, Science and Technology

For her life-changing works and accomplishments spanning four decades as a critical research scientist, innovative entrepreneur, and passionate mentor-educator.

As a geneticist and molecular biologist, Dr. Culiat elucidated the role of NELL1 signaling protein in tissue growth and maturation of musculoskeletal and cardiovascular systems; consequently invented the 23 NELL1 patents in tissue regeneration issued in the USA, Canada, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Australia, Japan, and Israel.

Her indefatigable spirit connected the academe and industry by co-founding NellOne Therapeutics Inc. (NellOne), a biotech company translating NELL1 science into human and veterinary drugs and devices. Her company works currently in developing therapies for lung and heart tissue damage induced by viral infections such as COVID-19, and for muscle atrophy in cancer.

For mastering the art and pedagogy of teaching being a creative and dedicated professor and guest lecturer at private and public universities; and for supporting the STEM education in public schools and non-profit organizations

Her works and accomplishments are understatements of the University's mandate of shaping minds that shape the nation and the world-- imbued with honor and excellence.









# College of Development Communication

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#### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award College of Development Communication

#### Dr. Rotacio S. Gravoso

MS Development Communication 1981 Development Communication Education

For his dedication and hard work as a development communication (DevCom) educator, researcher, and practitioner who has helped strengthen several academic and research programs in DevCom, various development projects for farmers, and a professional organization of Filipino DevCom educators and practitioners in the Philippines. Now a full professor at the Visayas State University (VSU). Dr. Gravoso has led and mentored educators, researchers. and students in various DevCom research and extension projects and activities that have benefitted farmers and other marginalized Filipinos in the Visayas and other parts of the country. As a recipient of exemplary VSU academician and researcher awards, Dr. Gravoso has recently spearheaded the revision of VSU's DevCom programs to make them responsive to the changing needs of society. From 2014 to 2018, he served for two terms as president of the Association of Development Communication Educators and Practitioners (ADCEP) Philippines and spearheaded one international and three national conferences of the association.

#### Ms. Maria Mutya L. Frio

BS Development Communication 1993

#### (International Development Communication Practice)

For her laudable work as a development communication (DevCom) specialist in international projects that advance the United Nation's sustainable development goals. As a DevCom practitioner, she has served in the most disadvantaged communities, from working in post-conflict recovery as a UN volunteer of the United Nations Development Programme in South Sudan to helping the most impoverished communities regain their livelihood from de-mining in Cambodia. She facilitated emergency communications projects with World Vision International to aid displaced communities in Senegal and Mali during a military campaign against terrorist groups. Miss Frio helped build the capacity of the next generation of development communicators in grassroots organizations, training and mentoring out-of-school youth in the slums of Kenya and local development staff in India who were working in a community-based school for children with severe disabilities. As a writer and an editor for the Food and Agriculture Organization, she is currently part of a team developing a forestry education curriculum for primary students to be piloted in Tanzania and rolled-out later in the year in the Philippines.



# College of Economics and Management





#### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award **College of Economics and Management**

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#### Mr. Michael R. Cahigas

B.S. in Agribusiness Management, 1988

#### **Investment Banking and Finance**

for his consistent outstanding performance as an investment banker and his significant contributions to the innovative financing of power projects that have especially benefited small distribution utilities and electric cooperatives in remote areas.



#### Dr. Gregmar I. Galinato

B.S. in Economics, 1997

#### **Environmental and Resource Economics**

for his contributions to the development of economic research and instruction relating to the analysis and valuation of the environment, energy, and regulation.



#### Dr. Yolanda T. Garcia

M.S. in Agricultural Economics, 1981 Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, 1997

#### Agriculture and Fishery Policy Assessment

in recognition of her outstanding contributions to research and development that have contributed to policy interventions towards the growth of the Agriculture and Fishery sectors in the Philippines.

#### Dr. Nerlita M. Manalili

B.S. in Agricultural Business, 1979

#### Enterprise Planning and Development

for her exemplary initiatives towards building entrepreneurial capacities in the agriculture sector and for her contributions to policies and strategies to strengthen small and medium enterprises in the Philippines.





#### Dr. Marissa Maricosa A. Paderon

B.S. in Agricultural Economics, 1985

#### International Trade Policy

in recognition of her expertise in international trade policy, competition policy, and EU-ASEAN Economic Integration; for her instrumental involvement in the Philippines' participation in various economic integration organizations; for her significant contributions in international trade research; and her invaluable roles as a Commissioner at the Republic of the Philippines Tariff Commission, a Coordinator of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Virtual Institute, and a former Director of the European Studies Program in the Ateneo de Manila University.



#### Mr. Gerald Glenn F. Panganiban

B.S. in Agribusiness Management, 2003

#### **Public Sector Innovation**

for his outstanding contributions to the transformation of public service delivery through e-governance initiatives lending to efficient and transparent facilitation of agricultural trade.





## **College of Engineering and Agro-Industrial Technology**

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#### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award College of Engineering and Agro-Industrial Technology

#### Dr. Rustico C. Bautista

BS Agricultural Engineering, 1981 MS Agricultural Engineering, 1993

#### Grain Teaching and Research

Dr. Rustico C. Bautista is a grain quality scientist and technology innovation lead at Ricetec, Inc., Alvin, Texas, USA and an Adjunct Professor of Biological and Agricultural Engineering at the University of Arkansas, Arkansas, USA. He has made significant contributions in rice processing research: pre-harvest characterization on a single kernel and bulk basis that became a foundation of greater understanding of rice grain quality; established optimal harvest moisture contents for US rice to maximize milling quality and net economic value; provided deeper understanding of fissuring that eventually became a tool for the establishment of the glass transition theory in drying of rice; contributed in understanding the impact of climate change on grain quality—implications of high nighttime air temperature on chalk and milling performance of inbreds and hybrids; and developed breeding screening technologies for screening rice population for chalkiness and grain fissuring.

His extensive works of over 36 years in grain research resulted to his notable inventions which includes two (2) patent awards for IRRI twin moldboard plow and conical puddlers and development of IRRI Test Tube Mill which is being used worldwide in rice research organizations; precision system design for moisture adsorption and desorption studies on rice and rice grain

components among others. He has published two book chapters on rice grain processing and quality, 57 peer reviewed publications including invited article in the Cereals Foods World (Cereals & Grains) and has over 100 presentations including invited speaker in universities, IRRI, USDA-ARS, Rice Technical Working Group, Cereals & Grains, American Society of Agric. & Biological Engineers technical meetings and symposia. His leadership in rice grain quality is well recognized by professional societies such as Cereals & Grains Association and the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers and serves as advisory board of the University of Arkansas Center for Rice Processing.

#### Dr. Joel O. Paz

BS Agricultural Engineering, 1985 MS Agricultural Engineering, 1989

#### Agricultural Engineering and Water Resources

Dr. Joel O. Paz is a Professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering at Mississippi State University (MSU). He obtained his PhD degree in Agricultural Engineering and Water Resources (Co-Majors) from Iowa State University in 2000. He is a distinguished achiever in teaching, research, and extension in agricultural engineering and water resources. He was a recipient of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award – Lower Division, MSU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and Teaching Award of Merit from Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture. He served as academic advisor to over 40 undergraduate students per semester; supervised 2 Postdocs; advised 15 MS and PhD students; directed undergraduate student researchers.

His research focuses on water quality and nutrient reduction, water resources, artificial intelligence, big data analysis, crop growth modeling, impacts of climate change and climate variability, and water-energy-food nexus. His research program

has received over \$5.8 million in grants and contracts from USDA, USDOE, NSF, NASA, NOAA, RMA, and commodity boards, and has published 61 peer-reviewed journal articles, 45 conference proceedings, and 74 abstracts.

As part of his extension service, he has published 17 technical reports and 27 extension articles/newsletters; conducted 33 training workshops and in-service trainings, 16 extension seminars, and 12 invited state and regional extension presentations.

He served as reviewer of grant proposals from NSF, USGS, CRDF Global, and China-Netherlands Joint Scientific Thematic Research Program, and several scientific journals including Transactions of the ASABE, Ecological Engineering, Computers and Electronics in Agriculture, Agricultural Systems, Nutrient Cycling in Agroecosystems, and Journal of Hydrology - Regional Studies.



#### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award College of Engineering and Agro-Industrial Technology

#### Dr. Benigno C. Valdez

BS Sugar Technology, 1979

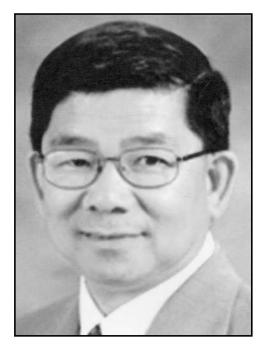
#### **Cancer Research**

Dr. Benigno C. Valdez, a BS Sugar Technology graduate (1979), cum laude, is a Professor at the Department of Stem Cell Transplantation - Research, Division of Cancer Medicine, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (UT MDACC), Houston, Texas, USA. MD Anderson Cancer Center is ranked No. 1 in cancer care in U.S. News and World Report's annual "Best Hospitals" survey (2019); and has been named one of the nation's top two cancer hospitals since the survey began in 1990.

Dr. Valdez has established an international reputation in cancer research. He has chaired/co-chaired 8 sessions and presented 21 lectures in international conferences. He was a keynote speaker at the 2018 Suzhou (China) Hematology Summit where he presented a lecture on "Mechanism-based optimization of the conditioning regimen for HSCT". He is an active member of Editorial Review Board of 5 journals; and serves as Reviewer of 62 journals through the years; and principal/co-investigator of at least 7 research projects.

One of his publications was featured on the cover of Human Molecular Genetics. His team deciphered the function of treacle protein encoded by the TCOF gene which is mutated in patients with Treacher-Collins syndrome, a craniofacial deformity. His current research focuses on mechanism-based optimization of the pre-transplant regimen for blood cancer patients undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT). He has become an expert in this field and contributed a chapter on the pharmacological basis for high-dose chemotherapy to the 5th Edition of Thomas' Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation (2016), a popular textbook in hematopoietic stem cell transplantation. At least 21 clinical trials on HSCT were based on his preclinical research data at UT MDACC. These clinical trials aimed at identifying safe and more efficacious pretransplant regimens. Some of them have been completed and indicated significant improvement in overall survival of patients who had HSCT compared with the standard of care pre-transplant regimen.

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Credited to him and his team, are: 15 patents in various countries including the USA and European countries ; Zydus Worldwide DMCC signed license for a novel solubilization technology for cancer drug busulfan and triazole antifungal agents, 2016; 88 peer-reviewed original research articles (plus 2 under review); 3 invited articles and book chapters; and 19 abstracts (2014-to-date).

He was the recipient of the Ambassador Benedicto Medal of Excellence in Sugar Technology and the Joaquin Gonzales Medal of Excellence (highest GPA in the College of Agriculture). He received his PhD degree at Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge) in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; and awarded the Robert Scott and Louise Pierce Allen Award for outstanding graduate student. His post-doctoral training was at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM), Houston, Texas, and started his own research laboratory as Assistant Professor. At BCM, he received the National Institutes of Health Shannon Award to conduct cancer research. In 2005, he transferred to the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center to involve in a more translational research.



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# College of Forestry and Natural Resources

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#### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award **College of Forestry and Natural Resources**

#### For. Jennifer M. Conda

BS Forestry 2002

#### YOUNG FORESTER AWARDEE

For her outstanding contributions in field of forest research: resource utilization, biodiversity assessment, systematics & taxonomy, and wood and archaeological artifacts identification, and for her significant contributions in poverty alleviation and livelihood provision to local communities. Thus, became a recipient of several publication awards, 2019 Research Chair Holder (DOST-FPRDI) and 2019 Young Scientist Achievement Award in Utilization Research in Forestry and Natural Resources (FORESPI).



#### For. Pastor L. Malabrigo, Jr.

BS Forestry 1997, MS Forestry 2001, Forest Ranger Certificate 1992

#### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEE

In recognition of his exceptional contributions and accomplishments in the field of plant taxonomy and biodiversity conservation. For. Malabrigo led several initiatives that invigorate awareness on the importance of Philippine native plants and ultimately on conserving some of the most threatened trees in the country.

His love for science and research allowed him to produce enormous scientific publications including five books on Philippine Native Trees. Being one of the most respected authors in the field, his book "Shades of Majesty: 88 Philippine Native Trees" won several awards such as 2013 Best Book in Science and 2014 Gintong Aklat Award in the Science Category. As a nationally recognized authority in taxonomy, he has been engaged in programs of the government and private organizations as a resource speaker, adviser, consultant, and trainer.

His innumerable contributions have been recognized by international organizations. He is the sole Filipino member of the Global Tree Specialist Group and the Species Survival Commission of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Not only a forester with integrity, For. Malabrigo is a professor, writer, mentor, and an inspiration to every Filipino forester who share the same vision in safeguarding Philippine forests and conserving native trees.



## Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award **College of Forestry and Natural Resources**

#### For. Jose Alan A. Castillo BS Forestry 1997, Forest Ranger Certificate 1994

#### FORESTRY RESEARCH AWARDEE

In recognition of his outstanding accomplishments and valuable contribution in the field of Forestry Research, particularly on Mangrove Forest Science and Management. He is one of the pioneers in the study of Carbon accounting and Carbon mapping in Mangrove Forest and the measurement of adaptation of mangrove forest against sea level rise, in the country. He pioneered the use of the new radar and multispectral satellite data from the newly launched european Sentinel satellites, and the use of GIS-based Geostatistics for the estimation and mapping of carbon storage in biomass and soil of mangrove forests. His works are now being used in the country and elsewhere, hopefully contributing to the conservation and development of mangrove forests.

He has authored/co-authored over 30 scientific publications on mangrove and terrestrial forests, and serves Reviewer for a number of ISI- and Scopus-indexed international journals published by Elsevier, Springer and MDPI, among many others. He acts as member of the Editorial Board of the Philippine-based Sylvatrop journal and the Singapore-based Advances in Geoscience journal

In recognition of his scientific contributions to his field, in 2019, he was conferred Scientist I rank by the Scientific Career System of the Philippines. He was also awarded the 2019 Elvira O. Tan Award for Outstanding Published Paper, and the 2019 Recipient of the International Publication Award by DOST. In 2014, he was chosen as one of the awardees of the coveted Australia Awards of the Australian Government.

Dr. Castillo is an active member of the National Research Council of the Philippines, the incumbent Vice President of the Forest and Natural Resources Research Society of the Philippines (FORESPI), the international Society of Wetland Scientists, and the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

#### For. Leo R. Ballesfin BS Forestry 1984 ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AWARDEE

For his outstanding entrepreneurial achievements and exemplary performance in Rural Development, Poverty Alleviation and Microfinance; for his dedicated leadership in the CFNR Alumni Association and the prestige of being the first from CFNR to hold the coveted position as President of the UPLB Alumni Association; for his reliable leadership that earned him the United States House of Representatives Special Congressional Recognition on Environmental Protection and Advocacy, USA, 2014, and his valuable contribution in institutionalizing a Credit Delivery System with Dr. Muhammad Yunus of Bangladesh, through the Grameen Bank Replication Project in the Philippines, providing financial services for business development to the rural poor.

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#### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award **College of Forestry and Natural Resources**

#### For. Buenaventura L. Dolom

BS Forestry 1979, MS Forestry 1991

For his dedication and exemplary performance to the development. management and institutionalization of Forestry and Environmental Policies and Projects for communities in the Country. With the end objective of improving the quality of life of the marginalized community dwellers, Forester Dolom has relentlessly acted as trainor and community organizer on Rural Rapid Appraisal, Resources Inventory, Thematic Mapping and in the preparation of Community Resources Management and Development Plans. To support these activities, For. Dolom has prepared a Guidebook on Co- Management Program that is now being used nationwide.



#### For. Jacqueline A. Caancan

BS Forestry 1981

Forester Jacqueline Abing-Caancan, CESO III currently serves as the Regional Executive Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources -National Capital Region.

"RED Jack" - as she is fondly called - is a responsible, innovative, and trailblazer that helped DENR NCR achieved new heights in terms of efficient service delivery in faithful adherence to the tenets of good governance.

She led the creation of the four Field Offices in NCR which served as the backbone of successful implementation of the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program through an enhanced coordination among stakeholders, social mobilization, forging partnerships, and strengthened enforcement of environmental laws.

RED Jack has earned the trust and confidence of the civil society and private sector through her participative planning activities leading toward the cleaning of Manila Bay. Under her leadership, and through collective efforts, BASECO was transformed into a model for community engagement for environmental rehabilitation. She led the series of clean-up and rehabilitation activities in other priority waterways and tributaries. She created a team to conduct ground and drone survey to aid in the recovery of legal easements and rehabilitation of riverbanks/shorelines, as basis likewise for the resettlements of ISFs along waterways.

Having an innovative mindset, she introduced reforms to ensure compliance to Ease of Doing Business such as the Frontline Services Queuing

System, Online Appointment System, DENR NCR Hotline Connect, and Online Attendance Monitoring System. These allowed the regional office to continuously operate even while under strict quarantine measures due to COVID-19. The system also allowed the regional office to safely transact with clients as it minimized face-to-face interaction. Several other online systems are in the pipeline and ready for full implementation, and making services available through digital platform under the "New Normal".



## Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award **College of Forestry and Natural Resources**

#### For. Ernesto S. Guiang

BS Forestry 1976

#### INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY REFORM

DR. ERNESTO S. GUIANG HAS PROVIDED OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN INSTITUIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLLICY REFORMS IN FORESTRY. HE:

- HELPED CONCEPTUALIZED THE NATIONAL POLICY ON COMMUNITY-1 BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (CBFM) IN 1994 WHICH WAS THE BASIS FOR EO No. 263 ISSUED IN 1995 BY PRESIDENT FIDEL RAMOS;
- 2. STARTED LAND USE PLANNING IN FOREST AND PROTECTED AREAS AS PART OF LGU'S COMPREHENIVE LAND USE PLANS (CLUPs);
- CONTRIBUTED TO RIDGE TO REEF (R2R) INTEGRATED LANDSCAPE 3 PROTECTION, RESTORATION. DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT THAT LED WAY TO THE INTEGRATION OF SECTORAL STRATEGIES OF DA, DENR, DAR AND DILG WHICH BECAME THE BASIS OF POLICY ON "NATIONAL CONVERGENCE INITIATIVE":
- STRENGTHENED THE FOREST INVESTMENT COMPONENT OF THE REVISED 4. CLIMATE-RESILIENT FORESTY DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN OF THE PHILIPPINES (2015-2028) WHICH WAS ADOPTED AS NATIONAL STRATEGY IN FORESTRY: AND
- DRAFTED POLICIES ON LANDSCAPE-BASED PAYMENT OF ECOSYSTEMS 5 SERVICES (PES) WITH USERS OF ECOSYSTEMS GOODS AND SERVICES, AND HELPED HARMONIZED THE APPLICATION OF VALUE CHAIN APPROACH IN ASSISTING COMMUNITIES UNDER DENR.

#### For. Mutya Ma. Q. Manalo

BS Forestry 1976, MS Forestry 1984

#### **Outstanding Service in Forestry** Education

For her outstanding accomplishments in the field of forestry education as teacher and administrator, attested by being awarded twice as Outstanding Teacher in Biological Sciences by CFNR, her significant contribution to the revision of BS Forestry curriculum, serving with diligence and dedication as CFNR College Secretary for almost 13 years while effectively helping the forestry students through active involvement in the UPLB Committee on Student Financial Assistance and steadfast commitment in the recruitment of the best and the brightest students in science high schools around the country to enroll in Forestry course at UPLB.

Truly a vanguard among her peers, RED Jack deserves the recognition from her alma mater.





#### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award **College of Forestry and Natural Resources**

#### For. Ricardo L. Calderon

Forestry Ranger Certificate1981, BS Forestry 1985, MS Forestry 1991

RICARDO L. CALDERON or Ric/Rico is the OIC-Assistant Secretary for Climate Change and concurrent Director of the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

He started his career as a rank and file employee of the then Bureau of Forest Development in Region 4 in 1986. In 1995, he became Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer (CENRO) of Tavtay Palawan and thereafter was assigned/ designated as Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) of the provinces of Romblon, Quezon, Laguna, Oriental Mindoro, and Aurora; as Regional Technical Director for Forestry in Central Luzon; and as Regional Executive Director of Region 11 in Davao, Region 6 in Iloilo, and Central Luzon in San Fernando, Pampanga. He became the Director of the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) of the DENR from 2012-2016, and briefly acted as OIC-Assistant Secretary for Staff Bureaus overseeing the activities and operations of the four (4) Staff Bureaus of DENR.

His career highlights include representing the Philippines as the Senior Official on Forestry at the ASEAN, as the Focal Person in United Nations Forum on Forest at the United Nations (UN), as the Governing Council Member of the ASEAN- Republic of Korea Cooperation on Forestry, and as the National Coordinator of the National Greening Program whilst designated as FMB Director of DENR. He was one of the prime movers in the adoption of the GIS-based Lawin Biodiversity and Forest Protection System as the National Strategy for Forest and Biodiversity Protection in the Philippines.

He is a graduate of Masters in Forestry (1991) and Bachelor of Science in Forestry (1985), and a holder of a Forest Ranger Certificate (1981), all from the University of the Philippines in Los Baños. He placed 5th in the 1985 Foresters' Board Licensure Examination, and was a recipient of Young Forester Award in 1998 from the UPLB College of Forestry Alumni Association and the UPLB Alumni Association. He is a Career Executive Service Officer, Rank III.

#### For. Juan M. Pulhin BS Forestry 1981, MS Forestry 1987

In recognition of his exemplary accomplishments in Instruction, Research, Extension, and Development in the fields of social forestry, forest governance, and climate change. He currently holds the highest faculty rank of Professor 12 as well as the highest honorific UP Rank of Scientist III. He also served as DEAN of the College of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of the Philippines Los Baños. He is a world renowned scientist and professor exemplified by the number of books and scientific journal articles that he authored, including online courses taken by both local and international students. He is also a four-time Visiting Professor at the University of Tokyo, Adjunct Fellow of the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture, and Invited Expert of the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research. Nationally, his work on social forestry, community-based natural resources management, climate change studies, disaster risk management, and forest policies has immensely contributed to national development serving as crucial reference in the crafting of a number key national policies in forestry and allied fields. He is a multi-awarded professor who has received numerous awards both locally and internationally. But what separates him from other scientists is being a co-recipient of the very prestigious 2007 Nobel Peace Prize Award for his contribution to the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Adding to his illustrious career was his conferment as Academician by the National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines earning him exclusive membership to this elite group of scientists.







# **College** of Human Ecology

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#### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award College of Human Ecology

#### Dr. Leslie V. Advincula-Lopez

BS Human Ecology 1987

## Outstanding performance Education, research and extension

Dr. Leslie V. Advincula-Lopez is a research associate at the Institute of Philippine Culture, Ateneo de Manila University since 2008. Her researches focused on a wide array of topics including population displacement, social change, human rights, teacher's well-being, public health, and the like. Some of her work were published in various scientific journals and <del>some</del> were conducted with different populations all over the country. She was a recipient of the ASEAN-Fullbright Research Fellowship in 2015 to 2016. She was awarded the Outstanding Book Award by the National Academy of Science and Technology in 2001 and 2013 for her research on human rights and urbanization, respectively. She also served as consultant to international organizations such as UN Democracy Fund, Habitat for Humanity, Asian Development Bank and others.



#### Mr. Alexey R. Cajilig

BS Human Ecology 1994

Organizational Development and Capacity Building for Social Development

In recognition of his contributions in Organizational Development and Capacity Building for Social Development, Alexey Rola Caijilig (BSHE ST '94) brings the UP spirit of honor and excellence to the private sector. He has been incorporating the human ecological perspective in his body of work and profession that spans sales, field marketing, business, community development, research, training management and leadership. He leverages on his social technology training to promote people-centered development – from spearheading corporate initiatives for farmers to crafting 'holistic' training programs for business leaders and professionals. He blazes the trail by carrying the hallmark of service embodied in the oblation in promoting the development for the people, of the people and by the people in the corporate world.



#### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award College of Human Ecology

#### Ms. Thea A. Bohol

BS Human Ecology 2004 Gender Equality among the Vulnerable Sectors

In recognition of her utmost service and passion as gender and social inclusion expert - developing and facilitating a more inclusive environment for women, persons with disability, LGBTQIA, and rural women confronted with climate change challenges. Her work as an advocate and specialist serving in various United Nations agencies, international aid agencies, national, local government, and non-profit institutions contributed to frameworks and policies in gender mainstreaming. Her expertise covers areas such as in sexual and reproductive health, genderbased violence prevention and response, and climate change adaptation planning, not only at the local and national levels but in the whole of the Asia Pacific Region. Her contributions led positive developments to small and medium enterprises, energy and agriculture sectors, and better maternal health

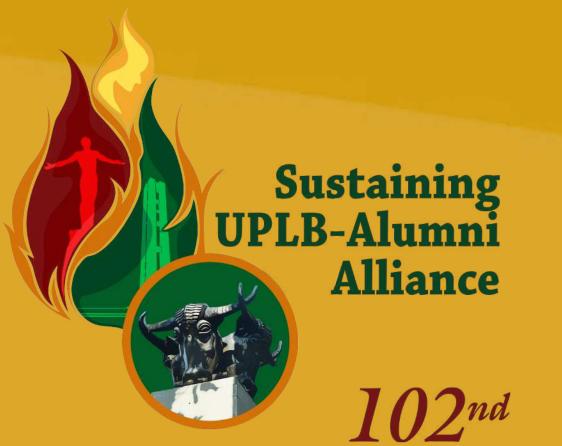
#### Mr. Ariestelo A. Asilo BS Nutrition 2007

## Nutrition Entrepreneurship and Community Nutrition

In recognition of his total commitment in championing community nutrition development through his brilliant leadership during disaster relief operations and rehabilitation programs in the province of Batangas. He organized a systematic relief operation and led human milk drive which also raised awareness on the benefits of breastfeeding. He also led the establishment of CIRCA 1740, a coffee company to promote agriculture, boost the coffee industry and provide livelihood in the province. In 2006 he founded Peace Corps Scholars and Alumni Association to provide platform for collaboration among alumni and various institutions concerned with food, health and business. Moreover he also served as a Legislative Consultant to Provincial Board Member where he focused attention on the passage of TB-DOTS Ordinance, improvement of the blood bank program, Municipal Health and Sanitation Ordinances, and implementation of the province-wide Nutrition Feeding of pre - schoolers, thereby uplifting the economic status and state of health of the people.







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# College of Public Affairs and Development

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#### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award College of Public Affairs and Development

#### Dr. Cely S. Binoya

Ph.D. Extension Education 1993

#### Education, Research and Extension

In recognition of her prominent and remarkable contribution to the field of Extension Education as an educator, researcher and extension provider. Her more than three decades of service has left an indelible mark in the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture, in particular, and to the province of Camarines Sur and its environs as Dean, Director, Chair and Program Coordinator of its various post graduate and undergraduate academic programs. This is on top of her project engagements both in the local and international levels that has reached out to myriad of stakeholders and trainees. Her achievements are truly worthy of emulation.



#### Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

Master in Management Major in Development Management, 2013

#### Good Governance and Public Service

In recognition of his enduring contribution to the people of Camarines Sur as an assiduous public servant both as a local executive and a district representative who exemplified the core values of good governance and good citizenship. As a graduate of the Development Management and Governance program he embodied its principles of being an effective and transformational leader who constantly found ways and sought innovative solutions to the problems of sustainable and equitable development. He is an epitome of an alumnus of the College of Public Affairs and Development as someone who made a difference in the communities and the lives of people whom he serves.



#### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award College of Public Affairs and Development

#### Mr. Bon Ian D. Dela Roca

Master in Public Affairs 2007

## Agri-Entrepreneurship and Coop Management

In recognition of his tireless and invaluable efforts in providing leadership and advocacy for the cooperative movement as an executive of a leading primary cooperative, as a trailblazer in the cooperative federation and a private sector representative in a regional cooperative council. As a product of the Master's in Public Affairs program he typifies the sterling qualities of its graduates in the service of our Overseas Filipino Workers, local government units and agricultural producers through policy advocacy, design of social enterprises and advancing the interests and development of the cooperative and agricultural sectors.

#### Mr. Tun Tun Naing

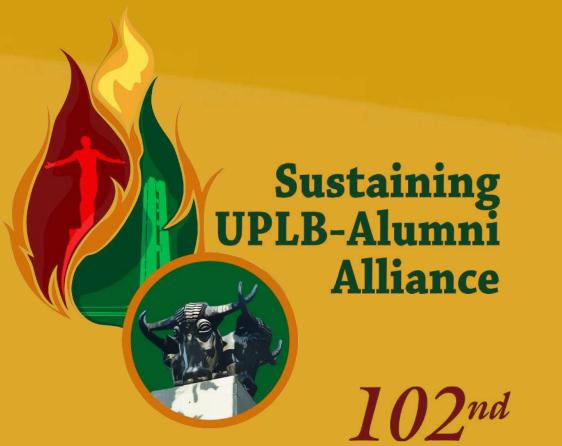
Master in Public Affairs, 2013

#### **Community Empowerment**

For his pioneering efforts in propagating the essence of democracy and justice particularly at the grassroots level in rural communities in Myanmar. He founded the Thazin Justice Initiative as a non-profit legal organization dedicated to the observance of human rights and the reduction of rampant illegal detention in the Arakan State. He had volunteered his training expertise to the BADA Institute which is a civil organization focusing on training promising youth to enhance their potentials as political leaders. He is credited for accessing international aids organizations such as Oxfam International and the British Council. As a result, programs were initiated meant to uplift rural development and expand policy making capabilities. Over the years, he has been championing the inclusion of the ethnic youth in the national agenda for social, political and economic development.







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# College of Veterinary Medicine

### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award College of Veterinary Medicine

### Dr. Rosette Angelie R. Arca

BS Agriculture 1985, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine 1989

### Public Service and Extension in Veterinary Medicine and Public Health

For her tireless efforts in advancing veterinary profession and practice by being a board member of PVMA Council on Biologics & Therapeutics. She was an active member of, African Swine Fever Crisis Management Team, National Codex Committee – Technical Committee (NCCTC), Technical Working Group of National Avian Influenza Task Force and Technical Working Group of Poultry Export Board. Her contribution in drafting guideline and policies pertaining to emerging diseases in the country helps the industry to be face the challenge and continue its efforts in pursuing food sustainability.



### Dr. Andrew M. Buencamino

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine 1992

### **Public Service and Equine Practice**

For his passion in serving the community as public servant for 10 years of Dasmarinas City, Cavite and Metro Manila. He serves as Veterinarian of Manila Zoological & Botanical Garden. His passion for horses continue as he leads the Philippine Racing Commission, Committee Member on the Revival of the Equine Drug Testing and Committee Chairman on the Curriculum for Trainers and Jockeys.





# School of Environmental Science and Management

### Colleges' Distinguished Alumni Award School of Environmental Science and Management

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### Dr. Eulito V. Casas, Jr.

Ph.D. Environmental Science, 2005

## Outstanding SESAM Alumnus for Environmental Science Education

In due recognition for his contribution in the field of environmental science education in the Philippines. Being a Professor at the University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College, Dr. Casas has provided academic leadership in teaching the value of biodiversity conservation and resilience that helps promote the formulation of critical habitat, river buffer and natural park managements plans, as well as climate proofing of the mangrove ecosystems in the Eastern Visayas region of the Philippines. Dr. Casas was instrumental in the adoption and implementation of Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSES) Program of the UPLB School of Environmental Science and Management (SESAM) in UPV Tacloban College.



### Dr. Victorio B. Molina

PhD Environmental Science 2011

### Outstanding SESAM Alumnus for Public and Environmental Health Research

In due recognition for his contributions in the field of public and environmental health research. As full professor of the College of Public Health at the University of the Philippines Manila, Dr. Molina is instrumental in advancing the applications and inter-linkages of the fields of environmental science with public health, civil engineering, environmental and sanitary engineering and public health both in theory and practice.

### **Dr. Allan L. Poquita**

MS Environmental Science, 2000; PhD Environmental Science 2004

## Outstanding SESAM Alumnus for Government Service

In due recognition for his contributions in the field of government service particularly in the promotion of sustainable fisheries management. As the Regional Director of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Management- Region 7, Dr. Poquita has continued to champion the application of environmental science concepts in advancing major programs and projects that promote integrated aquaculture systems and capture fisheries production through the distribution of environment-friendly fishing gears, enhancement of inland waters such as lakes and other water systems by stocking herbivorous fishes, and in the enforcement of fisheries law.







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# **Multi-Generations of UPLB Alumni Award**

# **Aguiero-Panopio Family**



Vladimarte M. Aguiero Lucila Panopio Jenny Aguiero-Panopio Alain Jerome Aguiero-Panopio



# **Catahan Family**





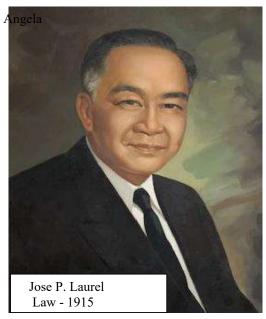
Macario P. Catahan Lina A. Catahan Marilyn Catahan-Del Barrio Marionette Catahan-Jerez

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Maricris Catahan-Cunanan Michelle Catahan – Kwah Maria Erika Dominique Catahan Cunanan

### Multi-Generations of UPLB Alumni Award

## **Laurel Family**



1<sup>st</sup> Generation



2<sup>nd</sup> Generation



**3rd Generation** 



BA- Communication Arts - 2014

4<sup>th</sup> Generation

# **Lawas Family**



Virgilio C. Lawas Vernel M. Lawas **Cresencia M. Lawas** Leensey M. Lawas

### Multi-Generations of UPLB Alumni Award

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# Platon Family Engracia Mercado Gonzales Platon













**Elinor Platon Perido** Leila Platon Lantin Lemuel Gonzales Platon **Elbert Gonzales Platon** Mary Meghan Platon Perido







**Restituta P. Robles** Maria Alegria Robles Sundo Marloe B. Sundo Martin Joseph R. Sundo

Nelia T. Gonzalez Service Award

# Dr. Florendo C. Quebral

**BSA '55, MSPP '63** 



# Nelia T. Gonzalez **Service Award**

For his strong commitment to the cause of alumni affairs serving as board member of the UPLB Alumni Association for several years.

indefatigable boldness His and determination to undertake some of their class projects to fruition, particularly the Academic Heritage Monument and the benches in the UPLB Alumni Plaza. Dr. Florendo Quebral belongs to the illustrious Class '55 as they celebrate its 65th anniversary this year.

Indeed, he has faithfully served the alumni in various capacities and has shown his unconditional devotion for alumni's projects and noble causes including the construction of Tahanan ng Alumni. Even after retirement, he continued to help many farmers and the Bureau of Plant Industry as a consultant in crop protection.



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# Special Award PRELUDE

### Special Award for the Prelude



Capt. Mauro W. Barradas



Mr. Crisanto S. Gualberto II



**Regent Francis C. Laurel** 



### **CLASS 1915**

Vicente C Aldaba Jose Q Dacanay Macario A Mariano Gregorio Miras Aniceto Villamil

### **CLASS 1920**

Juan A Acenas Luis Adona Angel A Africa Vicente C Aldaba Mariano G Medalla Caudencio M Reves Francisco L Siriban Mei H Tin Roman G Tomaneng-Guerrero

### **CLASS 1925**

Manuel F Abad Eficio B Alcid Teofilo P Allas Hermenegildo Avancena Jesus A Ballesteros Cipriano P Barbon Primo R Carreon Alfredo Roque Castillo Alejandro Bautista Catambay Antonio R De Luzuriaga Delfin P Divinagracia Ignacio O Dres Salustiano S Gonzales

Pablo I Hautea Mateo D Jimenez Pastor V Maclang Pacifico L Masibay Toribio V Mercado Pedro Jimenez Mercado Agustin Sr C Pascua Juan Rostrata Pronto Fernando Reves Fidel M Reyes Leopoldo G Salazar Julio G Santos Eligio Jr J Tavanlar

### **CLASS 1930**

Vicente A Agaloos Eugenio A Agudo Gonzalo P Agustin Eligio Alojipan Fidel H Alonte Valentin G Amon Felix R Amparado Jose R Andrada Claudio G Arellano Pedro B Asagra Ignacio V Austria Amado E Baladad Perfecto C Boncato William R Browne Domingo R Cabrera Deogracias De Jesus Cabrera Nemesio A Catalan Felix Sr Oraa Chinte Leonardo Contreras Anacleto B Coronel Carlos Sto Domingo Cunanan Geronimo P De Francia Fidel G Del Rosario Quintin Ayson Eala Felix Davrit Enrile Ponciano A Estrera Demetrio B Fernandez Casimiro S Flores Jose C Gaton Perpetuo A Gavarra

Porfirio E Jain Felix D Lazo

Artemio E Gesmundo Francisco Gestoso Lorenzo L Goco Isidro B Gonzales Antonio V Guanzon Servillano G Gutierrez Manuel L Hollero Estanislao I Ilarina Basilio Y Iledan Pedro B Juachon Sotero P Lantican Epitacio A Lanuza Celestino M Leano Santiago A Ledesma Jacinto B Leoncio Juan S Mabesa Evangelino F Malacoco Eufrasio Malibiran Jesus P Mamisao Urbano C Manabat Tomas J Manalo Marcelo A Manuel Pablo T Mapiscay Ricardo T Marfori Cipriano S Mariano Pascual M Matulac Victoria B Mendiola - Fla Abundio E Mojica Monico A Necesito Salvador T Pacion Jose G Padilla Dominador D Pascual Simon L Perez Hilario T Ramos Segundino R Regondola Quirino D Rendon Tomas E Reodica Conrado T Reves Tarsilo Romero Rafael B Rotor Esteban M Sadang Severino L Salvador Isidro S Samia Ambrocio V San Pedro Jose Abesamis Serrrano Roberto Soler Floro A Solsona Matias P Sucaldito Evaristo Tabat Manuel L Tuting Manuel A Tuya Francisco J Valdez Manuel Valdez Fabio M Venezuela Mamerto M Villanueva Serafin F Villodres

### **CLASS 1935**

Pablo L Aala Esteban Espejo Acacio Resurreccion E Afalla Anselmo P Afalla Felicisimo Ruelos Aguinaldo Proceso E Alcala Marcos J Aldama Leopoldo A Alicbusan Jose Q Amores Alfredo V Andam Primo Pascua Andres Roman Dela Rosa Aquino Vicente B Arancillo Pedro M Asico Mariano C Avila Mamerto C Azurin Melecio Perez Baltazar Domingo E Bandong Felipe T Banez Segundino Oropesa Baraquero Porfirio De Vera Barlaan Alfredo V Barrera Dominador E Batenga Ambrosio P Bayan Santos A Belo Felix B Briones Julian Mallare Bulanadi Esteban Cabanela Cada Pedro Dunque Cagalawan Francisco L Calimbas Aurelia M Capinpin Juan C Casa Mamerto F Castaneda Aniceto Acasio Castano Isidro T Cayanga Felicidad Yumiaco Chan-Jaramilla Tomas Gascon Collado Macario P Corales Braulio Cristobal Artemio G Cruz Numeriano L Cuevas Banao Dalid Doroteo D Datoon Jose T Datoon Raul Ruiz De Arana Jesus Jacinto De Guzman Roberto C De Jesus

Alfredo Parcon Delos Reves Fernando Llamas Delos Reves Norberto L Denoga Venancio C Duarte Raymundo Acasio Duque Melecio S Duran Eusebio C Elefano Marcial Villafuerte Enriquez Longinos Malaga Espinosa Alberto Celmar Felix Fausto H Fermin Hugo B Fernandez Catalino Q Ferreria Cenon Roxas FlorCruz Floro B Flores Felix De Leon Flores Cipriano A Flores Hilario Garcia Fusilero Dionisio P Garzon Gavino Go Lazaro S Gonzales Flavio G Gonzalez Paulino A Guerrero Emiliano Guzman Gregorio A Jayme Virginio C Juan Victor Jr Marcos Juan Virginio C Juan Thyl R Kesavan Pedro Sagana Libunao Florencio Zuniga Ligon Francisco Buada Lopez Melecio Angeles Lopez Julian Laovan Lopez Leoncio M Lorenzo Marcelino E Macabeo Wilfredo V Macapagal Pablo C Macario Mariano S Macasaet Victoriano Jimenez Madrid Domingo J Madrid Mariano V Magtang Inocencio De Chavez Manza Alfonso S Marcelo Aurelio Sison Meija Serafin J Melegrito Paterio Garcia Melgar

Leoncio M Meneses Osmundo Del Rosario Mondonedo Maxima B Mulimbayan-Alcala Felix Nacion Natino Emilio S Ocampo Ruperto F Olivar Pantaleon P Opena Tranquilino Jr R Orden Nicomedes F Paa Pablo S Padilla Ernesto Castro Panlilijo Celedonio Lopez Paragas Cristobal P Perez Andres Togade Peros Arcadio P Piamonte Arcadio F Querigero Francisco G Reformina Pedro G Refuerzo Norberto A Rivero Felino Lacandola Rodriguez Petronilo B Rosales Dominador Almonte Rubio Tomas A Rucio Pedro C Salazar Sotero C San Juan Alberto D Santos Hilarion S Savella Amado Savellano Phanom Smitananda Fabian O Solpicio Librado S Sontillano Tomas Q Soriano Pedro B Tiambeng Anastacio Tolentino Fernando TS Torres Constante Villamor Valera Ramon A Valera Pedro A Ventura Getulio B Viado Francisco Tupas Villareal Roberto R Walz Bernard A Weinmann Pedro S Yadao **Bonifacio Tolentino Yniguez** 

### **CLASS 1940**

Manuel C Adda **Eugenio A Alcasid** Cesareo Erasga Alviar Albert Ampeso Ignacio R Ang Teodosio Abriol Apdian Pedro S Asuncion Calixto P Baladad Primitivo M Baluvut Atanacio A Banca Lorenzo S Barredo **Bafael O Bartolome** Antonio C Bello Felipe T Benabaye Leticia S Brillo-Marcelo Aniceto C Bueno Jose G Cadiz Marcelo R Caguioa Santiago T Calija Nicolas C Camello Bernardo S Castillo Simeon R Crisostomo Nicolas G Dabu Democrito L Dagondon Justino De Jesus Policarpio Dela Cerna Romeo L Escuadra **Daniel F Francisco** Andres A Franco Ernesto P Gabriel Policarpio J Gamayon Flaviano A Garde **Rufino S Gatchalian** 

Emmanuel T Gervacio Pedro E Gloria Francisco Z Gonzales Rafael G Gonzalez Anacleto A Hernandez Fidela Lantican Ilag-Caramancion Cenon P Ilao Juan I Ilustre Odd Kamol Janlekha Martin Valencia Jarmin Jose O Jaug Mack Chum Kuok Thavil P Kuptabutra Phatana Lampoon Eduardo C Lecciones Jose Jr M Madrigal Mamerto G Manahan Florendo R Naanep Severino U Nablo Elias C Neypes Basilio O Nuevo Sergio E Ongkiko Sixto C Orig Agustin Sr C Pascua Maximo R Pegenia Cenon A Perez Amante Ernesto Tagorda Pinpin Carolina Reynes Rallos-Baladad Potenciano Carandang Reaño Ramon D Rojas

Isidoro A Romero Francisco Franco Saguiguit Chalerm Saiyananda Olegario Manikan Sasis Francisco Rimando Soriano Mario Sr Sulit Ambrosio P Sumabat Crisostomo E Tiongson Carlos Valdepenas Jose R Velasco **Romulo N Victuelles** Juanito B Villanueva Yan Yong Vimuktanandana Francisco D Virtucio Flovd C Votaw Davi Yanasugondha Pedro De Jesus Zuniga

### **CLASS 1945**

Beatriz T Aglibut-Soriano Ignacio N Alagon Felino P Anunciacion Rodolfo V Aquino Pedro C Arbiso Eulalio Jr. Rilloroza Baltazar Lamberto C Caluag Narciso B Catabian Fernando G Dela Cruz Jose M Dela Cruz Domingo C Gabertan Eleazar M Galano Solomon S Gregorio Zoraida P Indemne-Esquerra Constante Aguirre Luna Pacifico M Marajas Guillermo T Palis

Cecilio M Paras Saturnino G Rico Francisco G Salazar Arturo R Sarmiento Porfirio C Soliva Artemio I Tangonan Jose Tolentino Tapay Pacifico B Torio Domingo C Tutaan Jorge J Villegas Edmundo K Villegas Li Min Wu

### **CLASS 1950**

Meneleo F Aberin **Rizal A Afenir** Wenceslao Agbayani Wilfredo G Agne Francisco Jr A Agruda Eleuterio Hipolito Aguas Jose C Alabazo Alejandro R Alcaide Jesus C Alix Eligio Alojipan Jose Cuizon Alonzo Alvaro S Andava Majindi K Anuddin Gabriel V Aquino Evangelista B Balanon Delfin Balbuena Juanito L Baliao Bernardino Queiarro Ballesteros Juan S Ballesteros Inocencio Sr Perez Ballesteros Francisco Cangao Bandong Basilio Jr A Bautista Jose Jr. L Berenguer Aguinaldo Sr. Javier Bueno Demetrio Manuel Cabantac Florencio S Caguioa Juan Busto Callejo Isidro G Calleio Domingo B Carnate Pio C Catalon Valentin G Cedillo Eliseo S Contreras Florencio M Corpuz Carlos Sto Domingo Cunanan David Ma. Daza Quintin L Dela Torres Manuel Q De Leon Amando D Diasanta

Alfonso Bacati Dingayan Victor Sr. Lampa Dotimas Isidro P Embernate Pedro Laurel Esteban Teofilo S Eugenio Mario A Eusebio Diomedes G Flores Faustino Cajucom Francia Guillermo Jr. B Francisco Roberto E Fronda Alfredo R Galang Anselmo Serrano Garcia Augusto Julio Salgado Gonzales Macario T Ilaga Kalyana Sundaran Iyer Domingo V Jacalne Renato B Jagunap Juanito C Jose Clemente Jr P Juliano Clemente Jr Patriarca Juliano Jainari S Kibtiani Martin Q Lagrimas Felipe O Ledda Alfredo Bautista Magnaye Francisco Bautista Magnaye Alfredo Bautista Magnaye Apolinario L Maligava Jesus M Martinez Julian Jr R Meimban Francisco E Mercado Loreto G Morona Mariano Munoz Antonio C Murriel Rufino N Nanadiego Filemon Victor Nanagas Narciso M Natividad Alfredo B Orbita Dominador K Oyzon Jose M Panique

Juan N Pordesimo Jose T Pulido Crispulo Q Quibin Francisco T Ramos Genaro Omipig Ranit Earl Lewis Redfield Felino B Rivera Remigio P Rivera Leonidas B Rodriguez Guadalupe A Rola-Mapili Fernando A Roy Florante C Salvador Mario O San Juan **Orlando DG Santos** Gregorio L Santos Enrique K Santos Amado C Sardina Inocencio H Sario Antonio U Serraon Armando G Siason Monico G Simon Leandro G Sinco Shyamal Sinha Magin L Soriano Jesus R Tadena Eliseo T Trinidad Rodrigo Valbuena Silverio P Villa **Ozzias J Villaver Esperidion B Viste** 

### UPCA CLASS ' 55 BLUE SAPPHIRE JUBILARIAN WITH RECORDS UNSURPASSED

#### Fernando A. Bernardo, Ph.D

Members of UPCA Class '55\*-- The Blue Sapphire Jubilarians of 2020 – take pride in celebrating their 65th anniversary not because of the high government positions occupied by some members, but because of the totality of their outstanding performance in both of the government and the private sector and in international services. They parlayed their hard training with boldness and determination to achieve the best in their lives. Below are six relevant facts and figures that speak well of Class '55, which other classes will find hard to surpass:

1. Thirthy-six (36) or almost 20% of Class '55\* earned the doctorate degrees.

Many pursued graduate degrees here and abroad, and earned the masteral and doctoral degrees. Thirty-five (35) obtained the PhD degree from prestigious universities, and one (Amante Caboteje) earned the Doctor of Divinity degree, an unbeatable record for a single class in the whole of UPLB, and perhaps in the whole of UP.

2. Forty-one (41) or 22% of Class '55 became Professors and scientists in UPLB, and in other prestigious universities in the Philippines and the USA.

They contributed substantively to the instructional, research and extension programs of their institutions, and served as tutors/advisers of undergraduate and graduate students who undertook thesis research in different disciplines.

- 3. Thirty-two (32) or 17% of Class '55 became leaders in the field of education, research and extension.
  - One became Deputy Minister of Education
  - Three (3) became Presidents of state colleges/university
  - One became Division Superintendent of schools
  - Eight (8) became Directors
  - Six (6) became Deans
  - Thirteen (13) became Department Heads/ Chairman

#### 4. Seventy-five (75) or 40% of Class '55 occupied leadership positions in the government and private sector.

The following summarizes the number of leaders in different fields:

- 25 leaders in government services in agricultural and related fields
- 34 leaders in banking and private business enterprises
- 13 leaders in politics, or in civic, charitable, and community services
- 3 leaders in Malacañan and the Ministry/Department level

## 5. Twenty-one (21) or 11% became strong leaders in international organizations/ services.

In addition, twenty (20) or about 10% of Class '55 settled in the USA and became productive American citizens.

Who are the Class '55 leaders? For deta see the list of names in 16 pages of "UPO Class '55: The Diamond Jubilarians w Records Unsurpassed" published on Loya Day, October 10, 2015.

6. Forty-five (45) or 24% of Class '55 a recipients of Distinguished Alumn Awards bestowed by the UPLBCA Alum Association and one received the UPLB Most Distinguished Alumnus Award

This is the biggest group of UPLBCA alumni awardees coming from just one clas This number does not include many hono and awards given by professional societies by government agencies, and by priva

### 21 BENCHES OF CLASS '55 IN THE UPLB ALUMNI PLAZA



The UPLB Alumni Association decided to develop the UPLB Alumni Plaza in collaboration with the UPLB administration. Located near the UPLB College of Veterinary Medicine, this project became a reality with the participation of different class organizations.

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UPCA Class '55 donated funds for the construction of 21 benches in this UPLB Alumni Plaza. Several were built around the UPLB Centenial Carillion.
 Many promenaders leisurely walk in the plaza and take pleasure in sitting and relaxing on the Class '55 benches.

<sup>\*</sup>UPCA Class '55 consisted of 173 BSA degree and 14 BSHT degree graduates

### **EVERLASTING CLASS '55**

### **ACADEMIC HERITAGE MONUMENT** CONCEIVED, CONSTRUCTED, AND DONATED **BY UPCA CLASS '55 TO UPLB**



This Monument is a meaningful reminder that from the humble beginning of UPCA at the legendary foot of Mount Makiling grew a strong college with 14 departments that later gave birth to UPLB with 8 colleges and a school: (1) The College of Forestry, (2) The College of Arts and Science, (3) The Graduate School, (4) The College of Human Ecology. (5) The College of Engineering and Agro-industry Technology, (6) The College of Economics and Management, (7) The College of Public Affairs, and (8) The College of Development Communication.

The Monument rests on four strong legs: Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, and Arts and Humanities.







Ofelio R. Econde Ramon A. Ibarbia Head, Dept. Of Plt. Path NEDA Reg. Officer

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Pedro L. Bagoyo DAR Regional Director



Rodolfo C. Banogon Prov'l. Agriculturist



Jesus B. Caincoy Tech. Sales Supervisor, PPI



Director of Research, Cynamid



Virgilio Carangal Asian Rice Network, IRRI

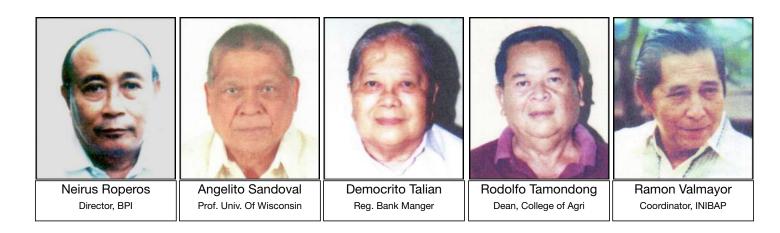
Dir., Livestock Research

Prof. Kent Univ., USA

Santiago Labanen Patricio L. Laysa Benjamin Legaspi Pres., Abra State U. Rice & Sugar Prod. AVRDC Proj. Director







#### **GRADUATES OF B.S HOME TECHNOLOGY**



Milagros Alcanites

Manager, Bake shop



Milagros Tubelleia Prof. College of HEcology







Montenegro Shipping Lines

Justina Vega Manager, Vega Center

## Class 1955, Blue Sapphire

Eusebio V Alava Ignacio C Amador Marciano Briones Antonio Santos G Aragones Fortunato S Arcangel Alberto Agtuca Arellon Teodoro Sr. B Baguilat Jose Obra Baniqued Celestino L Barile Meliton T Battad Pelagio Domingo Bautista Anacleto Bautista Bernardo Fernando Apelo Bernardo Bernardo Jr Lizardo Burgos Artemio Culangen Cabanday Feliciano Banaag Calora Virgilio Reyes Carangal Avelino C Caronan Carmelita U Casanova-Montenegro Alejandro D Castro Andres F Celestino Venus S Clomera-Fandialan **Epifanio L Columbres** Arsenio E Corpuz Felicitas L Cortez-Argañosa Leopoldo Pardo De Guzman Moises Jr. R De Guzman Rollo K Dela Fuente Florencio P Delas Alas Paulina Demerry-Pages Frank III Partosa Dinsay Rodolfo Mendiola Ela Francisco A Empedrad Alfonso N Esberto Roberto G Espiritu Alejandro T Flores

Luzviminda Esguerra Gabertan Francisco D Gorrez Rosalio B Goze Julian Tayamen Gumayagay Perfecto P Hebron Pablo Cayetano Javier Milagros E Jorda-Tubelleja **Bienvenido O Juliano** Santiago S Labanen Manuel Victor Montinola Lacson Damian B Lagura Benjamin M Legaspi Roberto T Lim Claro III A Lizardo Benigno A Lomibao Andres C Lubrin Justina O Mabesa-Vega Jose Jr. D Malvas Cezar Paragas Mamaril Angel A Mariano Florencio Pascua Mauricio Eleuterio M Mendoza Alfonso Magno R Mendoza Victor E Millare Sydney E Moresto Socorro F Olaivar-Acosta Conrado Jr P Padrones Pablito G Picardal Alberto C Picardo Alfredo Dalida Pintor Florendo C Quebral Vivencio L Quiñon Juvenal Sr Ragat Raguini Patrocinio S Ragus Carlos R Retino Benicio A Revilla Bartolome Jr. Reyna Reyes

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**Tiburcio Tolentino Reyes** Macario S Sana Anastacio Bugasto Sison Tomas L Soriano Victoriano P Soriano Victorino B Talaue Quirico D Tan Isabelo Jr C Tobias Modesto T Tobias Jose C Tomas Delfina M Torreta Catalino F Tosco Erlinda A Tucay-Lapis Zoilo L Udaundo Rodrigo B Valdez Mariano Jr Z Valera Ramon Viña Valmavor Bonifacio D Villanueva Edwin Gan Wagelie Carlos L Wandisan





# The Diamond Jubilarians Class 1960



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### Dr. Emil Q. Javier National Scientist



### **EMIL Q. JAVIER** Class '60 Jubilarians President (Class Coordinator)

a plant breeder and agronomist who served as the 17th President of the University of the Philippines. He was conferred the order of National Scientist of the Philippines for contributions in Agriculture in August 2019.

Javier earned his Ph.D. in Plant Breeding from Cornell University, his master's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and bachelor's degree cum laude, from the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (now the University of the Philippines Los Baños).

Born in Santa Cruz, Laguna, Philippines, he served as founding Director of Institute of Plant Breeding, UPLB, then as second chancellor of UPLB and was concurrent first Director of National Institute of Molecular Biology

Emil Q. Javier (born September 11, 1940) is and Biotechnology (BIOTECH) which he also founded. He also served as presidential cabinet member and chair of the National Science Development Board. He became chairman of TAC/Science Council of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) of FAO in Rome. He worked at The Hague in the Netherlands as senior research fellow for the International Service for National Agricultural Research and went to Taiwan to direct work on vegetable research and development. After Taiwan where he was Director-General of AVRDC, now the World Vegetable Center, Javier returned to assume the position of UP president. He now chairs the Coalition for Agriculture Modernization in the Philippines (CAMP), a think tank that he organized and is member of the governing boards of Del Monte Philippines and Centro Escolar University.



President Duterte congratulates Dr. Javier after formal conferment as National Scientist on 7 January 2020, while Mrs. Alma Javier looks on.

Source: https://en.wikipedia. org/wiki/Emil Q. Javier

MESSAGE AS CO-COORDINATOR OF DIAMOND JUBILARIANS (CLASS 1960)

#### **HIGINO A. ABLES**

In behalf of National Scientist Emil Q. Javier, Diamond Jubilarian Class '60 president, let me acknowledge the participation and cooperation of our classmates who submitted recent photos, updated email addresses, or just kept in touch.

The game plan of our class' participation was initially designed by NS Emil Javier, and the rest of us, trusting his brilliant leadership, simply actualized it.

Our class secretary, Susie Carpena, assisted by other classmates, solicited individual photos and saw to it that the correct names matched the photographs. The ever gregarious Ruben Villareal provided the pictures of our group meetings, excursions and campus beautification projects. We are thankful to Ms. Paully May Valencia, University Extension Associate, Office of Alumni Affairs, for expertly organizing the materials for submission.

Our grateful appreciation goes to the Golden Jubilarian class of 1970 headed by Dr. Resty Collado, for making this Loyalty Day 2020, a celebration worthy to remember.

Congratulations to everyone!



Higino Ables <mambolao15@gmail.com> Ruben Villareal <rubenlvillareal@gmail.com>



### The UPCA Batch 56/Graduating Class 60: **Our Lives and Times**

By Emil Javier and Ruben Villareal

he Freshman Batch of 1956 numbering about 700 started college auspiciously as the first ever cohort of the UP College of Agriculture to undergo selective admission. Up to the year before, admission was open to any high school graduate. Our predecessors, the Freshmen of 1955 numbered close to 1500 and swamped the campus. The college ran out of classrooms, laboratories, faculty and dormitory spaces. Thus in the ensuing year, 1956, only high school graduates with GPAs of 85 or better were admitted.

The graduates of April 1960 were composed of 242 with the BS Agric degree, 27 with BS Home Tech and 8 BS Sugar Tech, and 2 with the Agric Teachers Certificate, for a total of 279.

Five graduated cum laude in the BS Agriculture curriculum, namely, Emil Javier, Leodegario Ilag, Lina Luna, Azucena Carpena and Beatriz Lantican. Lourdes Gapud was the lone honor graduate in the Home Tech curriculum. La Xuan Vinh, a Vietnamese national was cum laude in the Sugar Tech program. Thirteen attained GPAs of 2.00 or better and received pins from the Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

Ninety members of our class submitted their life stories of the fifty years after Los Baños. Each provided a brief account of his/her life experiences, the challenges, opportunities and adversities he/she met along the way, and what they did with their Los Baños education. For those who have gone ahead and those who did not have time, their children volunteered to write their parents' biographies. Their profiles are posted in www.upcagolden2010. wordpress.com.

Following are some excerpts of our lives and times:

#### The Green Revolution

The UPCA class 60 had the good fortune of being right where and when the history of the Green Revolution was being written in our part of the world. For a brief shining moment in the early 70s the Philippines produced enough rice - we were witnesses to and participants in that historic episode.

The Green Revolution drew its energy from the advent of dwarf, stiff-strawed fertilizer-responsive wheat and rice varieties. The wheat part of the story was started by Nobel Laureate Norman Borlaug in Sonora, Mexico in 1944. The rice part began much later when IRRI was established in Los Baños in 1960, the year we graduated.

Shortly after graduation, Rodolfo Aquino and Rizal Herrera were hired by IRRI to assist Peter Jennings and Henry Beachall who were credited as Fathers of the iconic rice variety IR-8. On the UPCA side of the railroad tracks, Tomas Masajo, Jose Malabuyoc and Ruben Villareal assisted Professor Pedro Escuro breed the better tasting C4-63.

As field assistants, our classmates did the dirty work - made the crosses, grew out the segregating progenies in the nurseries and identified the most promising lines.

The Green Revolution in the Philippines took form as the MASAGANA 99 rice program. One of the key players who had a direct hand in the conceptualization and design of MASAGANA 99 was Inocencio Bolo. Bolo who was then rice trainor at IRRI was borrowed by the Bureau of Agricultural Extension (BAEx) to help BAEx design the new rice

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program, train, deploy, supervise and coordinate the activities of the field extension agents.

The matter of access to affordable credit by small However M-99 was not exclusively an effort of BAEx farmers continues to be a great challenge to but mobilized also the Bureau of Plant Industry government. Members of our class did their share (BPI), Bureau of Soils, BAecon, DBP, PNB, the rural in bringing credit to poor farmers in the country side. banks, farmers organizations and cooperatives and A good number started their careers as rural credit the private agribusiness sector. In the late sixties up technicians and rose through the ranks in DBP (Jaime to the mid 70s the great majority of our classmates Fajardo, Narciso Marguez, Leo Carpio); in PNB; were aspiring junior subject matter specialists, in the Rural Banks Department of the Central Bank extension technicians and loan officers in these (Hector Romasanta, Enrique Jimenez). Rudy agencies as well as technical sales and marketing Carticiano, Romeo Sanchez, Nelson Castillo, staff of agribusiness input suppliers. Thus many of Victorino Dorado and many others who served as us took part in Masagana 99. loan officers in the government financing institutions, Four others took matters into their own hands But the man who made MASAGANA 99 move and established their own rural banks: Antonio on the ground, orchestrating all these efforts Manikan in Candelaria, Zambales; Mario Cabreza in and assisting then Agriculture Secretary Pagsanjan, Laguna and Tomas Espanola in Brookes Arturo Tanco was, Operations Man, Domingo Point Palawan. More recently, Angelina Mariano-Panganiban. Both Inocencio Bolo and Domingo Briones, together with four other NGO incorporators Panganiban were recognized both by Malacanang teamed up to establish the Women's Rural Bank in and the Jaycees (as our first two TOYMs) for their Rosario, Batangas.

significant roles in Masagana 99.

#### **Operation Brotherhood and the Original OFWs**

strong, viable business organization. Our class has a unique story to tell: Right after graduation, after receiving technical training and cultural orientation at UPCA, a team of five Food Science and Food Industry daring and adventurous graduates were fielded as farm and home management technicians in the Some members of our class contributed Laotian countryside in a project called Operation significantly to the development of the Philippine Brotherhood. Among them were Melinda Marguezfood industry. A number elected to stay in the Cuyno, Sabina Fajardo-Swift, Eriberto Reyes, university and developed UPLB's core foundation Roberto Monserrat and Ernesto Dimayuga (later in food science and postharvest technology. The joined by Inocencio Bolo, Erlinda Masibay and UPLB Food Science Institute is the country's Agapito Gonzalvo, Jr.). They lived in the villages best. Among those who helped make it happen of their assignment and extended to the local were: Ricardo del Rosario (coconut processing, communities knowledge and improved practices baby foods, textured vegetable proteins); Leoncio in scientific farming, health, nutrition and home Raymundo (tropical fruits juices and concentrates, management. For young people barely out of their mango processing); Virgilio Garcia (soymilk) Ofelia teens, living among people whose ways, language Karganilla-Bautista (fruits and vegetables and culture were very different from one's own, it was postharvest physiology, handling and storage). Jess a great learning experience. It was a defining moment Melgar while still in graduate school in Cornell was in their young lives and had a great influence in their tasked to order the food laboratory equipment for outlook towards life and their careers afterward. the new food science unit. After a period of service

#### **Rural Credit and Finance**

Leodegario llag played his part in academe and was a very active faculty in the Agricultural Credit and Cooperatives Institute (ACCI). Ilag is widely credited for helping the UPLB credit cooperative grow into a

the private sector and made his mark in the private food industry. Nap Dagdagan was a technical vice president for three of the major meat processing plants in the country and similarly made his mark in the meats subsector.

#### Fertilizer and Pesticide and Pest Control **Agribusiness Sector**

Graduates of Los Baños from the fifties until today occupy important technical and managerial positions in the input supply and pest control agribusiness sector. Among the members in our class who were actively engaged in this agribusiness sector were Emmanuel Belen, Jose de Jesus Cruz, Eladio Baradas, Pedro Magsino, Alfonso Liongson, Enrique Imperial and Benjamin Angeles (deceased), Restituto Bautista (deceased). They rose through the ranks becoming technical supervisors and managers in the multinational chemical companies they worked for. After retirement they established their own chemical marketing companies like Jose de Jesus Cruz (Kemistar), Emmanuel Belen (Cropking) and Eladio Baradas (ENTOM) and Napoleon Dagdagan (Greenline).



Maximino G. Villanueva, 2012 College of Engineering and Agro-Industrial Technology Distinguished Alumni Awardee and Jose DJ Cruz, 2012 The Outstanding UPLB Alumni Award

#### **Science and Higher Education**

The members of Class 1960 were very lucky because their graduation coincided with the expansion years of UPCA. A good number were recruited as assistant instructors and research assistants in their various departments. Many were sent abroad where they earned graduate degrees. Among those who stayed in the faculty in UPLB and over time established their niches in their respective fields of specializations were:

- 1. Higino Ables (University Administration and Development Communications)
- 2. Ismael Anunciado (Industrial Crops)
- 3. Cecilio Arboleda (Poultry Breeding and Genetics)
- 4. Dafrosia Arganosa-del Rosario (Crop Physiology)
- 5. Ruben Aspiras (Soil Microbiology)
- 6. Enriqueta Bernal-Torres (Agricultural Economics)
- 7. Azucena Carpena (Plant Breeding, Quantitative Genetics)
- 8. Juan Carlos (Industrial Crops)
- 9. Roberto Coronel (Biodiversity Conservation; Fruit Crops)
- 10. Rogelio Cuyno (Extension, Research Management and Development Communication)
- 11. Virgilio Garcia (Food Science)
- 12. Leodegario Ilag (Agricultural Economics)
- 13. **Emil Javier** (Agronomy)
- 14. Ofelia Karganilla-Bautista (Postharvest Physiology)
- 15. Beatriz Lantican-Mercado (Weed Science)
- 16. Lina Luna-Ilag (Plant Pathology)
- 17. Angelina Mariano-Briones (Soil Science)
- 18. Silverio Obungen (Mathematics)
- 19. Romeo Raros (Entomology)
- 20. Leoncio Raymundo (Food Science)
- 21. Ricardo del Rosario (Food Science)
- 22. Henry Samonte (Soil Fertility)
- 23. Linda Seminiano-Paterno (Soil Microbiology)
- 24. Francisco Vergara (Animal Science)
- 25. Maximino Villanueva (Agricultural Engineering)
- 26. Ruben Villareal (Plant Breeding, Horticulture)

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Some of our classmates who immigrate nevertheless pursued careers in science like Ernes Tuazon (Spectrometry and detection of organ pollutants in the atmosphere, (University of Californ Riverside). Onofre Paguio (Plant Patholog University of Georgia); Artemio Ovejera (Cano research, Battelle Memorial Institute, Ohio); Sabi Fajardo-Swift (Entomology, University of Hawaii) Albert and Ascunia Jimenez-Feliciano, husban and wife team, were initially researchers at Rutge University, New Jersey, then became visiting horticultural scientists with EMBRAPA, Brazil, and later with University of California Davis.

Our classmates also contributed in t development of other colleges and universities the country: Marcelo Roguel (Ag Econ) at CLS Nueva Viscaya State University and Ifugao Sta University; Juliana Bagaoisan-Dacayo (S Science at CLSU); Josue Irabagon (Agronor at CLSU); Rodrigo Monterey (Agric Education Marinduque State College). Rustico Santos Isabela State University and Kundo Pahm (So Science, University of Southern Mindanao).



Ruben L. Villareal, 2018 UPAA Most Dinguished Alumnus Award

Each of them have inspiring stories to tell abo their adventures in scientific research but they w be too numerous to cite save perhaps the sto of Walderico Generoso who being born in 19 was the youngest in the class but who earned t MS degree (1963 Plant Genetics) as well as the Pl (1966 Animal Genetics) years ahead of all of u He spent all his research career in the Oak Rid

ted <b>sto</b> inic rnia ogy,	National Laboratory – Tennessee, USA where he specialized in DNA repair, mutagenesis, cancer and malformation. He has the distinction of having two of his books published by the very prestigious international publisher John Wiley and Sons.				
and lers	International Agriculture Some of our classmates served as well in foreign lands as consultants, country advisers, and scientist and research administrators.				
and	The roster includes:				
the	Rodolfo Aquino	Rice Breeder IITA, Nigeria			
s in SU,	Cecilio Arboleda	Poultry Breeder FAO, Bangladesh			
ate Soil my at	Inocencio Bolo	Development Specialist WINROCK International, Pakistan and Nepal			
at oils	Alberto Feliciano	Plant Pathologist EMBRAPA, Pelotas, Brazil			
	Ascunia Jimenez- Feliciano	Fruit Breeder EMBRAPA, Pelotas, Brazil			
	Onofre Paguio	Virologist EMBRAPA, Bahia, Brazil			
	Tomas Masajo	Rice Breeder IITA, Nigeria and Madagascar, IRRI			
	Maximo de Vera	Hydrologist FAO, Libya			
	Ruben Villareal	Plant Breeder AVRDC, Taiwan Director SEARCA, Philippines			
out will ory 941 the PhD us. dge	Emil Javier	Senior Research Fellow ISNAR, The Hague, Netherlands Director General AVRDC, Taiwan Chair, Board of Trustees IRRI Chair Science Council/Technical Advisory Committee CGIAR, FAO, Rome, Italy			

#### Leadership Positions

The class counted among its ranks a good number who attained key leadership positions in academe and government namely:

#### 2 Cabinet Secretaries

**Domingo Panganiban** (Department of Agriculture) Emil Javier (Department of Science and Technology)

5 University Presidents

**Emil Javier** (University of the Philippines) Rodrigo Monterey (Marindugue State University) Kundo Pahm (University of Southern Mindanao) Marcelo Roguel (Nueva Viscava State University) Marcelo Roguel (Ifugao State University)

4 UP Regents **Ruben Aspiras** Henry Samonte **Emil Javier** Mario Labadan

4 UP System Chancellors Ruben Aspiras (UPLB) Rogelio Cuyno (UP Mindanao) Emil Javier (UPLB) Ruben Villareal (UPLB)



Caramoan outing, 11 February 2016

10 College Deans Ruben Villareal (UPCA) Cecilio Arboleda (UPCA) Higino Ables (Bicol University) Josue Irabagon (CLSU) Rustico Santos (Isabela State University) Marcelo Roguel (CLSU) Juliana Bagaoisan-Dacayo (CLSU) Rogelio Cuyno (Asian Institute of Journalism) Oscar Tayko (Philippine Christian University) Rodrigo Monterey (UEP, Enverga University)

Many University Vice Presidents, Vice Chancellors and Directors

4 CESO Directors Rustico Santos (DOST Region II) Kundo Pahm (DOST Region XII) Domingo Panganiban (DA-Bureau of Plant Industry) Jose Guerrero (DOST-Science Promotion Institute)

#### **Recognition and Awards**

Many members of our class received distinguished alumni awards from UPAA and UPLBAA and their respective schools. Many more were cited for outstanding contributions by professional and honor societies, by government and the Civil Service, by private companies, churches, voluntary organizations and foundations and their communities. They will be too numerous to list.

Two members of the class received the TOFIL (Outstanding Filipino) award given by Phil. Senate Jaycees and Insular Life: Antonio Manikan for Humanitarian Service and Emil Javier for Science and Technology. Five were cited by the Philippine Jaycees as TOYMS -Domingo Panganiban, Inocencio Bolo, Ruben Villareal, Emil Javier and Mario Labadan.

Juliana Bagaoisan-Dacayo, soils professor at CLSU, received the prestigious Metro Bank Outstanding Teachers Award.

Ruben Villareal and Emil Javier were elected to the select National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST).

Emil Javier was conferred the rare Rank and Title of National Scientist.

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#### The Filipino Diaspora

The number of Filipinos working overseas swel starting the 1970s. About thirty (10 percent) of classmates joined the exodus in search of advente and better economic opportunities abroad. first wave, the prototype OFWs, were our intreclassmates in Operation Brotherhood in Laos in early 1960s.

Interestingly even in their adopted lands, they we able to make good use of their Los Baños educat by continuing careers in research, higher educat and public service related to agriculture among the

Others moved on to other vocations mak do of whatever opportunities came th way: Porfiria Latag-Ramos, Carmelita Baldovi -Aseoche, Ildefonso Javelosa, Annie Tagluco Javelosa, Edna Baes-Miranda, Elvira Rogu Regala, Vismina Gomez-Ortega, Ofelia Gigan Aganon, Isaac Larot and Remedios Deomar de las Alas. But in all their lifestories the virtues versatility, resilience and fortitude - part of wh they imbibed in the "verdant patch" that is Los Bar shine through.

#### **Our Outstanding Progenies**

Having enjoyed the advantages of a collect education, from the national university no less, w made sure our children had the same opportunitie that we had. Practically all our children attende college, many at the University of the Philippines.

A number did their parents proud by graduatir with honors. But the most "proud" must be Lir Luna-Ilag and Leodegario Ilag who in their broc of four produced one summa cum laude and three magna cum laudes. (Sorry, Ody but Lina fir because mothers in addition to their half of nuclea genes, contributed all the genetic materials in the cytoplasm).

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	Josefina Bautista- Wooding	Nutrition/Dietetics Kansas State University/ University of Alaska, Fairbanks
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	Artemio Ovejera	Cancer Research Battelle Memorial Institute, Ohio; National Institute of Health, Maryland
vino op- uel-	Walderico Generoso	Mutation Genetics Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee
nte- no- s of nich ños	Alfonso Calub	Plant Breeder University of Nebraska; Alexandria Seed, Louisiana; OXY, Texas

ege we ies	Norma Norcio-Locker	Agronomist University of Nebraska; Alexandria Seed, Louisiana; OXY, Texas
ed	Jasmin Dignadice- Gallardo	Environment Conservation Alaska
ng	Liberato Perez	Parks Management California
na od	CecilioPusag	Weed Control California
ree rst ear	Maximo de Vera	Hydrology California; Hawaii

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Following are some of our outstanding progenies:

Eileen Baradas (BS Biology, cum laude) Rhodora Del Rosario (BS Chemistry, cum laude) Brenda Del Rosario (BS Agriculture, cum laude) Eva Jimenez Feliciano (BS Chemistry, cum laude) Maxene Garcia (BS Biology, summa cum laude) Mecelle Garcia (Doctor of Dental Medicine, cum laude)

Stella Guerrero (BS Zoology, summa cum laude) Antonio Guerrero (BS Biology, magna cum laude) Leodovico Luna Ilag (BS Biology, *magna cum laude*) Liza Luna Ilag (BS Biology, magna cum laude) Lawrence Luna Ilag (BS Biology, summa cum laude) Leopoldo Luna Ilag (BS Biology, *magna cum laude*) Marissa Karganilla Bautista (BS Food Science,

magna cum laude) Mary Joyce Marquez (BA Political Science, magna cum laude)

Elizabeth Seminiano Paterno (BS Statistics, magna cum laude)

Leilani Pagcaliwagan Cabral (BS Economics, cum laude)

Omar Stanley Samonte (BS Agriculture, cum laude) Raquel Villareal (BS Devcom, cum laude) Rollo Villareal (BS Medical Science, cum laude & MD cum laude)



Post Loyalty Day Batangas tour, 11 October 2019

#### Most Inspiring Story

All the life stories in this anthology are instructive and inspiring but easily the most inspiring is the saga of Antonio Manikan. Unlike most of us, he was born of the manor so to speak; he was bright, handsome, popular and was captain of the UP basketball varsity. He played a year of semi-pro ball with the CRISPA Redmanizers. A few years after graduation, tragedy struck -Tony had virus infection in both eyes and became totally blind. But Tony did not lose heart, fought back and persevered. He went into intensive farming; established his own rural bank; got himself elected councilor of Olongapo and organized a flourishing cooperative for the hospitality workers of the sin strips of the city; established businesses for the handicapped in Luneta Park; lobbied for the rights of the handicapped and their enactment in the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons (RA 7277). In between he matriculated and earned a law degree from Adamson University - the first ever blind lawyer in the country. But before Adamson University would admit him he had to present a bachelor's diploma. It turned out that Tony actually DID NOT graduate with us in April 1960. Tony had to return to UPLB (when classmate Emil Javier was chancellor) to make up for the ROTC course he failed. Thus technically he was a graduate of 1984.

#### **Our Lives and Times**

Many of our classmates have yet to turn in their life stories. Unfortunately we were unable to reach those who are oblivious of the internet and/or who refused to open emails.

Our stories are replete with personal accounts of small successes and triumphs, of adversities and failed expectations as well. But where we are now and wherever we may have been, the learnings, experiences and encounters with mentors and peers in this "verdant patch" as Los Baños was described by classmate Ernie Tuazon, ultimately "truly mattered", as asserted by Gino Ables in an essay published earlier in our 2010 Yearbook.

### **UPCA Batch '56 and Graduating Class '60**





Ables, Higino A.

Erlinda



Baez-Miranda, Edna

Bagaoisan-Dacayo, Juliana





Bernal-Torres, Enriqueta

Bibera-Hooper, Julita





Alicbusan-Virtucio, Adoracion

Arboleda, Cecilio R.

Aquino, Rudy

Baradas, Eladio M.

Barrozo, Rosalinda

Bautista-Wooding, Josefina



Calo-Teano, Nimia



Calub, Alfonso



Carpena, Azucena L.





Cruz, Jose J.



Cuyno, Rogelio

Dagdagan, Napoleon N.



Castillo, Nelson

De Guzman, Vilma



Deomano-De las Alas, Remedios





Enrile-Simbulan, Rosalinda



Esguerra-Puertas, Teresita

Fajardo-Swift, Sabina

Gapud, Lourdes P.

Generoso, Walderico



Gomez-Ortega, Vismina



Gulle, Florencio E.







Jimenez-Feliciano, Ascunia



Jimenez, Enrique







Karganilla-Bautista, Ofelia

Latag-Ramos, Porfiria





Manlapig-Ventura, Evangelina

Mariano-Briones, Angelina



Melgar, Jesus V.

Niduaza, Rose S.



Paguio, Onofre

Paterno, Pedro Feliciano

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Luna-Ilag, Lina Concepcion



Malabuyoc, Jose



Manalo, Regalado



Mariano, Sinesio



Marquez-Cuyno, Melinda



Marquez, Narciso



Norcio-Locker, Norma



Ovejera, Artemio



Paelmo-Almeda, Juanita



Perez, Liberato



Roguel-Regala, Elvira



Samonte, Henry









Seminiano-Paterno, Erlinda

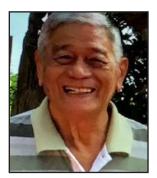
Sevilleno, Gamelin

Uy-Robillos Yolanda Vicaldo-Capitan, Cielo

Villanueva, Maximino



Villareal, Ruben L.



Ybanez, Adrian



Chancellor Fernando Sanchez, Jr., Secretary William Dar, and Dr. Ruben Villareal, former chancellor, September 25, 2020.

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## **Projects and Outings**



Maintenance of Landscape: Maria Makiling Statue, 12 October 2012



Tree planting project headed by Roberto Coronel, 12 October 2012



Visit of Florencio Gulle, 5 March 2015

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Class 60 Celebrating its Ruby Jubilarian joining Loyalty Day parade, 10 October 2000



Beautification of Languages Portal, 12 October 2012



Class 60 campus sculpture, Pegaraw by National Artist Napoleon Abueva, 12 October 2012



Trip to Majayjay Church, 9 October 2015





Loyalty Day 2015



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# **CLASS 1975** Sapphire

## Class 1975, Sapphire

first day at school is not unlike stepping into a parallel universe; 40 or so 16-year old, new students in a huge lecture hall, clutching papers, class schedules perhaps. It's like holding a bit of gossamer that is held by all the others. One can't let go because that single piece is so much part of the larger whole.

Many in Class 1975 wove that piece into a larger chunk, to encompass the world - a university president, several scientists and researchers. entrepreneurs, a college dean, a municipal councilor, a priest, and a former cabinet member - are but a few of them.

A double dose of culture shock best describes Dulce Delfin-Elazegui's 1970 Freshman year at the UP College of Agriculture, a surprise since she lived only 15 kilometers away from the institution. In her new world, she had to stay at a modern, well kept ladies' dorm and share



a room with three strangers because travel to while the third, featured English movies. and from the university to her home wasn't easy. It involved large lecture classes, some Violy graduated with a BS Agriculture in 1975; well-known classmates and Dulce's confidence continued to earn her MS in Horticulture in 1979. shook. Amazed by her three-hour laboratory After she earned her doctorate in Horticulture classes, she was in summer courses, passing from Louisiana State University (USA), she exams in blue books while mimeographed test returned to UPLB.

papers were still fresh in her mind. She learned that dropping courses due to 'terror' lecturers was a no-no otherwise she faced the fearsome guestion of the strident-voiced Registrar, "Why are you dropping the course?"

The challenges of student life behind her, Dulce graduated in 1975. She acquired a Masters

degree at the Australian National University, five

years later, getting another one at the University

of Maastricht in 1991. UPLB was her second

home where her career thrived with the selfless

guidance of mentors and the company of warm





friends.



For Violeta Villegas, campus life centered on academics and food with lunch or dinner served at the Student Union that cost 80 centavos, with 10% discount if meal tickets are bought in advance. Three ancient movie theaters, without air-condition, provided entertainment - Chit, Doce, and Jerry - well deserved breaks from the school grind. The first two showed Tagalog films A former Director and Research Professor at the Institute of Plant Breeding, CAFS-UPLB, Violy joined the private sector in 2002 as Regulatory & Stewardship Lead for Cultivation in Asia-Pacific. She led the Golden Rice Project of the International Rice Research Institute for 3 years. Under her leadership, her Team developed and released the first hybrid papaya, "Sinta," which generates a substantial royalty for UPLB. The National Academy of Science and Technology recognized her as Outstanding Young Scientist in 1991. Violy currently serves as a *pro bono* Consultant at IPB, mentoring junior Staff, reviewing research projects. She is in the DOST Biosafety Committee.



Graduated from a small private school in Sipocot, Camarines Sur, it was daunting for **Emma Escover**, a freshman at the University of the Philippines, College of Agriculture (UPCA) to suddenly be in classes where classmates were from elite high schools such as UP Rural HS, Manila Science HS. Scholarship grantees abound — National Science and Development Board (NSDB precursor to NIST), Shell and Caltex companies.

Instructors, Emma recalls, in laboratory classes (Ms. Norma Orlido in Botany/Ms. Victoria Arcega in Zoology 1a), assisted her in many aspects of a student's life including the use of a microscope. While a sophomore, she landed a student assistantship at the then Agricultural Economics Department, UPCA. Continually employed, Emma completed subjects required for her major, Agricultural Economics. Her undergraduate thesis took three semesters as she worked as Research Aide at the Economics Section, Agricultural Engineering Department, IRRI, 1973-1975. She is active in non-profit associations engaged in environmental and natural resources concerns. Member, Board of Trustees of Solid Waste Management Association of the Philippines Inc. (SWAPP) as well as in the Board of Resource and Environmental Economics Foundation of the Philippines Incorporated (REAP), Emma is involved in activities to preserve the environment.



As **Danilo Cardenas** recalls, UP at Los Banos was just starting as a semi-autonomous unit of UP and was made up then of only two colleges, namely, the UP College of Agriculture (lower campus) and the UP College of Forestry (upper campus). BS Agriculture has just been converted into a five-year course wayback in 1967 but was reverted back to its original four year term after 1975. All male students then entering college were required to complete at least four semesters of basic ROTC before they were allowed to graduate from their respective diploma courses. Students had to choose which ROTC unit they wished to be part of i.e. cadet officers, the UPLB Band, military police (MP) or just regular cadets.

Male members of UPLB class of 1975, where Danny served as a cadet officer, became part of UPLB Cadet Corps at a controversial period

in Philippine history. From 1970 onwards, academic life for class 1975 was often disrupted by frequent sit-ins, class boycotts and public rallies. Martial law has just been declared at the end of the 1st Semester of SY 1972-1973. Inspite of several academic setbacks and erratic class schedules, Danny persevered in getting a college degree and finally earned his BSA degree, major in Agricultural Economics in April, 1975. Five months later, he joined the Philippine Council for Agricultural Research (PCAR) as a Research Assistant. Rising from the ranks, he served PCAARRD for almost 42 years and closed his public service career as PCAARRD's Deputy Executive Director for Administration, Resource Management and Support Services till his retirement in September, 2017.

In the course of those period, Danny also became a Civil Service 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Career Service Professional and a Career Executive Service Officer, Rank IV. He also completed his masteral degree in Management and Supervision from the Central Michigan University (1982) and a PhD degree in Agricultural Economics from UPLB in 1997. Aside from being the author of numerous scientific publications, he also attended numerous trainings, meetings, seminars and conferences in various capacities, both local and abroad and was a recipient of several awards from prestigious award granting institutions such as the UPLBAA, UPAA and PHILARM. He is past president of the Philippine Agricultural Economics and Development Association, Inc. (PAEDA, 2004-2007), member of the UP Vanguard Inc. (UPVI), and Philippine Association of Research Managers (PHILARM).

*Nathaniel Acha* finished BS Sugar Equipped with a Bachelor's degree in Technology (BSST) in Summer of 1975. Reviewed Agriculture, specializing in horticulture, Juanito and took the board together with other UPLB Sangalang settled in Los Baños, making it BSST graduates in June 1975, and got 2nd place his home away from home (Luisiana). He began at the Sugar Technology Board examination. He his career as a Research Assistant at UPLB's acquired his Maste rin Management from Asian Department of Horticulture where, 13 years Institute of Management in 1983. His career later, he would be the Department Chair. His spanned 40 years working in 6 different sugar hard work in acquiring a master's degree in 1978 milling companies in Negros Occidental; very

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, at the University of Birmingham in the UK and a doctorate in 1984 from the University of Maryland in the US, was recognized. A Active in his field, he currently serves as Technical Consultant at the Philippine , Coconut Authority.







After graduation from UPLB with a major in Horticulture, **Lucille Capistrano** worked as an Agriculturist at the Bureau pf Fiber Development and Inspection Service (predecessor to FIDA). She started her MBA and participated in diverse trainings/seminars on Planning Management Policy formulation; analysis, monitoring and evaluation in local and international venues i.e. Yugoslavia, Israel Taiwan and Australia. She retired a Division Chief at the Parc Secretariat, Department of Agrarian Reform.



much involved in research, operations, and corporate strategic planning. Nathan was a very active member of the Committee that helped operational and financial rehabilitation of the Victorias Milling Co. Inc. (VMC) during its "near death" situation in 1997. VMC started declaring dividends in 2007. Became part-time faculty at La Salle University, Bacolod City. Currently engaged in Consultant Services, including an LGU. Married to former Loida Y. Guevarra, fellow UPLB BSST.

A native of San Pablo City, Laguna, *Loida Guevarra Acha* graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Sugar Technology from UPLB in October 1974. Immediately after, she was invited to work at Lopez Sugar Corporation, one of the biggest sugar mills in Negros Occidental, as a Laboratory Supervisor. She spent 11 fruitful years at the mills, getting promotions and moving from one department to another, the last being the Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Department.

From a career in Sugar Technology, Loida moved to the challenging world of Information Technology, eventually resigning to join her husband, Nathan Acha, in managing a family trucking business. In 1992, she joined Systems Technology Institute (STI), one of the country's giant network of schools. In 1997, she received the Triple A (AAA), the highest award from STI that came with an all expenses paid trip to London and Hongkong. She worked with STI for nine years, starting as a Faculty and resigned as Area Faculty Manager for Visayas and Mindanao. In 2004, she obtained a Master's Degree in Information Management (MIM) from the University of St. La Salle in Bacolod City subsequently joining West Negros University, also in Bacolod, where she worked for 11 years as Manager of the Management Information Systems Department, retiring in 2011. From then on, she got an online job with Journatics, LLC in the USA, staying with the company for seven years.

**Reynaldo P. Bantug's** successful career cuts across multiple industries. Following his graduation from UP Los Banos with a degree in Agri-Business (*Cum Laude*), he immediately went into growing sugarcane in Negros Occidental, where he gained valuable experience at his father's side.

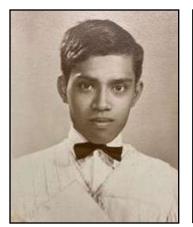


He then pursued further studies in finance at CalState University in Long Beach, U.S.A. in 1980. Returning to the Philippines, he worked in government for 4 years as Director for Agribusinessatthe Ministry of Human Settlements and Human Settlements Development Corp. where he spearheaded projects that benefitted the people and the country. His innovative and pioneering work in government combined with his education and exposure to local industry would set the tone for the rest of his career. Actively representing sugar farmers, Reynaldo co-founded the Victorias Manapla Cadiz Cooperative Association (VIMACA) and served as president of the Confederation of Sugar Producers Association, Inc. (CONFED). He played a major role in the drafting and eventual passage of the BIO-FUELS Law, which diversified the sugar industry and led to his work in renewable energy (bioethanol at Green Future Innovations, Inc. (GFII) and solar and battery power at SunAsia Energy, Inc.).

To cap off his diverse set of endeavors, Reynaldo, through Aton Land & Leisure, Inc. (ALLI) and BAPA Realty Corporation has developed land across Negros, boosting the local economy and tourism industry. Reynaldo even found himself at the helm of the first theme park to centre around Filipino myth and legend — *Magikland!* When asked about the diversity of his pursuits, Reynaldo says that he has, in large part, his education at UPLB to thank for developing his critical thinking skills, which allowed him to think clearly not only about agribusiness, but beyond into many ventures.

Everything was new to arriving 16-year-olds UPLB freshmen - new classmates, friends, homes. Additionally, young and good-looking instructors recently recruited from UP Diliman campus were assigned at the Department of Humanities to handle courses in English, Speech, and History. However, 'terror' instructors also existed in UPLB. Students had little choice except to be in their classes. Some of them: Ma'am DR, Dr.Paul BZ, Sonny Boy, Dr. Ramon S., Prof. Silver O., Dr. Romy O among others. The annual February Fair featured their photos at the shooting gallery booths where students enjoyed taking shots at the likeness, feeling victorious if only for a few minutes. A number of daring, courageous male classmates pursued lady instructors like Remy Z., Tess V., Vicky S.

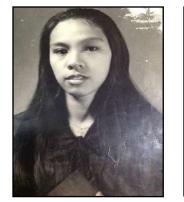
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Ino, as **Dr. Felino Lansigan** is fondly nicknamed, is the current Dean of the UPLB College of Arts and Sciences. During his UPLB student years, 1970 to 1975, he was a founder and an active member of the UPLB Applied Mathematics Society (UPLBAMS or MathSoc), serving as Charter Vice President, and later as President in 1974-1975. At the time, only two academic student societies existed at the Physical Sciences Building, MATHSOC in the Department of Applied Mathematics, and the UPLB Chemical Society (CHEMSOC) at the Department of Chemistry. The two often competed in on-campus quiz contests. Ino is also one of the chartered members of the UPLB Espaleklek, founded in 1970, one of the popular student organizations in UPLB.

Dr. Lansigan is Professor of Statistics at UPLB and Chair of the UPLB Climate and Disaster Risks Studies Center. He is Editor-in-Chief of an international peer-reviewed journal, and member of editorial board of two other scientific journals. He serves in the National Panel of Technical Experts of the Climate Change Commission, and Project Leader of the DOST-UPLB Project on Climate Smart Agriculture. He received a number of awards including the Outstanding Young Scientist (1987), TOYM, and UPAA Professional Achievement, both in 1993, and the UPLB Outstanding Alumnus in 2009. He was also appointed as UPLB Professor Emeritus in April 2019.





Emma Escover's college memories triggered Lualhati Mercado-Noriel's own indelible ones. She remembers an Agronomy exam with Dr. R. Obordo, a TRUE or FALSE test and the caveat right minus wrong, to which she got a negative score. She passed the course though. In another Agronomy lab class on corn pollination, she had to bring a stool to reach the corn inflorescence, her tiny stature not a hindrance to her goals. Lualhati R. Mercado-Noriel, a 1975 UPLB graduate, her height notwithstanding, joined the Visayas State University. She was Director of the Quality Assurance Center of the University (VSU) for nine years at which time, VSU was recognized as the first Institution to be accredited Level 3 among the more than 100 SUCs in the Philippines by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP).

**Cielito F. Habito** (**Ciel**) led Class 1975 by breaking a 28-year drought of Los Baños Summa cum Laudes (his only predecessors were Obdulia F. Sison and Clare R. Baltazar who earned their BSAs in 1946 and 1947, respectively), thus becoming the first male to graduate with the highest honors at UPLB. He went on to Australia for a Master of Economics from the University of New England, and later to Harvard University, where he earned an MA and PhD in Economics.

Six years after returning to teaching at UPLB in 1984, he was appointed by President Cory

Aquino as Assistant Secretary, and soon after as Undersecretary (Deputy Director-General) of the National Economic and Development Authority, which President Fidel V. Ramos subsequently appointed him to head as Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning, the youngest member of his Cabinet at 39. After serving throughout the Ramos presidency until 1998, he later joined the Ateneo de Manila University as Director of the Ateneo Center for Economic Research and Development (until 2012) and Professor of Economics (to the present). He also heads the think tank Brain Trust Inc., and maintains public visibility through his op-ed column, No Free Lunch in the Philippine Daily Inquirer, now on its 18<sup>th</sup> year.



Ciel fondly remembers his college "motorcycle gang" that included (former SEARCA Director) Gil Saguiguit Jr. and (Butuan City business magnate) Mario Estacio, riding the Honda Scrambler purchased from Math Prof. Silver Obungen. It was his source of mobility as a UPLB student, and later as faculty member at the Institute of Agricultural Development and Administration (IADA), which became the College of Development Economics and Management (until they dropped "Development" to become what is now CEM). He is back on the saddle again in his senior years, as he recently acquired a Yamaha dirt bike to relive college days with wife Pilar "PJ" Relova (AB ComArts '78) riding tandem with him as they occasionally joyride around the campus.



Anselma "Elma" Creencia Manila 40km South of Bacolod City. worked at the Bureau of Fiber Development Joey was San Enrique municipal councilor, and Inspection Service, now FIDA from 1975. starting 2002 and Barangay Captain of Tibsoc, Pursuing a career opportunity in 1976, she San Enrique for 11 years, ending in 2015. During started working for the Agricultural Credit his leadership, TIBSOC was awarded as MOST and Cooperative Institute (ACCI) precursor to ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY BARANGAY OF ICOPED, staying as a researcher until retirement NEGROS. in 2016. CEM awarded Elma Outstanding Researcher, junior level in 1985 and Outstanding Extensionist in 2013.



Andrea Almeida Magistrado landed a Training Assistant job at SEARCA, after Jose "Joey" Quitco's first interest was the graduation with a B.S degree in Agronomy, arts. After graduation from UP High School in major in Horticulture in 1975. She pursued and Diliman, he enrolled for an AB general courses completed her MS in Soil Science in the early at UP College of Arts & Sciences in Manila. The 80's while a Research Assistant to Dr. Rod rallies and strikes at the time disrupted classes Badayos. prompting Joey to return to Diliman where he stayed for three semesters. He, subsequently, Interested in teaching, Andie trained to become transferred to UP Los Baños going into a Montessori teacher and got an AMI Diploma Agriculture with a major in Agronomy. When from the Foundation for Montessori Education, the Horticulture Department separated from in Toronto, Canada in 1990. Two years later, she Agronomy, their batch were the first to enroll founded a Montessori Preschool in Los Baños. with a focus in Plantation Crop. the Montessori Children's House.

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His interest in the arts inspired him to get involved in UPLB's *Annual Flower and Garden Show* at the Social Garden, doing plant arrangements; his participation lasted five years. Persuaded to teach Horticulture laboratory classes for three years, Joey continued to be part of *Bigkis Sining, a* group that recruited Agriculture students interested in visual arts. He left UPLB in 1979, heading to San Enrique, Negros Occidental where he managed their family fishpond located 40km South of Bacolod City.





In 2005, Andie and her husband, Orlando, migrated to the US where she continued working with preschool children for a decade. She and Orlando have 3 grown children and 6 grandchildren. Sadly, her husband passed away in California in 2015. Andie has since returned home, active in the teaching community. As Directress and manager, she is involved in education thru her MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE in Los Banos.



hind ka palaimik. Ang sinasabi ko sa iyo, kahit tanghaling tapat panliligaw ang muntik pa at makagat ako mga aso ng ninyo sa Elaydas dorm. "Ikaw and inaasam-asam nitong puso ko na sana sagutin mo





As an undergraduate at UPLB, Celso Salamatin, was a student assistant at the Student Union Cafeteria. Upon graduation in 1975, he was teacher and teacher-in-charge at UPLBCA's Masaya Barrio Development school. Celso worked at the IRRI Experimental Farm Department from 1976 until his retirement in 1993. He immigrated to Canada the same year.

Arturo Maghari was working as a student assistant at the Ornamental Nursery Horticulture, surrounded and inspired daily by thousand seedlings of orchids. A wonderful world of blooming, beautiful foliage plants and hundreds of colorful Anthurium. He made some of the best blossoms into cut flower bouquet to give a lady friend.

Malapit na siyang mag graduate ng B.S. sa UPLB. May nililigawan siya na sobra naman pakipot na alam niya na may feelings din pala for him. "Alam mo Ester, am attracted to you due to your total personality. Mabait, mayumi, maganda. Pero ang hindi ko alam kung may gusto ka din, kasi ako ngayon". Ang sagot niya sa akin, "It is not yet the time for the Lord to provide one for the future." Ang insistent reply ko sa kanya, "Don't you know that I am one of those being provided to you, for a future?"

Armed with a degree in Agriculture, major in Horticulture, Art began his career in teaching and research at UPLB, eventually moved to La Carlota City, Negros Occidental. He acquired an MS in Extension Education/Rural Development and Management at UPLB in 1989. He continues to teach at UNO-R in Bacolod City.





Alejandro A. Panes was elected president of the UPLB Chemical Society in 1974 and a recipient of BS degree in Sugar Technology in 1975. He grew and developed his career in the sugar industry spanning 37 years on Operations Leadership and Quality Management. Having physically benchmarked three sugar factories in Louisiana and two in Hawaii, he pioneered the implementation of Quality Systems in Hawaiian-Philippine Company, where he retired as Laboratory, Quality Control & Quality Assurance Superintendent in December 2012. With his wife, Susan, and family, he currently resides in Auckland, New Zealand.



Was it coincidence or destiny that brought Dr. Tessie Merestela to La Trinidad, Benguet, the "Salad Bowl of the Philippines?" No matter. Tessie joined the College of Agriculture, Benguet State University shortly after graduation from UPLB in 1975. She acquired her doctorate in Agriculture from the University of Tokyo in 1989. Tessie continued her career path culminating in her designation as BSU'sVice-President for academic affairs. Dr. Merestela, who reads, writes, and speaks Japanese, retired in 2018.



A sugar farmer now Nemesio de la Cruz specialized in Animal Science when he pursued his BS in Agriculture at UPLB. He worked with various multinational companies engaged in

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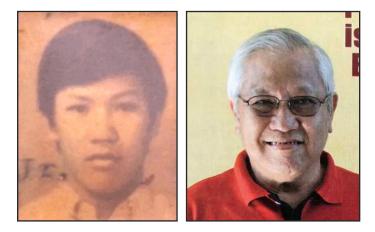
veterinary products after his graduation. Active in several sugar industry organizations, Nemesio sits on the board of the VMC Farmers Association in Victorias, Negros Occidental.







Jorge Palma majored in Agricultural Extension for his BS in Agriculture. After graduation in 1975, he worked as Research Assistant ACCI. A career opportunity at DBP came his way which he pursued and obtained. He is Board Chair of the Metro Naga Water District.



Nicolas Beda Priela, Jr had to overcome freshman to junior years, in particular, Agronomy1 and Animal Husbandry 1 under Drs. Obordo and Argañosa as well as in Botany 50 with Dr. Ramirez, for just being a very ordinary and regular "Iskong Promdi." The joys of his stay in UPLB mainly revolved around the ins and outs of the Baker Hall. He got inducted into being a "Batang Baker" with his gualifying into the Freshmen basketball team which occurred

through a court rumble with the Seniors in their very first Intramural game.

He, somehow, became a regular fixture in the numerous basketball tournaments which included the Inter –Departmental Intramurals representing CDEM; Inter-organization as Espaleklek; and the Inter-Dorms being a Men's Dorm Resident. The games mostly lasted beyond midnight, not to mention the practice sessions he had to attend as member of the UPLB Basketball Varsity Team from 1970 – 75. With all that, he is grateful to God to have earned his BS Agriculture, with a major in Agri Economics in 1975. Beda is currently co-chair of the Regional Development Council, Bicol.



Oscar Gil Ascalon, along with Alex Panes, Cecilio Costales, Ruben Bensurto will never forget the barricade of the main highway. Their group were curious about activism. So they proceeded to the barricade, at Crossing, where they found themselves faced with the military who were tasked to break it up. Up front, the activists were shouting "Makibaka, huwag matakot!". Firemen started spraying water and a piper cub distracted their attention. Gunfire came at them, and live bullets were shot at the speakers, followed by tear gas. The military leveled their guns at the crowd and fired blanks which at the time wasn't known. A girl in front of them ran fast toward the UPLB gate. When they got inside the gate, they saw that Rene Bensurto wasn't with them. He was caught, brought to Camp Vicente Lim by the military. Mr. Bancaya of the Student Union and Dean Dioscoro Umali had to go and bail him out, a process that took till midnight. The experience caused Oscar a lot of sleepless nights and cowering in fear of explosions.

After graduation in 1975, Ogie returned to Jaro, Iloilo City to work at Hacienda Balantang as Controller. He was also active in different management roles from 1979 until becoming President in 1987 at the Central Santos-Lopez Mill in Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo. That same year, Ogie was Chair of the Agricultural Division of the Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Council (PAFC). In the 1990s, Oggie has since led several organizations and has been the recipient of many awards including Recognition for Exemplary performance as Mill District Coordinator of PHILSURIN in 2000. He is an active member of Brotherhood of Christian Businessman and Professionals and is the current President of Faraon College.

**Elvira Eusebio Dumayas** worked with the Bureau of Agricultural E c o n o m i c s (BAEcon) soon after she graduated with the degree of BS in Agriculture major in Agricultural Economics. After a year she returned



to Los Banos, joining the then Center for Policy and Development Studies of UPLB, now Center for Strategic Planning and Policy Studies as a research assistant. She rose to the rank of a university researcher long before she retired in January 1, 2013.



A graduate of UPLB class of 1975, **Gloria Dimaculangan Masilungan**, was a Field Interviewer, at the Agricultural Development Council (ADC)- UPCA-AgEcon Dept. Project, 1975 to 1978. She moved to the National Food Authority Council (NFAC) CA-UPLB, staying till 1988 as a Researcher. A year later, 1989, Gloria continued working as a Researcher at the Post Harvest Training and Research Center-CA-UPLB till 2015. She is a member of Honor Society & Scientific & Extension Organization, Philippine Extension Network, Phil. Fruit Association, and was Treasurer of UP REPS and All UP Academic Extension Union (AUPAEU).

Shortly after graduating with а BS Sugar Technology degree Armando 1975, in **Roldan** began working at the Hawaiian-Phil Company in Silay City, Negros Occidental. He went through mill practice prior to graduation at the Bogo-Medellin Milling Company, Medellin,



Cebu. He moved to Victorias Milling Company in 1977, where he remained till 1997. Accepting a position as Materials Management Manager, he joined AB Leisure Exponent, Inc in 1998, leaving to retire in 2014.

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**Rogelio Dulay Colting,** BSA (Soil Science) 1975 and **Lita Piados Molitas-Colting,** BSA (Entomology) 1975, were admitted at UPCA as entrance scholars for the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture track, and the first batch of the 5-year curriculum but graduated later due to field experiments for their thesis.

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Life at UPCA was full of challenges, foremost for them was learning to speak Tagalog as vernacular language, adjusting to the warm weather, and overcoming home sickness. Occasionally, during weekends, they walked up to "flat rocks" in Mt. Makiling where the scenery is similar to their province. Student activism was at its height in the 70's. However, they focused on studies to finish their degree. They joined student organizations such as the Green Mountain Circle, an organization of students from the Mountain Provinces. In these organizations, they honed their leadership skills which they soon found useful in the pursuit of their careers.

Rogelio was employed at BENPRES Corporation in Negros Occidental in November 1974, while Lita joined the Bureau of Fibers Development and Inspection Service in April 1975 as Extension Worker on abaca in Mindanao. In their desire to serve their home province of Benguet, they went back to MSAC when vacancies as instructors occurred. While at BSU, they pursued their master's and doctorate degrees at UPLB. They rose from the ranks. Rogelio served as BSU's 4<sup>th</sup> President for two terms (2003- 2011). Prior to this, he assumed various administrative posts. Rogelio retired from BSU in 2015. Similarly, Lita was bestowed various awards such as Outstanding Teacher (college level) by Metrobank. She also held various administrative designations.

Lita and Rogelio were high school best friends, they eventually got married. They have three children (two are UPLB alumni), and 6 grandchildren.



Zenaida Marfill, class of 1975, earned a degree BS Agriculture with a major in Ag Economics. In 1990, she worked as Nursing Coordinator at the Victorian Order of Nurses. Durham Region, Canada. After ten years in Canada, Zenaida relocated to Southern California. She also changed jobs to Program Coordinator for Greater South Bay Home Health. She was a Workers' Compensation Insurance Underwriter then Workers' Compensation Insurance Claims Adjuster from 2001 to 2014 for the state of California. Zenaida retired in 2014.

Efren Sabularse graduated with a BS in Agriculture, major in Agricultural Communications. He was immediately hired as Research Assistant at the Extension Division. Dept of Animal Science, charged with coming up with a quarterly publication/popularized article on livestock and poultry research. In 1977, he

transferred to the Office of Director for Research as Sr RA. The following vear, Efren joined the Farm Systems Dev Corp (FSDC) as Project Officer; a GOCC entity mandated to assist farmers own and manage small irrigation projects as entry point for institutional and



farm productivity development. Two years later, he was assigned to the newly established Area Office in Region V of FSDC. Department of Agriculture hired him for a year to oversee the liquidation/transfer of assets of the FSDC to the DA. Efren was a British Council scholar while with FSDC.

After FSDC, he had brief consultancy jobs with Louis Berger Intl; the Intl Human Assistance Program( IHAP-USAID), NGO stints before reemployment by the government. In1990, he joined the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) a merger of then BAEx and PTCRD, in charge of planning and implementing training programs for client farmers of DA in Region V. He was promoted to Center Director of the ATI-Regional Training Center in 2004, located at Pili, Cam Sur until his retirement in June 2016

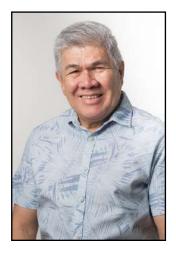
He went through the process of becoming a member of a fraternity and experienced fraternity rumbles that usually happen during final exams and still managed to pass the subject. He was

thrilled to be a Rodeo team member. Hurdling organization while a student. In 1994, Bong was at the Asian Institute of Management for its exams in the subjects of terror profs the likes of Sani Boy, D.R., and Dr. Arganosa, who will close Management Development Program. his lecture room at exactly 7:00am. Students had to contend with taking notes from the window Almost five decades later, Bong, is a leader in if you're late. He joined the student activists' the Medina, Cagayan de Oro community. He is Chairman of the Rural Bank of Medina, Inc., march from LB to Agrifina Circle for 5 days. He President of EP Medina Ventures, and E. Pelaez was not a real activist but his objective then was just to get to know his crush more but ended up Ranch Inc. He also serves as current President walking the whole stretch. of the Cagayan de Oro Hotel and Restaurant Association (COHARA) and Chairman, Regional TESDA 10 Council.



Rafael Cadiz graduated with BS Forestry (1975), MS (1982) and PhD (1996) at UP Los Banos. He formerly worked at the Ecosystem Research and Development Bureau of DENR. At present, he is a part time consultant at some mining companies and a time manager of a family business of Cadiz Duck Farm located in Victoria, Laguna. He is married to Professor Nina M. Cadiz and blessed with three children.

Having gone through his early and high school years at the Ateneo De Manila University, *Eduardo* (Bong) Fabella Pelaez proceeded to UPLB where he gained, a BS Agri-Business degree in 1975. He was a member of the Symposium



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Bong was the first chapter head of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals (BCBP), CDO West member. He was Chairman and member of the Board of Trustees of BCBP, national office. Active in education, Bong is on the Board of Trustees of Xavier University.





Alfredo Sinohin is an alumnus of University of the Philippines (UPLB), having specialized in Animal Science for his undergraduate degree. For his masters and doctorate, he majored in plant pathology at UPLB. He is a member of the Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture.

He worked as Farm Supervisor at Republic Flour Mills in 1975 then was Extension worker at the then UPCA Extension Laboratory in Mindoro. In 1978, Alfredo started as a UPLB Researcher at Plant Pathology until 2016. A Licensed Agriculturist,

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he is currently a consultant in private companies, being an Accredited Pesticide Researcher by the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority.

*Eric Sombito* finished BS Agri in Plant Pathology, major in Nematology under Dr.

Romulo Davide. He worked as Research Assistant for a year then left UPLB in April 1976. He was a Market Development Associate and Product Managerfor different agrochemical companies in Davao, mostly in banana plantations for 35 years. A Licensed Agriculturist, he is now retired though



still handles consultancies for two companies whose interests are in developing products in exported bananas. He currently resides in Davao City with his wife, Vivien and children.

*Waldermar Soguilon* finished Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering in 1975,

and completed his Masters in Business Administration at Dame of Notre Dadiangas University in 1990. Soon after he graduated from UPLB, his professional activities included banking. agriculture, education, radio broadcasting, and real



estate. He spent six years as farm manager/ sales and project engineer; 15 years in banking rising from being an appraiser to the top position as general branch manager at DBP, Mindanao Development Bank and PDCP; he was President and CEO of STI College General Santos City, Inc.; and since 2013 he is a practicing professional real estate broker, appraiser and environmental planner. Waldz is also actively participating in NGO and community programs.

Waldz also joined the mass action at Agrifina Circle as well as in DAR office in Quezon City and in UP Diliman. He was not sure though if it was for curiosity or just plain joining for the sake of being part of a movement. His most unforgettable fearsome incident was when he was at the barricade at Los Banos Crossing. He was almost caught by a military man. His great fear though was being sent home and lose his Chongbian scholarship grant and say goodbye to good UP education and diploma. He guitted joining rallies and got his degree after six years. In his last year at UPLB, he was a student assistant at Ag. Engineering, IRRI and enjoyed his stay at his favorite hangouts, UPLB canteen and library.



Fernando B. Santos SVD, a Bayombong,

Nueva Vizcaya native, earned his BS in Agriculture major in Sugar Technology in 1975 from UPLB. After his first job at the Pampanga Sugar Central, 1974 – 1984, he joined the SVD novitiate, a late vocation. He was ordained in 1991 at the Divine Word Seminary in Tagaytay. He had his six months exposure and pastoral work in 1992 at the Nuestra Senora Del Pilar Parish in Magsaysay, Occidental Mindoro. From 1992 to 2007, his mission assignment was to Germany. On his return to the Philippines, Fr. Nanding was assigned to the Divine Word Seminary in Tagaytay and served as Finance Officer in 2007 to 2012. He was also tasked to take care of the German Correspondence, having acquired fluency in the language during his long years in Germany. He now served as an attached priest at the Sacred Heart Parish in Kamuning, Quezon City. The extensive experiences of Fr. Nanding in international missions and pastoral work in the Mindoro missions contribute greatly to his present work in the urban setting.



**Susan Magpantay** graduated in 1975 with BS Agriculture (major in Animal Science). She then worked at the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture (1975-1976,) and stayed with DA until 1984. She also attended a post graduate course on Rural Policy and Planning at The Hague, Netherlands. She

migrated to the USA in 1984, and is now based in the Bay Area since 1992. She is currently working at the corporate office with Ariat International, Inc. engaged in wholesale trade of western and equestrian footwear, apparel and accessories.



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Melody G. Calisay graduated from UPLB with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (major in Soil Science) in 1975, and Master of Science in Soil Science in 1984. She joined Dole Philippines, Inc. immediately after graduation and held the position as Head of Far East

Laboratory from 1975 to 1990. She then pursued her Ph.D. in Agronomy and Soil Science from the University of Hawaii in Manoa from 1990 to 1996. Currently, Melody is working for the State of Hawaii as Brownfields Coordinator and Remedial Project Manager overseeing cleanup of contaminated properties. She is also the President/CEO of East West Marketing, Inc. They import and distribute dry food products from the Philippines to all islands in the State of Hawaii, providing foods to Filipinos in the US to make them feel closer to home. The company has been in business for more than 20 years employing Filipinos back in the Philippines and in the US.

**Cecilio Costales** finished BS Agricultural Engineering in 1975, and MS in Agricultural Engineering in 1981. He obtained his Master in Management at UP Mindanao. He worked in USAID funded projects in Liberia, Kyrgyztan and currently in Myanmar, World Bank project in Bangladesh, and World Bank and Millennium Challenge Corporation in the Philippines. Also worked for 10 years in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as project and operations manager. Currently, Cecil is also working as an international consultant on agribusiness supply chain/value chain and has local work engagement with the

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Philippine Virginia Tobacco Administration (PVTA – now National Tobacco Administration (NTA)), UPLB, UP Mindanao and De La Salle Graduate School of Business. He is married to Chita de Rama Costales and have three children and five grandchildren

After graduation in 1975, *Marietta Gicana Lantican* found herself working in various agencies such as UP Los Banos, Bureau of Fiber and Inspection Service and Department of Agriculture. But inside herself, the dream of being in business and in control of time is too strong to resist. Thanks to her husband Marce (also from UPLB) who guided and inspired her to pursue that dream --- being a business woman with a heart to happily serve others, Ayi is now Vice President and Financial Advisor of Citilife Insurance Agency, Inc. and belongs to the very selective Million Dollar Round Table (MRDT), an international organization of Global Financial Advisors/Consultants. **Celia Grospe** enjoyed purely her academic years in UPLB and completed her Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Chemistry major in Sugar Technology in

without 1975 joining any organization nor any sorority. joined She Bureau of the Soils, Bureau of Soils and Water Management now, soon after she graduated and worked there continuously until she retired



in 2013. She now enjoys her retirement at their place in Liliw, Laguna.















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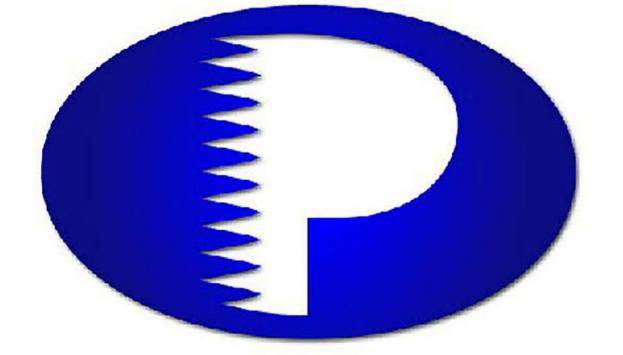
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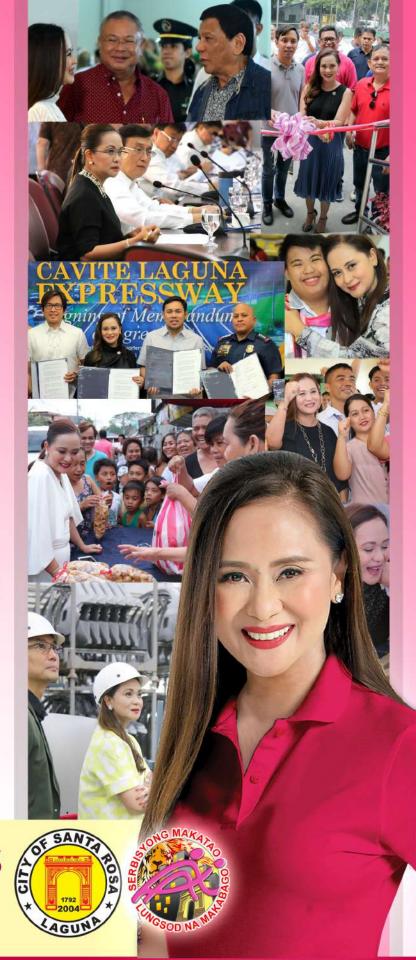


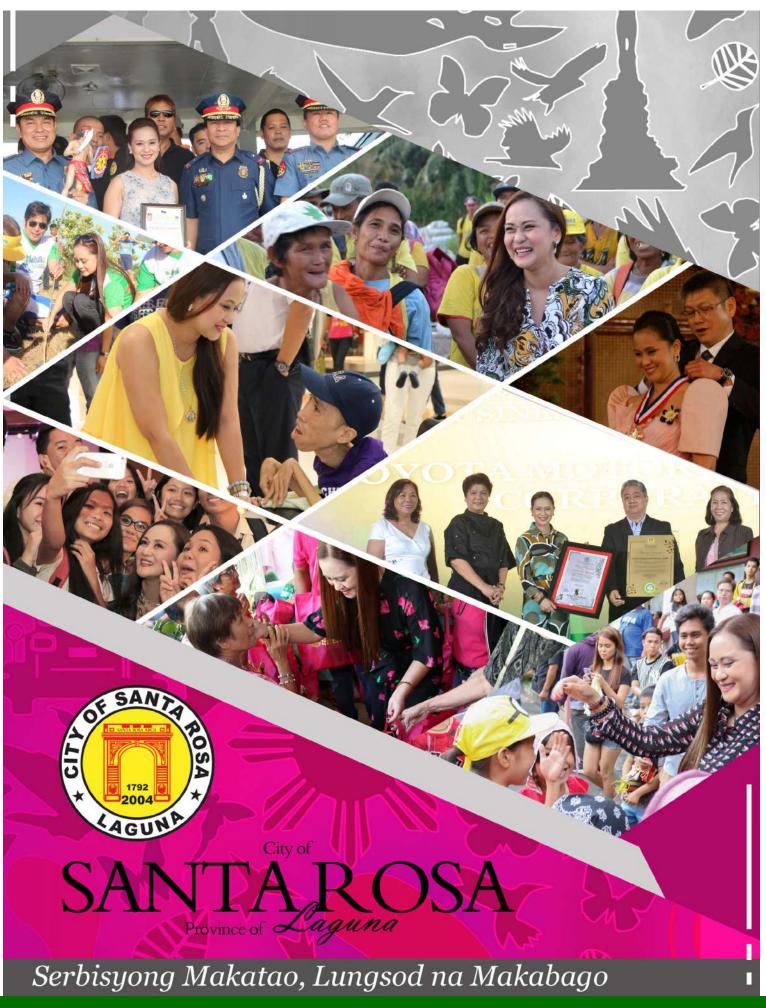
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First City Sports Facilities and First City Senior High School under Sports track program.



## PNC **PAMANTASAN NG CABUYAO**

Rank No. I Local University in the Province of Laguna

# EMPLOYMENT



## E-CABS I, II, III **ENTERPRISING CABUYAO**

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## **BAYANIHAN SA** CARIIYAN

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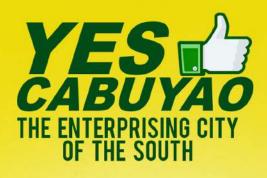
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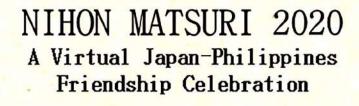
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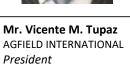


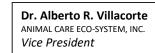
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The family of Yolanda Tan Garcia BS 1979, MS 1981 and PHD 1997

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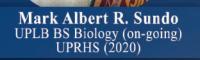
Ricardo L. Calderon FRC Batch '79, BSF '81, MF 2009

#### **Congratulations and all the best, awardees!**

**Ricardo Calderon** 

# Happy 102<sup>nd</sup> Loyalty Day to All!

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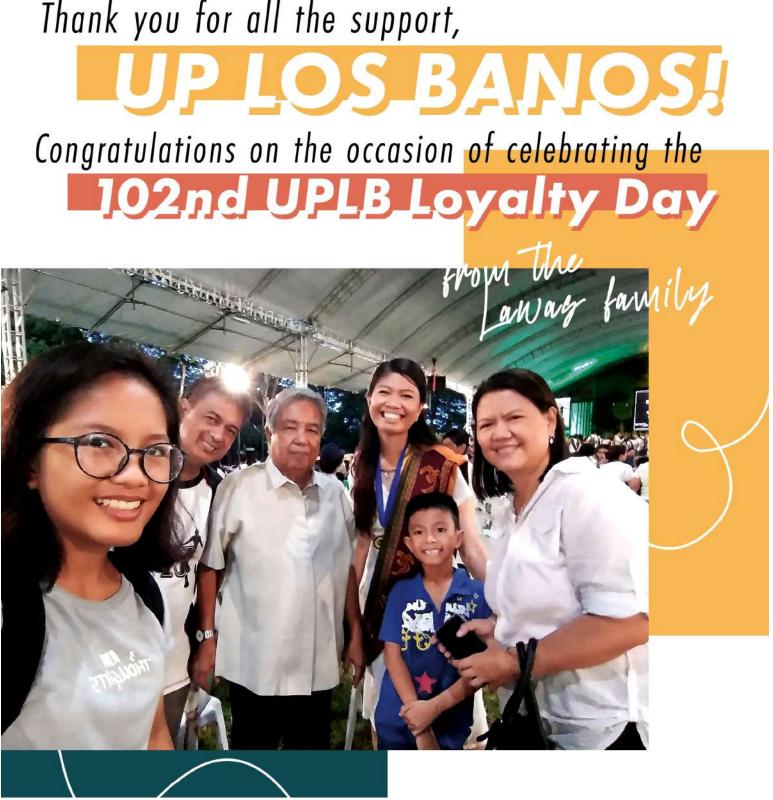
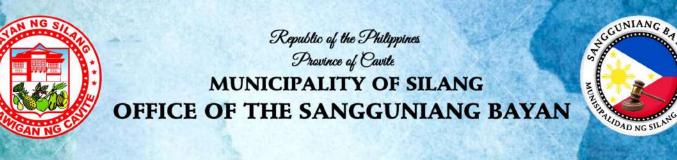


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It is my utmost honor to receive this award. Thank you so much SESAM for this recognition. Long live!

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Greetings from

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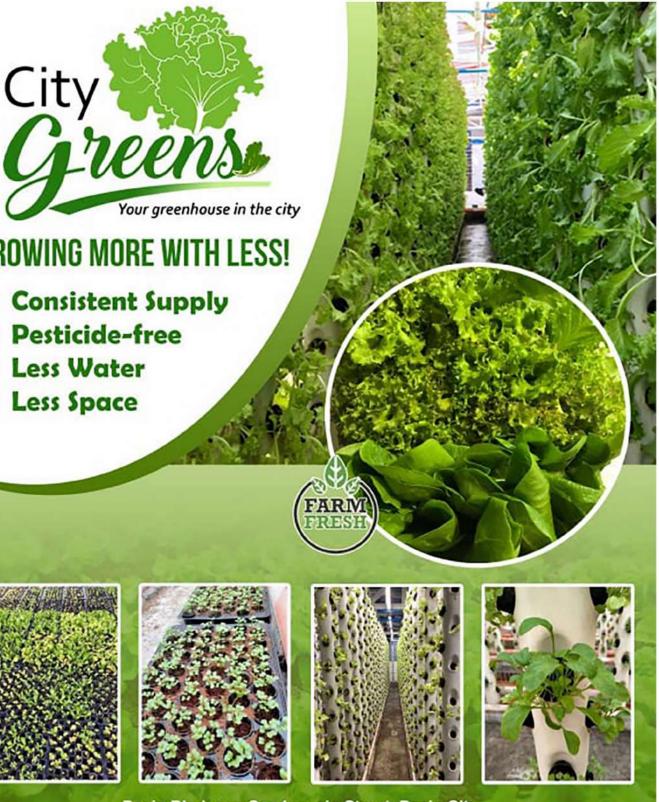
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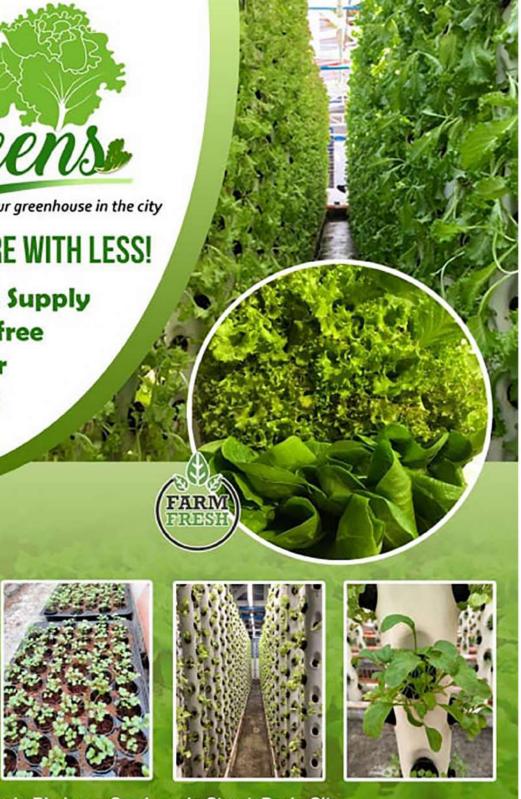




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Beneficiaries

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#### Components

Clustered Vegetable and Livestock-Forage Production = Establishment of aquaponics in partnership with BFAR . Market assistance . Logistical support/farm mechanization assistance

#### **Objectives**

- Promote integrated urban agriculture or mixed farming system in the villages
- · Create livelihood opportunities as source of income in areas affected by COVID-19
- Enhance food and feed production, availability and sustainability of supply
- · Ensure the value chain approach

Beneficiaries

Farmer's cooperatives, associations or groups



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# ALPAS SA COVID-19 AHON LAHAT, PAGKAING SAPAT KONTRA COVID-19



#### Components

Rolling out of technologies and innovations on food production, processing, and value-adding = Impact assessment on the effects of COVID-19 to carapreneurs

#### Objectives

- Enhance food productivity, availability, accessibility and sustainability through applicable technologies and value innovations
- Create livelihood opportunities thru value adding interventions to provide income for farmers affected by COVID-19 orisis

#### **Beneficiaries**

Carabao owners, farmers' cooperatives, village-based technicians, and other stakeholders



### **CARA-ARALAN**

#### Components

e-learning or webinars focused on farm solutions - Learning modules in video format • Digitized IEC and training materials • Multimedia promotions related to COVID, ULaP, GIGK, etc. = Communication support services

#### Objectives

- · Sustain access to information, education, and communication (IEC) by farmers, carapreneurs, and other carabao industry value chain actors · Contribute to capacity development of farmers, carapreneurs, and
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#### **Beneficiaries**

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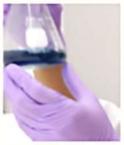
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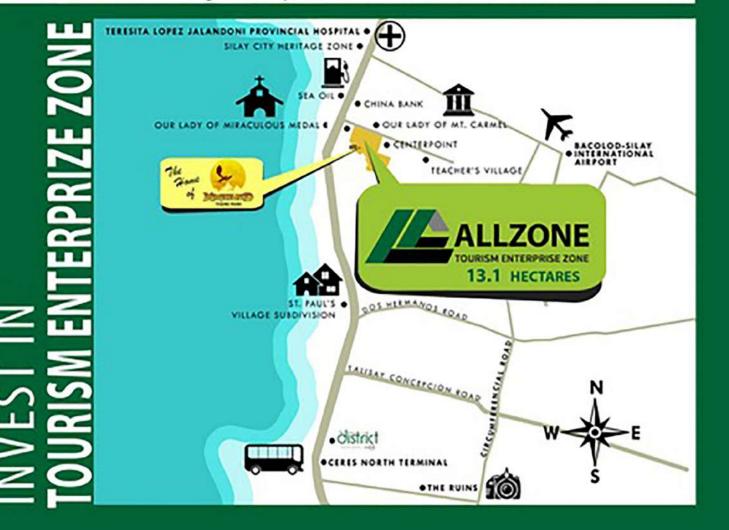
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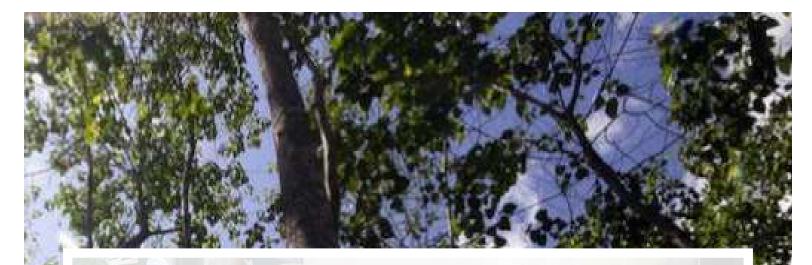
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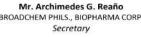
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Currently headed by Dr. Glenn B. Gregorio, SEARCA aims to provide more context-relevant and valuable services (BETTER), to more stakeholders (BIGGER), in more effective and efficient ways (SMARTER), to ensure the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through transformations in economic and social structures and the adoption of more sustainable consumption and production behaviors.

#### STRATEGIC VISION

A leading enabler and champion of excellence in agricultural and rural development in Southeast Asia

#### MISSION

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To elevate the quality of life of agricultural families through sustainable livelihoods and access to modern networks and innovative markets

#### **CORE PROGRAMS**

#### **Education and Collective Learning (ECL)**

Leads in the development of new breed of agriculture leaders and professionals embodying mindset transitions through its two services: a) Graduate Scholarship and Institutional Development, and b) Training for Development.

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Leads in a) Research for Development, b) Policy and Program Advisory, and c) Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources (AFNR) Knowledge Platforms, focused on evidence-based agricultural and rural development interventions toward policies and regulatory frameworks that support ARD at the local, national, regional, and international levels.

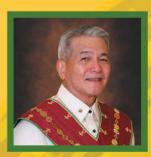
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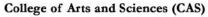
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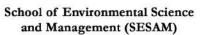


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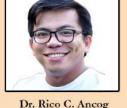
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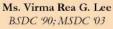
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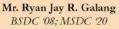
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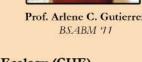
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# The UPLB Colleges and Schools

# **College of Agriculture and Food Science**



### CAFSAA: enCAFSulating Los Baños Spirit through time

The College of Agriculture and Food Science, as the premier institution in agriculture and food sciences is true to its mission by being committed to the development and implementation of relevant programs in education, research, extension, policy-making/advocacy and nationbuilding. Through the years, it has nurtured agriculture and food science professionals that are now forerunners of modern Philippine agriculture. These graduates who are family to CAFS composed the CAFS Alumni Association (CAFSAA) and are the ones who are helping the college achieve its mission.

Through CAFSAA, different alumni of the college were recognized and celebrated because of their many achievements and outstanding contributions to the society. Funds were also raised by CAFSAA and given to the College of Agriculture and Food Science Fund for Emergency Loan (CAFEL) to aid students in their

financial needs and academic development. scholarships, Infrastructure, equipment, vehicles among others are also given by CAFSAA to improve teaching, research, and extension activities. Moreover, CAFS supports CAFSAA in its initiatives such as coming up with an alumni database to easily reconnect graduates. It also has ongoing discussion with CAFS Alumni Association Chapters in Davao, Bicol, Thailand, and others. The College recognized the commitment of our alumni through Capt. Mauro W. Barradas, Regent Francis Laurel and Mr. Crisanto S. Gualberto II by organizing and funding the Prelude to Loyalty Day for the past 18 years in Brgy. Santor, Tanuan, Batangas. Additionally, to inspire current students, alumni are invited in AGRI 199 (Collogium in Agriculture) to share their experiences/businesses and wisdom. These activities prove how devoted they are as products of the University.

With the COVID-19 pandemic ongoing, Los Baños Spirit that was and is being imparted to our graduates is evident to be alive. A food

production and security program was initiated by the College participated by its different academic and research units and private organizations as well as individuals with our graduates being involved. The food produced and donated were given to the University and the immediate community in Los Baños. The CAFSAA spearheaded by UPCA Batch 70 in response to the urgency assisted the University in providing food to stranded UPLB students during lock down. When called to help, CAFSAA did not and will not hesitate to heed to the call especially if it is "family". A demonstration that





nation of Bounty Agriventures Inc. through Mr. Ronald ariñas to stranded UPLB student





our stranded UPLB students

the fire burning in every alum is there and will always be there and confirms how strong our bond is with them.

Their actions truly prove the UP brand of quality education they have acquired. Going beyond the books and the four walls of the classrooms and aside from being successful, our alumni never forget to go back to their alma mater and give back to the country through different public service initiatives from then, until now and to the future.

Mascariñas to stranded UPLB students

# CAFS and Alumni **Partnerships**



Mr. Glenford Dayo, BSA graduate major in Animal Science and owner of GSD System donated the 10 liters of disinfectant

Mr. Crispin Cruz donated 36 trays of eggs and disinfectants to benefit UPLB students through the Ins CAES





Mr. Joel Laserna, CAFS alumnus with Dean Elpidio M. Agbisit J Chancellor Fernando C. Sanchez Jr and Mr. Edwin Espiloy during the 110th commemoration of CAFS Foundation Day

# **College of Arts and Sciences**



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The College of Arts and Sciences of UPLB is dedicated to its mission to be a center of excellence in the basic sciences, a cradle of the humanities and the arts, and a center of liberal education and foundation courses. For the past 48 years, it has always been committed in its instruction, research, and public service thrusts. It caters to various fields such as physical and natural sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities. It also continues to produce high quality research studies, technological products, scientific innovations, and artistic outputs. Among these are Dr. Virginia Cuevas' Trichoderma Microbial Inoculant (TMI) which enhances growth and controls fungal diseases among crops, and the "Fruitect" and "Pectin from Mango Peels" inventions of Dr. Hidelisa Hernandez, Dr. Veronica Sabularse, Prof. Rhea Mallari, and Mr. John Kris Bartolome. The College also participates in bee-related researches and production through the UPLB Bee Program which is currently chaired by Prof. Jose Rene Micor.

The Institute of Biological Sciences (IBS), Institute of Chemistry (IC), and Institute of Mathematical Sciences and Physics (IMSP) were established as National Centers of Excellence (NCOE). Similarly, the Institute of Computer Science (ICS), Institute of Statistics (INSTAT), and Institute of Biological Sciences (IBS) were recognized as CHED Centers of Excellence (COE). The CAS also offers various General Education (GE) service courses that are offered to all UPLB students.

More than these endeavors, CAS proudly sets out world-class graduates that are proficient in their respective disciplines, enabling them to be productive members of the society. The CAS alumni do not only strive to live up to the UP values of honor and excellence but also embody the institution's significant principles and beliefs. Most of the CAS alumni find fulfillment both in paying forward to the community or in giving back to the College and/or the University.

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The College has established relations with its graduates, first and foremost, by conducting unit-based tracer studies. Through this, CAS is able to get hold of their contact information and affiliations. The College also helped the CAS Alumni Association (CASAA) to become a federation of CAS unit alumni associations. The CAS Dean regularly meets with the CASAA officers to facilitate dialogues and joint activities. Some agreements with particular institutions for the students' practicum are also made possible through connections with the alumni. In some instances, career opportunities are being offered to graduating students with the direct or indirect influence of its graduates. A number of alumni have also shared their resources by donating equipment, supplies, and materials to the College. They are taking part in the programs of the university that aim to help students in need of financial assistance.

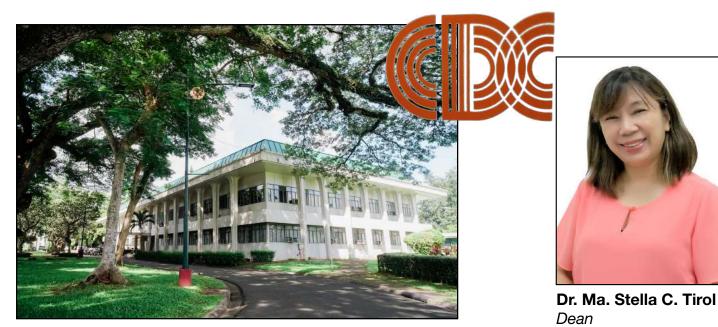
Notable alumni have also been tapped as resource persons and guest speakers in important events of the College such as the CAS Student-Faculty Research Conference, CAS Foundation Anniversary Celebration, NCOE Anniversary Celebration, GE Conversation, and Career Orientation Forum. Another initiative is the unit-based Distinguished Alumni Forum featuring an outstanding alumnus or alumna of each unit to give a seminar. They share work experiences that students can get significant learnings from. This activity has been met with great interest as alumni highlight the importance of the knowledge, skills and values they acquired through their college education, and how it helped them get to where they are right now. Outstanding alumni in their respective fields are also recognized by the College not only to acknowledge their contributions to the development of their disciplines but also to inspire students and graduates.

The collaboration between the College and its alumni was also challenged with the difficulties brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Educational institutions struggled to adapt to the new way of conducting activities, but it did not stop the CAS and its faculty members and alumni to communicate and collaborate. Remarkable alumni and those that are based abroad serve as speakers in webinars on flexible teaching and learning through their respective unit alumni associations, e.g. CHEMSOC, UPLB MASS, etc. The alumni are one with the College in providing support and assistance to its faculty members as they find footing in this remote learning setup.

The College has been liaising with its alumni that are based out of the country and with outstanding works on COVID-related drugs which have been given patents abroad. Moreover, more recently, one of the College's faculty members and alumnus, Dr. Jomar F. Rabajante, has been providing COVID-19 transmission forecasts using mathematical models, which are being used by the UP COVID-19 Pandemic Response Team in which he is a member of. These achievements and efforts will benefit not only the College or the University, but also the country and the world. Looking forward, the College plans to virtually connect these alumni to its current students in hopes of passing on the lessons learned from real life experiences of actual people working in the field during the pandemic, and how they were able to cope up and excel during these difficult times. This initiative will seek to keep the UP brand of quality education in spite of adversities and the challenges of the new normal, and to strengthen the Los Baños spirit that unites each and every student and graduate of the UP Los Baños.

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# **College of Development Communication**



The College of Development Communication (CDC), University of the Philippines Los Baños, is the sole academic institution in the world that offers BS, MS, and PhD degrees in development communication. A trailblazer in the field of communication for development, it is the Commission on Higher Education's Center of Excellence in development communication. The BS Development Communication program passed the ASEAN University Network (AUN) quality assessment, making it the first social science program in the UP System to be recognized.

With its dean, Dr. Maria Stella C. Tirol, at the helm, CDC strives to continuously align its programs with UPLB's vision: To become a globally relevant academic institution in development communication contributing to inclusive and sustainable development among communities in the Philippines and Southeast Asia. CDC's mission focuses on nurturing and advancing development communication scholarship and praxis among students, educators, and practitioners through participatory and inclusive engagements. CDC is also at the forefront of interdisciplinary endeavors on how best to use communication in addressing problems on food security, climate change, malnutrition, poverty, and other concerns related to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

As an academic institution, CDC does its best to maintain excellence in its academic, research, and extension and public service programs.

The BSDC Generalist Curriculum offered since 2012, enables students to be well-rounded Devcom practitioners with strong critical thinking skills and research orientation. New courses, such as data journalism, knowledge management, and science journalism, will be offered to undergraduate students. Revisions were also done in the MS and PhD programs in development communication. In 2016, CDC in partnership with the UPLB Graduate School started offering the off-campus program of MS Development Communication to the staff of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the UPLB Dual PhD by Research with the University of Reading in the United Kingdom.

The College has recently conducted research studies on community communication, community broadcasting, e-learning, science education, communication of vector-borne diseases and surveillance of infectious diseases, communication on resilient and sustainable family farming, and distance learning systems, to name a few. It continues to publish the *Philippine Journal of Development Communication* (PJDC).

Moreover, CDC balances scholarly work and practice by sharing its constituents' expertise through partnerships with various stakeholders. Its flagship programs include (1) Radyo DZLB, a community radio station that it manages alongside cooperators from within and outside UPLB, now webcast as DZLB Online!; (2) Dito Sa Laguna (DSL), a development-oriented discussion program aired via cable television and also accessible via Facebook; (3) Los Baños Times, a community print and online newspaper that serves Los Baños and nearby communities; (4) Adopt-a-School, through which facilitative and interactive learning materials are designed, and information, education, and communication activities in public elementary schools are conducted; and (5) Science Forum



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and Café Scientifique, both public engagement with science activities. Aside from these, CDC regularly conducts workshops and training programs for various audiences. Topics of the recent workshops and training programs include communication materials development, campus journalism, community broadcasting, news writing and reporting, monitoring and evaluation, technical communication, and blended learning.

The College recognizes the value of working together with other organizations. Recently, it has established partnerships with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UN Food and Agriculture Organization (UN-FAO), World Health Organization (WHO), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI), Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR), and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), among others.

The College of Development Communication Alumni Association (CDCAA) recognizes outstanding DevCom practitioners in their respective fields. This year, CDC takes pride in its awardees' valuable contributions in the fields of DevCom education and training and international DevCom practice.

# College of Engineering and Agro-Industrial Technology



We would like to extend our gratitude to our alumni who are always there to support the plans and programs of the college. It is our honor to work with you through good and difficult times. As we plan for more programs in benefit of our students, we are looking forward to your continuous support, be it financially or morally. We believe that, together, we can do more, for our students.

> Arnold R. Elepaño, PhD Dean, CEAT



Dr. Arnold R. Elepaño Dean

### Gearing Up Together: CEAT and its Alumni

It has always been the goal of the College of Engineering and Agro-industrial Technology to establish a concrete relationship with its alumni. Under the CEAT's Strategic Plan 2, "Improve Research Extension/ Training Volume, Industry-Academe Linkages and Reputation", the college started reaching out its graduates by conducting the annual CEAT Alumni Homecoming celebration after the UPLB Loyalty parade and by giving awards to outstanding CEAT Alumni from the five undergraduate programs during the annual CEAT Foundation Day celebration. In response, alumni are extending their hands to the plans and programs of the college for the benefit of the current undergraduate students. One of the major moves done by the college in this plan is through signing Memorandum of Understanding and Memorandum of Agreement to its alumni which showcase their financial and

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moral support to the college financial assistance programs through the CEAT Alumni Association Inc.

For the past three years, the college was able to inked agreements with the CL Follosco Group of Companies which made the establishment of CL Follosco Innovationeering lab at the New IABE Building possible. Meanwhile, the newly implemented CEAT Adopt-a-Student program were supported through the financial donations of Turalba Foundation Inc. and Aliling Group of Companies. On the other hand, BP Integrated Technologies (BPIT) committed on giving financial support for three years (2019-2021) to students who are conducting their thesis.

Aside from these companies, CEAT student organizations' alumni associations are also actively participating in the college's donation drives which is used for the CEAT Study Now, Pay Later program.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have been giving a lot of challenges not just to the UPLB and college administrations but also to the whole community as well. One of the action plans of the college is to shift from the traditional face-to-face classes to online classes. Since



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remote learning is still new to everyone, we are continuously improving our learning materials to match the needs of the students. We are also tapping our alumni to take part in the college's programs to help students who do not have stable internet connection.

Moreover, the college has been continuously teaching the concepts of "technopreneurship" and "innovationeering" which promote creativity and innovativeness amongst its students. While online learning is the new normal, it is also a good time for the students to use their honed skills in creating things at home and promoting it online for entrepreneurship opportunities. We believe that this pandemic could never stop how creative-technical minds work and how they can use this to uplift the research capability of Filipinos.

There are more challenges to face in the future, but we know that we can accomplish everything with the help of our alumni. Their support, financially and morally, is a big help for us to take a big step ahead of uncertain times. We will not let this alliance stop, instead we will ensure that we will sustain in making strong ties with our alumni despite the circumstances. (Mary Jane F. Gallardo)

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# **College of Economics and Management**



CEM 2020: Building Economic Resilience in the Time of COVID-19

The College of Economics and Management (CEM) celebrated its Founding Anniversary last August 11-14, 2020 with a theme, "CEM 2020: Building Economic Resilience in the Time of COVID-19".

The celebration of the Founding Anniversary for 2020 highlighted what the college can contribute in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the celebration, the college hosted a series of webinars that tackled agriculture, business and economic issues that the country face during these times. The seminar series attended by more than 300 participants from various countries comprising of faculty, staff, researchers, students, industry players and alumni.

The first of the CEM Webinar series was hosted by the Department of Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship (DAME) entitled, "Agribusiness Innovations in the Time of COVID-19" and was held on August 11, 2020. Ms. Larissa Joson (Owner of The Dream Coffee), Ms. Anna Melissa G. Nava (Founder/ CEO or 1Export, Inc.) and Mr. Joshua Aragon (Founder/CEO of Zagana.com) shared their insights and experiences on the webinar topic. The second part was hosted by the Institute of Cooperatives and Bio-Enterprise Development (ICOPED) entitled, "Philippine Cooperatives and COVID-19" held on August 12, 2020. Engr. Sylvia O. Paraguya (CEO of National Confederation of Cooperatives),

Mr. Salvador V. Valeroso (Regional director of Cooperative Development Authority CALABARZON) and Mr. Pablito M. Villegas (General Manager of Malvar Organic Farmers Agriculture Cooperative and Owner-Entrepreneur of the Villegas Organic and Hobby Eco-Tourism Farm) shared some data, insights, experiences, plans and strategies on how to cooperatives could continue to operate and thrive during the pandemic. The third installment of the CEM Webinar series hosted by the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics (DAAE) entitled, "Economic and Business Research During the Pandemic" held on August 13, 2020. Dr. Glenn B. Gregorio (Director of SEARCA), Ms. Princess Alma B. Ani (Assistant Director of SERD DOST-PCAARRD) and Dr. Celia M. Reves (President of PIDS) graced the event and imparted their knowledge on the "new normal" of doing economic and business research during the COVID-19 pandemic. The last leg of the CEM Webinar series was hosted by the Department of Economics (DE) entitled, "Philippine Agriculture and Economy in the Time of COVID-19" held on August 14, 2020. The series of webinars was a great way to engage the community especially the alumni with regards to issues related to the pandemic.

Aside from the webinar, the College of Economics and Management through its individual units conducted donation drives from its network of alumni for the benefit of

medical front liners and students stranded in dormitories both inside and outside the UPLB Campus. The college, through the efforts of the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AGECON Para sa UPPGH) and the Department of Economics, was able to raise a total of Php201,692.00 of cash donations. The cash donation was sent to the UP Philippine General Hospital for the purchase of personal protective equipment for the medical front liners. In addition, the college, through the Department of Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship donated face masks to medical front liners at the Los Banos Doctors Hospital and Medical Center. The college, through its individual units, also donated cash to the Office of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to assist the students who are stranded in dormitories during the pandemic. The funds used for these relief efforts came from staff, faculty members and alumni.

Finally, in order to support the students who will need financial assistance for the implementation of the flexible learning mode of UPLB, the College of Economics and Management plans to utilize donations from its alumni to buy learning gadgets and internet connectivity assistance. In addition, it is continuously in communication with its alumni network for the "Support a CEM Student Program" wherein an alumni can send donations to provide financial assistance to CEM students who are in need of support during the pandemic.

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# **College of Forestry and Natural Resources**



Sustaining the CFNR Alumni Network in the Time of Pandemic

The alumni play an integral part of the College of Forestry and Natural Resources (CFNR) activities. Past CFNR-hosted events have been packed with alumni who actively shared their research and technological findings. The students, especially, have benefitted from these outputs. Similarly, the College has also been the recipient of financial contributions from the alumni to further improve its facilities and services in line with its modernization plan.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic that struck us and the rest of the world has spread like wildfire and took the lives of many in its path. Not only the economic conditions came into the verge of collapse, but the educational system received a major blow when face-toface instruction has been scientifically proven to be lethal as the virus was known to spread airborne through human interaction. Hence, simultaneous lockdowns in critical areas were imposed to prevent viral transmission.

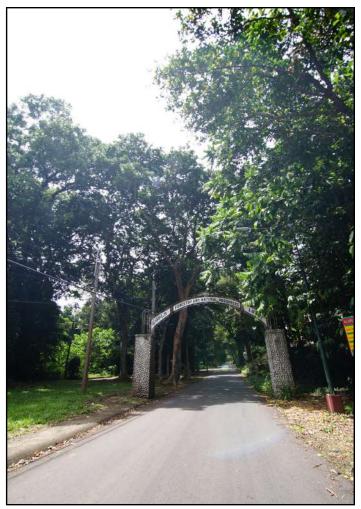
When the University imposed strict quarantine protocols to protect its constituents, one of the major concerns were students trapped in university dormitories and those who were renting outside. The CFNR, in coordination with its alumni network, acted quickly to provide support to supplement the daily needs of students. Eventually, the CFNR acquisition of a DOST-donated bus through an alumni initiative has proven to be beneficial as it helped unfortunate students to safely reach their homes.

To cushion the effects of the pandemic, CFNR executives formulated policies and coping mechanisms. One of the identified solutions was the use of online platforms. The alumni responded to the call to share their expertise through webinars by serving as resource speakers for various topics. Lessons learned from these activities became the bases for crafting and hosting College-based webinars through a University Zoom account, an online platform which is capable of hosting virtual meetings, seminars and workshops. Hence, the College was able to successfully conduct a series of webinars, with more in the pipeline, and valuable learnings gained by the faculty in crafting their course packs.

Overall, the alumni's active involvement serves as a beacon of hope. Their service, as a light to guide us through this dark period. Such presence radiates positivity and sustained commitment that support us in traversing this path known as the New Normal.



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# **College of Human Ecology**



# BUILDING STRONGER ALUMNI RELATIONS IN TIMES OF COVID-19 AND OTHER CRISIS

As we begin a new decade, 2020 showed us how we are truly living in a VUCA world - volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous times. 2020 was welcomed with the Taal eruption which affected numerous provinces and communities in the area including UPLB. The College thru its strong community networks and alumni working on development projects on the ground, have mobilized a donation drive in partnership with our student organizations, faculty and researchers, and CHE Alumni Association including our professional organization, HUMEIN Philippines. Alumni based in the most affected areas served as advocates and conduits of these donations and support for these communities. Aside from material support, technical experts and alumni from the college volunteered for the psycho-social support services to the affected communities as well as Nutrition advice for vulnerable groups like breastfeeding mothers and their children. Further, some alumni volunteered in assessing the condition of Taal eruption-affected families and destroyed houses in partnership with the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development. As one of our faculty shared, 'it was not the formal organizations who were the first responders in a crisis like the Taal eruption, but people who banded together - 'ka-barkada', 'ka-zumba', 'ka-batch'. In the case of CHE, our strong

partnership with our community-based alumni and our networks proved to be vital in coordinating 'real-time' action and facilitated not only short-term interventions but also opened up opportunities to contribute in longterm planning for an integrated approach for disaster response and rehabilitation.

March 15, 2020 was the date when every thought would just last for two weeks. No one anticipated that it would last this long and it would affect millions of people around the world. CHE thru its faculty members, researchers, staff, students and alumni organized a series of donation drives to support severely affected families due to the COVID-19 pandemic and community guarantines. These were **Oplan Damayan** (CHE led-initiative connecting Benguet farmers' produce to Los Banos marginalized sectors - poor families, drivers), Drive for LB Drivers (alumni-led fund drive for LB drivers whose livelihood was affected by the guarantine), Oikaban (studentorg led fund drive for families and students affected by the pandemic). The faculty members and alumni also volunteered their time for the UP initiative to help UPLB dormers who were not able to go home to their respective provinces during the extended lockdown. Faculty members, staff and alumni, for instance, from the Institute of Human Nutrition and Foods helped, planned out and cooked the nutritious menu for the meals of the UPLB dormers. Some of the CHE faculty members and staff also helped in transporting some locally stranded individuals, while others volunteered their time to answer queries and calls raised for the UPLB initiative for its dormers.

As the 'new normal' forced most of us to stay at home, the use of communication technologies like Zoom, Google Meet, and Microsoft Teams helped CHE reach out to its alumni, partners and other constituents. CHE, through its different units, organized a series of Webinars and Virtual Conversations. The CHE Alumni and development practitioners were invited as resource persons in these online webinars to educate the public and open up conversations about the impacts, initiatives, and innovations to address some issues brought about by the global pandemic. Some of the webinars include:

IHNF and Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI)'s Virtual Conversations in Nutrition which aired 8 episodes through Facebook and podcast platforms and in Barangay Management Information System software update and validation training.

Free online nutrition consultation through the IHNF nutrition and Wellness Clinic were offered to provide nutritional advice.

The Department of Community and Environmental Resource Planning (DCERP) has recently organized 4an ePE-praxis Wwebinar Sseries: Continuing Conversations on Human Settlements Planning amid the Global Pandemic. that It tackled relevant issues on the COVID-19 impacts and plans for the Philippine tourismlocal tourism with the Department of Tourism, health sector specifically planetary health, social services planning and tools, and local government units as frontliners with the cities of Makati, Zamboanga and Los Baños, Laguna. governance.

The Department of Human and Family Development Studies (DHFDS) faculty members and REPS launched the Tsikiting Stories: Kwentong Pambata ukol sa COVID-19 Series which aim to help kids and teenagers understand and cope with the quarantine and the pandemic through children's stories. It was featured in ABS-CBN News, Manila Bulletin, The Manila Times and other news outlets. DHFDS also published KwaranTEEN Diary: A Journal and a workbook for teens in the time of COVID-19. This is a collaborative project by *Tsikiting* Stories and *Pintig* Adolescent Development and Psychosocial Support Program. In addition, ABaKaDa ng Pamilya was revived through the Resilient Families amid the Pandemic (REMAP) Webinar Series geared towards disseminating information to Filipino families during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Finally, DHFDS was one of the organizers of Lusog-Isip Talks: Webinar Sessions. All of these endeavors were participated by CHE Alumni as illustrators, editors, or resource speakers.

The Department of Social Development Services (DSDS) organized also a series of webinars thru its ST e-Talks platform. There were four webinars conducted on topics such as youth volunteerism in times of pandemic in partnership with UNDP, YouthForce 2030 and MakeSense; social services planning and tools; Community-based Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Experts' forum in partnership with the International Federation for Red Crescent Societies and Red Cross; and also a webinar on Religion for social action in time of crisis. Resource speakers for the latest webinar came from Institute for Studies in Asian Church & Culture, Archdiocese of Manila, Mataram State Islamic University, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

CHE Faculty members were also tapped by professional organizations, development organizations, and companies to talk about education in the 'new normal', psychosocial support, local governance, and nutrition initiatives and plans as we go beyond this pandemic.

CHE also spearheaded a series of webinars (CHE Gear UP for flexible learning) where different resource speakers from St. Scholastica's College Manila, Ateneo de Manila, University of California Sta. Cruz, University of the Philippines Diliman, and Wesleyan University Philippines tackled distinct concerns and presented teaching-learning solutions.

The use of different online resources and platforms as well as communication technologies have facilitated stronger connections among CHE, its alumni and development partners. The pandemic did not slow down CHE's advocacy and initiatives for sustainable humanenvironment interactions. It has opened new avenues and platforms for greater conversations, engagement, and impact of our research and extension programs with our alumni and partners.

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# **College of Public Affairs and Development**



Guided by its vision and mission, the College of Public Affairs and Development (CPAf) continues to develop human and institutional capacities in the areas of development policy, governance, and community and rural development through its instruction, research, and public service programs.

The Institute for Governance and Rural Development (IGRD), the academic unit of the College, offers graduate degree programs that equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to become competent and proficient development practitioners, leaders, and managers; administrators; educators; policymakers; and researchers. These degree programs include Master in Public Affairs (Agrarian and Urban Development Studies, Education Management, and Strategic Planning and Public Policy), Master/Master of Science (MS) in Development Management and Governance, and the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy programs in Community Development, and Extension Education.

With students coming from diverse national, professional and cultural backgrounds, graduate education at CPAf fosters a learning environment that encourages students to become co-creators of knowledge. Through research, program/project evaluation, seminars and workshops, community planning, and other course deliverables, students' learning and knowledge sharing are also extended to local communities and institutions.

Aside from graduate programs, the College also offers undergraduate service courses in education and agrarian studies. Besides instruction, research and public service are the core mandates of CPAf. The College has two research centers: the Community Innovations Studies Center (CISC) and the Center for Strategic Planning and Policy Studies. The

CISC conducts integrative research in the areas of community education, development pathways of communities in transition, and community-based strategies for sustainable development. Meanwhile, the CSPPS serves as the policy and advocacy unit of the College. Its studies and extension programs focus on social policy and institutions, water and development, and agricultural policy and sustainability. Through its research programs and projects, CPAf has been working with communities, local government units, public agencies, civil society organizations, and partners in the academe toward achieving the common goal of developing the potentials and capacities of people and organizations.

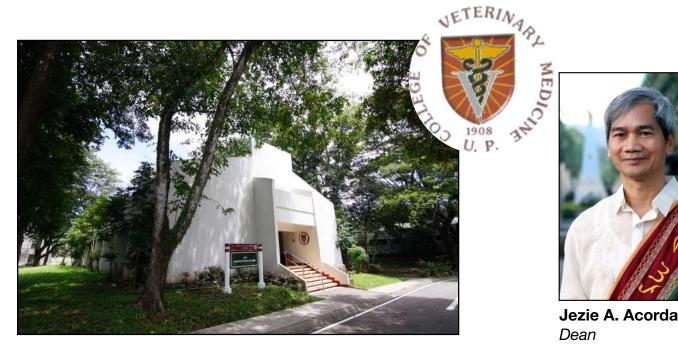
Furthermore, CPAf provides avenues for knowledge sharing and technical assistance by conducting policy seminars, fora, workshops,



and training for a wide variety of partners and interests. Research results are published in refereed journals, books, and manuals and presented in local and international conferences and fora. The College also publishes a refereed journal, newsletter, magazine, and policy briefs to disseminate research outputs and relevant college activities. It also utilizes online media to deliver significant information and establish connections with its students and other stakeholders.

Since 1998, the College has been true to its mission of developing human and institutional capacities. It envisioned to become an academic institution with distinctive excellence in development studies and governance, supporting national development goals in the agriculture and rural sector and communities in transition.

# **College of Veterinary Medicine**



### INDIVUALLY DOING OUR PART TOGETHER

Throughout the years, the College has been blessed to have such supportive alumni who continue to contribute to and support the various ways CVM delivers the best possible services to our students, clients, community, and the nation.

CVM graduates are actively involved in the various activities and educational services and undertakings of the College. In several classes, alumni are invited to serve as speakers. These talks provide opportunities for our students to gain insights based on experiences and practical pointers for current national and global trends in the various industries that veterinarians are engaged and employed in. Our guest speakers come from various sectors, industries, and are either local or international. This variety and range of our invited guests indeed give a vast and multi-faceted perspective of several aspects of the veterinary profession.

#### Invited speakers in various forums and lecture classes

Educational services rendered by the College are also enhanced by alumni participation. Our library resources have been enriched through various book and journal donations from CVM graduates. These resources are essential sources of updated information needed by our students.

#### **Book donations**

Aside from learning materials in the library, CVM alumni also support through the renovation of educational facilities like laboratories where classes are conducted. Several CVM Classes/ Batches served as donors to upgrade laboratory classrooms and equipment. These initiatives contribute greatly in providing not just a conducive but updated learning environment

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for our students. In addition, our alumni played essential roles in the improvement of our exhibit halls. Through their help, the JA Solis Anatomy Museum has been expanded. Additions to the growing collection in the museum are also testaments to the extent of involvement of our alumni.

CVM not only provides our students with technical knowledge and skills needed in the veterinary profession but also imparts the need for hearts for public service. Several events that occurred in the country provided opportunities for this, particularly with the eruption of Taal earlier in the year. Our faculty, students, and alumni joined together to answer the call of the people and animals affected by this calamity. Donations in cash and kind poured in as CVM went about several relief operations in Taal. Understanding that these animals are not just considered members of the family but are also needed in the livelihood of Batangueños, CVM students, faculty, and alumni assisted through



provision of vitamins, minerals, feeds and more importantly, veterinary assistance to those communities affected. Their expertise were of great help in tending to the wounded animals and in regaining their strength.

#### **Donations and services for Taal Relief** operations

CVM and its alumni are individually contributing to the welfare of not just the animals in our care but also provide important service to our people. The College will continue to do its part of education ang enabling our students with knowledge, skills, and service-oriented hearts to equip them in the various specialization that they would choose. Our alumni are doing their share as well in their respective fields. It is indeed a blessing that though we do our work individually, we are still provided opportunities to work together to deliver the best possible service to our people.

# **The Graduate School**



### UPLB GRADUATE SCHOOL in 4IR: In pursuit of 4I: innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, internationalization and inclusive development

The Graduate School administers residential and off-campus graduate programs of UPLB that are supervised by about 700 graduate faculty members from nine colleges and one school. About 40 percent of those conferred graduate degrees by UPLB come from countries like Thailand, Indonesia, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Vietnam, China, Korea, Lao PDR, Myanmar, East Timor, and Malaysia. It's newest programs - the MS Physics and PhD Applied Mathematics were recently approved by the UP Board of Regents.

In response to the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), the UPLB Graduate School develops knowledge capital and professional leadership in the country through the "4i thrust": by employing *innovation* and *interdisciplinary* collaboration in the offering of graduate programs and moving towards internationalization of graduate education through enhanced, joint research, and collaborative academic programs.

GS also works for the attainment of *inclusive* development by making available and accessible to professionals UPLB graduate degree programs offered under a non-residential mode in two ways:

By collaborating with government line 1.) agencies, local government units, and the private sector to offer graduate programs of their choice off-campus.

Through the UP Professional School for 2.) Agriculture and the Environment (UP PSAE) which initially offers off-campus graduate programs and short-term training courses from its campus in Agriva in Panabo City, Davao del Norte, and on its 6th year, will become a new school of UPLB, with its own dean and residential graduate programs.

GS is one of the three UP constituent universities that offers the Professional Master's in

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**Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management**, an integrative, trans-disciplinary approach within and across courses, with lectures and field components handled by ainterdisciplinary teams of faculty and local and international experts.

It hosts the Nagoya University's Asian Satellite Campus (ASC) in the Philippines, which offers Nagoya University's Transnational PhD Program for Leading Professionals in Asian Countries with a focus on bio-agricultural sciences and international development. Through the program, highly qualified senior and mid-level executives from government agencies and academic institutions can earn their doctorate degrees at Nagoya University without having to spend three years of full-time study in Nagoya, Japan. The ASC-Philippines initially accepts scholars from Philippine government agencies.

GS implements the **Dual PhD by Research** program, the first in the Philippines to set the requirements that need to be satisfied in offering the program with a reputable HEI in



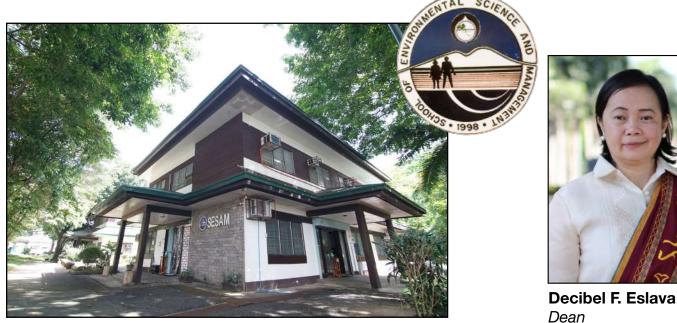
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the country and abroad. UPLB initially offers the Dual PhD by Research program with the University of Reading in United Kingdom (UK); Curtin University in Perth, Australia; and the School of Management of the University of the Philippines Mindanao.

GS is a founding member of the Southeast Asian University Consortium for Graduate Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources (SEARCA) that was launched in September 1989 to foster collaboration with other countries to enhance graduate education in agriculture and environment and natural resources management in the region.

UPLB shares expertise and engages in student/ faculty exchange, and research fellowships with the members of the consortium, namely: Institut Pertanian Bogor (Indonesia), Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia), Universiti Pertanian Malavsia, Kasetsart University (Thailand), University of Queensland (Australia), University of British Columbia (Canada) and Tokyo University of Agriculture (Japan).

# **School of Environmental Science** and Management



### SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT

The School of Environmental Science and (SESAM) embraces Management and actively promotes interdisciplinary and integrative approaches in designing solutions to environmental challenges. This precept is reflected in its instruction, research, and extension functions. In it's 22 years of existence as a School, SESAM has equipped 410 Master of Science, 163 Doctor of Philosophy and nine Professional Masters on Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management graduates with technical knowledge, practical skills, and core values that have made them leaders in the region's environmental field. To date, the school has produced five State University Presidents, and numerous high-ranking national government officials from among its alumni. It is also one

of only two Commission on Higher Education (CHED)-recognized Centers of Excellence for Environmental Science.

Among its 12 core faculty members, four are UP Scientists. SESAM leads in implementing interdisciplinary research programs for the University. These include the National Program for Integrated Crop Monitoring and Forecasting System (ICMF); Smarter Approaches to Reinvigorate Agriculture as an Industry in the Philippines (Project SARAI); and the Exploration, Mapping, and Assessment of the Benham Rise. It also hosts two of UPLB's interdisciplinary research centers: the Climate and Disaster Risks Studies Center and the Interdisciplinary Program on Water.

# The UPLB Colleges and Schools

Aside from the abovementioned researches, the School implement current projects such as Assessment of the Impacts of Climate Change and Water Resources Use and Management on the Hydrology of Lake Lanao Watersheds: Averting the Looming Water Crisis in Lanao del Norte; Role of Women in the Implementation of WASH Initiatives in Liliw, Laguna, Philippines; and Development of a Hybrid Water-Related Disaster Risk Assessment Technology for Sustainable Local Economic Development Policy under Climate Change in the Philippines.

The School publishes the Journal of Environmental Science and Management (JESAM), a Web of Science and Elsevier-Scopus-indexed journal. With an impact factor of 0.420, JESAM serves as the School's contribution to the scientific community for enriching discussions on new methods and



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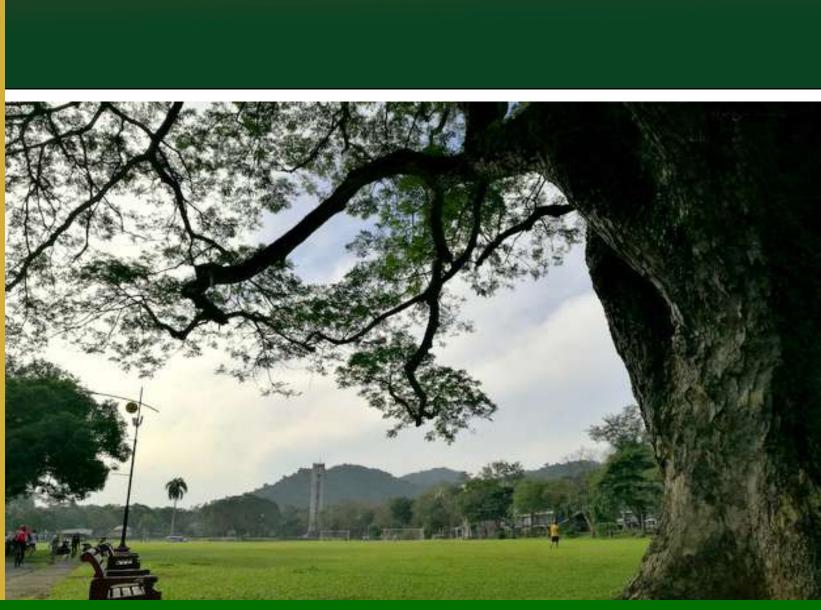
findings in the field of environmental science.

SESAM believes that research work should not stop with the publications. Extending research outputs to the stakeholders will ensure that science is used for the betterment of lives and communities. Its strong partnerships with national agencies and local governments have helped translate research results into policies, action plans, and development strategies that safeguard human and environmental health.

The School anchors on national and international partnerships to improve its work, expand its reach and network, and to engage its target stakeholders. It remains committed to fostering the transformative power of education through knowledge-building, training, and action for a better life for today's generation and those to come.

# **UPCA Batch '70:** The Batch to Watch





102<sup>nd</sup> UPLB Loyalty Day

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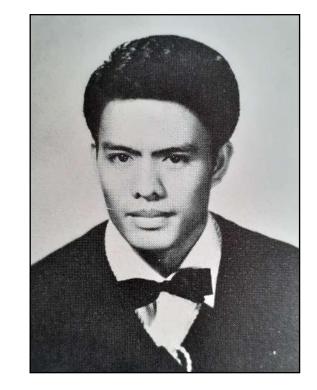
# CONSTANTE U. ADALLA

Constante Adalla, "Tante" to family and friends, is a native of Northern Samar. He graduated from Catubig National Rural High School, now the University of Eastern Philippines (UEP Catubig campus). He first set foot on UPCA in the summer of 1965 when he represented his school in a national convention of the Future Farmers of the Philippines. His uncle, also an UPCA alumnus, encouraged him to seek admision to the College. There was yet no UP entrance examination in those days – one only needed to have all the required documents in order to enroll. Tante officially became a CA freshman in the first semester of 1966.

Tante considers his college years as turbulent; with a government so repressive a that time, social unrest was the norm. Memorable events of that period are associated with his participation in student boycotts and rallies. He was part of the Southern Luzon Citizens' League for Cilvil Liberties chaired by the late Senator Jose Diokno. He recalls marching with several classmates and other UPCA students. professors, and workers/laborers from Lucena City to the Agrifina Circle in Manila. Another one was the "Battle of Crossing"; his group was heading to crossing for the usual protest march when the Metrocom suddenly broke the lines. The anti-riot police fired blank bullets at random, resulting in a stampede in which several students and bystanders were hurt.

He also vividly remembers Prof. Edelwina Legazpi once asking him, "O, Mr. Adalla, wala bang boycott ngayon?" The incident seems funny now, but his professors may have gotten used to his absences and were surprised when he attended his classes.

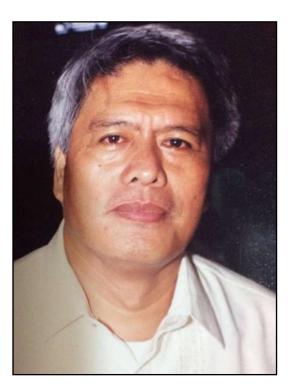
Tante did not graduate on time as he left the campus after having submitted the first draft of his thesis manuscript. His advisers (Mr. Rudy Navarro and Dr. Ricardo Lantican of the Department of Agronomy) must have been surprised when he showed up after 6 months, declaring that he wanted to complete his requirements for graduation. Tante is thankful that



despite his disappearing act, his major adviser went over his manuscript and kept it on file. And so it was that he made it to the graduating class of '70 with a BSA, major in Plant Breeding.

Tante's first employment was with the UPCA Agricultural Credit and Cooperatives Institute (ACCI) as a reseach assistant. The job afforded him to travel nationwide to benchmark and assess cooperatives in the country. After two years with ACCI, he joined Univet Agricutural Products where he did sales and marketing work for more than 15 years. The stint with Univet enabled him to reach out to countless poultry and hog raisers, assisting them especially in the aspect of animal health. Among the several awards he received from the company was as a Hall of Famer for years of outstanding sales performance. From Univet, he moved to Robichem, another animal health company where he retired as national sales supervisor at the age of 65.

Work after retirement is mainly devoted to farming, and advocating for integrated agriculture for



sustainability and higher productivity. Tante uses his own farm in Mindoro to test new ideas and validate best practices of farmers and agriculture enthusiasts – most of whom he met during the pulong-pulong that were held when he worked with the late Louie Tabing (also a member of class '70) in the latter's teleradyo program at DZMM. The partnership with Louie and his Pangkat Kaunlaran team lasted for five years (2013-2018). They shared simple and appropriate agriculture production tips for which the program earned a Best Agricultural Program award.

Tante also worked with a group of Gawad Kalinga (GK) farmer beneficiaries in Davao in collaboration with Selecta ice cream. This paved the way for generating technologies for commercial ubi (purple yam) farming in the Philippines. This GK- Selecta project established a record for having the largest ubi growing area in the country – about 15 hectares in one contiguous area. The project likewise contributed a significant amount of information on best practices for ubi production.

Tante, as the provincial coordinator of the Youth for Christ Laguna chapter has had his share in the spiritual and character formation of thousands of young people in the province and in some parts of the country as well.

Tante married a former classmate at UPCA, Candida Bernabe, or Ayds, with whom he is blessed with three children – all UPLB alumni. They now have their respective families, presenting the Adallas with ten grandchildren. Sitting pretty in retirement is not Tante's style. He maintains two to three commercial farms as a consultant to keep himself busy and mentally alert. He regularly visits these farms but the current travel ban on senior citizens has put a temporary stop to these farm visits.

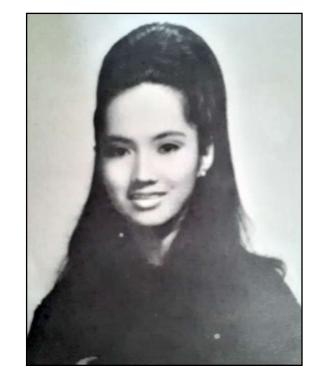
Tante putters around his garden to keep himself occupied during the lockdown. He grows an assortment of vegetables in the yard of the family's Umali subdivision home. Measuring less than 50 sq m, the area supplies all the okra, eggplant, ampalaya, sitaw, alugbati, and malunggay they need with plenty to share with friends who occasionally visit.

Now 72, Tante looks back on his life with some degree of satisfaction. The currently popular term FRONTLINER has for him taken on a new significance. He considers himself one from when he was still a young college student, as he always was in the front lines of protest rallies and campus activism - even braving the occasional skirmishes with the Metrocom – just to make his voice heard and fight for society's civil rights. He carried this nationalism after graduation, working with local companies that allowed him to serve Flipino farmers, paticularly in the animal industry. He would like to think that he passed on this idealism and patriotism to his children... that despite the many opportunities for them to work and live abroad, they chose to stay in the country. With pride, Tante considers this as his (and his wife's) greatest contribution - raising three productive citizens that now serve the country in their own ways, big and small.

# ZENAIDA ALIPIT-TEVES

Bobot came to UPLB in the second semester of schoolyear 1965-1966. She got sick during the first semester so she was out of school during that time. She came from an exclusive girl's school and she found UPLB a refreshing change. She truly appreciated the diversity of students culturally, economically and academically. She initially stayed with the Cagampang family at the Gonzales Compound with her roommate Ermina Tibayan Cunningham who was then an Agricultural Chemistry upperclassman. Mina inspired her to pursue agricultural chemistry as well. Another reason that she decided to take up agricultural chemistry was her observation that students who majored in chemistry were all achievers and got high grades. She later transferred to the Sisters' Dorm where she had a fellow chemistry major. Serena Lonjas-Sanchez as roommate. She especially loved walking from Sister's Dorm to the old Chemistry Building thru flowering trees notably the golden shower trees along Maquiling Elementary Shool and the pink calachuchi trees at the back of Women's Dorm.

It was in UPLB where a strong friendship blossomed between Bobot and Tess Habito Stuart Guida, Naidze Alino Flores, Virgie Luis Mabesa, Baby Carandang Leon, Bong Santos Tabora and Lilian Sotto Millinship. They called their group the "Plaidmates". This friendship stood the test of time. Until the present, they still get together and travel as 'barkada' at least once a year in the Philippines and abroad. Bobot was also close with the group of her now husband Dodong Teves, the "Casanovans", the forerunner of the present UPLB Grange Association. During the 70s in UPLB, she made many other friends who are still her friends until now. She fondly remembers the TGIF ( Thank Goodness It's Friday) dance parties where



the Plaidmates were always invited. She also recalls the gruelling exams in Math, Physics and Chemistry. The UPLB spirit of simplicity, hard work, nationalism and academic excellence have contributed greatly to what she has become.

After graduation, she went to work as an executive assistant in the Tolong Sugar Millng Co. Inc. in Sta. Catalina, Negros Oriental. Early on, she discovered that being a graduate of UPCA opened doors for her. Her UPLB education helped her transition from chemistry to banking and business without much difficulty. She met UP colleagues in both the sugar and rural banking industry. In 1976, she started working as Cashier in the Rural Bank of Sta. Catalina, Negros Oriental, Inc. until she became its President to date. She took a Masters in Business Administration from Silliman University to help her gain a better leverage in the banking business. She is passionate about her work in the



rural bank because it is focused on agriculture and improving farmers' livelihood. She is also a dealer of a Petron Gas Station.

Bobot married UPCA college sweetheart Arnolfo 'Dodong' Teves from Dumaguete City. They are blessed with four sons, Arnolfo, Jr, Pryde Henry, Giovanni and Thomas. The family settled in Negros Oriental where Arnie is now Representative of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District of Negros Oriental, Henry is Mayor of Bayawan City, Vanni manages Honeycomb Tourist Inn, and a beverage distribution business and Tommy is managing HDJ Sugar Mill in Bayawan City. Common to all the children? They are all farmers! They plant sugar cane, rice, corn and rubber. They also raise cattle, swine, goats, tilapia, hito and poultry. They also have vegetable garden in their respective residences in Dumaguete City. Their gardens made it possible for them to give away vegetables to their neighbors during the Covid-19 lockdown period.

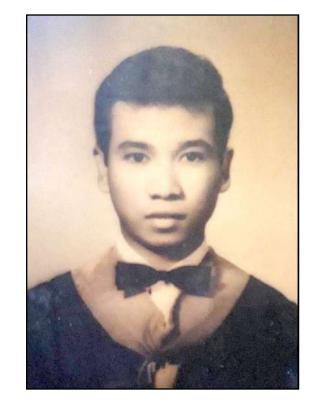
At present, Bobot continues to work as President of the Rural Bank of Sta. Catalina and to manage the gasoline station. Dodong and Bobot love to travel to visit fellow Casanovans/Grangers and Plaidmates locally and abroad. Bobot is an active member of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals (BCBP) and of SINAG Hospital Volunteers, an outreach of the Focolare Movement. Bobot collects used books, tovs and children's clothes from UP friends in the US and distributes them to the indigent children in the hospital. Her grandchildren clean, repair and pack the items for gift giving. She coordinated a Medical Mission of the UP Medical Association in America in Siaton, Negros Oriental. She is passionate in her charity work for indigent patients in the hospital as well as hospice care thru prayers, pastoral guidance, personal visits, bedside care, health teachings, linkages to other institutions and paying for laboratory tests and prescriptions, even food, when needed. She finds joy and fulfillment in serving the poorest of the poor in the Negros Oriental Provincial Hospital.

Bobot's philosophy in life is summed up thus: "Live your life in a way that you will always be a blessing to others" for she has realized that being a blessing to others give peace and happiness. Sharing with others always brings joy not only to the recipient but more to the giver. Bobot and Dodong acknowldge all the blessings they receive and their family is proof that God cannot be outdone in generosity.

# ERNESTO C. ALMIRA

Ernie was born in a small barrio of Sinalhan by Laguna de Bay, in Santa Rosa, Laguna. His father, Lazaro Almira, was a fisherman and his mother, Froctousa Capusi, a seamstress. Ernie and his parents chose UP Los Banos because UPLB is the nearest prestigious university to his hometown, and also, a family's relative lived in Los Banos, Laguna. Ernie was very much a bookworm growing up, and found solace and gratitude in his studies. Being a high school valedictorian, passing the entrance exam with high scores, and maintaining a high GPA, Ernie finished a 5-year curriculum of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Chemistry on a full scholarship. He graduated cum laude in 1969. At 22 years old, he was offered his first teaching job as a laboratory instructor in the Agricultural Chemistry Department at UPLB. Being skinny and small, he blended easily with his students. There was one caveat though. One tall and brawny student, who Ernie caught cheating in an exam, wanted to have a fight with him. Luckily, his fellow classmates abruptly quelled the confrontation.

In 1971, Ernie married his college sweetheart, Fe de la Cruz. Eager to further their education, the newlywed couple headed to the US for graduate school. Ernie accepted a Graduate Research Assistantship offered by the late Dr. Ralph Strength of Auburn University in Alabama where he earned his M.S. (1973) and Ph.D. (1976) degrees in Biochemistry. While in graduate school, he was elected by the international graduate student body as President of the International Relations Forum. In 1973, he was selected for membership to the Gamma





Sigma Delta Honor Society in Agriculture. Graduate study was followed by four years of postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, conducting diabetesrelated research. The couple then moved to Florida in 1980 where Ernie spent the next 34 years as a Scientist specializing in DNA and genomic sequencing, which he first established at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Here, they raised their two sons, Bryan, an Information Technology specialist, and Jason Rex, a professional singer/vocalist. In 2014, Ernie retired from his post as the Director of the Genomics Division at the Interdisciplinary Center for Biotechnology Research. Ernie's long career as a scientist was rewarding, but that was not all. Despite his numerous publications, contributions to books, copyrights, patents, employee awards, and invited talks locally and internationally, his most satisfying accomplishment happened when he returned to the Philippines to share his accumulated knowledge with his fellow Filipino scientists. Many of them were graduate and undergraduate students who certainly would be the teachers, scientists and administrators of the future. Four years before retiring, Ernie spent one month each year in the Philippines giving lectures and workshops on the most current and cutting-edge DNA and genomic technologies that were being used in his multimillion-dollar DNA sequencing service facility at the University of Florida. He was invited to a number of public and private universities, institutions, and other interested groups, such as the Philippine National Police. The Balik Scientist Program of the Department of Science and Technology made this possible. Concurrently (2011-2014), he was also selected by the Philippine Genome Center as Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the DNA Sequencing Core Laboratory that he helped establish at UP Diliman. Since then, he retired happily knowing he had given back to his Philippine homeland in his own special way.

Academia aside, Ernie has enjoyed tennis, ballroom and line dancing, bonsai training, photography, and cruising the world with Fe. His natural talent and love of music found him directing a Filipino choir, where he also sang and played the guitar for almost three decades!

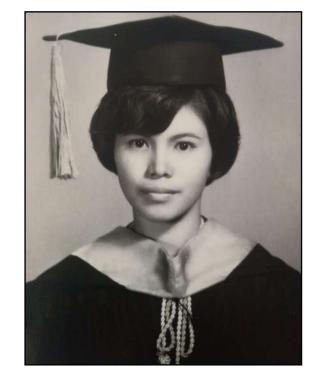
# ANGELINA ANG-BONDAD

Angelina Ang-Bondad is half-Chinese and half-Filipino. But she is not a typical rich "Chinoy" because she helped her mother in supporting their family when her parents separated. Lina's father was a Chinese national from Mainland China who migrated to the Philippines at the age of 13 with his uncles and relatives. Her mother was a Filipino, born in Los Baños, Laguna and studied at UP Rural High School. Lina was the eldest in the family. She had three (3) sisters and three (3) brothers.

Lina enrolled at University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) as an entrance scholar, and took up Agricultural Chemistry. She worked as a student assistant in the Department of Chemistry to help sustain the schooling of her sisters and brothers who were then in high school.

Patience, hardships and sacrifices define her success in life. After graduation, she worked at the International Rice Research Institute's (IRRI) Department of Chemistry as Research Aide for eight (8) months. She then worked at the Department of Chemistry at UPLB as Research Assistant. In 1973, she joined the Department of Horticulture also as a Research Assistant. It was in this department that she was promoted to Research Associate, occupying this position for eight (8) years. Her duties involved plant tissue analysis and soil analysis of abaca, coconut, pineapple, papaya, coffee and cacao.

In 1982, her career picked up when she joined the Fiber Industry Development Authority (FIDA) based in Makati City. She started as a Research Chemist, and later rose to Fiber Development Officer, and finally became the Supervising Development Officer V, a position she held for 24 years. At FIDA, she studied the physical, chemical and morphological characteristics of fiber crops. She was credited with formulating and establishing the standards for abaca, banana, ramie, pineapple, kenaf, salago, tikog, buntal, raffia and pandan.



She was detailed at the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standards (BAFPS) in 1999. After seven (7) years, she became a Chief Science Research Specialist VI. With tihis position, she was tasked to formulate and establish the Philippine National Standards for fruits and vegetables. The fruits included mango, papaya, pineapple, durian, calamansi, mangosteen, melon, watermelon, chico, wax apple, table banana, saba banana, marang, jackfruit, soursop, sugarapple, avocado young coconut, rambutan, lanzones and dragon fruit. And the vegetables were cauliflower, bulb onions, tomato, broccoli, carrots, cabbage, celery, lima beans, snap beans, yard long beans, mungbeans, pechay, mustard greens, eggplant, squash, okra, radish, cucumber, soybeans, green onions, sweet pepper, sweet corn, garlic, ginger, potato, sweet potato, sweet cassava, and yam. She also formulated and established the standards for pili nuts, cashew, peanuts, dried copra, coconut flour and coconut sap sugar, as well as for organic agriculture. These standards are being used as bases for the accreditation of crop farmers and product requirements as part of the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA).



Locally and internationally, she was able to share her expertise in the different seminars that she conducted on food safety and quality, and good agricultural practices.

Furthermore, her work at BAFPS gave her the opportunity to attend several trainings both here and abroad:

- 8th Meeting of the Task Force on ASEAN Standards for Horticultural Produce & other crops, Bangkok, Thailand, April 13
   17, 2012 sponsored by BAFPS
- 3rd Meeting of the Expert Working Group on ASEAN Good Agricultural Practices, Maruay Garden Hotel, Thailand, Bangkok, May 13 – 17, 2012 sponsored by BAFPS
- 15th Meeting of the ASEAN Cocoa Club, Imperial Suite, Plaza Hotel, Quezon City, May 29 – 31, 2012 sponsored by Cocoa Philippines, Inc.
- International Harmonization Workshop on Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for Asia Countries, Nov. 13 – 18, 2011 by sponsored UNECE for Europe

- APEC FSCF PTIN Laboratory Capacity Building Workshop held at Bangkok, Thailand, August 25 – 26, 2011 sponsored by USDA-FAS
- The 11th ACCSQ -PFPWG and its Related Meetings & Events, July 14 – 16, 2010 sponsored by Food and Drugs Administration, Philippines.
- APEC Food Safety Cooperation Seminar
   Hanoi, Vietnam, Feb. 20 21, 2006 sponsored by FSANZ
- APEC Food Safety Cooperation Seminar
   Da Nang, Vietnam, September 7, 2006 sponsored by FSANZ
- APEC Food Safety Cooperation Seminar
   Gyeongju, Korea, September 6 -7, 2005 sponsored by APEC-FSANZ Food Standards, New Zealand (FSANZ)
- Regional Workshop on the WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, Singapore, Nov. 30 – Dec. 2, 2004 sponsored by Government of Singapore

Before she retired in September 2013, she was appointed OIC-Director of BAFPS.

Most of Lina's professional life was spent working in the government sector. This gave her the chance to share the knowledge and skills honed in the university that is the dream of any incoming college student who wants to be an "Isko" or "Iska".

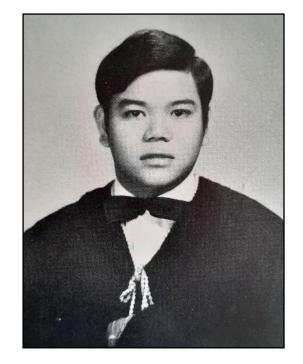
Her personal life is also colorful. She got married to Nestor Bondad, a former professor in the Department of Horticulture. Her husband is a graduate of BSA major in Agricultural Botany and MS in Horticulture. Both of her husband's degrees were completed in UPLB. Lina and Nestor have one daughter, Anne who graduated with a BS Nutrition degree at UPLB. They have one grandson, Paul Allen B. Yabut, a graduate of UP Rural High School, class 2020.

After retirement, she mostly spends her time at home.

# ERICO H. BAILON

Eric Bailon remembers it clearly. It was right after his graduation. The United Coconut Association of the Philippines (UCAP) posted a job opening. He applied for the job, saw the other applicants and realized that they were already armed with MS Economics background. Fat chance to get the job? Definitely not. Eric eventually got the job. He was hired as UCAP Research Head and his task was to read or browse over a book everyday. During weekends, an addition of four books was assigned for further reading and browsing. Amidst all this time-consuming reading, Eric was later given the opportunity to participate in a short Economic Development Program at the Center for Research & Communications (now University of Asia and Pacific).

At UCAP, Eric's daily assignment was to monitor prices of coconut products from the local markets, and the United States & European markets. He likewise prepared a compendium of market reports and statistics every week, semester, and annually for use by local and foreign coconut traders. Later, the Coconut Producers Federation (COCOFED) invited Eric to join them. When the COCOFUND Levy was enacted into law, Eric was assigned to put up the COCOFED Research Department. Subsequently, Eric was asked to join the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) for the collection of the Coconut Levy and oversee the payment of coconut oil and copra meal subsidies. The PCA also sponsored Eric's attendance in a short course at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM). After his 10-year stint at PCA, Eric decided to widen his horizon. A Hong Kong trading company recruited him and put up the agricultural trading and shipping business of that company. It was a short-lived career though as Eric resigned after two years.



Eric embarked on his own business venture, a trading company. Initial products handled by the company were imported fishmeal, imported meat and bone meal, wheat, corn, soybeans, soybean meal and coconut oil. In collaboration with lawyers, Eric participated in the planning and preparation of Administrative Orders, Executive Orders and sometimes Presidential Decrees.

Eric had his fair share of contributions in propelling the Philippine economy. He arranged triangular and bilateral international trade that benefited the country in solving scarcity of raw materials for feed milling and flour milling. He participated in formulating government rules that were fair, just and equitable for all participants in the Industries. He also monitored and disseminated price information on grains, feed grains, poultry, hogs and meat products in main trading centers in Bulacan, Batangas, Cebu, and Davao. This benefited the producers as well as the buyers to get the best prices. This was the first time that the Industry had such a price monitoring system.



Eric's grandmother and parents were instrumental to his decision to take up Agriculture. Los Baños' proximity to his hometown Cabuyao may be one reason why they wanted him to study there. True enough, he completed his BS Agriculture degree major in Agricultural Economics from UPLB in 1970. Eric said that all of his classmates became his friends for life.

There were some teachers that he will always remember, particularly those who gave him advice and guidance. As Eric recalls, "From among his professors, he is grateful to his thesis adviser, Dr. Narciso Deomampo, for convincing and guiding him to complete his thesis. His physics professor, Ms. Zenaida De Leon taught her students not to memorize the formula but rather understand the formula and its component and be analytical. Eric's English 2 professor, Dr. Paz Saplala taught her students to analyze the characterization and plot of novels and stories. According to Eric, many are surprised because in other colleges, these topics are taken in the master's classes in English.

At present, home for Eric is in Muntinlupa. It is where he spends time with wife Patricia (nee Garcia of Manila), who used to teach at the University of Sto. Tomas and at the Far Eastern University. They are blessed with two children, Ericson and Carol. Ericson took up his bachelor's degree from UP and MS in Real Estate Management from Johns Hopkins University, Maryland, USA. Carol, on the other hand, completed her BS European Management in Ateneo University. Eric said that Carol was a great help to him in running their business while Ericson was studying abroad. At present, Eric spends his time reading and watching stories on spy and war.

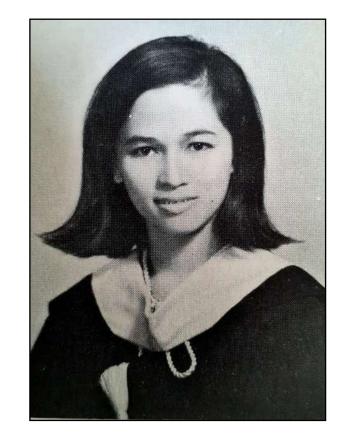
Three philosophies are very important to Eric. One, he believes that crisis is both a problem and opportunity. Two, the measure of a person's character is what he/she will do during a crisis. Lastly, God asked Solomon what he wants. Solomon said he only wants two things, wisdom and righteousness. God was so pleased. In addition, God gave riches to Solomon. Do you think Eric is as blessed as Solomon?

# **TERESA BANZON-GARCIA**

After graduating in 1970, Teresa pursued a Master of Science degree in Food Science. In the summer of 1975, she was employed by La Salle Bacolod as a liaison officer between La Salle and the UP Land Grant in La Carlotta for the agribusiness program. She also taught chemistry and agribusiness for a semester. Then as fate would have it, she and her two sons joined her husband in Louisiana, USA.

In Louisiana, Teresa worked as a bench chemist for two milling seasons at St. James sugar mill. She was then employed as a research associate at the Louisiana State University (LSU). She worked in the textile section and later with the food and human nutrition at the College of Human Ecology. Teresa also worked at the Audubon Sugar Institute, doing research and helping graduate students with all aspects of their theses.

While working as a research associate, Teresa was invited by the chairs of Human Ecology and Chemical Engineering to pursue a doctorate degree. However, Teresa declined the offers to prioritize her role as mother to her little boys, William and Stephen. She provided transportation for them to and from school and attended to their extracurricular activities, while her husband worked long hours at the sugar mill. To Teresa, family comes first, and her children are always number one. When asked



how she feels about giving up the opportunity to pursue a doctorate degree, Teresa would tell her professors that she finds joy and pride in counting her sons' successes and regard them as hers, too. William graduated with a degree in BS civil engineering and a master's in Architecture. Stephen graduated with a degree in Petroleum Engineering.



After Teresa quit her job as a research associate, she was asked to do seasonal analytical analyses of molasses still at Audubon Sugar Institute. She later worked for the marketing arm of the group of Louisiana sugar mills. Payment for the raw sugar was based on the results obtained from these analyses.

Teresa is a logical thinker. When she was laid off from work, her husband who had retired

earlier, asked her to look for a job so they could have medical insurance. This was how she replied: "I worked at least four jobs, worked full time at LSU, took care of the kids, took care of the house, and did the yard work! And you're asking me to look for a job? I don't think so!" Teresa got her wit in dealing with adversities from a lesson learned from a microbiologist at ASI, who once said "communicating with the dead is just a little bit more difficult than communicating with an engineer". At present, Teresa spends her time in what she enjoys most, gardening and baking.

# MAURO W. BARRADAS

Captain Mauro "Mannie" Barradas as he is fondly called in the aviation sector and "Vice" to his constituents, was born in Tanauan, Batangas on November 30, 1946. He finished high school in Tanauan Institute in 1962. His father passed away when he was still in the elementary grades.

Being the younger of two siblings, he was tasked to manage their small family farm in Tanauan for two years. This prevented him from entering college until his elder brother then a Meteorolgy instructor at the Department of Agricultural Engineering convinced him to pursue his college degree.

He enrolled at UPCA in 1964. Trying to catch up for his two-year time loss, he took his studies seriously, taking a maximum load every semester. He finished all his subjects and thesis in four years straight and three summers, boasting without a grade of five. His only REGRET is he didn't take his Botany 50 under Dr. Filomena Campos.

He joined Alpha Sigma Fraternity in his second year in college. As wont to fraternity members, Mannie doesn't remember engaging in any extracurricular activities in campus like drinking and playing billiard at Grove. He just wanted to finish his studies early because he had a lot of plans in his life. But unfortunately, he stayed three more semesters in college because of his Botany 50.

Mannie worked on his thesis about flower forcing of pineapple using different hormones like indole butyric acid and other inducing chemicals. At this time, he had already an invitation from Dole Philippines to join their Research Department once he finished his thesis.

His thesis adviser was Dr. Ramon Valmayor of the Department of Aaronomy.

He then worked as student assistant at IRRI's Plant Physiology department for three semesters and earning one peso per hour while waiting for the result of his only subject.

Two days after graduation, Mannie flew to Davao to join Hijo Plantation, a banana plantation in Tagum, Davao del Norte instead of Dole Philippines. The salary and benefits offered were much better. After a year, he was offered to join Del Monte Philippines also in Davao as an Agronomist, with a doubled salary and benefits.

His four years experience with big banana plantations like research, production, pest and disease control and aerial spraying prompted him to venture into a new horizon. He was



pirated by Interchem Philippines, a chemical company selling agricultural chemicals to the then popular rice production program Masagana 99 and big corporations in Mindanao. He worked as its Sales Manager and was based in Manila.

By then he faced an opportunity to pursue his childhood dream of becoming a pilot. He took up flying at PhilAir Flying School at Nichols Airbase in 1976.

He enrolled as special student taking courses at his own free time. After obtaining his commercial pilot license in just over a year, he bought a single engine Piper Super Cub for his flight training and building up time. He built a kilometerlong private airstrip at the back of his house in their farm in Tanauan.

Mannie then resigned from Interchem Philippines and put up his own company, the CHEMTRAD AVIATION. He sold spray chemicals to different plantations in Mindanao as well as importing used aircraft from the US and selling it locally. For more than two decades Mannie didn't experience travelling on any commercial flights. He was always on his private plane with friends. His favorite toy is a Bonanza A 36 sixseater sports airplane travelling all over the country.

As acreage of banana plantations continued to increase, spray planes then became in short supply. Mannie thought of a new business opportunity - putting up a new spray company. Considering that his company is already in aviation business getting a franchise from the Civil Aviation Board posed no problem.



Mannie is married to Daisy Labadan who is also a UPLB At this time, the African oil palm business in Malaysia alumna. Class of '68. They have two children namely deteriorated. Thousands of hectares were already abandoned Joppette and Ryan, who, together with their spouses are and a lot of fertilizer applicators ceased operation. Assets like all UPLB alumni as well. Joppette and family with their two spray planes ended up with the bank. children are now staying in Los Angeles while Ryan, his wife and their only child are happily settled in Brisbane, Australia. With the assistance of the Board of Investments and with Both husband and wife took a second course after UPLB. bank loans, Mannie was able to buy ten agricultural airplanes They are both nurses now and claim that they are enjoying to service the needs of Davao banana plantations. He good paying jobs.

befriended Sultan Mahmod of Johore Bahru Malaysia where he bought those said aircrafts. He introduced his services on When Mannie turned sixty-nine, he believed that it was the a package deal: airplane and chemicals.

best number to retire. Like an undefeated boxer, he hung his gloves. He surrendered his pilot's license and disposed all his He also expanded his operation in Luzon. He bought six airplanes. He is now a free man, enjoying the rest of his life passenger planes, with the likes of Twin BN Islanders plying with Daisy by travelling to the US and Australia to visit their Manila - Boracay routes and all resorts all over the country. grandchildren. He also did some live fish run from Palawan. This operation included tours and sightseeing, cargo and passenger runs, medical evacuation, aerial

Mannie is currently the president of UPLB CAFS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. His frequent visits to the UPLB campus photography, and skydiving. His biggest operation was cloud during alumni meetings always remind him of his wonderful seeding. past and enjoyable stay in good old UP Los Banos. He even put up a skydiving school in Tanauan that lasted for

more than a decade.

Mannie and Daisy have spent eighteen years sponsoring the now popular PRELUDE TO LOYALTY DAY with friends Francis Laurel and Billy Gualberto as co-hosts. The first Saturday nearest to October 10 was always a Big Day at the Mannie Barradas Airstrip in Tanauan. All UPLB graduates both Aggie and Forestry were all invited regardless of batch and affiliation. Covid-19 put a dot on this yearly tradition. LONG LIVE THE UP LOS BANOS SPIRIT!

His biggest accomplishment is when he controlled the Guimaras oil spill for more than a month spraying chemicals ten feet above water. Llovds of London provided the funding. He established different hubs in the country to service remote areas like Maconacon/Palanan/ Tuguegarao/Batanes/Laoag and Palawan. He also expanded his operation in Palau (a US territory) and Ho Chi Min City (South Vietnam) as tour courier for four vears.

At the height of his aviation career. Mannie flew his own fixed wing and helicopter. He took up acrobatic flying in Brisbane, Australia and attended cloud seeding training in Thailand.

He ventured into helicopter spraying and studied in Bakersfield California. But this did not succeed due to the high cost of aerial charges that were not acceptable to plantation owners. Thus he sold his helicopter to a tuna fishing venture in Guam. As early as 1989 Mannie was already a distinguished alumnus awardee in the field of agricultural aviation. He was nominated by Dr. Romulo Davide.

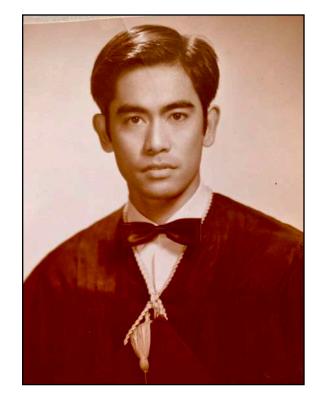
Aside from using aviation to spray chemicals in agricultural plantations, Mannie also went into local politics. He served his constituents in Tanauan City as councilor and Vice Mayor from 1980 to 1992. For straight twelve years he combined business and politics. He was voted as Vice President of the Vice Mayors League of the Philippines with Senator Tito Sotto III as their president, Sotto then being the Vice Mayor of Quezon Citv.

# ROMEO D. BAYANI

Romeo was the fourth and eldest son in the brood of five hence, his parents dreamt of enrolling him in an agricultural college in order to prepare him to manage the agricultural and fishery properties that they had acquired. And so in 1965, Romeo was brought in Los Banos, Laguna and enrolled him at UPCA.

While in college, he joined the Pi Omicron Fraternity, the Olericultural Society of the Philippines as well as the St. Therese Choir under Dr. Fabian Tiongson. His thesis on the Marketing of Cattle in Mindoro Oriental took much of his time and efforts especially in surveying far cattle farms in different towns. He wanted to express his gratitude to his Junior adviser, Mr. Danilo Evangelista and Senior Adviser, Dr. Julio Alunan for their guidance. Finally, he completed his BS in Agric Economics in 1972.

After graduation, he joined the National Irrigation Administration-United Nations Development Program (NIA-UNDP)-Ground Water Development Project based in Philsugin, Quezon City. In late 1973, he applied at the National Food and Agriculture Council's Rice Section as an Agricultural Project Coordinator. He was promoted as it's Assistant Chief responsible for the planning and coordination of the Masagana 99 under the Department of Agriculture. During his stint at NFAC, he was able to attend various trainings and seminars most important of which were the 2nd Project Development and Management Course at UP-Manila in 1974 and the Development and Operations of Agricultural Extension Programs, sponsored by USAID in North Carolina State University, June-August 1980.





In 1981, Romeo transferred to the Central Bank-Department of Rural Banks Savings and Loans Associations as an Agricultural Credit Analyst. As such, he travelled around the country to review and audit loans extended to the different financial institutions. While working at Central Bank, he was able to earn his Master's in Business Administration at the Philippine Women's University in March 1990.

As the Pawn Industry became lucrative in 1989, Romeo opted to have an early retirement in 1989 to help manage their fishpond in Calapan, Mindoro Oriental. However due to health reasons, Romeo was prompted to stay in Quezon City. He then met his Fraternity brother, Juanito Aoas, also an UPCA graduate and one of the biggest producers of tomatoes and lettuce in Baguio, which meeting resulted into a partnership in the marketing of these produce in Metro Manila. He noted with pride that Burger King selected them as their sole supplier of tomatoes, onions and lettuce for their hamburgers around Metro Manila. As the volume expanded, they decided to turn the business into Aoas, Rocha and Bayani (ARB) Agribusiness Corporation, where Romeo was its Vice President for Marketing.

In 1974, Romeo married Elsa Mateo-Bayani (UPCA70), whom he got acquainted with at the Ag Econ Dept. while doing his thesis. They were blessed with two children; Romel Jason and Elmyra, who now resides in heaven. As a lay minister at the Our Father Church in Tandang Sora, QC, he and Elsa became involved in the Couples for Christ and the PREX seminars and religious activities. In 2000, they treated their only son RJ for a US trip after finishing his Physical Therapy course in Fatima University. The father and son tandem decided to venture in America and decided to stay for good while Elsa returned to the Philippines. In the US, Romeo worked in various capacities such as a: Store Manager of Maharlika Store at Everett, WA; Security Officer at Palm Springs Resort Casino, Team member at Walmart Stores and as an Environment and Sanitation Assistant at Kaiser Permanente in California.

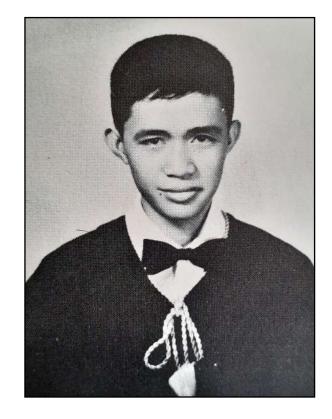
# EDWIN A. BENIGNO

Edwin was convinced by his oldest brother to study at UPCA instead of Marawi State University where he was already assured of a scholarship. Fortunately for him, he also qualified for an undergraduate fellowship in Los Baños which he enjoyed until he graduated with a BSA major in Statistics, *cum laude*. He also finished his MS and PhD in Entomology at UPLB, and postdoctorate at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).

Edwin names several professors and mentors as having left their mark on him and subsequently influenced the direction of his career and professional life:

- Prof. Ligaya de Ramos took him in as a statistics major
- Dr. Santiago Alviar his academic adviser, the first to criticize his very first undergraduate seminar, and made sure he graduates *cum laude*
- Dr. Isidoro David encouraged him to take up biostatistics
- Prof. Pablo Alfonso facilitated his switch from statistics to biology
- Dr. Fernando Sanchez helped build up his self-confidence
- Dean Dioscoro Umali took him as Executive Director of the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST)
- Dr. Venus Calilung invited and encouraged him to major in entomology

In 1986, he received the Outstanding Young Scientist award by NAST under the Department of Science and Technology. The award is given annually to scientists 40 years and below to recognize outstanding achievements in their fields of research and to promote scientific productivity.





For five years (1998 – 2003), Edwin was an Associate Professor at UPLB where he taught undergraduate and graduate courses in statistics, pest mangement, and ecology. He also served as Deputy Director of the National Crop Protection Center (NCPC) while he was with the university. NCPC is UPLB's primary institution for RDE in effective pest management programs as part of the university's efforts in promoting food security and agricultural sustainability. Before and after his teaching stint at UPLB, Edwin worked with several institutions doing research, writing and co-authoring articles and scientific papers that saw print in a wide range of publications. He has undertaken a consultancy in Indonesia, and was engaged in short term consultancies and projects with the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) and the Philippine Coconut Authority under the Department of Agriculture (PCA/DA). After retirement, Edwin worked as a professor at the New Era University (NEU) College of Agricuture and Graduate School. It was while he was with NEU that he had one of his most recent works published, "STATIPS for Researchers: A Reference Book" (2017).

And the philosophy that he lives by? Never selfpity in the face of life's failures.



# CANDIDA BERNABE-ADALLA

Challenges and opportunities best describe Dr. Candida B. Adalla or Ayds' life story.

Ayds was born in Bulacan. When she was only 10 years old, her family moved to Occidental Mindoro where she had her early education. They then moved again to Tondo, Manila where she finished her high school.

Her family was a conservative and traditional family who believed that women should stay home to take care of the family. Ayds managed to convince her father to allow her to pursue a college education. At that time, she dreamt of becoming a nurse because she wanted "to be in that great looking white uniform". However, her father wanted his first born to pursue agriculture.

As fate would have it, Ayds met Dr. Celestino Habito, one of her life influencers and finest professors in agricultural education from UPCA. Back then, Dr. Habito gave a career orientation at Lakandula High School. She was so interested in his talk that Dr. Habito gained one recruit right away. And he was so delighted for it. And the rest is history...

Just like many others in Batch '70, Dr. Ayds Adalla had her share of challenges and excitement during the turbulent and colorful pre- and post- martial law days of the late 60s and early 70s. In those days of student activism, skipping classes, going to the streets, and attending rallies and teach-ins were "the in things".

She remembers a guidance counselor at the Office of Student Affairs who challenged Ayds to quit UPCA because the OSA IQ test instrument used indicated that she had the IQ of a moron. Ayds brushed this aside.

She experienced the economic plight of students surviving on a meager allowance from home. So, during her sophomore year, Ayds applied and became a student assistant at the Department of Entomology. This was the reason why she majored in Entomology; it was a pre-condition for her to get a student assistantship.

Another challenge that Ayds faced was when she was doing a thesis. A strong typhoon damaged her field experiments. It happened towards the end of the cropping period so she had to repeat the experiment.



Motivated and inspired by her father's love and trust and determined to prove her worth, she sailed the rough terrain and finished the race, making her father proud. For he achieved his dream of his eldest daughter presenting him with not one, but three UP Los Baños diplomas. Alongside those diplomas came a tenured teaching appointment, which were Ayds' passport to a successful professional career in agriculture.

In 1972, the salary of an Instructor was only PhP 350 per month. So, she opted to pursue graduate studies with a National Science and Development Board (NSDB) graduate scholarship. The scholarship provided a monthly stipend equivalent to an Instructor 1 salary at that time. Upon completion of her master's degree, she was offered to teach basic undergraduate courses at the Department of Entomology.

In the 70s and 80s, UPLB provided opportunities for its young faculty to pursue further graduate studies . Ayds joined the bandwagon because everyone else was in it. Luckily, she was awarded a scholarship by the Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB) to study full-time for a doctorate degree. She remembers with deep gratitude how Dr. Emiliana N. Bernardo painstakingly checked and passed her PhD manuscript on a Good Friday to allow her to beat the deadline for submission which was the following Easter Monday.



Since then, opportunities came her way to rise up in the UPLB professional ladder, from Assistant Professor to full Professor. In 2000, she even became the Dean of the College of Agriculture.

Dr. Adalla's life in the academe gave her many opportunities to inspire and mold young minds to pursue a career in agriculture despite the unpalatable stereotype of the "plow and carabao" icon attached to the profession. As a professor and later as dean of the College of Agriculture and Food Sciences, she changed this stereotype. She influenced a positive shift in the perspective and character of her former students, advisees and colleagues in the college. Together, they built a mindset of elevating agriculture as a highly esteemed and sought after profession that is very much in the forefront of the country's development and survival particularly in times of unexpected calamities and pandemic crises.

Outside UPLB, Ayds and her classmate-husband Constante (Tante) heard and heeded the Lord's call to become fishers of men. They serve as provincial couple coordinator of Youth for Christ – Laguna. Together with other couple coordinators from different provinces, they work to inspire and motivate young boys and girls to be Godly citizens and faithful servants in the Lord's vineyard. Post retirement is busier than ever for Ayds. She is engaged in activities and volunteer work that she loves to do but could not do when she had a fulltime job at UPLB. Now, she has also more time with the family specially with her grandchildren. Ayds and Tante are blessed with three children and 10 grandchildren. Their married children are all UPLB alumni: Aileen (BS Biology), Cynthia Marie (BS Development Communication and Constante, Jr. (BS Agriculture).

Still, she keeps some consultancies to 'keep body and soul intact" and prevent the early onset of Alzheimer's disease. To leave a legacy in Philippine agricultural education based on her expertise, Dr. Candida Bernabe-Adalla is still actively involved as Chair of the Technical Committee for Agriculture at the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

The challenges were emormous but the opportunities and rewards were greater. She reaped scholarship grants and numerous honors and awards, notably as 1989 Outstanding Young Scientist for Agricultural Entomology from NAST, 1990 Achievement Award for Technology Development from CSSP, 1992 MS Swaminathan Development Award in Agriculture from LBSC, 1999 LB Uichanco Outstanding Entomologist Award, 2011 Outstanding Alumna, College of Agriculture from UPLBAA, 2013 Outstanding Citizen of Los Baños Award from the Mayor's Office, and many more.

She met very inspiring professors along the way who mentored and supported her and built a strong character in her as well. Her honors, awards and top administrative positions at UPLB and consultancies outside the university vindicated the result of her "Moron IQ" test. Today, she continues to walk her talk and show that **agriculture is one profession that matters**. It is the only sector with a positive economic growth during this pandemic. Gardening has been the saving grace of the lockdowns – it provides some food on the table and makes many people cope, "keeping body and soul intact".

Through all these, Ayds has lived and is living by these words, **"When the Lord closes a door, He will open a window"**.

# CATALINO A. BLANCHE

Lino, the eldest of six siblings, was born and raised in Santa, Ilocos Sur. After graduating from elementary school, he was awarded a scholarship to attend UP Rural High School where he graduated valedictorian. He remained in Los Banos to complete his undergraduate studies majoring in forest utilization engineering at UP College of Forestry.

Immediately after graduation, Lino was recruited to the UPLB faculty to teach undergraduate classes in plant physiology and ecology. During this time, he also developed and taught three new courses for forestry undergraduates. While teaching he took courses toward a master's degree in plant physiology, graduating in 1973. Lino earned a second master's degree from the University of Georgia (UGA) in 1978 majoring in plant ecology and biochemistry, and a doctorate degree in plant physiology and crop ecology from Mississippi State University (MSU) in 1981.

After a postdoctoral stint at MSU, he was hired as faculty at Southern University where he served as Director of the Urban Forestry Program. He later joined the Institute of Bioenergy, Climate and Environment, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) as National Program Leader. He managed the McIntire-Stennis Program and other projects. Lino garnered over \$5 M in funding from various sources and grant competitions to conduct highly diverse investigations on natural forest stands as well as urban and agricultural forest trees covering vast disciplinary areas. In collaboration with several educational institutions [e.g., MSU; Southern University and A&M Colleges in Louisiana (LA), Auburn University in Alabama (AL), and Florida A&M University], he conducted studies on growth regulators, physiological changes in response to season, field operations and impact on susceptibility to pine bark beetles and tritrophic interactions, and so much more.

Also, he and his collaborators investigated ozone removal by urban trees. He was instrumental in successfully obtaining funds to institute urban forestry, nanotechnology for forest products, and temperate agroforestry conferences. Lino was also actively engaged in the establishment of sustainable agroforestry and animal waste management for small farms and other areas of agroforestry.

Lino earned a multitude of accolades for superior mentorship, performance and supervision from the USDA, several American, international universities, and organizations but for lack of space, only selected awards are included here.

From UPLB and Philippine Institutions: Outstanding Alumnus in Public Service (International), UPLB, 2012; Outstanding Alumnus in Institutional Service (RESEARCH), UPLB, 2001; Balik Scientist Program Award, DOST. 2008. 2009 and 2011: Science and Technology Research Award, PhilDev, Inc. (Formerly Ayala Foundation), San Jose, California, 2010; Distinguished Performance as a Professor and Outstanding Achievements as a Researcher, UPLB College of Forestry and Natural Resources, 2000; President and Member of the Board of Directors for the Philippine American Academy of Sciences and Engineering (PAASE). From USDA, NIFA, CREES: Superior Performance as National Program Leader with cash awards, 2002-2004; 2006 - 2012; Exemplary Service to the 1890 Land Grant Institution Teaching and Research Capacity Building Grants Program, 2000; Exemplary Community and Public Service, President's Interagency Council on Administrative Management, White House, 2000. Lino was an honored member of Xi Sigma Pi Forestry Honor Society and Phi Sigma International Biological Honor Society (Alpha Chi). He also served



on the Board of Directors for Association for Temperate Agroforestry, International Society of Arboriculture Southern Chapter, Arkansas Urban and Community Forestry Council, Louisiana Arborists Association, Louisiana the Beautiful, and Louisiana Urban Forestry Council. With his expertise in urban forestry, he assisted government personnel and business groups in designing plans incorporating urban forest into city landscape in Louisiana.

He was a member of the Society of American Foresters, Louisiana Arborists Association, Society of Filipino Foresters, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Mississippi Academy of Sciences. He was also a recognized and active leader of Filipino communities in the US having served on the governing board of the Philippine-American Association of Western Arkansas and the Philippine-American Association of Baton Rouge.

From 1984 to 2014, he authored and coauthored 132 publications including 6 books, book chapters and bulletins, and 126 papers in refereed journals and proceedings. Particularly noteworthy was his collaborative project in the Philippines that culminated in a book published in 2014 on climate change and impact on Philippine agriculture and natural resources. The studies Lino and a team of Filipino scientists reported in this book ranged from biofuels, carbon sequestration and the use of i-Tree in assessing benefits from urban and community forests.

Although Lino's life was marked with achievements par excellence as teacher, researcher and administrator, and selfless service to human society across continents, he was first a devoted husband and family man. In 1975, he married the love of his life, Fe Celeste Bayta, whom he met in college, and, together in the same year, departed for the US where their two lovely daughters, Kathryn Vanessa and Kathleen Marie, were born. Lino and Fe are also blessed with two beautiful grandchildren, Kaithlyn Mayari Runion and Lino Alexander Blanche-Rennie.

As his family, friends and colleagues would attest, he was generous of his time, assistance and support of science and humanity across the globe. Lino's was a life well lived.

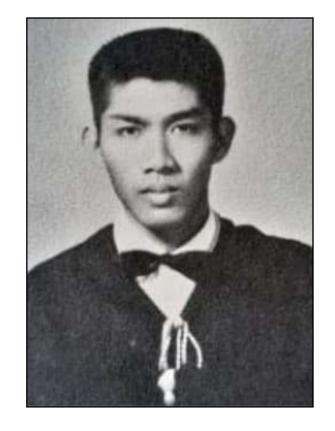
## ROMULO D. CADIZ

After my graduation from the U.P. College of Forestry in October 1970, I pursued, in succession both private and government employment. First I joined Itogon-Suyoc Mines Inc. as Company Forester from October 1970 to March 1971. Immediately thereafter I moved to Benguet Consolidated Inc. and its sister company Heald Lumber Company also as Company Forester from March 1971 up to April 30, 1975.

The following month I transferred to the Bureau of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR), Bureau of Forest Development, DANR and the Forest Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), from May 1975 up to June 2011 where I retired as Officer in-Charge of Community Environment and Natural Resources (CENRO) at Dingalan, Aurora and concurrently as technical officer at the Legal Division of the Forest Management Bureau, DENR.

Throughout my career I have risen from the ranks from casual forester, forester, senior forester and eventually as a senior forest management specialist, which afforded me a total lifetime professional forester's career of 40 years in all. My career as a professional forester has been full of blessings, meaning and fulfilment not only for me but for my entire family. This is something I will forever cherish until my dying days.

The bulk of my personal and professional life was a fulfilment of my childhood dreams and aspirations. They represented my significant contributions to society, our country and to humanity in general. My service may be aptly described as an unrelenting, decisive, and persistent pursuit of the maintenance, conservation and preservation of our country's remaining forests and natural resources. The higher purpose of my contributions as a



professional forester over the past 40 years has been to help mitigate, either directly or indirectly, current issues that affect us all, such as global warming, climate change, environmental deterioration and degradation. It is in our purview to prevent human abuses such as forest decimation through illegal logging, timber poaching and other unfavorable forest practices that eventually lead to poor environmental quality, air pollution and erratic climatic conditions in the country and in the world. While engaged in the performance of my duties and responsibilities I have kept the above truths in mind, serving as my ideals and guideposts .

It may be worth mentioning that during the whole course and process of my private as well as public and government services as a professional forester I received several certificates of appreciation, recognition and commendations which have served as my



gifts and prizes for having truly and religiously performed my duties and responsibilities as I went about with my various functions depending upon the position I held, whether in the private or government sector.

My school training from grade school to high school up to college I have given me knowledge, values and skills that I have been able to imbibe, apply and share during my professional career life. I wish to thank my parents Dr.Teodoro G. Cadiz, a former agronomy and horticulture professor and researcher at UPCA and our beloved mother Trinidad D. Cadiz who was a public school teacher and later a principal assigned to different schools of the Laguna Division of the Department of Education and Culture. My only brother Omer D. Cadiz inspired me as well. While we were immersed in our respective chosen fields of endeavor, he as a microbiologist and me as a forester, I consider him my buddy and handy help up until now. I also look up to my cousin in-law, Elias Seraspi, retired Forester Regional Executive Director (RED) of DENR Region 2, for having inspired me to follow in his footsteps as a Professional Forester.

My beloved wife Ester V. Cadiz, who is also a Forester like me, has given me her all out moral support and love; likewise my daughter Maria Triniliza Cadiz a Finance Specialist at Wilcon Depot Inc. and son Paolo Nino V. Cadiz, a Computer Engineer of the SMART Telecommunications, Philippines, Inc. Both of them have blessed Ester and me with three grandchildren namely, Tristan Gabriel Porras, now 9 years old; Paul Miguel Cadiz, 5 years old, and Maria Althea Porras, 3 years old. They have all inspired me to perform well if not to excel in my chosen career.

To keep myself busy and physically healthy after retirement from government, I engage in tree farming, mountain climbing, hiking, biking and reading current events and developments through the mainstream and social media.

To close my life story I wish to share my favorite quotation which has served as my fighting words and guidepost in life: "I shall pass thru this world but once; any good that I can do and any kindness that I can share, let me do them now for I shall never pass this way again".

## ELSA CANDELARIO MOLINA

It must have been faith and fate that led Elsa Candelario Molina to come all the way from Tarlac to Los Baños and stay there for four years. She was unsure at first but like the song that says "You got to have faith". And so she leaned on her faith and decided embrace her fate to do well and finish her studies.

Since she was young, Elsa had been interested in studying in the University of the Philippines (UP) because it is a prestigious university that provides a high standard of education. At her aunt's urging, Elsa decided to take the UP College Admission Test. Her aunt, Mrs. Robita Simsiman, was married to Dr. Simsiman, a professor of Soil Science at UPLB. Elsa took and passed the exam and enrolled at the university.

She stayed at the Sisters' Dormitory managed by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Little did she know that living in the same roof with the nuns would affect her spiritual life. The casual conversations, constant bumping into each other inside the dorm premises and seeing the nuns 'in action' had inspired her and deepened her faith. As she said, "the sisters were instrumental in my spiritual growth".

College life wasn't all about studying and taking exams for Elsa. Even if in constant pressure, she found time to join campus organizations like the UP Student Catholic Action (UPSCA). UPSCA members, bound by their Catholic faith, strongly supported the activities of the campus church, the Saint Therese Church. But aside from participating in community worship and other spiritual exercises, they also had interesting activities related to academics and sports. Eventually Elsa became a member of UP Soil Science Society. It gave her the opportunity to learn more about her field of study. She also made friends with classmates and course mates. In time, she had her *barkada* and called their group, "M2 Limited". The *barkada*'s regular hangouts at the lanzones and



coconut orchard lightened college days. Sometimes, they would just walk around the campus and enjoy the trees and the breeze while chatting. M2 Limited had given her many unforgettable memories.

After completing her degree, Elsa started work in March 1970 as research assistant to the late Professor Emeritus Dr. Valente Villegas for a project entitled "Carcass Values of Philippine Carabaos". Funded by the National Research Council of the Philippines, the project was based at the Swine Division, Department of Animal Science in UPCA. It was a short-lived career and lasted only until November 1971.

As Elsa moved back to Tarlac, she decided to have a shift in career. She became an educator and worked at what was then Tarlac College of Technology's College of Agriculture (now Tarlac Agricultural University or TAU). She rose through the ranks from Assistant Instructor to full Professor. To make her teaching more effective, she pursued the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Chemistry at St. Louis University in Baguio City during the summer



under a science scholarship from the then National Science Development Board (NSDB). In 1991, she was awarded the Faculty Development Scholarship for a Doctor of Philosophy in Soil Science at UPLB.

Because of her continued service at TAU, Elsa earned several Loyalty Awards. Seeing the importance of her role as a teacher was probably one reason why she stayed for so long in the university. Elsa retired in December 2008 after 38 years of service.

Just as Elsa puts so much value in education, Pastoral Council member of St. Joseph Parish in she also believes in the importance of community Mayantoc. service. She was took part in activities that have social and moral relevance. For instance, she As a retired educator, Elsa also joined and is an joined a cooperative called Mayantoc Sweet Potato active member of the Mayantoc Retired Teachers Clean Planting Materials (SPCPM) Cooperative and Association Their activities include guarterly served as member of its Management Team. The meetings and social gatherings, outreach program management team looks for ways to increase the for elementary schools and feeding program. income of its members who are mostly sweet potato Truly an educator at heart, Elsa is guided by the producers. Joining this Tarlac-based cooperative following life philosophies: Knowledge is power. earned for Elsa the 2008 Civil Service Commission Aim for wisdom and truth. Education is the key to success.

PAG-ASA award. She also received the certificate of merit for being a development service member for agriculture for the project on Integrated Community-Based Human Resource Development. This is an international project sponsored by SEAMEO-CIDA that attempts to satisfy the basic needs of the poorer segments of the population in both rural and urban areas

Through the years, Elsa's spiritual growth has not diminished. Her active participation in religious activities had also given Elsa the following awards: Outstanding Mother (a national award) as a mother of a priest, given on April 28, 2019 at PICC during the Apostleship of Prayer National Convention; and the award as a Mother of a Consecrated Person given by the Catholic Women's League on May 25, 2019.

Elsa's spirituality must have rubbed off to her family. Her family consists of husband Jaime, a retired Department of Education (DepEd) District Supervisor, and their four children. Marlon Joseph is a nurse based in London. Ma. Lamarosa is a DepEd elementary teacher while Henry James is a DepEd registrar. Rev. Fr. Ramon Christopher Molina is a Catholic Priest, in the Diocese of Tarlac. Imagine the joy Elsa must have felt upon knowing that one of her children would become a priest.

As a devoted Catholic, Elsa is very active in church activities. In fact, she serves the church in different capacities. She belongs to a group called Apostleship of Prayer where she holds two important positions. At the parish level, she serves as its president. At the Diocesan level, she is the Apostleship of Prayer's press relations officer (PRO). She is likewise a Parish Pastoral Council member of St. Joseph Parish in Mayantoc.

# GLORIA CARANDANG LEON

Gloria Carandang-Leon, also known as Baby to friends and family, was a stunning beauty in the 60s and 70s as her BFFs (best friends forever) describe by her. She was known to be one of the campus vixens during their college years. She enjoyed college life with her BFFs, the Plaidmates.

Baby took up the Bachelor of Science in Home Technology (BSHT) at the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA). Her professional career started in 1971 when she became a trainee-dietitian at the foods laboratory of the former National Science and Development Board (NSDB), now the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

After her training that same year, Baby worked as a Dietitian in a joint project of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the UP Institute of Health. The project focused on the nutrition of children (1-5 years old) from depressed areas in Metro Manila.

She then transferred to Wander USA Pharmaceutical as a Medical Representative from 1973-1975.

Baby got married to her "forever", Isabelo 'Boy' Leon, in November 1975. Their marriage was blessed with three children. The eldest, Ma. Isabel was born in September 1976, followed by Romeo





also in September the following year. The youngest child, Patricia was born 14 years later, also in the month of September.

With two children to take care of, Baby and Boy decided to put up their own business, the Kagandahan Enterprises located in Makati. Their line of business was sewing and supplying uniforms and interior decorating – curtains, tablecloths and table napkins, bed sheets and comforters to hotels and restaurants. On February 1991, the family sold the business and shop, and rented their house to a Japanese businessman for three years. Baby migrated to Los Angeles, California to be with her husband. Baby continued her business in the US, creating her products in the comfort of their home. The nature of business was still the same: interior decorating, sewing dresses and curtains, plus buy and sell. She did this until 2000.

Then, in December of 2000, Baby had a big career change. Smitten by the glitz and glamour of Hollywood nearby, she worked as personal assistant to actors Lori Laughlin, Marian Hozman and Lorraine James. Baby became a widow at age 69. She is now spending her twilight years having fun with her children and grandkids. She also started connecting with friends and relatives on social media. Further, she plans to do volunteer work at a local library, school and church during her free time. And after the pandemic, Baby plans to visit her beloved Philippines!

# MACARIO P. CATAHAN

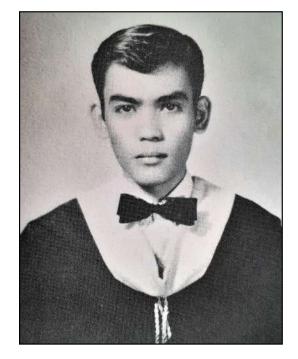
From his hometown in Bulacan, Ayo arrived in Los Baños a week before registration. His first choice for a course was Sugar Technology. But he was informed that Agricultural Chemistry already replaced it. And so Ag Chem it was.

On registration day, he went to the College Secretary armed with just his High School (HS) Report Card. Ayo gave his card to the staff and received the medical exam request form, a prerequisite to registration. Every UPCA student knew about the "challenging" medical-physical exam at the Infirmary. He was told that everyone would be examined totally naked, while in queue with other students. But to Ayo's recollection, he completed the medical exam with his briefs on.

Going back to the College Secretary, he submitted his medical exam results in exchange for the Registration Form. Having qualified as an entrance scholar, Ayo paid only about PhP125 at that time. Looking back, Ayo realized that it was indeed a breeze to be admitted, qualify for a scholarship, and become a new freshman at UPCA in 1966, compared to today's admission requirements to UP!

His father's friends told him that surviving UPCA was a very tough job. Normally, 50% of the students either leave the campus or get "kicked out" at the end of the first semester. To the delight of Ayo's parents, he not only survived his first semester but also completed it with a high grade weighted average.

During the first semester, Ayo learned from his classmates that some of them were receiving a stipend from UPCA. They said it was from the UPCA Undergraduate Fellowship Program that provides free tuition fees and a monthly stipend of PhP 75. When he finished the first semester and qualified as a college scholar with a grade weighted average (GWA) of 1.54, he realized that if he can maintain his grade within the 1.75 grade requirement for *cum laude*, he could become one. Plus, he needed to maintain the minimum requirement of 2.00 GWA for the fellowship.



He was determined to focus on his studies and did not join any organization nor did he go with "barkadas" to pass the time, except for occasional games of billiard with dorm mates and movies during weekends. Ayo had no "love life" during college. Back then his friends teased him, "Scholar ka nga, wala ka namang girlfriend".

Ayo graduated with the BS in Agricultural Chemistry, *cum laude* in 1970. He was one of the 11 students who graduated with Latin honors during UPCA's very first graduation ceremony at the Los Baños campus.

April and May of 1970 were rest months for Ayo. He did not bother to start looking for a job. There was money in his pocket after graduation. During his occasional visits to LB, if somebody asked him where he worked, his answer was "*sa shel*". They took it as Shell, the big gas company, not knowing that he meant, it "*papashel-pashel*" – meaning just going around, killing time.

At one instance, he missed a job opportunity. One of his former lecturers who was then a big boss in a food manufacturing company came to LB. The Big Boss asked him where he was working. Again, Ayo



answered, "with Shell". The former said, "Sayang, I need somebody in my department". Ayo did not take back what he said.

Fortunately, in June 1970, the then chairman of the Department of Agricultural Chemistry contacted Ayo and offered him a teaching fellowship. Though he wanted to relax for a while, it was the best offer he received. It paid more than an Instructor 1 salary with six hours teaching load per week and the privilege to enroll for 6 to 12 units per semester toward a master's degree.

In 1972, Ayo became a full-time Instructor, handling lectures and laboratory classes in General Chemistry and Physical Chemistry. He finished both his master's (1977) and PhD (1987) in Agricultural Chemistry in UPLB under a Faculty Fellowship from October 1979 to October 1984. Ayo also received an AUIDP Research Fellowship from the University of New South Wales, Australia in June 1985 to July 1986.

Dr. Catahan spent all his professional life in UPLB, teaching and honing the knowledge and skills of the *"Iskos* and *Iskas"* who made it to become the *"Iskolar ng Bayan"*. He retired as Associate Professor in January 2013.

Ayo married his high school classmate and crush, Lina Alejandrino in December 1973. Lina has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from UP Diliman (1969) and a Master of Science degree in Statistics from UPLB in 1981. She was also a UPLB faculty member who retired as Assistant Professor of Statistics.

Their marriage was blessed with four daughters who all finished college at UPLB. The eldest, Marilyn, completed her BS Chemical Engineering in 1996 and MS in Chemical Engineering in 2008 at UP Diliman. As of 2020, her PhD degree, also in Diliman, is in progress. Marionette, his second daughter completed the BS Biology in 1996 and the Doctor of Medicine in 2001 at UP Manila. Maricris, his third child graduated with a degree in BS Industrial Engineering, *cum laude* in 2006. She also received her MS in Material Science and Engineering in 2017 at UP Diliman. Lastly, his youngest, Michelle graduated in 2001 with a BS Agriculture degree. They are his second-generation UPLB alumni.

At present, Marilyn and Maricris are both assistant professors at CEAT, under the Chemical Engineering Department and Engineering Science Department, respectively. They are Dr. Catahan's second generation of UPLB faculty members.

Maricris' first born, Erika Dominique, also graduated *cum laude* from UPLB with a BS degree in Computer Science in 2017. At present, Erika is an Instructor at the Institute of Computer Science at the College of Arts and Sciences. She is Dr. Catahan's third generation of UPLB graduates and faculty members.

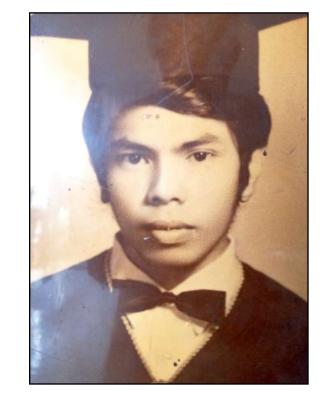
Dr. Macario Catahan's professional life was entirely spent in the academe that produced three generations of UPLB graduates, three generations of UPLB faculty members and proudly, three generations of *cum laude* graduates. He and Lina are presently enjoying retirement, grateful to God Almighty for all the blessings. What more can one ask for?

## NICOLAS M. CHAVEZ

Inspiring words have the power to motivate a person. If Nicolas Chavez had not engaged in an inspiring talk with Dr. Maximo "Mimo" Baradas in 1965, he would not have realized the depth of his commitment to lead and be a dedicated public servant.

He never planned to study at the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB). But with Mimo's gentle persuasion, everything changed. His new mindset was to get a degree from UPLB. The young man from Tanauan, Batangas who graduated valedictorian in elementary and high school soon found himself enrolling at UPLB. He also got a five-year scholarship grant from Don Jose Zamora. After his enrollment, Nicolas (Nick to friends) looked for a dormitory and finally settled at the Santos dorm. The monthly rental fee back then was ten pesos (PhP 10). Nick recalls that in some instances, he could not pay the room rental. It was just the typical struggle of a college student.

Nick found his college life to be fun and worthwhile and was particularly thankful to Mimo for his advice. Noteworthy during his college journey was the chance for self-discovery and for accomplishing so many things. He made plenty of friends in college. This was also the phase where his character as a man was developed and his potential as a leader and public servant was honed. Finally, in 1970, he proudly graduated, completing his BS Agriculture degree, major in Soil Chemistry. Afterwards, Nick worked as a research assistant at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).



Nick was a born leader. After his IRRI stint, what followed was a series of management positions for different organizations. For instance, he served as the Chairman of the Management Committee of Bancom Farms in Tacloban. Leyte. He was Landscaping Manager at CDCP Farm Corporations. He had a challenging job at the Office of the President where he served as PANAMIN's Planning Manager, and its Economic Support Fund's Luzon Area Manager. He was once the executive director of Infarmco Foundation and general manager to a construction company and a livestock corporation. He even served as administrator at St. John Academy School. In time, Nick also got into consulting.



Community services and accomplishments were just as varied and colorful as his work experiences. Nick also dabbled in local politics. First, he ran for a kagawad post in Brgy. Sambat. Mind you, he was number 1 in the poll results and served as Kagawad from 1983 to 1986. He got to lead his barangay when he became its officerin-charge (OIC) in 1985 until 1986. It was also later in 1986 when he became an appointed as a member of the Provincial Board in the Province of Batangas.

The untiring leader also served as Officer of the Knights of Columbus and even bagged an Outstanding Member award. He also became the President of the Parent - Teacher's Association for several years. He was director of the Homeowners Association of the village where he lives, and served as secretary of the Rotary Club of Tanauan. You'd think there wouldn't be time for religious matters due to his busy schedule. Nick knew how to manage his time. He became a member of St. John d' Evangelist's Cursillo Team and also of the Marriage Encounter in Tanauan Parish. Add to this, his being voted Vice-president of the Parroh Pastoral Council. He was also instrumental in the establishment of Couples for Christ, Tanauan City chapter. He is not just a mere member, he was its founder.

There was no slowing down for Nick even after reaching his senior years. In 2006, he was the President of Brgy. Sambat Senior Citizens. From 2013 to 2019, he was the Chairman of the Office of the Senior Citizens (OSCA) in Tanauan City and concurrent President of Batangas Province Senior Citizens (serving 320,000 members). And yes, he still finds the time to be a consultant to the Samahan ng mga Lolo at Lola sa Batangas.

As regards his family, Nick is thankful to his wife Lillian Mercado Chavez, a medical technologist, who is supportive of his various community activities. They are blessed with three children, Norwin (deceased), Norman (mechanical engineer) and Nicolo (certified public accountant). Currently, they have seven grandchildren.

For all his accomplishments and services rendered, Nick has this beautiful philosophy in life that he wishes to share with everyone (and was originally shared by Father Gerry Orbos):

"As we grow older, our main goal in life must not be happiness but Godliness, not reputation but character, not wealth but virtue, not fame but faith, not the approval of men but of our Creator".

# CRISTINO M. COLLADO

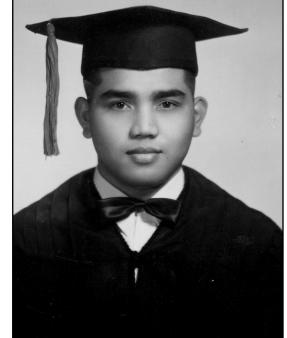
When Resty was growing up, getting out of Cabiao, Nueva Ecija was far from his mind. His joys were there, together with the farm lands that dominate his town. But his parents had made it their duty to remind him and his siblings that farming families had only one hope for the future: Education.

Both he and his Kuya Gerry finished Valedictorian in the local public elementary school. Since U.E. High School was then offering full scholarships to elementary topnotchers, one after the other, the two brothers moved to Manila. Resty was Salutatorian when he graduated.

He followed his brother to UPCA in 1965 where Gerry was enrolled, thanks to the Caltex scholarship that he had won. His Kuya guided him when he sat for the UP Undergraduate Fellow Qualifying exams. Resty placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the ranking. As an Undergraduate Fellow, he received P75 monthly. He availed himself of the UF scholarship up to his Junior year. The following year, he proposed a thesis concept to a veterinary drug company. It was accepted and thus, Resty's stipend and thesis during his Senior year were totally financed by Pfizer, Inc.

In his 3<sup>rd</sup> year in UPCA, Resty's intellectual and social outlook took a transformation. He began to ask questions, mostly to himself. One question that lingered was: What kind of a UP graduate did he want to be? Related queries swirled inside him. When he was able to finally define what end-result he was aiming at, it was: He wanted to make a difference.

In defining his new self, Resty started by getting involved. The teach-ins he attended motivated him to seek the truth in a world full of lies and to search for beauty in a world demeaned by ugliness. His editorials in the old Aggie Green and Gold stung some UPCA sitting officials. When he partnered with Ochie Baes to launch a week-long sit-down that paralyzed the UPCA campus, both were placed in the cross-hairs of the guns of the military hotheads of Camp Vicente Lim. Being pragmatic, Resty tried to alter his image. He teamed up with the Beta Sigma Fraternity that launched a Rasco-Collado tandem against the Kaunlaran's Magpantay-Ladlad ticket. This was how Resty was the sitting Vice Chairman of the Student Council when he finished his academic work in October 1969.



In the mid-70's, American universities were the favorite destination for graduate work. But Resty's readings told him that Japan was the country to watch. The country had an attractive slogan: Japan Is No. 1. Resty thought that a Japanese graduate degree and the ability to speak Nippongo would provide him an advantage when it was time to start a living.

In the spring of 1975, he was among the foreign students enrolled at the Osaka University of Foreign Studies. The subjects were loaded with lessons on Japanese language and culture proficiency. Not an easy task if one considers that Nippongo uses 3 kinds of alphabets. But he soldiered on, until he qualified to enter the Gifu University Graduate School. His Master's Diploma says he majored in Animal Production System.

Wanting to have those magic 3 letters after his name, he sought admission to Nagoya University where he studied Animal Biochemical Nutrition for his Ph.D. Nagoya is in Central Japan which was, and still is, a beehive of business and academic activities. Resty was able to connect with a good number of business companies, e.g., Toyota, Sumitomo, and with prominent Japanese professors. This proved helpful when he returned to UPLB. He was able to assist a good number of aspiring academic staff obtain Japanese government scholarship and admission to well-known Graduate Schools. For this initiative, Nagoya University



chose him as the recipient of the Nagoya University Outstanding Alumnus award in 2018.

As a professional, Resty engaged in multi-layered and multi-dimensional jobs. Upon his return from Japan, SEARCA made him a Program Manager. His task was to broaden the outlook of upcoming animal scientists in Southeast Asia. He devised agribusinessbased training courses meant to inject the business dimensions in animal raising. His travels within what is now known as ASEAN region were rotational. Thus how, in one conference in Singapore, he was offered to be the Regional Technical Director for the US Soybean Export Council.

From 1986 and for the next seven years, Resty practically was living in a suitcase. His job required frequent travels to jumpstart trade negotiations and broaden the markets for top American agricultural produce. He took advantage of the chance to know more about the dynamics of food security. The China and India experiences were a study in contrast. Both had at least a billion mouths to feed.

Homesickness is a deadly bug when it bites. Thus Resty decided to return to Los Banos. He became the UPLB Foundation Executive Director. Familiar background, but new challenges. He introduced the concept of contract research wherein international entities would channel their ground development assistance through the Foundation. The arrangement was mutually helpful. UPLB researchers upgraded their skills and agencies like USAID, ADB, AusAID, UNDP and the like were assured of quality outputs.

In the latter half of 1990, Resty's interest turned to policy formulation. This came about from a realization that inadequate policies lead to poor planning and this in turn results to programs that are half-baked and poorly structured in their implementation. He thus accepted the offer to be the Deputy Director of the Center for Policy Studies. He is proud to recall that several policies he formulated were heavily incorporated in the reference materials used in crafting the ASEAN Free Trade Agreement.

The election fever of 1998 opened a new door to revive Resty's youthful foray in politics. Former UPLB Chancellor Raul de Guzman asked Resty to refine the agricultural agenda of then candidate Joseph Estrada. When the group's candidate won, Resty was invited to join the Cabinet. He chose the Department of Agriculture. He was given the post of Undersecretary for Operations with jurisdiction over 15 regional field offices and another 8 organic and attached agencies. The tasks he handled and the scope of his responsibilities were too vast and too intertwined that it was not easy to pinpoint where he left a mark. He took comfort from the remark of the one man he values most. His Kuya Gerry told him: "Your biggest accomplishment as an Undersecretary is that you have been able to keep the Collado name untainted".

Resty is now an off-and-on retiree. Japanese companies still engage his expertise. He helps them in gauging the business opportunities in ASEAN and China.

In 2015, he finally found what he had imagined he really wanted to do: Reconnect to his roots. Embrace UPLB once more and intertwine his arms with the university's branches in the form of alumni and the campus netizens. On that Loyalty Day IN 2015, the heretofore scattered alumni of 1970 and surrounding years got together and brought about Batch 70: "The Batch To Watch". Since then and up this writing, Resty's joys of leading these accomplished men and women he highly respects and deeply values, provide him an elixir that takes away the insecurities that go with aging. Batch 70 is proving to be the exception to the saying that "No prophet is accepted in his hometown".

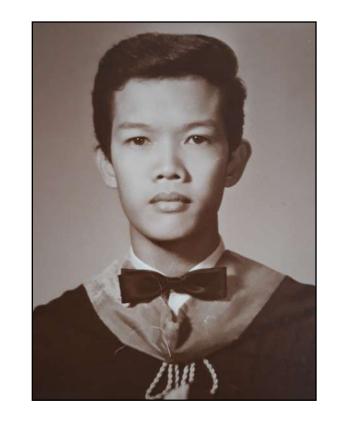
# FRISCO I. CONSOLACION

Frisco Consolacion's life has been a journey full of adventure and challenges. Before the conferment of his undergraduate degree in Agricultural Chemistry at the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) in October 1969, he was already working in his first job. He was hired as a technician at the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST, now DOST). He was excited to experience life outside the stressful classrooms, laboratories, textbooks, highdemanding chemistry and math courses, and the prying eyes of his instructors. But due to the highly hazardous conditions of working with chlorine gas, he resigned shortly thereafter. He regained his health in 1970 and accepted a chemistry laboratory instructor position from Dr. Julian Banzon, a esteemed UPLB Professor who spearheaded, unknowingly, what would become a significant breakthrough in his life.

After working for more than a year, Frisco found himself assessing the nature of his job and his possible future. He realized that "he didn't want to remain a chemistry laboratory instructor for the rest of his life." Emboldened by this realization, he identified what he wanted to achieve and what needed to be changed, and formulated strategies on how to attain them. This new commitment marked the beginning of real adventure in his life.

Not wishing to leave UPLB or to search for greener pastures in private companies, he decided to pursue graduate studies in food science. However, his undergraduate grade point average (GPA) didn't qualify him for admission to the UP Graduate School. He therefore took six credits of food science graduate courses for a few semesters at UPLB. After accumulating certain credit units and surpassing the grade requirement, he gained admission to the Graduate School and successfully obtained a master's degree in Food Science in 1976.

After completing his graduate degree, he attended Hokkaido University in Japan as a graduate research student through a scholarship from the Japanese government. Frisco requested his Japanese professor to allow him to take a factory internship and educational tours to different fish processing



companies situated in northern Japan instead of conducting research. The request was granted, enabling Frisco to achieve his goals of attaining food industry experience in the areas of fish handling, processing, quality control, and factory effluent treatments.

In 1979, he returned to UPLB where Dr. Eduardo Sison, his former MS advisor, recruited him for a faculty position in what was formerly the Department of Food Science in UPCA. Frisco had developed a passion for teaching and wanted to improve his teaching techniques, inspiring him to pursue another advanced degree in food science.

In 1980, Frisco commenced his Ph.D. program at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta in Canada, under a Netherlands Government Scholarship grant. After a year, he decided to continue at the university, a deviation from the original plan of returning to UPLB until its completion. Dr. Paul Jelen, his academic adviser, maintained his financial assistance through graduate research and teaching assistantships. But



it was a tough life for a graduate student, especially when his wife, Vangie, was also in a PhD program in Plant Biochemistry and Plant Physiology at the same university. With both of them studying, life became extremely stressful as it involved looking after their children while juggling highly demanding research and graduate courses. A critical decision between career and family welfare had to be made. With difficulty, Vangie decided to temporarily discontinue her studies in order to look after their children. Grateful for his wife's sacrifice and support, and for God's guidance, Frisco finished his graduate studies in August 1986 and received his PhD degree in Food Processing in November 1986.

In September 1986, Frisco started a position as Assistant Professor at Sultan Qaboos University in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. He was one of the pioneer staff in the newly established academic institution and took pride in being the only Filipino professor during his nineteen (19) years of employment there. He devoted his time to classroom teaching and dairy plant management. He also engaged in extension activities involving interactions with government agencies, private food companies, and retail food establishments through plant visits, case studies, consultations, and workshops on food quality assurance and hygiene. All these activities highlighted Frisco's passion for teaching. He considers his working experience in Sultan Qaboos University a very satisfying one, filled with a sense of accomplishment in educating the young Omanis to prepare for their future, particularly providing manpower for the local food industry and government institutions.

In 2005, Frisco returned to the Philippines for good and settled down in Los Baños. He tried to return to his former office, the present Institute of Food Science and Technology at UPLB. Unfortunately, his application was denied. He settled his contract with UPLB by paying the monetary equivalent of the required service that he had to render to the institution. He was sad to lose the opportunity to share his international experience in the field of food science to Filipino students. Nevertheless, Frisco is very grateful to UPLB, his beloved alma mater, for being a vital part of his professional advancement.

Retirement offers plenty of time to reminisce about the past, and from his current standpoint, he considers his life a blessing. He is grateful to his parents - his father, a hard-working rice farmer and his mother, a food vendor, who, despite having minimal education, wisely considered education a means to escape the tight grips of poverty. Frisco has proven them right with God's blessing! He is grateful to his late uncle, Eugenio A. Ignacio, for encouraging Frisco's parents to allow him to pursue his education. He is also thankful to his wife Vangie who encouraged and pushed him to persevere in completing his Ph.D. program, especially during the lowest point in his graduate student life. And to his children, Franjel and Fe, who both inspired their Dad to remain steadfast and provide for their future.

Above all, Frisco is thankful to God Almighty for His abiding love and faithfulness to him as He carried Frisco through the valleys of uncertainties in his life. God, indeed, never leaves nor forsakes His children. To God be the glory, honor, and praise! Currently, Frisco is engaged in gardening and lay preaching in his local evangelical church.

# LIBERTADO C. CRUZ

The life of Dr. Libertado C. Cruz is a testimony of a dedicated public servant. Service and his passion for dairy buffalo farming are his motivation to continue uplifting resource poor Filipino farmers and doing farming himself in his retirement.

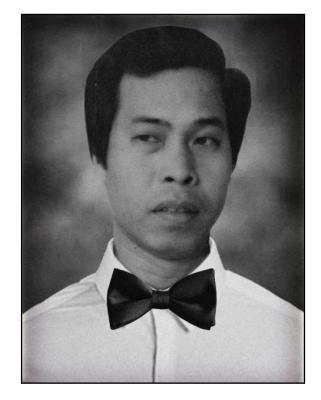
His commitment to the development of the carabao, known as the "beast of burden" and the dairy buffalo industry in general earned him several awards and recognitions. Dr. Cruz or Lib's work in the genetic improvement of the carabao became widely known not only in Asia but in many other continents.

Growing up in a family whose father loved farming inspired Lib to learn more about it and pursue a course in agriculture. Even though his father was a tailor, the family spent their weekends in the farm. In fact, he completed first his Associate in Agriculture at Bulacan National Agricultural School (BNAS) in his hometown in San Ildefonso, Bulacan. Having an elder brother who studied at the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA) and hearing stories from him about Los Baños further boosted Lib's interest to study at UPCA. Later on, this same school became the university for his younger brother and two younger sisters.

Lib enrolled at UPCA in 1966 as an irregular student because of his Associate degree. Luckily, he qualified for the RF Chandler Scholarship as soon as he started the first semester, until his graduation.

At the same time, he worked as the student assistant of Dr. Joseph Madamba in the Department of Animal Science. This gave him the exposure to animals, animal science courses, and of course, to rodeos.

After graduation, Lib worked in several private companies for a few years. Later, then President Amado C. Campos of the Central Luzon State University (CLSU) invited Lib to join the university. A year later, he was given a scholarship under the World Bank's Educational Development Projects Implementing Task Force (EDPITAF) to pursue his master's degree at UPLB. The completion degree of his masters paved the way to his promotion at CLSU.



An opportunity knocked on his life's door again in 1986. It was another scholarship grant, this time from the United Nations Development Programme – Food and Agriculture Organization (UNDP-FAO) for his doctorate degree in Reproductive Biotechnology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Under the same scholarship, Dr. Cruz did a post doctoral program at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, USA in 1991.

Lib attributes his success in his career to Dr. Joseph Madamba, his mentor and adviser, who opened opportunities for him. While at the helm of the Philippine Council for Agricultural Research and Resource Development (PCARRD), Dr Madamba created the Carabao Commodity Research Team. And Lib was in the team and directly involved in the initial research on carabao genetic improvement. His initial research on artificial insemination and assisted reproductive biotechniques contributed to the enhanced crossbreeding technique for the indigenous carabao and the dairy breed of water buffaloes. This resulted in crossbreds with faster growth rate and higher milk production. UNDP-FAO funded this research project that ran for 10 years (1982-1992).



Eventually, the project became the progenitor of the now Philippine Carabao Center (PCC), a premier national agency under the Department of Agriculture (DA).

in 1993, former Philippine President Fidel V. Ramos appointed Dr. Libertado Cruz to spearhead PCC's establishment. His leadership at PCC facilitated the expanded and nationwide coverage of the genetic improvement program. It greatly benefited hundreds of thousands of smallholder farming families thru increased income and improved nutrition. He was the steward of this agency for 20 years, under four (4) different Philippine Presidents. Briefly, Dr. Cruz was also appointed as concurrent Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of the National Dairy Authority (NDA). And, while still at PCC, he also set up the DA Livestock Biotechnology Center and the National Animal Genetic Resource Cryobank.

Dr. Cruz also became known internationally. Because of his work, he became a consultant for India's genetic improvement program on dairy buffaloes. He initiated the establishment of an embryo laboratory in India to produce *in vitro*-derived embryos of high genetics purebred dairy buffaloes. A substantial number of offspring became sources of needed germ plasm for India's national program.

His involvement in reproductive biotechnology research and on buffalo genetic improvement also earned interest in several Asian countries and beyond. He was elected once to lead the Asian Buffalo Association (ABA) and later, the International Buffalo Federation (IBF).

For his many accomlishments, Dr. Cruz has been recognized with the following awards: 1992 PANTAS Award, PCARRD; 1993 Presidential Citation as Outstanding Agricultural Scientist; 1994 Distinguished Animal Scientist Award; 1998 Dangal ng Lipi Award; 2003 Outstanding Alumnus Award, UPLBAA; 2008 Academician, National Academy of Science and Technology; and 2010 Gregorio Zara Award for Applied Science.

Dr. Cruz retired from government service in 2014 after two (2) decades of working at PCC. He now enjoys spending time with his wife, the former Teresita Vicente. They are blessed with one son and two daughters who are all based in the United States. Lib has two grandsons and two granddaughters, good reasons for him and wife to visit the US once in a while.

Aside from family time, Lib also enjoys his retirement practicing what he preached - dairy buffalo farming and assisting dairy producers' cooperatives. It is his way of sustaining his passion for promoting the dairy business among rural farming families, the thing that he taught and shared for decades. Dr. Libertado Cruz believes that dairy development in the Philippine setting is more than milk. It is about PEOPLE - the millions of resource poor smallholders in rural farming communities.

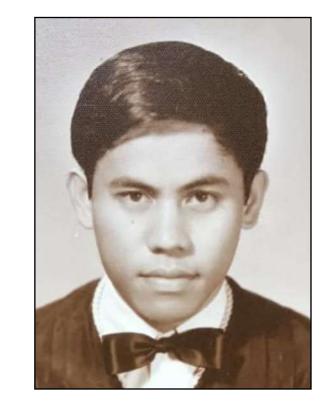
# RUFIL E. CUEVAS

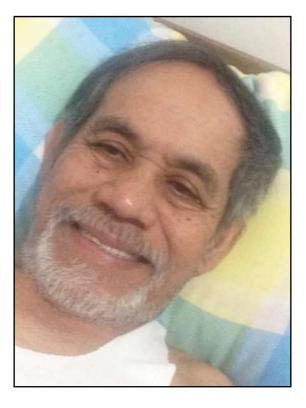
A story of inspiration, of hardships and survival... A son who made sacrifices for the family... A story of a Batangueño who worked twice as hard as a student to pursue his dreams and become what he is now...

He is Rufil Cuevas, the fourth child in a family of eight (8) children. After high school, Fil needed to find a school where he can be a selfsupporting student since both of his parents were unemployed. Fortunately, he passed the entrance examination of the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA) that gave him the opportunity to become a student assistant during regular semesters.

As a working student, Fil had to do janitorial work daily before his class, from 5:00 to 6:30 in the morning. He even slept at the bodega of the Applied Mathematics building so that he can start his cleaning job early. Jokingly, Fil recalled that he could not mingle or sit beside his lady classmates during early morning lectures or exams because he just came from his 'dirty' janitorial work.

In addition to his janitorial work, Fil also became the trustee of a dorm owner in exchange for free accommodation. Even in summer, he had to look for a job to support him for the next semester. He also did his own laundry and cooking. Since he could not afford extra expenses, he skipped social and formal affairs in the college. However, in order to compensate for Fil's inadequacies and to make his life more active, he joined student politics as member of the Student Council. He also joined Pi Omicron Fraternity – Gamma Chapter as Charter member, and participated in intramural games.





An unfortunate event in college that he remembers was, when he lost his Fellowship Grant in 1965. His Laboratory Instructor erroneously gave him an "Incomplete" grade. According to him, that grade was not supposed to be for him but was the grade of his classmate who was sitting next to him in class.

Despite all the hardships and that unfortunate event, Rufil Cuevas weathered it all and graduated in 1970. After finishing his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA) degree, he was hired as a Business Manager of the UPLB Textbook Board, and concurrently worked as Instructor in the Agricultural Economics Department of UPCA.

A good opportunity knocked one time in his life when he was offered a study grant for an advance degree at Stanford University. Sadly, Fil turned it down because he needed to work to support the education of his younger siblings. Then, from 1972 – 1977, Fil was a Management Specialist, in his own right, performing several management positions at the same time at UPCA. He was an Assistant to the Director of Research while also working as Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs. During this period, he also worked as Alternate Assistant to the Director of Extension Education, Administrative Supervisor of the Los Baños Credit Cooperative, and Alternate Assistant to the Chancellor.

After seven (7) years of working at UPCA, Fil went to Iloilo and worked as Administrative Officer (Assistant to the Director of Research) at the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center – Aquaculture Department (SEAFDEC/ AQD). From a government bureaucrat, Fil then transferred to a private construction company in Makati. He became the Assistant Vice-President of International Agribusiness Corporation from 1979 – 1983.

Again, he went back to SEAFDEC/AQD in Iloilo and performed several duties as planning officer for research, and policy and development; Station Manager; and Director of Administrative Division. While in Iloilo, he also worked part-time as Chairman/President of Aquaphil Resources Development Corporation.

It was in Iloilo that he made meaningful contributions to humanity. In 1989, he founded the Kinaadman Foundation Elementary School. He then served as its Adviser until 1997. With his experience in management, he spearheaded the establishment of SEMCO, an employee multipurpose cooperative in Iloilo. Eventually, he was elected as the Chairman and led the cooperative for 10 years, from 1993 to 2003.

In between his humanitarian work, he also became the Managing Director of Fix Express Construction for a year.

Since 1979 until the present, Mr. Cuevas has provided advisory and consultancy services to non-government organizations (NGOs) and local government units (LGUs). And, because of his exposure to the construction business, Fil also engaged in the real estate business. He is a licensed real estate broker. From time to time, he still sells real estate properties.

What he has achieved and what he is now, was all because of the unparalleled trust and confidence that Dr. Jose A. Eusebio, his mentor generously gave him when he was proving himself to the world. And since then, he always believed that one has to "FIGHT FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IS RIGHT!"

#### EVA S. DATA

Coming from her hometown in Paracale, Camarines Norte, Eva Data arrived in Quezon City to start her college life in 1965 at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City (UPD). However, she stayed in UPD for only one semester. She transferred to the then UP College of Agriculture and took up the BS in Home Technology.

After graduation, Eva or Eves headed to Mindanao to join the Mindanao State University as Food Service Manager. She returned to UPLB and pursued further studies. She took up MS Applied Nutrition. Afterwards, she joined the Nutrition Center of the Philippines (NCP). NCP is a non-profit organization established in 1974 to help address malnutrition in the Philippines. Later she returned to UPLB and worked as research associate at the College of Human Ecology.

Eves eventually decided that being employed and having a boss did not suit her. And so she ventured into the business world that allowed her to travel to different countries.





Another shift in occupation happened when Eves' two nieces and a nephew were diagnosed with kidney failure. She lovingly cared for them for 10 years. Soon after, Eves found herself volunteering for hospice care. She has been a hospice volunteer for 25 years now at the Madre de Amor Hospice Foundation, Inc. in Los Baños. She was recognized for her compassionate nature and generous sharing of herself when she was awarded as Outstanding Volunteer by the Foundation. Maybe becoming a hospice volunteer was Eves' calling? Volunteering allows her to contribute, be part of a good cause, and make her community a better place. She feels a deep sense of satisfaction at being able to help others and to give hope, love and joy through her hospice care. She is single until now, but Eves is enjoying life to the fullest.

All these years, she lived by this motto, "Sharing yourself with others makes you rich and successful in life".

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### **ROSARIO DAVID-SANBUA**

Rosario David-Sanbua is another alumna of the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA) who ventured and embraced a country and culture different from Magalang, Pampanga, the hometown she grew up in. She said that at first it was challenging but after a period of adjustment, she started to enjoy her new home environment.

Rose's marriage to a Thai national brought her to a foreign land where she raised two wonderful children, Panida and Chudhaporn Sanbua. Her children are both grown up and married but she is still waiting to become a grandma.

After graduating in 1970 with a degree a BSA degree major in Animal Husbandry (Dairy Chemistry), Rose joined Araneta University Foundation in Caloocan City. She was an Instructor at the Department of Animal Husbandry, College of Agriculture until 1972.

Two years later, she decided to be a hands-on mother to her young children, Panida and Chudaporn. She devoted her time to her babies and enjoyed their early growing years... their first smile, first steps, and first words.



When the two children were of school age, Rose decided to pursue her career, so she applied at Kasetsart University in Bangkhen, Thailand. Fortunately, she was taken as Instructor at the Department of Humanities where she taught Technical English to junior and senior students from the Faculties of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Science.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization – Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO-RAP) in Thailand became her workplace from July 1977 to 2011. She worked as technical assistant (GS6)



at FAO-RAP's Animal Production and Health Division. Here, Rose worked with the Regional Animal Production and Health Officer and was also the Secretary of the Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific (APHCA). Her tasks included assisting in the preparation, organization and documentation of the Annual Regional Commission meetings, rotated in the 12 member countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and Assisting the Livestock Officer in the publication of the quarterly Asian Livestock Newsletter of APHCA.

From animal production and health, Rose transferred to the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission (APFIC) where she was promoted to GS7 at FAO-RAP's Fisheries Division. She worked with its Senior Fisheries Officer who served as the Secretary of APFIC which has 21 active member countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Rose oversaw the overall logistics arrangements and documentation of the APFIC bi-annual Commission meetings, regional technical consultations. workshops and symposia. She also prepared meeting reports and papers for publication and distribution.

In October 2011, Rose retired from FAO-RAP after completing 34 years of fruitful, challenging and enjoyable service. Meeting lots of people of different cultural backgrounds and personalities brought joy and satisfaction to her job. "I may not have grown professionally but I enjoyed my work at FAO-RAP", Rose concluded.

# GEMMA DEANGKINAY ENCARNACION

Finding the right balance between academics and extracurricular activities has always been a major concern for college students. But for Gemma Encarnacion, juggling studies with extracurriculars was no big deal. In fact, she was able to maintain near perfect grades and still got to lead in her chosen organizations.

Gemma enrolled at UPCA in 1965 with a Caltex scholarship grant that she enjoyed for four years. For Gemma, college wasn't just about academics. She was an active student leader during her college days. Joining and leading different organizations on the campus honed her leadership qualities. She served in the Student Council for three terms, representing the students in their fight for nationalist, mass-oriented, and scientific type of education. Up to this day, she is a member of the UP Varrons Ltd., an organization that puts emphasis on the promotion of academic excellence, establishment of strong leadership and promotion of unselfish service to the university and community.

Had Gemma decided to enter politics, she would have included women's rights in her platform. She joined the Associated Women Students (AWS), became an active member and later on served as its





president for two semesters. Being with AWS means overseeing women students' wellbeing on campus, including their stay in residence halls. Gemma was not the typical dorm resident. She cared for the welfare of other residents. As she took on the challenge to make the students' stay in the dorm more comfortable, she became an officer of the UPCA Women's Dorm Association.

Despite her very active involvement in campus organizations, Gemma graduated with flying colors in 1970. She obtained her degree in Agriculture major in Botany Genetics, *cum laude*. She later pursued further studies. She fulfilled the academic requirements and passed the comprehensive exam for her master's degree. However, she was unable to finish her thesis.

For her professional career, Gemma handled laboratory classes in Genetics and Plant Breeding for a few semesters in the University. Later, she worked at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), specifically at its Phytotron and Tissue Culture Laboratory. Years later, she opted for early retirement and became a stay home wife and mother. Gemma, who established residence in Los Baños, is wife to Mr. Denis Encarnacion. She is mother to Gem and Ann. Gem (now Mrs. Arturo Santillana) is working with the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) as molecular microbiologist while Ann (Mrs. Eric Morales) is a loan officer in Canada. Gemma is a proud Lola to twins Rafayesa Marie and Gabriel Josiah.

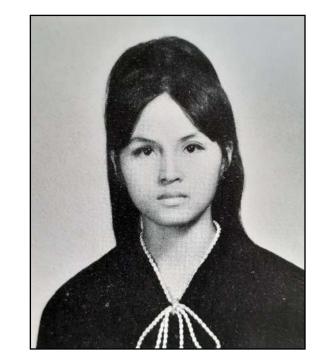
She is thankful for what she has and what she is now. She is also thankful for all the blessings and trials that had come her way.

To keep herself productive during the pandemic crisis, Gemma is now occupied honing her skills in bonsai culture and bread making.

#### FE DELA CRUZ-ALMIRA

Fe was born to a poor tenant farmer couple, Ciriaco and Crisanta de la Cruz, of a small barrio in Batac, Ilocos Norte. She grew up without electricity and life was not easy on the farm. Aside from her household chores, she helped her folks routinely grow and harvest rice, tobacco, and garlic. From learning her father's traditional farming, she always thought to herself if there could be more efficient methods to improve the production. This then inspired her to study agriculture. She chose to go to llocos Norte Institute of Science and Technology (now Mariano Marcos State University) for high school. Being hardship driven, she was competitive in sports and graduated valedictorian in high school, consequently becoming an entrance scholar at UPLB.

Life in UPLB was at first scary and intimidating. It was her first time being away from home and family who could hardly speak Tagalog. It took two semesters to overcome homesickness, gain confidence conversing in Tagalog, make a few friends and finally adjust to college life. After graduating with a BSA major in Soils Science, she landed a job as laboratory senior technician in NSDB, formerly NIST, Manila. Shortly thereafter, before martial law of 1972, she married Ernesto Almira and left the Philippines for graduate school in the USA. Little did they know then that it would become their adopted home country.





At the Department of Ornamental Horticulture, Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, graduate school life was a big challenge for Fe, apart from adjusting to the English lingo of the Deep South. Fe was awarded a graduate research assistantship in 1973, a rarity for a female foreigner then. Determined to succeed, she earned the Anderson Graduate Award for the best paper presented at the American Society for Horticultural Sciences conference in New Orleans in 1975. She was also awarded a Sigma Delta Honor Society membership in Agriculture. After finishing her master's in Horticulture, she gave birth to her two sons – Bryan and Jason – the pride and joy of her life. While raising her boys, she landed a job as a biological scientist at the University of Florida's Environmental Horticulture in Gainesville, Florida in 1983. Fe worked with a botanist which gave her opportunities to travel locally and abroad to collect research specimens, present papers/ posters, teach plant identification and propagation classes, and co-author scientific publications. Juggling a career and raising a family was difficult, but with hard work and perseverance, Fe managed to earn the Superior Accomplishment Award (1997) given to exemplary employees. She also became a two-time recipient of the Davis Productivity Award (1994, 1996), in part for her innovative contribution that saved the university substantial money.

Retirement life is kind to Fe. Because of her IT genius son, Bryan, she loves being upto-date with the latest digital technology! And thanks to her professional singer son, Jason, she was introduced to her love of sea and river cruises. While her passion for exploring the world is temporarily halted due to the pandemic, her love of gardening is keeping her sane and quite busy in between caring for family and maintaining a get-away property.

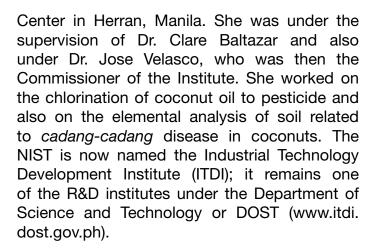
# EVANGELINE DELA CUESTA CONSOLACION

Evangeline Obien de la Cuesta-Consolacion, Vangie for short, is grateful to God for an enriching and fulfilling life. She is from Batac, llocos Norte where she graduated from secondary school at the Batac Institute in 1962. She passed the University of the Philippines (UP) entrance examination and studied at UP Diliman for a year before her parents transferred her to the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA) in Los Baños. The guiet campus environment and the presence of her uncle, a faculty member in the Department of Botany were partly a consideration for this move. Leaving her under the guardianship of her uncle, Dr. Santiago Obien, gave her parents a sense of peace and security. Dr. Obien was the first person in the family who obtained the highest educational achievement and was highly regarded. Her parents naturally encouraged Vangie to follow in her uncle's footsteps.

Although there was a strict policy of admission into the Department of Chemistry, she was accepted. In hindsight, the five-year agricultural chemistry program that she chose to take was a difficult one. There were numerous challenges as she barely passed some of her subjects and she struggled with fear of failure, criticism, opposition, and rejection. Yet she persevered with the support of her thesis supervisor, Dr. Ramon Samaniego. He was considerate, earnest but easy to talk to, and showed no favoritism toward any of his students. His guidance and close supervision over the conduct of her experiments helped Vangie complete her thesis on time. She finished all her course requirements in October 1969, and was conferred the degree of BS in Agricultural Chemistry in April 1970.

Immediately after graduation, she worked as a technician at the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) Agricultural Research





After a year or two, she returned to UPCA as a research assistant under Dr. Julian Banzon to work on coconut research and then under Dr. Carlito Baril in the Department of Chemistry on pesticide residue analysis in the Laguna de Bay ecosystem. Years later, she moved to the Department of Agronomy (Tobacco Section) under Dr. A. Necesito while pursuing her master's



degree. She finished her MS in Agronomy, majoring in Crop Physiology with a minor in Insecticide Toxicology in October 1980.

Vangie married her former classmate and boyfriend, Frisco I. Consolacion, who also obtained his BS in Agricultural Chemistry the same year that she did. Then in 1980, they flew to Canada to pursue doctoral studies at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. Vangie was accepted as a provisional PhD student in Plant Biochemistry and Plant Physiology. As a graduate research assistant in the Department of Plant Science, College of Agriculture and Forestry, she conducted research pertaining to the effects of ethylene and carbon dioxide on the thermodormancy of lettuce seeds, particularly on the interactions among plant hormones, carbon dioxide, and light in the relief of thermoinhibition of lettuce seed germination.

The whole family which included two children lived in Canada for six years. Her husband finished his PhD and accepted a job offer as an Assistant Professor at Sultan Qaboos University in the Sultanate of Oman. Unfortunately, Vangie had to give up pursuing her PhD in order for her and the children to be able to join Frisco in Oman.

While in Sultan Qaboos University, Vangie had the opportunity to work at the College of Agriculture as a technician, which also involved some teaching aside from research. As a teacher, she worked with graduating students in their Special Topic courses by helping them conduct their laboratory experiments. A big part of her time was spent on establishing the university's Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory. As a researcher, she mostly worked on projects focused on improving the production of date palms, a key economic crop in Oman. She was also kept busy in the department's extension program, providing on-the-job training in plant tissue culture techniques to Omani personnel from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. She also helped train students from the Oman Technological and Industrial College in chemical laboratory work.

Vangie learned that life's ups and downs have both challenged and enriched her, and that everything – good and bad, can build character. For her, faith in God is the dominant source of strength and courage in facing one's daily struggles. She sees God in the good times and celebrates, but also sees Him during the difficult times when it hurts. She strongly believes that all things have a purpose and they all work together for one's good because God constantly watches and keeps everyone who believes in Him. She continually gives praises and thanks to God for His goodness and love.

# MILDRED DOMINGUEZ MAGBOO

"What? You want me to attend UP in Los Banos!!!" This was the start of a disappointing conversation I had with my mother in 1965 as we were getting close to school enrollment. She responded "Yes, you are not going to UP Diliman and that's it". It felt like the world closed in on me.

I and a friend from high school planned out our path to our careers. We were both going to UP Diliman against the advice of the nuns at school. It was, to us, a great break from the all-girls school from kinder to high school. Not that we were interested in boys but we thought very highly of an education at UP Diliman with no specific course yet in mind.

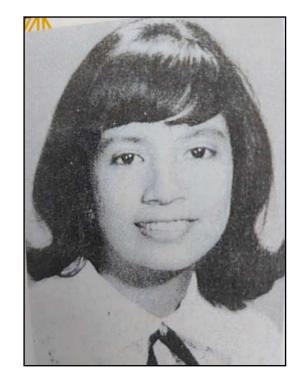
So my mother drove my sister and me to UP in Los Banos to enroll that one day in May of 1965. I was distraught, grumpy - I just did not want to go. My sister, Josie, went to UP Diliman in her first year of college. She did not like the over-crowded UP Diliman setting so she convinced our mother that UP in Los Banos would suit her better after having a talk with my aunt, Corazon Basas (who later married Frank Colanta), who was then teaching at the Department of Home Technology.

I asked my mother as we were standing, waiting to get admission papers why she wanted me to take up agriculture... I kept telling her that I did not want to be in an agricultural school, I have absolutely zero interest in it, I don't like this place, it's too provincial, on and on I went. She won't listen to me. So I guess she ended up winning and thus sealed my destiny.

We drove to the Women's Dorm to meet with Mrs Josefa Roldan, the elderly matron who looked kind of scary. I told my mother "You will not make me live in this place" and with a matron like her, yikes! Her response was firm "You will do as I say".

So there I was - enrolled at UP College of Agriculture in Los Banos with residence at the Women's Dormitory.

The first day was a big conference setting at Baker Hall with all the newly enrolled freshmen. My attention was so deficient that I don't really remember anything except what this guy at the podium said "Look at the person beside you. By the end of this semester either you or the person beside you will be gone from this college". Boy! Is it really this bad that only 50% will make it by the end of the semester - what an ominous start of a school year. Since I don't like it here maybe I will be the one to get kicked out.



English was the first class I had. I remember the lady instructor saying it was a special English class of selected freshmen. Up to this day I still do not understand what was so special about this English class. I learned to like the English classes and all Math classes... maybe because these classes were so remote from agriculture.

I went from class to class, taking things in stride, doing what I was told to do. One day I got a notice that I was going to be interviewed on a local radio station with Francis Laurel to talk about our freshman experience at UPCA. It felt good to be chosen and my dorm mates listened in on their radios. So that was a plus that helped on the positive side of my life in Los Banos.

Everything, sort of, fell into place and I would say improved my impression of the college. I still did not like 'agriculture' - I did not know what to major in. I started with Agricultural Chemistry. Maybe the word 'agricultural' in it was a damper. My interest faded.

My sister and I stayed at the dormitory for two years then moved to a house in the Gonzalez compound where my aunt also lived. Very rarely did we stay for weekends. I guess I missed out on the fun that a teenager on a college campus should be experiencing on weekends - the shindigs, the dances, eating out, etc.



The college had an impressive faculty. The educational attainment of every faculty member really stood out. Many imparted knowledge very well in the delivery and content. There were a few who were mediocre. I learned a lot from all of them ... from dissecting a frog, planting kamote or palay, driving a tractor, collecting insects, performing surgery on a chicken. What I did not learn was how to milk a cow! I remember going home telling my parents that I was now a well-rounded farmer, ready to tackle their 'hacienda'. No, it still wasn't for me. The theoretical learning part was very good but I was still focused on doing something that had more meaning to my life which definitely was not agriculture. Then on my third year it dawned on me to major in Statistics. Dr Amador Yñiguez was my adviser and he was good and practical.

One of the courses I took in my last year of college was FORTRAN Programming. Programming was very new back then in the Philippines. It made an impact on my thinking of how the world was going to be shaped by this technology - humans programming machines that will control every bit of the world we live in.

After I completed my courses at UPCA, I got married and immediately left for the USA. My first job was with the California Highway Patrol in Sacramento as a Statistical Methods Analyst. It was interesting analyzing accident statistics from California roads. I had my first child, left this job to take care of the baby. Rollie Magboo, my husband, was offered a position in San Diego where we lived from that point on.

One interesting note when I was being interviewed for an engineering position with General Atomic, a subsidiary of Gulf Corp, I was told by the Human Resources guy that they have only two schools from the Philippines that they accredited - University of the Philippines and Ateneo. Well, I started working for them and was tasked to writing FORTRAN programs for their nuclear reactor projects. While working I took classes at the University of California in San Diego hoping to finish with an MS degree in Software Engineering. School conflicted with work and home duties so I gave it up.

My programming class at UP truly paved the way for my eventual work with NCR Corporation from which Teradata Corporation evolved. I worked as a Software Engineer and stayed with them for almost 30 years until I retired in 2008.

In 1996 my husband of 27 years passed away. It was such a devastating loss like a part of you just peeled away. Life had to go on. My daughters, Nina and Tara, were my inspiration to continue working and move on.

In the uncertainty amidst this pandemic, my faith and my spirituality keep me sane. I am not religious but very spiritual. My faith in God and the inherent goodness of human beings give me hope that there is still so much to live for – so much to be done to help others who are truly in dire need of surviving in this confusing world. My six dogs keep me sane, as well, and happy... it truly is not a coincidence that dog spelled backwards is GOD.

I've come full circle... from a teeny-bopper hating to attend an agricultural school in Los Banos, onwards to the USA, then back to the Philippines as a retired 71-year old living in Tagaytay with my partner, Jojo Escobar, as we now both wait under the shadows of a setting sun.

My learning experience in Los Banos, my classmates, faculty members who assisted me in my quest for knowledge, and many other people I met in my journey molded me to who I am today. To UPLB Batch 70, you have been an important part of my life, and for this I thank you all so much. You are all so near and dear to my heart.

### CELSO L. EVANGELISTA

Celso wanted to take up law in college but his mother was against sending him to study in Manila. This was quite understandable since his family lived in Grove, Los Baños – the general area just outside the UPCA's main gate. Deferring to his parents' wishes, Cels enrolled at UPCA where he earned his BSA, with Soil Science for his major and Agricultural Economics as minor.

After graduating from college, Celso held several jobs in the private sector. He was started out in 1970 to 1972 as technical supervisor at the Plant Nutrition Department, Tagum Agricultural Development Corp. in Davao City. He then assumed the role of extension services supervisor at Planters Products Inc., in Makati and Pasig from 1973 to 74, then rose to technical manager for Dynavision Agricultural Development Corporation in Carmona, Cavite from 1975 to 77. The following year, 1978, he joined Hoechst Philippines as technical services manager of its Crop Protection Division until 1995. His next career move from 1995 to 98 was with Agrevo Crop Protection Division, and finally as marketing manager at Aventis Crop Science Corporation until 2000.



Cels put up the family enterprise called Jocanima Group of Companies after he left Aventis in 2000. He was well-equipped for this next phase of his professional career with the following aces in his favor: a solid degree from the foremost agricultural college in the country, UPLB; extensive experience in helping crop and animal growers increase their incomes from their agri-ventures; and deep familiarity with the products and technologies in animal and crop production and protection, not counting his being steeped in these fields for three decades. Jocanima (taken from



the first syllable of his children's names) is in the business of fertilizers, crop protection, bio-pesticides, and animal health and veterinary products. He is squarely at the helm, being the President-CEO from the time it was established in 2001 to the present.

Now that Cels is his own boss, he has more freedom to devote to his many hobbies that include hunting, playing billiards, shooting (he is a member of a gun club), and his passion for raising horses and game fowls. Cels highlighted what he considers as his significant contributions to the agricultural sector thus:

Trained rice farmers to improve their productivity and profitability;

Trained farmers on safe and proper handling of crop protection products;

Introduced biological products in the banana plantations to avoid development of undesirable (chemical) residues; and

Trained poultry and livestock growers to increase their productivity, complimented by strict biosecurity measures.

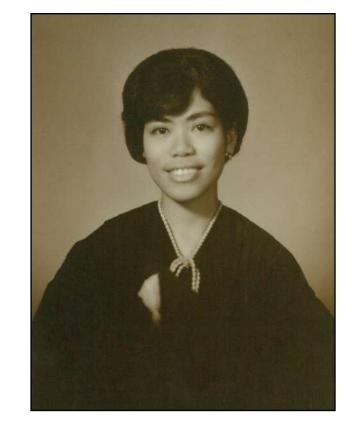
Celso is married to Josefina Mallari with whom he has four daughters: Jocelle Anne, Camille, Nina Maria, and Marriane Joyce. The Evangelistas have three grandchildren: Lucia Una, Emilio Lorenzo, and Gabriel.

#### IDA FANDIALAN DALMACIO

Ida wanted very much to go to Manila for her college education and take up medicine or law. However, her father wanted his children to study at UPCA probably for the reasons that: (1) he himself obtained his B.S. Sugar Technology from this campus, (2) he believed that UPCA was the best school that could provide the knowledge and training for a person to be competitive, (3) there would be less expenses that would be incurred, and (4) the place was near home, only 20 kilometers from San Pablo City where the family resides. She qualified for a full scholarship from the National Science Development Board (NSDB), now the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) which would practically pay the cost of education in science and technology but not in the areas that she preferred. Being an obedient child, Ida heeded the wish of her father and so she enrolled in the B.S. Agriculture curriculum in 1965.

She stayed at the Women's Dorm from the time she entered UPCA until her graduation. Mommy Roldan, the one in-charge of running the dorm was a very soft-spoken woman but she really saw to it that the residents were prim and proper, reminding each one to speak in a low, modulated voice. Leaving the dorm after 6:00 pm required a permit with a valid reason (going to the library was frequently approved, though probably not always the real reason). Curfew was at 10:00 pm so everybody should be in and all accounted for. Lights had to be turned off in the rooms at 10:00 pm. Ida did not mind these ground rules. They were easy to follow, except for the "soft voice". The dorm was a home away from home.

Throughout her elementary and high school days, her parents were always around for guidance, and giving constant reminders to do the best in all undertakings, whether they would be co-curricular or extra-curricular. These she took seriously, thus finishing elementary school with the highest honor and high school as class salutatorian. Ida felt that she was prepared to tackle the rigors of college life.



She did not find the subjects during the first two years in UPCA difficult, probably because the schools in San Pablo City where she finished precollege education provided sufficient background. She did not expect that she would get the highest average among the freshmen after the first semester, but this feat was never repeated, though she was always included in the honor roll every semester. She found the courses during her third year the most difficult, but on hindsight, she became involved in a lot of extra-curricular activities that probably lessened her time for studying. With this realization and with the thought that her parents might get disappointed, she tried to get higher grades in her fourth year.

It was not all class work and assignments. She attended parties and never missed the Loyalty Day Ball. She enjoyed out of town escapades with friends. However, her father constantly monitored her activities or whereabouts that he would be in campus unexpectedly. He had a way of knowing her schedule, even the rooms where her classes were held.



Despite the half-hearted decision to study in UPCA, she found her college life to be fulfilling as she gained new friends whom she cherishes up to this time. She found her teachers, some of whom were "terrors" to be very good mentors.

After graduation in June 1969, she got hired as research assistant at the Department of Plant Pathology where she met Sammy Dalmacio who became her husband. They both pursued graduate studies and obtained their PhD from Pennsylvania State University. They have two children: Anthony Charles, an ENT doctor, married to Leslie Michelle (nee Malaluan), and Charlene, BSBAA (*cl*), married to Joseph Janer, who all graduated in UP. They have four grandchildren, one of whom graduated from UP Diliman (BSIE), a 4<sup>th</sup> generation UP alumnus.

Ida spent her professional life almost entirely in UPLB. After returning from graduate studies abroad in 1976, she joined the University as Assistant Professor, rose from the ranks, and retired as Full Professor in 2014. She is currently a Professor

Emeritus and is still actively involved in advising MS and PhD students. She served the University in different capacities – as teacher of undergraduate and graduate courses in microbiology, as researcher, and as an administrator. She became the Secretary of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1980-1984, was appointed Director of the National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (BIOTECH) for two non-consecutive terms (1989-1994; 2006-2010) and Faculty Regent of UP (2011-2012).

From 1998-2004, she was appointed, on secondment, as Executive Director of the Philippine Council of Advanced Science and Technology Research and Development (PCASTRD) of DOST where she led the formulation of the research agenda in the areas of biotechnology, materials science, information technology and electronics, together with esteemed colleagues from the academe and the private sector. She represented the Philippines in the ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology, Sub-Committee on Infrastructure and Resources Development from 1998-2008 and became the Philippine Focal Person for APEC Industrial Science and Technology Working Group (1998-2004).

Her efforts did not go unnoticed since she was acknowledged as a UPLB Distinguished Teacher in the Biological Sciences in 1981, an Outstanding Young Scientist by the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) of DOST in 1986, an Outstanding Microbiologist by the Philippine Society for Microbiology (PSM)in 1993, an Outstanding Alumnus in Research Administration by the UPLB CA Alumni Association in 2005, and was also given the Gregorio Y. Zara Award in Basic Sciences Research by the Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science (PHILAAS) in 2013. Throughout her career, she believed that one cannot be a good leader if she is not a good follower; hence, she tried to serve as the best example she can be to her students and to her co-workers so that she will earn their respect, and at the same time encourage them to aim for excellence.

## CLAUDIA FAUSTINO STAHN

A father's fear of his beautiful daughter getting married at an early age led Claudette to studying at the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA). Claudette's father did not allow her to study in Manila which was what she wanted. He felt insecure and feared that she might not be able to finish her studies in Manila and instead get married early because he knew that his daughter had good looks. Her father wanted her to go to UPCA because it was only 30 minutes away from their house and he could easily come to Los Baños to see Claudette every day.

She proved her father wrong she finished her UPCA degree.

After graduation, she worked as Nuclear Research Specialist at the Philippine Atomic Energy Commission for more than 12 years. In 1974, the International Atomic Energy Association (IAEA) awarded a scholarship to Claudette to study in Vienna, Austria. She studied Radiation Genetics in Industrial Microorganism, particularly yeast in the field of Industrial Microbiology.



She then happily settled in the beautiful country of New Zealand with her husband. They have one daughter and two grandchildren. She has been away from the Philippines for more than 42 years already.

After retirement, Claudette and her husband built a Mediterranean Resort in New Zealand. But since it was a business and needed personal management, they decided to sell it and retire for good to enjoy a stress-free life.



So, she decided to join a "Line Dancing Group" and participated in "Ten Pin Bowling Leagues". Gifted with a good voice, Claudette joined a church choir and became one of the founding members of the "Filipino Catholic Choir" in Tauranga, New Zealand.

Claudette has come a long way since her college days in UP Los Baños. All through her life, she was guided by these life principles, "Life is about solving problems, and every obstacle is the way forward. You are the author of your own life. Make improvements, not excuses. Commitment, resilience and perseverance will take you far".

And, despite everything that one had achieved in life, there should be a time to enjoy and have fun. Claudette relates, "self-care comes first. If you're not healthy, it's tough to be happy. Life is short. Do what brings out the best in you. Efforts matter more than skills or talent".

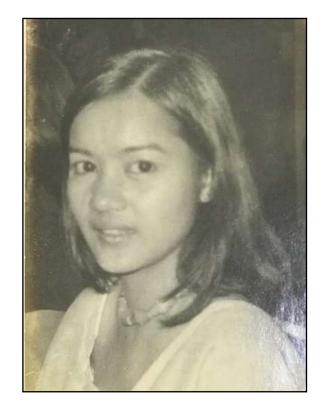


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# MELINDA CENDAÑA FELICIANO - LUMANTA (AN ADOPTED CLASS '70 ALUMNA)

Being a high school graduate of St. Scholastica's College, Manila, it was unthinkable that Mendie would consider a "cow college"... or so thought her fellow "collegialas" and more specially the Benedictine nuns who molded her for 11 years of primary and secondary schooling. But with the foresight of her mother, Dr. Teresita C. Feliciano, a UP Manila graduate herself, and the vicarious presence of her UPCA professor-grandfather, Dr. Silverio M. Cendaña, she thought what better option could there be - to get the best of a UP education while staying within the comfort of a family environment in Los Baños. So, it was UP College of Agriculture for her, entering as a new freshman in the academic year 1969-1970.

At that time, the only degrees offered were BS Agriculture and BS Forestry, in the lower and upper campuses, respectively. Mendie opted to pursue a BSA major in Statistics, attending classes in as far as the Animal Science Lecture Hall and as near to home in the Ag Ed Lecture Hall, just across Cendaña's dorm. College life was always exciting for her specially Zoology and Botany laboratories involving nurturing plants, dissecting frogs and identifying insect species. To get live specimen she, along with other dormmates, would scour Pili Drive at night and bring home the slimy victim for the next day surgery in class. Insect collection involved ascending Jamboree and descending down to the creekside. Of course there was always the Animal Science courses where fellow students had to caponize squirming chicken and milk smelly goats. P.E classes were also memorable as she donned the iconic "bloomers" to perform gymnastics and to swim the length of the pool in Baker Hall to pass the course. For Mendie, Saturdays were also filled with school activities as she had to report to the Grandstand as a member of the Corp of Sponsors. In UPCA she learned how to steer a tractor, till the soil and handle a real garand rifle during ROTC practices.



As a Statistics major she cannot forget how she and her classmates struggled with the pre-cursor of the calculator in the Stat Lab. They cranked the machine forwards and then backwards until a sharp ding was heard to indicate the number crunching was over. Soon this was replaced with the room-sized IBM computer that was housed in a sterile Computer Room and where she had to punch in the data in the IBM punch cards and run Cobol and Fortran programs. She even learned computer programming in "cow college"!

It was her undergraduate stint in UPCA that she credits her earning a well-rounded education. Aside from academics, her social consciousness foundation inculcated by the

Benedictine sisters was enhanced as she witnessed first hand the true "makibaka" spirit role-modeled by the UP generations ahead of her, most specially



UPCA Batch 70. Student activism ran through their veins as they put to use the knowledge they gained to influence academe, government and civil society to work for the marginalized in order to achieve equality and development. A great influence was the "Symposium," the only student organisation she decided to join and which she once headed as its President with Resty Collado as adviser. It was through the idealism of these the brightest UPCA students composing the organization that her own convictions were formed.

Graduating in 1974 with a BSA major in Statistics degree, she was immediately hired as a training assistant/statistician in the Agrarian Reform Institute (ARI) of UPLB. Soon thereafter, she pursued a Master of Statistics from UPLB under a Philippine Council for Agricultural Research (PCAR) scholarship. With a masters degree, she was offered a research associate position in the Centre for Policy and Development Studies (CPDS), UPLB where she worked with the best minds in the area of policy for development, including Dr. Amando Dalisay, Dr. Jerry Sison, Dr. Fermin Adriano, Dr. Agnes Rola, Dr. Ramon Nasol, Dr. Roger Cuyno, among others.

After a few years of balancing work and family life, she decided to go for the ultimate in the academe. Her admission into the PhD in Communication program of Michigan State University (MSU) and husband Boy's PhD admission into the Animal Science program in the same university started a new chapter in their lives. With their young son, Roi, they survived as graduate students absorbing the good and judging what was right to bring back home to a country that was at the brink of decline.

With a PhD in Communication and upon her return to the UPLB she was invited to join the College of Economics and Management (CEM) as a faculty member of the then Department of Development Management (DDM). At the same time she served as affiliate in the Research Management Center (RMC) in 1991 which she later headed as its Director. With a PhD in Communication she was invited to teach at the College of Development Communication (CDC). It was during her stint with CDC that the UP Open University (UPOU) searched for a Dean to head its newly established Faculty of Management. She was appointed Dean and served for two-terms after which she served as Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration for a total of 12 years. She was later appointed and continues to serve as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to the present.

Mendie has always viewed "re-tiring" rather than "retirement" as the next phase of life. Re-tiring is a continuous search for new things and adapting; retirement is an end state. She sees herself spending the best years yet with Boy, Roi and Nini, and the precious grandchildren, Uno and Daphne - "retrying" to make up for lost time and "re-tiring" to adapt to new and exciting years ahead.

Mendie is honored to be adopted by UPCA Batch 70!

## JORGE C. FLORCRUZ

Jorge FlorCruz, better known to his friends as Budit, grew up in Malolos, Bulacan where his family owned agricultural land. This was his motivation to go to Los Baños and study agriculture. He noted that in the 1960s, the tenants tilling their rice fields were applying traditional agriculture that produced low rice yields per hectare. Budit wanted to apply scientific agricultural methods to increase the productivity of their land. The government's Masagana 99 program, which aimed to increase rice yield from the prevailing national average of 40 cavans to 99 cavans per hectare, had yet to be launched in 1973.

And so to UPCA he enrolled in school year 1965-66. He fondly looks back at college life at UPCA with exciting and socially active memories. He is a proud member of the Casanovans, later renamed as the Fraternal Order of the Grange. It is now known as the UPLB Grange Association, a student organization that consistently turns out *summa, magna*, and *cum laude* graduates.

In April 1970, Budit joined the UPCA graduating class with a BSA degree major in Animal Husbandry. Excited to apply his new knowledge about farming, he returned to Bulacan.





Budit was just getting started to implement improvements in their land when then President Ferdinand Marcos declared Martial Law on September 21, 1972. Five days later, Marcos issued Presidential Decree No. 2 declaring the country under land reform. The unrest and uncertainties of doing business under Martial Law and then, land reform, dampened Budit's plans to develop the land.

Instead, he decided to use his background in animal husbandry to seek gainful employment. He worked at Pfizer Philippines, a multinational pharmaceutical corporation, as premix manager of its animal nutritional products. Then in 1980, he moved to Beecham Philippines where he was in charge of the marketing its veterinary pharmaceuticals. In 1986 he immigrated to the US and later established residence in California with his family. After various career changes, he retired in April 2015 from Kinemed Inc., a biotech company in Emeryville, CA.

He is married to Simplicia Valenzuela, a former UP professor of veterinary medicine, with whom he has two daughters, Lilybeth and Korina. The latter has blessed them with three grandsons, Micah and twins Jeremy and Barry. He and wife Simply live a quiet life in Whittier, California. Budit says he keeps himself busy with the following hobbies: "*Aposina*", backyard gardening and joining *Tradicion Rondalla*, playing the bass guitar.



# NILO A. FLORCRUZ

Nilo Florcruz successfully weathered through the many challenges in his professional career. He attributes his success to his being a product of the University of the Philippines (UP). As he puts it, "Nagtagumpay tayo dahil sa TATAK UP ".

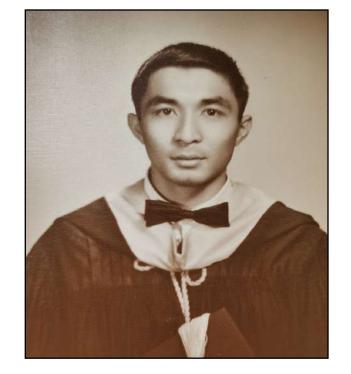
Nilo's first challenge was from his father, right after completing his bachelor's degree in Agricultural Chemistry in 1970. His father gave him the condition that he must first pass the Board for Chemistry before he looked for a job. And certainly, Nilo passed the board in May 1970.

Immediately after passing the Board, Dr. Julian Banzon, then Chairman of the Department of Agricultural Chemistry at UPCA offered him an Instructor I position in Chemistry. He substituted for Mrs. Violeta Janolino, who was then on study leave for her doctorate degree at North Carolina State University. Prof. Suerte assigned him as Special Sugar Researcher to teach the subject on Sugar Analysis and Chemical Control.

He applied to Central Azucarera de Don Pedro. The Resident Manager who interviewed Nilo advised him to first finish a course in Sugar Technology (ST), instead of just working in the laboratory. While the salary offered then by Don Pedro was the same rate as Instructor, Nilo forgot to consider the other benefits offered by the sugar factory – bonuses, health insurance, free water and electricity, equivalent to 1.75 of his basic salary.

Nilo's father encouraged him to accept the instructorship in Chemistry at UPCA instead, and he heeded. This not only strengthened his foundation in chemistry but in sugar technology, as well. When UPCA revived the Bachelor of Science in Sugar Technology (ST) program, he took this opportunity to complete 39 units of ST subjects, thus earning him higher qualifications for his future career in sugar operations and management.

In May 1971, Prof. Suerte sent Nilo to Victorias Milling Company, Inc. (VMC) to observe modern sugar operations. He observed and learned the actual production process from milling to raw sugar, and from raw sugar to refined sugar. During his mill internship, he realized the importance of human relations between managers and the rank and file. At that moment, the VMC managers enticed him to join VMC. It was not



a difficult decision to make because he already felt at home in the company, where several UPCA alumni were also employed. And because he was not really keen on pursuing a teaching career, in October 1971, Nilo accepted the VMC offer to work as Assistant Chemist after three semesters of teaching. Nilo belonged to the first batch of professional licensed Chemists, and Chemical, Mechanical, and Electrical Engineers.

In 1972, he was the first and only examinee who took and passed the Licensure Board Exam in Sugar Technology. Engineers and chemists who had worked for at least 10 years in a sugar factory were exempted from taking the examination and given a license.

Going back to human relations, during his three months probationary period at VMC and only two weeks on the job, he was assigned to handle the graveyard shift to fill in for one of the supervisors who got sick. This was another challenge that he had to face and his baptism into management. He first memorized the names and expertise of his men who were analysts, scalers, samplers, etc. He realized that no matter how bright you are, even with Latin honors, if you do not know how to deal with people, you will fail in your job. From his experience, he noted that many managers



with a master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) failed because they did not have the soft skills in managing their people. Other pitfalls in organization that he recognized were the factional strife and politics among managers, supervisors, and the rank and file.

Nilo's professional life in VMC gave him the opportunity to hone his technical and managerial skills. He was fortunate to be sent to trainings here and abroad on management, sugar processing, financial management, human relations, etc. He rose from the ranks after being assigned to different departments as Chemist, Manager of Distillery, Furfural Plant, Material Control (Purchasing, Warehousing & Inventory), Division Manager of Technical Services (Laboratory, Cane Supply, Pollution Control), Management and Technical Services, and in VMC's Makati Office.

In 1997, VMC filed for bankrupt cydue to misman agement. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approved the suspension of payment to creditors with the condition that rehabilitation plans would be implemented. Officers, managers and rank and file were retrenched. VMC closed down its research, hospital, shipping operations and the 360 kilometer railway system; and just concentrated on its core business. VMC cut manpower from 6000 to 1500 personnel during the rehabilitation. The factory manpower was reduced to 800 employees during Nilo's term. It was hard and really challenging to him to tell his co-workers that they were being retrenched.

Although Nilo applied for and was granted a United States greencard in 1997, he decided to stick with VMC because he believed it could recover. Fortunately, his decision paid off. In 2003, the new board and management appointed him Vice President for Manufacturing. Another big challenge! He was tasked to implement the four-year modernization plan of the factory, balancing and upgrading of the Raw and Refining operations with total capital expenditures of PhP1.5 billion. These projects eliminated the recurring energy costs due to bunker usage, purchased power, and rented generators. It also increased the milling capacity, improved quality of raw sugar, and sustained high efficiency and recovery in raw and refining operations.

In addition to the major projects, an PhP80M capital expenditure was implemented yearly to address obsolescence of critical equipment, thus reducing costs of production of raw sugar, making VMC competitive in the world market.

When Nilo retired in 2010, VMC's financial status was in the black. The company was able to service PhP880M principal and interest per year, and paid in advance its creditors in 15 years under a 18-year rehabilitation plan. For this, SEC considers the VMC rehabilitation as a model and the most successful one in the country. The rehabilitation of VMC was the brightest moment in Nilo's professional life. Challenge accepted and won over!

Nilo is married to the former Rosalinda de Guzman or "Linda". They have one (1) son, Nilo Vincent, a graduate of BS Biology '95, and UPCM 2000. He is an Opthalmologist with glaucoma as his sub-specialization. A 3<sup>rd</sup> generation UPLB alumnus, Nilo Vincent is married to the former Christine Cherry Ramirez who is a graduate of BS Agribusiness Management '97, and MBA '11 in UP DIliman. Nilo and Linda have two (2) grandsons, Neil Dominic and Francis Elmo.



For Pie, studying in UPCA was a non-negotiable choice because her two older siblings were already in Los Baños. Her parents had to make that prudent decision in order to be able to send their brood of seven to college. Making her attend the same university that provides excellent education proved to be not only costefficient, but it also gave Pie the opportunity to be self-supporting by working as a student assistant.

After earning her bachelor's degree in Agriculture with a major in Agribusiness Management, Pie taught at the Central Luzon State University (CLSU). Within a year of university teaching, the Agricultural Development Council (ADC) funded by the Rockefeller Foundation awarded her a scholarship grant to pursue graduate studies. So in 1971, she returned to UPCA to pursue her MS in Agricultural Economics with a minor in Business Administration.

Completing her master's thesis was not without challenge, because Pie continued to work while pursuing her masters degree. She was concurrently a Senior Researcher at the then National Science Development Board or NSDB (now DOST) and a Junior Development Officer for the Executive Secretary of the Presidential Management Staff of former President Ferdinand Marcos. The latter role required her to be based in Malacañang. But this arrangement greatly impeded her thesis research. She eventually decided to return to Los Baños and work as a research assistant at the Agricultural Economics Department of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), which allowed her to finish her MS thesis. This decision would set in motion her career as one of the foremost social scientists in rice research.



From a research assistant, Pie worked her way up to become Senior Research Associate, then to Senior Research Manager in IRRI's Social Science Division. Her nearly 35 years with the Institute, one year stint as a pre-doctoral fellow in CIMMYT (International Maize and Wheat Center in Mexico), and research internship in East-West Center, Hawaii brought her to different countries in Asia, USA and South America in her work on research in rice, wheat, and maize with multidisciplinary scientists.

Pie is well-published. She has authored several papers in both local and international journals on topics that range from the economics of rice production, to marketing, water, and impact studies of research on water and climate. She is also a major author and co-author of several books; the most prominent titles of her booklist



include "Why Does the Philippines Import Rice?" and "Competitiveness of Philippine Rice in Asia." She collaborated extensively with the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) scientists, FAO economists, and other rice scientists in Asia to collect, analyze and communicate rice data and information resources from different countries in South and Southeast Asia through the publication of these books. The books are policy resources that have greatly contributed to the crafting of the most recent Philippine National Rice Program, more specifically the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Program which is currently being implemented by the Philippine government. The immense contribution of these works to shaping the country's rice policy is undeniable.

She retired in 2014 as one of the very few Filipino research managers at IRRI. In view of her broad experience and expertise in agricultural economics and agribusiness, Pie is still a much sought-after consultant even in retirement. For instance, she is currently co-writing, editing and finalizing another book on the subject of specialty rice production and marketing in the Philippines with scientists from the Socio-Economic and Rice Chemistry and Food Science Divisions of PhilRice.

While her body of work as a social scientist brings her a sense of significance, it is her mentoring of young researchers that brings her joy and feeling accomplished. Many young people who started under her tutelage have become successful scientists in their own right. However, they still continue to look up to her for professional and personal guidance, support, and advice. They consider Pie their mentor and role model, not just as an agricultural economist, but also as a wife and mother.

Pie is wonderfully married to Dr. Tolentino "Toti" Moya, an engineer and retired professor of U.P. Diliman. He is a former senior staff with IRRI and Program Manager of START of the United Nations in Bangkok, Thailand. The couple enjoys their very busy and action-packed retirement, jet-setting from their residence in Los Baños to Australia, the United States, and Manila where their three children are based. All three are also UPLB Alumni. Carlo is a civil engineer and executive of a multinational engineering company in Pennsylvania, USA. Kristine, an economist like her mother, used to be a corporate manager at Procter & Gamble; she is now an entrepreneur, expanding a global business with her husband. Angeline is a biologist and manager at a medical research company in Sydney, Australia. Pie and Toti have four grandchildren - Janna, Kirsten, Tyler and Julia that they enjoy to spoil immensely.

# LORENZA GONZALES-LIRIO

After graduating valedictorian from Mabini High School in Balele, Tanauan, Lorenza Lirio's father convinced her to take up BS Agriculture. He said that Los Baños is not too far from Tanauan. Besides, he could not afford to send her elsewhere. Maybe he even thought that it might be helpful to him as a farmer if Lory decided to take up agriculture. Without hesitation, Lory went to the then UP College of Agriculture (UPCA).

While in college, Lory would always walk her way from Botany and Chemistry classes to Agronomy. The distance was quite far but she preferred the walk over a jeepney ride for she enjoyed the bright sunlight, the trees and the majestic view of Mt. Makiling. After her laboratory class, Lory would walk along Pili Drive, and on rare occasions she would pick some pili nuts. Fascination for picking pili nuts (maybe because of the nuts' unique morphology or some other special qualities) was a testimony of Lory's being a plant lover. In her mind, plants – of all kinds and forms, weeds included, need to be rediscovered to utilize their potentials. This, she did, as she finished her college degree and continued pursuing further studies.

Lory is a BSA graduate with a major in Botany. She later completed the MS in Botany in UPLB and the PhD Applied Biological Science with great distinction from the University of Ghent in Belgium. With all the learnings gained from the academe, she got herself involved in research activities that would later give her the opportunity to travel to different places to present research outputs, get them published and accord her several awards.

Life as a student

Like any typical student, Lory would receive membership invites from various organizations. She opted to be an UPSCAn. With UPSCAn brothers and other classmates around, she was pursued by a couple of admirers. She did not mind them anyway because Lory had a protective mother who would always remind her to finish her studies first. Mom would always remind her to finish her studies first. Mom would always visit unexpectedly at Kalaw's just to check on her. And every Friday after her classes, Lory would always head home to Balele. Couple of years went by and (in Lory's words - no BF since birth).



She graduated from UPCA without a boyfriend. But as fate dictated, it would be a barrio mate who was also an UPCF student, Polly or Apolonio Lirio who would win her heart to become her future husband. Lory remembered pretty well when a big fire broke out in the Grove area just outside the UPLB gate. She was in the library then. She was surprised to see Polly, no less, helping her save her things out of her boarding house.

Life after graduation and career advancement

After earning her BSA degree, Lory worked for a while for Dr. Eduvigis Pantastico's project. Dr. Pantastico was her undergraduate thesis adviser and also her "ninong sa kasal" when she married Polly. Dr. Bonnie Mercado was her adviser in the masteral, Later, she had a short stint as teacher in her high school alma mater.

The search for greener pasture led Lory to Mountain State Agricultural College (now Benguet State University). She was hired in 1973 to teach Botany. Even with full teaching load, she also performed some research work. There she was involved in creating awareness on weeds and indigenous vegetables. Her extensive work on Job's tears (or "adlay") has shown that it can serve as an alternative staple food, and can battle poverty and hunger if used with full government support.



Research, books, and awards

Over the years, Lory has been recognized for her significant contributions in research and instruction. In 2006, the Philippine Agriculture and Resources Research Foundation, Inc. awarded her a Professorial Chair.

BSU has likewise given her special awards for giving honor and distinction to the university. She bagged the 2008 Outstanding Researcher of the Year Award in the field of Science and Technology. This was given during the University's 23rd Charter Anniversary.

As an agricultural scientist, Lory investigated local plants for their food and medicinal properties. She believed that people should not go hungry or be forced to pay exorbitant medical bills especially when there are existing food and medical/herbal treatment in their areas. Such is the case of the plant called Job's tears. Her research and development work on Job's tears, a tall grainbearing tropical plant that is considered by farmers as weeds, provided some communities in Benguet an alternative food and income source. This research gained her the Julian A. Banzon Medal for Applied Research, besting more than 15 researchers all over the country. She was honored to receive the award from former President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III, in 2011.

The professor is also a prolific writer and has published several books focusing mostly on local plants. Her first book helped many BSU students in identifying weeds. The second book gave awareness on indigenous vegetables and showed that some noxious weeds are actually edible. Her pamphlet on Job's tears also created awareness on the varied usefulness of this underutilized plant. Recognizing the value of plants, she and her team has taught others to conserve and multiply these plants – a way of preserving our biodiversity.

#### Life after retirement

The philosophy that Lory wishes to share with others is simply to have and maintain a happy life. As quoted in her retirement speech in 2014, "Dedication, commitment, staying fit and healthy, making life easy for others, having a positive attitude - these are the makings of a happy and productive life."

After 41 years of teaching at BSU (where she retired as Professor 5), Lory is now having a wonderful time with her family. All four kind-hearted children have finished schooling. The eldest and only son Renelle is an ECE graduate of St. Louis University. Richelle finished BS Biology (Zoology) from UPLB and Rose Camille, BS Commerce (Financial Management) from SLU. The youngest, Rhea, is a BS Communication graduate, also of SLU. Feeling proud of all her children, Rose Camiile is a varsity scholar, while Rhea is culture and arts scholar.

As Lory quipped, "We are inspired daily by our grandchildren. Polly and I still enjoy playing lawn tennis and tending to our garden/nursery business." Their latest venture, she said, is a commercial space (still work in progress) overlooking all of La Trinidad intended for a café and bakeshop business.

## DANIEL C. GUILLEN

This story is a narrative of triumph over adversity, of compassion over hatred, and of happiness over despair. The highlights of Daniel "Danny" Guillen's life would include the 640-year sentence he was given during the Marcos regime; the reforms he helped institute while in jail; his escape from Muntinlupa during the EDSA revolution; the conditional pardon by Pres. Corazon Aquino and the grant of absolute pardon by Pres. Fidel Ramos; and his various accomplishments in public service after regaining freedom.

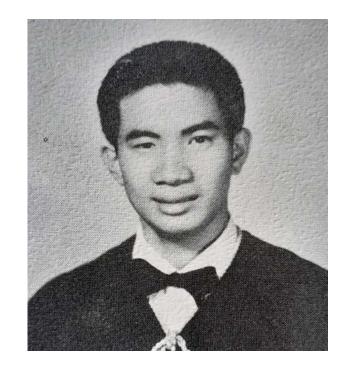
Danny was a young UPCA agricultural economics graduate when he worked as a bookkeeper of the Masagana 99 program in the early 1970s. On the fifth year, his supervisor disappeared – escaping to the United States through the southern back door. The reason became clear not long afterwards; he had released Masagana funds to fictitious farmers. As bookkeeper and office-bound, Danny's job was to record and balance the consummated transactions. When the case went to trial, he was found guilty of 64 counts of estafa by conspiracy (the act of one is the act of all); hence, the sentence of 640 years – 10 for each count. His other three co-accused disappeared and therefore were not tried.

The sentence devastated him, but not for long. Pulling himself together, he contemplated on how he can make his jail time useful. Already a leader even before he was imprisoned, he continued to lead – this time, his fellow prisoners.

He played the role of educator and peacemaker. Having no tattoos indicating membership in any gang, he was able to mediate between warring groups. He was instrumental in establishing a prisoners' government led by mayores who were in charge of their respective groups, helping maintain peace and order inside the prison. He became the head of these prison governments in both the City Jail and Muntinlupa where riots were kept in check during his "term".

One key reform he helped institute was the removal of the bartolina punishment where a prisoner is kept in a tight enclosure, placed under the heat of the sun. He himself experienced this inhumanity, and articulated to the jail warden the cruelty of this punishment. Fortunately, the warden was receptive, and the bartolina was discontinued as a punitive measure.

Danny also educated his fellow inmates on their rights and privileges as prisoners and as human beings. He also helped them in other ways that he could. Although



already a college graduate, he nevertheless availed of the alternative educational program that the late Dr. Cecilio Penson (a visionary who believed in the role of education in prison reform) started in Muntinlupa; this program has since evolved into a college degree offering for prisoners.

Danny also helped organize Teatro Malaya where inmates discovered their singing and acting talents. The involvement of many prisoners in the group took away much of the boredom and loneliness of prison life.

During the EDSA people power revolution, he escaped from prison and joined the throng at EDSA, at one time even helping in the distribution of food and water. He surrendered to then Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile who placed him under the custody of Col. Gregorio Honasan. He was later brought back to Muntinlupa in mid-1987 on orders of the new Bureau of Prisons director.

His concern for others sometimes made life dangerous for him. He once leaked to the media the abusive practices of a certain prison official. Concerned friends advised him to request for transfer to the Davao Penal Colony (Dapecol) for his own safety. At Dapecol, an attempt was made on his life which he suspected could be linked to the sensitive information that he leaked. He discovered later that the prison official was dismissed from service.



The particulars of Danny's case reached the attention of President Aquino who granted him conditional pardon in 1992. His friendly nature endeared him to some influential personalities in Davao; these individuals, along with members of the Jaycees and the Catholic Men's Fellowship, were instrumental in lobbying for his conditional pardon. President Ramos eventually granted him absolute pardon during his term.

Danny decided to stay in Davao with his family when he received his absolute pardon. Through a good word put in for him by another friend, he got his first job "post-imprisonment" – as personnel officer for a company that operated several banana plantations in Davao de Norte.

He saw in Davao City ample opportunities for public service. Among the most notable was his involvement as one of the prime movers in the continued campaign for the establishment of UP Mindanao. This desire by Mindanaoans and especially UP alumni became a reality in 1995 when the bill creating UP in Mindanao was finally enacted into law.

In 1996, Danny became the first institutional development consultant of the Mindanao Business Council (MBC). This group serves as an advocacy body to help promote the investment potentials in Mindanao. He facilitated the establishment of the council secretariat and the development of a databank on small and medium enterprisers in the region. He also initiated various projects and fund-raising activities for the council.

When Danny first met Pres. Ramos as the Kabisig representative of the MBC, the president instructed him to organize the Kabisig People's Movement (KPM) in Mindanao. The KPM was instituted during Aquino's term and adopted by the Ramos administration. It is was a partnership between government and nongovernment agencies to facilitate, coordinate, and monitor the implementation of government projects and programs.

KPM's most visible project is the annual "Kabisig Exhibit and Trade Fair" held in major malls in Metro Manila and in Davao and Cebu. The expo is a one-stop information exhibit that aims to increase public awareness about government departments and agencies, their programs, services, and accomplishments.

Through Kabisig, Danny has been able to reach out to poor communities with medical missions. These are undertaken in partnership with the Department of Health and civic groups offering treatment of common illnesses, performing minor surgeries, and donating medicines.

In 1997, he served as consultant for the Canada International Development Agency in its joint project with the Department of Trade and Industry, aimed at promoting small and medium enterprise development in craft villages. Danny's job entailed designing a system for efficient project management, including the monitoring and coordination of essential technical and support services.

He is also a member the Jaycees and Rotary Club and is probably the only ex-prisoner who later became president of a Rotary Club (RC Calinan in Davao) and a Jaycee senator (JCI Central Davao).

He currently heads the senior citizens organization of his subdivision, leading the elderly with his trademark contagious enthusiasm and energy. His group spearheads clean-up and beautification drives in the community. Danny also continues to source funds for the medical needs of indigent senior citizens in his area. Now seventy, he is still very much on the go.

For someone who was looking at a 640-year sentence, Danny simply forged ahead. He did not harbor grudges and was not burdened with emotional baggage that would have weighed him down. His tragedy would have made others bitter but since he chose to make the best out of the worst, he believes it made him a better man.

## TERESA HABITO STUART GUIDA

When her father convinced her to take up Home Technology (BSHT) at UPCA, Tess wondered what her future would be. Will she have an active professional career, or become a stay-at-home housewife? That was what most people assumed that a home tech graduate would eventually become. Back then, BSHT was jokingly referred to as "Bachelor of Science in Husband Trapping". And trapping a husband was indeed what happened, for in October 1969, one semester short of completing her bachelor's degree, Tess fell in love and married Rollie Stuart, then an animal science major at UPCA. And so, in April 1970, she was five months "on the family way" when she marched with Class 1970 during the first commencement exercises held at UPLB, graduating *cum laude*.

Starting a family right after graduation did not keep her at home however. With Rollie's full support, she started her career in the academe. It was not the Department of Home Technology, but the then Department of Agricultural Information and Communication, now College of Development Communication that offered her an Instructor II position. This "providential twist of fate" led her to what was to become her destined career path. She gratefully attributes her shift from Home Tech to Dev Com to Dr. Thomas Flores who inspired her into this field. Although not required in her BSHT program, she enrolled in two subjects under him and earned two perfect grades of 1.0.

Applying the good examples of her role model teachers – notably Drs. Nora Quebral, Juan Jamias, Rogelio Cuyno, Milagros Ibe, and Tom Flores -- during the first five years of teaching undergraduate courses, Tess earned her students' vote to be recognized for a UPLB Outstanding Teacher Award in 1975. In that same year, the Southeast Asian Regional Centre for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) awarded her a scholarship for a Masters Degree in Development Communication at UPLB.



While teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in development communication, another opportunity for career development came her way in 1981 when the Netherlands Universities Foundation for International Cooperation (NUFFIC) awarded her a scholarship to pursue the PhD in development communication with a major in applied nutrition, under a joint UPLB - Florida State University program.

In 1989, the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Resources Research and Development (PCARRD) offered Dr. Stuart the directorship of the Applied Communication Division (ACD). She held this position on secondment from UPLB thus continuing as Associate Professor of Development Communication, teaching a graduate course every semester and serving as thesis research adviser to MS and PhD students. It was through her leadership at ACD and her push in institutionalizing the Regional Applied Communication Outreach (RACO) Programme to become part of the organizational structure of the 13 R&D consortia of the PCARRDcoordinated National Agriculture and Resources



Research and Development Network (NARRDN) that she gained national and international prominence as a development communication professional.

After PCARRD, then UPLB Chancellor Ruben L. Villareal called on Dr. Stuart in 1993 to serve his administration as Director of Extension until UNICEF Manila offered her the post of Chief of Communication and External Relations in 1995. She then opted for an early retirement from UPLB after 25 years of service. In 2002, she moved to her first international professional post as Chief of Communication at UNICEF Thailand, and was then promoted in 2005 as Regional Adviser on Communication for Development (C4D) for South Asia. She covered eight countries -Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. After being based in Kathmandu, Nepal, she was called to UNICEF's New York Headquarters to serve as senior adviser on C4D. It was during her tenure at headquarters that she and the C4D team successfully pushed for the institutionalization of development communication globally across UNICEF and other UN agencies.

Tess has dedicated over 40 years of her professional career in development communication, and continues to do so post-retirement, in a consulting capacity mostly in Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. Through the UN, she is sought after to assist government health ministries in national social and behavior change communication (SBCC) strategy development and training of mid-level government health officers and frontline health workers. Her mission has been to use communication to promote the human rights of children and women to survive, develop, be protected from abuse, exploitation and discrimination, and to help improve maternal, newborn, young child, and adolescent health and nutrition that are focused on meeting the Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.

Back in 1967 during the UPCA Loyalty Day and alumni homecoming, Tess, then a sophomore, recalls with nostalgia when she was selected as Miss Loyalty Day '67. In June 1997, the UP Alumni Association recognized her with the Outstanding Professional Award given at Bahay ng Alumni at UP Diliman. On Loyalty Day in 2002, the College of Development Communication honored her with the CDC Distinguished Alumna Award. Her family, the Habito Family, also received the Three Generation UPLB Alumni Award in 2009.

Tess and Rollie were married for only 29 blissful years; he passed away in 1998. In 2010, while posted in New York, she met widower Salvatore Guida, an Italian-American. They clicked because of a common passion – ballroom and line dancing, and got married in 2011. Since then, they have been going to dances two to three times a week that has been on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Tess and Rollie have four children and four grandchildren. With Sal, she has four stepchildren and seven step grandchildren. She looks forward to many more years to dance and travel with Sal.

"To transcend beyond the desire to succeed to the will to serve and guide" has been Tess' personal dictum since her college years. Her personal life and professional career have been about service and guidance to the extent that, coincidentally or by destiny, even her married surnames, Stuart-Guida, describe God's appointed life mission for her, to be a servant-guide.

#### ERLINDA IGNACIO DIZON

Erlinda, or Linda to family and friends, grew up in Bulacan. In March 1966, she finished her secondary school at the Philippine Poultry School (now called Philippine National Agricultural School), a public school based in Sta. Maria, Bulacan. The big question of where to continue her studies became her family's serious concern. When they learned that Linda could join the Mateo siblings in Los Baños, they made the decision to let her study at the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture. So in May 1966, she enrolled at UPCA and has since then became an LB community resident.

While in the university, Linda learned to balance studies, friends and membership in campus organizations. She managed to finish her studies while being a charter member of the Delta Pi Omicron. This is an organization that Linda helped organize and which taught her the importance of sisterhood and camaraderie as well as developed her leadership skills. As regard her studies, Linda said that she was grateful to Prof. William L. Fernandez of the Plant Pathology Department for his guidance in the conduct of her thesis. Linda completed her BS Agriculture degree major in Microbiology in 1970.

Due to cupid's call, Linda started her family early and gave priority to her growing children, setting aside her career for that moment. After six years, she started to build her career at the Department of Food Science (now the Institute of Food Science and Technology) as a research assistant in the Food Microbiology Laboratory then headed by Prof. Priscilla Sanchez. She considers Dr. Dolores Ramirez, a renowned National Scientist, as instrumental to landing her first job. For several years, she became actively involved in research on "Fermented Foods in Southeast Asia" funded by the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA). Working under the direct supervision of a visiting Japanese scientist, this research enabled her to see the importance of local traditional fermented foods in the human diet. In recognition of her work ethics and dedication as a researcher and her assistance in laboratory classes of her supervisor, she was promoted to Instructor in the Institute in 1979.



As a Faculty member, Linda was required to pursue advance studies. She enrolled for her masters in Food Science where she received a Faculty Development Award under the UP System from 1980 to 1982. Afterwards, she pursued her PhD, major in Applied Microbiology, through a Monbusho (Ministry of Education) Scholarship in Japan from 1984 to 1988. The language barrier, being far away from home and missing her children made her Japan stint quite difficult. But she survived the ordeal, thanks to God's unconditional love and her deep faith. She proudly completed her doctoral degree in November 1988. Returning to the country as a PhD holder, she became increasingly involved in the University's triple functions of instruction, research and extension. Like other working Moms, she had to strike a healthy balance between her duties in the Institute and her role as a working mom who trying was to make up with her children for the lost time pursuing her PhD.

In instruction, Linda taught and focused on three major topics, namely: Food Microbiology, Food Processing and Fermentation. She handled several undergraduate and graduate courses in the University, packaged an undergraduate course in Food Fermentation and served as affiliate professor in UP Diliman. She also supervised numerous graduate and undergraduate theses/dissertations, special



problems and plant practice as required by the BS Food Technology, MS Food Science and PhD Food Science curricula. Moreover, she developed seven different laboratory manuals and significantly helped graduate hundreds of local and foreign students.

In research, she successfully obtained funding for her project proposals, authored and co-authored papers that are used as references by students in Food Processing, and presented posters in food trade fairs and exhibits. More importantly, she developed technologies in producing nata de coco, vinegar, patis and fruit wines that became part of the Institute's income generating projects.

Knowledge gained put into action became the essence of Linda's extension function. She was able to help small and medium scale entrepreneurs (SMEs) and food industries produce their own quality and safe food products for possible registration at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). She conducted trainings in the Institute. She also gave seminars/lectures and hands-on training on products of interest in various parts of the country. She likewise served as supervisor to several high school and college students in and around Laguna for their science projects. Recognizing her expertise, dedication and invaluable contributions as a faculty, she garnered numerous awards, citations and commendations from different institutions. For Linda, all her difficulties and sacrifices have paid off.

The energetic lady became the Director of IFST from 2010 to 2015. During this period she ably represented her Institute as well as the University in several conferences, seminars, meetings and workshops here and abroad. She actively led IFST in preparing course proposals, staff regularization and facilities improvement, among many others.

In January 2015, Linda reached the age of retirement. However, the University appointed her as an Adjunct Professor until 2019 to serve as adviser to her remaining student advisees until they completed their degrees.

There is one important project that she wanted to succeed. This is about the exploration of the potential of bamboo leaves as fortifier in selected carbonated alcoholic drinks and utilization of calabash fruit as a health drink in Pangasinan. In fact, she served as technical consultant to this project.

Her passion for food processing did not wane with age. In fact, she started a small business venture on what she's good at -- guyabano juice concentrate production and fruit wine making. According to Linda, her dream would be finally realized when she sees remarkable advancement in mechanized technology in the processing of the Philippines' traditional fermented foods to reach global competitiveness.

Linda is happily and contently married to Renato 'Enet' Dizon, her Organization's brother and a basketball idol during her college days. She is a proud mother to her good-looking son, Renelle, and two beautiful daughters, Ma. Weegee and Joy. She is blessed with 14 lovely and multi-talented grandchildren.

# NENITA LALAP OPINA

No one can underestimate the value of being healthy, of being free from illness or disease. Health is key to a person's happiness and productivity. When humans become sick, they go to the doctor to diagnose and treat their disease. But in the case of plants, how are the diseases diagnosed and managed?

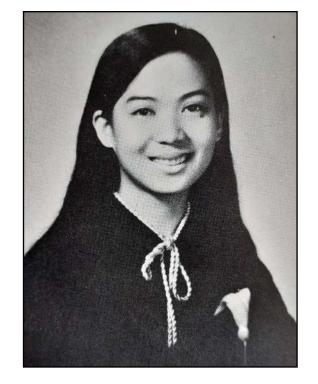
There is a branch of science that deals with the study of organisms and environmental conditions that cause plant diseases. This is called plant pathology. In essence, plant pathology deals with causes, diagnosis and management of plant diseases. Since plant diseases are everywhere, it is important that somebody has a scientific understanding of how a disease-causing agent or pathogen affects the plant or the environment. This somebody is called a plant pathologist. He or she deals with the problem disease of plants in a similar way that medical doctors deal with human disease.

The Philippines is fortunate to have a pool of plant pathologists whose efforts in disease control and management are aimed at protecting food security and doubling food production. One of these scientists is Dr. Nenita Lalap Opina.

Nenita, or Nits to family and friends, was born to Leoncio Lalap and Eduviges Tolentino. Nits is the second to the eldest in a brood of nine. Her father was a sugarcane grower and her mother, a part-time vegetable vendor. Her parents convinced her to join brother Elpidio at the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture. With her parent's moral support and brother's financial help, she obtained her BSA degree major in Plant Pathology under the guidance of Dr. Gil G. Divinagracia.

After completing her degree, Nits worked at the Philippine Atomic Research Center, Philippine Atomic Energy Commission in Diliman, Quezon City. Her job as Scientist 1 included the development of diseaseresistant lines and varieties of rice and soybean through mutation breeding using radioactive materials.

Like any scientist who has a passion for continuous learning, she accepted a job as research assistant at the Department of Plant Pathology in UPLB where she could avail of a subsidized graduate study program



leading to the master's degree. As research assistant, she worked on the control of rice blast ((blast is caused by a fungus that produces leaf lesions and in severe cases can burn plants) and handled a taxonomical study on Agaricales of Mt. Makiling (classifying gilled mushrooms according to standard procedure).

In 1977, she joined the Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB) as senior research associate. IPB is a research institution in UPLB and one of its missions is to support the intensified production of major crops in the country. This is also where her career blossomed earning for her various awards and recognition. As a senior research associate at IPB, she, in close collaboration with plant breeders, was actively involved in developing different (and improved) varieties of vegetables with resistance to diseases. Juggling work with motherhood and studies, Nits persevered and succeeded in obtaining her MS degree in 1980 and her PhD in 1992.

It was also in 1992 when Nits' work scope widened. Her daily grind at work consisted of research and instruction functions. Her position at IPB was upgraded to Research Assistant Professor and later to Research Associate Professor. As a research faculty, she taught Crop Science courses and served as adviser and coadviser to undergraduate and graduate students at UPLB.



Immediately after completing her doctoral degree, Nits headed to Australia. The Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) awarded her a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Genetics, The University of Adelaide, South Australia in 1992 and 1996. She worked on the detection of bacterial wilt pathogen using molecular techniques. Also in 1992, she was given an opportunity to participate in the Master Class in Plant and Microbial Molecular Genetics in Monash University, Clayton, Victoria. She continued her bacterial wilt research in the Department of Microbiology, The University of Queensland, in Brisbane, Australia in 1994 and 1998, under the funding of both ACIAR and UNESCO.

The tireless scientist participated in projects related to the management of bacterial wilt disease affecting vegetable crops. In one of her research team's studies, she has shown that using grafting techniques in eggplant production reduce bacterial wilt infection, resulting to increased yield and income for farmers.

Plant pathology research involves a wide range of subdisciplines. For the project to be successful, team work among members is necessary. Nits believes that any research endeavor will not be successful without team effort. Team effort fosters excellent work performance. This is maybe one of the reasons why she and her research team have copped several awards. In recognition of their significant research contributions, her team received numerous Outstanding Research Team awards as well as the Lingkod Bayan Presidential Award. Nits was likewise a recipient of the International Publication Award given by the UP President in February 2005.

As an active member of the Philippine Phytopathological Society (PPS), a national scientific non-profit organization, she served as its President, Vice President, Treasurer and Board of Director. Through the years, she religiously attended annual conferences, a venue for the presentation of novel research discoveries. In addition, she handled advanced training on the detection, identification and diagnosis of vegetable disease in the country and other Asian countries.

Nits is happily married to Oscar Opina, her former classmate and batchmate in UPLB. They are blessed with four children, son Orville Owen, twins Ana Christina and Ana Lourdes, and Marie Karen. Orville Owen is a BSA graduate of UPLB and currently an entrepreneur on quail egg production. He has four daughters (Brianne Bleau, Elise Dominique, Sebastienne Itchigo and Amara Phoenix). Ana Christina finished the BS Chemistry from UPLB, and the MS and PhD in Chemistry at The University of Texas. She is currently working at the National Institute of Health in Maryland, USA and has a one-year old son, Eduardo Jose. Ana Lourdes, on the other hand, obtained her BS Hotel and Restaurant Administration degree in UP Diliman. She is a business analyst at JW Marriott International headquarters in Maryland, USA and has one daughter, Skye Schoonmaker. Nenita's youngest daughter, Marie Karen, holds a BS Computer Science degree from UPLB and is now employed as research and extension staff at UPOU in Los Baños. She has two sons, Francis Miguel and Lucas.

On September 2014, Nenita ended her career in plant pathology on her mandatory retirement year. She now enjoys her retirement by growing ornamental plants, selling mangoes and other farm produce like diseasefree papaya and vegetables. She enjoys travelling abroad with husband Oca to visit their children, families and friends.

According to Nits, life is too short; that is why she is living it to the fullest.

### ELOISA LABADAN-ANTON

Eloisa Labadan-Anton is the youngest child of Alfredo Labadan and Leticia Marcos. She was born in Aliaga, Nueva Ecija on January 7, 1950. In 1952, the family moved to Los Baños because Eloi's brothers, Renato and Mario were to study at the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA). Her two sisters, Anita and Daisy, and another brother, Danilo soon enrolled at UPCA too. Of course, Eloi was the last one to enroll at UPCA. The whole family supported each other as they went through the challenges brought about by the new environment.

Eloi (practically) lived inside the UPCA campus all her schooling days. She went to Maquiling Elementary School, then to UP Rural High School, and finally, to UPCA for her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree, major in Agricultural Economics. Over the years, she developed friendships that are still strong until now.

During her college days, Eloi became a part of the Student Body Council and served as the Chair of the Textbook Exchange and Rental Center (TERC). She also joined the Sigma Beta Sorority and served as treasurer for two years. Thru the sorority, she got involved in fund raising activities like plays to support scholarships for students. These activities influenced her in the later part of her life.

After graduating from UPCA in 1970, Eloi worked as a Research Assistant at the Department of Agricultural Economics of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI). During her four (4) years at IRRI, she did mostly field works in Nueva Ecija to interview farmers on rice varieties and their practices.



Then in 1974, the IRRI Junior Researchers awarded her a scholarship in the form of a return flight ticket to Vancouver, Canada. She applied for and received a research assistantship at the University of British Columbia (UBC). While studying for her master's degree in Agricultural Economics at UBC, she met Russell Anton whom she married in 1981.

Her previous exposure to community service in college motivated her to do it again. In the early 2000s, Eloi became a member of the Friends of Los Baños Children (FLBC). She was joined by Arelyne Bustrillos-Ramos, Yolanda Catalla-Palis, Ching Paje-Gomez, Celia Correa, Rhodora Maligalig and Geny Toribio who were all alumni of UPCA. The group has been helping 13 elementary schools in Los Baños with books and school supplies since then.



Eloi and Russel enjoyed traveling together to visit friends in Europe and Asia. However, Russel sadly passed away in 2007. A magnolia tree was planted in his memory, which blooms beautiful flowers in spring.

Although the death of her husband was disheartening, she moved on and kept busy with her work at the Agriculture Library of UBC. There she managed and trained staff and helped patrons in their courses and research for 35 years. She retired in 2016 and continues to travel and visit friends in different parts of the globe.

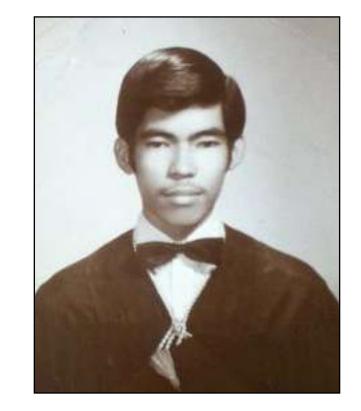
Every year, she makes it a point to go home to the Philippines to visit her family and friends in Los Baños. Reunions with them are highlights of her visit and she always looks forward to these occasions every year, for the past 20 years. Eloisa Labadan-Anton remembers what her mother told her when she was a young girl, "Aim high, and hit high". She admits that where she is now and what she has accomplished are all because of how her family raised her and the wonderful Los Baños community that surrounded and supported her through her growing years.

## LOUIS L. LAUDENCIA

Graduation day from UPLB College of Forestry was on April 11, 1970 one Saturday afternoon in the commencement grounds of UP Diliman, Quezon City. I looked forward to immediately working as Forester for the Government of the Philippines. So, the very next morning I went to the office of Forester Martin R. Reyes, Chief of the Forest Management Division of the Bureau of Forestry in the city of Manila. For. Reves told me that I was late because I was already on the payroll since 8:00 am of that morning, considering that the Reforestation Administration paid for my four-year college scholarship full time. My first job was as Research Forester, but I wanted to be where the action in my profession was. So after a few months I joined PICOP (Paper Industries Corporation of the Philippines) in Bislig, Surigao Del Sur in Mindanao.

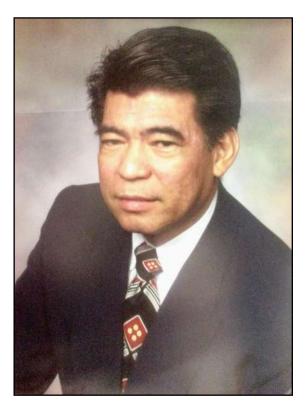
In 1973, I was admitted to the Master of Science of Forestry program of UPLB under a full NSDB Graduate Scholarship, after joining the Forest Products Research. Industries and Development Institute (FPRDI) as Technologist. After my study leave, I returned to FPRDI as Research Associate. This was where I met the love of my life, whom I wanted to marry as soon as possible. But in order to afford married life. I had to go back to the private sector so in 1976 I joined the Cello Phil Resources Corp. as Projects Planner and Company Forester. In this position, I was exposed to the field of government relations for regulatory compliance and industrial policy programs as I represented the corporation in the trade association, Philippine Wood Products Association. Thereupon, to hone skills for business management, I enrolled in evening classes for the MBA program in the UP College of Business Administration in Diliman, Quezon City.

As an association executive, I provided professional support to implement the decisions of a 15-member Board of Directors on membership development, chapter communications, meetings and convention management, financial management, newsletter and magazine publications, legislative lobbying. As soon as the Apple II-plus came out, I established a computerized wood industry database for economic



policy research, fundraising, public relations and media programs. I saw the lack of representation of Filipino forestry professionals on public debates on issues of national forest policy. The positions of the wood industry business sector, which I represented, were perceived as self-serving no matter how meritorious the arguments were, compared to the trending environmentalist point of view which was advocating for the illegitimitization of the wood industry. This motivated me to take the initial steps towards revitalizing the Society of Filipino Foresters by uniting various factions among practitioners in private and Government. In 1986, with the help of fellow foresters who saw the vision cast, as their Secretary-General, I re-established the tradition of annual meetings, national conventions and local regional chapters upon the Republic's return to democratic forms.

As I developed skills in the field of association management, which took me to meetings and visits with counterparts in USA, UK, Australia and others, along with other full-time trade association



and professional society executives, we formed the Society of Association Executives of the Philippines. As its Executive Director, I successfully bid, promoted and hosted the 8th World Congress of Association Executives at the PICC, Manila in February 2004.

In the furtherance of my involvement in nonprofits addressing the national poverty problem, I served as Director and Chairman of the Board of *Ahon Sa Hirap*, Inc. (ASHI) and presided over the expansion of the first microfinance institution in the Philippines. AHI replicated Nobel Prize winner Yunus' Grameen Bank from a membership of a few thousand to tens of thousands, and in assets from a few millions to hundreds of millions, until I immigrated to the USA in 2009.

During my life on the UPLB campus, aside from getting engaged to my future wife, I was initiated to the Upsilon Sigma Phi in 1966. My membership in Upsilon became more meaningful to me after graduation for the ties that bind us everyday and the anticipation for our glorious annual reunions every anniversary. Another reason I joined was because I followed my father, Pedro Laudencia, who was one of the charter members of the Upsilon Sigma Phi Los Banos Chapter in 1947.

I always enjoyed the glory of my father as a professor in CLAC (now CLSU), Munoz, Nueva Ecija in raising me in a happy home life. I felt even more at home in Los Banos, where my mother, Maria Laude-Laudencia was from, and where I I have many cousins, uncles and aunts and other relatives in various degrees. It was after graduation that I missed the value of the fellowship of family and friends. My five sisters and two brothers were then gearing up for college in the UP campuses where there was a surge of Christian student organizations along with activist political movements. It was through their evangelistic letters to me that I took Bible studies seriously to understand the gospel of Christ. So I was glad to come back to UP for extra-curricular studies in Theology. was active as Chairman of the Graduates Christian Fellowship and also devoted time to teach Sunday school for college students and young professionals in the Church of the Holy Redeemer, UCCP.

As I approach the Biblical quota of seventy years of life on earth, I cherish reunions with family, friends, frat brods and brethren in Christ more and more, albeit, through Zoom meetings. Even as many contemporaries in the UP campus have departed ahead and many more during this pandemic storm, I look forward to that grand reunion where all those enrolled in the book of heaven shall be present, where there will be no more social distancing and face masking; just hugs and kisses, eating and drinking, telling stories to each other much, and much more.

# FRANCIS C. LAUREL

Francis was born on October 4, 1947 in Paco, Manila. His parents were the late Ambassador Jose S. Laurel III, and Beatriz M. Castillo. He was the third child in a family of eight. He had the good fortune of having lived with his grandfather, Dr. Jose P. Laurel, former President, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Senator of the Republic of the Philippines. In Paco. he imbibed the wisdom of his grandfather. Unlike his older siblings who were all lawyers, Francis decided to pursue a different career. After finishing high school at De la Salle College in Manila, he entered the UP College of Agriculture in 1965.

He graduated in 1970 at the top of his class, earning the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, magna cum laude. He was one of the pioneers of a new course called Agribusiness Management. As the class valedictorian, he was the recipient of the Joaquin Gonzalez Medal for Academic Excellence. He was inducted into the international honor society of Phi Kappa Phi and the international honor society of agriculture of Gamma Sigma Delta.

Graduating at UPLB was a game changer. It basically opened doors for the future of Francis. His career in the last 51 years spread over a vast array of fields from government service, food distribution, banking, industrial manufacturing, automotive industry and international relations.

Upon graduation, he worked as an economic researcher at the Congressional Economic Planning Office. He then moved to the Food Terminal Inc. where he developed the export of agricultural and fisheries products.

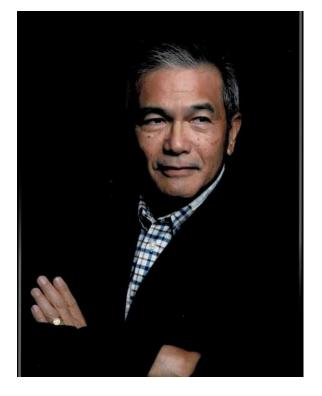
After receiving his MBA at Northwestern Universitv's Kellogg School of Management, he was hired by Citibank in 1972. He was posted at the corporate bank where he rose to become an Assistant Vice President. In 1978 he entered the industrial sector and pioneered in zipper production of YKK in Sto. Tomas, Batangas. He was President and CEO of YKK Philippines from 1981 to 2017.



He opened his first Toyota dealership in Batangas City in 1997 and added two more in Camarines Sur and Albay in 2013 and 2019 respectively. Currently, he serves as President of the Philippines Japan Society. He also sits in the Advisory Board of RCBC. In 2016, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte appointed him as an esteemed member of the UP Board of Regents.

The years at UPLB proved to be the cornerstone on the life of Francis. It served to strengthen his character and his resolve. UPLB opened his eyes to the great traditions of honor and excellence of UP which have become the bedrock of his life. There, he forged friendships that have endured the test of time. His life long association with UPLB classmate, Captain Mauro Barradas, gave birth to the Prelude to Loyalty Day, which has become one of the invaluable traditions at UPLB.

But it was not all academics for Francis. He was a varsity football player during his LB days. He was also into student politics, being the freshman and junior representative at the Student Body Organization (SBO). In his senior year, he was elected University Councilor to the UP Student Council in Diliman. And to culminate his days in student politics, he was able to successfully move for the autonomy of the UPLB student council from Diliman through a unanimous vote of the UP Student Council in the summer of 1969.



Through the years, he has received a number of successful professionals. The program has been awards. In November 3 2011, the Emperor of ongoing for more than 25 years. Additionally, he also Japan awarded him the Order of the Rising Sun for assists in the strategic development and operations his invaluable contribution to the continuing trade of the Tahanan Outreach Projects and Services, Inc. between the Philippines and Japan. The UPLB (TOPS). This is a non-profit foundation that supports College of Economics and Management Alumni out-of-school youth in Manila to provide guidance Association recognized him in 1990 as its Most and education for a better future for the young and Outstanding Alumnus in the field of entrepreneurship. underprivileged children. In 2009, the UP Alumni Association awarded him as a Distinguished Alumnus in the field of Francis has been fortunately blessed with seven Entrepreneurship and Employment Creation. In 2017, children and five grandchildren. He is happily married he was the Presidential Awardee of the UPLB Alumni to Valerie Agrava. They reside at Avala Westgrove Association for his outstanding achievement in Heights in Silang, Cavite. While the professional business management and industrial manufacturing. career of Francis has been focused on the industrial Francis' passion for honor and excellence is sector, he has not forgotten his first love, agriculture. legendary. In fact, these two pillars of UP are the Valerie and Francis have a small farm in Sta. Maria, bywords of his management philosophy. He calls Laguna at the foot of the Sierra Madre. The farm his Toyota dealerships "Centers of Excellence" to is complete with rice paddies, coconut and fruit constantly remind his team of professionals of their bearing trees, a small poultry house and a tilapia duty to the company, its customers and to the nation. pond. The couple has another sanctuary by the sea He always says that by doing work excellently you in Matabungkay in Lian, Batangas where they spend not only honor yourself but also your company and quiet weekends when the weather permits. your customers. Through hard work and integrity, he has been acknowledged by his peers in industry as a leader and a visionary. He is known to challenge conventional practice so that the bar of corporate success is elevated to a higher level. In so doing, quality performance is enhanced thereby improving the competitiveness of the organization.

The most important factor that has been a constant in the life of Francis has been his positive attitude in Life. Thinking positively has allowed him to survive the challenges of this world. Due to this, he applies the positive way of doing things through people. His programs prioritize his best assets, human resources. He has learned the secret of empowering his people. Through this method, he drives his people hard to high levels of success and generously rewards them when targets are met.

His more than four decades as an entrepreneur has taught him one lesson: that no man is island; one is not alone in this journey. It's a beautiful world out there. It is what you make of it.

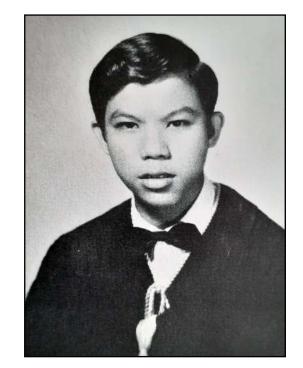
Achieving corporate success is not complete without taking time out to help the less fortunate in society. Francis has guietly supported a number of indigent scholars in his home province of Batangas to get a college education through the Foundation for La Sallian Education in De La Salle Lipa. All of the graduates of the foundation have become

## NESTOR R. LAWAS

"Where are you from?" This is always the next thing that people ask after knowing about somebody's name. And when Nestor Lawas tells people that he lives in Los Baños, almost all his entire life, their next question would be "Don't you get tired of living there?"

Life for Nestor or Etor has always been about LB, from the day he was born, to the time when he started and finished schooling, until he secured his first job. Elementary days were spent at Maquiling School while secondary education was at UP Rural High. "After high school, there's nowhere to go but UP Los Baños. Of course, my father, also an UPCA alumnus, was my main influence," said Nestor. He passed the first UPCA entrance examination and pursued his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, major in Soil Science.

To most UPLB students, college life would not be complete without joining organizations. Joining is not just about meeting other students. It is also about forming friendships with new brods and sisters and having a great time with them as they engage in different social activities. It also expands one's network that can be instrumental to finding career opportunities. Nestor joined the UP Beta Sigma Fraternity. Time spent with the Betans proved to be very rewarding. He even considers it to be a major influence in his college life and his professional life.



Graduation means moving on to a new chapter in one's life. For Nestor, could have meant finding his first job in a new place other than his hometown. But he decided to stay in UPLB for he had developed a strong sense of community and was enjoying the stability that Los Baños offered. At that point in his life, Nestor still had plans to pursue further studies for he believed that education is the passport to success. He later completed his master's degree in Soil Science, still in UPLB. Nestor built his professional career at the Soil Science Department starting as an instructor and later as research associate. Over time, he rose to Assistant Professor of Agronomy and retired as Associate Professor.



Research and development of multiple cropping systems for Philippine farms was one of Nestor's significant contributions in the field of agriculture. He was also instrumental to the establishment of the Institute of Agroforestry in UPLB. He considers classmates Rey Mabesa and Celso Evangelista, and his professors Drs. Nicanor Fernandez, Arturo Gomez and Romulo Del Castillo as the major influencers in his professional life.

With age comes wisdom. Nestor decided that the world is too big to live in the same town forever. He finally decided to uproot his life from LB and migrated to California, USA. But being miles away from the country did not mean that Nestor had forgotten his hometown. The presence of his US-based Beta Sigma brods even helped in re-living memories of old college days. They have even become active members of the UPLB Alumni Association. Aside from their regular reunions, they engage in fundraising activities to support worthy causes. For instance, they sent funds to Los Baños when it was hit by a strong typhoon.

Home for Nestor at present is Yuba City, a family-friendly neighborhood near Sacramento, California. With change in home address comes change in career path. Nestor has reinvented himself and found work at the California Franchise Tax Board. In his spare time, he enjoys life in the company of both family and friends. Family is being husband to Ma. Visitation T. Peralta or Marivi, and father to three children, Thaddeus, Abigail and Lolita. He is also a proud Lolo to three grandchildren, Terelle, Joaquin and Sidney. As Nestor settled contentedly in his new home, he realized that his decision to move made sense. Happily, he has made the right decision.

# VIRGINIA LERPIDO-BARRAQUIO

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do" – Pele

As an ardent follower of the above philosophy, Virginia Barraquio believes that success is more than just hard work. Sometimes, it has to do with the genes. If one has hardworking parents determined enough to succeed despite many obstacles, chances are the children will inherit the trait.

Virgie or Viring (to her family, very close friends and to those from her hometown) was born to Lorenzo Lerpido of Biñan, Laguna and Rosalina Camaclang of Santa Rosa, Laguna. Her parents did not finish their elementary schooling but were able to provide good education to their children since both were very enterprising and prudent. Virgie, the younger of two siblings, is now a retired educator cum scientist. Her sister, a certified public accountant, retired from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Early on, Virgie had an inkling that she would be an UPCA student. One major influencer was her uncle, an Agriculture graduate himself, who obtained his degree from Gregorio Araneta University Foundation. The other was not a person but a place – Los Baños itself. Los Baños, the charmer, has created a strong impression on young Virgie ever since she was a high school student. While attending 4H club meetings held at the Seniors' Social Garden, Virgie would always be captivated by the campus' natural beauty.

When Virgie went to UPCA, she studied hard, interacted with teachers, made friends and established relationships. Fostered friendship continued while she was taking her MS in Animal



Science, also in UPLB. To date, she still connects with her close circle of friends who are former roommates, dorm mates and classmates.

#### The Dairy Queen

Virgie started her professional career at the Dairy Training and Research Institute (DTRI). There she rose from the ranks of Research Assistant to Professor 12. She also served as its Director from 1998 until 2004. She retired in 2015 after 43 years of service.

As DTRI director, Virgie literally lives (and maybe even breathes) dairy in her life. Proofs are studies on milk and milk products – from microbiological means of improving their quality; documenting the indigenous knowledge of cheesemaking (she wishes to conserve the heritage and preservation of kesong puti), to clarifying the concept of fresh milk in the country. All these works aim to promote the Philippine dairy industry and provide alternative source of income for Filipinos. Now, that is the essence of a Dairy (scientist) queen.



If Virgie is the "dairy gueen", DTRI is her monarchy. Like a gueen who would never leave her monarchy, Virgie said that changing employer has never crossed her mind. Why is there so much love for DTRI? She believes in the possibilities that the dairy industry can offer in terms of socio-economic gains. Besides, who could resist the daily view of Maria Tuntungin hill, the farm and the grazing black and white cattle from her office and laboratory in the Dairy Husbandry building? It is not everyday that one gets to see views of cows in rolling hills as depicted in fresh milk ads. Likewise, the scent of pasture grasses gives her a sense of tranguility. It balances out the stressors brought about by the challenging (but enriching) academic life.

As a dairy scientist, one must also have a keen knowledge of food and animal sciences. Virgie has shown this in various activities and capacities. She served as FAO Technical Consultant for Developing Countries in Indonesia in 1980. She was also Executive Editor of the International Journal of Dairy Science and Processing, an open access, online journal. She is also called upon to review articles submitted to foreign research journals. At times, she is engaged as consultant of food, feed and water analyses laboratories and as technical assessor (on call) of the Department of Trade and Industry- Philippine Accreditation Bureau (DTI-PAB).

Life after retirement

In 43 years of her career in service, Virgie has made a great impact on the lives of students, fellow faculty and researchers in the university. A true educator at heart, she finds it most gratifying that her colleagues in the field look up to her with so much respect.

Equally satisfying was the appreciation shown by the students she has mentored. If asked about how Virgie was as a teacher, the students would certainly tell a tale or two about how Ma'am Virgie have touched their lives. In fact, her students have kept in touch, through personal visits, emails, facebook and text messages. Maybe, they found not just a teacher in her but also a mother figure with a gentle soul. When she hears her students say "Ma'am, I am very fortunate to have been advised by you", her heart leaps with joy.

Comfortable retirement is how Virgie describes her current life. She still misses her husband Willy, who passed away in 2006. Willy, or Dr. Wilfredo Barraquio, was a faculty member of UP Diliman and a former IRRI Visiting Scientist. In Willy's absence, she finds solace in the company of her daughter Anne, a pianist and general surgeon.

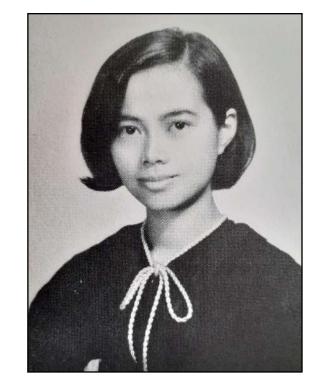
Every now and then, Virgie goes to Santa Rosa where she and Anne operate a modest property rental business. When both their schedules permit, mother and daughter drive to vacation places to enjoy the sea and nature treks. The long drive to those destinations also affords them their most precious bonding time. Just like the philosophy that guides her, "Life isn't a matter of milestones but moments", she is happily enjoying those moments.

# VIOLETA LIRIO RODRIGUEZ

Born on November 14, 1949 in Brgy. San Jose, Sto. Tomas, Batangas, Violy grew up as an obedient and respectful child. She is the fourth in a brood of 12 children, 7 boys and 5 girls, and carry there traits of a true-blooded Batanguena; industrious, resilient, family oriented and religious. Being the second eldest daughter in the family, she helped her mother in household chores as well as in taking care of her younger siblings.

She is a consistent honor student in both primary and secondary schools and graduated as Valedictorian at the Our Lady of Fatima in Tanauan, Batangas. Her parents were engaged in rice, coconut and vegetable farming and convinced Violy to enroll at UPCA where she qualified as an entrance scholar. After hard work and dedication in college, coupled by her enthusiasm to help her parents, she finished her BSA major in Microbiology in 1970. She wishes to highlight the assistance and guidance of her adviser, Prof. William Fernandez, without whom she would not have completed her thesis.

She started her career as a Microbiologist when she joined the General Milk Company (GMC), Inc. in 1971 then moved to the Carnation Company after a couple of years. Her main responsibility was the inspection and the sanitation of the entire plant facilities in the GMC and the testing of the milk and milk products as well as the testing of microbiological quality of milk and milk products in the Carnation Co., respectively. Since the Nestle Company acquired the Carnation Company in 1985, she and another four young investors ventured into establishing a corporation to produce milk



and milk products. That was when the FRAAS Corporation was born. In 1986 she was elected as its President and later on as Treasurer. The Corporation rented a facility in Makati City where they produced milk and milk products three (3) times a week. They succeeded in becoming a significant supplier of milk shakes and soft ice cream to some branches of McDonald and Wendy's fast food chains in Makati and nearby areas. The business did not prosper for long due to some differing policies of FRAAS members.

Violy took this opportunity to minimize her participation in the business and embarked into her long dream of becoming a Faith Healer ion 1991. She mentioned that for years she was frequently visited by dreams of an inner calling or vocation in faith healing. With the full support of her husband, she decided to put up a big statue of the Virgin Mary and converted part of



her house as a healing station in Sto. Tomas. This was a huge decision in her life to give up her career and sacrificed being away from her family especially her teenage children in Quezon City. But this gave her the inner joy and satisfaction to fulfill her vocation and helped hundreds if not thousands of people from different parts of the country seeking relief and full healing from their illnesses.

She noted with pride that she had about 15 patients on weekdays and around 35 during weekends. A lot of walkers and canes were left by patients who were healed in the process, which she in turn donated to other patients. She however, mentioned that because of her age and failing vision due to diabetic retinopathy, she could not continue her healing sessions as much as she wanted. She offered all her sacrifices to our Lord God and continuously prays for her

children to understand why she wanted to help the sick and the needy. She is guided by her belief that one has to be prepared and happy always, and no matter what challenges and trials one is confronted with, God will always be there to help.

Violy is happily married to Atty. Manolo Rodriguez, a high ranking official at the BIR Central Office, whom she met as a neighbor while working in the Carnation Co. in Mandaluyong, Metro Manila. They are blessed with two lovely daughters, Lally and Tina, and a versatile son, Jolo, all of whom are established in their own right. Now retired, she and her husband enjoy the company of their two loving granddaughters, Ziemiah Raine (15) and Elianna Ivana (3).

## ROBERTO D. LOREDO

A native of Manapla, Negros Occidental, Bert grew up in the University of the Philippines Land Grant in Isabela, Basilan where his father, Mr. Teopisto Loredo, was posted as the resident manager. He went to the local schools for his elementary and secondary education; he graduated from Basilan City High School.

His father, an UPCA alumnus Class 38, influenced Bert's decision to study in Los Baños. He enrolled in UPCA in 1965 and graduated in 1970. The day after his graduation, he went back to Basilan and worked as an agronomist in a rubber plantation where his expertise was needed, as he finished the BSA major in Plantation Crops (Rubber).

But then war erupted between government forces and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) separatists. This unfortunate turn of events prompted Bert to go back to his native town in Manapla, Negros Occidental. A friend describes Bert as a true Basileño and Chabacano, who instantly became an "Ilonggo forever".

Thereafter, Bert attended to his parents' sugarcane farm to further continue his agricultural knowledge as a private individual, mainly concerned with how to increase sugar production.



He got married to a registered nurse and had four children. His eldest and only daughter graduated from UP Manila as a pharmacist. She is now working with a reputable pharmaceutical company in the USA. She obtained her masters and doctorate degrees from the University of Wisconsin.

His three boys graduated from Don Bosco Victorias and are now living their simple happy lives. All of them now are married and have among them given Bert his nine grandchildren. (Don Bosco Technical Institute, more commonly known as Don Bosco Victorias, is a private



Catholic elementary and secondary co-educational institution combining college- preparatory academic courses and technical education. Source: www. donboscovictorias.org/)

By all appearances, Bert is now where he is supposed to be, relishing the relaxed life of a gentleman farmer. He remarks, "Now that I am retired, I still enjoy my SIMPLE LIFE as a sugar farmer with no boss because I am the Boss".





Virginia Luis-Mabesa is a true-blooded llocana since her parents both hailed from llocos Norte. She was born to Victor U. Luis, Sr. of Laoag City and Bienvenida F. Saguiguit of Batac. Virgie is the fourth child in her family of 10 children.

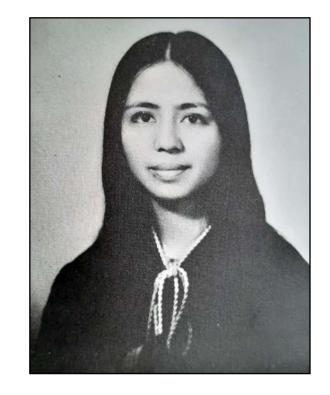
After high school, it was easy for Virgie to decide to study at UPCA) since her brothers, Edwin and Ernesto were already pursuing BSA degrees majoring in Animal Science and Agricultural Chemistry, respectively.

Virgie enrolled in for the Bachelor of Science in Home Technology degree. She recalls how much she enjoyed her college life because of her group of seven friends. They called themselves the PLAIDMATES. Together, they conquered the battle that was UP education.

Towards the end of Virgie's college life, she met Renato "Buddy" C. Mabesa who made her fourth year on the campus colorful and quaint. Buddy and Virgie got married after going steady for eight years.

After graduation, she worked at the UP Institute of Hygiene under a World Health Organization (WHO) Program on nutrition for 0 to 5 year old children.

In 1972, Dr. Thomas Flores invited her to join the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD). Virgie accepted the offer and spent her professional life in this excellent research institution. She worked there for 33 years.



According to her, it was a gratifying job because she had opportunities like trainings and graduate studies for career and professional development.

PCARRD sponsored her to attend a Basic Management Program at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) in 1975. Then, after two (2) years, Virgie was awarded a PCARRD scholarship to enable her to get a Master of Science degree. Soon after finishing her masteral degree in 1979, she was granted a one-year Reasearch Management Training at Mississippi State University, USA under the PCARRD-USAID Technical Cooperation Program. And in 1987, Ishe became a Research Fellow of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).



In 2007, Virgie decided to shift gears and got immersed in the business world of the wellness industry. She enjoyed the welcome change in her daily grind with this exciting and rewarding endeavor. She used and sold food supplements like the Aloe Vera Gel and the nutritionallydensed Himalayan Goji Juice. She successfully joined the bandwagon at that time and spent her free time doing the business and meeting new people.

Through this business, and because of hardwork, she was able to attend international conventions. Furthermore, she had rendezvous trips with the PLAIDMATES, her college barkadas at awesome places like Thailand, and California and New York in the US. Virgie and Buddy are blessed with two children, Rene Carlo and Ranee Christina. At present, this retired couple spends time together at Marymount Village. They both enjoy playing with their two grandchildren; Rene Calix La Vina Mabesa and Aerielle Mabesa Telosa.

They also practice Tetada Kalimasada for their regular exercise. Because of the pandemic situation, Virgie started a home-made llocos longganiza business, participated in and supported by members of the family.

"There is no real failure except in doing less than the best we can do", Virgie shared as her dictum in life.



## ISAIAS G. LUMANTA, JR.

Before the war, the Philippine Commonwealth opened the vast hinterland of Southern Cotabato for human settlement. Settlers or pioneers, as they were called, came from all over the country to develop its agriculture. My parents came from Southern Leyte. Each family was given 12 hectares. Life was harsh and tough at the beginning but they endured and eventually developed the place into one of the most productive breadbaskets of the country. The Administrator of that settlement was General Paulino Santos, and in recognition, the city was named after him.

Parts of the settlement program were farm administrators and technicians to help the farmers and many of them came from UPCA. My parents were so impressed with how technically competent, articulate and hardworking were those who came from UPCA. Being the fourth child and first boy in a brood of six, my parents coached me to consider UPCA for college instead of Mindanao State University, where I was awarded a full college scholarship. The Marist Brothers came from the US in 1950 to set up the Notre Dame School System in Cotabato. I was a product of that system, noted for its discipline and academics.

We were wide-eyed 15-16 year old freshmen at UPCA in 1965. It was intimidating at first - the sprawling campus, the reputed terror teachers, so many scholars, and being away from family and home for the first time. It didn't help that home was 1600 km away. I saw these fellow freshmen, who were bursting with confidence, and who seemed to know every nook and cranny of the UPCA campus. I asked, "Who are these people?" It turned out that they came from UP Rural High!! I knew then that competition in the next four years would be tough! Eventually, things settled down and our UPCA journey began.

Education at UPCA was top notched because we had the best teachers. Math was scary and dreadful to many students and I was no exception. But with



Adolf Santos teaching Math 11/14, it became simple, easy to follow and understand. It was an art form, the way Adolf Santos taught Math. It totally changed my perception and appreciation of Math and loved Math ever since. Likewise, I was inspired by the lectures, insights, guidance and the pragmatism of Dr. Leopoldo Castillo, Dr. Cledualdo Perez, Dr. Mario Labadan, Prof. Gerpacio and my friend Dr. Edwin Luis in Animal Science; Dr. Emerita De Guzman and Dr Ed Pantastico in Botany/Plant Physiology; Dean Edelwina Legaspi and Prof. Pacifico Espanto in Humanities; Dr. Dante De Padua in Ag Engineering; Dr. Fabian Tiongson in Ag Economics; and Bert Santillana in PE.

Many were not my direct teachers, but their seminars, participation in meetings and casual conversations created a positive impression on me. I will always remember the insights I gained from Dr. Gelia Castillo, Dr. Dolly Sison, Dr. Nena Bustrillos, Dr. Celestino Habito, Dr. Joseph Madamba, Dr. Benedicto Parker, and Mrs. Hernandez. Dr. and Mrs. Silverio Cendaña had a significant influence on me. I received a lot of guidance from them in college and beyond.



Interaction at UPCA was not limited to teachers but also extended to the many bright, gifted and streetsmart students. The Symposium, the organization that I joined, was the source of many leaders in the student movement. I really admire their passion, nationalism, activism and sacrifice for a better country. Manny Bautista, a friend and dorm mate, was a very humble, soft-spoken and very bright student activist of that generation at UPCA. He died young for his belief. My wife and I miss him. We also had fond memories of Caridad Magpantay, the articulate and passionate student leader from Batangas. Francis Laurel, Caring and I were classmates in Math 14 with Adolf Santos as Instructor. That was a fun class.

After my MS from the University of Hawaii, I got married to Melinda Cendaña Feliciano, also a UPCA Alumna. Roi, our only child, was four years old when both Mendie and I decided to pursue our respective PhDs at Michigan State University - she in Organizational Communication and I in Animal Science major in Animal Nutrition. We did well in graduate school because we had a good start and background at UPCA. Despite the turmoil in our country at that time, we were bent on going home. We never regretted that decision.

After a short stint teaching in Animal Science at UPLB-CA, I went to work in industry. I did most of my work in San Miguel Corporation (SMC), the country's largest and most diversified publicly listed company. At SMC, I became Head of Technical Services and Animal Nutrition for its Commercial Feeds (BMeg), Poultry (Magnolia) and Meats (Monterey) Business. Work in the industry is totally different from academe and government. Accountability, adding value to stockholder's equity, market share, product quality and innovations, supply chain, meeting business objectives, especially the bottom line, are a constant pressure and concern. My education, training and exposure at UPCA helped me a lot at SMC. It was a rewarding, gratifying and fulfilling career in industry because of UPCA.

Mendie has stayed in the academe, and works at the UP Open University after being with UPLB for nearly 25 years. She is the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UPOU.

Roi, a UPLB-CA Alumnus, is married to Monina Clauna, a medical doctor (Endocrinologist). They have two children - Uno and Daphne.

Mendie and I live a simple life. She tends to her garden and is very serious about it and I follow Warren Buffet's approach to making your money work for you. The less variables, the better. UPCA taught us to be well rounded, to be science-based, and to be free to express our thoughts and opinions for the better. In all these years, despite all the clutter, I never lost my faith in God but I have my doubts on religion.

It was a long journey since 1965 but well worth it. I am eternally grateful to UPCA and to its incredible BATCH 70.

### REYNALDO C. MABESA

It is not always easy for people to understand what a food scientist does. Majority would say that it has something to do with inventing new recipes and calculating food intake. Or cooking maybe? Food scientists do more than that. They harness science and technology to improve food processing and production in terms of quality and quantity. They analyze the nutritional content of food, discover new food sources, make food taste better, and research ways to make processed foods safe and healthy.

To those who wish to have a career in food science, Dr. Reynaldo C. Mabesa can help them tremendously. He is a respected food scientist with a gold mine of tacit knowledge in his field that he can share.

Dr. Mabesa, or Rey to his family and friends, grew up in Los Baños, Laguna. This is the place that has witnessed the most important events in his life, from the first time that he set foot on Maguiling School as a child, to a teenager at the U.P. Rural High School, up to the time he attended UPCA to obtain his bachelor's degree, to a young adult landing a good job until he got married and raised a family, went abroad for his PhD, up to the time that he established a name in the food science industry.

Rey took up his bachelor's degree in Agriculture and his masters in Food Science at UPLB. He then went for his PhD program in Food Hygiene and Sanitation at the University of Missouri -Columbia.

Professional life for Rey revolved at the then UPCA Department of Food Science and Technology. Eventually the department evolved into an institute and came to be known as the



UPLB Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST). However, many people love to call it simply as Food Science. It was there where Rev as a faculty member taught courses in Food Safety, Food Hygiene and Sanitation, and Food Microbiology. He headed IFST as its director for many years and continued to teach and do research there until he retired as Professor 12 in 2013.

Knowledge of both agriculture and food science - the educational degrees he both obtained makes Rey a highly credible source of information about this important field. After all, food science is about 'reinventing' or converting raw agricultural materials into properly processed or preserved food and drinks that are wholesome, delicious, nutritious and affordable. Food science is also about making sure that the food is safe to eat and will not harm, while helping in people's livelihood.

With Rey's lead, UPLB's Food Science Cluster (FSC) conducted and published numerous retirement. He has been consulting for Jollibee research on food processing, food spoilage, Food Corporation, Glenwood Technologies and and development of food products for example, Gardenia Bakeries, Philippines to date. stability of soy sauce, development of fruit juices and wines from indigenous and locally available Rey was married to another noted food scientist, fruits, and many more. FSC's research outputs, Dr. Linda B. Mabesa who passed away in 2018. with his leadership, have greatly contributed to They are blessed with three children and three the improvement of our country's food industry grandchildren. to the benefit of the Filipino people.

Recognizing his contribution in his field, the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) awarded him early in his career as the 1987 Outstanding Young Scientist (Food Science).

During his active career as a food safety scientist, Rey served as President of two organizations, the Philippine Society for Microbiology (PSM) and the Philippine Association of Food Technologists (PAFT). PSM is an organization that aims to promote scientific knowledge in the field of Microbiology and other related fields. PAFT, on the hand, was organized as a professional group, and its mission is to be an effective partner of academe, industry and government in providing relevant advocacy training and consultancy in the field of food science & technology for national development and the welfare of the general public. He served as PAFT President in 1993-94.

With a wealth of experience in the food science industry, Rey shares his expertise even after

## REMEDIOS MARANAN REYNOSO

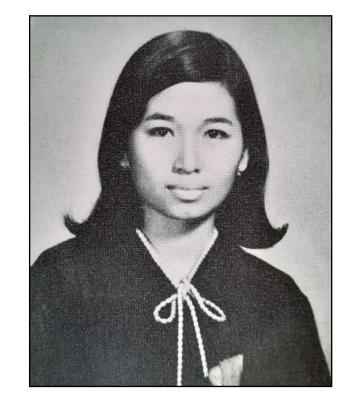
For a young barrio lass whose family was of limited means, the odds were not in favor for Remy to achieve what she was aspiring for – to have a college education, land a good job and help send her siblings to school, build her own family, and live a decently comfortable life. But this young, driven Batangueña was fixed on beating the odds, determined to make her life different, and make a difference in other people's lives.

As the eldest of eight children, Remy was saddled with responsibilities at a young age: taking care of younger siblings, doing household chores, and helping her father in the farm. With her grandfather's help, whose livelihood was also farming, she finished high school in Tanauan Institute in 1965. But earning a college degree still seemed far-fetched, considering her family's circumstances.

Seeing her grit and potential, her grandfather again intervened, and decided to send her to Los Baños in June 1965. At that time, the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA) was a top choice for anyone aiming to have a degree in agriculture, and it still is. Although sending her to college was a huge challenge, UPCA was regarded as a practical and viable choice, for it also presented untold opportunities. The family just has to find ways to hurdle the financial implications of this major decision.

Remy was not an exceptional student but she was stubbornly persistent and a remarkably resilient one. The statement by Dr. Dolores Ramirez on the first day of her genetics class made an indelible impression, *"I don't care if only one or four of you passed my course for as long as I stick to the standards of the university."* Striving to keep up with the demands of academic life, she worked really hard, studying in the library every night. Remy needed to prove herself, all the while living off on a 10-peso weekly allowance from her grandfather (bless his good and generous heart!) and the 20-peso monthly boarding fees throughout her college life.

The university environment was socially different from where she came from. Remy grew up in a household mostly preoccupied with making ends meet, and so humor was definitely not second nature to her family. One time at the college library, another student was goofing around her while she was studying. In true Batangueña fashion,



she pulled out her grandfather's *balisong*. The 'culprit' may have been shocked at the sight of the knife-wielding young lady, but they laughed the incident off in the end, with that student learning not to bother her when she has books in front of her. For her part, Remy learned that she also needed to lighten up, and not to take everything too seriously.

After six years, one contaminated thesis experiment that she had to repeat, and a lot of sweat and tears, she finally graduated from UPCA in May 1971 with a BSA major in Plant Pathology. It took her a full year to finish her thesis, "Purification of Local Agar (*Gulaman*) for Microbiological Use" under Prof. Romeo Alicbusan and Dr. Asuncion Karganilla.

Wanting to land a job in her field of expertise (either in Plant Pathology or Industrial Microbiology), Remy applied with the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) and the Philippine Atomic Energy commission (PAEC). Unfortunately, the prospects in these two agencies did not pan out; however, this seemed providential as it led her to the start of a lifelong career with the Land Authority (LA), now Department of Agrarian Reform or DAR.



She began work with LA with months of intensive training at the central office in Quezon City and later, on-field for the Land Reform Team Office in Lucena City. When Martial Law was declared in 1972, she found herself still working for the same office (later renamed Agrarian Reform Team Office) – with the agrarian reform program expanding its mandate to push for the emancipation of tenant farmers.

She was assigned four years later to the DAR Central Office to work with the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning and the Director of Bureau of Land Tenure Improvement (BLTI). By then, she was equipped with knowledge and experience gained from years of working in the field – giving her sufficient competencies that the job required. Interestingly, she finally found an opportunity to transfer to BPI. At this time though, she recognized the purpose of and potential for professional growth in her work at DAR. Not only was she poised to excel where she was; she was also given the opportunities to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most – the Filipino farmers. Two years after her promotion to junior staff, Remy received the greatest opportunity of her life: a scholarship grant to pursue further studies under a bilateral program between the Philippine Government and The Netherlands. The thought of pursuing an advanced degree abroad was not something she entertained, given that she was now supporting her family by sending her younger siblings to school. As things were, she would have to defer her goals of building her own nest egg and starting her own family. On the other hand, the scholarship grant was too good to pass up, so she took the plunge.

Remy pursued her master's degree in Development Studies at the Institute of Social Studies (now the International Institute of Social Studies) in The Hague, Netherlands from September 1978 to December 1979. With another Filipino scholar, she worked on "The Impact of the Green Revolution in South and Southeast Asia with Particular Reference to the Philippines: A Comparative Analysis" Their thesis brought together research work from various institutions: the University of Heidelberg in Germany, UNRISD in Switzerland, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UN-FAO) in Italy, and the University of Sussex in England. This also afforded her to visit and explore several European cities such as Paris, Lourdes, Koln, Heidelberg, Brussels, Geneva, Rome, and London. Her graduate degree in Development Studies (Agriculture and Rural Development) was finally conferred on October 13, 1980.

Remy returned to the Philippines after finishing her degree. Two years later, she got promoted to senior staff, then to Chief Agrarian Reform Program Officer (CARPO) of the research division after another six years. From 1988 until her retirement in 2013, she served as Division Chief for Research. She considers her government service of 43 years as fulfillment of her life's purpose to help improve the welfare of agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs), and to significantly contribute in advancing agrarian reform in the country.

Five years into her retirement, her old office at DAR invited her to provide technical consultancy services on various agrarian reform research projects.

Today, Remy lives with her husband Cesar who also worked in the agriculture sector before he retired, together with their only daughter Tania, who works in advertising. Aside from her consultancy, she enjoys taking photos of her family and being back to her first love – tending to plants and her bougainvilleas at home

## MELANDA MARIANO-HOQUE

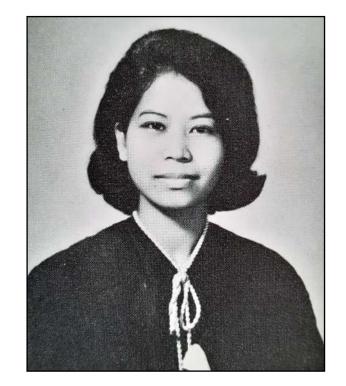
A young lass from the North... A dreamer who fancied being an *"Iskolar ng Bayan"*... Conquered the hardships of life and became successful... An outgoing and hospitable hostess to sisters and brothers from different parts of the world... And a fulfilled mother and servant of God.

She is Dr. Melanda Mariano Hoque who was born in Lal-lo, Cagayan on March 14. She grew up in this town until she graduated from the Cagayan Valley Agricultural College where she finished with honors.

As a high school student, Mely had set her mind to pursue her studies in the College of Agriculture (CA) of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB). Her brother who was then studying already at UPLB greatly influenced her dream of studying in the university.

Fortunately, she passed the UPLB entrance examination and became a scholar. For the first semester, in June - October 1966 and every semester thereafter, she was exempted from paying the tuition fee of P80 per semester for consistently maintaining high grades. At that time, this was a good amount to purchase school supplies, or a new pair of sandals/ shoes, umbrella, or inexpensive clothes. Mind you, it was also a good incentive to work towards an average grade of 2.0 for tuition fee exemption and no incomplete grades.

Since her brother was her "sponsor", they had two unwritten agreements: to maintain an average weighted grade that qualified for tuition fee exemption, and to finish the 4-year Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree without delay. Thankfully, both were achieved in only four years! The latter condition was set since her brother postponed an overdue wedding until she finished her bachelor's degree. In April 1970, she joyfully attended the First Commencement Exercises of the UP College of Agriculture at Baker Hall. Before 1970, UPCA graduates attended the commencement exercises in UP Diliman.



She chose a major field of research where few women trod at that time; specifically, the control of rats in coconuts. This first research built her interest for further studies. Immediately after graduation, Mely pursued her masters degree and was a recipient of a scholarship from the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA). She then completed this in April 1974.

Since she was a researcher at UPLB, she paid discounted tuition fees as one of her privileges. With her savings, she pursued straight away her Doctorate degree in the second semester of 1974-75 and finished it in April 1979.

Her research career started at the National Crop Protection Center (NCPC), College of Agriculture in 1974. Her various researches dealt with ecology and management of rodent pests in croplands – rice, corn, sugarcane, in storage; and a short stint on bird pests. She actively engaged and encouraged the participation of farmers and producers in her studies. Owing to the participatory method that Mely applied in her researches, the farmers adopted the research results at a quicker pace.



As member of a CA faculty team in the mid-80s, she taught the vertebrate pest management portion of the 10-month Diploma Course in Crop Protection. The course was attended by three (3) batches of Agricultural Officers of the Department of Agriculture (DA). After this, she also served as seconded faculty member at the Institute of Biological Sciences (IBS) where she taught Vertebrate Pest Management and a laboratory class in Animal Physiology. Currently, Mely is so pleased because she is benefitting from the medical expertise of her former students!

Dr. Mariano-Hoque was also involved in several three-to-10-month participatory research trainings conducted by NCPC. Three to five agriculturists attended these courses from Nigeria, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Ethiopia, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Indonesia. And, one of the perks of her career was being able to present research results in various international conferences in the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States, and several Southeast Asian countries. Because of her successful research career, and as expressions of her Christian faith, she and her family opened their home to International students who come to UPLB, either for a non-degree and/or degree training. These foreign students experienced the 'true' Filipino hospitality. In turn, her family also had an opportunity to learn from their cultures. As a result, Mely is very happy and thankful that her children, who now have their own homes, are also doing what she had started in the family and are also gaining friendships with these International students.

Since her retirement in 2014, she lives in an empty nest, yet is not quite alone, for her home can be likened to a hub for friends – Filipinos and foreigners alike. They spend time in her home for fellowship, chatting for mutual encouragement, and exchange of ideas and even food delicacies.

She once led a group of volunteers in UPLB dedicated to helping Internationals make their stay at the UPLB campus both enjoyable and rewarding. Through these activities, she gained the nickname "Mom of many nations". This continuing rapport with international students in UPLB gave her the opportunity to visit some of them in their home countries like Iran, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

In this decade of her life, she draws inspiration, joy, and peace from God's Word. Mely loves Psalm 90:10: "The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it will soon cut off and we fly away." As she realizes the brevity of life and the inevitability of death, God reminds her to look back to the third decade of her life in 1974 when she first surrendered her life to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Indescribable joy and satisfaction flooded her heart many times over. Through Christ, her eternal destiny in His Kingdom is secure. Hallelujah!

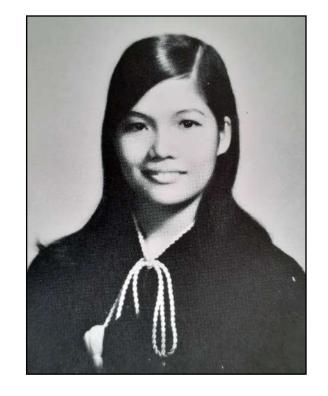
She came as a young lass from the hinterlands of the North to UP Nating Mahal, earned three degrees, worked, built a family, served the people, and is now singing to her heart's content the joy of being one in the celebration of Batch 70's Golden Jubilee. All the glory and honor belong to Jesus Christ! May God bless us all!

### ELSA P. MATEO-BAYANI

Elsa was born to a poor family in Bulac, Sta. Maria, Bulacan. As the youngest in a brood of seven, her parents thought it best to enroll her at UPCA in 1966 to follow the footsteps of her *sangko* (older brother) James (Javier P. Mateo, UPCA'68) in Los Banos.

After completing her BSA major in Agricultural Economics in 1970, Elsa started as a casual worker in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in QC, but after four months she decided to return to UPCA, at the Dept of Ag. Economics to join the group of Dr. Lawrence Darrah in conducting surveys for the Food Consumption Studies in the Philippines.

Two years after, she joined the National Food and Agriculture Council (NFAC), which paved the way for her long career in government service under the mentorship of then Director Domingo Panganiban. At NFAC, Elsa rose from the ranks and became the Chief of Plans, Operations, Coordination and Evaluation Services. In that role, she became involved in national agricultural programs, namely: Masagana 99, MaiSagana and Gulayan sa Kalusugan, among others. In between her stint at NFAC, she gained her Masters in Agricultural Development Economics at the Australia National University (ANU), Canberra, Australia in 1977 through a Colombo Plan Grant and a Diploma in Health and Nutrition at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York in 1983 through a United Nations University scholarship. She attended various agricultural trainings and seminars both here and abroad. After the EDSA Revolution in 1986, Elsa was chosen by then Secretary Carlos Dominguez as his Special Assistant both at DENR & DA.



Elsa's star shone brightly when she was appointed by then President Corazon Aquino as Executive Director of the National Nutrition Council (NNC) in April 1989. She served NNC for over 15 years dedicating herself to strengthen the implementation and coordination of various programs such as LAKASS ("Lalakas ang Katawang Sapat sa Sustansiya"), Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN), Food Insecurity & Vulnerability Information and Mapping Systems (FIVIMS), Salt Iodization and Fortification Programs, among others. Her commitment and strong belief in the NNC's thrust in combatting the country's nutrition problems won much respect from leaders of both the government, non-government organizations and the United Nations (FAO, UNICEF, WHO) enabling her to acquire additional funds to augment NNC's



budget. While at NNC, she undertook a Master's in National Security Administration at the National Defense College of the Philippines, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Rizal, and garnered a Silver Medal for Academic Excellence in 1992. She was also commissioned as a Reserve Officer and ranked as Captain in the Philippine Navy. In 1996, then DA Secretary Salvador Escudero felt the need for improvement of the Fertilizer & Pesticides Authority and "borrowed" Elsa to become its new Administrator. Two years after, she was reappointed as executive director of NNC and in 2005, she was concurrently designated as DA Assistant Secretary for Operations. Spending over 35 years in government service has its "ups and downs" leaving her family behind, at times. However, it enabled her to travel around the country to represent her agencies (NFAC, DA, NNC, FPA) in 20 countries during this period. It also yielded numerous awards and recognition for her meritorious and dedicated service. Among those that she treasures most are the Distinguished Alumna in Government Service awarded by CDEM-UPLB during the 78th Loyalty Day in1996 and the *Natatanging Babae ng Bulacan* Trophy given by the *Panlalawigang Komisyon Sa Kababaihan ng Bulacan*, 2003.

Throughout her career and personal life, Elsa is guided by her parent's advice to do the best she can with utmost dedication, hard work and discipline. She is forever thankful to God Almighty.

In 2006, Elsa opted to retire at age 55 to join her ever-supportive husband, Romeo D. Bayani (UPCA'72) and only son, Romel Jason, a Physical Therapist, in Pennsylvania, USA.

### ANTONIO C. MENDOZA

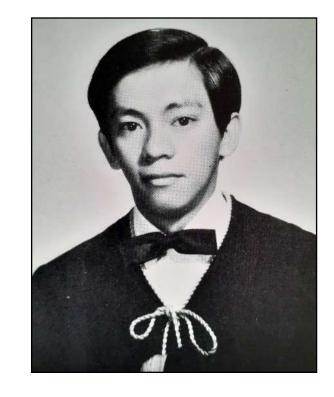
On July 17, 1959, the 10<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree paved the way for Antonio C. Mendoza to be mesmerized by the beauty of Mount Makiling in Los Baños. It was participated by 12,203 scouts from 44 countries, and Antonio was fortunate and thrilled to be one of them. This experience made an impact in his mind, how beautiful the campus was.

Several years after, when he was about to graduate from high school, his aunt Dr. Felicitas Argañosa visited Gumaca, Antonio's hometown, and invited him to enroll in the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA). Antonio did not hesitate and he enrolled under the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture course.

During the first semester, Antonio stayed in the house of Drs. Valentino and Fely Argañosa. The following semester, he moved to the International House (IH) Dormitory and stayed there until graduation.

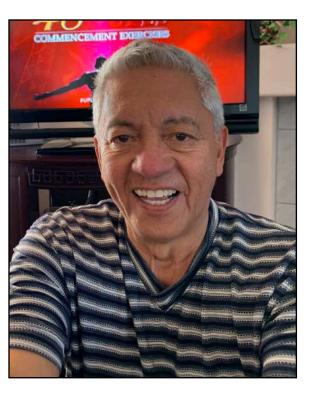
Antonio enjoyed not only studying at UPCA but also participating in extra curricular activities. He had a lot of fond memories as a "*Iskolar ng Bayan*".

He was an active member of the UP Student Catholic Action (UPSCA) and even joined Dr. Fabie Tiongson's St. Therese Male Choir. He was also into sports and was a member of the junior and senior basketball team that won two consecutive championships against the Forestry team.



One thing that he could not also forget when he was in college was the weekend trip that they made to Olongapo City to help raise funds for the construction of the St. Therese Chapel. He and Jun Callao tagged along with then parish priest, Fr. Charles Mooney.

The Ruby Tower earthquake that sent everybody out of the IH Dormitory was also etched in his memory, along with the Taal Volcano eruption during that time. Together with his UPSCA brothers and sisters, they made a trip to Batangas to bring relief supples to the people affected by the eruption.



After graduation, he started working with Jun Callao at the Hijo Banana Plantation in Davao. He then worked with Senator Lorenzo M. Tanada as private secretary during his last year in the Philippine Senate.

Then he moved to logging industry and worked in several companies in Luzon. First, he became the assistant manager of the Superwood Logging in Polillo, Quezon followed by a transfer to Marigana Logging, Inc. in Sibuyan Island, Romblon as manager of operation. And lastly, he held the same position in the Pilipino-Cathay Mining in Polillo Island. Though he traveled from island to island for his work, he did not forget to marry his love of his life. Antonio married Estrella A. Pfleider of Leyte on January 1977. After nine months, they moved to Canada where they started their family. His marriage was blessed with a son, Anthony and a daughter, Kristen.

Life in Canada as an immigrant while raising a new family was quite difficult for them at the start. They had to adjust to the new environment and to the cold climate. According to him, summer was easy because of the nice warm weather but winter was a real challenge for people from the tropics. Yet, they survived and became successful.

He took up Power Engineering in 1980 to make upgrade his skillfuls and be competent in his new environment. After 33 years of hard work and committed professional service, he retired in 2013.

At present he loves and enjoys traveling, and to be in the company of his grandchildren. Ballroom dancing with friends is also part of his past time, with his dancing partner, Estrella. During summer, Antonio loves to go biking in trails around Edmonton. And, he enjoys brewing his favorite beer... Cheers!

## GAVINA MERCADO-HUELGAS

Dr. Gavina Mercado-Huelgas looks back to her college years with gratitude to three of her teachers in particular: Dr. Serafin Talisayon, for how he simplified his teaching of statistical concepts; Dr. Julian Banzon, whose lectures in chemistry almost always put her to sleep; and Dr. Martin Raymundo, her thesis adviser – who was like a father to her. Dr. Raymundo always reminded her about her tasks and schedules; he was very meticulous in going over her work and outputs, especially in examining her data and analyses.

After graduation, she taught for a year at Mabini High School in Balele, Tanauan City from November 1970 to December 1971. She then became a field technician for eight years with the Bureau of Plant Industry also in Tanauan City. She later moved to Naujan, Oriental Mindoro where she was a training officer at the Farmer's Training Center from 1980 to 1982. It was at the Region 4A Office of the Department of Agriculture in Lipa City, Batangas where she stayed the longest as senior agriculturist from 1983 to 1999. She retired in 2010 in the same office as Center Chief II of the Lipa Agricultural Experiment Station.



Gavina finished her master's degree in Agriculture at the Pampanga Agricultural College in 1979, and received the Best Thesis Award. She continued to pursue the PhD in Agriculture in the same institution, finishing in 2001. Upon completion, she received the Presidential Award from the college for her outstanding graduate work. During her career with the Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Plant Industry recognized her in 1979 as Outstanding Field Technician. In 1984, her paper entitled "Alley cropping for rehabilitating degraded hilly lands in Batangas" garnered the Outstanding Research Paper Award at the department, regional and national levels.



Gavina and her husband are most proud of their biggest accomplishment - seven children who have all finished college, and have established or are building their own careers: Dario (currently taking Post-Doctoral study at UPLB); Darwin (BS Commerce- La Salle); Jose Dennis (BS Agribusiness- Cavite State University); Anna Marie (BS Instrumentation and Control Engineering- Batangas State University/BSU); Joan Marie (BS Mechatronics Engineering -BSU); Josephine (BS Hotel and Restaurant Management - FAITH); and Lourdes Huelgas-Borillo (BS Computer Science-BSU).

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#### BELEN B. MERCADO

Belen Mercado graduated with honors from the Tanauan Institute, a private high school in Tanauan, Batangas. After graduation, her parents decided to send her to the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA) since it would be less expensive than sending her to Manila. Belen was keen to study in UPCA because she knew that several of her schoolmates also intended to enrol there. Belen was among the top 20 who passed the entrance exam.

During her first two years as a student, Belen stayed in a boarding house in Grove at the back of Bamboo Grove Restaurant. After some time, she moved to Velasco Compound where she stayed until she graduated. Initially, Belen wanted to take Economics for her major but unfortunately no major subject for Economics was offered for that semester. So, she decided to take Plant Breeding instead with Dr. Fernando Bernardo as thesis adviser.

After graduation, Belen went home to Tanauan for a brief vacation. But after a few days, she was informed that her adviser, Dr. Bernardo recommended her to Dr. Helen Valmayor as a research assistant in her new project on orchid





culture. Belen was hired as research assistant and worked with Dr. Valmayor for almost two years.

Afterwards, she decided to transfer to the National Institute of Science and Technology(NIST)one of the research arms of the then National Science Development Board (NSDB) the forerunner of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). Four years into her work at NIST, she was granted a scholarship to study for a master's degree in the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom. The course was about Conservation and Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources.

Belen loved her work at NIST so much because it gave her fulfillment and opportunities for personal and professional development. That is why she decided to stay and work there, retiring after 37 years of service from the Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI), formerly NIST.

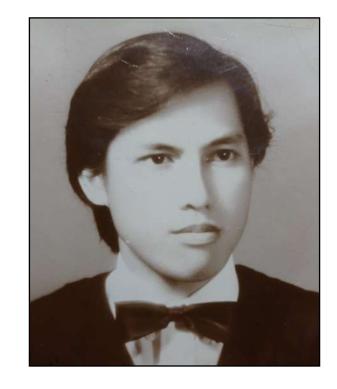
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### ERNESTO P. MILITANTE

So you'd like to be a forester? Then you need to know about the forest and its ecosystem. Of course, you must get a degree in Forestry and do well in math and the sciences. There are many things to learn before becoming a professional forester. Take it from the expert himself, Dr. Ernesto Militante.

Dr. Militante or Ernie to family and friends grew up in Tacloban, Leyte and attended high school at the Leyte Institute of Technology. After graduation, he was still trying to figure out what to choose for a career or what University to go to. He learned about the degree offerings at the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) through Professors Napoleon Vergara and Willie Depositario, both members of the recruitment committee and faculty of the then College of Forestry. He may have already developed an interest in forestry while he was young that was reinforced when the two Forestry professors visited his high school for a career orientation on UPLB's program in Forestry. He soon found himself initially taking the Forest Ranger Certificate (FRC) at UPLB.

Ernie was mesmerized by life in Mt. Makiling such that after receiving his FRC, he took the opportunity to pursue further studies. He immediately started working toward a BS Forestry degree. Upon completion of his college degree in 1972, he began his teaching stint at the Department of Forest Biological Sciences. While working, he pursued further studies completing his master's in Forestry in 1978, also from UPLB. His desire to instill more knowledge of forestry to his students and to make his forestry teaching





more effective led him to pursue his doctorate at the University of Idaho in USA in 1984. Specializing in forest pathology and mycology, he remained with the College of Forestry and Natural Sciences throughout his professional life doing both teaching and research from 1972 until he retired in 2011.

With the capability to excel both in studies and work, Ernie became a recipient of numerous scholarships and awards. He was a Bureau of Forestry scholar, National Science Development Board (NSDB) scholar, and Educational Program Implementing Task Force (EDPITAF) scholar. With a talent for teaching, Ernie became one of the University's (and even the country's) most recognized experts in the field of forestry, which earned him several awards. During UPLB's Loyalty Day in 1993, he was honored with the Most Outstanding Alumnus in Forestry Research Award. And in 1998, he received a plaque of recognition as UPLB's Outstanding Teacher for the Biological Sciences. He was also awarded the SEARCA Professorial Chair for Academic Year 2009/2010.

At the moment, the retired professor keeps himself busy by sharing his technical knowledge to the local community. He responds immediately to requests requiring his expertise. In many instances, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) invites him to assess if trees need to be cut down (like those found along the roadside). As a forester, he knows the right time to cut down trees. As a tree doctor, he can assess whether a tree is healthy or not. His goal is to save the trees as much as possible. He applies scientific principles to control tree diseases and recommends ways to save them. According to Ernie, this is his way of serving the people. It gives him joy, for serving others is a way of giving back and thanking God for the many blessings he has received.

Ernie also finds joy in dancing. Ballroom dancing is his favorite hobby. Aside from being a good way to exercise both body and mind, he says that it is lots of fun because it allows him to socialize with a wide network of friends who share the same passion.

If dancing has helped shape Ernie's body, his life has likewise been shaped and guided by the following philosophies: "Being poor is not a hindrance to success"; and "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold" (Prov. 22:1).





Linda, also known as "one of the Monzon sisters", wanted to take up Journalism in college or become a stewardess and see the world. But the UP College of Agriculture did not offer this course. The Monzons lived in the staff housing in the Forestry area (their father worked at the College of Forestry) and sending Linda to study in Manila did not seem to be up for consideration. To this day, she still remembers her parents' words, "You should be grateful that you live in an area that is very accessible to a prestigious college." In the 1960s, UPCA was already wellknown in the fields of agriculture and forestry where international students flocked to take their advanced degrees.

Being a dutiful daughter, Linda did enroll at UPCA, taking up the BS Agriculture and majoring in Soil Science. In her freshman year, she was elected as the batch representative to the student body.

Although only 65 km from the nation's capital, the college town of Los Baños during those days was still largely rural and offered little by way of worldly diversions. In her junior year, Linda and her barkada "discovered" DZLB, an AM radio station that was housed in the basement of the library building, which provided them with the much needed excitement. Now the Humanities building, the structure also used to be home to the then Department of Agricultural Information and Communication (now the College of Development of Development Communication). A program called "Dedication time for your friends or secret loved ones" allowed her group to send anonymous messages to their crushes. She recalls this as a time of much joy and laughter.





Linda also remembers another highly anticipated event for UPCA students – the trip to UP Diliman for the annual Christmas lantern parades. She also recalls the period of the big walkout from their classes, the strikes, student activism, and demonstration --- common events around the country before the 1972 declaration of martial law.

After graduation, Linda and her sister Norma decided to take computer classes in Makati to further enhance their careers. In the 1970s, people who knew how to work with computers belonged to an elite breed. However, Linda's career path was momentarily sidelined when she met Anthony, the love of her life; they got married shortly after, in 1971.

Her first job was with the Bureau of Soils in Ermita, Manila. She passed the Soil Technologist Eligibility Exam and stayed with the Bureau for several years. In 1975, she joined the Asian Development Bank (ADB) where she worked as a statistician for more than 13 years. While at ADB, she enrolled in Ateneo (Makati) for her MBA but had to stop after a semester to be with her husband who was then already in the United States.

It was in 1988 when Linda and her three children (Mark, Alrick, and Nicole) left the Philippines to join Anthony in Los Angeles, California. In the US, her career track took several turns – she worked as a bank teller with Union Bank for three years before transferring as an accountant to Epson America, Inc. While with Epson, she also took some accounting classes toward pursuing her MBA in Marymount College in Palos Verdes, CA but had to eventually give this up because the pressures of a busy life took a toll on her health. After more than eight years with Epson, she was hired by Logicon, Inc. (which was later acquired by Northrop Grumman Corporation or NGC) as a sales tax accountant.

Linda became a tax accountant administrator with Northrop Grumman and became a specialist in taxation through the numerous seminars and training courses she attended. NGC also sponsored her to take up some classes related to taxation at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA).

Linda and her family left California in 2011 when NGC relocated its corporate offices to Virginia. The VP of the company's Tax Department convinced her to move – and who can refuse when the incentives included 100% relocation expenses as well as six months pay? She finally decided to retire in 2017 after 21 years of service with Northrop Grumman. Her family still currently resides in Virginia, although they travel back and forth to California where they still have their first home.

It does not seem such big loss to Linda that she did not fulfill her other dream of becoming a stewardess in order to see the world. For she has visited several parts of the US, and traveled extensively in foreign countries – Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Monaco, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

## NORMA MONZON MOSCOSO

It was Norma's father who decided for her to take up agriculture at UPCA. It was most convenient since the family lived within the university campus. Out of so many fields to major in, she thought that agricultural economics was most interesting. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, majoring in Ag. Economics in 1970.

Right after graduation, Norma and her sister Linda decided to learn how to operate computers and their applications, and took computer classes in Makati. However, before she could finish the course, she got a call from the UPCA Department of Ag Economics to work on the project of Dr. Lawrence Darrah, a Visiting Professor.

Norma's next job was as Science Aide III at the Forest Products Research and Industries Development Commission (FORPRIDECOM, simply and commonly called "Forest Products", now the Forest Products Research and Development Institute or FPRDI). Her primary assignment was to make project proposals to be submitted to the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Resources Research (PCARR, now PCAARRD) for funding.



This required a lot of traveling to gather the needed background data. One of the proposals she particularly remembers was entitled "The Technical and Economic Feasibility of Tennis Rackets Using Bamboo". In addition, she also wrote technical digest reports for publication in popular science journals.

With her good performance, she was sent by her office to Japan for a training course in Forest Products Economics. She met her husband, Virgilio Moscoso, when she was working at Forest Products. They were married in 1974 and were blessed with four children, namely, Mio, Martinelli, Melinda and Maureen.

She resigned from FPRDI in 1983 as Chief of the Economics Section when she migrated to try her luck in the United States – the so-called land of opportunities. She studied computer accounting and bookkeeping to be more employable in a competitive job market. She worked as a database manager and as an accounting specialist at American Honda Finance Corp., Watt Enterprises Builder Contractors of Custom Built Houses; in Computer Reseller Companies; and in Assisted and Skilled Convalescent Facilities.

Norma retired in 2016 to travel and enjoy life. She currently resides in Los Angeles, California.

### EDITHA MORALES ABRIGO

It is not hard to describe Edith. She is someone who radiates positivity and naturally draws other people in. Maybe it is because of her winsome smile, her gentle aura or simply because she just wants to be of service to other people. Though she faced many challenges in life, she continues to create and maintain a positive mindset and find purpose in what she is doing.

After graduating from high school in Batangas, Edith was at a loss where to enroll due to financial constraints. Fortunately, Alex Gonzales, a family friend, was able to convince Edith's parents to enroll her at the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA). Alex was already studying at UPCA at that time.

Edith left Sto. Tomas, not knowing what lies ahead. She started pursuing her degree in BS Agricultural Chemistry. While in college, Edith learned how to balance academics with extracurricular activities. Although her priority was to attend classes, read books and complete assignments, she squeezed in time for other activities. She joined Symposium, where she was active in different campus activities. College life was fun and it was also made memorable by her amazing UP instructors. She was in fact very thankful in particular, to those three who have greatly influenced her. She will always remember Mrs. Vicky Hernandez, who was very kind and considerate to all her students, Mrs. Juanita Mamaril, who was her role model when it comes to laboratory techniques for she was able to apply Mrs. Mamaril's example in her professional life, and Mrs. Lilia Madamba, her thesis adviser. Edith is also grateful to Dr. Ruben Villareal, who provided the tomato plants she used in her thesis.



After obtaining her degree, Edith worked at the Department of Chemistry with Mr. Reynaldo P. Obed and studied the effect of radioactive carbon (C14) on higher plants. When the project ended, she transferred to the Weed Science section under Dr. Beatriz L. Mercado. It was followed by a stint at the Department of Horticulture where her knowledge and skills in tissue culture were developed. Under Dr. Emerita de Guzman's mentorship, she worked on the embryo culture of coconut. This was the takeoff point for the different tissue culture projects she did at the university. After eight years of working in UPLB, she finally bid farewell.

In 1980, the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) became Edith's new workplace. This was the time when the Tissue Culture Laboratory was established under the Plant Physiology



division headed by Dr. Shouichi Yoshida. Edith was its first staff. Eventually, the Tissue Culture Laboratory was transferred to the Plant Breeding Genetics and Biochemistry division and was renamed Genetic Transformation Laboratory. Initially, the laboratory was tasked to establish protocols on somatic cell and anther culture of different rice varieties. Later, it advanced to rice transformation using protoplast culture. Edith worked on genetic engineering of rice using *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* until her retirement. Though the work on rice transgenics was quite controversial, she knew that it can help a lot in improving rice productivity, and even address some health and environmental issues. Behind every successful man, there stands a woman (and the other way around). In Edith's case, her success was partly attributed to Jessie, her supportive husband. Jessie, of the BS Agricultural Engineering program, was her first and last boyfriend. They got married in 1972 and are blessed with three children who are all graduates of UPLB, Dexter (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, 1995), Jill (BS Biology, *cum laude*, 1995, Doctor of Medicine UP-PGH, 2000), and Don Edje (BS Agriculture, major in Horticulture, 2012). Two of their children are already married, and are currently living abroad. Edith and Jessie have a 20-year old grandson.

After her retirement, Edith was looking forward to spending relaxing days with her family. She and Jessie had made plans to travel to interesting places. But tragedy struck. Her husband got sick and unfortunately, passed away after one year. Edith was devastated. It took her almost two years to recover. Despite her loss, Edith believes that God has a plan. She has then poured her efforts in serving the church and even became an active member of the Catholic Women's League. Life without her spouse is certainly different, but definitely not over. She maintained her positivity and relied on the presence and support of her children and friends. As she moves on, she finds herself joining her daughter in leisure trips. She is doing this now every two years. She also tries to stay fit and walks around the campus three times a week. Most importantly, she thanks God every day for all the blessings received, whether big or small.

## RUFINA NAVASERO-WARD

A genuine Los Baños native, Phin is a product of Los Baños Elementary School, UP Rural High School (UPRHS), and the UP College of Agriculture (UPCA) – a most prestigious institution where one can earn an excellent and inexpensive education.

Phin loved (and still does) flowering plants and was equally fascinated with the most diverse and colorful butterflies, beetles and dragonflies. Taking up Agronomy (Horticulture) and Entomology as her major areas of study was providential. She completed her undergraduate thesis on embryo culture of butterfly orchids; Dr. Helen Valmayor was her major adviser, who promised to help her find a graduate assistantship in University of Hawaii toward an MS degree.

Concerned that getting the coveted graduate assistantship may take a while, she applied for a fellowship towards a Master's degree in the Department of Entomology as soon as one became available. It was like starting over (since she came from a different discipline), taking core classes in entomology with undergraduate students. Under the supervision of Dr. Fernando Sanchez, she studied cabbage worms and pesticide toxicities on their larvae for her graduate research.

After finishing her MS in Entomology (Toxicology) in 1973, she joined the department as a junior faculty with an assortment of responsibilities that included handling undergraduate and graduate laboratory classes; serving as a team leader on a countrywide survey of pesticide resistance of the diamondback moth; and several other projects.

Life was wonderfully pleasant until it was her "turn" to leave for the United States to pursue a PhD in Entomology at the University of California- Riverside (UCR). Phin never really left home before then; it was an emotionally trying time for her. She cried nearly nonstop throughout her flight to the US. For about six months, she would look up to the sky teary-eyed, wishing that she were on a plane taking her back to the Philippines.

At UCR, she was Dr. Earl R. Oatman's last PhD student in the Biological Control program before he retired. Dr. Oatman had a deep fondness for Filipinos, the extent of which she later found out from his memoir published long after he retired from the university. Dr. Oatman was a young American soldier who survived the Bataan Death March during WWII. He was grateful to the many Filipinos who helped him before his capture.



Phin earned her PhD in Entomology (Biological Control) in the fall of 1981. After getting her degree, she worked on guayule at UCR and North Carolina Central University. Guayule (*why-you-lee*) is a desert plant indigenous to Mexico and the American Southwest; its natural rubber has medical, industrial, and consumer applications (www.yulex.com). Next came a post-doctoral position at Mississippi State University (MSU) where she copublished several papers on *Heliothis* oviposition behavior, host preferences, including scanning electron microsopy studies of associated plant structures. Another post-doctoral position followed that entailed studying tritrophic interactions, foraging behavior, reproductive strategies, and sensory receptors of the parasitoid *Microplitis croceipes*.

Phin considers her years at MSU as especially memorable and the happiest. It was where she met and married her best friend and soul mate, Dr. Ken Ward. She moved with Ken who received a post-doctoral fellowship with the USDA-ARS at Stoneville, MS, and a year later to Gainesville, Florida. With her diverse educational and research background, Phin always found employment in every facility where Ken worked.



In Gainesville, she worked with Dr. Everett Mitchell on field releases of Cotesia (parasitoid) adults to control diamondback moth in cabbage. This study was featured in the USDA Research News where she and Dr. Mitchell were also featured in the magazine cover. In the same year, she and Ken (as bird enthusiasts) also appeared on the cover of the Santa Fe Community College Continuing Education Program Schedule, so the couple had their 15 minutes of fame before their move to Huntsville, Alabama, Ken's hometown. He accepted a tenure-track position as Forest Entomologist at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (AAMU) while Phin was hired as Visiting Scientist by the US Forest Service to work on embryogenesis of pines. In 1997, she joined AAMU as a research faculty and remained in that position until her retirement.

Phin was virtually the main resident research entomologist at AAMU; the two other entomologists were heavily involved in teaching and administration. She had numerous collaborations on research and extension projects both within and outside the university. Her activities focused on honeybees (pollination and Varroa mite), imported fire ants, aquatic macro-invertebrates, winter canola, and organic farming. Except for aquatic insect studies, most of her involvement were heavily directed towards educating local and state growers, teachers, consumers, and other stakeholders. She organized, co-organized, and presented at numerous training-workshops, field demonstrations, and conferences. She authored and co-authored several papers in refereed journals, popular magazines, and in proceedings, as well as extension publications. She also reviewed research proposals for BREAD and for several NIFA programs. She had limited teaching responsibilities in plant science, pest management, and insect biology.

However, her real passion was in student advisement and mentoring. She served in various mentoring programs (Summer Apprenticeship, North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence, EnvironMentors, and Research Experience for Undergraduates). She was faculty advisor for the department's Graduate Student Association for several years, and served in several graduate advisory committees. She was actively involved in student recruitment of underrepresented or minority students, nationally from 2010-2014.

In 2012, she chaired the Diversity in Agronomy, Crops, Soils and Environmental Sciences Committee (ACS 528), a joint committee under the auspices of the Agronomy Society of America, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America. She also served the Entomological Society of America Southeastern Branch in various capacities.

She was recognized for her contributions to the Alabama beekeeping industry (Alabama Beekeepers Association, 2000), award for outstanding extension/regulatory display (Entomological Society of America, 2001) and innumerable certificates of appreciation and service for student mentoring, STEM student competitions, and stakeholder and consumer education.

Although she enjoyed a most fulfilling profession, life beyond the academe was equally exciting. In 2015, Phin joined her husband in retirement and has pursued several hobbies, including birding (she and Ken were on the board of the Alabama Ornithological Society for many years), line dancing, photography, nature appreciation - becoming, in the process, a member of several local nature-oriented groups, e.g., Huntsville Native Plant Society, North Alabama Birdwatchers' Society, Huntsville Botanical Garden, and Land Trust of North Alabama.

Although Phin did not have children of her own, she feels blessed sharing life with a very loving and kind husband who has generously helped her support several of her nieces, grandnieces and grandnephews in the Philippines through college in the last two decades.

#### MAITRI NAEWBANIJ

He must be feeling a little nervous and excited at the same time. The feeling is understandable - a young Thai gentleman heading to an unfamiliar country, the Philippines, to pursue his college degree. Adjusting to a new environment might not be an easy task. He needs to be aware of the cultural differences between the two countries. He has to be flexible enough to adapt to their values. So many hesitations. But in the end, Maitri Naewbanij felt pleased and satisfied. He had made a good decision.

On that fateful day in 1964 at the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), Maitri, or Mai to his family and friends, began his college journey as an undergraduate student in Agricultural Engineering. During those four years, Mai might have encountered some challenges in adjusting to the new ways of life on the campus. He might have his moments of ups and downs. However, he stayed focused in his studies, maybe even enjoyed the pressure and did whatever he could to survive in a foreign land. And survive, he did! He completed his course in October 1969.

Mai must have easily adjusted to his new environment. He must have loved the Los Baños community, finding it easy to interact with Filipino students and faculty. He must have also built friendships with the people he met along the way. UPLB might have also taught him to be well-rounded. The University has likewise produced some of the best graduates in the region and even globally. These are reasons enough for Mai to return to the Philippines. Now feeling more confident, he pursued further studies, still in the same area and institution, the MS in Agricultural Engineering. He completed the course and graduated proudly in 1975.



Immediately after graduation, he returned to his home country, Thailand, and started establishing his career. He took and passed the government civil service examination. He became a government official at the Department of Agriculture of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives. His career flourished further when he headed the Postharvest Section of the Agricultural Engineering Division in 1991. He held this position until his retirement in 2003.

In 1980, his former professor Dr. Dante de Padua recommended him for a one-year training scholarship on grain postharvest at Kansas State University (KSU), with support from the International Development Research Center of Canada. After completion of the training, he was offered a graduate assistantship at the same university to pursue the PhD in Grain Science, which he completed in 1985.



Mai's work as an agricultural engineer has benefited his countrymen in addressing issues on food waste and food losses. Major accomplishments included the design and development of a number of postharvest equipment and machineries that assisted mainly farmers' cooperatives. Among the equipment he developed include: the corn and rice dryer, rice milling machine, grain storage silos, coffee dryer, fruit fumigation equipment and various types of fruit dryers. All these equipment were constructed for demonstration in various government-designated locations, usually in places where assistance was most needed. If the members of the local village cooperatives wish to construct their own postharvest equipment for later use, they will be given access to the designs of the said equipment. Use of the postharvest equipment provided positive feedback. As Mai explained, they have helped Thai farmers improve the quality of their products. In addition, they have tremendously reduced their postharvest losses and therefore considerably increased their income.

Mai is happily married to Jocelyn Oyardo, his Filipina sweetheart and batchmate in UPCA who also belongs to the graduating class of 1970. They are blessed with three children and two grandchildren.

Now that he has retired, Mai has more time to spend with family and friends, and finds new things to enjoy. But adjustment has to be made as he enters the so-called last transition in his life. Similar to those days when he left his home to get a degree, Mai will cope and triumph again. After all, he has the resiliency, wisdom and experience that come with age.



## LOLITA NUNEZ-RAGUS

A senior in action; change maker; living the passion. Such are the ways to describe Dr. Lolita Nuñez Ragus. She may even be called a senior social activist - an adult who stays active despite her age and whose goal is to bring about social change. Her current mission? To help Micronesia secure its food resources against the impact of climate change.

The Federated States of Micronesia (also known as FSM and Micronesia) is a country in the western Pacific Ocean comprising more than 600 islands. It is made up of four island states: Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap. Chuuk is the place where Lolit, as family and friends know her, currently resides.

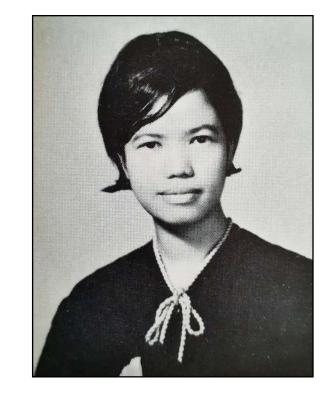
For more than ten years now, she worked as an agronomy researcher and extension specialist at the College of Micronesia - Federated States of Micronesia (COM-FSM) Chuuk Campus/Cooperative Research and Extension. She was employed in the said college in 2009. Currently, she is conducting research and extension programs on food security and climate change preparedness for island dwellers in Micronesia.

Prior to her work in Micronesia, she was employed as researcher at the Northern Marianas College, from March 1988 to June 1995 and later at the Palau Community College (June 1995 to June 1999). These two colleges along with COM-FSM are classified as public land grant US Department of Agriculture colleges.

Lolit is a native of Los Baños. Her parents are Juan Nuñez and Milania Lawas. When she got a scholarship to study at the UP College of Agriculture (UPCA), she took up BS Agriculture knowing that her parents would benefit from it since they own farmlands in Los Baños.

In college, she made friends with Lina Lapitan, Rufina Navasero-Ward, Mabel Galsim-Funtanilla, and with other Symposium brods and sisters.

When asked about an unforgettable event in her college life, she recalls the approval of her BSA thesis in October 1969 about the chemistry of carabao milk



toned with coconut skim milk. She was thankful when she finally got her diploma, graduating cum laude in April 1970 with a BSA major animal husbandry, and later the MS in Agronomy major in Plant Breeding in 1976 also from UPLB, and the PhD in Agronomy major in Plant Breeding and Genetics in 1984 from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Making her parents happy motivated Lolit to do well in her studies and she is thankful to her parents for their support.

She is also grateful to those professors who have influenced her personal and professional life. These include Drs. Clara Davide, Virgilio Carangal, Bliss Aday, Dolores Ramirez, and Eduvigis Pantastico, who was a mentor at work.

After graduation, she had a short stint at the Soils Department of UPCA before pursuing her MS studies. In 1974, she worked at the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD). She was a subject matter specialist to the Assistant Director at the



Crops Research Department until 1988. Lolit drafted and co-authored reference materials in agriculture called the Philippines Recommends. These PCARRD publications on rice, corn, sorghum, winged bean, peanut, mung bean, soybean and ginger were used as general references in extension and education.

The tireless researcher also served as local and international consultant (2000-2004) in the Philippines, Dominican Republic and Ecuador. She was likewise an adjunct faculty in biotechnology (2009) at State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Missouri, USA.

From college days until her professional years, Lolit has been a recipient of many scholarships and awards. These include the UPCA Undergraduate Scholarship (1965-1969), Graduate Assistantship (1971-1973), and USAID Scholarship (1981-1984). Significant work contributions were likewise recognized abroad as she received Service Awards from NMC in 1995, PCC in 1999 and COM-FSM in 2014 and 2019. In addition, COM-FSM bestowed her with Community Service Awards in 2019 and 2020, and a 2020 Professional Award for her exemplary performance and dedication.

Lolit often visits communities where crop research is being conducted to explain the research and best practices that will help the community improve their crops. As she explains, her passion at present is to share knowledge and skills to FSM communities in developing healthy lifestyles, food security and climate change preparedness. She develops brochures and manuals about crop profiles and crop production. The reading materials contain information on botany, crop care and management, nutritive values, uses and health benefits. She also conducts research on practical crop technologies for the atolls (atoll is an island consisting of a circular coral reef surrounding a lagoon) and low-lying islands.

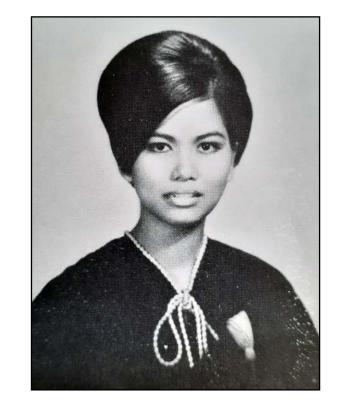
Because of her active involvement in the community, she has broken the stereotyping about seniors. She has proven that seniors are not always recipients of services, rather they are initiators of worthwhile activities, and of social change. This gives Lolit immense satisfaction and joy, knowing that she is making a difference in someone's life. True enough, her life philosophy is JOY, which means putting Jesus first in her life, others as her second and self as her last one, to love and serve. Now, that is philosophy put into action.

Lolit is happily married to Rogelio Ragus, also a BSA graduate from UPLB, batch 1972. They have two sons, Oscar and Elmer. Oscar has a bachelor's degree in Computer Information System in 1998 from the Central Missouri University (CMU), and a master's in Business Management in 2004 from UPLB. He was a teaching faculty at Higher College of Technology and later Ministry of Education at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Oscar and wife Lilibeth have a six-year old daughter, Ysabella Sofia. Elmer, on the other hand, completed his BSA degree, major in Agriculture Economics in 2004, his MS in Business Administration in 2009 and his PhD (Ed.D) at CMU, also in Missouri, in 2020. He is currently a teaching faculty at CMU. He is married to Danyale Lemen and they have two children, Eidan, 21, and Evrette, 11 vears old.

#### MININDA OBLENA-OCAMPO

Never in her dreams did she envision studying agriculture in college for she then desired to be a chemical engineer or an accountant someday. When she finished high school, her parents made her choose between UPCA and Laguna College in her hometown because they could afford otherwise. Finally, she ended up at UPCA as a late registrant with no more block section available to her. Her parents gave Minnie only four years to finish college. After struggling to identify tobacco seeds to rearing insects to a complete cycle, failing to plant rice seedlings upright in the paddy, and driving a tractor that would not stop, she decided to shift her major to Statistics. To her, this was an easier route to graduate on time, or else end up as a dressmaker like her mother.

After completing her studies in Sept 1970, she landed a job at the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) Manila as Statistician at the Planning and Management Unit under the Office of the Executive Director. As such, she assisted the researchers in the design of the Bureau's experiments as well as in the computation and analysis of data gathered. She was also involved in various surveys/studies on coconut and mangoes. During her stint at the Bureau, she also assisted in the quarterly monitoring of its program and project accomplishments. In conjunction with her functions as Statistician. she was sent to undertake a one-year program in Development Economics at the UP School of Economics in Diliman, QC. This study helped her a lot in the performance of her duties and responsibilities at the Bureau.



In June 1975, she applied at the Central Bank of the Philippines (CBP) and joined the Department of Economics Research, Manufacturing Sector as Statistician. In 1978, she took the opportunity to work with fellow agriculturists at the Department of Rural Banks and Savings and Loan Associations (DRBSLA). As an Agricultural Credit Supervisor, she was assigned at the Technical Support & Evaluation Unit. Its main function was to monitor the CB:IBRD funds channeled to different projects of rural banks (RBs) in the Philippines. Her job included visiting projects financed by RBs in the provinces as well as help in the processing of applications for RB's accreditation to participate in the program. This gave her an opportunity to see how farmers utilized or misused the proceeds of their loans to rural banks.



Her work at the DRBSLA kept her away from her family for two to three weeks per month as she was assigned to visit various rural banks as well as farmer recipients of agricultural loans. It was however, a learning experience for her having to back ride at motorcycles, and hike, and ride bancas to reach far flung farms of farmers who were financed by RBs. In the process, she said it was well worth it because she was able to see the Philippines for free, learn the local culture, taste authentic dishes, and more importantly, meet different kinds of people in different regions of the country. In 1992, Minnie availed of the Early Retirement Plan of the Central Bank to become a hands-on mom and attend to the needs of her teenager kids, absolve her husband from attending women-dominated PTA meetings, as well as support their family business in Malabon, Metro Manila.

Minnie is happily married to the man of her dreams, Filomeno Ocampo, whom she met while working at the BPI. They are blessed with two daughters, Majalyne and Fatima and a son, Robert Francis who all are married and established in their respective careers. She and Fil are proud grandparents of five beautiful and talented grandchildren.



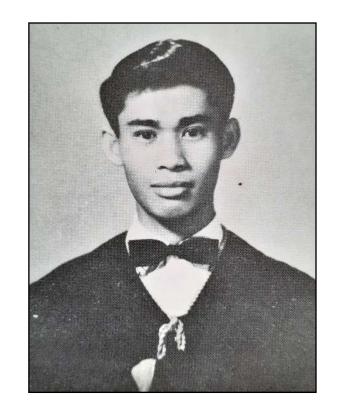
### FILIPINO N. OBMERGA

Fil wanted to study at the Philippine Military Academy but did not qualify. His family could not afford the cost of sending him to a university in Manila so instead, he was made to enroll IPat UPCA in 1965.

He remembers being a student assistant in the swine husbandry building, and at one point moonlighting as a watchman when he was already working on his thesis. Soon after graduation, Fil was hired as a training assistant at the Department of Agricultural Education in UPCA for a joint project of the university and the National Science Development Board (NSDB, now Department of Science and Technology/ DOST). He also worked with the agricultural chemical division of Union Carbide and afterwards, with Planters Products (then the nation's foremost fertilizer distribution company) until his wife, Lolita Cuento (BSHT 72) asked him to join her in the United States.

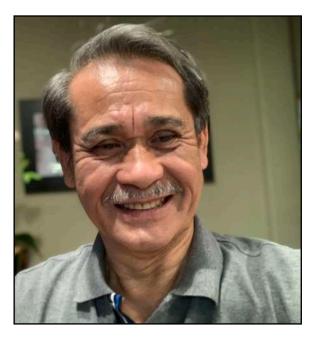
In the USA, Fil found himself working in fields entirely different from his academic training. Nevertheless, he did quite well for himself like countless other Filipinos who migrated to the US. He partly attributes his economic success to his UPCA education; it equipped him with the essentials needed to survive in life and to thrive wherever he found himself in.

His family has toured the entire USA from coast to coast; they have also visited some parts of Europe and he feels truly happy and grateful for that. They started traveling in 1986 while the children were still young and airfares were relatively more affordable. Every year, Fil and Lolit would save their vacation leaves for these trips and each time planned on a new place



for the family to spend the holiday. The reason for this "routine" is simply because a family friend once told them that he was already 50 years old and there are 50 states in the country. According to this friend, he cannot possibly see all of them; even if he were to visit one state per year, he would be 100 by the time he "finished"! It appeared that this person had not done any traveling beyond his state of residence.

Through the years, Fil engaged himself in an assortment of social organizations and community activities. He is a lifetime member of the UPLB Alumni Association, UP Alumni Association (Berkeley Chapter), UP Vanguard Inc., and the Filipino-American Association of Contra Costa County where he is currently the vice president.



His memory is a bit foggy now, but he remotely remembers being a project/program coordinator of the UPAA-BC and his group got an \$18,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to feature a *Rondalla* and *Kulintang* music in a public performance.

He was also the chair of a philanthropic group that shipped four large *Balikbayan* boxes containing scientific and chemistry journals and a box of laboratory equipment to UPLB; these were donated to the Institute of Chemistry.

He is likewise actively engaged in his community. He plays assistant coach to the local baseball little league and is an assistant Boy Scout master. He also participates in the Measure K campaign to favor the local Fire and Safety Brigade. The desire to serve prompted Fil to take up his Masters in Divinity at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to become a pastor. However, he was unable to finish his degree although he was only two courses short of the requirements for graduation; he unfortunately had a stroke in 1999.

Fil believes that everything we do in life is directed toward attaining our ultimate goals – happiness and contentment. And we can only achieve this through service to our fellowmen.



# ANTONIO L. OÑA

Tony is the youngest of 10 siblings of Magdaleno Laurel Oña and Regina Garcia Landicho. His parents were both originally from Tanauan,Batangas but later relocated to Calamba where Tony was born. He attended Laguna Institute High School graduating Salutatorian. He grew up in a farm helping the family raise crops and livestock. At an early age, his parents instilled in him the value of education, love of God and family as well as respect for others.

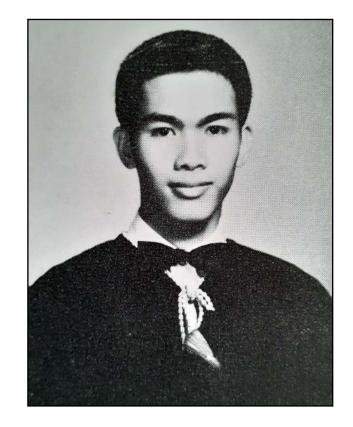
Growing up, what he lacked in material things was met abundantly with loving support and guidance from his family. The decision to study at UP Los Baños was influenced by his older brother and sister who were both UPCA alumni.

His college journey began in July 1967 when he was admitted at UPCA as an entrance scholar. He received the UPCA Undergraduate Fellowship for eight consecutive semesters, as well as college and university scholarships for maintainig high grades. He studied hard and overcame difficult challenges that made his achievements all the more remarkable.

He was fortunate to have stayed at Cendaña's Dormitory where camaraderie and fellowship was second to none. His dormates were very supportive and lots of fun to be around. The 70s was an era of ideology, nationalism and pure competition in search of academic excellence. What an exciting time that was!

Tony was met with success in the extra curricular activities he participated in. He joined 'The Symposium', a very prestigious campus organization, where he was able to develop his leadership and interpersonal and communication skills. He was vice-president and head of the Recruitment Committee and won the championship for The Symposium at Quiz Contests during Student Week Competitions.

He also was a member of the St Therese Male Choir that sang on Sunday evening masses. It was at St Therese Church where he got started with choral singing and his love for music that he pursued as a hobby in later years. He was also elected as Councilor-at-Large of the Student Body Orgnization and served as SBO representative to UPCA Undegraduate Scholarships Committee and Chair of the Rural Extension Committee. Having participated in all these activities made him a well-rounded individual.



He is truly grateful to all his brods and sisters at The Symposium, to all his dormates at Cendaña's Dormitory, his professors and mentors at UPLB for all the great times and fun memories shared through the years. Much obliged to Mrs. Iluminada Cendaña (Matron-Cendaña's Dormitory), Dr. Mariano de Ramos (Statistics, thesis adviser), Mrs. Ligaya de Ramos (Statistics), Dr. Ann Gironella (Math11), Mrs. Zeny de Leon Ramirez (Physics), Dr. Soledad Rivera (Zoology), Mrs. Imelda Quintana (Microbiology), Mr. Santiago Alviar (Computer Science) and Dr. Dolores Ramirez & Dr. Saturnina dela Cruz Halos (Botany50)

Tony graduated *cum laude* with a BSA degree major in Statistics in April1970.

Right after graduation, Tony worked (1970-1972) at IRRI's Statistics Department under Dr. Kwanchai Gomez. In 1972, he was offered an assistantship from Iowa State University (ISU) to pursue graduate studies in Statistics and graduated with a Master of Science in Statistics degree on May 25, 1974. At ISU's recommendation, he worked (1974-1978) at NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Lyndon B Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas and became the First Filipino Statistician to work in NASA.



He worked with the US Department of Agriculture in analyzing remote sensing data using infra red photography to predict worldwide global wheat production. In 1977, he was presented the NASA LBJ Space Center Group Achievement Award in recognition of the outstanding performance in providing scientific and technical support to the Large Area Crop Inventory Experiment (LACIE), the first large scale demonstration of the application of space remote sensing technology to agricultural problems on earth.

In 1978, budget cuts in the Space Program moved Tony from Houston, Texas to work (1978-1982) for Rohm and Haas Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at their Research & Development Center facility as their Agricultural Statistician. In 1979, Rohm and Haas was acquired by Dow Chemical Company and Tony was offered a better position as the Agricultural Statistician with FMC (Farm Machineries and Chemicals) Corporation from 1982-1985 at their Research & Development Facility in Princeton, New Jersey.

For 30 years, (1985-2015) Tony worked at Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS) Pharmaceutical Company in Princeton, New Jersey. He started as an entry level statistician designing clinical trials for drug development and moved on to become Senior Research Statistician in Clinical Research and Development. He was later promoted to Project Manager, then to Senior Manager and finally to Associate Director until he retired in December 2015.

During his professional career at BMS, he received more than a dozen CEO Presidential Awards in recognition of his outstanding performance. In 1989, Tony was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America in recognition of his outstanding professional achievements, superior leadership ability and exceptional service to the community. In 1990, Tony became the first Filipino to chair the SAS (Statistical Analysis System) Users Group International (SUGI) Conference which drew more than 5000 SAS Software Professionals and Statisticians from 40 different countries. In 1990, he was elected permanent member of the SAS Executive Board that plans annual conferences for the users.

As a retiree, Tony enjoys his hobbies including photography, walking/hiking, gardening, and traveling. He spends a great part of his time volunteering as a lector and choir member on Sunday liturgies at St Ann's Parish.

As a way of life, Tony has embraced a kind, generous and cheerful spirit popularized by William Penn who said "I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow human being, let me do it now and not defer or neglect it as I shall not pass this way again ". As a Calambeño, Dr. Jose Rizal was one of Tony's favorite heroes. Like him, he believes that he who does not know how to look back at where he came from, will never get to his destination.

As a choir member, music has been an integral part of Tony's life. He enjoys singing and listening to classical music (in particular, the soothing and relaxing cello music). The beautiful lyrics of 'Wherever You Go' composed and sang by Brother Gregory from the Monks of Weston Priory has resonated well with Tony and he wants to share part of it to all of his batchmates and mentors: ..."I want to say something to all of you who have become a part of the fabric of my life. The color and texture that you have brought into my being have become a song and I want to sing it forever. There is an energy in us which makes things happen when the paths of other persons touch ours and we have to be there and let it happen. When the time of our particular sunset comes, our thing, our accomplishments, wont really matter a great deal, but the clarity and care with which we have loved others will speak with vitality of the great gift of life we have then for each other ... "

## ESTEBAN G. OÑATE

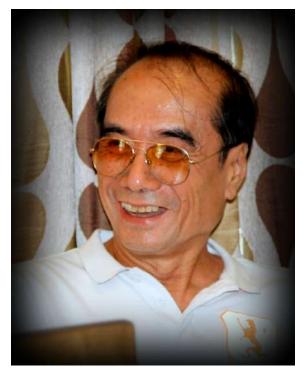
Esteban Oñate or Steve is an agribusinessman... an agripreneur who has proven that agriculture is not a mere "plow and carabao" kind of thing. He rose from the ranks when he was employed and later became a farm owner and advocate for fair trade in livestock production.

Steve entered the UPCA in 1965 determined to get a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA) degree and major in the newly offered Agricultural Business Management program. Back then, they had to go to UP Diliman at the College of Business Administration to take the business subjects while the rest of the courses were offered at UPCA.

After graduating in October 1969, he worked with the Mindanao Progress Corporation as rice production supervisor at Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat. Steve also worked briefly in UPLB as a research assistant in the Department of Agricultural Economics (now the College of Economics and Management).

Later, Steve joined Shell Chemical Company as a Sales Representative and was assigned in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. He rose from the ranks in this company. First, he became the Agrochemical District Manager of Central and Northern Luzon and lastly, as the National Sales Manager for Shell Agrochemicals. As National Sales Manager, Steve was a member of the Management Team of the Shell Chemical Company (Philippines), Inc.





With Shell he was able to attend several companysponsored trainings and seminars locally and abroad. One of them was the Senior Executive Level Management Course at the Headquarters of the Shell International Chemical Company in Holland and in London, England.

After two decades of working in Shell Philippines, he finally decided to put up his own company. Steve named it EGO Farms, from his initials. His business engaged in palay and livestock production and is based Jaen, Nueva Ecija. He organized and served as president of the Swine Producers of Nueva Ecija (SPANE), a hog raisers association established with the assistance of some veterinary sales representatives. SPANE was formed with the aim of increasing the farmgate prices of hogs and prevent the buyers, especially the middlemen to manipulate market prices. In addition, the association was organized to increase their leverage in bargaining for the prices of feed ingredients from suppliers. The association became affiliated with the National Federation of Hog Farmers, Inc. Steve served as one of the trustees of the Federation. Steve is another UPCA graduate who has proven that there is money in agriculture. He has achieved his goal to be an successful as an agribusiness entrepreneur or "agri-preneur".

Steve is now a widower. He was married to the late Corazon Santos, a teacher from Cabanatuan City. He met her during his assignment in Nueva Ecija. They were blessed with four beautiful daughters, all alumnae of UP Diliman and UP Los Baños.



## CAMILO L. OPEÑA

Agricultural competitiveness is the name of the game of Dr. Camilo L. Opeña. A graduate of Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, Dr. Opeña prides in his accomplishments that empower farm producers to be economically competitive.

In his professional life, Camilo was able to put into teaching and practice what he had learned in his Agribusiness Course. At that time it was a joint program of UPLB and UP Diliman's College of Business Administration, where most of the agriculture courses were taken at UPLB and business courses at UP Diliman.

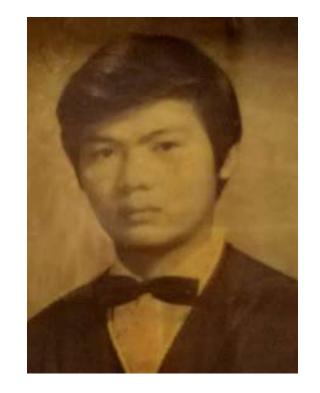
After graduation, he worked in Davao in a banana exporting company, TADECO that had a joint venture with United Fruit USA. He worked mostly on farm planning and budgeting, making projected cost and return analysis for an initial 2,000-hectare banana exporting operation that expanded to 5000 hectares in a span of five years. Exporting banana was a growing sector of Philippine agriculture at that time. Camilo worked closely with banana experts from the United States and Central America on technologies in pest control and global marketing expansion, forecasting and implementation.

In 1972, he decided to return to UPLB. Then, after two (2) years, he pursued graduate studies in UP Diliman College of Business and took master's in Agribusiness Management. While studying, he also worked at United Laboratories' Agribusiness Group to develop the greenfield sugar cane, and J. Y. Campos beef cattle ranch projects, and other projects. The Greenfield sugar cane farm is now the Greenfield Golf Course in Calamba, Laguna.

Camilo went back again to UP Los Baños to teach and gradually worked on his doctoral scholarship in Ohio State University. He went to this American university for a combined MBA-PhD degree. After completion, he returned to UPLB and was appointed Chairman of the Department of Agribusiness Management.

Dr. Opeña rose to the ranks. In 1986, he became the Executive Director of the UPLB Foundation until 1990. From 1991 to 1993, Camilo was the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration of the UP Open University.

While in UP, he turned the Jubilee Ville Housing project and other income generating projects of the University into profitable business ventures, together with the then





good Chancellor Raul de Guzman, and Jimmy Williams. At the same time, he was teaching at the Department of Management.

For 32 years (1988 to present), he worked closely with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Bank, MADECOR and other consulting companies on value chain agribusiness. Aside from local companies, he also did consultancy work in Vietnam, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Such engagements led to the growth and development of small farmers and cooperatives in marketing and business development. He follows the business model where farming should be run like a business and farmers should pursue market driven agribusiness.

In most of these assignments, he was responsible for the identification of agribusiness investment opportunities for farmers and cooperatives in the target areas. He developed market linkages and joint venture contracts for agribusiness and assisted small farmers and cooperatives in developing business plans on mango and fruit processing, mini oil mills and rubber processing.

To help Filipino farmers, Camilo even assisted in sourcing funds from the Land Bank of the Philippines and other legal sources. With approved financing, he implemented some of the projects and measured project impact in terms of increase in income and productivity from the roads, irrigation and post-harvest facilities. His analysis also focused on the performance of the wholesale markets in the country in terms of farmers' marketing strategies in the disposal of their produce and how farm gate prices are improved, along with marketing margins, post-harvest losses and other marketing channels.

Further, this agribusiness expert also assisted in formulating and implementing various private-public partnership (PPP) strategies to strengthen market linkages of farmers that resulted in improved marketing conduct and efficiency.

Camilo conducted appraisal missions wherein he developed the investment plan components and the Agribusiness Total Project Package for various projects like poultry contract growing, mango processing plants and various food processing projects. Dr. Opeña also identified the various linkages from these farms to the markets and to processing plants. At present, he works as Consultant for the Enhancement of Agricultural Competitiveness in Vietnam. Initially, he prepared with the consulting group the value chain analysis of fruits and vegetables In Can Tho, Nghe Anne and Tay Ninh provinces. Dr. Opeña assisted in marketing surveys, and preparation of value chain analysis reports on selected fruits and vegetables with good market potential.

He was also responsible for the conduct of training on value chain, marketing and business development for Vietnam's Department of Agriculture IPSARD officers and key staff, private sector and cooperatives. These trainings will help in the process of addressing constraints and improving support systems in value chain systems; evaluation of rural credit systems and identification of interventions like infrastructure to include planting materials, marketing like wholesale markets, roads, irrigation and agro-processing to improve exports and expansion of agribusiness by the private sector and cooperatives; and improvement of public-private partnerships and initiatives to bring the cooperatives to higher level of profitability.

Apart from consultancy work, Dr. Opeña also teaches as part-time Professor at De La Salle Lipa (DLSL) at the College of Business Economics and Management. His subjects include marketing, strategic management, international marketing, total quality management, business process reengineering, supply chain, and business ethics for both undergraduate and graduate programs.

While in La Salle, he participated in business research seminars and colloquiums here and in other countries like Indonesia and Malaysia. Camilo also served as Panelist and Adviser on entrepreneurship business plans and marketing thesis/dissertations of undergraduate and graduate students, respectively. He was also instrumental in the development of the Master in Management and Master in Business Administration programs of the College.

From 2009 to 2011, he became the Dean of the Graduate School. During his term, Dr. Opeña developed new courses to improve DLSL's graduate programs like quantitative methods, supply chain, business research, thesis and research advising, and improved policies.

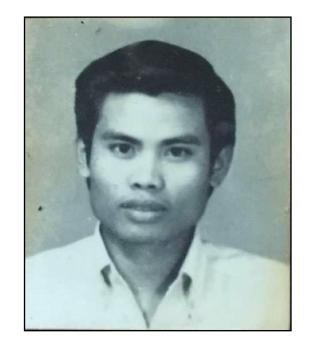
Truly, Dr. Camilo Opeña is a true-blooded agribusiness specialist who gives all of himself to assist not the lowly farmers but the farm producers/businessmen of our time to become market-oriented and globally competitive in an open trade market.

### OSCAR S. OPINA

Oscar is a native of Aparri, Cagayan, born to a farming family that was also engaged in some fishing on the side. He grew up in an ordinary and remote community in the northernmost province of mainland Luzon. After finishing his elementary education, he had to stop schooling for a year to help his parents with their livelihood. At a tender age, Oca experienced the hardships of earning a living, making him realize that obtaining a good education is his ticket to getting (his family) out of poverty. Thus the following year, he enrolled at the National Agricultural High School in Bukig, Aparri and graduated with high honors in 1965. The school principal and farm manager, both UPCA alumni, must have seen the young man's potential and encouraged him to pursue his college education in UPCA. Despite his family's financial handicap, Oca was able to keep abreast of his classmates who were with better means and in 1970, he finished his BSA degree, major in Plant Pathology.

Oscar was immediately hired as a substitute instructor in Agronomy under the supervision of Dr. Pedro B. Escuro, a well-known rice plant breeder who was dubbed as the "Father of Philippine Rice Breeding". Under Dr. Escuro's mentorship, he learned and practiced the rudiments of the technology. In the succeeding year, he accepted a tenured position as an Agronomist and later as Instructor with the Department of Plant Pathology.

In 1973, Oscar earned his MS in Plant Pathology, minor in Statistics under the UPCA Teaching Fellowship Program and in 1978, finished his PhD in Plant Pathology, minor in Entomology with PCARRD support. He was granted a Rockefeller Foundation Award leading to a post-doctoral study in 1983 at Pennsylvania State University, USA. After his PhD, "Doc" Oca steadily rose in the academic ladder from Instructor, to Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, until he became a full-fledged Professor. As a member of the faculty, he was actively involved in the trilogy of functions of the University ---instruction, research and extension.



Doc Oca taught crop protection and basic and advanced courses in plant pathology. He also advised both undergraduate and graduate students in the same areas of specialization. Through the years, he helped to graduate numerous students from all parts of the Philippines as well as those from different Southeast and South Asian countries. Many of his advisees – especially the ones who graduated with Masters and PhDs eventually held key positions in government and private institutions.

Doc Oca put his expertise to full use by starting his own crop protection research on field legumes (peanut, soybean and mungbean), and later shifting to fruit crops – particularly mango. However, the introduction of flower induction and chemical-based pest control led to the proliferation of pest problems thus, mango was given high research funding priority. Having become an expert in his field, he had many opportunities to lead, implement, or coordinate basic and applied research projects and programs on mango. These research projects have generated



basic and applied information, paving the way for the development of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies for the commodity. If implemented properly, IPM can substantially improve fruit yield/ quality and the sustainability of mango production.

In his early years with the University, Oca's extension responsibilities centered on his managing the Pest Clinic, an extension program of the Department of Plant Pathology mandated to provide plant disease diagnosis and recommend proper disease management strategies. In line with his applied research program, he was actively involved in the hands-on training of farmer cooperators and technicians of local government units (LGUs) on the Integrated Crop Management (ICM) of mango, focused on IPM strategies. He acted as resource person in various seminars and training activities of government agencies and agrochemical companies.

Recognizing the impact of his long years of research and extension activities, Doc Oca garnered numerous major awards, namely: the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus for research and extension (given by the UPLB Alumni Association); 2013 GO Ocfemia Award of Excellence in Extension and Community Development; 2012 Achievement Award in Extension and Community Development (Pest Management Council of the Philippines/PMCP); 2012 GO Ocfemia Award of Excellence in Technology Development; 2011 GO Ocfemia Award on Extension and Community Development (Philippine Phytopathological Society/ PPS); 2007 Best Research Technology during the Los Baños Science Community Foundation, Inc.-National Science and Technology Week (LBSCFI-NSTW) R &D Symposium. He was also a member of the Outstanding Extension Team Award given during the 1992 UPLB Loyalty Day.

Oscar was an active member of the UP Varrons Ltd, a recognized student organization in the university. He was actively involved as member, officer and board member of scientific societies such as the Philippine Phytopathological Society, Pest Management Council of the Philippines (PMCP) and Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture.

Although he retired in September 2011, Doc Oca was allowed to continue with his research program in the university for another two years. He is now enjoying a stress-free and simple life in his mango farm. He occasionally accepts mango consultancy jobs and invitations as resource person on mango production. He and his wife frequently travel to the US to visit their twin daughters, relatives, and friends. While in the US, they particularly enjoy road trips to various states of this vast country. The couple hopes to remain in good health so that they can undertake what they have been contemplating for a while now – a leisurely tour of interesting places in the Philippines.

He is happily married to Nenita "Nitz" Lalap, a former classmate and colleague in the university. They are blessed with four children who are all also UPLB alumni, married, and established in their chosen careers. Doc Oca and Nitz are happiest when they are around their eight lovable and talented grandchildren.

## JOCELYN OYARDO-NAEWBANIJ

Despite living in a foreign country, a non-English speaking country at that and with a different culture, this "Iskolar ng Bayan" has proven that she can thrive and excel in her chosen field.

A Filipina married to a Thai UPLB alumnus, Dr. Jocelyn Oyardo-Naewbanij lives in Pathumthani, Thailand together with her family. Jocelyn and her husband, Maitri who is an agricultural engineer, and also an UPCA '70 graduate, are blessed with three children and two grandchildren.

Jocelyn enrolled in UPLB in 1964. She completed a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Chemistry in October 1969. After graduation, she worked as research assistant in the university until 1974.

Then in 1975, she moved to Bangkok with her family. Jocelyn's first job was in Mahidol University as a research assistant at the Faculty of Medical Science.

After five years, she applied and was granted a graduate assistantship at Kansas State University (KSU) for a master's degree in Food Science in 1982. Since she was given a chance to study at KSU, she continued pursuing her dreams and completed the PhD in Food and Nutrition.

Dr. Oyardo-Naewbanij returned to Thailand upon completing all requirements for her PhD degree. She returned to Mahidol University, at the Department of Biochemistry in its Central Laboratory Facilities. As an expert in medical science, she provided analytical services not only to department staff but also to external clients. In addition, she provided technical advice on sampling and sample collection, sample



handling and preparations, critical analytical steps, analytical instrument operations and calculations, and presentation and interpretation of results.

From 1989 to 1993, Joy worked as Information Officer for the ASEAN Grain Postharvest Program (AGPP). She served as editor of the AGPP Newsletter and AGPP's Technical Proceedings of the International Grain Postharvest Seminar that was published annually.

When the AGPP program ended, she joined the Asia Regional Office of the Norwegian Save the Children (Redd Barna) as Information Research and Documentation Consultant. As a consultant, Dr. Oyardo-Naewbanij facilitated training of information officers and exchange



of information among the Redd Barna country offices in Asia. She was also responsible for reporting the progress of the various regional activities and projects to its headquarters in Oslo, Norway.

She then joined the National Food Institute of Thailand (NFI) in 1997. Jocelyn was appointed Director of its Information Service Department. NFI was a network organization of the Ministry of Industry. Most of her professional life thereafter was spent in this organization, retiring in 2008. However, she still continued until 2010 to be a part of NFI as a Project Management and Communication Consultant for its project on Food Safety Management in Thailand's "Ready to Eat" food sector. As consultant, she assisted NFI's Technological and Laboratory Departments, various food exporters' groups, and relevant government partner agencies. Dr. Oyardo-Naewbanij provided these clients with relevant and updated technical information on product and intended market regulatory requirements, market-related research results and issues, and guidance toward compliance of codex and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) standards.

She also served as Project Leader of a collaboration between NFI and the Agricultural Economics Research Institute of the Netherlands' Wageningen University Research Center. The project highlighted business organization, cluster and market strategies for Thailand's mangosteen sector. It created linkages among mangosteen supplier/grower clusters and buyer/ market clusters through the many platforms provided by the project-initiated activities. Such platforms have given buyers the opportunities to communicate their concerns and requirements to their would-be suppliers. In return, suppliers learned how quality requirements of the various market sectors could be met. She also served as one of the consultants of the World Bank's Project on "Cost of Compliance to Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary Standards: Thailand Case Studies of Shrimp, Fresh Asparagus and Frozen Green Soybeans".

Still, at 66, she did not call it quits. Jocelyn even worked as a food safety consultant in the Asian Development Project on Food Trade Facilitation in the Mekong Region covering Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. And until now, she is working as a part-time English language instructor/consultant at the International Undergraduate Engineering Program at Kasetsart University.

## RITA PACHO-LAUDE

In the mid 1960s, Ernesto G. Pacho, Rita's father, decided to venture into developing a piece of land. From Leyte, he visited the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA) to get as much information as he could. Impressed with the campus environment, the faculty and its programs, he decided to enroll his eldest son, Benito U. Pacho, then 17 years old, and daughter Rita, 16 years old, at UPCA in 1966. Arturo Pacho, a cousin and an alumnus of UP, guided them through the process of college admissions.

During their first two years in the university the siblings stayed with a relative, the Catalla Family. Thereafter, having adjusted to their new home, Rita moved to the Women's Dorm, while Benito was in the Men's Dorm, where they were greatly surrounded by batch mates. Rita was grateful in particular, to Candida Bernabe, who patiently helped her adjust to the new language and the Tagalog way of life. The siblings slowly grew accustomed to the Los Banos way of life.

Rita pursued Botany, guided by the late Dr Beatriz Mercado who was a renowned weed scientist, while Benito majored in Animal Science. Further guidance by Mrs. Argosino made Rita's scientific writing precise and concise. While her academic life was nurtured by book reviews and participation in debates with her organization, The Symposium, it was balanced by work and fun days and Summer Work Camps with the UP Student Catholic Action (UPSCA) all the while continuing her devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Sodality of Our Lady.

After graduation in 1970, she started her lifelong teaching career of 45 years in the Biological Sciences of UP Los Banos. Driven by love and passion for the discipline, she rose from the ranks of instructor to full professor. She is truly



grateful to her mentors that while teaching she was able to pursue her M.S. and PhD major in Genetics under the guidance of respected colleagues and mentors, Professor Emeritus Dr Azucena L. Carpena and National Scientist Dolores A Ramirez.

She further enhanced her research capabilities through various post-doctoral research fellowships in the fields of Biochemical and Molecular Human Genetics under the US-RP Faculty development program at The Children's Hospital Research Foundation in Cincinnati, Ohio; Molecular Honeybee Genetics in Japan and the United Kingdom; and Genomics and Bio Informatics at Pennsylvania State University in the USA. These research accomplishments garnered her multiple recognitions, foremost of which was the prestigious Dr. Eusebio Y. Garcia Award for Molecular Biology from the National



Research Council of the Philippines. The translation of her research outputs contributing to the development of the skills in Honeybee Keeping in various communities, achieved for her team, the Civil Service Commission PAG-ASA Award.

Aside from the triple function of teaching, research and extension in the University, she further served as faculty administrator for 20 years in the following roles: Deputy Director of the Institute of Biological Sciences (1989-91), College Secretary of the UPLB Graduate School (1992-93), Director of Instruction (1994-97), Director of Institutional Linkages (1997-98), Dean of the Graduate School (1998-2003) and Vice Chancellor for Instruction (2005-2011).

As professor of UPLB, she has been greatly honored for her contribution to numerous

teachers and researchers in Genetics and Molecular Biology worldwide; the teaching of genetics in the Philippines; and the upgrading of teaching of Science and Mathematics throughout the province of Laguna.

After retirement in 2015, Rita continued to serve UPLB as Professor Emeritus in various local and national committees — the UP System Committee on Professor Emeritus appointments, the Technical Advisory Committee of Philippine Genome Center Program for Agriculture, the Department of Agriculture Biosafety Committee, the International Rice Research Institute Biosafety Committee, the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development pool of Technical Reviewers, Department of Science and Technology Scientific Career System Review Committee.

Delighted as she is in her professional life, she more than prides herself in spending quality time with her crown jewels - Teri-Marie, a medical doctor specializing in Family & Community Medicine; Tonette, a PhD in Plant Breeding and faculty of UPLB; Terence Peter, currently a student in Hospitality Management; Tiffany, an MS Agricultural Economics and Doctor of Laws in Cleveland, Ohio, married to JP Sarmiento, an immigration lawyer. Rita is also an active leader in St. Therese Church and local coordinator of "Friends of Los Banos" helping with educating students and teachers together with Yoli Catalla.

Rita regularly holds her "apostolate" doting on her two grandchildren, Lauren, 9 years old and Anthony, 7. By God's grace, she is forever grateful for the blessings and successful career and family life of her children as a single parent despite the untimely demise of her husband, Telesforo "Porong" in 1993. Rita graciously journeyed and triumphed, inspired by her philosophy in life — to do her best at all times and entrust the rest to God Almighty.

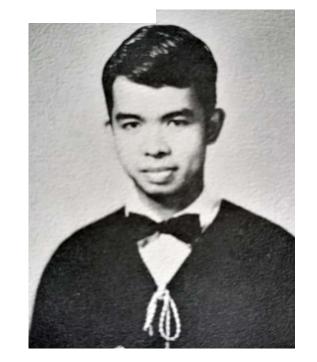
### CENON B. PADOLINA

Cenon graduated in 1970 with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the UPLB College of Forestry. He also finished his Master of Science in Forestry at UPLB in 1978 and is a registered Professional Forester (PRC No. 529).

He is currently working as an international consultant with a demonstrated history of working in natural resources management in the Asia-Pacific Region. He is skilled in community-based forest resources management, reforestation/afforestation, agroforestry, climate change adaptation, policy formulation and strategic planning, capacity building/training and environmental management.

Cenon has been working in the small island developing states in the Pacific region in promoting the sustainable management of their natural resource and developing their resilience to climate change. He is involved in promoting agroforestry practices including proper land-use management for small islands states to enable them to effectively address the adverse effects of climate change.

He has been working with international and regional organisations in providing technical assistance and helping build institutional capacity of its member countries and territories in the Pacific region in relation to sustainable management of their land, agriculture and forest resources. This work places emphasis on the conservation, sustainable management and utilization of forest and tree genetic resources; forest rehabilitation and promoting agroforestry practices.



At present, Cenon works as Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) of the Fiji Ridge to Reef (R2R) Project (Consultancy) by the United Nations Development Program. The Project is designed to preserve biodiversity, ecosystem services, sequester carbon, improve climate resilience and sustain livelihood through a ridge-to-reef management of priority water catchments on the two main islands of Fiji.

From December 2018 to June 2020 he was the Technical Advisor of the Nauru Ridge to Reef (R2R) Project Management Unit on consultancy basis by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The project was developed in line with the goal of the Pacific Islands National Priorities Multi-Focal Area 'Ridge-to-Reef' (R2R) Program *to* "maintain and enhance Pacific Island countries' ecosystem goods and



services (provisioning, regulating, supporting and cultural) through integrated approaches to land, water, forest, biodiversity and coastal resource management that contributes to poverty reduction, sustainable livelihoods and climate resilience".

Also with UNDP, Cenon has served as Environmental Safeguard Specialist/ International Consultant under the GEF-funded Project, "Integrating Global Environment Commitments in Investment and Development Decision-Making", based in Honiara, Solomon Islands. The project's objective is to strengthen and institute a tiered network of key decisionmakers, planners, and other stakeholders to catalyze and sustain reductions of deforestation and forest degradation in a way that meets objectives under the three Rio Conventions. Earlier in his career he assumed the following posts: researcher of the Forest Research Institute (now Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau/ERDB) of DENR; Section head and researcher of the Tree Improvement Research Section, Forest Research Department of the Paper Industries Corporation of the Philippines (PICOP) in Surigao del Sur; Department Manager of the Natural Forest Management Department also of PICOP.

Forester Cenon has received several awards and distinctions during his career. These include the "2018 Distinguished Alumni Award for Outstanding Public Service" by UPLBAA during UPLB's 100<sup>th</sup> Loyalty Day and Grand Alumni Homecoming held at the Baker Memorial Hall, UPLB in October 2018; and "*Darjah Setia Negara* Brunei Yang Amat Bahagia, Darjah Keempat, P. S. B." (The Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei, 4<sup>th</sup> Class) by His Majesty, the Sultan and Yang Dipertuan of Brunei Darussalam in 1998.



### SHEILACHU PAJE-GOMEZ

Having a professor-father in the Department of Agronomy and living on the campus were instrumental for Sheilachu Paje Gomez to be able to study at UPLB. Her father later became the Property Officer of the campus until his retirement in 1979. It was a given that all five children will have to study in this campus. Needless to say, Ching was a true product of UPLB since she finished primary school at Maquiling Elementary School, secondary school at UP Rural High School, Bachelor of Science in Statistics, and Master of Science in Agronomy in the UP College of Agriculture (UPCA).

During her college days, she was a recipient of the Zamora Scholarship in Agricultural Engineering for two (2) years. She became the Secretary and President of the UP SAGES (Society of Agricultural Engineering Students) and Sigma Beta Sorority, respectively. According to her, she could not forget her experience of losing in a Student Body election because of her name. Most voters knew her as Ching but her registered name in the ballot was Sheilachu. And, you know what happened...

Influential persons in her college life were Professors Emil Q. Javier, Dolores A. Ramirez, Azucena A. Carpena, and Edgardo Quisumbing. Sigma Beta Sorority sisters and some Beta Sigma brothers, and Teresa Banzon made her college life enjoyable and unforgettable.

Right after graduation, she was hired as Instructor at the Department of Statistics in UPCA. After a year, Ching became a Statistical Assistant at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) until she was accepted to UPCA's masteral program in Agronomy. While doing her master's degree, she worked at the Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB) as a Research Associate.

Later on, together with her family, Dr. Paje-Gomez went to the United States (US) to pursue a PhD in Horticulture at the University of Florida (UF). She then decided to stay to become a permanent resident and eventually, a US citizen.



Ching held post-doctoral positions at the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Center of Medical, Agricultural and Veterinary Entomology located at the Malcolm Randall Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

She was then hired as a Biological Scientist at the UF Department of Entomology and Nematology. Ching then became an Associate in Microbiology at the Department of Microbiology and Cell Science, where she concurrently served as the Assistant Director of the Florida Center for Renewable Chemicals and Fuels until her retirement in 2018.

With Ching's research works and hardwork, she was able to develop vegetable crops resistant to diseases, use transgenic insects in disease control. She also conducted studies on the treatment of hematological cancers. She published all these works in scientific journals and gave presentations in conferences.



Ching was also a proponent and supporter of renewable fuels and chemicals which earned her a USDA Appreciation Award for Renewable Chemicals and Fuels in 1992.

While in the US, Dr. Paje-Gomez became a member of the Philippine-American Academy of Science and Engineering (PAASE) and the Society for Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) up to the present.

Her work mentors in the US who were instrumental for her to become successful in her new environment. were Al Handler, Mark Mainwaring, and Lonnie O. Ingram.

A year before her retirement, Ching had a wakeup call on how they will survive with the amount of money they would receive post-retirement. She had to learn fast how to make their retirement funds last. Because of this realization, she is now involved in educating others on personal financial literacy. She teaches people for free on how to manage their finances for the future. To legally teach and offer financial solutions, she took her licensure for life, health (which includes Medicare) and annuities. This has become her second career after retirement.

Aside from this, she is actively involved in a Philippine-American organization, two charities, Friends of Los Baños Children, and EDUPHIL -Educational Outreach to the Philippines, since she is an advocate of the educational enhancement of Filipino youth. These charity organizations send educational materials including books and school supplies, and financial support to the Philippines.

For her relaxation, she does line dancing once a week with friends. Above all, her foremost enjoyment comes from being with her children and grandchildren.

Ching is married to Antonio M. Gomez, Jr. with whom she has two (2) children, Margrethe and Antonio III. They have five (5) grandchildren – three (3) from Margrethe and two (2) from Antonio. Margrethe and her family live in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. Margrethe's eldest daughter is now in the Philippines teaching at an International School in Angeles, Pampanga and her second daughter is in Australia, teaching English online and locked down by the Covid 19 pandemic. Her son is in high school. Antonio, on the other hand, lives in Austin Texas with his wife and young daughters, plus 3 furry family members.

Through her journey in life, Dr. Paje-Gomez has this to say, "My values and work ethics have been shaped early on by my parents. The drive for excellence was further enhanced by my mentors in college and exemplary bosses".

Finally, she acknowledges that "All blessings small or big are welcome, and received with thanks to God".

### MARLENE CATALINA PAJE-RODRIGUEZ

It is always refreshing to hear stories of persons possessing unique strength of character, of someone so determined to fight for a good cause and eventually winning the battle. Take the case of Marlene Rodriguez. She had her battle too. She fought for a good reason. She never backed down until she accomplished her goal. In local lingo, she is described as *palaban*. This trait has been instrumental in institutionalizing reform in a major government agency, which benefited a lot of people. This happened during her remarkable workstint in Cebu City.

Prior to her Cebu adventure, Marlene was an ordinary lass enjoying her youth in Bicol. After graduating from high school in Albay as class salutatorian, Marlene knew that she was qualified to study as college scholar at the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA). And with two elder sisters who were both UPCA alumni, she decided to follow their footsteps. As an UPCA scholar, she enjoyed free tuition benefits which meant less financial burden for her parents.

While in college, Marlene joined the Sigma Delta Sorority and the Sarong Banggi Organization. Soon, she found not only her BFFs - Josephine G. Frivaldo and Cielo Sumayao, but also her future husband Wilfredo L. Rodriguez, Jr.

College life is always full of pressures, struggles and unforgettable events. Marlene clearly remembers how she fainted in Professor Rey Sagun's class. According to the Infirmary staff, she fainted because she was famished. Likewise, Marlene couldn't forget the consequences of joining the sorority. Her parents got upset and showed their disapproval by cutting off financial support (in her own words, disowned her). In order to finish her studies, the resolute lady engaged in student assistantship and sewed clothes for her classmates and some professors. She became a selfsupporting student for three years and eight months. With a solid sense of purpose and resilience, she finally obtained her BSA degree major in Agricultural Economics.

Marlene started her professional career just two days after completing all requirements for graduation. She worked as Agricultural Project Coordinator at the



National Food and Agriculture Council (NFAC) from Nov 15, 1969 until February 1971. Afterwards, she joined BAECon as Agricultural Researcher from February 1971 to June 1973. After two years, she transferred to the Educational Development Projects Implementing Task Force (EDPITAF) as Educational Researcher, from June 1973 to Feb 1974. This was followed by a stint at her hometown's National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Region 5. She started as a Social Development Specialist in March 1974.

In 1975, Marlene considered studying abroad for her postgraduate studies. She flew to The Hague, Netherlands to pursue her Diploma in Rural Development Planning at the Institute of Social Studies (ISS). Immediately thereafter, she took her master's degree in the same field (Masters in Social Sciences - Rural Development Planning), also at ISS, which she completed in 1977. More advancement opportunities came afterwards. While still in NEDA 5, she rose through the ranks from Division Chief of Macro Division to Assistant Regional Director in 1992. She was



promoted to Regional Director in December 1995 and held this position for almost ten years, until October 2005. She was later transferred to NEDA Region 7 in Cebu City in the same capacity, until her retirement in August 2011. In the course of her career, she attended various trainings and short courses in the Philippines and abroad.

It was in Cebu where Marlene's strength of character was again tested. It had to do with the GSIS Survivorship Benefit. If it wasn't for Marlene's efforts, the GSIS Survivorship Benefit would have been totally lost. She pushed for its restoration believing that benefit or pension is a right and not a privilege. She took the initiative to fight it out with the GSIS. The final petition was then sent for action to the Senate, Congress, NEDA Central and the GSIS Board to reconsider the abolition of the Survivorship Benefit. Marlene also personally rallied support from the different Regional Director's Associations from all regions, and of the Career Executive Service Board. After a year of exchange of memoranda, she finally got a letter from the new GSIS President in February 2011, stating that the benefit was restored and the effectivity was retroactive.

For all her strong values, virtues and principles in life, Marlene said that she was influenced most by her father, Getulio O. Paje. She is forever grateful to him for teaching her by example to stand for a cause and for never giving up when confronted with challenges.

Another of Marlene's noteworthy trait is her love for the place where she grew up in. Though she was working in Cebu, her heart has always been in Albay. Since 2006 up to the present, she has been helping communities and evacuees in Guinobatan, Daraga and Pioduran during calamities like the eruption of Mt. Mayon and the frequent typhoons that hit the Bicol Regions. She seeks donations from friends and companies for turn over to the Mayors, and the Social Action Center (SAC) for distribution.

She officially and personally assisted and supported then Congressman Arnulfo P. Fuentebella in establishing the Partido Development Administration (PDA). Likewise, Marlene assisted the LGUs of Pilar, Sorsogon and Guinobatan, Albay in the preparation of their Comprehensive Land Use Plans (CLUPs), pro bono.

Marlene has been a recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the 1993 Outstanding Guinobateño, 1997 Outstanding NEDA Regional Director, 2001 Outstanding Regional Director on Personnel Administration, 2005 Saringaya Award from DENR Region 5, and 2006 Outstanding Sigma Deltan for Government Service.

Marlene is spending her retirement years in Daraga with husband Wilfredo. They have four children, all professionals - Wilfredo Getulio (civil engineer at DPWH 5), Crisanta Marlene (forester and regional executive director of DENR 9), Wilfredo Maria (LLB graduate), and Wilfredo Esteban (Management). She is likewise a doting Lola to four grandchildren.

#### EMIL P. PAMPLONA

The coined phrase 'home is not a place, but a feeling' has never been so accurate to describe Emil Pamplona's notion about his hometown. Though home can be any place where a person wants to be, it is more about how that place makes a person feels. And it is in Tanauan, Batangas where Emil really feels at home, the place where he grew up in and spent the best years of his life. But he had to leave his hometown for several good reasons.

Emil first left Tanauan when he started pursuing his BS Agriculture degree at the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA) in Los Baños, Laguna. While in college, Emil joined the Alpha Sigma Fraternity. It was one of the best decisions he made. His fraternity brothers became his family in the university. He and his brods learned to look out for each other. support each other and have fun with each other. It provided him with a sense of brotherhood and camaraderie. He enjoyed college life in the company of his fellow Alpha Sigmans, most especially Mannie Baradas, Willie Rosacia, Pids Lalap and Angie Abelilia. He also remembers some Sigma Beta beauties notably Daisy, Jovit, Elnora, Noni and Myrna.

After graduation, Emil worked at the Land Bank of the Philippines as agricultural appraiser for two years. Eventually, Emil found himself assessing the nature of his job and his future. He figured that moving overseas would open more opportunities for his career. He wanted to see what else the world had to offer and so he made life-changing decision and moved to California, USA. As a fresh



start in America, he worked as pest control sales representative. Later, he worked as licensee of the State of California Structural Pest Control Board. Simply put, he was a termite inspector. This became his line of work until retirement.

Like a lot of other people who relocated in order to move ahead in their careers, Emil's heart was firmly placed in his hometown. For him, leaving the country did not mean saying goodbye. In fact, the proud son of Tanauan joined the Tanaueños Association of Northern California and even served as its President for four years. The Association initiated socially relevant outreach programs. One of its activities was



to undertake projects in education. It provided financial sponsorship to Tanauan's out-of-school youth through cosmetology courses. They also provided scholarships to finance the education of talented and deserving students of Tanauan Institute and Our Lady of Fatima Academy (now La Consolacion College Tanauan).

What makes his hometown so special? For Emil, Tanauan is not just an ordinary town. This is where he grew up surrounded by family members who instilled in him good moral values. It is a place that shaped his persona. It is a community composed of aunts and uncles, cousins, playmates and neighbors who provided him with childhood memories, both happy and sad. Emil savors and appreciates those memories. He always remembers that no matter where he ends up in the world, like being in California now, his hometown is where it all began.

### RODOLFO A. PISIGAN JR.

What does it take to be an environmental chemist? Does one have to be a nerd who would talk nonstop about chemicals, formulas, pollution and environmental hazards? He or she is just like any normal individual except that God gave them an extra ounce of genius to study problems, analyze data and perform work more effectively whether in the laboratory or in the field. This type of scientist understands the behavior of chemicals in the environment and evaluates their effects and risks to human health and other organisms. At a time when the world is dealing with the effects of climate change, an environmental chemist is becoming more socially important as he or she deals with the ever-increasing problems in the environment such pollutants and contamination. One of the environmental chemists who has been involved in such activities is a Filipino who hails from Calamba, Laguna, Dr. Rodolfo Pisigan Jr.

Rodolfo, or Rudy to family and friends, enrolled in 1965 at the College of Agriculture in the University of the Philippines as entrance scholar. Maybe that extra ounce of genius helped him to finish his course with flying colors. In 1970, he graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Chemistry.

Rudy started his professional career in his alma mater. Right after graduation, he worked as Instructor at the then Department of Chemistry in UPLB from 1970 until 1975. While working, he was also pursuing his master's in Agricultural Chemistry, which he proudly finished in 1975.



As Rudy decided to pursue further studies, he made a life changing decision to relocate to the United States. And for more than a decade, Florida served as his home. He lived in Gainesville while completing his second master's and the PhD program in Environmental Chemistry at the University of Florida (UF). From 1975 to1981, he was a graduate student assistant in UF's Department of Science and Engineering.

After completing his doctoral program, Rudy was employed as an Environmental Scientist in a privately owned company, Environmental Science and Engineering Inc., also based in Gainesville, Florida. He worked there for 16 years, from 1981 to 1997.

Rudy applied his expertise in environmental chemistry by assessing contaminants in soil and water and how they affect human health and the environment, providing options or recommendations to manage the risks.

In 1997, he and his family moved to Washington, DC when he accepted a job as an environmental chemist at the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA is an agency of the United Stated federal government whose mission is to protect human and environmental health. It is responsible for creating standards and laws promoting the health of individuals and the environment. Rudy had a flourishing career at EPA that was cut short when he had a stroke in late 2003 and had to take an early retirement from work.

Chemistry must be really close to Rudy's heart. In fact, he also married a chemist, Portia, who is also a UPLB alumna who finished her bachelor's degree in Chemistry in 1977. They are blessed with two children, Cherry, who is a nurse, and Jeremy, an engineer. Currently, the couple lives in the friendly neighborhood of Centreville, Virginia. Accessible to the nation's capital, Centreville is about 20 miles from DC and has a diverse community that welcomes people from all walks of life.

An environmental chemist's awesome job of protecting the environment and helping create a cleaner and healthier Earth is something that everyone should be proud of. To Rudy and his fellow scientists, a vote of gratitude.

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## ADELAIDA PUA-ALCANTARA

The University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) truly opened the path for towards Adelaida Pua-Alcantara to achieve her ambitious dream. UPLB gave her the opportunity and the beacon during the darkest moment in her life... when she was about to give up.

Adel is the fourth child of five children of a successful Chinese businessman in Los Baños. She was enjoying a comfortable life back then. However, her father passed away during the tender years of her childhood. Life became tough. Luxurious living faded, and financial resources became scarce. Since her family lacked financial resources, Adel stopped schooling for three years.

By a twist of fate, a door of opportunity opened for Adel. She met Dr. Dioscoro L. Umali, former dean of the College of Agriculture of UPLB and offered her a scholarship. She grabbed the opportunity as a late registrant, missing the freshman class orientation. As a consequence, she did not belong to any block section. At first she felt awkward. Everyone and everything around the campus were strange to her. But the activities, experiences, and friends and teachers she was fond of or even feared most, provided her with a supportive environment and the best memories of her student life. These pushed and inspired her to move forward.

In April 1970, together with her proud mother, she went on stage at the Baker Hall and received her diploma for her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree. This marked the beginning of her fruitful career.

After graduation, she worked as part-time soil and plant chemist at the Department of Agronomy in UPLB. The following year, Adel started as data encoder in the Statistics Department at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) under Dr. Kwanchai Gomez. When she was promoted to research assistant, she supervised the digitizing of raw data received from different IRRI scientists. Dr. Gomez encouraged her to attend advanced courses in statistics at UPLB and was later assigned to perform statistical data analysis.-

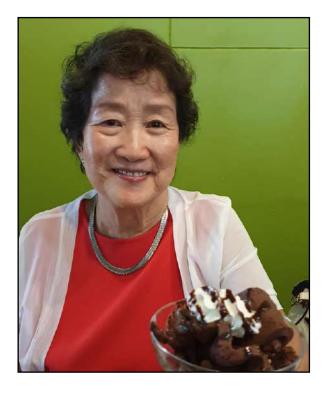
In 1978, she resigned and got married to Antonio Alcantara. Tony was also a UPLB alumnus (BS Agriculture, Class 1967). He obtained a master's degree as an IRRI scholar. When he took his PhD program at the University of Hawaii, Adel joined him in 1979. Together, they pursue their professional advancement in this beautiful island.



While in Hawaii, she worked as research intern at the East-West Center under Dr. Saleem Ahmed, an associate scientist. She supervised the 21 East-West Center foreign scholars who were taking their master's and PhD degrees, and who were also part-time research interns in the Center. Also, Adel performed statistical data analysis and presented papers in international conferences of the Center. Her hard work and commitment paid off. In 1981, she was awarded a prestigious "Makana Award" for her significant contribution to the Center's project.

That same year, Adel and Tony returned to the Philippines. Tony resumed his teaching career at UPLB. In 1986, after Adel gave birth to their third child, she returned to IRRI to continue her professional career. She worked in the Genetic Resources Center (GRC) under Dr. T. T. Chang, a geneticist, training in various Genebank activities. She was closely involved in Genetic Resources Conservation and Management trainings at IRRI, participated in by rice scientists from different Asian countries.

When Dr. Michael T. Jackson (not the famous singer) succeeded Dr. Chang as head of the Center, Adel was assigned to tour local and foreign IRRI visitors to the Genebank facilities. She was then promoted to Database



Administrator. This time she managed the database of the Genebank Rice Collection conserved at IRRI. A new information system was developed in Oracle known as The International Rice Genetic Information System (IRGCIS), a joint venture of GRC and Computer Services (CS). The system efficiently managed the entire rice collection at IRRI, from the time the rice samples were received, multiplied, characterized, and stored in the Genebank until the samples and information reached the end users around the world.

New challenging tasks were assigned to her in the middle of 1990. She conducted several trainings on Genebank Data Management in different parts of Asia, particularly in Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao-PDR), Cambodian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) in Cambodia, and National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR) in New Delhi, India. She visited the genebanks of these countries, including the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), India.

She also participated in different International Conferences on Genetic Resources in the Philippines and Malaysia. This gave her the opportunity to visit the Genebank in the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI). Later in 1990, Adel worked closely with Mr. Sammy Gadji, the project leader of the System-wide Information Network for Genetic Resources (SINGER) with headquarters in Rome, Italy. SINGER makes the information of the entire IRRI rice collection readily available to users worldwide via the Internet. It also assists the Genetic Resources Centers to standardize and document information on their collections and helps the users to have a single-entry point for retrieving the information on the collections.

Under the administration of Dr. Nigel Ruarai Hamilton (the new GRC Head), Adel continued her participation with SINGER. She helped Dr. Liwayway Engle, former Head of the World Vegetable Center (AVRDC) in Taiwan to have their database accessible via the Internet through SINGER with Mr. Gadji still at the helm.

With her expertise in Database Management, Adel also helped the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) in addressing its Generation Challenge Programs and improving its informatics activities.

Adel believed that learning is not limited by age. To enhance her capabilities on information technology, she enrolled in a Diploma Course in Computer Science at UPLB Open University when she was in her late 50s, in spite of her hectic work schedule. However, she suffered a mild stroke when she was about to complete the course. This prompted her to retire early from work.

After 28 years of remarkable service at IRRI, Adel is currently enjoying her garden, spending time with her grandchildren, and diligently taking therapy sessions to recover from the stroke.

Her marriage to Tony has been fulfilling and blessed. Their three children are all UPLB alumni and have stable jobs. Victor graduated with a degree in BS Computer Science in 2002. Laida completed a BS Electrical Engineering degree in 2004, and the following year, Anny finished her BS Statistics degree.

With all that happened to Adel's life, she has this to say, "Thank you, UPLB for providing the solid and inspiring starter and foundation of our life. God is good and great!"

## ESTER L. PUA

Education is a part of life's journey. Sometimes the journey is smooth sailing, at other times, stormy. For Ester Pua, the journey was both smooth and stormy. Despite many challenges, she was able to get her college diploma and navigate her way into becoming the person that she is now. And this is her story.

At age six, Ester eantered public school as a *saling pusa* (a kid informally joining school), as kindergarten was not offered back then. She didn't know what that meant, but along with the regular students, she learned the three R's anyway (reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic). She didn't just learn how to read the Pepe and Pilar textbook, she even memorized it by heart. She did well in arithmetic and learned to write her name, both in upper and lower cases that the Grade 1 teacher decided to give her credit and pass her to Grade 2.

Ester finished primary level but eventually had to stop schooling. It was only after four years that she went back to school. She had hesitations at first due to the long break but still pursued schooling. Her classmates included Corazon Tamolang, Thelma Romero and Aloysius Baes. High school was hardly smooth sailing as well. She thought that she might not be able to finish it because her father passed away at the end of her first year. But through sheer hard work, she finished her secondary education.

Ester also faced some difficulties in finishing her bachelor's degree. Financial constraints and her mother's outdated belief in education were the main considerations. Ester and her six siblings were all attending school. Her mother's priority was the boys' education, believing that girls should stay home and run the house by doing household chores. Being second to the eldest, she shared most of the house chores.

But Ester believed that whether one is a boy or a girl, education is an antidote to ignorance. She was determined to obtain a good education in order to have a good future. So, she confided her predicament





to a female cousin who was a graduate and current employee at UPCA. The cousin promised to help her enroll at UPCA the following semester. Ester knew that studying at UPCA would be an advantage. For one, its proximity to her home would mean less expenses, tuition fees were a lot cheaper, and most of her high school mates were studying there. She started schooling on the second semester of 1964-65 but had to stop during the first semester of 1966 due to limited financial support. Wanting to finish college on time, she shifted course, to BS Home Technology. In her last two years in college, she met Dr. Thomas Wang, a visiting professor and scientist. His dignity as mentor, academician and simplicity in life touched Ester. In some ways, he became her role model. In 1970, she proudly graduated, ending her on again/off again educational pursuit.

Ester started her professional career as a teacher of Biology in an exclusive boy's school (now University of Life) in Pasig. Her students were mostly kick-outs and spoiled brats. She later shifted jobs to sales at the nearby Greenhills Shopping Center, for a position that would fit her academic background. She was hired as Sales Floor Supervisor and was trained in all aspects of supermarket operations, from receiving goods, to warehousing, withdrawal, display, and later to fast food operation.

However, due to poor health, she had to temporarily give up her job to undergo a one-year treatment under a UP-PGH medical supervision and with the sponsorship of Rockefeller and Ford Foundation. After recovery, she went back to Greenhills and became a Special Account Representative. She handled leading drug stores and supermarket accounts in Metro Manila. While working, she also took up a Management Executive course in an academy in Manila.

Ester also plunged into a career in tourism. It started with a friend's recommendation. She worked as manager for a three-star hotel along Roxas Boulevard enjoying good privileges and salary while managing two outlets, a Chinese restaurant and a supper club. There, she met a lot of people with different personalities and learned how to relate with different the street smart Ester had her good days and bad days. Bar hopping, dining or leisure walking in Luneta with Los Baños friends, Charlie M and Isabella B, were her happy days.

Eventually, she returned to Laguna wishing to be home for good with her mother. She moved to Sta. Rosa to teach Home Economics and Biology. Since her employer was a shareholder and treasurer of the school, she invited Ester to stay with her in their ancestral house for free. Ester was also given the opportunity to supervise their 50-hectare land planted with rice, sugarcane and corn. Later, the employer asked her to operate the school canteen. While managing the school canteen, Ester took up three short courses in Food Service Management in Diliman. She left when her employer, who treated her like her own child, passed away and she became self-employed.

Now in her retirement years, Ester shows no sign of inactivity, maintaining her positive outlook and jovial nature. Whenever there is a call for a Batch '70 reunion, she is sure to attend. And she added, "I try to learn to surf the Internet using my android phone if I can get away with my mandatory afternoon nap. And tending to my local fruit trees and growing some vegetables are my rewarding moments." She is also into sewing, mostly for household use. She watches TV daily for news and current affairs. If a day becomes too monotonous, she turns to her favorite comedy show to liven her quiet life. Instantly, it lifts up her spirit. Laughter is, indeed, her best medicine.

## JUANITO R. PUA

Johnny studied at the UPLB College of Forestry, heeding his parents' advice for practical reasons. They lived in Los Baños. This, despite his ambition to become a civil engineer.

He was employed as a professional forester at the Southern Cebu Reforestation Development Project (SCRDP), a government entity and later on merged with the Bureau of Forest Development of DENR. He rose from the ranks and handled various positions such as Forester I, II and III and was designated as OIC District Forester of Ayungon Forest District in Negros Oriental in 1986-1987.

Johnny also handled various positions as OIC Division Chief of the Integrated Social Forestry Division, Reforestation and Afforestation Division of DENR Regional Office and the Forest Resources Conservation Division. He retired from the service in 2012 holding this last position. He underwent several trainings and seminars relevant to forest development and conservation including community-based programming and planning within Central Visayas, Region VII

He was one of the prime-movers of communitybased forest management in Region VII when he was designated as Regional Coordinator for Community Forestry Program. He felt a sense of accomplishment as one of the foresters responsible for the mobilization of upland communities to implement an extensive contract reforestation particularly in the province of Negros Oriental



The following training and study tour enabled him to learn improved techniques in soil erosion control, reforestation, and forest management. He ranked no.1 in the Training Program on Soil Erosion Control and Reforestation Techniques (1984) and ranked no.1 again in the 12<sup>th</sup> Training Program on Multiple Use Forest Management held in Pakdal, Baguio City (1985). He was sent to Thailand to undergo a study tour on the Agro-Forestry Techniques (1986).

Upon his retirement in 2012 Johnny was awarded a plaque of appreciation for his valuable contribution, active participation, dedication and commitment in promoting sustainable ecology and environmental advocacy.



Johnny is grateful to his former mentor, the late Prof. Juanito Lamanilao of UPCF, who taught and guided him in conducting timber-cruising and inventory to come up with a scientific study on the growth increment of Mt. Makiling forest resources

During his stint in SCRDP, Johnny met and married a Cebuana lass. They have five children and six grandchildren. In retirement, he enjoys reading and writing technical write-ups regarding environment and ecology. In 2013 to 2016, he was hired as a Municipal Consultant on Environment by the local government unit of Argao, Cebu.

Johnny believes in the saying, "All events occur naturally; through time problems can be solved by itself with Divine intervention and the aide of Science.:

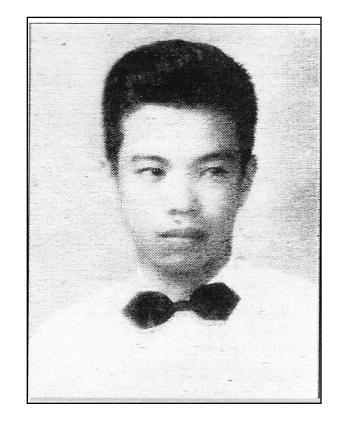
## RAUL A. QUIMBO

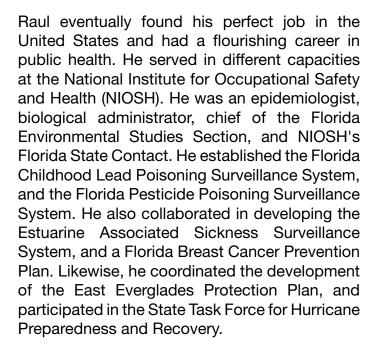
We seldom hear success stories of people who ended up with careers not within the confines of their education. Take the case of Raul Quimbo. He earned a college degree in Forestry but chose to work in an entirely different sector.

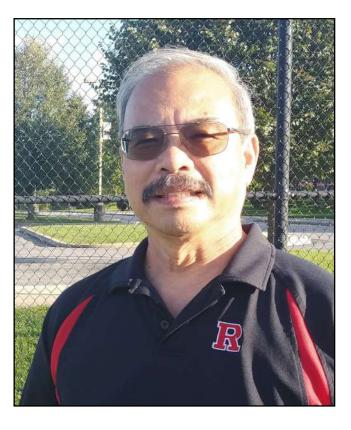
Choosing a bachelor's degree or university was a no-brainer for Raul. Perhaps, all it took was just a little prodding from his father. Afterall, his dad was a professor at the UPLB College of Forestry. He was also Raul's role model. Whatever the reason, whether it was some sort of legacy lure (honor your father's wish and follow his footsteps) or he just wanted to be close to home, Raul ended up pursuing BS Forestry.

There were many unforgettable events during Raul's college days. Noteworthy were the Arbor Day tree planting and hikes to Mud Spring and Flat Rocks. The Loyalty Day Parade was always worth watching. The ROTC or Reserve Officers Training Corps helped him grow as a more disciplined student. Raul was a member of the first UPLB Rayadillo Honor Guards, the ROTC's distinguished unit and model company. Likewise, the annual February Fair was always an affair to remember. During the Fair, Raul would roam the UPLB Freedom Park grounds with friends, maybe to sample some delicacies in various food booths or just hang out with brods and sisters at their organization booths.

As he was nearing the end of his undergraduate program, Raul realized that he didn't want to pursue a career as a forester or to work in a forest related job for the rest of his life. After getting his diploma, he decided to pursue different fields of specialization for his graduate studies. He took a master's degree in Development Communication in UPLB and later, Urban Resource Planning at the Florida State University in Tallahassee.







Raul conducted several environmentally and industrially related cancer cluster investigations. Some published collaborative works are still referenced in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). His DevCom writing skills proved useful when he wrote "A Guide to Tallahassee/Leon County" as a summer job. He was unaware that it would be published and stored in the Florida Library Archive, forever associating him with the State of Florida.

For all his life's accomplishments, Raul is thankful for the presence and support of his family - his wife, Jocelyn San Pedro Masanga, and three sons: Raul Paolo, Ralph Arian, Roy Justin. As a retiree, the now Pennsylvania-based Raul doesn't live a static life. Raul said that he decided to go into early retirement out of love for his autistic son, his third child; that is, to care for him until he can be placed into a group home. If he has the time, he often travels to places that he and his wife Joy have always wanted to visit. He also enjoys being with his three grandchildren: Kai, Kaden and Keira. Being with his three *apos* makes *Lolo* feel younger too. Playing tennis keeps him fit. Singing in the church choir and participating in his church sports ministry (badminton and pickleball) increase his sense of belonging and in turn improve his happiness and physical, mental and spiritual health.

Asked how he successfully transitioned from a degree in Forestry to a career in Public Health, Raul says the well-rounded education he got from UP provided a foundational bedrock of intellectual ability and competence enabling him to make the most of opportunities as they were made available to him. He found his subjects in Math and Statistics, and biological sciences especially helpful in his occupation. His subjects in English, Speech and Communication, and Humanities were useful in developing his people skills while his subjects in Physical Education and ROTC helped in developing his self-discipline.

He always tried to live up to the University of the Philippines' motto: "Honor and Excellence" - honor by adhering to a strong moral ethic involving fidelity to truth, fairness and equality, and belief in God; and excellence through hard work, openness to constructive criticism, and percipience to new ideas. At the end of the day, one can say that Raul indeed gave his best effort.

## ARMANDO A. REYES

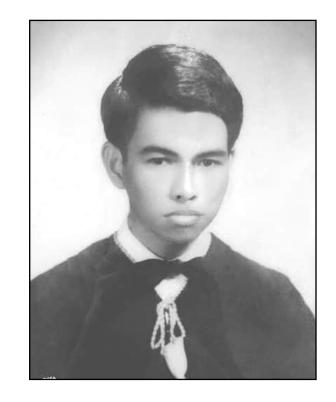
Every time I tell my friends in the showbiz circle that I have a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree, major in Plant Pathology, they are amazed and ask why I gave up Agriculture. Don't I feel that I wasted those years spent studying agriculture only to go into showbiz?

I tell them that whatever I learned in UPLB -the pure sciences, the basic and major subjects -- I applied them all in my daily life and even in the various disciplines I dabbled in during these past 50 years.

I may not be a multi-awarded filmmaker but I'm not a mediocre one either. Whether as a neophyte OTJ, a production hand, an assistant director or a full-fledged meg man, I was stickler for quality – never was I part of any badly mounted nor poorly produced visual or written undertaking.

There were times I called myself "a square peg in a round hole" as early as the year I enrolled in UPCA in 1964... We were so poor that I took two scholarship exams – Shell, which I lost to Cesar Hicaro; and Caltex in which I missed the interview when the advisory telegram fell into the hands of a namesake - Mang Mando, the butcher -- because that was the only way I could go to college... Thanks to the Undergraduate Fellowship that I qualified for with my good grades, I survived UPCA.

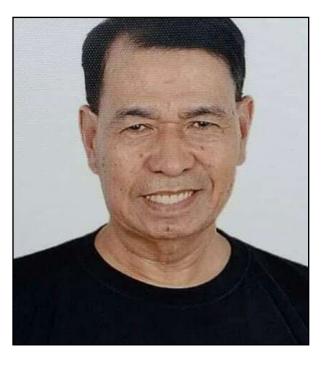
At that time, my Class '64 Batchmates seemed to be in a so-called "paper chase" trying to finish a four-year course in 3 1/2 years by taking summer classes. I opted to go with the flow in order to help my family run a newspaper and magazine/comic stand during those semestral breaks.



When my batchmates graduated on time (1968), I had light semestral loads of 12 and 9 units per semester during that additional academic year.

To maximize my stay on campus, I became the AGG Editor and auditioned for campus plays produced by the Beta Sigma Fraternity such as "Becket" and "*Pahimakas ng Isang Ahente*." Perhaps, my stint with these plays ignited my passion for the performing arts.

I marched together with other UPCA graduates on April 10, 1970, the first ever Commencement Exercises held on the UPLB campus. Until 1970, BS Agriculture and BS Forestry graduates marched with other UP graduates in UP Diliman in Quezon City. Soon after graduation, Dr. Ruben L. Villareal who then headed the Department of Agronomy, Vegetable Crops Section took me as Extension Specialist with teaching load.



Dr. Villareal offered me a Fellowship to take up a master's degree in Vegetable Crops. I initially accepted it but later begged off because I felt I had found my real calling in the Arts.

I took up broadcasting subjects instead at the UP Institute of Mass Communication where I met a former UPLB schoolmate (Milagros Alora) who became my instructor in TV Production. At the end of that semester, she took me to the newly opened National Media Production Center's GTV4, as one of her production assistants.

My career in publishing started in 1975 when I worked at Agrix Publishing as Senior Editor and a year later, as Production Manager at Agrix Printing. I started my film making endeavors in 1977 when I joined Agrix Films and became a Creative Manager. In between my busy days as Instructor, student, and working at Agrix Group of Companies and GTV 4, I directed 11 stage plays at UPLB from 1970 to 1978. These plays were "Oliver!", "Lord of the Flies", "Little Prince", "Apollo", "My Mother was your Wife", "Information Please", "*Gubat-Lungsod-Tabing-Ilog*", "Muntinlupa", "Marianna", "*Bubungang Lata*", and "*Langaw sa Isang Basong Gatas*".

As Director, I became nationally known for films like "*Palengke Queen*" and "*Dormitoryo! Buhay Estudyante*" (1982), "*Mahilig*" (1984), and "Frats" (1997).

From 1977 to the present, aside from being a Director, I made films in various capacities as Producer, Assistant Director, Assistant Musical Director, Production Designer and Manager, etc.

And I was, (and still am) an actor as well. My 2019 film, "*Lola Igna*" is currently making waves in Netflix. And I intend to continue making history in my film career.

### LELITA RODRIN-GONZAL

She has always been adept with numbers, no wonder Lelit's ambition was to become either an accountant or a chemical engineer. She was preparing to take the entrance examinations in the two universities in Manila that she had chosen when her grandfather asked her to enroll in Los Baños. He considered UP as the most prestigious university in the country. Having his granddaughter graduate from UPCA would not only signify a great accomplishment for the family, it would also bring honor to the community where she grew up in.

It took Lelit a while to reconcile herself to this change of plan, but she finally came around and gave in to her grandfather's wish. She finished her BSA degree in 1970. She earned her MS in March 1976 through a PCARR graduate research grant, and her PhD in Botany major in Plant Physiology in October 1983, with a scholarship grant from the World Bank.

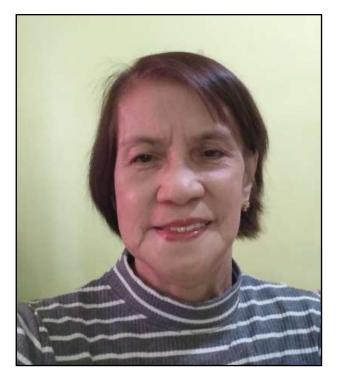
Reliving her college years, one experience she cannot forget happened one early morning in her Botany 50 (Genetics) class. Lelit and some other classmates arrived only a few minutes past 7:00 o'clock, but the lecturer closed the door on them anyway. Being the one in front, her right leg got caught in the door, leaving a bruise that stayed for several days – that, and being marked absent, because the professor never allowed latecomers to attend class! Another incident was her final exam in swimming (PE). A student should be able to swim the whole length of the pool in order to pass. With only about a meter to the finish line, she felt heaviness in her chest and struggled; she accidentally drank some pool water before she could reach the other end.

Right after graduation, she was employed at the Department of Botany as a research assistant for two years, then as an assistant instructor and later, as research associate until October 1976. In November of the same year, she transferred to the Visayas College of Agriculture (VISCA, now Visayas State University) in Baybay, Leyte as an Assistant Professor. She rose in rank until she became Associate Professor IV in January 1986, Associate Professor V in January 1987, and in July 1988, she became a full- fledged Professor. After half a year, she was promoted to Professor II (January 1989). She turned Professor VI in January 1992, and then Professor VIII in December 2013. She retired on April 27, 2014.



Aside from teaching, she implemented several research and extension projects on abaca, most notable of which was the Abaca Private-Public Partnership (PPP) in the Philippines: "Abaca Fiber Utilization in the Automotive Industry" which was funded by DaimlerChrysler- DEG-University of Hohenheim, Germany.

She also served as Chairman of the Department of Plant Breeding and Agricultural Botany (Jan. 1978 - Sep.1980); Director of the National Abaca Research Center (May 1986 - Sep. 1998 and again from Jan. 2000 - Jan. 2008); Director of the Office of Research and Extension and concurrently Director of the Visayas Consortium for Agriculture and Resource Program or ViCARP (Mar. 1996 - Dec. 1998). She was instrumental in ViCARP's winning of the prestigious UGNAY (Outstanding Consortium/ Network) Award from the Philippine Council of Agriculture, Forestry and Resource Research and Development (PCARRD, now PCAARRD). She became Chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences from September 2013 until her retirement the next year.



The Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA - BAR) also appointed her as Chairman of the National Abaca Research, Development and Extension (RDE) Task Force (Feb. 2000 - 2004); Assistant Team Leader and Zonal Coordinator for the Visayas, National Fibercrops RDE Network; and Chairman, Regional Abaca R&D Network. She was also the Chairman of the Abaca Technical Working Group, Abaca Integrated Program for Agrarian Reform Communities in Region VIII (March 1995 - 1999).

She served as resource person in numerous trainings, seminars and workshops especially those related to abaca, collaborated with local government units and other government agencies in establishing incomegenerating projects, attended and presented papers in scientific conferences, both national and international, and published several papers in refereed journals.

Lelit received several commendations throughout her years of service, with the following among them: Achievement Award in Crop Science Teaching (from the Crop Science Society of the Philippines/CSSP- April 1995); Academician of the Year Award (ViSCA- July 1996); Outstanding Teacher in Agriculture Award (Association of Colleges in Agriculture in the Philippines- May 1997); Achievement Award in Research Management (CSSP-April 2002); and the Mt. Pangasugan Award for dedicated service and significant contribution to the university (VSU-August 2014).

This "Abaca Queen" likewise got numerous awards, e.g., outstanding/best paper and best poster awards resulting from her research efforts. These ranged from screening for suitability of abaca varieties or accessions to different soil conditions; propagation of abaca using cutting-edge technologies; managing abaca diseases through specific technological and even social interventions (inter-agency and multi-sectoral cooperation); and many more.

Lelit was married to the late Dominador Gonzal (PhD in Agroforestry) with whom she has two children and four grandchildren. Daughter Ma. Dollette Gonzal-Wong is Product Manager at Merck Sharp & Dohme Philippines and has three chidren: Joshua Ryan (19), Justin Rafael (11), and Julianne Rae (2). Her son Adonis Ray R. Gonzal is currently taking a diploma course on French Cuisine (CCA-ICDE); he has one child, Reese Chray (8).

Now that she has more free time on her hands, Lelit spends it in her garden where she grows ornamentals and vegetables. She enjoys playing Word Connect and Word Cross. She also loves traveling and goes on local and international tours whenever she feels like it.

However, Lelit is still actively engaged with the (abaca) industry even in retirement. In her capacity as a member of the Technical Working Group (TWG), she is involved in drafting and holding public consultations on the development of Philippine National Standards (PNS) of Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) for abaca. She was likewise similarly engaged in formulating the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standard (BAFS) under the Department of Agriculture.

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" is a Confucian philosophy that Lelit has lived by. Could one interpret this to mean that the "simple step" she took was choosing to listen to her grandfather and yielding to his wish for her to enroll in UPCA?

## TERESITA SAN PEDRO-JEREZA

No choice... Teresita San Pedro-Jereza had nowhere to go but study at the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA) since she was a native of Los Baños. Parents back then always wanted their children to be near them, not in Manila or anywhere.

Surely, studying at UPCA was a good choice for Tessie. What she had accomplished in life was because of the UP education and formation that she received during college.

Although she mostly worked in the government all her life, Tessie was able to contribute to the development of humanity, particularly the sugarcane producers whose lives were improved through research and extension.

From Philippine Sugar Research Institute to Philippine Sugar Commission (now, Sugar Regulatory Administration)... this was her first and last employment.

Tessie's first appointment was being a Plant Pathologist. Her work load was of course, doing research on sugarcane diseases. Then, she became a Research Specialist at the Breeding and Genetics Department where she was incharge of the characterization and maintenance of its Germplasm Collection.

At La Granja Agricultural Research Center, Tessie was promoted to Supervising Agronomist where she conducted research studies on crop production and farm management operation especially on sugarcane: its growth; behavior; and adaptability to soil types, fertilization, environmental condition and cultural practices.



In 2007, she was assigned at the Extension Department in Bacolod City as Supervising Agriculturist. Here, she helped formulate plans, programs and budget of extension services. Tessie also conducted technology transfer through seminars covering the whole Western Visayas. She also supervised personnel, materials, equipments and other activities related to mill district functions.

From 2008 to 2012, Tessie was the Chairman of the Western Visayas Gender and Development group, while she was still at SRA. Her projects included conduct of Gender and Development Seminars to the SRA employees of Western Visayas and to the grassroots level, among sugarcane farmers.

In between her work at SRA, she also participated as Member of the Gawad Saka Search Team for the Outstanding Sugarcane Farmer from 2007 to 2014. Tessie's hardwork and dedication to research and extension earned her some awards from scientific organizations and government offices.

Her first award was "Best Paper Award" -Agriculture Division given during the 31st Philippine Sugar Technologists Association, Inc. (PHILSUTECH) Annual Convention in Cebu City in 1984. The paper that she presented was "Reaction of Philippines Clone (1971-1979) to Downy Mildew of Sugarcane". Then in 1989, she won Second Place for her paper, "Improvement of Disease Resistance of Sugarcane Varieties by Tissue Culture" during the First Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA BAR) National Symposium. But she won First Place at the 12<sup>th</sup> Western Visayas Agriculture and Resources Research and Development Consortium (WESVARRDEC) Regional Symposium on Research and Development. Her winning paper was entitled, "Sugarcane Variety Improvement Program: 1994 Breeding Project".

Teresita San Pedro-Jereza reached the Compulsory Retirement Age of 65 in 2014, after more than four (4) decades of dedicated public service. A testimony of how working in the government and bringing development to the ordinary people, in this case the sugarcane producers could foster satisfaction and happiness to an ordinary "Iska" in the government bureacracy.

Plus, the fact that she is happily married to Dave Ortaliz Jereza of La Carlota City. Dave was a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Central Luzon State University and did his Master in Agriculture in UP Los Baños. They have four (4) children, one boy and three girls. The eldest, Dave Anacleto is a Computer Science graduate who works with Sony, Inc. in Singapore. He is married to Dr. Irene Barato-Jereza with whom he has three children, all boys aged 17, 16 and 12. The second child, Krina Theresa is a dentist married to a Korean based in Bacolod. Katrina, the third child is a realtor and a Management graduate from La Salle Bacolod who is married to Carlo Besa. They have four children, 3 boys and a girl aged 12, 9, 7 and 4. They are based in Victorias City. Tessie's youngest child, Karen is still single and a nurse based in Brisbane, Australia.

Tessie and Dave are now enjoying each other's company and tending a little sugarcane farm to keep them busy.



## NATIVIDAD SILVA MENDOZA

"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be." --Ralph Waldo Emerson

For Dr. Natividad Mendoza, the above quote of Ralph Waldo Emerson has much relevance in her life. She was destined to become an agriculturist. It was what her father wanted. As a good daughter, the lass from San Pablo, Laguna followed her father's wish and entered the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA). She completed her BS Agriculture degree in 1970 with no regret. In fact, she said that her college life at UP Los Baños was the most memorable thing that ever happened in her life.

After graduation, Dr. Natividad or Naty to family and friends tried to figure out her next move, whether she would apply for a full-time job in agriculture, the career route that her family was expecting. But Naty had other plans. She did not become an agriculturist by profession. Naty always visualized herself as a scientist. So, she decided to be one. She later pursued microbiology and biotechnology as her fields of specialization for her graduate studies. She obtained her MS Microbiology degree from the University of Santo Tomas (UST) and her Doctor of Agriculture degree from Osaka Prefectural University in Osaka, Japan.

Naty started her professional career as pesticide analyst for a private firm, MARKES AgroChem Enterprises. Afterwards, she worked at what was formerly the National Science Development Board (now Department of Science and Technology or DOST). Initially, she worked as a contractual science research associate at the National Pollution Control Commission. In 1984,





she became a permanent employee, and worked as a science research specialist at the Industrial Fermentation Program until 1987.

Her succeeding work was at the DOST's Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI). This was her workplace for 20 years starting in 1988 until her retirement in 2008. It was a gratifying job for Naty because she was able to pursue her graduate studies through government scholarship and it also honed her skills as a scientist. Her ITDI stint started when she was hired as Senior Science Research Specialist at the Microbiology and Genetics Division. She held this post until 1992. She was promoted to Supervising Science Research Specialist in 1993 until she became an Associate Scientist in 2003. She was tasked to do research and development projects on her area of interest-microbial enzymes. Using the advances in science and technology, she engaged in the production, purification and characterization of enzymes derived from bacteria and fungi for industrial application.

Aside from doing research, Naty also went into part-time teaching. She served as Professorial Lecturer in Industrial Microbiology, Analytical Microbiology, and Microbial Ecology at the UST Graduate School in 1983, 1987 and 1997, respectively. She also taught Molecular Genetics at the University of the Philippines (Molecular Biology Program, College of Science) in school year 1995 to 1996.

In the course of her career, she became a member of the Philippine Society for Microbiology (PSM) and the National Research Council of the Philippines (Engineering, Industrial and Research Division). She was also able generate about 50 local and international refereed publications.

As one the country's most skilled scientists, Naty has been a recipient of numerous scholarships and awards. In fact, her scholarship grants were all Japan-based. These include the following: 1) **UNESCO International Post-Graduate University** Course in Microbiology in Osaka University (October 1981 to September 1982) with field of training on microbiology and biotechnology; 2) Group Training Course in Enzyme Technology (April to September 1987) held at the Osaka Municipal Technical Research Institute; 3) Long Term Exchange Scientist under DOST-JSPS Joint Scientific Cooperation Program (October 1989 to April 1990), Faculty of Engineering, Osaka University; and 4) RONPAKU Fellowship for her PhD Thesis Dissertation (1990 to 1994) at the Osaka Prefectural University.

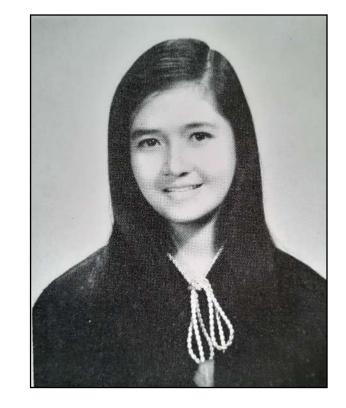
DOST has recognized her work involving microbial enzymes. She and her colleagues were awarded with the 1987 DOST Outstanding Research, and the 1992 NSTM-DOST Search for Outstanding Research, with work focusing on glucoamylase production.

At present, she is a widowed mother with four children. Just recently, in April 2020, her youngest son passed away. As she deals with one of her life's biggest blows, she is thankful for the love and strong support of family and close friends. Love, though invisible, has been an answer to her healing and recovery. As the saying goes, the essential things in life are seen not with the eyes, but with the heart. And as Naty added, "What is essential is invisible to the naked eye."

## LILIAN SOTTO MILLINSHIP

After a collegiala life in elementay and high school at the Collegio de Santa Isabel (now Universidad de Santa Isabel) in Naga City, Camarines Sur, her father, an agriculturist, decided that Lilian will go to Los Baños to take up agriculture, although at the time, she really did not know what she wanted to pursue. So she did, majoring in Agricultural Economics.

Lilian looks back to her college years at UPCA as the best years of her life. This was the time she established lasting friendships especially with the Plaidmates, an all-girl barkada on campus, composed of Batchmates Gloria "Baby" Carandang, Marcelina "Bong" Santos, Teresa "Tess" Habito, Virginia "Virgie" Luis, Zenaida "Bobot" Alipit, and Zenaida "Naidze" Aliño. She recalls being invited to TGIF parties every Friday by different fraternities and organizations, meeting up at the College Coop during common break times from classes, and playing softball or just hanging around the Baker Field with other friends. She then resided at the Student Christian Center at the Church Among the Palms grounds. She reminisces those memorable September Fairs then held at Baker Hall, the precursor of the now annual February Fair.



After UPCA, she worked at Quality Tobacco Corporation from 1973 – 76 as the lone female sales representative of one of the former Stonehill-owned conglomerates. In 1976, she shifted from selling cigarattes to selling cars. She became a Mitsubihsi sales representative for Union Motors in Sta. Mesa, Manila.



From Union Motors Manila, she tried her luck abroad in 1984, again selling cars this time in Bahrain. Five months after she arrived in Bahrain, she met her destiny, a British widower named Jim Millinship. Jim was then the financial secretary to the Prime Minister of Bahrain. When they married in 1985, Jim asked her to quit her job so he could take her along in his travels. When he retired in 1992, they decided to settle in Los Baños where they bought a house and lot at Jubileeville. Unfortunately, Jim passed away too soon, in 1996 from heart disease. They did not have children together but Jim had three grown-up children when they met. Since Jim's passing, Lilian has been living a quiet life, attending Bible groups, participating in church activities, gardening, and socializing with friends in Los Baños. Lilian maintains close ties with Jim's children in the UK while she also continues to travel locally and abroad or regularly meet with her Plaidmates barkada whose bond has grown even stronger over the years.



### LUCIO N. TABING

*Concientious, hardworking and humble* aptly describe Lucio N. Tabing, as described by his longtime friend, kababayan and classmate, Milo Opeña. They shared lecture notes, cooked and ate together and enjoyed billiards and lambanog bonding sessions too. He loved economics but broacasting was his passion. Hence he took up the BS Agriculture, major in Agricultural Communication (now Development Communication), specializing in Community Broadcasting at UPCA, and graduating in 1970. Embracing a career in broadcasting to reach small farmers, he became widely popular as Ka Louie among his millions of farmer listeners all over the Philippines.

Louie was determined to make a dent in his chosen career. He pursued graduate studies in Mass Communication at the College of Mass Communication, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City (1972 – 1974). These academic degrees were enriched by professional courses in radio programme production at the Radio Nederland Training Center in Hilversum, Netherlands in 1974; and an educational television production at the British Broadcasting Corporation in Milton Keynes, England in 1990.

*"Mula sa lahing anak pawis"* as he loved to describe his roots, Louie hailed from Santor, Tanauan City. His father (Alipio Tabing) and an elder brother (fondly referred to as Kuya Itong) had much influence in his "becoming a man for others". His passion to reach out especially to those who are less endowed in life is commendable. Once associated with him, you willingly get to embrace his advocacies. He was a very harworking, honest, and focused person who he lived a frugal lifestyle.

I recall our team - Pangkat Kaunlaran (assisting his early morning show at DZMM), being tagged "Pangkat Bangus" by the cashier in a popular fast food restaurant as we joyfully partook a boneless bangus breakfast meal while doing a post-program



assessment and planning the activities for the week. He knew his priorities and was not lured by the luxury of the good life from easy-money opportunities especially from people whom he knew had vested interests. He shared with us all the material tokens given to him by grateful people and organizations who benefited from or were assisted by our group. We rendered free services as resource persons and consultants on air and on farm. We served small farmers and fisher folks who were not being reached by existing extension services. Louie was always on the go. You just have to be ready anytime or you would be left behind!

He was also very concientious and did not settle for anything less than excellent. He read a lot, interviewed experts in their areas of specialization, and processed the facts before airing any techno tip or burning issue in agricuture, fisheries and the environment. He validated farmers' experiences with expert opinions and made his own assessments. One thing admirable about Louie was his respect for everyone's opinion. He would always assure you that he may not agree with you, but he will defend your right to be heard and allow you to air your opinion.

He earned the respect of the media industry through hardwork and excellent academic and professional preparation. He began his professional career in 1969 as agricultural and farm program producer at Radio Veritas where he learned the craft of rural radio on the air with farmers and spending weekends recording their voices. He became Programme Director from 1979 to 1983, leaving the station to become a freelance producer and host of 'Sa Kabukiran' (in the countryside) on DZMM Teleradyo of the ABS-CBN Network from 1998 to 2018. His passion and romance with community radio as a medium for reaching the most far flung areas of the countryside started with his pet project Tambuli - a UNESCO funded community radio project where he served as Project Manager from 1990 to 2001. He was Radio Trainer on a number of similar projects, notably the Compas Stations (Community Public Address System) in information-poor remote barangays, put up by PCARRD, then UNICEF, and then went on various UNESCO-commisioned assignments to Uganda, Papua New Guinea, Nepal and Timor-Leste for similar projects.

He also organized the Philippine Federation of Rural Brodcasters and served as its founding president. This leadership in development communication through broadcasting earned him the monikers *'Guru' of community radio and 'Dean' of rural broadcasters in the Philippines.* He has authored several books and manuals on radio production and training,the most widely read being 'How To Do Community Radio'.

Louie's accomplishments had been recognised in numerous awards, notably the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the UPLB College of Development Communication in 2010; outstanding Radio Journalist, from the Rotary Club International; three time awardee (2010, 2011, 2012) of KBP Best Science and Technology Broadcaster, 2014 Dangal Ng Wika, 2015 BINHI Broadcaster of the Year, 2016 Ka Doroy Valencia Broadcaster award, a Hall of Fame Award by the Dangerous Drugs Board (1983, 84 and 85). His DZMM agri program *Sa Kabuliran* was also a Hall of Famer, with three consecutive Best Agri Radio Progrm awards from PAJ-BINHI. In 2018 after his death he was given Natatanging Batangueño Award (posthumous) and Dakilang Broadcaster at Agrikultor ng Bayan (posthomous award) by BINHI and the PAJ-San Miguel Corporation,

His untimely death left an oversized shoe that was impossible for any individual or group to fill, even by those who were closely associated with him, ... *LUCIO N. TABING, a pride of BATCH '70.* - As written by Candida Adalla and Camilo Opeña.



### MACRINA TAMAYO-ZAFARALLA

The treasured memories of her undergraduate life revolved around a loving husband, seven and a half years her senior, and her professors at the UP College of Agriculture. Basically, she led mostly a cloistered life which made her classmats in the USA wonder how in 50 years, she successfully eluded their radar's sensors.

Her first embarassment at UPCA was in Botany 1. She came late for the first exam and didn't know that an exam permit was required. This was not the practice where she transferred from, UP Diliman, where she studied for an AB English degree after a scholarship as an AFS exchange student. Dr. Emerita de Guzman (God rest her soul), her lecture professor, made her get up from her seat, walk the middle aisle to where she stood behind the lectern only to admonish her to go get an exam permit from the Secretary's Office that was up the hill where the main library now stands. The botany building was within the former Soils Lecture Hall area. Good that her husband tagged along whenever he had no class. He did the walking to get the permit and was gone for about 15 minutes. On handing her the test paper. Dr. de Guzman told her to finish the test at the same time as her classmates. With only 30 minutes left, she managed the borderline passing mark.

Entomology 1 was her most demanding subject as a freshman. Her professor, Dr. Victor C. Gapud (God rest his soul) was a thin, bespectacled, pimpled, professor in his 20s whose soft voice defied the spirit impressed by his wide eyes that looked through his thick glasses. She amazed him with her submitted drawings of a disseccted frog, because these were "perfectly



symmetrical". When asked why the expertly done drawings, she confessed her husband helped her. Because she was *buntis*, she easily won compassion and so, was pardoned, but was kindly told to never do it again. Once, the professor lambasted the class of 10 students, because everyone except one flunked the midterm exam. After her class, Charity went home quite elated.

She remembers with kindness Prof. Romeo Alicbusan (God rest his soul) of the Department of Plant Pathology. He impressed her as though he was then the "supreme microbiologist." Wanting to major in his field, she went to him with Paul. But they were met with rejection, because he already had "many advisees". Paul argued that his wife was this and that, blah, blah, blah! Prof. Alicbusan was not impressed; husband and wife went away frustrated.



She had fun moments with her other profssors. Dr. Ruben Villareal, her lecturer in Agronomy 1, would joke her whenever she made it to the Top Ten list which he posted at the door. She carried "someone" in her belly who dictated the answers to her! Mr. Panfilo Tabora was unforgetable. He taught the class the meaning of *"rambutan"* the hairy one. Agronomy lab classes were fun. The first time the class had to plant rice was a delightful experience. There were giggles when the beauteous classmate, the urbanite Mildred, dipped her dainty feet into the mud. With a handful of rice seedlings at hand, the class happily straightened up and bent down to the beat of their entoned song, Planting Rice. Her constant companions then were Mila Laforteza (God rest her soul), who later became the "ninang" of her first born, Cherry Lynn; the two Monzon sisters, and Foyet. The Monzons were the only students with a car then which the *barkada* used in going to field work in Agronomy and Poultry classes. When people looked at the frolicking, giggling, goof-off bunch, her friends would shout, "*Hoy, may asawa na po ito*," pointing a finger at Charity whom they assigned to the front seat. "*Huwag n'yo na po siyang tignan*!

Now retired, Charity is a UPLB Emeritus Professor for life. Her achievements and stellar performance in instruction, research, and extension have not gone unnoticed. UPLB hailed her as a UPLB Outstanding Teacher in Biology. The UP Alumni Association honored her with a Lifetime Achievement Award during fitting ceremonies at Bahay ng Alumni in UP Diliman. At present she continues community work on river restoration/rehabilitation with the Rotary Club of Alaminos, Laguna. She will soon be involved in the implementation of the LLDA-DENR - approved project on Laguna Lake Water Hyacinth Managed Control.



### AURORA TAN-BARREDO

Being a Mama's girl, Aurora Tan-Barredo never wanted to be away from her mother for a long time. Ironically, her dream job of being able to serve and create a lasting benefit to others brought her miles away from her loving mother... from Laguna to Negros Occidental.

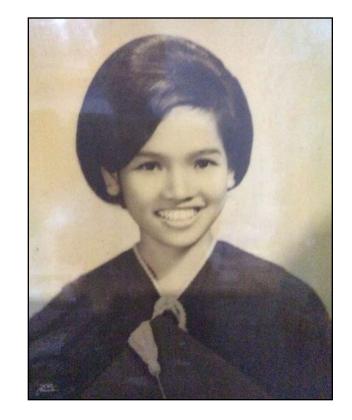
She loved her mother so much that when she was deciding on where to go for college, she still thought of her. When she learned that top students in the entrance exam given by the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA) were given free tuition plus a monthly stipend, she thought it was a way she could help her parents financially. And, she would be able to fulfill her wish to support the education of her siblings. They both had their wishes come true for she enjoyed the UP Undergraduate Fellowship from 1965-1969.

Her heart leapt with joy every time her mother talked to others of how proud she was of her daughter, a scholar at UP. She described Aurora as a "small but terrible girl". Her mother's words were forever etched in Aurora's mind and heart. She could not and would not disappoint her. She diligently studied and finished her thesis in June 1969. Thus, she was included in class '70 instead of class '69.

After graduation, Aurora worked as a graduate assistant and later as research assistant at the Department of Agronomy under Dr. Juan Carlos until Summer 1970. Then, she had the opportunity to teach as Instructor 1 at the Department of Botany the following semester.

In February 1971, her professional growth and independent life began when she took the job as Assistant Geneticist at Victorias Milling Company (VMC) in Negros Occidental. This was her dream job because she could play a significant role in an endeavor that would have a lasting benefit to many. This was her chance.

After six (6) months, she was sent back to UP Los Baños to train for 18 months on tissue culture. Further, VMC allowed and supported Aurora to pursue her masteral studies. Her thesis was done at VMC and completed in 1979. While taking her masteral studies, she had





her third child with spouse Federico C. Barredo, also a UPCA alumnus of Batch '68. During that difficult time, he helped and inspired her to finish her thesis and masteral studies.

Aurora was a breeding specialist at VMC and she became the Head of its Breeding and Genetics Department for almost two (2) decades. At VMC, she was given opportunities to enhance her knowledge and further develop her skills thru attendance to trainings and study tours locally and internationally. In 1991, she was sent to Hawaii Experiment Station to study and observe micropropagation of sugarcane. The following year, she attended embryo culture of orchids at UPLB. And again, in 1996, she went for observation and training on sugarcane breeding and disease screening at Colombia, South America; and at Canal Point, Florida, USA. Of course, all these trainings and observation tours would come to naught and be put to waste if not shared to create a 'lasting benefit to many'. Aurora was instrumental in the development and release of several sugarcane varieties to the VMC district and other mill districts through the breeding program of VMC, and later under PHILSURIN. Among these varieties, VMC 86-550, released in the mid-90s (and until now) made a significant impact on production both for the planters and millers of VMC, and in several other mill districts.

A turn of event happened in 1998. VMC decided to close its Breeding and Genetics Department. Fortunately, the Philippine Sugar Research Institute (PHILSURIN), a foundation established by the sugarcane planters and millers of the Negros Island absorbed this department and continued its works. She became the Officer-inCharge (OIC) of the PHILSURIN Experiment Station from 1998 to 2008. While at PHILSURIN, Aurora attended disease indexing and workshop at the Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB) in 2002. Still, her VMC 86-550 sugarcane variety had been micro-propagated extensively and was distributed as seedlings for planting on irrigated areas in several planters and propagation farms under the PHILSURIN program.

Aside from being busy at VMC and PHILSURIN, Aurora also had time to be the Author and Co-Author of several scientific papers presented during annual conventions of the Philippine Sugar Technologists Association, Inc. (PHILSUTECH) and the Philippine Society for Microbiology (PSM) - Region VI. Among the technical papers she presented at PHILSUTECH conventions, she received the "Best paper award" for Prospects of Micropropagation in 1992 and Studies on High Density Planting and Closer Furrow Spacing in 2004. She also contributed articles to the Sugarcane Breeders' Newsletter of the International Society of Sugar Cane Technologists (ISSCT).

Her work and accomplishments in her field as a Sugarcane Breeder were not left unnoticed. In 1992, Aurora was recognized by her co-UPLB alumni and was given the Achievement Award in Research.

More than her achievements in her work, and her service to sugarcane farmers, she is proud to be married to Fred, her very caring and loving husband. Fred is also an exemplary father to their five (5) children: Willie, Joel, Archimedes, Emmanuel and Sarah Beth. He taught her tenacity, patience and tact in achieving their material and spiritual goals in perfect balance and harmony.

Also, together they were able to raise children who are responsible, caring and most of all, spiritually inclined. Two (2) of their sons are now full-time volunteers in teaching bible truths about Jehovah God and the good news of His Kingdom (His son Jesus Christ). Despite Fred beng incapacitated and they are both into their golden years, the spiritual legacy that they have passed to their children will stay and be cherished forever.

### EDISON M. TOCINO

Had his high school teacher succeeded in discouraging him from studying in Los Baños back in 1964, Edison Tocino would not have enjoyed the best years of his youth at UPLB. Together with three of his high school batchmates, Tocino or Ed to his friends, took and passed the UP Entrance Examination. All of them completed their respective courses and proudly graduated in 1970.

Ed completed a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Chemistry as a consistent College Scholar. He was most grateful to Dr. Julian Banzon and Ms. Lilia Madamba for helping him in the completion of his undergraduate thesis, "Vitamin C Content of Five (5) Philippine Tree Vegetables". As a matter of fact, Dr. Banzon became one of the wedding sponsors or *ninongs* when he married Carmencita Duque in 1974. They are blessed with two daughters, one son, and six grandchildren.

His professional career started in UPCA as research assistant to two esteemed professors in the College, Drs. Emil Javier and Dodie Aspiras. A year after graduation, he pursued a master's degree in Food Science and Technology under a scholararship grant from the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA). Dr. Ed Pantastico guided him in his masteral thesis, "Freezing Preservation of Carabao Mangoes".

But what was a graduate of Food Science and Technology with expertise in plant production doing in a company engaged in poultry production? Dr. Ed Sison, one of his advisers in the masters program and a consultant with the Sarmiento Group of Companies was instrumental in Ed's employment at Vitarich Corporation owing to his high his qualifications. Ed landed a job as Food Production Manager. Ed also worked with Dr. Pantastico in this company. Soon after, he was given the opportunity to take up a Management Development Program at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) in Makati City while employed there.

Ed made significant contributions during his 10-year stint at Vitarich Corporation. He was instrumental to the building and operation of the company's Feed Quality Control Laboratory in 1974. The following year, he built the first Automated Poultry Processing Plant, including a complete waste water treatment facility. This project reflected Mr. Tocino's concern for the environment which was exceptional during that period. He later initiated the recycling of waste products from the processing plant into animal feed.



Ed is not only an advocate for the environment. He is also an innovator. At the time when the use of solar energy was uncommon, he installed solar panels in the plant for preheating water in its boiler operation. With this technology, he significantly helped Vitarich Corporation in saving thousands of pesos by reducing heating and electricity costs.

Research and development thus became a part of Ed's life at Vitarich Corporation. He even ventured in research on grape production. Under his supervision, four varieties of grapes were planted in the company's Antipolo Farm where the climate is suitable for its production, resulting in good harvests. Moreover, he supervised the planting of calamansi trees to maximize the use of vacant lots in the farm.

In 1980, the second Automated Poultry Processing Plant was also built in Bulacan. This showed that the company was expanding and performing well in the market when he worked there.

Vitarich's Food Production Department under Ed Tocino's leadership developed new product lines for its broiler production and processing. Its new products included chicken cut ups, and processed meats like hotdogs, sausages and corned beef.



After 10 years working at Vitarich Corporation. Ed decided to widen his horizon. He joined a group of Filipino experts and went to Kano, Nigeria to put up an Integrated Broiler Farm Operation. He was in-charge of the set-up and operation of the Poultry Processing Plant of the Anadariya Company. Of course, this was an easy job for Ed. What was unbearable and horrible to him was experiencing the Halal way of killing the chickens. Before killing the birds, the butchers had to pray in silence. Butchers were in pairs, one held the bird's body, while the other one did the neck slitting. The bird was thrown into a concrete pit and left to die by bleeding. Sometimes, birds thrown in the pit flew with bleeding neck, making it horrible and messy. Halal slaughtering does not allow bird stunning and hanging the animals on shackles. This was short-lived... maybe because of the Halal way of killing chickens? Well, we do not know...

Mr. Tocino went back to the Philippines after a year and worked as a Business Development Manager at Golden Country Farms, Inc. from 1984 to 1987. Again, he introduced waste recycling in the farms under its Broiler Contract Growing Program. Chicken dung was collected in the different farms located in Laguna, Batangas, Bulacan and Nueva Ecija. The collected manure was transported and sold to potato growers in Buguias, Mountain Province, and used as fertilizers. Trucks used in transporting manure were then loaded with potatoes which were sold in Divisoria Market. While in this company, he undertook a study on the Feasibility of Joint Venture Agreements on Poultry Production, business partnership and other related fields. The study happened in Yap Island, Micronesia and Libreville, Gabon, Africa.

Finally in 1988, Ed left the world of employment to becoming his own boss. He ventured into poultry farming, both for breeder and broiler production purposes. He also engaged in the import and trading of poultry and livestock equipment and medical supplies, and water refilling business.

Being an innovator by nature, this businessman introduced to the Philippines tunnel-ventilated poultry houses for broiler and breeder production with hatchery. The technology was a first in the country and never tried yet.

Further, Ed introduced two new products in the Philippines. Dosatron, a non-electrical dosing device was brought to the country in 1993, while the use of chlorine dioxide as a water disinfectant started in 2010. The Dosatron device can be used for several applications like in animal medication, fertigation, water disinfection, hospital sanitation, etc. Chlorine dioxide, on the other hand is more effective than the traditional mixture of hypochlorite and chlorine for drinking water treatment. It is more effective against E. coli bacteria, less corrosive to pipes, and removes slime and dirt inside the pipe. Aside from these businesses, Mr. Tocino also became a technical consultant in poultry farming.

At present, Ed is still engaged in some businesses, such as making computer-assisted designs for business presentations, browsing YouTube channels for simple electronics, local and international news, and watching Netflix when he is not so busy. And, he loves to watch Congressional and Senate hearings.

Ed has roots in Lipa City, Batangas and San Pablo City, Laguna where he was born on February 17. And through the years, he has been guided by this philosophy: "Review the past, aim targets for the future, but most important, ENJOY THE PRESENT to the fullest with family and friends".

### EUGENIO A. TORIBIO

Geny grew up in Solis, Gagalangin, Tondo and graduated in 1965 from Torres High School. Geny with a smile and beaming with pride always quipped '*Ako'y batang Tondo, laki sa lansangan'*.

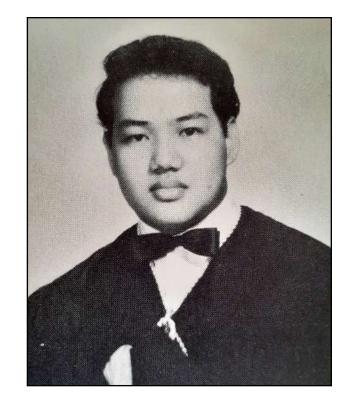
His parents were both schoolteachers. Never would he imagine that destiny would transport him from Tondo to Toronto where he would spend the rest of his life.

The glory days of his youth matured in U.P. Los Baños where he was smitten by the campus after joining the 1959 World Boy Scout Jamboree at Mt. Makiling, Laguna. At UPCA, he was actively involved with the UP Student Catholic Action (UPSCA).

He finished B.S. in Agricultural Chemistry *cum laude*. Upon the recommendation of Dr. Julian Banzon, former Chairman of the Commission, he was accepted as Scientist 1 at the Philippine Atomic Commission. However, his Mom had a different vision for her *unico iho*. She coaxed Geny to pursue the rapidly evolving computer industry. At UPCA, Geny had been introduced to computers when he took up classes in IBM programing handled then by Prof. Santiago Alviar. Geny followed his mother's advice and finished his computer studies at IBM Philippines. He landed his first IT job as a Programmer at San Miguel Corporation in 1970. In just a few years he moved up the ranks as Systems Analyst and later as Operations Research Analyst.

San Miguel Corporation, known for brewing beer, also brewed the romance between Geny and Ester Florentino, an IT expert and a UP (Business Administration) graduate as well. They got married in 1972 and migrated to Toronto with their son Jon in the 1974.

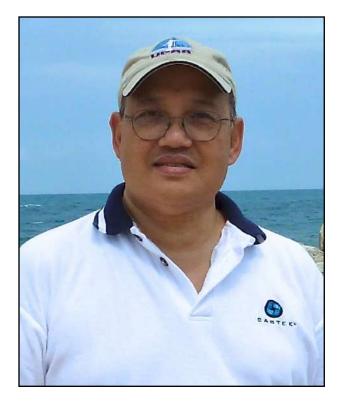
His first job in Toronto was at the Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS) as Systems Manager and Systems Engineer. He said that he stayed with BNS for 12 years because



the bank offered the technical challenges he was looking for. Afterwards, he joined and spent 12 years at DMR Group Inc, a major consulting firm in IT, as Project Management Consultant. At DMR Group he had a myriad of project management assignments involving retail, financial, supply chain, and airline applications.

His success in the IT sector propelled him subsequently to more senior project management roles at Castek Software Inc., The Loyalty Group, and COMPAQ Canada This significantly expanded his scope and reach in the digital world of information systems until his retirement.

Throughout his professional life, his alma maters remained dear to his heart. Together with fellow UP alumni, he organized the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Toronto (UPAAT) in 1970. He served as President of UPAAT for two



years, formulated its constitution and by laws, strengthened the organizational structure, increased membership, and stronger financial status by raising funds. He gladly served as member of the Board of Torres High School Alumni Association. In 2015, when his UPCA 1970 batchmates were preparing for their 2020 golden jubilee, he happily served as the administrator of their email Google group to reconnect with former classmates. Sadly, he lived short of one year to be one with his beloved UPLB Alma Mater for their much-anticipated UPCA '70 Golden Jubilee in October 2020.

A music lover with a tenor voice, Geny was a member of St. Patrick Senior Choir, performing in major churches in Italy, Vienna, and others. By the same token he was a natural for the Pamana Group and Filipino singing groups doing special performances in community celebrations. While at UPCA, was also a member of the St. Therese choir under Dr. Fabian Tiongson. Singing begets dancing and Geny took a special fondness for the dance floor with Ester. As they were quick learners during dance lessons, they were swinging in no time to the exotic beats of ballroom dancing.

Geny's busy career and his many pursuits had taken a toll on his heart. In 1995 he survived a heart attack that grounded him, causing him to slow down.

Geny loves photography and spoiled his social media followers with elegant and exquisite pictures. Through his lens it afforded him a new dimension and a deeper appreciation for the immensity and beauty of living.

During his 70<sup>th</sup> surprise birthday party in March 2019, Geny acknowledged how lucky and grateful he was for having survived multiple cardiac episodes. He joked about enjoying an extended warranty if not a lease on life. No one expected that that celebration would be Geny's last bash, last hurrah, and his last birthday.

Geny indeed had a mighty big heart. He sowed many seeds of friendship, cultivated a legion of friends, and enjoyed the fruits of their affection and admiration.

He succumbed to a cardiac arrest on October 28, 2019 at the Markham Stouffville Hospital. He leaves his wife, Ester Florentino Toribio; sons Jon, Joey and Justin; and grandchildren Jack and Julia.

His funeral attendance bore witness to the great sadness with his passing away. He was a dear friend to many and a good friend to all.

So long 'Batang Lansangan'. Thank you for the fine memories.

Excerpt of a Tribute by Noel Cruz

### AGRIPINO L. TORRES

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven". (Matthew 5:14-16)

This is how Agripino L. Torres lived his life then and now... Still living an active lifestyle and still leading and serving in a cooperative to help others. A leader... a servantleader... a multi-awarded community organizer...

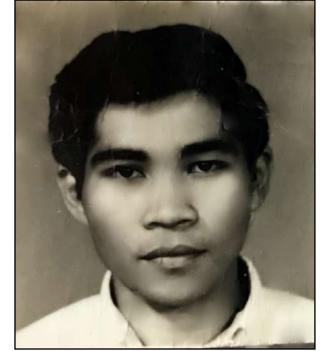
Ping went to study at the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA) because of the influence of his cousin, Benedicto T. Pamplona. He took the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture major in Entomology. His advisers, Dr. Venus Calilung and Dr. Romeo Dizon influenced him in his choice of Entomology as his major.

But his journey towards graduation was not easy.

His parents were his inspiration to strive harder inspite of financial challenges. Although Ping was exempted from paying the tuition fee, he had to pay PhP 86.00 per semester for miscellaneous fees. And he needed PhP 5.00 weekly allowance. They supported him in his studies by selling cattle. Before each semester, his parents bought a smaller cattle in preparation for next semester's expenses. Fortunately after his graduation, the family had one small cattle left to raise.

He also worked during his third and fourth year in college to augment his financial needs especially during his thesis research. And, during his graduation in 1970, he even borrowed the academic gown of his cousin who was shorter than him. As a result, he had no graduation picture because he looked awkward wearing a knee-high gown.

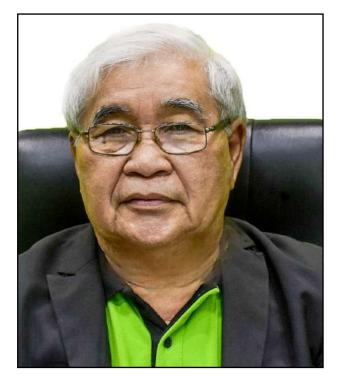
Ping still enjoyed his college life. He joined the Ranchers Club and experienced what every cowboy or cowgirl experienced during the initiation rites - the paddle, kissing the butt of goats and eating chili peppers. But, his brothers and sisters in the club became his best friends. His fraternal relationship with them remain strong up to now.



Ping cannot also forget the exodus during their Entomology classes just to collect insect specimen, staying overnight at Mount Makiling, and going on field trips to Puerto Princesa and Mindoro. He also attended UPCA activities such as the annual Loyalty Day, and the Junior-Senior Prom.

Immediately after graduation, he became a Technical Sales Representative at Hoechst Philippines, Inc. Dr. Sanchez, the head of the Entomology Department recommended him to his first job. Ping was assigned in Davao City where he is presently residing with his wife Lenny L. Torres and only daughter, Angelica. After 10 years in the company, he was promoted to Technical Adviser for Mindanao. He continued to work there until 1983.

Then he transferred and worked as Manager of ASIC Marketing, Inc. from 1983 to 1986. From the private sector, Ping then involved himself in cooperative organization and administration. First in 1990, he became the founding Chairperson of the El Grande Multipurpose Cooperative. Alternately, he was the Manager and Chairperson of this cooperative until 2007.



The most successful cooperative that he organized is the Manuel Guianga and Sirib Growers and Employees Multipurpose Cooperative (MAGSIGE MPC). At present, Ping is still the Chief Executive Officer of this cooperative which is a multi-awarded one engaged in Job Contracting Services, Financing and Marketing, Savings and Loans, and Garments Production. He was its founding Chairperson from the start in September 2008 until 2012 when he opted to involve himself actively in its management. He nurtured MAGSIGE MPC from a cooperative with only 86 initial members to 16,000 members at present. From a start-up capital base of only PhP 33,000.00, the cooperative grew into a multi-awarded powerhouse with an asset base of more than PhP500 million as of 2020.

In addition, he held high-level positions in companies and organizations that support the cooperative movement. These included the Davao City Surety Fund, Consolidated Cooperative Bank, Banana Industry Tripartite Council of DOLE XI, and the Union of Legitimate Service Contracting Cooperatives. His expertise and passion for the cooperative movement made him popular. As a cooperative advocate, he organized national and local fora on Cooperative Leadership, Fundamentals of Cooperativism, Taxation, Diversification and Fund Sourcing. Moreover, he was also an expert lecturer on these topics including Basic Cooperative Operations.

Ping was also recognized as mentor of four micro and small cooperatives in Mindanao specifically in the areas of cooperative operations, fund sourcing and product marketing.

Aside from all these, he also had time to be actively involved in church service. As a servant-leader of God, he served the community as Pastoral Council Coordinator of San Isidro Labrador Parish for 13 years. He also became the Archdiocesan President of the Council of the Laity, and member of the Holy Name Society of the Philippines and Knights of Columbus. Furthermore, he served in different ministries in the parish such as Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion, Lectors and Commentators Group, Bible Apostolate and many other ministries.

Because of his involvement in the church, the Ignatian Institute of Religious Education Foundation sponsored his degree in Master of Arts in Religious Education at the Ateneo de Davao University.

As a man in civics, he chose to engage in projects focused on Environment, Education, Livelihood, Health, War on Illegal Drugs, and Extension works. Even in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, he had spearheaded initiatives to help the front liners and other stakeholders in hospitals, checkpoints, and in local government units. Thru the MAGSIGE MPC, they have distributed protective suits, face masks relief goods, and food packs to the communities who are in most need. More importantly, Ping partnered with a religious FM Station, DXGN 89.9 in promoting divine intervention during this very challenging time.

His leadership only shows the real meaning of the Filipino's Bayanihan spirit. Thus, what Agripino Torres did during the prime of his life earned him several awards such as: Pasidungog: Garbo sa Davao Recognition in 2013, 2016 and 2019, given by the City Government of Davao; Cooperative Leader of the Year in 2014, given by the Cooperatives Development Authority Region XI; adopted as Datu T'mobong in March 2019 by the T'boli Tribes in South Cotabato, and Outstanding Cooperative Leader in 2013 and 2018, given by the City Cooperative Development Office of Davao City.

### VICENTE M. TUPAZ

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

- Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, well-known activist and First Lady to Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt

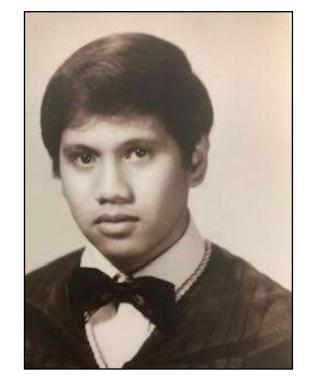
Eleanor Roosevelt's words gave Vicente "Vic" Tupaz a way to describe his 50-year long career.

The youngest of three siblings, Vic grew up in Iloilo City where he took his primary and secondary education. After finishing high school in UP Iloilo College (now UP Visayas), he wanted to proceed to UPCA in Los Baños, Laguna. But fearing that Vic would end up with a *barkada (gang)* instead of earning a college degree, his elder brother persuaded their father to keep him in the province instead.

Vic worked hard on his basic subjects and got decent grades in the four semesters of college that he stayed in UP Visayas. He was eventually able to convince his parents (and grandparents) to allow him to enroll in UPCA.

Vic packed his *maleta (tampipi?)* for the big trip, similar to scenes in old Tagalog movies. However, he had a full complement of chaperones – both his parents plus his grandfather took the trip with him from lloilo to Manila; from there, they got on an old BLTB bus to Los Baños where the party took a jeep from Crossing to bring them inside the university campus. Their final destination was Villegas Dormitory – his first lodging house. Entrusting the young man to the owner of the dorm, his father left him with the following parting advice, "Many organizations and fraternities are likely to recruit you. Make sure to surround yourself with people who will not only help you in your studies, but also guide you to become a future leader.

Being a transferee, he enrolled as a sophomore student a few weeks into the start of the first semester (SY 1967-1968). With the advice of his father in mind, he applied to join the UP Beta Sigma Fraternity. However while he was undergoing the initiation rites, an unfortunate incident happened in UP Diliman; a neophyte died during hazing, but with a different fraternity. Initiations in all UP campuses were banned as a result. He again applied to join in the following semester; the initiation was conducted underground. He remembers becoming a full-fledged Beta Sigman before the 1967 Christmas break.



Committed to his goal and supported by the camaraderie of his fraternity brothers and dorm mates in the International House (IH) where he has since moved, Vic made good progress in his studies. He also got involved in sports, cultural, academic, and political activities. He developed more self-confidence, independence, and leadership qualities from his fraternity fellowship and other extra-curriculars that expanded his horizon. He associates many of the meaningful memories of his college years with his being part of Beta Sigma. Many years later, he became president of the UP Beta Sigma Fraternity Alumni Association, Inc. (1999-2000), and president of the UP Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Central (2018-2020).

Shortly after finishing his BS Agriculture in 1970, Vic got a job with Planters Products in Iloilo, checking on the company's warehouses in Panay and Negros provinces. He moved to sales after a few years, working with several multinational companies dealing with agricultural supplies and veterinary products. With his assignments covering Luzon, Visayas, and the Northern Mindanao regions, he developed the needed skills and a passion for selling. Starting as a sales representative, he moved up to becoming a sales manager, and then operations manager. For all his years of service to the industry, Vic received several awards:



2018, Distinguished Awardee for Agri-Business Excellence (UP Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.)

2015, Outstanding Profession Award for Business Administration and Entrepreneurship- HS Batch 1965 (UP Alumni Association Inc., Iloilo Chapter)

2013, Contribution to the conduct of capability and capacity building towards the promotion and upliftment of the Hog Industry (Unified Quezon Swine Farmers) 2009, Invaluable and unselfish contribution resulting in unprecedented progressive activities and well-being of the association (Philippine Veterinary Drug Association of the Philippines/PVDA. He became president of the association from 2018-2020.)

2006, Outstanding Beta Sigma in the Field of Business (Beta Sigma Fraternity Alumni Association, Panay Chapter)

But Vic aspired for more. He wanted to build his own company. Finally in 1992, he started the Agfield International Corporation. Putting up a family business, he realized however, was no easy task. It required grit and entailed prolonged periods of struggle. He had to juggle scarce resources, dealing with both business demands and family obligations. He had to pay bank mortgages, overhead, and other expenses. Determined to give his children nothing but the best, Vic provided them with the most expensive education he could afford – he enrolled his two sons in Ateneo de Manila, and his *unica hija* in an exclusive all-girls school. Never leaving his side, Vic's wife Malou shared this same dream of making it big in the business world. She worked with the Bank of Philippine Islands and Philippine Veterans Bank while she supported him all the way. Both of them toiled endless hours to build up every small bit of their shared dream.

The couple succeeded in carving their own business space in the animal farming and veterinary industries. They started in Luzon, then expanded nationwide. Years of growth followed. They created three more allied businesses, namely: Agfield Urban Pest Management Inc., Nutrisol Livestock Corporation, and Pam's Pet Care Station – all contributing to Agfield's growing portfolio. On occasion, Vic wrote articles on animal care and about running a business for popular technical journals and for the features pages of newspapers and magazines.

Agfield is not just a business; it is an industry player that holds a vital role in local agriculture production and food security. It is actively involved with large animal farms as well as in supporting backyard farming and companion animal care. The family believes that taking care of their partners and stakeholders also means taking care of their own business.

Helping others who help one's business echoes a lesson that Vic has learned many years ago in UPCA and his involvement in his fraternity: "We cannot build a dream alone. We need to work on fellowship and partnership. We collaborate with peers, friends, industry players, and stakeholders for a shared vision and our common interests".

Almost 30 years ago, Agfield was just a dream. Now, it is a national distributor brand that plays a big part in sustaining the lives of individuals, families, and communities. Vic has already reached significant heights, a trekker who has climbed several mountains. But he is far from done as he continues to look at the horizon, ready to face another challenge, targeting another mountain to climb.

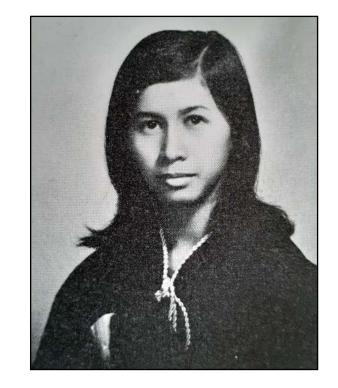
As Vic and Malou enjoy the presence of their three grandchildren, Vic hears the voice of a boy asking his father's permission for him to study in Laguna. He ends his story with this quote by Jonas Salk, "*I have* had dreams, and I've had nightmares. I overcame the nightmares because of my dreams."

### LORETTO URI DELA CRUZ

Lorie's first job as research assistant for two years in the Department of Horticulture, UPCA involved doing service soil and plant analysis in the Postharvest Laboratory. In 1972, she had a six-month stint at the Agricultural Research Center, NIST in Manila researching on the nature of the Cadang-cadang disease of coconut. But urban life did not appeal to her. She missed the charming and quiet environment of Los Banos. A golden opportunity came when she was admitted to teach in the Department of Soil Science. This break opened up opportunities for her not only to join the UPLB faculty but also to start graduate studies at the UPLB Graduate School.

In 1976 she transferred to the then UPLB College of Forestry and became part of the Silviculture and Forest Influences Division of the Institute of Renewable Natural Resources. She continued her master's degree which shifted focus on forest soils and graduated in 1978. Again with Soils as her major field and plant ecology as minor, through a Biotech graduate assistantship program, she obtained her PhD in 1985. She rose from the ranks from Instructor to Professor until her retirement. She was also affiliate faculty of the UP Open University in its Masters in Environmental Resources Management Program. To further her professional growth, she participated in training programs on Forest Soils in Japan, Forest Autecology in Indonesia, Mycorrhizal Research Techniques, Soil and Plant Water Relations in the United Kingdom, and Degraded Land Rehabilitation in South Korea. She attended international conferences and symposia on bioreforestation, landscape restoration and climate change.

Lorie taught courses in Geology, Forest Soils, Soil and Water Conservation and Forest Influences through which she inspired students to have a healthy appreciation, and concern for the soil as a valuable resource and equipped them with technologies to enhance and conserve its productivity. Researches with her students brought her to the mangrove areas, natural and plantation forests in the country and in Thailand and Indonesia. Her researches, professorial lectures, and publications dealt largely



on the rehabilitation of degraded grasslands, mining- damaged and volcanic ash- affected uplands, harnessing the potentials of bioinoculation, reforestation impacts on soil nutrient levels, nutrient cycling and carbon sequestration assessments. She shared these to her students, keenly aware of their roles as frontliners in upland rehabilitation. She was awarded the Most Outstanding Researcher Award by the College of Forestry and Natural Resources (CFNR) in 1998.

Lorie was also resource person and at times coordinator of training courses on Agroforestry, Soil and Water Conservation, Integrated Protected Area Systems, Integrated Natural Resources Surveys among others. These trainings formed part of retooling of foresters already working in the field as well as local government personnel and farmer organizations. She also was part of a team that evaluated suitability of upland areas for forest plantation establishment in the Visayas. Likewise, she helped share nursery and tree planting techniques to youth inmates of Boystown as part of their rehabilitation program.



For Lorie, witnessing the success of her former students now holding responsible positions in various academic institutions and agencies is reward enough for the thirty-nine years of her life spent as an educator in UPLB. She feels that somehow, she has helped mold them to be real stewards of the earth. She hopes that they will remember the values that she tried to impart on them in addition to technical knowledge—love for God's creation, honesty and willingness to serve.

Lorie considers her family as God's most precious gift. Married to Rey, also a professor in the College, they were blessed with two kids who both hold master's degrees in Development Communication from UPLB. Her daughter Lorelei married Paul, an American Catholic lay missionary in Nicaragua. Her son Reginald Roy married Maki who hails from San Pablo City and also holds a master's degree from UPLB. Lorie and Rey now have two beautiful apos, the apples of their eyes and sources of their joy. Lorie and Rey belong to Couples for Christ (CFC), a Catholic charismatic community whose mission is to build the church of the home and build the church of the poor. They had been with CFC since 1989 and it has become the way of life for the entire family including their married children. Family life and service in the community through evangelization of other families take the forefront, in various Laguna towns and especially through Gawad Kalinga Los BanosVille. This village has two hundred thirty-eight beneficiary families who undergo holistic poverty reduction programs including evangelization, values formation, education, health, environment, and livelihood. With Dr. Ruben Villareal, former UPLB Chancellor as lead on resource generation, and through the generosity of donors from the country and abroad, the village now has a Catholic chapel, a preschool, a multipurpose building, a training center, and open basketball court. Through CFC, Lorie and Rey also helped establish other GK sites in Laguna and in landslide-damaged areas of Quezon. They were also sent on evangelization missions to help introduce CFC in Southern and Eastern India. Truly CFC has made Lorie realize that her service to others should go beyond the confines of the academe, but to share time, talent and treasure anywhere the Lord brings her.

Looking back through the years, Lorie is filled with gratitude for her simple but fulfilling life and the numerous influences and experiences that helped shape her —former professors who motivated her, life-long friends and barkadas made especially during the undergraduate years, colleagues and friends in the academe, continuous spiritual formation and guidance from the church and love and solidarity from brothers and sisters from Couples for Christ.

To be able to graduate and spend most of her lifetime in this premier institution that is UPLB was almost a miracle for Lorie as she looks back to her roots and to her truly hardworking but loving parents who had very poor economic origins. But the Lord, in His wisdom and compassion, has planned and chartered the almost impossible. And to Him she gives the glory!

### THELMA URRETE-DUMLAO

Exposure to volunteer work stirred Thelma's interest in enrolling in the Department of Home Technology of the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA). When she was younger, Thelma used to tag along with her Aunt Elisa to the training center of the Presidential Assistant on Community Development (PACD; now the Department of Interior and Local Government). After high school, she joined the Laguna Volunteer Program of the late Gov. Felicisimo San Luis also with PACD. At that time, she volunteered with other students like Gerry Amoloza, Cecil Ramilo and Griselda Flores. They all took the BSA while Thelma took the BS in Home Technology.

College life was not easy for Thelma because the family lacked resources to support her basic needs. So, she had to find ways to support her studies. Luckily, she was hired as a working student in the Department of Home Technology, thanks to Dr. Nena Bustrillos and Dr. Luz Oñate.

Thelma's life on the campus was not only work, and no play. She also enjoyed being a member of the Cadet of Sponsors for two years where she found new friends and had a sense of belonging. But according to her, she was often teased as unsophisticated back then. Yet, she was always among those who were tapped to serve as usherette in some of the conventions on the campus.

In 1970, she joined the student activiists during the First Quarter Storm and was proud of what she did that time. Her participation in the civil unrest enabled her to learn about the true meaning of life and her experience greatly influenced how she lived her life up to the present.



Thelma was not able to return to *Elbi* after Martial Law was declared on September 21, 1972, when student activitists were being hunted down. She was in "hibernation" at home at that time, celebrating their barangay fiesta. She then joined the Department of Agrarian Reform, until she retired as a Municipal Agrarian Reform Officer (MARO). In her professional life, UPCA did play a role. Her exposure during college and even before that helped a lot, for her to perform her job as MARO. She worked with people from the grassroots level most of time.

Even in Thelma's marriage, *Elbi* was special. She met her husband, Miguel T. Dumlao at UPLB. Miguel worked at the Landbank of the Philippines together with many other UPCA graduates, including good friend, Pablito Villegas.



Their marriage was blessed with five sons. The eldest sons, Michel and Marion studied in UP Rural High School and their classmates were kids of batchmates in college, too. Marion was enrolled at the College of Economics and Management but transferred to another school. Nevertheless, the whole family is so attached to *Elbi*, especially because the oldest grandson lives there and put up an internet café, called ABODE. However, the family-operated business lasted only for five years. The children found more stable job opportunities in Manila and abroad. Till now, UPLB is still a home to the family since her youngest son bought a residential lot near the campus. Thelma Urrete-Dumlao opted for early retirement because she needs to take care of her sick mother and brother. But this paved the way for Thelma and her husband to have more time for church activities and be active members of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente or Philippine Independent Church, commonly called Aglipay.

And being a former 4-H member, Thelma also actively participates in the activities of the International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) program. Together with her husband who also became one the presidents of IFYE, she travelled locally and abroad to attend international conferences.

Having a generous heart, Thelma and her former roommates/dormmates, Minerva Belsonda-Natividad and Elsa Magbanua-Luis carried out a donation drive for the needs of the residents of the Women's Residence Hall in 2019. It happened during the Golden Reunion of its former residents. The reunion was initiated by the three alumnae who made a quick visit to the Residence Hall in 2018. Pictures hung on the wall with caption "Christmas Party 1968" inspired these ladies to have the reunion. Indeed, it was a very memorable gathering!

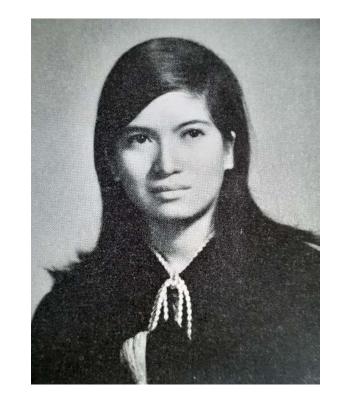
Now, Thelma is enjoying the life of a senior citizen with the family and she has more time to travel and visit her children.

### NELLIE VELARDE-MOHARIN

Early on, Nellie, who was the second of eight girls and a lone boy, knew that she was up for some adventures in life. She definitely did not want to be a teacher just like her elder sister. The opportunity to leave her small town of San Francisco (formerly Aurora), Quezon came with the help of a pen pal from UPCA. She applied and got accepted in January 1966. She stayed at the Women's Residence Hall the whole time she was in college. She was acutely aware of her parents' ardent wish for all their children to have college degrees. Nellie did not disappoint; she earned her BSA major in Animal Husbandry in four years. Right after graduation, she found a job as livestock inspector with the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Early in her career, she met her future husband, a Muslim native of Basilan belonging to the Yakan tribe. Her next adventure began when the young couple moved to Zamboanga and Basilan. At some point, she found herself traveling to different parts of Mindanao as the officer-in-charge of the Provincial Veterinary Office in Basilan. In 1976, she transferred to the Philippine Coconut Authority as Coconut Development Officer. But fate can be cruel sometimes – her husband was killed in late 1985, leaving Nellie with four kids to raise. She and her brood moved back to Quezon to be closer to her family.

Now a single parent with children growing up and starting college, Nellie had to make a drastic move – she decided to try her luck



in the United States. Fully aware that she was in no position to be choosy, she started doing odd jobs as housekeeper, service deli worker, and certified nursing assistant (CNA). She struggled while starting in a foreign land, and to paraphrase the popular song by the Beatles, she was able to "get by with a little help from her friends".

No job was beneath Nellie – a mother who needed to support her children on the other side of the globe. She left them in the care of a sister-in-law, with her own siblings helping out in whatever manner they were needed. While working in a long term skilled facility as a CNA, she realized that she could do better.



She enrolled at the Community College of Nevada in Las Vegas and became a licensed practical nurse (LPN) at 60! When her two younger daughters who lived in Las Vegas started moving away to other states, she decided to retire at 64.

Her sacrifices finally paid off and Nellie is now a proud mama to her four grown up children. Genesan (UPLB BS Biology) is now an OB-gynecologist working at Basilan General Hospital. Onoda (UPLB BS in Forest Products Engineering) left his job with an international paper company in Pampanga to open his own bakeshop; he specializes in *buko* and egg pies. He now has four branches with locations in Zamboanga City, including the one which he started in Basilan. Charise (BS in Human Resource Management) who was with the US Air Force is now a training specialist with Savannah River Site in South Carolina. The youngest, Pia Cara (BS in Organizational Management), is active duty technical sergeant at the US Air Force stationed at Fort Gordon, Grovetown, Georgia.

Now that her years of struggling are behind her, Nellie has the luxury of time to spend on her hobbies which include reading, watching movies, and lots of traveling. She also loves to bake breads and all sorts of pastries. Whenever she looks back at her life and reflect where it has taken her – it indeed was a big adventure as she had known all along. And it constantly reminds her of what her father used to say every time the going gets rough, "Ang buhay ay punung- puno ng pakikipagsapalaran!"

### SEVERINO B. VERGARA

Severino Vergara had quite a struggle before he decided to study at UPCA. After he graduated from high school, he never thought of studying at UPCA. He wanted to take a law degree because back then, for he was inspired by the graduation speeches delivered by the likes of Senators Ernesto Maceda, Arturo Tolentino, Jovito Salonga and Blas Ople. But Verong's father discouraged him to go into law.

Also, a relative was taunting Verong's father to convince him to take the Sugar Technology course at UPCA. That relative was then occupying a managerial position at the Philippine Sugar Commission and promised them that Verong would be employed at the Commission with a good position. However, Verong remained unconvinced and hesitant.

When he qualified for an undergraduate fellowship with benefits like tuition fee, book allowance and stipend of PhP 75 monthly, his mother begged him to study at UPCA. "Sayang naman, anak", she admonished. "It will be a big financial help for us. Your sister would be in college two years from now and then your brother, two years after that. The fellowship would be very helpful to us. Besides, you could still pursue your law degree after you graduate from UPCA."

It was only then that he had a change of heart. He always had a soft spot for his mother. He did not want to disappoint her. Besides, he was sure then that the Lord whispered to his mother in one of her prayers that a UPCA college education would be good for him. This ended all of Verong's hesitations.

Verong got through it all and in 1970 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture major in Agricultural Economics, *cum laude*. After graduation, he expected to be recruited as Instructor in the Department of Agricultural Economics since at that time, those who graduated with honors ended up being so. But as fate would have it, that did not happen. Even before graduation, he was already married and had a son.

With his situation, Verong could not afford to be jobless. He tried his luck with the Planning and Programming Office of the Department of Agriculture (DA) in Quezon City. Since he had no Civil Service eligibility yet, Verong was considered only for a contractual position with a salary hardly enough to support his family. There was yet no



Presidential Decree (PD) that granted automatic eligibility to those who graduated with honors.

But with God's grace, three months after graduation, he landed a research position at UPCA's Agricultural Credit and Cooperatives Institute (ACCI) through the recommendation of his senior thesis adviser, Dr. Narciso Deomampo.

After two years of research and training at ACCI, Verong was awarded a Fellowship by the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) that enabled him to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Economics at UP Diliman. After three semesters, SEARCA reminded him that he should take Agricultural Economics instead. Still, he completed the MA degree in 1974.

In 1977, the Agriculture Development Council, a New York-based private foundation awarded him a fellowship to pursue a PhD in Agricultural Economics. He took it at Ohio State University (OSU), completing in 1980. A year later, Verong also completed his master's in Business Administration (MBA) in Finance, also at OSU.

Returning to UP Los Baños after his post-graduate studies, Verong became Assistant Professor at ACCI College of Development Economics and Management (CDEM) and



concurrent Professorial Lecturer at the Agribusiness Department until 1984. While teaching, he was at the same time a part-time consultant at Sycip Gorres Velayo (SGV) and Co. in rural credit and finance.

From 1985 to 1986, in a seconded position from UPLB, he was appointed Director of Policy Analysis and Research Office (PARO) of KKK-National Secretariat at the Ministry of Human Settlements. While at PARO, he continued to teach part-time at the Department of Agribusiness at CEM.

Was Verong really loved at UPLB, or did he love UPLB that he still accepted teaching loads despite working in other offices? It appeared that his heart really belonged to the university and to teaching...

For... after the first EDSA Revolution in 1986, Dr. Vergara returned to UPLB and taught the Seminar on Agricultural Economics and Financial Management at both undergraduate and graduate levels at CEM. He taught the course while concurrently serving as Director of the Business Affairs Office (BAO) of the university.

With his expertise and professional experience, Dr. Vergara was offered a position as Vice President of the Rural Banking Group (RBG) of the Land Bank of the Philippines in 1988. At that time, this Group was still to be created, so

he helped draft the rationale for its creation. While at Land Bank, he served as part-time Agri-Economist consultant of the Congressional Economic Planning Staff under then House Speaker Ramon Mitra.

In 1993, Verong decided to leave Land Bank and retired from government service. He engaged in agribusiness full time with a capital of only Php 200,000.00 in bank loan. He used his house and lot in Calamba, Laguna as collateral. Through the grace of God and Verong's hard work, he succeeded in expanding his poultry business to what it is now, with a workforce of more than 200 persons.

Drawing inspiration from senators who gave memorable graduation speeches and working with a Speaker of the House, Dr. Vergara also dabbled into politics. He served as City Councilor for two consecutive terms, from 1998 to 2004.

After his term as Councilor, he served as the Head of the City Social Welfare Office from 2005 to 2009. While in this office, he became the founding President of the City College of Calamba. He is indebted to Dean Edelwina Legaspi for helping him in the recruitment of its faculty and finalization of the faculty-and-student manuals.

Again in 2010, Dr. Vergara took a chance at politics and ran for the congressional seat of the Second District of Laguna as an independent candidate, opposite Congressman Timmy Chipeco. He lost.

Though Verong married and had a son at a very young age, he surpassed all obstacles and proved himself, especially to his mother-in-law who gave him his most cherished award, the "Best Son-in-Law" Award. He never failed her when she was still alive. His marriage to the former Teresita Villanueva was blessed with four children who all graduated from UP: Severino, Jr. (BS Agribusiness, UPLB); Ma. Teresa (BS Zoology, UPLB; Doctor of Medicine, University of the East); Ma. Isabel (UP Rural High School; BA Business Economics and MA Economics, UP Diliman); and John Paul (BS Agribusiness, UPLB). And, they have two grandchildren, Erin Miguel and Erica Ysabel Louise.

Aside from the award that his mother-in-law whispered to him, Dr. Severino Vergara also received the Outstanding Alumnus Award for Social Service and the Centennial Alumni Award (Centennial Foundation Celebration) from the College of Economics and Management in 2005 and 2019, respectively.

### FEDERICO G. VILLAMAYOR, JR.

He never dreamt of being an academic. To become a soldier, or a priest, or a farmer was closer to his heart. In fact, he was ready to enroll at the Philippine Military Academy (PMA). But he did not qualify after an eye problem was discovered during the medical exam. Over at the Manila Science High School (MSHS), where he was a student, Dr. Celestino Habito gave a career orientation about degree programs offered at the UP College of Agriculture (UPCA) in Los Baños. The presentation persuaded him to enroll at UPCA in June 1966. Later, he found out from his high school principal that his catechism teacher, Sr. Maria Luisa (R.A.), was looking for him to offer a scholarship for the priesthood. For Federico Villamayor, Jr., some things were not meant to be.

At UPCA, Federico or Jun enjoyed an undergraduate fellowship that supported all his school expenses. The limited budget made him frugal. He did not join events that entailed expenses. Like other students in those years, he was involved in protests, boycotts and demonstrations, having been in the Student Councils for three years. He joined different organizations, such as the St. Therese Male Choir, UPSCA, and later the Vanguard Fraternity in his senior year. In 1970, Jun graduated magna cum laude, with a degree in Agriculture, major in Agricultural Botany. He was also chosen as one of the Ten Outstanding ROTC Cadets of the Philippines in 1971, given by the ROTC Hunters of the Philippines.

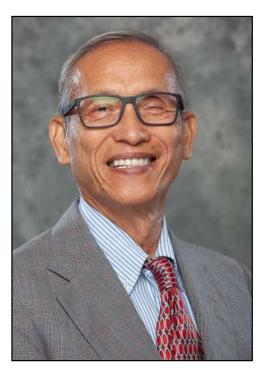
Upon graduation, Dr. Eduvigis Pantastico, his adviser and head of the Department of Agricultural Botany recruited him as substitute Instructor. During this time, he applied for direct commission to the Philippine Army but never heard from them. In 1972, he worked as scientist for the National Institute of Science and Technology (now DOST) working at the National Botanic Garden at the UP Land Grant in Real, Quezon. In 1973, he joined UPCA's Department of Agronomy, as Instructor under the esteemed professor, Dr. Emil Q. Javier. Through his involvement in Dr. Javier's National Pasture Program, he was able to visit different stock farms across the country. He even learned to ride a horse at ANSA Farms. In 1974, he pursued a master's degree as a scholar of the



Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA). The following year, he completed his MS in Agronomy.

In 1976, Dr. Fernando Bernardo recruited him as assistant professor at the Philippine Root Crop Research and Training Center based in ViSCA, now Visayas State University (VSU) in Baybay, Leyte. In September of the same year, he and family went to Guelph, Ontario Canada on a scholarship from the International Development Research Center (IDRC). However, his departure was delayed because he was blacklisted for being identified as a student activist. He had to file an affidavit renouncing his membership in the Kabataang Makabayan, a student activist movement, even though he was not a member. This, he thought, was probably the reason why his application to the Philippine Army was not acted upon.

He returned to the Philippines in 1979 and Leyte became his home. At ViSCA, he started to conduct his thesis research, until he completed his PhD program in Horticulture in August 1984. It was in ViSCA where his career blossomed and where he retired as full Professor in 1998.



Dr. Villamayor attended many conferences and trainings, either as a resource person or as a participant not only locally but even internationally (Japan, Colombia, Vietnam, South Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka). In 1992, he garnered the Best Paper Award sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of the Vegetable Industry (SAVI) during the Crop Science Society of the Philippines (CSSP) Conference in Zamboanga City. In recognition of his contribution to the community, he received the Dangal ng Bayan Award also in 1992. The ceremony was held in Malacañang Palace with then President Fidel Ramos.

Jun may not have fulfilled his wish to be a priest but he maintains his personal relationship with the Lord. While in high school, Jun developed the habit of going to church daily after observing a teenager like him going to church at 5 am everyday. Rare was a moment of spiritual complacency for Jun. It was more of a spiritual growth. In 1992, he decided to join the Couples for Christ (CFC) Ministry. His friend Nestor Bondad, who was already a CFC member, was instrumental in his joining, for he saw Nestor's transformation. According to Jun, joining CFC had a great impact on his life. Life's priorities changed from secular work to God's work. The whole family became involved in evangelization activities. According to Jun, God gave him the gift of putting melodies into Scriptures which he used in his talks. He was even known as the Singing Speaker in his CFC circles.

In 1996, Jun's family immigrated to Texas, USA where his parents and siblings were residing. He prayed for a job that would give him free time on weekends. His prayer was answered within three months. The owner of Gordon Flowers Co. Inc. hired him as horticulturist on the very same day that he was interviewed. A month after their arrival, the family was already serving at St. Benedict the Abbott Church in Houston, as choir members. In February 1997, CFC was formed at St. Benedict. During weekends, Jun and family were busy doing the work of the Lord.

In 2003, Jun's workplace closed allowing him to work full time for CFC until 2010. He did evangelization work in Texas, Missouri, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Work within CFC and involvement in parish activities gave him the opportunity to travel to different places other than the US. He had been to Israel, Italy, Greece, France, Portugal, Spain, Mexico, Costa Rica and Belize. However, the split in CFC led him to work as a landscape installer from 2007 to 2018 at Rice University where he retired. In 2013, he lost his left eyesight to retinal detachment.

Looking back, Jun said that he owed whatever success he had to God, his family who supported him, his education at the Manila High School for the grounding in science and UPLB for a well-rounded education. His philosophy in life is to rely on God for everything because without Him, he is nothing. He prays every morning for guidance and protection and during the night thanking Him for what transpired.

He is happily married to Virginia Dolores for 48 years now. They have four children, Maria Ymber (46), Federico III (44), Mitchell (40), Christie Marie (37) - all professionals and married. Currently, there are nine (9) grandchildren. He and his wife take care of two granddaughters, aged 3 and 6, in California. He walks two to four miles and goes to Mass daily, studies Spanish and does gardening. More than anything, he hopes to hear God say, "Well done, good and faithful servant...share your Master's joy".

### PABLITO M. VILLEGAS

The life story of Pablito M. Villegas has a long list of accomplishments both here and abroad. One cannot deny that this famous Batangueño and *Go Negosyo* mentor has gone a long way, touching lives of people especially the poor farmers. He did not work for the farmers, but Pabs worked with them.

Pablito or Pabs completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1969 at the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA). After five years, he completed his master's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Georgia in US.

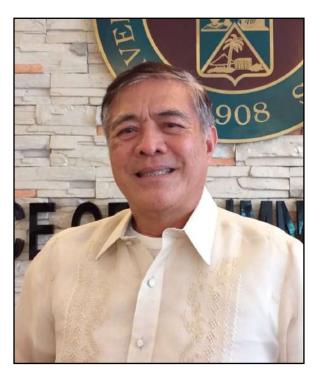
Pabs' career started at the UP College of Business Administration right after graduation. He worked there as a research/teaching assistant. Since then, he was fortunate to land various positions in the government. In the Department of Agriculture (DA), he became a policy and program planner and later, a senior adviser. Pabs also taught at UP, first as a senior lecturer then as a professorial lecturer.

His last job was at the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and *Masaganang Sakahan*, Inc. (MSI) as Vice-President and President, respectively. At LBP, he rose from the ranks since he started as a technical assistant. MSI is Landbank's agribusiness subsidiary. He retired from public service at a young age of 40 in 1988.

But he did not stop there. He continued to spread his wings. Pabs continued his career this time in international service and global consulting with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UN-FAO) as Chief Technical Advisor or lead consultant.

From 1988 to 2015 aside from FAO, he worked with different international development agencies such as





the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Asian Development Bank, European Union, World Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development and Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research. His contributions while working in these organizations focused on economic and rural development programs benefiting over 20 Asian, Pacific and African countries. Specifically, Pabs' expertise included rural and agricultural development, food security and nutrition, and agro-based industry and value chain. All his works encompassed agriagra-agua-businesses and agro-industrial projects geared towards food security, self-sufficiency and sovereignty, sustainable rural development, poverty reduction, and climate resiliency. Above all these, he served the poorest sector of the society, the progressive agricultural farmers.

In between his busy schedule, Pabs together with his family developed their 3.5-hectare farm in Malvar, Batangas in 2003. Since then, it grew to about 8.8 hectares of family farms and micro-organic ventures. It is called the Villegas Organic and Hobby (VOHO) Farm Complex and its brand name is "Villegas OrganiKs". But it is still a work in progress to become a network of nature-friendly leisure farm and ecotourism complex encompassing not only Malvar but also Lipa City and Tanauan City. It is designed for healthy living and wellness for all enthusiasts.

Inside the complex, he built the Sustainable Agriculture and Entrepreneurship (SAGE) Learning Center. Here, they conduct trainings and seminars on sustainable, organic and ecological agriculture for farmers, students, entrepreneurs, as well as public and private sector institutions and organizations. In this endeavor, the local farmers and cooperatives in the area are his partners and allies – showcasing to them "that through hard work, discipline, and perseverance, dreams could be achieved and a life free from poverty, ill-health and food insecurity could be enjoyed".

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Due to his love towards the development of organic agriculture, Pabs became a member of the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) and Organic International. Moreover, he is also a founding member and coconvenor of the Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmers Organizations (INOFO).

Despite all the prestigious positions that Pablito Villegas had, never forgets his humble beginnings as a son of a poor farmer. This reality kept him focused on the plight of the small farmers. Being poor back then, he fully knew how it is to be poor. Thus, when he had the chance, he grabbed every opportunity to develop programs and projects, including mentoring, that would advance the welfare of the poor farmers through technical assistance; trainings; provision of inputs, credit, and facilities; holistic rural and agricultural development extension services and market opportunities; and formation of associations or cooperatives.

His passion to advance the farmers' plight never left him despite his semi-retirement. Learning time management in college, he continued to pursue multi-faceted activities to continue his advocacy: micro-organic farming, eco-farm tourism, agripreneurship, inclusive agribusiness, and pro poor farmers' and cooperative programs.

Pablito M. Villegas is a practicing agro-ecological and organic agriculturist, and an integrated coconutbased farmer in the province of Batangas. He is also the general manager of the Malvar Organic Farmers Agriculture Cooperative.

An accomplished rural and agricultural development planner and expert... A successful agri-preneur... An organic agriculture advocate... A committed mentor... And more importantly, a pro-poor enthusiast...

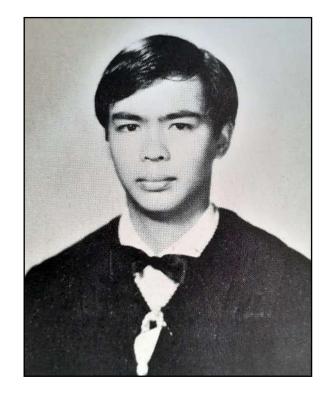
### REGALADO G. ZAMORA

"Father knows best", as many would say. Upon his son's graduation in 1965 from an agricultural high school in Nueva Vizcaya, Rey's father told him to enroll at the UP College of Agriculture (UPCA). For Regalado Zamora, or Rey to his family and friends, following his father's advice on where to study for college was one of the best decisions in his life. As Rey recalled, "my father did not ask my opinion about any school I might want to study in." And so, to UPCA he went.

During the first semester, Rey had some challenges in adjusting to some ways of life at UPCA. Homesickness crept in as Nueva Vizcaya was miles away from Laguna, and he was anxious with what academic life would be like around other students. Eventually, things settled. Apart from academic growth, his college life proved to be fun and exciting. In his last year, he was elected as senior class representative to the student body organization where the students participated in worthwhile activities.

After obtaining his BS Agriculture degree, Rey enrolled the following semester at UPLB graduate school to take up an MS in Animal Nutrition. Upon completing his MS degree in 1972, he had a short stint as an Instructor at the Department of Animal Science. The following year, he was admitted as a PhD student at the University of Missouri, Department of Animal Science where he majored in Animal Nutrition.

Rey's professional career started at UPLB. After obtaining his PhD in 1978, he returned to the university and joined the faculty of Animal Science as an assistant professor where he taught undergraduate and graduate courses. Rey has even served as thesis adviser to more than 60 college and graduate students.



Aside from instruction, Rey was also active in research and extension activities. He used to give lectures on swine production and feed formulation. His numerous researches focused on the use of non-conventional feeds for swine.

Eventually Rey decided to work in the private sector. In 1988, San Miguel Corporation (SMC) hired him as Technical Assistant to the Director of Research and Development. Later, he was assigned as Technical Manager of Monterey Foods Corporation, a subsidiary of SMC. Because of Rey's technical competence and good management skills, he was promoted as Assistant Vice President in 1993. As Live Operations Manager, he was responsible for swine and cattle operations all over the Philippines. After a 23-year stint, he retired from SMC in 2011.

Rey proved his intellectual capacity as a student. In college, he was an undergraduate fellow at UPCA for two semesters (1965, 1968). During



his masteral year in 1969 in UPLB, he was a recipient of an NSDB Graduate scholarship. At the University of Missouri, he served as PhD Graduate Assistant from 1973 to 1977 and was a Post-Doctoral Fellow in 1978.

As an animal scientist, Rey was bent on finding ways to assure sustainability of swine production. He conducted several researches on the use of non-conventional feeds for swine. While working at SMC, he initiated the use of feed wheat and cassava by-products on a commercial scale as energy source for swine. This is now being widely used by the swine and poultry industry in the Philippines.

For these accomplishments, Rey was bestowed with awards, such as the Balik Scientist Awardee (September 1978), one of the "The outstanding young scientists of the Philippines" (1985), and the University of the Philippines Diamond Jubilee Professorial Chair (1987). Looking back, Rey said that he is forever grateful to the people who influenced his life. This includes his advisers in BSA, MS and PhD programs, namely Dr. Clara Davide, Dr. Leopoldo Castillo and Dr. Trygve Veum. At SMC, Dr. Petronilo Juliano and Mr. Ramon Llanos were mentors in Rey's professional growth. His family, especially his wife, Agnes, has been a big part in making decisions.

Rey's love affair with swine did not stop after his retirement. He is still engaged in consultancy jobs with several swine operations and provincial governments.

He spends quality time at home with his family. Rey is happily married to Agnes Fandialan, PhD and Professor in Microbiology. They have two children, Christine Marie Zamora – Rubio, a medical doctor, and Raymond Ryan. Now that he has enough time to explore other places, he often travels with his family. Sometimes he and Agnes touch base with old friends, attending small gatherings and parties. He makes it a habit to spend time outdoors by walking around Mary Mount Village, his home base, and on the UPLB campus. And he enjoys every minute of it.

Rey said that he is always guided by the Golden Rule. He tries to live by it to the extent that he can. And the result is finding happiness in the company of his family and enjoying the fruits of his labor.

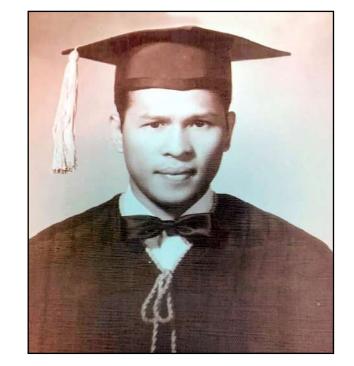
Editor's note: Since 2016, Rey actively took part in preparing for Batch 70's Golden Jubilee set for October 2020. But Rey did not live to see this Yearbook printed, witness the virtual programme he and his Batch 70 mates had enjoyed preparing for the 102<sup>nd</sup> Loyalty Day on October 10, 2020, and participate in their Golden Jubilee Legacy Project. God called him to his eternal home on September 5, 2020.

### MANUEL I. ZANTUA

Families living in the rural community where Manny grew up were generally poor and typically had many children. The households were mainly engaged in farming and some fishing – especially of the famous smallest fish in the world (*Pandaka pygmaea*) from Lake Buhi. Most children in the village were unable to study beyond the elementary grades due to poverty. Despite graduating class salutatorian in Grade VI, Manny had to stop schooling for three years in order to help his parents support their big family of eleven children by working in the farm, planting crops for cash, harvesting rice (in other people's farms), stripping abaca fiber, and engaging in a variety of manual labor for daily wages.

In 1961, Manny enrolled at the Camarines Sur National Agricultural School (CSNAS) that became CamSur State Agricultural College, then Central Bicol State University of Agriculture. The students were taught scientific farming by actually undertaking all the farm operations – from land preparation to harvesting; all the harvest went to the students. This greatly helped with Manny's subsistence while he was in high school. Most of the teachers at CSNAS were UPCA alumni, and they encouraged him to go to Los Baños for his college education.

Finishing as valedictorian in his class, Manny proceeded to UPCA in 1965. He got a college scholarship after one semester. During his sophomore year he was awarded a Caltex scholarship that he maintained by virtue of his consistent high grades until he graduated. While at the university, he enjoyed the company of his classmates and friends. He particularly remembers Rudy Pisigan, Ayo Catahan, and Oscar Djonko with whom he used to hang out at Grove after studying in the evenings, eating *pansit* or *balut*. In 1969, Manny finished his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree, graduating *cum laude*.



The Department of Soils hired Manny as instructor immediately after graduation. While teaching, he applied for assistantship to several US universities and was accepted at the University of Florida (UF) in Gainesville for a master's degree. He entered UF in September 1970 and worked on a problem associated with growing pasture grasses on virgin alluvial soils from Costa Rica. The investigations were done mostly inside the university greenhouse. He finished his MS in Agriculture in April 1972. The following month, he proceeded to Iowa State University in Ames where he was awarded an associate scholarship to continue his doctorate degree. He researched on the hydrolysis of urea through the activity of the soil enzyme urease again, mainly inside a laboratory setting. Several publications in major scientific journals resulted from this work. He finished his PhD major in Agronomy in February 1976.

The United Brands Company (Chiquita) hired Manny in April 1976 to work on problems affecting the growth of bananas at Tagum Development Corporation (Tadeco) in Davao, Philippines. He



established several agronomic and fertilizer trials inside the company plantation. He also set up a diagnostic laboratory for soils and foliar analyses to help resolve problems that were affecting both production and quality of bananas for the international market. These research activities in Tadeco resulted in the production of excellent export quality fruit and the highest banana yield in the world. To date, Tadeco is still implementing the research findings generated in the 70s, with the plantation consistently enjoying super production. In 1980, Chiquita transferred Manny to Honduras to head its Agronomy Department and supervise and manage the company's research activities in Central America.

In September 1990, Manny moved to Del Monte Fresh Produce Company where he was made the Director for Research and Development (R&D). He was stationed at the corporate office in Coral Gables, Florida. He was subsequently promoted to Corporate Vice President for R&D in September 2007. In this capacity, he went around the world to troubleshoot quality problems of Del Monte products in the marketplaces of North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. He also covered the banana and pineapple plantations in the Philippines, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Cameroon, and Kenya to determine if the problem(s) originated in the farms. For temperate fruits like apples, grapes, peaches, and nectarines, he visited the company's plantations in California and Chile. Manny retired from Del Monte in March 2015 after 39 years of working in the fruit business for the international market.

In Des Moines, Iowa Manny met Mary Elizabeth Cruz who was originally from San Juan, Rizal; they got married on October 20, 1975. They have two sons Michael (44) and Melvin (39). Michael has an MBA from Florida International University (FIU) in healthcare management and works as Strategic Partner Manager in Health Choice Network Office. He is married to Tatiana Alvarez who is a Counselor Director at a private high school. They have two beautiful and very bright children, Michael Andrew (11) and Zoe Elizabeth (6). Melvin, likewise based in Miami, is also an FIU graduate and works as a visual designer to enhance end-user experience.

Manny and his wife went to UPLB during the 2010 Loyalty Day celebrations to receive his Distinguished Alumnus Award for international research activities and services.

In his retirement, Manny keeps himself busy gardening in the family's Miami home. He keeps to a regular daily exercise regimen of walking 7-8 miles around his neighborhood community (~20,000 steps). He and his wife also drive their grandchildren to and from school and take care of them while the parents are still at work.

Once again, Manny's story is proof that education is a sure way to escape poverty. He is still amazed at how a lad from a poor family living in a poor rural area has been blessed to reach far to achieve his dreams.

### **BATCH '70 DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY HOLDERS**

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- Dr. Ernesto C. Almira Biochemistry Auburn University, 1976 Auburn, Alabama
- Dr. Candida Bernabe Adalla Entomology UP Los Banos, 1981 Los Banos, Laguna
- Dr. Ida Fandialan Dalmacio Food Science Pennsylvania State University, 1976 University Park, Pennsylvania
- Dr. Macrina Tamayo Zafaralla Environmental Science UP, Diliman, 1980 Diliman, Quezon City
- Dr. Teresa Habito Stuart Guida Development Communication, major in Applied Nutrition UPLB and Florida State University, 1986 Los Baños, Laguna and Tallahassee, Florida
- Dr. Isaias G. Lumanta, Jr. Animal Science, Major Animal Nutrition Michigan State University, 1987 East Lansing, Michigan
- 13. Dr. Regalado G. Zamora+ Animal Nutrition University of Missouri, 1978 St. Louis, Missouri
- 15. Dr. Lorenza Gonzales Lirio Applied Biological Science University of Ghent, 2000 Belgium

- Dr. Cristino M. Collado Bio-Agriculture major in Animal Nutrition Nagoya University, 1982 Chikusa-ku, Nagoya City, Japan
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### - A dear friend gone too soon -





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## In Memory of Celia Correa

### Remembering Celia Correa: Filipina artist

I would love to be able to wake up in the morning everyday and not think about anything but paint. I would like to continue painting people I love: my family and friends. ... . To have the luxury of a being an artist on a full-time basis would be my heart's desire! (Celia Correa in an interview with Yolanda Palis entitled A Reason for Being, featured in the April 2010 issue of Our Own Voice, an online literary/ arts journal that publishes works reflecting Filipino insights and experiences in the diaspora.)\*

#### By Rick Esguerra

Amy Correa-Dy celebrated the 40th day after her sister Celia Correa's passing last March 6 with a Mass at St. Patrick's Church and lunch with Celia's friends and former colleagues. Celia, who used to work in the Graduate Admissions Unit of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), was a Filipina artist in Toronto. She passed away January 27, one-and-ahalf years after she was diagnosed with cancer.

Born in Los Banos, Laguna, Celia was the eldest of five siblings three of whom had passed years back. Her youngest sister Amy, whom she had sponsored to come over, lives and cared for her here in Toronto. Amy's son Jesse, now 19, was for Celia "the heart of the family and the inspiration for many of my paintings". Amy says that Celia entrusted to Jesse her collection of paintings that she did here in Toronto.

#### Celia and sister Amy

Celia recalled always asking her father "to draw for me and he would always draw the outline of a human figure." She then continued drawing on her own, describing herself as self- taught. At the University of the Philippines in Los Banos in the late sixties, "a mentor who had heard that I could draw, asked me to do a political cartoon that would be used for a position paper." People had always been her main subject. "At university, I went on to drawing more political cartoons, to designing posters, painting murals on walls and canvasses and paper, I was using ordinary enamel house paint. I started experimenting with color in painting the human figure. Through my interaction with formally trained artists coming from other universities I developed confidence in my technique and my preference for figurative painting."

The late sixties to the early seventies was a time of political ferment marked by an upsurge in the youth and student and people's mass movements brought about by rising nationalist sentiments against foreign interests and dissent around the issues of poverty, unemployment, landlessness and corruption of the Marcos regime. It was around this time of the First Quarter Storm of 1970 that Celia was part of a group of artists called Nagkakaisang Progresibong Artista-Arkitekto (United Progressive Artists-Architects), "mostly formally-trained artists from the University of the Philippines in Diliman and the University of Sto. Tomas. ... we followed a very specific style of representing images of people. The farmers, workers, women, intellectuals and cultural workers were portrayed with very stern expressions and exaggerated strong features like superheroes, while the establishment characters as small and weak caricatures," Celia recalled.

Upon the declaration of martial law in 1972, her artistic endeavours came to a halt. She focused on finishing her studies and getting a full-time job. She finished her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture "later than my peers in college because of my involvement as an art activist". She then worked in several government and private agencies in Manila for a while and then completed her Master of Science in Development Communications at UP Los Baños also. In 1982, she pursued her second Master's degree in Communications at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, Canada. After going back to the Philippines in 1985 and working at the International Rice Research Institute for two years, she applied and was accepted to the doctoral program in Adult Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) of the University of Toronto. From then on, she lived in Toronto.

#### 'Maria Makiling'

"I call it my long artist's block which began in the late 70s and lasted until 2006. In between those years, I tried going back to painting. There was a time when I used to make my own Christmas cards to send to friends. An announcement, a call to artists for an exhibit at OISE, my place of work, motivated me to finish two paintings of my nephew which I had started the year before."

She then submitted these paintings of Jesse for the OISE art exhibit held by staff, students and faculty artists. Since then, she joined the yearly OISE exhibit, submitting one to three paintings each time.

"My ate is a very humble person. She doesn't really talk much about her works and exhibits. ... but she has done a lot," according to her sister Amy.

She participated in the exhibits of the Philippine Artists Group of Canada and the first Filipino-Canadian Symposium of academic scholars held at OISE in 2009.

She had her first solo exhibit at the Nineveh Artspace in Sta. Cruz, Laguna, Philippines from November 2009 to January 2010. The exhibit entitled Lagpas: Mga Pinay sa Diaspora was a tribute to the lives and the situation of Filipinas in Toronto. Of these paintings, Celia had said,

"I would like to expand this theme as a continuing project. I am using the portrait as a tool to increase the visual space devoted to images of Filipinas particularly in places like the galleries or other sites of cultural production where images of Filipinas are either absent or confined to stereotypes." "I have to have a purpose whether political, personal, or emotional in order to paint. I painted my nephew because of my love for him. I painted the portraits of Filipino women who attended the memorial service for a fellow overseas Filipino worker (Juana Tejada) in 2007 because I was deeply touched by the whole story. Now I am painting about Filipinas in Toronto because their experiences are my experiences also. I painted the legend of Maria Makiling because I was homesick for my hometown and the magical mountain that surrounds it."

Celia's paintings were also exhibited in the yearly OISE exhibits, in International Women's Day and Philippine Independence Day celebrations, in community events such as the recent Bonifacio Festival, organized by the Filipino Canadian Writers and Journalists Network in November last year and in international solidarity gatherings.

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\* Quotes and stories from Celia Correa were drawn largely from this featured interview with her townmate Yolanda Palis. YOLANDA PALIS, a writer from the Philippines, lived in Austria, Germany and France for 15 years. Her poems have appeared in the anthologies Babaylan: An Anthology of Filipina & Filipina American Writings (Aunt Lutte Press, 2000) and Returning a Borrowed Tongue (Coffee House Press, 1996). She completed her memoir and is now focused on writing stories of migrant women workers. She has also begun exhibiting her abstract paintings. She has lived and worked in the Washington D.C. area since 1991. Much thanks to Amy Correa-Dy for sharing this resource.

# **Those Were The Days**

### **UPLB WAS YELLOW BEFORE IT BECAME RED,** THEN LOST ALL COLOR

By Eufemio T. Rasco, Jr, UPCA Class '71

Contemporary historians refer to the first quarter of the 1970's as the First Quarter Storm. It was the peak of student activism in Metro Manila and surrounding communities, led by *Kabataang* Makabayan and other left-leaning groups. There is little account of the quarter before this, the last guarter of the 1960s, which set the stage for the first quarter storm. It was actually a significant quarter, because it was during this period that the left movement gathered momentum and demolished all opposition among students. Yes, there was opposition. Not all students at that time were attracted to the glamor of reading Mao Tse Tung's red book and waving red flags like the Mao's Youth Brigade during China's cultural revolution.

In the UP College of Agriculture (UPLB was not of Pagkakaisa Party. Among these were founded until 1982, so the College of Agriculture organizations such as the UP Student Catholic was the bigger of the two colleges in Los Banos Action, Symposium, and Espaleklek. A prominent at that time; the other one being the College of member of this coalition was the UP Beta Sigma Forestry), the struggle between the reds and Fraternity, the perennial nemesis of UPSILON all others took shape during the 1969 student (or the other way around, depending on where election. The Kaunlaran Party (the red party) one's sympathy was). From my perspective as a was a small, but noisy coalition led by the Kabataang Makabayan, running on the platform die hard Betan, the UPCA events of these times of establishing a communist dictatorship and were shaped by the perennial rivalry between these two fraternities. toppling the Marcos government. A prominent member of this coalition was the UP Upsilon The 1969 election was probably the most highly Sigma Phi Fraternity. The Pagkakaisa Party (the contested student election in the history of UPLB, yellow party, no relation to Ninoy Aquino, who not so much because of the ideological divide, was unkown at that time) was a big coalition of fraternities and academic societies branding but because of the rivalry between UPSILON and UP BETA SIGMA. At that time, these fraternities itself as scholars whose ambitions were rather had the largest membership and were the most subdued: to offer the students responsible



leadership and the farmers, land reform. This platform was a rehashed platform of the Duty Above All Party (DAAP), the predecessor

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active student organizations on campus. The student election became the more civilized way of competing, was less bloody than frat rumbles. However, it was more draining of mental and physical energies, and financial resources as well. It was the time of colorful rallies, classroomto-classroom, and dorm-to-dorm campaigns, when handshaking was not forbidden unlike today, in the COVID-19 pandemic era. It was a time when handmade billboards were the norm, and political parties tried to outdo each other by making bigger billboards. Pagkakaisa's yellow billboards were bigger! It was also a time for popular campus figures - UPCA's glamor girls - to get involved in campaigning like in the real politics. Emerlinda Ramos, one of the brains and beauties on campus at that time, was an active member of the Pagkakaisa Yellow Girls' Brigade. With her were the Romero sisters, Thelma, Guia, and Cynthia, Rhodora Maligalig, Tess Habito, Bobot Alipit, Bong Santos, Virgie Luis, Baby Carandang, Lilian Sotto, Mildred Dominguez, Estrella Marasigan, and many other campus beauties. Of course our sister sorority, the UP Sigma Beta, was very active in supporting us;

I remember Ching Paje, Nonie Pamulaklakin, Eloi Labadan. At stake was the prestige of the student organizations.

When the election was over, both parties claimed victory. Pagkakaisa, because it won the executive branch (President, Vice-President, and Secretary), and Kaunlaran because it won the majority in the legislative branch. I won the presidency, Resty Collado, the vice-presidency, and Tess Esmama, as secretary.

But the struggle quickly metamorphosed from a battle of prestige, to a battle of ideology, where the reds prevailed, where traditional student organizations practically lost their relevance and became instruments of the red movement. Looking back, I think both UPSILON and UP BETA SIGMA lost after the election. The red movement swallowed both of them. That was



also the time when whatever sympathies I had for the red movement, hidden during the election, was lost forever, when our Party was subjected to a very vicious character assassination using the most blatant lies (the trademark of the communist movement) and fake news. (Yes sir, uso na noon ang fake news.) The root of all these was *Pagkakaisa's* brand of leadership, which reached out to other sectors such as the faculty, administration, and farmers. The Student Council under my leadership sought, and was given support, by these sectors. For example, we organized a long march from Los Banos to Luneta Park, along with farmers, eventually camping at the lobby of the Bureau of Lands Building (now housing the Department of Tourism) for weeks to dramatize the plight of farmers. I remember Oscar Mora and Manny Arejola from the Khi Rho movement who were very active in organizing farmers.

We organized work camps where students and faculty members would camp in a barangay to help them organize and implement community projects such as gardening and road and community hall improvement. We were given access to university resources such as mimeographing machines and some faculty members assisted us in editorial work. The Dean of the College of Agriculture at that time, Dr. Dioscoro L. Umali allowed students to participate in mass action, and gave financial support to hire jeepneys during the extended camping at the Bureau of Lands. We united the Los Banos community through these simple projects.

But the reds would not have any of these. To them, any semblance of cooperation with symbols of the status quo would tend to delay the revolution. So we were branded as reactionary, and accused of receiving money from the UP Administration (of course, it was true, but the slant was vicious; it was that we pocketed it!). No one bothered to check with our treasurer, who gave Dean Umali the proper receipts from payment of jeepneys shuttling students to Manila, as well as for their food and other provisions. In the fog of war, the false accusation undermined our credibility, and eventually became the basis for the red's dominance in student affairs in the next election.



After my term, UPLB became pure red. Many students, some of them my friends, joined the armed struggle and eventually lost their lives for what they believed in. I do miss and respect their passion to fight for their ideology. The others continued to foment violence in order to call attention to the perceived excesses of the Marcos regime. Alas, poetic justice intervened, and the yellows of the 1986 EDSA revolution eventually hijacked their cause. After the revolution, the reds were hunted relentlessly.

I personally supported many of the red's causes but simply could not generate sympathy to a movement that subjected the UPLB community to the most vicious of lies and fake news. This is the communist legacy in my mind that will never go away. No doubt, many constituents of UPLB share this feeling. With time, the glamor of communism faded when China, the red's model, junked the ideology and soon became the leading capitalist country in the world. I certainly do not miss the campus communist movement, but I miss those days when students truly cared about Philippine society, in its purest form, devoid of foreign ideology. Today, I think UPLB students do not care for any color. In my mind, this is youth wasted. Because right or wrong, learning to fight for what one believes in is the essence of true university education.

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### THE ACTIVISTS' LEGACY

By Yolanda 'Yoli' F. Catalla

In June 1965, wide-eyed freshman from all over the country came to College, Laguna to study at the University of the Philippines, College of Agriculture (UPCA). Most had scholarships of one form or another but all were starting a four-year course. Setting foot on the Los Banos campus was like entering a doorway to a brand new territory, one with different mores and boundaries for various social and learning activities.

On the penumbra of their student lives, the Vietnam War raged in the Philippines' backyard. In May 1968, weeks of general strikes erupted in France even as the civil rights movement and shooting of students at a peace rally at Kent State University in the US hugged headlines.

Meanwhile, UPCA students clamored for academic freedom, improvement of student services, participation in the decision making in policies that concerned them, and student press freedom. Valid concerns were presented in debates and position papers addressed to university administration. Student leaders, supported by faculty and non-academic personnel, pushed for reforms. Foremost were Aloysius 'Ochie' Baes, Manuel 'Manny' Bautista, Antero 'Terry' Santos, Cesar 'Sarsi' Hicaro, Alfredo 'Fred' Malicay, Leticia 'Tish' Pascual Ladlad, and Christina 'Tina' Catalla though there were many more.

Who were these leaders? Forward thinker Alyosius 'Ochie' Baes, the 1968 chair of the Student Council (SC), along with <u>Aggie Green</u> <u>and Gold</u> (AGG) Editor-in-Chief, Antero 'Terry'



Santos, SC Councilor Manuel 'Manny' Bautista, among others, led the 1969 historic week-long boycott that paralyzed university operations, forcing university officials to pay attention to, and negotiate for the demanded reforms.

As SC chair, Ochie spearheaded summer camps where students stayed in rural villages. He initiated Friday forums discussing progressive ideas and books by authors like philosopher Erich Fromm's <u>The Art of Loving</u>, nationalist historian Renato Constantino's <u>Dissent and</u> <u>Counter-consciousness</u>, and by Mao Zedong. The lively discussions enticed students to participate making the Friday forums evolve into the UPCA Cultural Society (UPCACS).

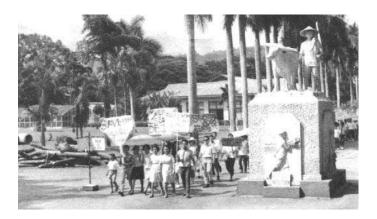
Manny, an SC councilor, was involved in the 1969 exposé of a joint project between the UP College of Forestry and an international chemical company in the testing of a defoliant that was used by American soldiers in Vietnam. The exposé was published in the <u>Philippine</u> <u>Collegian</u> that same year. He was also part of the team that pushed for the establishment of the Textbook Rental and Exchange Center (TERC) that still assists students today.

The 1968 AGG Editor-in-Chief Alfredo 'Fred' Malicay published, in the official student newspaper, thought provoking articles building students' awareness of nationalism, academic freedom, and democracy. The AGG, the veritable voice of the students in the 70s, is the forerunner of <u>The UPLB Perspective</u>, the current student publication at UPLB.

Antero 'Terry' Santos, 1969 AGG Editor-in-chief, focused his writings on improvement of student facilities and press freedom issues. After his stint at AGG, he wrote for <u>The Philippine Collegian</u> in 1970, where he exposed the military infiltration of campus organizations and activities.

The first woman Editor-in-Chief of AGG, Leticia 'Tish' Pascual-Ladlad, co-founded the UPCA Cultural Society. Tish was cognizant of the social and political environment of the time. She chose to learn from Southern Luzon farming communities, saying in one of her editorials, *"The main aim of a social revolution is, after all, a change in man. And we cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, attempt a fundamental change in man with an amended piece of paper."* 

A Botany teaching fellow at UPCA and a nationalist scientist, Cesar 'Sarsi' Hicaro was pragmatic; hands-on with assisting farmers with technical knowledge. A planner, Sarsi, was in the team for contingencies avoiding a crackdown on activists.



After graduating from Ramon Magsaysay High School in Quezon City, Cristina 'Tina' Catalla, registered at UPCA, to major in Agricultural Economics. She was a pioneer of the Delta Pi Omicron Sorority, a member of UPCA Student Catholic Action and the UPCA Cultural Society. Named AGG Associate Editor, she wrote insightful articles on student protests against tuition fee hikes, gas price increases, and the stagnant hourly wage rate. As discontent simmered thru the student population desirous of academic freedom, improving student services, and participation in policies affecting students' lives, Tina stopped going to her classes, forgoing her College Scholar status. The suspension of the writ of habeas corpus in 1971, for Tina, was a critical juncture. With five other activists, Tina disappeared on July 31, 1977.

Panday Sining and Gintong Silahis, two of the many artists groups concerned with campus social and political issues depicted, in street plays and art posters, several communities' experiences. Prof. Leo Rimando, Ruben Olaguer, Celia Correa, and Lourdes 'Lou' Honrado were stalwarts of the arts.

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It has been said it takes courage to be a student of the University of the Philippines and bravery to survive the time spent therein. Perhaps it's because the skills learned in the institution ultimately is imbedded in one's DNA. The students who arrived in 1965 left completely changed and yet each continued a journey of 50 years.

Once upon a time the same students made history with activism when being an activist was not a compliment. But history is replete with activists in many walks of life, working for change in their respective spheres of influence. Never limited to students, activists are champions for social and political change. The erstwhile UPCA student leaders redefined commitment, focus, and passion. Clearly, 50 years later, we have all been touched by them, evidenced by a community united in resisting COVID-19.

Fifty years of UPLB/UPCA Batch 70 - what better way to leave a legacy?



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### **REMEMBERING UPLB GROVE:** A STUDENT HUB CIRCA 1966-1970 By Tony Frio, UPCA Class '68

UP Los Baños in the mid- and late sixties was turning into a hotbed of student activism. On the campus, many things were happening academic improvement of UPLB's faculty, new physical infrastructure in the midst of its Five-Year Development program, changes in the curriculum, and more.

At the national level, very significant events were attracting student attentiion:

- President Ferdinand Marcos was re-elected for a second term.
- The first batch of the battalion of the PhilCag leaves the Philippines for South Vietnam.

March 18 Jabidah massacre: A group of trainees of a Muslim special forces. unit, part of a controversial operation, are allegedly killed in Corregidor.

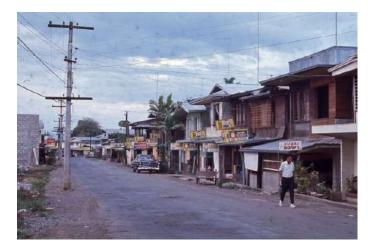
August 2, 1968 Casiguran earthquake and the collapse of Ruby Tower in Manila.

The student unrest tagged as First Quarter Storm caught the nation's attention.

#### At the Grove –

Grove as we knew it in those times was about Let us walk down memory lane. Time is mid- to a 300-meter long paved road that stretched late sixties. This was the Grove, our Grove, the from the UPLB gate to then Dean Umali's student hub as we knew this memorable place. house. Beyond this, the road was, and still is called Lopez Avenue and continues to Crossing We go out of the UPLB gate. Follow our GMRC (or "Johnson" or Junction) to join the national reminder to always walk on the left side of the highway. road facing traffic.

Grove was very much a part of student life during those times. In fact, it was where it was cool to



be at. It was where many students gather, study together, met for snacks, meals, or drinks. It provided a perfect venue for a social life outside the academic world.

Grove also signified a certain lifeblood for UPLB students. It provided food and restaurants, shops for student needs like school supplies, and class requirements. It also served as student residences, and in many a memorable instance, a student recreation center.

• Carangal Trading (NAMARCO) - First to

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your left was the Carangal Store, also known as the NAMARCO (National Marketing Corporation) store. Here we usually bought our grocery supplies, especially food items like Tasty, Ligo sardines (3 cans for one peso at that time). For the upper crust student, Target corned beef and Tome Spanish sardines were top favorites.

Carangal Store also catered to our classroom needs like our ubiquitous insect nets, and rubber boots and bolos for our Agronomy courses.



Let's cross the street and see the right side of Grove.

• Star Studio and Restaurant - Right across to your right is the Star Studio and Restaurant. This was a photographic studio where we went mainly for our student ID. We go to the back room, sit on a chair and the late Mr. Laforteza would take our picture. We go back after a week and presto, we got a brand new, laminated student ID.

Star Studio also sold school supplies. Here we bought our notebooks, ball pens, and rulers. We also bought drawing papers for our Zoology and Entomology laboratory classes. This is also the place where I bought my scalpel and dissecting set. If we need a snack, Star Studio also served some coffee and popular sandwhiches like tuna, egg, corned beef, etc.

Let's continue on the right side of Grove.

- Grove Billiard House #1 Next to Star Studio was a billiard house. This was where we spent much of our free time shooting those balls till about 4 o'çlock in the morning. The billiard house owner would prepare hot steaming coffee and buy some pan de sal for us- what an appropriate breakfast for a new day of classes! We had such a wonderful time and cemented our bond with our inseparable classmates, new found friends, and fraternity brothers.
- Mang Estong's I also remember this store close to the Billiard House. This store was our sole supplier of our Zoology bullfrogs for our laboratory dissecting exercises.
- The College Luncheonette This was the place to go for wholesome student meals. They had two set meals –one for 50 centavos and the other 75 centavos. The latter usually came with a meat dish. They also catered to monthly paid meals. This usually was a cheaper alternative for us since there was a good discount if you patronize this restaurant by eating 3 meals daily for the whole duration of 30 days.

- **Mendoza's** This was also a place that provided meals for students.
- Quality Store This small *botika* catered mostly to our medicine needs bought over the counter. We went to them for Medicol, mercuchrome, plasters, etc. Later they would sell ice cream and halo-halo that were a hit to the students.
- Bamboo Grove Restaurant Bamboo Grove was a popular restaurant. It also provided boarding spaces for students who resided and ate their meals there. It soon became a hot hangout for a cold beer after classes or work. Beer came at 3 bottles for one peso. Managed by the late Cely Kalaw, also a UPLB alumna, Bamboo Grove offered very delicious Bikol food like Bikol express, ginataang laing and other dishes cooked in coconut milk.
- Mang Pabling's Barber Shop Right across the road going to Sta. Fe Subdivision was our favorite barber shop. Mang Pabling and a companion barber treated us students to the crew cut, the haircut style popular among us during this time. We usually visited this shop weekly due to our ROTC requirements. Crewcut cost fifty centavos.
- Hongkong Restaurant Owned by Jane Castro Abalos, this provided our *pancit* and other Chinese-style dishes. They also served beer when we held special occasions there, like birthdays, graduation blowouts, a yesfrom-new-girl-friend, etc. My favorite dish here was what we earlier termedas *pancit na may sabaw*, and what we later called chicken or beef mami.
- Dean Umali's Residence The late Dean Umali's house seemed to be the end portion of Grove. After that, the road is called Lopez Avenue that leads to the National Highway at the Crossing.

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Sustaining UPLB-Alumni Alliance

Let's cross this road again and turn back, follow it going to the UPLB gate. Let's recall the establishments on this side.

- Student boarding houses Much space on this road was occupied by boarding houses and rental units occupied by professors. Many of them were owned by UPLB professors and propertied Los Baños oldtimers. They accepted students as boarders and were usually charged ten pesos a month. I faintly remember those boarding houses owned by Prof. Leopoldo Villanueva of Ag Chemistry, the one called Villa Forge, and the Asuncion's. The latter was on the corner of a street now called F.O. Santos. Other prominent families and their houses on this part of Grove were the Kalaw, Garcia, Maligalig, Santillana, and Juliano families.
- Aida's Beauty Shop This was a place to go for the women students who needed some hairstyling and beautifying service. The proprietor was Aling Aida who was always ready with a welcoming smile for her lady customers.
- Grove Billiard House #2 This was also a billiard house where we students also passed our time during free hours.

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## Memories of UPCA Days

### NO DULL MOMENTS AT UPCA

By Boy Lumanta

There were many hilarious moments in our four years' stay at UPCA, but these stood out.

One Professor in Botany contemplated retirement from UPCA because he was disappointed with the students. In one Lab session, he surprisingly asked this question: "What is the color of green chlorophyll?" The unsuspecting and very surprised student answered, "Blue!" "My Goodness, Useless people", the disgusted Professor said. We never saw him again. He retired earlier than expected. I don't know if my other classmate was joking but after class he said, "Buti na lang hindi ako ang tinanong ni Sir, ready na ako sa answer eh": "yellow". Love that class!

We also had a Professor in Animal Science who always closed the lecture hall main door at exactly 7 am before he started his lecture. Late students had to content themselves at the windows to listen to his lecture. When he saw that many students were late, he would put one over them by giving a long quiz to the dismay of those outside. He always had this naughty earto-ear grin when he gave those long quizzes. He seemed to be saying, "I got you, you slowpoke latecomers!!" The thing was, when the lecture hall was full, there was no quiz. So we had this idea to look at the surroundings by 7 am and predict whether a quiz will be given or not. Accuracy of prediction was pretty high.

At the beginning of the semester, a Professor in our Spanish class used the classcards to check



attendance. Those with Spanish sounding surnames like Fernandez, Gonzales, were called "mga Castillan". When he called my surname, "Lumanta!" he looked at me slowly and murmured "Indio". I always get a kick out of that. Probably, that is how the Philippine revolution started.

At the height of the student movement in the late 60's, nationalism was affecting a lot of activities. There was a move to name technical terms and departments into Filipino. How do you call Department of Animal Science? The suggestion was *"Kagawaran ng Kahayupan"*. Many said, *"Malabo"*. What about artificial insemination? *"Ang kapalit ng totoo"*. I heard this from guys in Agronomy: What about if there is a department for rice breeding? *"Kagawaran ng Pag Bubuntis ng Palay?"*. The clamor for change slowly died down.

If I recall it right, there was no UP Entrance Exam like the UP College Admission Test (UPCAT) for those who entered UPCA in 1965. We did take an exam, but the aim was to identify who among the new freshmen would qualify for the Undergraduate Fellowship. There was a big freshman population during that year and somebody told me that about 50% guit after 1 year. The dorm policy was strict: that new freshmen should be roomed together. My roommate and I were classmates in Math 11. When the bluebooks were returned after the exam, I asked my roommate his test score. It took him a while to answer and I noticed, he was very sad. Finally, after repeated prodding, he said "line of 7". So I said loudly, why are you so sad, the highest is 82, I got 74, line of 7 is not bad! He didn't answer, but I thought, he must have very high standards for being sad with a score between 70 to 79 when the highest was 82. respected his desire to be left alone and since then, I never insisted on knowing the test score. He got over it after several games of basketball and lots of Coke and he finally told me his Math 11 score: 7 points! Out of the total score, he only got 7 points! No wonder he was so sad that day. He guit UPCA after one year but we remained friends. He later pursued Engineering elsewhere. He probably just had a bad day during that exam to get that low score. How else can I explain a low score in Math but eyeing an Engineering degree? I have no doubt he made it. It was the line of 7 thing that floored me.

But this was the best of the lot. It was the beginning of our second year. I was with two classmates having merienda at the Coop. We were joined by a teacher who later became Dean of Student Affairs. He asked me, "What do you plan to major in?" I said, "Gusto ko sana Sugar Tech". "Magaling ka ba sa chemistry? Maraming chemistry courses kang kukunin pag Sugar Tech". "Hindi eh", I replied. "Naku, huwag ka ng mangarap ng Sugar Tech, kalimutan mo na yan!!



Mag Animal Science ka na lang!!" My heart sank and whatever little ego I had left was deflated. What a dreadful afternoon. So, I went to finish my BS in Animal Science, went for the MS with an East-West Center Grant at the University of Hawaii, and the PhD at Michigan State University, all in Animal Science major in Animal Nutrition. It turned out to be a very rewarding, gratifying and fulfilling career to say the least. In retrospect, it was the most cost effective advice I ever had because it was free. The teacher paid for the merienda, likely out of pity for me for hopelessly dreaming to study Sugar Tech. Several days later, I found out that he was a faculty member in the Animal Science Department. He probably had a miserable time in Chemistry too. Learning from experience is a good trait for a Guidance Counselor. I heard later that he did well as Dean of Student Affairs. Several years ago, I had a nice talk with him before he passed away. We had fun recalling that day and I told him that I will pay for the merienda next time. "Sure", he said, "but there will be no more discussion of any change this time". Decades later, the country's sugar industry went downhill, rock bottom and had I not heeded his advice that dreadful afternoon, my career would have been very different today. Bless him.

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### FUNNY AND EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

By Federico "Jun" G. Villamayor, Jr

#### First Time to Enroll.

I went to Baker Hall with my enrollment forms. On the previous day, I was not allowed to go in despite my pleading because I was late for my scheduled time. Because it was my first time to enroll, I did not know that there was a schedule. At the Baker Hall I did not know how to go about enrolling. I asked one of the ladies manning a table what to do. She told me to go to any table. Most of the tables were crowded and I hated waiting so I went to the table without a queue. When I presented my papers, the lady told me that she was the cashier and that I must first get my class cards from the crowded tables before returning to her desk to pay. I had no choice but to wait for my turn in the crowded tables.

#### First Day of Class in Math 11

I was wearing a polo barong, black leather shoes, with my pair of big eyeglasses, and holding a long black umbrella. I was about 15 minutes early, so I sat on the table. As my classmates came in one by one, they greeted me, "Good afternoon, Sir" and I responded, "Good afternoon". When Ms. Ann Gironella, our teacher, came in, my classmates were bewildered when I suddenly got up from the desk, sat down on a chair and said, "Good afternoon, Ma'am. At the end of the class, my classmates laughed at me, saying, "You duped us".

#### Halt in Basketball

I am tall but was not really a basketball player. I only played at a small court in Catalan Compound on 3x3 or 4x4 at the most. For every turnover, one would have to say "halt" and you would have to give the ball to him before returning it to you. One day, the members of the Student Council had an exhibition game with another team (I forgot which one, maybe one of the fraternities) When I had the ball for inbound, the opponent guard opposite me said, "halt" and I gave him the ball. The audience laughed because I was duped. Our opponent scored a goal because of my fault. He tried to dupe me again but of course, I did not give him the ball. I was redfaced with shame. It was the talk of the night.

#### Are You Bisaya?

In our Farm Management class, Dr. Fabian Tiongson noticed some students not answering with "po or opo" at the end of a sentence when responding to an elder. Dr. Tiongson asked one of them, "Bisaya ka ba?' and he responded,"Oo". Dr. Tiongson said, "Bisaya ka nga".

#### Singing Solo the Alleluia

The Saint Therese Male Choir usually gave concerts every year, most of them in the old Church, which is now called the Diocesan Shrine of St. Therese of the Child Jesus Shrine at UPLB. In one of the concerts, we were singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. There is a part where successive Hallelujahs are sung. I was singing Tenor 1. In between the Hallelujahs, I made a mistake of singing Hallelujah alone. I was so embarrassed but glad that the choir members controlled their emotions. During the break, everybody burst into laughter, teasing me. One of the members encouraged me by saying that it was good that nobody in the audience noticed the mistake that it sounded like part of the piece. My only consolation was that I was located at the back row and probably only the choir members noticed my mistake. Nice to meet you, Jun, ako naman si July.

I used to go to Mass early in the morning and Every year during enrollment we were required to serve as an altar boy. A new priest, Fr. Julio troop to the old Infirmary for the physical exam. Barbieto was assigned to St. Therese and it was It was a requirement before we could obtain his turn to celebrate Mass. I went to the sacristy our enrollment form. Form No. 5. There was to assist him. He asked me, "What is your no embarrassment if the attending physician name?" "Jun po", I responded. " "Ako naman si was a male doctor. But if it was Dra. Vivencia July", he replied. "Si Father naman mapagbiro", Banzon, we were always dreadful. During one I remarked. "No, it is true, my name is Julio". examination, it was Dra. Banzon who was the attending physician. Everybody probably was "Pa-impress kay Ma'am" wary of her reputation for having a sharp tongue. I am shy by nature especially with the girls. I had She examined the boys in groups of ten. She lined us up along the wall of the long hallway and loudly told us, in her Visavan accent, "Drop your pants!" Everybody obeyed albeit reluctantly. Then she said, "Lower your briefs! Don't worry, I have seen so many, I will not be shocked!" Then like a platoon sergeant inspecting the troop, she inspected us one by one. Then she commanded, "About face, bend forward", and again inspected our backside one by one. It was so embarrassing and humiliating. It was probably the same procedure for the girls to be examined in full view of the others and they must have felt the humiliation too.

a crush on my Math teacher, Ms. Ann Gironella. The textbook in Math is the same book we used at the Manila Science High School where I graduated. I studied in advance before going to her class and I even practiced solving the problems in the book and you can check if you are correct because there is an answer at the back of the book. She gave an assignment due the next class. Since I already solved the problems, I wrote my answers and submitted it to Ms. Gironella as we were leaving the class. "What is this", she asked. "Our assignment, Ma'am", I replied. Hopefully, she was impressed.

#### iSpy or iStalker

During our time in the 1960s, one boarded the I started teaching as a laboratory instructor in bus through the side, with the long pew that Botany 1 in June of 1970 at age 21. After class, I extended to the window on the other side. On asked one of the students who her teacher was one occasion when I was going to Manila, I in Math 11. When she said that it was Ms. Ann saw my math teacher, Ms. Ann Gironella, who Gironella, I remarked that she was my teacher was my crush, board a bus. At the spur of the too. At this juncture, she looked at me and said, moment, I sneakily boarded the bus at the back "How can that be, Sir, when you look much older than she is?" I asked her, "Why, how old do you row. I don't remember now where in the Greater Manila area she got off but I also got off. When think I am?" "Forty, Sir," was her honest reply. she boarded another bus, I boarded it too. When she got off to her destination, which I guess was

San Juan, I got off too and stealthily followed her at a distance until she reached home. She probably never knew someone was stalking her.

#### Annual physical exams at the Infirmary

### I Looked Older

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### **CLASSROOM MOMENTS STUCK IN MY MEMORY**

### By Ester Pua

- Our Agricultural Botany I Lab instructor told us, "Using your mounted leaf specimen, draw the plant cell and label them." My visualization did not come close, because my microscope was not in focus; (I didn't know how to turn the focus lens). When he inspected my work, he mumbled beside me, "Magaling pa yung inilagay na pasas sa ibabaw ng tinapay." He adjusted the focus and asked me to repeat.
- One time he came to lab class walking limp. Everyone was wondering what happened to him. One among us speculated, "Umakyat sa CR bowl, dumulas, yan ang nakuha." This talk went on among his students without him knowing.
- Western Thought I- We're all girls, nobody can recite or wish to recite the topic. Out of irritation, he gave his sermon in Atenean accent, "Don't just sit there with your

sweet smile, you might get overrun by ants and expect a grade higher than 5." After class dismissal and we're leaving the room, the mood still lingered. Lolit N. whispered "Strap, akala niya." He is short, a copycat of another instructor in the campus wearing classic Rayban pilot shades, carry doorman's umbrella and wore trench coat during rainy days. He wore the same style of shades and signature of wearing suspender. Since he always made adjustment (constricted?) to his accessory during class, the word "strap" was coined, way of getting

against him and was made fun of him. Few of us were left before the semester end.

- Animal Husbandry I lab (What crossed our instructor's mind?) Girls were to have a feel the of the bull's testicles (the lesson was castration). He would nmchose naive one to hold handcupped in few seconds and asked what it feels like. Boys were excited and roaring. Some girls were teary eyed. The threat of 5 was a warning.
- In one surprise lab period, he asked us girls to climb up and down, in and out of the silo in our dress attire. Shorts were not in fashion but we wore maroon bloomers underneath from our PE class. Rarely were pedal pushers worn by theb girls.



### A SHORT VIGNETTE OF AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT IN MY COLLEGE LIFE , CIRCA, 1965-1970

By Claudette Faustino Stahn

Although Claudette's decision to study in She had wonderful four years socially and UPLB was influenced by her parents especially spiritually while at UPCA. She was an active her father, she didn't regret it at all. Her life member of UPSCA and once became a Muse completely changed. She became a very of Sigma Rho Fraternity. She could still recall independent person and her skills to think and attending different parties like Freshman Party at her strategic way of thinking surely inspired Baker Hall. Moreover, she joined also a softball and influenced the methodology of learning she sports team but had a mishap while being acquired while studying in UP. The ambiance trained by her coach. She accidentally knocked of the UP environment was very conducive to off her coach with the bat, hitting his head. It study. Being surrounded by highly intellectual was a nightmare . and friendly Ph.D professors and teachers, and the modern facilities that the University offered Ahh, memories...what a privilege and how made a complete package of success to her beautiful life was then... to be a part of UPCA70. chosen field of study.

During her time in the University she stayed in Womens Residence Hall or UP Womens Dormitory where she met all sorts of different and interesting personalities of friends and colleagues. She could remember a naughty and hilarious time, where their Matron Mrs. Roldan or "Mommy Roldan" was doing a round of visit to every room to make sure the study period was being followed accordingly. Gregarious and bubbly Claudette was in her neighbour's room chatting and giggling away. Suddenly she heard the approaching voice of Mommy Roldan and hide herself under her friend's bed. Unfortunately half of her long hair was sticking outside the periphery of bed. Mommy couldn't help but laugh. She wasn't off the hook; she was called to the office later.



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### **ANECDOTES ABOUT MY STUDENT LIFE AT UPCA**

By Severino Vergara

- 1. An Incident that Put to Risk Verong's Graduation with Honors. At a dormitory where he stayed the longest there were many dormmates who were having difficulty passing Physics 22 under Mrs. Vivien Talisayon. There was one who failed the course three times already. One of them who was very helpful to Verong in doing the drawings required in Botany 30, approached him to "help" with the upcoming final exam in Physics and together with other dormmates in the same boat drew a "seating arrangement" for Verong so that he could share with them his answers. The strategy was for Verong to write in large letters so he could use as many blue books as possible, put the completed ones placed at the vacant seat beside him would then be passed but they should be back to Verong before the final time of submission. He was able to use four blue books, but unfortunately one did not come back to him and got into the hands of Mrs. Talisayon. The following day, he received a notice from Mr. Dolf Santos, (who taught Math subjects and also his dormmate and a colleague of Mrs. Vivien) for him to report immediately to her. Fortunately, he was able to convince her that he had no deliberate intention to share his exam blue books with others and had claimed that he no idea how one of his blue books reached her hands. Dolf Santos had a big role in convincing her. Hayyyy! Thanks be to God. Hindi na ako uulit Lord.
- 2. Another Funny Anecdote! Verong still remembers Botany 1 where our lecturer was Dr. Emerita De Guzman, the expert in macapuno breeding. This was his first subject in the morning (M-W) and he happened to

lack of sleep the night before, after binging on the local liquor, lambanog "aged" with sliced apples and raisins under the ground with fresh coconut water as chaser. The alphabetical seating arrangement in the lecture hall tended to be biased against his surname (Vergara). He always ended up seating at the back of the lecture hall. After a few minutes from the start of the lecture, he yawned uncontrollably and the whole lecture hall burst into laughter. He was motioned by his lab instructor, Rufo Melgar, to come down and was accompanied immediately to the Office of the Department Chairman Dra. Campos, who was known to be a disciplinarian. Verong very casually greeted her, "Magandang umaga po sa pinakamagandang professor sa UP." He noticed a twinkle in her eyes but she still managed to come to her senses and suddenly barked, "Hindi ka na sana pumasok kung inaantok ka pa. Hindi ka na nahiya kay Dra. De Guzman!" He simply assured her that he would apologize to Dr. De Guzman, kneel before her if needed and would bring her flowers to boot. Dra. Campos teased Verong to bring the flower instead to her, which he did.

3. The Mother of All Anecdotes In the Student Life of Verong. Verong got a grade of 5.0 very unjustly for the lecture portion of a course in Botany (No need to mention the name of his lecturer). Luckily, the lab instructor gave him a grade of 1.0 for the lab portion which accounted for 50% of the grade then, so his final grade for the course was 3.0. The reason why he got 5.0 in lecture was because he allegedly violated the university policy on the maximum times

a student could be absent from a class. He checked the dates on his notes and crossed checked them with the dates he was recorded absent and, lo and behold, there were two days he was supposed to be absent but he had notes on those days. Verong appealed to his lab instructor to help him arrange a meeting with his lecturer but she simply told me that she would bring the matter to the lecturer and advised him to just pray for favorable results. But she came back with an unfavorable result with the lecturer denving the genuineness of his notes remarking that he could have simply copied the notes of his classmates who were present during the lecture. He brought his case before Dean Umali, claiming it was highly illogical

### WHAT I LEARNED IN UPCA

By Eric Hemedes Bailon

#### **MY INITIAL LESSON FROM UPCA**

The initial lesson I learned about UPCA was from the freshman orientation class of Dr. Celestino Habito. I still vividly recall what he said: "College education is not the be-all and end-all of everything." He further said, "Life is a continuing education". I value that philosophy for it encouraged me to explore and learn new things that others may not have thought of. And I fondly recall that during those orientation sessions, we were seated alphabetically and seated right behind me was the beautiful daughter of Dr. Habito, no other than my auntie from our mothers' side, Teresa Habito (ha ha ha!).

I learned how to deal with different kinds of people. EGALITARIAN COLLEGE Be they from the academe, captains & kings of the Industry or even foreigners My son took up his The second thing that I learned in UPCA is the democratization of education. It gave opportunities elementary and high school in Ateneo. I told him not to have the illusion that people he will meet in not only to a selected few but also to all students.

for him to copy his classmates' notes. He could simply borrow their notebooks which he usually does with his other subjects as well from the likes of Tita Sahagun and Rose David whose handwriting was impeccable. It just did not enter his mind then to obtain the services of a lawyer or at least secure an affidavit from Tita and Rose. The following year there was an oust-that-lecturer rally and he felt vindicated somehow. He stopped harboring a resentment about the incident but could not help feeling "sayang" because a grade of 1.0 in that 5-unit course would have meant two consecutive semesters of University Scholars honors for him.

It is really an egalitarian college where poor and rich students are both given opportunities to learn. There was no discrimination. If ever it was academic discrimination. Students w/ low grades like me were discriminated

#### GREAT EQUALIZER

I consider UPLB education as the great equalizer. Some of the graduates are children of farmers. They graduated with honors. They later took MS & PhD courses They eventually got high paying jobs

### **DEALING WITH ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE**

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real life will be the same as his classmates in Ateneo. I encouraged him and he agreed to take his college education in UP

#### **MY MISADVENTURES IN UPLB**

Some naughty things I did as a student in UPLB

I will not attend the first Tuesday class of the semester if the schedule was Tuesday and Thursday because I knew it only involved submission of class cards. When I arrived on Thursday for my Physics class, I saw that my classmates were busy writing something. They said there was already an assignment from the Tuesday session. I asked one of them for the the scratch paper he used. I was told that he encircled numbers were the correct answers. So I wrote my name on that scratch paper. Miss de Leon sent back that paper with a note "What is this?" It turned out that it was from another class.

I had a classmate who was always cheating. Our modus operandi was I will always finish the final exam in 30 mins. I will then get the blue book of my classmate to write the answer. Miss Fe Rotor finally caught us. She put 5 in the blue book of my classmate. She then got my blue book and put cheating. I told myself this is it I will be expelled. Fortunately she did not do anything except that she gave me a low grade. Several years later Miss Rotor became the wife of my fraternity brod. When she saw me in the reception. She told my brod that she almost but hesitated to gave me a 5 or even report me for expulsion

We had a fraternity brod who took up Entomology three years ahead of my other brod and me. He told us to look for old blue books. We studied that old test paper. During the final exam the questions asked were exactly the same for the final exam given three years ago. I told my brod I can finish the exam in 15 mins. I told him to deliberately write a wrong answer for at least 2 or 3 questions. After 30 mins we submitted our blue book. Our professor accosted us. We were not a scholars; we were not even students with good standing. But he could not find any evidence that we cheated. So he let us go.

Combined forces of the Los Baños police and UPLB security raided us for some misdemeanor, a rumble between campus groups. Again I thought I would be expelled because I was the mastermind. Luckily the LB police was a former police officer from my hometown who knew me. They let us go provided we assured them that we would stop fighting so nobody would get hurt.

We lived outside the campus. We were cooking our own food. We would go to to the market at Crossing everyday to buy fish and meat. Since we did not have a refrigerator, we only bought those that will not get spoiled easily. We disciplined ourselves with our expenses. We divided equally the cost for water, electricity, cleaning soaps, newspapers, and other expenses. I told one of our brods living with us that he was exempted from paying his share of newspapers since he only read Tarzan and Superman in the comics section.

Stealing corn. The owner of the corn farm in front of our boarding house talked to me one day. He said he did not sell the first 5 rows because he anticipated that we will steal the corn. But he said for heaven's sake stop stealing the corn in the middle of the farm.

#### **GLAD AND THANKFUL I STUDIED AT UPLB**

At first I felt bad when my parents and grandma decided for me to take up Agriculture. I told myself I would be the poorest among my cousins and siblings after graduation. I realized later that I was fortunate to have studied in UPLB. Not only did I prove myself wrong about not getting rich; my years in UPLB were the best years of my young life.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK...MEMORIES OF THE TIME WHEN I WAS AGG EDITOR

By Armando A. Reyes, DGPI (Directors Guild of the Philippines, Inc.)

Amid the raging COVID-19 pandemic the UPLB Alumni Association and the Office of Alumni Relations have been mobilizing our 1965-1970 batch, UPLB Class '70 in preparations for our Golden Jubilee on the 102<sup>nd</sup> Loyalty Day celebration of "The Los Baños Spirit" on October 10, 2020.

We had our last decent face-to-face monthly meeting in February 2020. Our March meeting was cancelled when the COVID-19 pandemic happened and the entire country was placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ). Of course, we had to adjust to the "new normal". We have been meeting using Zoom virtual conferencing.

Brod Resty Collado, our ever-efficient chairman for UPCA 70's Golden Jubilee and the 102<sup>nd</sup> Loyalty Day 2020, requested me to "please write something about how The Symposium Group managed to bring out mimeographed issues of the Aggie Green and Gold (AGG) during the February 1969 Student Unrest at the CA-UPLB Campus. You were our artist and a columnist then, remember?"

I replied, "Of course, I remember! I was the AGG Editor, the Official Student Paper of the UP College of Agriculture, during that time..." How could I forget that unforgettable event in our batch's life!

Prior to that February 1969 Student Unrest, I was the Staff Artist to then AGG Editor Guillermo

- "Willy" Andres. When all the staff positions were vacated, an editorial examination was held to choose the next staff.
- Just like when I was a high school student at Pedro Guevara Memorial High School, I had no lofty editorial ambition. At that time, I just wanted to be a humble Features Editor.
- But surprisingly, I ended up as the LAGUNIAN Editor. My Adviser explained, "I topped the English proficiency, that's why..."
- So, my stint with AGG in UPCA was just a reprise. One might say, I was the "reluctant Editor". But like a true professional, I took the challenge of being the AGG Editor. It was a personal challenge because my University counterpart then was the Philippine Collegian, the weekly official Student Paper of the UP System. Its Editor that time was the Star of the UP Campus – the erstwhile Head of the Corps Sponsors, the late Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago.
- To "come close" to the Philippine Collegian's look (and content), I also chose the Collegian's printer, Liwayway Publishing in Soler Street, Santa Cruz, Manila as AGG's official printing house. But unlike the weekly Collegian, AGG could only be published monthly.
- The First Quarter Storm was already rearing its nationalistic head, and the UPCA campus and constituents could not feign being deaf and dumb to the nationalistic call. That February

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1969 "unrest" was not only about the students. It also concerned the faculty and the nonacademic personnel.

That was over half a century ago... the images of those turbulent days at the UPLB Campus are a bit fuzzy now.

But yes – being the AGG Editor then, who was caught up in that period of strong national upheaval, I couldn't turn my back to the call of speaking up for what we thought was the right thing to do. Yes, I was challenged... that instead of coming out monthly, that crisis then obligated us to air daily our urgent concerns and grievances via a mimeographed version of the AGG Newsletter.

Yes, I sought the help of my organization (The Symposium) and my llag's Dorm mates because they were my immediate family back then who understood the exigencies of that stormy period.

### **MEMORIES OF COLLEGE 1966-1970**

By Jun Villamayor

#### Do You Remember?

The torch parade we had during the first night of the Orientation Week where we met new friends? Since I entered in 1966, I am not sure if those who entered in 1965 had one, but it was fun.

Most students walking from one building to the next to catch the class on time. I used to race with Ernie Vidal from Bioscience to the old Engineering Building to reach our Agricultural Meteorology Class on time because Dr. Barradas gave quizzes at the beginning of class.

The tragic accident where the Wally Garcia's jeep fell to the creek below the bridge in Barangay Anos and several male students died? The campus was shocked by the incident. I knew two of the students who died because I used to see then often when I visited my high school classmate Percival Perez in his dorm.



The murder of Benigno (I can't remember the family name) who lived in Copeland Heights? The campus was gripped with fear because the culprit was never identified. Many students sent him off to the train station bound for the Bicol Region.

The time when there was hail on the campus? The St Therese Male Choir was practicing when we heard pelting sound on the roof of the Church. Many girls from the old Women's Dorm across the Church came out to see the rice seed-sized hail.

The stinky smell in the animal husbandry classroom because the corral for the cattle was beside the room? We got used to the smell after about 15 minutes that it did not bother us anymore.



#### The On-the-Spot Painting Contest? I remember seeing Armand Reves

and Ernie Calara and others drawing a crowd of spectators. Ernie's painting looked so real that he was hired by Professor Pancho of the Department of Botany as illustrator of plant specimens.

The mandatory ROTC Training for men? Initially the class was 4-6 pm on Monday and Wednesday if my memory is correct and we had to wear the uniform while in our different classes prior to ROTC because we had no time to go home to change clothes. Being tall made me part of the Rayadillo platoon. We had a special uniform to wear for special events

The presentation of the Corps of Sponsors? It was a nice occasion to watch the beautiful ladies marching alongside the cadets. I have a confession to make to our Sponsors. The caldereta you ate during some of the Sponsor presentation practice was actually dog meat. We had to catch a dog by feeding it with bread laden with Ajinomoto. Being awakened by the chanting of ROTC cadet officers during early morning runs? When we passed by the Women's Dorm, this was a typical chant:" Good morning/ ladies/ wake up/ come on/ join us/ jogging /very good/ let's go/ let's run/ exercise/ very good/ running/ is fun."

The work camp in Olongapo city sponsored by UPSCA? We built toilets for the Aetas in a resettlement area. Our food consisted mainly of dried fish - *dilis, daing, tinapa,* and rice. On the last day before going to UPLB, Mayor Gordon treated us for a meal in a restaurant. We were so food-deprived that when the waiter served the food, it was gone in an instant.

The General Information Contest among Faculty members? Every year the students sponsored a general information contest among faculty members of the different departments. A student would read a question and the faculty had to ring a buzzer to answer. Of course, the students rooted for their favorite teachers.

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The demonstration in Malacañang on January 26, 1970? Several busloads of students from UPLB ioined the demonstration. We were on our way back home to Los Banos when we learned that the demonstration turned unruly and the military dispersed it by forced. Many were injured.

The song about the bourgeoisie? "Tamad na burgis na ayaw gumawa sa pawis ng iba'y nagpapasasa. Bandilang pula iwagayway, bandilang pula iwagayway, bandilang pula iwagayway, mga anak pawis ay mabuhay". When the demonstrators were becoming restless and unruly, we would then sing the national anthem, Lupang Hinirang.

Who coined the phrase, "Why prolong your agony? Dr. Serafin Talisayon of Physics would give us exams with open notes. He even would write the different equations that we could use to solve problems. As the number of remaining students dwindled, he would say, "Why prolong your agony?" He also interjected in class some teachings about values like," Dishonesty in small matters lead to dishonesty in big matters."

Who used his upper extremity to illustrate the plant structure? Prof. Frank Hilario would say pointing to the hand/fingers as the leaves, the arm as the trunk and the armpit hairs as the root when he taught Horticulture. I liked his style of giving guizzes. He made guestions from any past lessons and so I studied all the past lessons before going to class. This was the only subject where studying for the finals was easy for me. I adopted this style of guiz giving when I became a teacher.

The time when it was the teachers who asked the students if there was a class? There were so many protests and boycotts in February/March 1970. Being an officer of the student council, I was asked by Prof. Feliciano Manuel if there was a class or not. It was a challenging time to catch up with the lessons so I accepted the grade I was offered by Professor but without taking the final exam.

The Final Faculty Meeting to Approve The List of Graduating Students? Many students including myself were waiting outside the Bioscience Lecture Hall where the meeting was being held to determine who will graduate. The Faculty went over the names one by one and noted if there were deficiencies in the graduation requirements. Most of the deficiencies were about the lack of clearance. One had to go to many offices to have the clearance signed. My deficiency was the clearance and when my name was called, I said, "My clearance is here." And so I was approved to graduate. What a feeling of relief.

### (Memories of our student days at UPCA) **ANECDOTES**

By Camilo L. Opeña

- 1. In our laboratory class in plant physiology 4. One day, our class in poultry production (Botany 30) one Friday afternoon, we were engaged in some mischief and hid all the asked to boil some leaves so we could see eggs from the collection racks. We wrapped the chlorophyll under the microscope. I asked them in our bluebooks. Prof. Basio was to be excused since I needed to go home already getting mad; it was nearing 12:00 for my allowance. I told my instructor, "Tutal noon - dismissal time - and still the eggs nagluluto lang naman tayo dito ng gulay, were nowhere to be found. Then one of our pagdating ko ho sa Batangas bulanglang classmates rolled some of them toward the din ang ulam namin eh". Our lab instructor front of the room. Our teacher found the laughed but with a poker face, said, "Di ka incident hilarious and simply commented, puwedeng umalis." "Heto at nagdadatingan na ang mga itlog!"
- 2. Every student was required to learn to drive a Mrs. Santos who owned the dormitory where tractor in our class in Farm Mechanization, an my friends and I stayed would come around agricultural engineering course. Then it was every end of the month to collect the rent. one of our female classmates' turn on the She would loudly call out, "Opeña, Chavez, wheel... the next thing we knew, one of the Oñate, magbayad na kayo!" If we did not yet tires was caught in the guy cable securing an have the money, we would slink out and exit electric post. Good thing the tractor did not through the Galvez compound that shared a property boundary with the Santos dormitory tip over. lot. Mrs. Santos would sometimes assign 3. We used to play billiards with Mang Estong, her niece Yeyeng Paguia as the collector. We the most popular "Lolo" of our batch. Nick were very fond of Yeyeng - may she rest in Chavez and I used to hang out at Sencio's peace - she always covered up for us.
- at the corner of Star Studio and a restaurant. Dean Umali forbade the students from going to that place since there was also some gambling (blackjack) going on. One time, a policeman entered the joint; I quickly jumped, grabbed the cue stick being used by a Thai student, and pretended to be playing billiards (instead of gambling). Many students were hauled off to the police station in town. Others, me included, went scot-free.



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### JOURNEY FROM MALOLOS TO UPD to UPCA

By Nilo A. FlorCruz

I was a young boy fresh out of elementary school when I first set foot and instantly fell in love with the U.P. Los Baños campus. It was in October 1960 when I tagged along with my father, an UPCA alumnus, who was joining his UPCA Class '35 as jubilarian on that year's Loyalty Day.

In 1963, my 3<sup>rd</sup> year high school class at the Marcelo H. del Pilar High School was fortunate to receive a career guidance seminar for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students from a group of UPCA instructors & students. During that year, my older brother, who was about to enroll in UP Diliman and I also received career guidance from our father on Engineering, Medicine, Law and Agriculture. One unforgettable advice from my father was, *"Don't be a mediocre professional"*. He gave an example of a lawyer who, after passing the Bar, was content on being notary public.

Having graduated from UPCA, our father also encouraged all of us to study in the University of the Philippines. So I took and passed the UPCAT and enrolled in UP Diliman. But my intention then was to prepare myself for the entrance exam to the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) until I reached the required age. As a former PMT Corp Commander in high school, my uncle who was a star man at the US Military Academy and a UP (BSME) graduate inspired me. However, during the first semester, my medical exam showed that my eyesight was no longer 20/20. I realized that I would be disqualified from getting accepted to the PMA so I gave up my dream of a military career. During my first year at UP Diliman, I felt bored and uninspired so I decided to transfer to Los Baños. The first two years consisted of general education subjects, whether one was taking up the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Home Technology, Agricultural Engineering or Agricultural Chemistry degree. My life in college had turned around 360 degrees from UPD to UPCA. I finally enjoyed my campus life, was inspired to study, and met many like-minded friends, so much so that I went home to Bulacan only every two to three weeks. Luckily, my father could send my allowance through Mel Lopez, then head of PHILSUGIN in Los Baños.

I was also lucky that my professors in my first two years inspired and promoted competition to excel among the students – they were Dr. Julian Banzon in Chemistry, Edna Cayanga in Math, Dr. Emerita de Guzman in Botany, Dr. Mario San Juan in Pathology, Prof. Pablo Alfonzo in Zoology. Other professors who positively influenced me were Dr. Ramon Samaniego, Mrs. L. Madamba, Dr. J. Mamaril, Prof. Ruben Camurungan, and Prof. Delfin Suerte; special mention to Mr. Paul Zafaralla who taught us to appreciate music and the arts. Unfortunately, there were also professors who were bright but could not clearly explain the subject they were handling.

On our third year, we had to decide our courses and majors to pursue. I chose Agricultural Chemistry since my first choice, Sugar Technology, was phased out in 1964. We were about 30 to 40 students taking Agricultural Chemistry. Our batch was about 16 students. Twelve of us completed and joined the 1st Commencement Exercises held in UP Los Baños.

As Ag Chem students, my friendship gravitated around Eugenio Toribio, Edison Tocino, Teresa Banzon, Aloysius Baes, Octavius Lemana, Editha Morales, and Nicolas Chaves. Nick eventually shifted and majored in Soils. Our "mother hen" was Teresita "Tess" Melo, MS '69, a business minded Chemistry Professor, who supplied eggs and PX goods on campus during weekends. Tess would treat our group to a free dinner especially during the times when our allowance had run out.

The "First Quarter Storm" turned the chemistry thesis room into a place where student leaders would congregate. From Ag Chem, the following active FQS were Ochie Baes, Caridad Magpantay, Octavius Lemana and other senior & junior Ag Chem students.

During our 4<sup>th</sup> year, the Sugar Technology (ST) Program was revived under a PHILSUGIN Grant. The program hired Prof. Delfin T. Suerte BSA-CST '28 (brightest Sugar Tech graduate), Federico Isaac BSST '29, Leoncio Cifra PME from the sugar Industry. Dr. Samaniego and Prof. Camurungan were seconded to the ST Program. The Ag Chem students who shifted to Sugar Tech and at the same time completed their thesis in Ag Chem were Roberto Espino, Octavius Lemana, Zenaida Alipit and myself. Since my load in my 5<sup>th</sup> year was light, I was able to take subjects in Sugar Tech. My goal was to work in a sugar factory. My undergraduate thesis was about juice clarification entitled "Comparative Effects of CaO and MgO in the Clarification of Mixed Juice". My thesis adviser was Dr. Samaniego. After the thesis committee approved my outline, I conducted my laboratory experiment at the Canlubang Sugar Estate. Mr. S. Solaiman and I presented our thesis at the PHILSUTECH Convention in 1970 in Iloilo City. The following year, my paper was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Technical Paper by PHILSUTECH.

Among the Ag Chem students who were serious and exceled in their studies were Rudy Pisigan, Macario Catahan and Geny Toribio. As usual, I enjoyed my life in college and didn't aim for high grades but I saw to it that I could apply what I had learned.

I remember Prof. Suerte telling our class that when you start working, you will realize that what you learned from college is only worth 10% and the rest is human relations. You must know how to handle people, inspire them to love their work, and empower them to make wise decisions.



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### **Adventures of a Genetics Professor at UPLB**

Dolores A. Ramirez, BS Agriculture (magna cum laude), 1956

When I applied for a position in the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture (UPCA) after graduation in 1956, teaching genetics was not in my bucket list. I was prepared for a career in research in the fields of genetics and plant breeding. Circumstances at UPCA changed all that when the professor of genetics relocated to another university in Mindanao in 1968. Because my graduate degrees (MSc and PhD) were in cytogenetics and biochemical genetics, I became her logical replacement. While preparing my lesson plans for Agricultural Botany 50 there were several issues that came to mind. First, when I was doing my graduate studies I found out that my preparations for genetics was hardly adequate, I then promised myself that should I be given a chance to teach the first course in genetics my students shall never be shortchanged. I may be accused of teaching too much, never too little. On hind sight, I think I over did it. My defense has been that I started teaching genetics at the time when science was advancing very rapidly: this was when the molecular structure of the gene, the DNA, was discovered, elucidation of the structure, processes and functions and modifications/ alteration of its structure and their consequences were being reported to the extent that knowledge in genetics doubled every two years. I was so eager to teach them all! Information overload!

The second issue was that my students are all superior in terms of intellectual potentials. I even had the statistics to prove it. Passing the UPCAT is the prerequisite for admission to UP. As a rule, only the top 10% of high school graduates



take the UPCAT and from the UPCAT takers. UP admits only the top 10%. They are, therefore, the crème de la crème. I was, therefore, dealing with a superior gene pool and I was not about to insult their intelligence. I would discuss these during the first day of classes together with the policies to be implemented in the course: a) the final grade will consist of 50% lecture and 50% laboratory performances; b) in the lecture portion there will be no final exams only five one-hour exams, of which the one with the lowest score will be disregarded (400 points); c) there will be 5 minute short guizzes at the start of the lecture period (100 points): d) the range of scores and their equivalent grades were presented, passing was 70%. Later it was reduced to 65%; and e) classes in genetics start at exactly 7:00 a.m. and ends 50 minutes later. I always had a timer to be sure that I kept time. This meant doors were closed at exactly 7:00 a.m. and opened at 7:50 a.m.

The third issue had a lot to do with my own shortcomings. I am not genetically endowed with a loud voice (there were no sound systems for the lecturers then) and am not a good communicator. I therefore demanded that students not to compete with me during the lecture. To compensate, I wrote the syllabus for the course, at first as mimeographed handouts. These were later bound and much later printed and published as "Lectures in Genetics" to become known among students as The Red Book. We have continued revising it through the years; it is now on its 11<sup>th</sup> edition and have been co-authored by Dr. Merlyn S. Mendioro and Dr. Rita P. Laude. In addition to a soft voice, my demeanor seemed too authoritative. I thought then, the syllabus would help. Some 12 to 15 copies were made available to students at the reference section of the UPCA Library. I found out that later some enterprising students collected the examination questions through the years and were also made available to the present crops of genetics students.

Taking these issues into account, I guickly made of those classes got 5.0 but more than 20% the reputation of a Terror Professor. I don't dropped the course after the first or second believe I minded it at all; I was just doing my job. exam. Drop or Repeat, indeed. During the first student rally at UPCA in 1969. I had the honor of one whose resignation was I taught genetics from 1968 to 1998, first as demanded for reasons like my genetics course Agricultural Botany 50, then later as Biology was very difficult, my exams were extremely 50 and much later Biology 30. Because it was difficult and I was very generous with the grade required in the BS Agriculture and BS Biology of 5.0 to my students. In addition, I was also curricula, some 8,000 to 10,000 students have very strict in the implementation of the policies probably learned their elementary genetics from for the course as well as the university rules and me. Incidentally, I still keep all the class records, regulations. DR then meant Drop or Repeat should anybody is interested to see his/her and Do Resign. Very much later, I was told that grades. because of my demeanor, most students were intimidated by me and some were literally scared Allow me to share with you a few anecdotes of me. They also claimed that just hearing my related to my career as a professor of genetics. footsteps were enough to unnerve them. It then



dawned on me that those were the reasons why nobody asked me questions during and after classes. It was good our genetics group in the department conducted tutorial classes every Friday afternoon. We also studied student performances every semester to verify the claim of my generosity with the grade of 5.0. Our data showed that on the average, less than 10% of those classes got 5.0 but more than 20% dropped the course after the first or second exam. Drop or Repeat, indeed.

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- 1. During the first or second February fair at UPLB, the Biology Students' Organization Symbiosis, of which I was its faculty adviser, put up a "Dart your favorite Terror Professor" booth. For ₱1.00, one gets three darts. Of course my picture was included in the gallery. I was told that my picture had to be replaced more than 10 times because it was one of the most preferred by students dart throwers. Symbiosis earned a lot in that undertaking!
- 2. A student who was on scholarship did not do well in the first exam. For fear that the scholarship might be lost sought advice from the counselor at OSA and was told to face the demons. After unburdening the problem and worries with me, got to the top 10 scorers in the subsequent exams and passed the course with high grade.
- 3. A fresh graduate from UPLB who got a job as sales representative for farm chemicals in the Visayas was kidnapped from his hotel, blindfolded and brought to the headquarters of a rebel group. The commander was a UPCA graduate and seemed anxious to know about his Alma Mater. Of his former professors, the first one he asked about was me, as in "Buhay pa ba si DR?"
- 4. A former student who was on vacation in her hometown met a group of rebelswhile visiting their farm. She was asked about her work at the institute of Plant Breeding, UPLB. She denied knowing me for fear that harm might come her way if she declared she worked in the laboratory next to my office.
- 5. In one of the Prelude celebrations at Tanauan City, Batangas, several former students surrounded me for picture taking, each one showing by their fingers the number of times they took genetics. Nobody has to use both hands.

- 6. Whenever I travel anywhere in the country or abroad, some former students approach me to introduce themselves. Among others things they would inform me the number of times they took genetics as in "Take one po ako" as if it was a badge of honor. A few would say Take two or three, etc. I have yet to find the words to respond to the take 2 or 3, etc takers.
- 7. Joking a former student, I told him I will take back his grade in genetics. Jumping with joy he said, "Please do it at once Ma'am! Mababa naman kasi".
- During the late 1970's or early 1980's, the 8. College of Agriculture did a performance survey of its graduates of last 5 to 10 years. Among the survey questions was an inquiry about their former professors whose impact helped them in their careers. Professor Leo C. Rimando and I were the topnotchers. Awesome!



### **DR. JULIAN A. BANZON** By Teresa Banzon Garcia

AN UNASSUMING MAN: He LED a SIMPLE and QUIET life: Dr. Banzon spoke slowly, deliberately, and clearly making sure the person he was talking to understood what he was saying. This was also true with his handwriting. To him, it was important to write legibly to communicate effectively just like speaking.

**AN IN-DEPTH LISTENER:** He paid full attention to the person he was conversing with to ensure he grasped what was being communicated. He made sure to ask questions and showed interest in the other person, never focusing on himself.

A GREAT SENSE of HUMOR: He looked at the lighter side of things and injected humor in topics he found worthy of a laugh. He would joke about the concept of methane gas by depicting a certain number of cows farting at the same time, to produce enough methane gas to light up a stove!

HUMBLE: As described earlier, Dr. Banzon never focused on himself. He never bragged about his achievements and was never arrogant about them. He had a special way of taking the limelight from himself by allowing others to have an input on important topics. He believed in building the basic foundation of the house but stressed the importance of building additional structures slowly and with input from the family to make the house, a home.



HUMANE and a LOVING, DEDICATED FAMILY

MAN: Dr. Banzon had always been a humane, loving, and dedicated family man. He wanted the gate to the family compound unlocked and opened, especially when typhoons devastated the community, so the family's water pump or 'poso' can be accessed by the neighbors.

He was very dedicated to his youngest daughter, Paz who had Down Syndrome. He was fond of her and always delighted in how intelligent, sensitive, and loving she was. He made sure he savored his time with her and vice versa. He also supported his wife in many ways during their life together. Dr. Banzon encouraged his wife to pursue her happiness, which included her interest for plants and commitment in treating her patients even after she retired.

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A MAN OF POSITIVE ATTITUDE and AN **INQUIRING MIND:** Dr. Banzon always looked at the brighter side of things. He reminded his children to never take advantage of people. He taught them that in war, nobody wins and everybody loses and reiterated for them to work towards peace, always.

It was also important for Dr. Banzon to constantly be optimistic. He believed in always looking at the good side of people, their unique personalities, skills, and knowledge. He believed that everyone had something valuable to say and contribute to the society. Dr. Banzon was curious about many things. He never ceased wondering and asking questions about life on earth, the universe, and even beyond.

A LOVER OF MUSIC & the ARTS: Dr. Banzon listened to a wide variety of music, including classical. He grew up around his aunts who played lyre and violin.

He appreciated the arts wherever he went. When he travelled for his conferences whether internationally or locally, he would take photos of art from different museums in the USA, Europe, Asia, Australia. He also saw the art in the world around him, such as in butterflies, gardens, and structures. He would take photos of the butterfly collections in Cebu and other parts of the country. He loved to describe gardens and architecture that he had seen in his travels. He enjoyed the beauty around him.

**SPIRITUAL:** Despite being a scientist, Dr. Banzon believed that not all things can be explained by science. He believed that some things are just beyond its realm. In his last weeks of life, after his major surgery, he was reading an article on the birth and death of stars from the National Geographic. He pointed to a paragraph



in the article that stated that the same gases and components found in stars are also found in the human bodies, therefore believing that in time, he was going to join the myriad of stars up in heaven.

**SENSE OF HELPING the COMMUNITY - the UNDERSERVED:** In his later years, he held livelihood workshops at home for the townsfolk in the outlying Los Baños communities. Some of the programs were in making soap, condensed milk, and cream from coconut. Dr. Banzon wrote a co-authored book with Dr. Jose Velasco about coconut and how all its parts could help Filipino families be self-sufficient. He suggested that having a few coconut trees for each household would be ideal. He was in the process of creating an illustrated book on coconut and how to make coconut byproducts that would be meaningful and helpful but can be easily understood by the Filipino readers. Unfortunately, he passed away even before it came to completion.

### **Tributes to Dr. Fabian Tiongson** From his former students and members of the St Therese Male Choir

#### By Armand Reves, dgpi, UPCA '70

PROF. FABIAN C. TIONGSON struck me as a "terror" lecturer in our Agricultural Economics 1 but that fear was immediately erased on our first day of class.

Unlike the other lecturers we had in other courses who were all knowledgeable about their subjects, I preferred those who knew the art of teaching science or math, or economics, making them easy and palatable. That's Fabie.

So when my Cendaña dorm-mates invited me to join the St Therese Male Choir that Fabie conducted on campus, I immediately said "yes!" Singing was one of my interests. I may not have an outstanding voice but I knew I could carry a tune, and blend well in a choir whatever vocal weakness of mine can be "concealed." I enjoyed all our late Sunday afternoon singing during the Mass at the St. Therese Chapel. With the STMC, Fabie carried over into our rehearsals and performances the same humor he showed in his Agricultural Economics 1 lectures; plus his passion for music and singing.

I recall that after every mass, the choir would sing the blockbuster songs on our way home as we walked along Chapel Drive with other parishioners. It always looked like a production number from Broadway musicals, which were in vogue, at that time.

We had out-of-town invitations to perform in Batangas towns like Lemery, Lipa, Taal, and others. In all these, Fabie was our Mother Hen. Fabie's birthday coincided with the start of the Christmas Season (Dec. 16), which we all

- looked forward to, to greet him and sing during "Simbang-Gabi.
- When I left UPLB to pursue my showbiz career, the one thing that I missed the most was singing with Fabie's STMC. I don't even recall if somebody texted me when Fabie passed on. Since then to these COVID pandemic days, I miss Fabie and the STMC.
- By Francis Laurel (UPCA BSA 70)
- He will always be remembered as one of the founding fathers of Agribusiness at UPLB. While he was known to be a strict taskmaster, he was very dedicated and passionate to make the Agribusiness Program successful. Much of the success of the Program is due to Dr. Fabie's hard work and commitment. We respected him for his vision and indomitable spirit. He was a trailblazer and a brilliant mentor. He worked us to our limits because he knew it was good for us though we, at times, begrudged him because he was relentless. Now we know why: He wanted us to pursue the highest levels of academic achievement for our own good. We cannot thank Dr. Fabie enough for pushing us. Dr. Fabian Tiongson's vision is guite evident today. Agribusiness is one of the most popular courses today at UPLB. MABUHAY ka, Fabie!

#### By Camilo Opena, PhD (UPCA BSA'70)

Dr. Fabie Tiongson was the architect and prime mover for the approval of the joint agribusiness program between UPCA and UP College of Business. I heard that due to intense opposition the agribusiness program passed the university council by a slim margin, thanks to the vote of

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then UP Pres, Carlos P. Romulo, So we are really lucky to win that approval. Through the next 20 years Dr. Tiongson guided the program to further growth and innovation of what agribusiness is today. One of his best moves he made was to recruit the cream of the crop students to major in the program like Francis Laurel and Gerry Collado, including the sugar barons of Bacolod like George M. de Luzuriaga, Revnaldo "Boy" Bantug, Victor C. Feliciano III, Sen. Miguel Zubiri and Cecille Borromeo, now President of Land Bank, and many others. And the rest is history. For Fabie had the guts and the wits to defend and catalyze the program.

### By Panfilo C. Tabora Jr., PhD (UPCA BSA 65)

The St Therese Male Choir's singing was energized to heights with Fabie Tiongson as the Choir Master. Earlier we had Manny Garcia and he gave us a taste of belonging to a choir. Before him we had Ramon Ibarbia who made the Sunday Mass lively with hymns that we all sung with gusto. But, both Manny and Ramon left for abroad and it was Fabie who took over to become our Choir Master. This time there was a sense among us of something more than what the Choir was giving, something beyond singing, beyond music, and beyond a choral rendition in church. We had a sense that we were praying in music that uplifted our spirits and bonded us all in our faith. Fabie made us give the best notes that we could muster and even a silence was as much of music as the highest and lowest notes that we could bring out for a sweeping and extended crescendo that our lungs could hold. He could get it out from all of us.

We then knew Fabie was shaping us for more. And it inspired us all that we could provide a great harmony with all the melodies, and he challenged us for better performances. We had concerts at different places and we got invitations

to be at special celebrations around Laguna and Batangas. Fabie was adept at having us perform as professionally as possible for a choir and we sang our best in praising the Lord. We would not miss singing during Christmas and Easter, even if we would get to hectic rehearsals to perfect our parts for a flawless prayerful rendition. In our practice, it was not just about the right high notes or low notes, it was about the right blending that mattered. We understood this was a special value that would carry us on to life wherever we were. Fabie infused us with life values that we continue to cherish: discipline, preparedness, harmonization, and in putting our best for a synchrony.

Fabie's leadership was such that we molded the group to different roles without his asking. Some had taken organizational roles that were sort of natural for each one of us, beyond the choir singing. Somebody was putting in the invitations together and we had a full schedule not only around the UPLB campus, but also around the Los Banos town, and other places that made us enjoy the ride with our singing. Nobody behaved as a 'prima donna' and we all got the treatment that everyone was a key to every single performance. The classic liturgy songs we sang were as good as that of the Vatican Choir and every time I was at the Vatican, I would come up near the Choir and sing with them. It made me feel that Fabie did get us to such position by 'demanding' and coaching us with all the patience and that sense of blending together to become an exceptional choir that bonded us to each other as brothers and sisters.

### By Felicitos 'Pile' Palis, UPLB '76

My first encounter with Dr. Fabian Tiongson (Fabie to all of us) and the STMC was during our family's attendance on the wedding reception of Tally Tabanao and his wife at the Seniors' Social Garden. i was still in UP Rural High School (UPRHS) so it must have been around 1966-1970. One of their Ninangs was my Auntie, Angela Ariate, who owned a restaurant at the Crossing area.

The STMC sang beautiful songs like 'Alfie', 'Cherish', and other popular hits at that time. I was so impressed because the quality, blending and projection sounded like the original song. I recognized familiar faces in that STMC, mostly from UPRHS but i did not know Fabie. It was later, when i entered UPLB and attended Ag Econ 1, that I found out that he was a Professor of Economics and a famous, well known "terror" teacher of that subject.

I recall that in the mid-70s, the late Vic "Turbek" church ("Tuklong") in Sto Niño, San Pablo City Juliano invited me to join the choir. He told me during their fiesta every January 15, as well as for weddings of STMC members, we held to first observe and just attend the practice concerts at IRRI, DL Umali Hall, a convent in every 3:00 pm on Sundays in preparation for the 5:30pm mass. Fabie's first "processing" Lipa and an orphanage in Taal, Batangas on of my membership was to let me sing from the invitation from Bishop Quizon, (former parish lowest to the highest key while Arelyne was priest at St. Therese Church), and various other places and towns where we were invited to sing playing the old "padyak" organ. Later, Fabie assigned me as Tenor 2. When he distributed in the church mass. song pieces with notes, I became apprehensive, There were also fun field trips to many places. I as I didn't know how to read notes to sing. especially remember a funny incident during our But Fabie coached me, saying "Makinig ka sa outing with Fabie in Matabungkay beach. All of katabi mo; and follow the ups and downs of the us were in our swimming trunks but Fabie chose *notes*". Fabie painstakingly requested Arelyne to wear his loose boxer shorts or "karsoncillo". to repeat playing the notes/tune of each voice While Fabie was wading beside the girls who on the organ until each group had memorized were with us - Arelyne, Yolly Perez, etc. who were their respective parts. To my amazement, when hanging onto an inflated tire - his "karsoncillo" Fabie let all the voices sing together, the song, got washed away by a big wave and as he melody and blending sounded fantastic! I turned over, his underpants were carried away admired Fabie's patience and perseverance by the wave too. After I graduated from UPLB and got a job, even if most of us could not stop our mischiefs.

From that time on, I was always present every 3:00 pm on Sundays because I learned to love the group, and enjoyed the singing and the songs. And we were motivated by the snacks or 'merienda' that the nuns at the Sisters Dorm prepared for us. Fabie became an icon of friendliness and discipline and all my apprehensions (regarding exams, girlfriends' tantrums, difficult subjects) were washed away whenever I was with Fabie and the STMC. Fabie mandated that there should be no animosity among the STMC members who belonged to different fraternities. I belonged to the Beta Sigma Fraternity as well as the Espaleklek. We were at peace with members of other frats whenever we were with STMC.

Fabie also organized STMC concerts in different places, which we looked forward to and enjoyed. For example, we sang in a small

my attendance to the choir lessened due to my work schedule but i always managed to attend the Sunday practice when I would be

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in LB. I was worried when the choir will be singing a new song that Fabie taught that I had not yet practiced. This is because Fabie's rule was: Huwag kumanta pag di mo pa alam yung *song*". So for most of us who had not attended previous practice sessions, we lip-synched or moved our lips only. We were so scared to be scolded by Fabie and it helped us to adopt discipline and respect.

I was so saddened when I learned of Fabie's demise. I had to depend on the old photos and memories when I was with Fabie and STMC to calm down grief. That is the reason why until now, i strive to organize get together activities for STMC because it refreshes my memory of Fabie and those years when he was with us. I recall his December 16th birthday when we would always strive to sing at the St Therese Church whenever we can to honor Fabie's memory.

In all our projects, it will always be Fabie that will inspire us and remind us of our special and unique personality as a choir member of STMC, and as a human being. Through the songs he taught us, we will continue Fabie's legacy by promoting his passion for singing praises to our Lord God.

### By Jonas Baes, PhD (UP Music, '82)

Fabie was such a person who, I presume, people in our St. Therese Church community in UPLB must have marveled at. The STMC is such a manifestation of his personality.

I remember the times when he insisted on rendering "pop" oriented songs even in mass, that must have irked some of the priests who could not go beyond the mass as mere liturgy... except for only one priest, Fr. Julio Barbieto, SVD, sort of condoned our repertoire that included pop songs. Fr. Barbieto would even announce before the mass, "Men's choir, sing all love songs", which gave us the some latitude in the selection of songs for communion. One of them was the Bacharach-David classic "Alfie".

On the extreme end, it was only Fabie who had a repertoire of renaissance and baroque music, with Palestrina, Nonino, Scarlatti. I know we all remember and loved singing "Regina Coeli" which he copied by hand from an exhibition somewhere in Europe, as well as Handel, Bach and even Mozart! The texts were copied in Latin! That music was indeed a great treat for churchgoers during Christmas and Lenten celebrations.

That kind of liminality..."in-between-ness"-between the extremes of "classical" and pop music--set a high bar in the church choir tradition in our Diocese in UPLB that I guess continues to be difficult to match.

### **RECOLLECTIONS OF A FORMER (TOR)MENTOR,** 1965 - 2008

By Paul B. Zafaralla

HE was a total stranger when he set foot on the UPCA campus, 1 August 1965. He was a 27-year-young bachelor who, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month, would be a bachelor no more. And he had one of the three Christian virtues to be proud of --- forever: Charity.

The UPCA campus was too bucolic compared to the UP Diliman campus where he spent seven years prior. The former reminded him of home, the boondocks of Upon, Pinili, Ilocos Norte, where he heralded his entry into the world with his first cry on June 22. It was a Wednesday, "in the Year of the Lord, not of some animal, like tiger," he said. The latter provided the environment where the norm was the development of the life of the mind.

Right on, he was decided to start life in College, Laguna.

That was how determined the stranger was. His name:

Paul Blanco Zafaralla.

On Day 1 in class, he introduced himself, thus: "I am your new instructor. Our medium of intellectual interaction will be English. I encourage debate among us. That would be lots of fun." Stoic silence.

In a subsequent semester, one student had the habit of engaging him in debates, as his classmates had the habit of listening. He had



intellectual curiosity. Ask Resty Collado, the indefatigable mover behind Batch '70.

One fellow submitted a plate in melted crayon, which got "flying colors." The student continued flying -- as a pilot, with precision - only Mannie Baradas could do.

In one guiz which required 80 answers (including techniques in playing the violin), one student gave 85 correct answers. No wonder, William Padolina, chemistry major, played the violin. He would become a noted DOST secretary.

An economics major displayed how she understood the significance of the humanities in the sciences. Impressed, Paul wondered what

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she would turn out to be in the future. Emerlinda Ramos would propagate her mindset when she occupied the Office of the President, University of the Philippines.

Another economics major "pulverized " the minified Bonifacio monument in front of the Lopez Elementary School. He turned in an impressive, well-written, substantive paper. Relate this to Ciel Habito, former NEDA DG and secretary of socio-economic planning, and now columnist of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, for a free lunch.

A tall biology major "dissected" the stone marker of Batong Malake along the highway, using a unique "scalpel" -- his pen. His paper got a "1". Years later, he would top the national board exam in medicine. The guy, Eric Legaspi, is now a neurosurgeon at the Philippine General Hospital. His fellow medics proudly declare they referred to and addressed him as "Master" during their student days at the UP College of Medicine.

One student never raised her hand, until Paul would be at his wit's end over a lackadaisical class. She would then wave her hand sideways and give the correct answer. A few years later, she would wave her hand to the nation as Miss Philippines – Universe! The student, Lizbeth de Padua.

An Agribiz alumnus working for his Master of Science degree in a US university, awed his classmates as he dominated the discussion on the finer points in classical music criticism. "I took up humanities at UPLB," he would then tell his classmates. Ask Francis Laurel. He knows this person, now a sitting member of the UP Board of Regents. In the Critical Writing course, Paul instructed his students to fall in line, see what's inside the open drawer of his table, and "do a critical essay on the focal point there as a microcosm of Philippine society." This became the society editor, Bum Tenorio's, most "howlarious," mind-boggling challenge in his college life – something he would relate with wide-eyed aplomb whenever Paul was within hearing distance. The challenge? A dead, dried up cockroach!

In the latter half of the '80s, one student stood out for "opening, like a Pandora's box", his mind and plan for the future as a professional. He was one who walked the talk, a real doer! Hardworking. Efficient. His name: Jose V. Camacho Jr.

Many students got their share of "singko" from their (tor)mentor. Reactions were varied: "Natauhan ako!" "Sayang ang scholarship ko!" "Kumuha ka sana ng Math!" Others would approach him in tears, their hands trembling with a dropping slip. The professor would put on a poker face, and tell the students to look again and scrutinize their grades, uniquely handwritten on the back page of their blue books. How the gloom in their faces would change on deciphering the faintly written "1." beside the giant "5"! What raucous laughter would reverberate in his office afterwards! Some would even let out a guttural mimicry of the professor's vaunted expression: "Oh, boy, by George!"

He "institutionalized" the Ilocos Trip (1976 – 2008), a class activity that "branded" students who took the Humanities I course with Sir Paul as their (tour)mentor. His foreign students, who counted among the first to sign up for the trip, would later intimate to their classmates (and to their professor) that the driving force of their curiousity to join the trip was the professor's

touting that they would be visiting "The No. 1 Region in the Philippines, the land of the free and home of the brave" (outside the US)!

The llocos Trip would become the talking point in various gatherings – vigil for the dead, Loyalty Day celebrations, birthday parties, chance meetings after Mass, or highway eateries.. It was not seldom that an alumnus would come forward, and with so much "braggadocio" announce his final grade in Hum. 1. Then this guy would pose a challenge to the others to stand up and do the same. Paul was known to be stingy with grades. With the number of decades (more than half a century or less) behind him, he admits, his memory bank is biased in its remembrance of his treasured class performers – those at the extremes of his grade dispersion curve.

The International Students Association or ISA, (represented by some 30 national flags) came up with ingenious colorful cultural nights and festivals. Dr. Zafaralla was chair of the UPLB Committee on Culture and the Arts and was junior adviser to the ISA. Booths arrayed the Freedom Park displaying moneys, stamps, costumes, and various artifacts. A sense of judicious pride permeated the students who in their national costumes met their guests with welcoming smiles as the luscious aroma of spices filled the air sweeping over their culinary arts.

Foreign students are a prized lot. From Afghanistan to Vietnam, and numerous countries in between, they dished out generous helpings of what the course served them: appreciation of sound (music), refinement of their spatial judgment (architecture), discriminatory eyes (painting) and tactile sensitivity (sculpture). The adhered-to rule of thumb in the professor's class : "Don't memorize. Just analyze."



Oral ordeals (oral reporting) were an opportunity for one to showcase his / her culture. A lady chanted a love song in Ivatan. Another revealed a glimpse of what it was like living in the Cordillera mountains, where daily they kiss the clouds while their bare feet hugged the ground. Help came from another Cordilleran entering the room to the beat of his gongs and yells. In the frenzy of a crouch-and-straighten-up dance, the G-string of a dancer fell off! The girls shrieked only to be greatly relieved by the sight of a tightfitting beige underwear of the male performer!

The course inspired a lot of self-revelation. From Africa, the son of a village chief enthralled his audience in his tribe's finery, and bewildered the ladies in his intoned song and dance in wild abandon. At the end of his performance he panted and gasped as he explained that what they just witnessed was a "war dance" meant to drive away the evil spirits! The class heaved a sigh of relief afterward.

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In one major subject, Paul warned, "Ignore the dancers: just focus on the dance." But when the pretty dancers started swaying in – a few selected members of the UPLB Filipiniana Dance Troupe invited by the reporter, Paul changed his tone: "Ignore the dances; just concentrate on the dancers." The class erupted into an applause - for the dance to begin.

An Afghan explained the etched drawing on a metal jar so well, one suspected she was the etcher. A Bhutanese sang a song – his voice rotund, the phrasing smooth, and the musical dynamics clear. An Egyptian explained a pocket-size pyramid. A Vietnamese explained the meaning of a temple painted against a background of a hazy mountain.

Here's the exchange between him and one student who came gasping for admission saying, "Sir, I want to be in your class." "It's already quota-filled." "No, no! Please accept me because my sister and parents were your students. I would be ostracized." Paul used his prerog (prerogative). "O, sige, para masaya ka." He belonged to the Quiñones Family.

A written message in letterhead came from an African country. The writer was the undersecretary of agriculture. Paul felt honored by the Usec's closing with "Your former student, ." And a PS: "You see the point there?"

Many of his former students tended to be a source of embarrassment. Imagine them coming up to him, after decades past, saying, "Hi, sir Paul! Remember me?" Then a long pause as though waiting for his "phone contacts apps" to just pop up their names! It would be a fortune if Paul says, "Oh yes! You are Mr. /Miss (nickname) And tell them where he / she used to sit in class.

Surely, there were times of connection via mutual learning between mentor and mentees. Paul's students, from 1965 to 2008, regardless of nationality, in varied ways of self-expression, gave meaning to this adage:

"Above all nations is humanity."

When the UP Chorale Ensemble had its world premiere in Essen, Germany in 1996, the officiating priest of the Eucharistic celebration in Filipino intimated to his former professor that the llocos trip was a factor that helped him decide on his calling to become a Catholic priest. The priest was awe-stricken when Paul proclaimed the Word of God. He gingerly said to his former professor afterwards: "Sir Paul, nung estudiyante ninyo ako, atheist kayo." Paul answered: "Nuon *yon*, Father." In other occasions, friendships were sown with his students; some treated him like part of the family. Years after graduation, some would approach him to introduce their kids.

Even former UP President Emil Q. Javier remained a faithful patron. He remembered to bring home a large art book as *pasalubong* to Paul purchased in one of his trips to Europe.

Paul is humbled to have been invited by Batch 70 to contribute this piece to their Golden Jubilee Yearbook. Imagine having mentored some of the topnotch alumni of UPLB, now in various professions, in the academe, and in the public and private sectors. He quips, "I was just an ordinary classroom teacher helping in the development of their intellect."

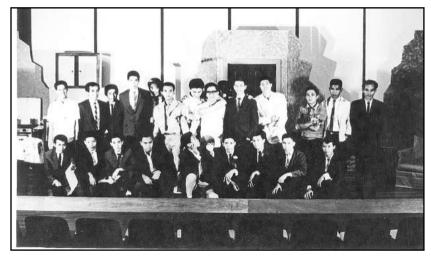


1967 - Arelyne and Danny -The Subject Was Roses



Our night to howl





Alpha Sigma 2

Arelyne and Pepito as Nettie and John

Musings by Ed Gavin as shared by Arelyne Pacho Ramos

The first play I directed was "Good-bye, My Gentle" (a Filipino play in English) and I regret that I cannot recall the name of the playwright. I don't remember what campus organization produced it. That was when I met Pepito Salenda, whom I cast.

The next play I directed was "Blithe Spirit." A sorority, Sigma Beta produced it; I sensed that they wanted a play that presented strong female characters.

"The Subject Was Roses" was the next play. I'll send some pics from it that I found after I emailed you earlier today. I had seen it on Broadway in NYC during my senior year at Penn. That production really touched me deeply. Moreover, I felt that audiences at UPCA would readily identify with the characters and themes.

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In the Magic 7: L-R, Resty Collado, Bimbo Dujale, Carlo Custudio, Joy Ramos, Boy Lumanta, Claire Gonsalez, Choy Saladaga



Francis Laurel serving as CEM Foundation Day Speaker

In the Brother's Four: Standing L-R, Boy Lumanta, Choy Saladaga, Carlo Custudio, Resty Collado Sitting L-R, Bimbo Dujale, Claire Gonsalez



March 7, 1970 Ester L. Pua and co-teacher trainee with their students from UPCA- Dept. of Home Technology in Rizal National Agricultural School in Tanay, Rizal.



The Roommates from 1965 to 1970 and BFFs:

Rita Pacho Laude, Eva Data, Carmencita "Chit" Masongsong and Nellie Moharin seated on the front steps of the Women's Residence Hall at Molawin Road.



Eva, Chit, Nellie and Rita having a blast at a reunion lunch at a restaurant in Alabang on February 17, 2020

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L-R: (?/?/Manuel Escaro-RIP/Pablo Bayan/ Lolita Cuento/Fil Obmerga/?/Juanita Hernandez/ prof James Mateo

















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I am attaching herewith two photos, the upper one was taken during the Women's Dorm's Pink Party. Seated from left is Ida Fandialan, Gemma Deangkinay, Claudette Faustino and Nita Bicomong (all batch 70). Standing are two batch 70 guys; behind Ida is Jose Faustino, Jr. and at the rightmost is Romy Bayani.

The bottom photo was our Soil Science 1 lab class under Miss Veronica Lopez (our lecturer was Dr. Cesar Mamaril). The ladies seated are from left: Yeyeng Paguia, Vicky Marfil, Evangeline Ruba, Ms. Lopez, Ida Fandialan, Rose David and Ching Paje. I can only identify the following male classmates: Manny Zantua and Romulo Furoc (the ones kneeling - middle and rightmost); standing are Boy Mayor (2nd from left), 5th and 6th from the right are Leopoldo Flores and Oscar Opina. They are all batch 70 members.







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UP Soil Science Society way back 1968. Maybe you can identify Ernie and Fe Almira, Manny Zantua, Cris Escano (RIP) Adel Pua and myself.



Sigma Beta participation at September Fair, 1967

L to R Top: 1-Celia Laforteza Pinthongkam?, 2-Rachel Paras, 5 - Virginia Ocampo, 6 - Daisy Labadan Barradas, 7-Aida Quilloy. 8 - Norie Villegas, 9- daisy Coloma, 10 -Bottom: Carol Calara, REveracion Nisperos (Forestry), me, Jovita Gongon,









Soils Class under Ms Lopez L to R: Yeyeng, Marfil, Mila? Ms Lopez; Ida, ? and me. 4211 - SAGES - Society of Agricultural Engineering Students L to R TOP: 2- Bibiano RAmos, 7- Ed Rodriguez?.8- Tabanao, Me, 10-Ed Elegado, 14 -Rey Elizondo, 15 Francisco Puertas Bottom: 4 - Isagani Sarmiento

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Protest time during Dean D.L. Umali's administration, with Danny Labadan and Teresa Banzon.

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Loyalty day 1966 Teresa B and Caridad Magpantay



Loyalty day 1966 group photo ?, Linda Monzon, Milagros Elepano, Teresa Banzon, Caridad Magpantay, Rose David, Angelina Villanueva, Florita Enrile



Barkada at Baker field for softball game



Student elections, 1968-Elmo Angeles, et al



Student elections, 1968-Ted Paulin, Virgie L, Tess H



ROTC ball (?) Manuelito Guinto, Teresa Banzon, Bonifacia Galvez, Edgardo Columbres



Corps sponsors. (1965-66?) Betty Hombrebueno, Teresa Banzon, Aurea Paguia, Remedios Maranan



Barkada meets @ Baker field for softball game, 1968



Student elections, 1968-Ochie Baes serenading Virgie L, Tess H with Boy Catalla



UPSCA Fair@St Therese-Tony Mendoza, Juju Banzon, Baby Carandang, Boy Catalla, Julius Sison,etc.

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Plaidmates, 1968-Virgie, Bobot, Lilian, Tess & Baby













Plaidmates, 1967-Sept Fair@Baker 1





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# THE PASSING OF A TRAGEDY

There's that old song which has lines that go like: "Laughing on the outside, crying on the inside..." These lines basically captured the essence of a large part of Yeyeng's post-UPCA life. I thought it was sad. Which became sadder as I listened to snippets of anecdotal accounts told by people whose lives she touched one way or another.

Yeyeng was born in Malolos, Bulacan in 1948. But his uncle, the late Dean Francisco O. Santos (a street perpendicular to Lopez Avenue bears his name), enticed her to study in Los Banos. That's the reason she became a product of MSI, UPRHS and UPCA.

Most of us can bring our recollection of Yeyeng back to 1965 only. But others, like Ching Paje, Tess Habito, Teresa Banzon, Nestor Lawas, Rey Mabesa, etc. can better remember her because they practically grew up together.

Yeyeng was a different person to different people. Points of view and appreciation were not same, depending on who's talking. To many of us who got to know Yeyeng better only after the Upca70 got organized, she was bubbly and care-free and sociable. Perhaps not necessarily amiable all the time to some.

Mannie Baradas: She was a tender person. Even invoke is that she had been part of Upca70, never enigmatic in the sense that she could be smiling one mind that one point, she resigned twice. moment and looking detached the next. It hurt me to think that she had spent long days and hours with Sunday morning, I was in Tagaytay presiding our us (joining out-of-town trips, mostly) and yet she did Nagoya University alumni association reunion when not accept us by refusing to tell us what bothered I received Mannie B.'s text saying that Yeyeng was her. (Para bang ang gustong sabihin ni Mannie ay found dead at about 4 p.m. the previous day. "kung nalaman lang namin ang mga problema niya at ang mga gumugulo sa kanyang isipan, baka hindi Knowing that Yeyeng lived alone, my immediate humantong sa pagsu-suicide").



Boots, her landlady: She's basically a nice person. But very private. Tahimik lang. Laging gusto ay mag-isa. She could, however, be voluble when she wanted to talk

George Silverio, the husband: Mabait naman siya. But sometimes very stubborn. Matigas ang ulo. At saka very selosa. Pag umuuwi ako, ang unang gagawin ay bubuksan ang kotse at aamoy-amuyin kung may trace ng perfume....

There's no longer a point in deciphering exactly what kind of personality Yeyeng had. Most of us had a taste of it, perceived it, and even experienced it. Maybe it's better that the characterization of her should no longer continue. Better to remember her in the best positive light possible. All we need to

reflex action was to send a text blast to people who should be informed. Ida Fandialan-Dalmacio



was, of course, the first person that came to mind. I was confident that Ida could take care of monitoring the events as they unfolded.

I was informed that true to form, Batch70 got into action right away. Boy Lumanta with Mendie, Verong Vergara and Milo Opena were the first to go to Vasquez

Funeral Homes. Someone told me that Boy lamented: Kami lang ang nandito. Walang information available. Kahit pangalan ni Yeyeng, ni hindi nakasulat.

When I got home in the evening, I sent out queries on how to get in touch with anyone related to Yeyeng. **Tere Banzon** came to the rescue. She advised me to contact **Nilo Flor Cruz's** wife, **Linda**.

At the same time, Mannie texted me that he was able to track down George Silverio who's somewhere in Negros. Mannie had to use his vast network of contacts to be able to finally get connected to George.

Early morning the following day, Mannie called up to say that he would fetch George from the airport. In the same breath, he told me that the body of Yeyeng would be leaving first hour in the afternoon to be transported to the crematorium in Pulo, Cabuyao.

I sent out word that Nilo and Linda were coming. Also George. At this point, **Eva Data** proved very helpful. She was actively partnering with Ida and Lorie in representing our batch on what next steps were to take. I must add, our treasurer, **Lorie Uridela Cruz**, too. At this point, I was anxious to know if George was able come on time. I wanted him to be around during the cremation. None of us had the legal personality, much less authority, to decide on the fate of Yeyeng's corpse. Cremation, after all, is a one-way process that cannot be reversed.

I was relieved when I saw Nilo FC's post. Shown in the picture were himself, Lorie, **Virgie Luis-Mabesa**, **Daisy Baradas.** And George Silverio.

Monday at 7:00 p.m., Ida and Mannie summoned me. The ashes had been put in an urn. Beside the urn was a framed picture of a smiling Yeyeng. Credit this to Mannie. He had to go through a lot of files before he could choose which shot to enlarge and print. Mannie's skills in PhotoShop came handy.

Three wreaths came to give company to Yeyeng's urn and portrait. The biggest was from batchmate **Francis Laurel** who's on overseas trip but was being updated by our constant exchange via cellphones. The other two were from Batch70 (thanks, Lorie) and from **Antonia (Tonette) Dawinan** and husband **Manny.** 

UPRHS Class64 was well-represented the first viewing night. Led by its president, **Cadio Cruz**, also present were **Thelma Romero** and husband **Tirso Paris**, **Joey Ramos** and **Babe Ela**.

I did not meet George on this night. He had left before I could have discussions with him

Flurry of emails were coming my way. They offered tips and information (some were confidential) on what to say or ask when I would meet George. And of course, they contained words of sympathies and oneness with Batch70 in its effort to give Yeyeng a decent send-off.

# **UPCA Batch '70:** The Batch to Watch



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# **Thank you!** Salamat po!

Looking back to what hurdles Batch 70 had to overcome in order to lead in organizing this year's Virtual Loyalty Day, we proudly say that we succeeded only because we received tremendous assistance from so many wonderful people. We cannot mention all of them and we cannot adequately thank them. But we need to mention the outstanding ones. They are:

**Ex-UPOU Chancellor Grace Javier Alfonso.** She patiently shepherded each of us in learning the dance steps that we could hardly execute. Our inability to follow the instructions tested her tolerance threshold, still she was smiling at the end of every practice session. Thank you, Ma'am Gigi. You're an angel and we will always remember your sisterly ways.

We thank as well **UPOU Chancellor Mel Bandelaria** for her total support. She unhesitatingly allowed her key staff, Dr. Liza Gelisan, Dr. Primo Garcia and Ms. Agnes Mejia to guide us as we searched for ways by which we could have a virtual presentation of how we were and how UPLB was during those years when we were struggling college students.

We must express our full appreciation to UPLBAA President Leo Ballesfin. Without his generous guidance and advice, our plans would not have been executed smoothly and as successfully as they were.

We convey our special words of thanks to Dr. Maria Dalisay Maligalig, and Dr. Eileen Lorena Mamino. What a sweet duo they were no matter how loaded they became each time there were Steering Committee meetings. Without their initiatives and proactive support, the whole Awards Ceremony could not have been held in an orderly and systematic matter that it did.

Also, thank you to the following: **Prof.** Naomi Mendoza for the choreography; **Director Josephine Bo** and the whole staff of OPR. They are credited for the excellent media support and the beautiful Loyalty Day logo.

Thanks are also due Ms. Maja Filipina Espinas of the UPLBAA Office and the Office of Alumni Relations Staff

Resty Collado & the rest of BATCH '70

### MARAMING SALAMAT PO!!

### Grace Javier Alfonso Ph.D.

Dr. Alfonso is a multi-awarded artist, a painter, sculptor, filmmaker, director for television, film researcher, a multimedia artist, a film critic, teacher, and communicator. All her works have been for sending a thought, sharing insights, and telling stories. She is a true advocate for life long learning and Technology Mediated Education particularly Open Distance eLearning. Now, as a multimedia artist, she is creating hundreds of materials as oral histories of thought leaders for Open Educational Resources in the Sciences, Social Sciences, and in the Culture and the Arts for TVUP, the internet television network of the University of the Philippines. TVUP (tvup.ph) is a production center, an open educational resources repository and a multimedia publication system.

As a painter and sculptor, she participated in numerous group shows and has had eight solo exhibits. Among her recent exhibitions included the Siningsaysay: Philippine History in Arts, Women Empowerment in the Philippines (2014-on going) at the Araneta Center, Quezon City, Hilom: An Art Exhibit (2014) at the Glorietta 2, Makati City. Ïmages of Three Women: Claiming Space" (2014) at the Sandbox, UP Open University; and 2 Women Voices: Visual Conversations Multiplied at Philippine Center (2012) in New York.

Her solo art exhibits include the following: Tibok ng Kalikasan (2011) which was shown at the National Computer Center in Diliman, Quezon City, Trimate Gallery in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, and Lulan ng Sining at UPOU Open University is Los Banos, Laguna; Kababaihan at Kalikasan: Ang Papapalawak ng Puwang (2004) at the SSS Gallery; Babae sa Tagulan at Tag-araw (2002) at Vargas Museum, Diliman, Quezon City; Dahon at Damo (2000) at National Computer Center, Diliman, Quezon City; The Third Image (1986) at Vargas Museum, Diliman, Quezon City; Bartolina, Preso, Hawla at Iba Pa (1985) at Pinaglabanan Galleries (painting and sculpture); Gigi Javier Alfonso's Latest Works (painting), at the Cultural Center of the Philippines; and Sulyap (1982) at Gallery One.

Dr. Alfonso is one of only two artists that have been permitted by the University of the Philippines to cast and create the iconic UP Oblation. She had the

privilege to be the artist/sculptor for the UP Oblation for the UP Open University 2005, UP Manila 2008, UP School of Health Sciences in Palo, Leyte 2008, UP School of Health Sciences in Koronadal 2011. South Cotabato, UP Diliman Extension Program in Clark 2015, Pampanga, UP SHS in Baler 2011, Aurora, UP Cebu, Professional School Campus 2015, UP Bonifacio Global City 2016 and the UP Cebu main campus 2018.

Other works as: Sculptor, "Republica" awards, Commission on Higher Education 2011; Sculptor, Diwata awards, Women's Film Festival; Film Institute 2013-2015; Sculptor, "Outstanding Faculty Award", Commission on higher education 2010; Sculptor, Glory awards, College of mass Communication Alumni Association 2017; and Sculptor, ASEANnale Awards. 2018.

As a film academic and researcher, she has written treatises on film education and the state of the Philippine movie and television industries in both local and international publications. Dr. Alfonso has written on film for Film Journal of the International Filmoche, Mannheim and Cinemaya, an international publication. She wrote the column called "Sights and Sounds" for the Daily Tribune. She likewise wrote the "Kultura Popular" column for Sunday Malaya. As a film critic, she has been an active member of the local film critics group Manunuri ng Pelikulang Pilipino since 1991 and of which she has served as Chair in 1996-1998, 2002-2003, 2011-2013 and 2015-2016.

Dr. Alfonso is a professor of the UPOU Faculty of Information and Communication Studies of film and Professor Emeritus teaching at the Film Institute of College of Mass Communication. She is the Founding Chair of U.P. College of Mass Communication Film and Audiovisual Department. She taught in College of Fine Arts, UP Diliman for five years. She served as Chairperson of the Film School Board of the Philippines and member of the Film Committee of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts in 1989-1991.

She has participated in various seminars and workshops on the art and technique of film since 1985. She was a delegate to the Women's

International Film Festival in Seoul, Korea in 2003 distance education and open learning and served and at the International Film Festival in Mannheim, her first administrative duty as the UPOU Dean of Germany in 1987-1989. She chaired the U.P. Film and the School for Distance Education in 1995. In 1999. Video Festival and the annual Women's Film Festival she became the director of the UPOU Audio-Visual of the U. P. Film Institute's Cine Adarna. Teaching and Learning Laboratory. Her exemplary talent in multimedia and arts led her to become the Dr. Alfonso's visual medium extends to film and video. Director of the UPOU Multimedia Center in 2004 before she served her first term as the UPOU Chancellor in 2007. And she is now the Executive Director of TVUP.

She has acted as writer and director in more than a hundred television dramas, talk shows, mini-series, tele-cines, narrative features, documentaries, and educational videos. She likewise served as member For her vision of what education should be in the 21st century, she led the UP Open University to offer of the board of directors of Channel 9 from 1993 to 1998. In addition to these, she has directed numerous its programs completely online and pioneered in open educational resources that are used in a range developing numerous Massive Open Online Courses of courses at the UP Open University and other higher (MOOCs). She has been invited to sit in governing education institutions. boards and technical panels and had been consulted, in aid of legislation, on various issues and strategic In recognition of her contribution as an artist at the directions for the education sector. Among her major university, the UP bestowed upon her the honorific title engagements were as Chair of the CHED Technical of UP Artist I from 2009 to 2011 and 2012-2014 and Panel for Transnational and Distance Education: recently awarded UP Artist II from 2015-2017. She was President of the Philippines Society for Distance recently awarded The "Excellence in Communication Learning; former Executive Board Member of Asian Award" by the Philippine Communication Society 2018. Association of Open Universities (AAOU) and she Dr. Alfonso is an awardee of the 2014 Concepcion serves as its Secretary General and former President of Asian Association of Women Studies (AAWS). Dadufalza Award for her Distinguished Achievement

and also awarded as Professor Emeritus in 2015. The Asian Association of Open Universities awarded her She earned her PhD in Communication in 1990, her also the AAOU Meritorius Award in 2016. She was MA in the Humanities (Art History) in 1980, and her Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1972, all from the University also an awardee of the 2018 UPAA Distinguished Alumni for Culture and the Arts and Recipients of the of the Philippines.

2018 Dakila Awards. She was awarded the 2018 also PAASE Distinguished Vanguard Award of Philippine Science. Among her other include awards winning at the Shell **On-the-Spot Painting** Competition in 1971 and receiving in 1988 the Second Grand Prize at the Tamtam Video Festival in Turin, Italy.

Dr. Alfonso served as Chancellor of the UP Open University from 2007-2016. She became involved in



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# Greetings from The Outstanding Golden Jubilarians



Isaias G. Lumanta Jr., Ph.D



**Regent Francis C. Laurel** 



Ida F. Dalmacio, Ph.D



Cristino M. Collado, Ph.D



Mr. Nilo A. FlorCruz

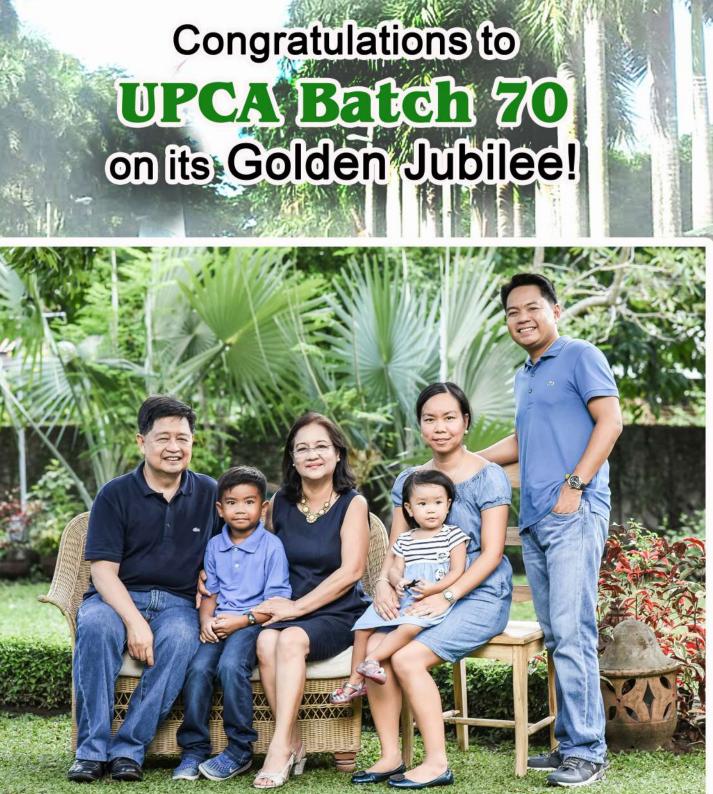






Teresa Habito Stuart-Guida, Ph.D





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From Boy, Mendie, Roi, Nini, **Uno and Daphne Lumanta** 

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### Greetings from FLOI







 Top: (left) Michael, Jeremy, Micah, Barry and Korina FlorCruz-Chen (right) Lilybeth, Bella the Chihuahua, Burt, Michael, Korina, Micah, Budit and Simply)
 Middle: (left) Korina's first born Micah – 3 years old; (right) Korina's newest family additions The Twins - Jeremy and Barry – 1 year old
 Bottom: (Left) Burt, Lilybeth and Bella FlorCruz-Kwok); (Right) Budit and Simply FlorCruz

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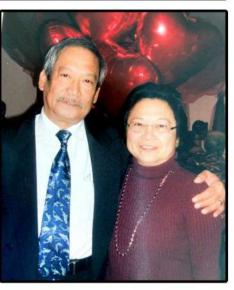
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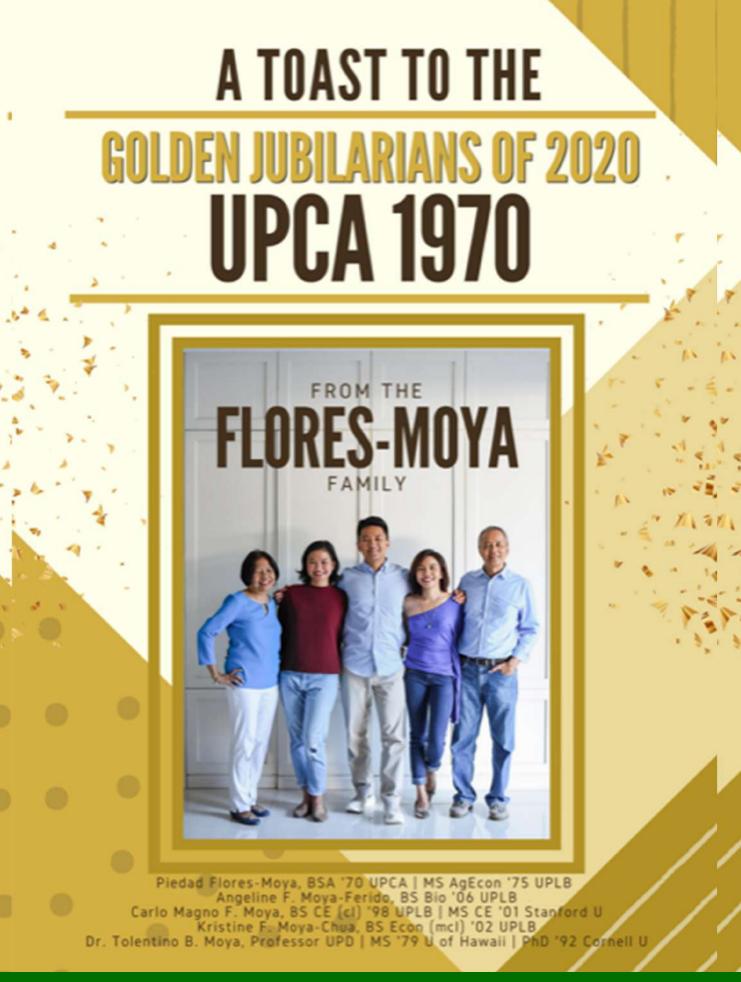












### **Congratulations Tony Oña on your Golden Jubilee**



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### ... To times that were that might have been And times that are that might still be ... **Thanks For The Memories!**





Congratulations to The Symposium members on their Golden Jubilee:

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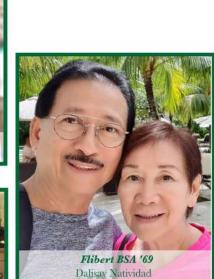
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Greetings from Dr. Julian A. Banzon and Dr. Vivencia F. Banzon and family!







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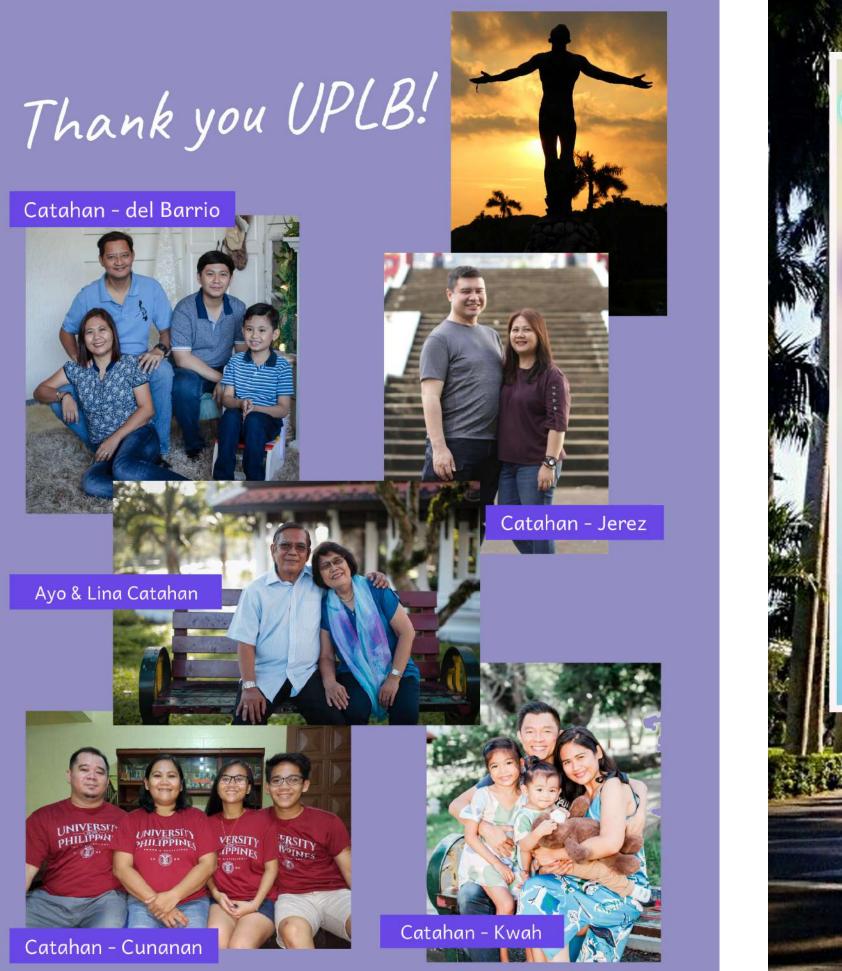






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Greetings from the UPLB Alumni in Bangkok, <mark>Th</mark>ailand (Li<mark>l</mark>ia Villegas, Jo<mark>y O</mark>yardo, Linda Barrios, Violeta Clemente and Rose David)





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Auditor 1966-1978, University of the Philippines Los Banos

Because you said thoroughbreds don't quit, in loving memory, from your children.

Yolanda (Yoli) F. Catalla UPLB Development Communication, 1966 - stopped Jose (Boy) F. Catalla<sup>+</sup> **UPLB** Animal Husbandry, 1975

Christina (Tina) F. Catalla UPLB Agricultural Economics, 1967 - disappeared July 1977

> Rebecca (Pem) F. Catalla, PhD + UP Rural High School, 1969 UP Diliman, BS Community Development, 1974 Iowa State University, PhD Sociology, 1996

> > Luz (Lucy) Catalla Bonman UP Rural High School, 1971 **UPLB Home Technology**, 1977

Patricia (Pat) Catalla Pasatiempo UP Rural High School, 1972

Sandra Lumen (Sandi) Catalla Bene UP Rural High School, 1973

Marinela (Nel) F. Catalla UP Rural High School, 1976 UP Diliman, Hotel & Restaurant Administration, 1982

> Rafael Norberto (Bong) F. Catalla UP Rural High School, 1980 UPLB Agri Business, 1985

Cristopher (Cris) F. Catalla UP Rural High School, 1984 **UPLB** Agricultural Engineering, 1989

Joseph (Joy) F. Catalla UP Rural High School, 1985 - transferred

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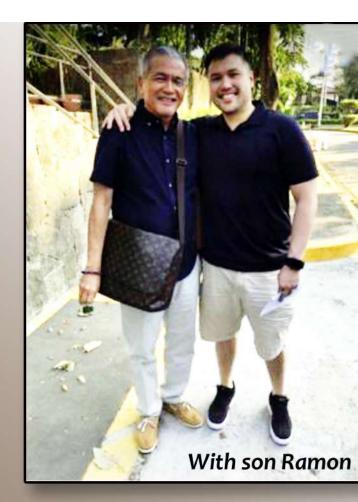


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Valerie, Claudia, Ivan & Francis





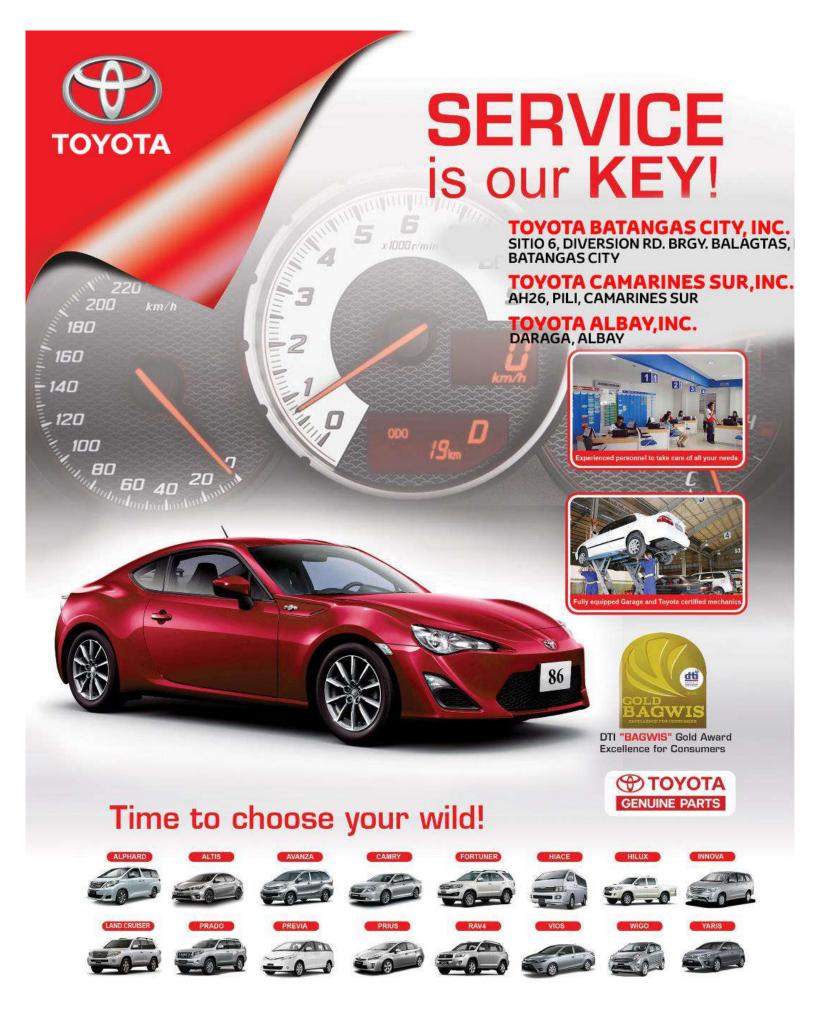


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Left-right: son Martin, granddaughter Clara, daughter-in-law Guia, daughter Sandra, daughter Yanah, son Franco, granddaughter Angia, granddaughter Sabina, and Mariella.



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