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UPLB toward a future-proof university

BY DIANNE B. UBALDO

The university has reached another milestone as it conducted the first UPLB-Alumni-Industry Summit on November 6, 2021 at the REDREC Auditorium.

“Please join us in being a part of the University and let us manifest our relevance to our Alma Mater,” encouraged Dr. Cristino M. Collado, Vice President of UPLB Alumni Association (UPLBAA) in his welcome remarks. “Deep in your heart, wherever you are, the UPLB spirit is always alive and present in our consciousness. Together we can do a lot,” he exhorted.

Atty. Danilo L. Concepcion, UP President, graced the formalization of the strategic alliance among the different stakeholders to attain sustainability in resources and operations as a response to the fourth industrial revolution. He shared his insights on the proposed synergy of the academe, alumni, and industry partnership. Despite the disruptions brought by the pandemic, President Concepcion recognized the passion of UPLB’s constituents in continuously performing the mandate of public service through teaching and research and by providing quality education to produce skilled students and graduates.

“Respect, responsibility, honor, excellence, inclusivity, social responsibility, accessibility,

innovativeness, and compassion - these are the values we uphold in everything we do,” said President Concepcion.

Furthermore, he highlighted the importance of the alumni as a rich source of support and expertise to enhance productivity and efficiency in the agriculture, industry, and service sectors; develop and promote research and development; and support efforts of Filipino scientists, engineers, and alumni experts needed to hasten the country’s socio-economic development and improve quality of lives.

UPLB Chancellor Jose V. Camacho, Jr. provided updates during his first year of leadership as well as shared current initiatives for future proofing UPLB.

“To achieve this, we must sustain UPLB’s relevance by developing methods, approaches, and frameworks to minimize the cost and impacts of shocks and future events; and by honing leaders committed to knowledge creation, innovation and cutting-edge research, and public service,” he emphasized.

He encouraged active engagement from the different sectors to establish dynamic, responsive, and symbiotic relationships to better understand

what the industry needs in terms of graduate skills, competencies, and know-how.

In addition, Chancellor Camacho presented plans on enhancing the academic curricula to fit the new and next normal. He highlighted the significant contributions of UPLBAA in various events; in infrastructure, equipment, and facilities development; in sponsorship, grants, student support services, student learning assistance, relief programs, internship placement and employment, and sharing of expertise and knowledge.

Included in his report are the proposed establishment of the UPLB Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CATL) as a support unit to strengthen local and private linkages; the UPLB

Enterprise Architecture Plan to harmonize and level up information systems and databases; the UPLB AGORA (Accelerating Growth through One Research in Action) to transcend the traditional ways of thinking and research practices of the University; and the UPLB Extension Agenda anchored on sustainable development goals; and marketing and commercialization of products and technologies. He also announced that “The UPLB Agro-Industrial Park and the UPLB Information Technology Park at our special economic zone will soon rise.”

As part of the morning session, Dr. Romel M. Carlos, director of the UPLB Technology Transfer and Business Development Office (TTBDO), explained the strategic goals on technology



Dr. Romel M. Carlos, UPLB TTBDO director, talks about “Innovation and Entrepreneurship as Pathways to Cooperation.” (left photo) Dr. Rico C. Ancog, UPLB SESAM Dean, asserts the significance of sustaining the University’s relevance through knowledge creation and cutting edge research. (right photo)



Dr. Ronilo Jose D. Flores, director of the Office of Student Housing (OSH), hosted and facilitated the panel discussion on “Investing in our Human Capital Toward Leadership in the Industry”. The panelists are Dr. Weerapon Thongma, Dr. Geronimo Collado, and Dr. Manuel Logroño. (From left to right)

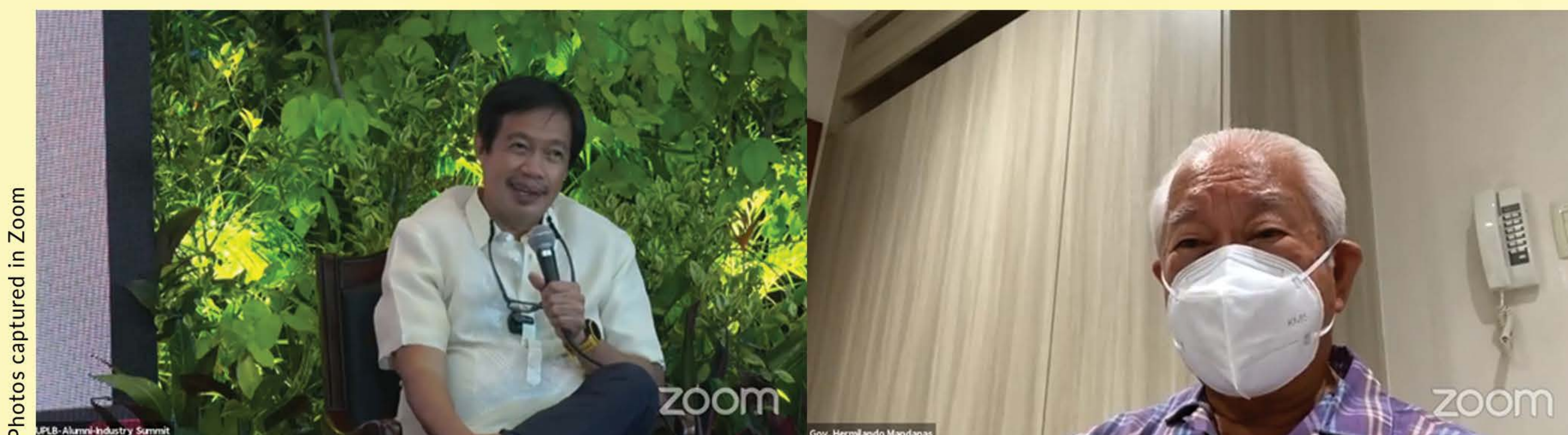
transfer, business development, and inter/multidisciplinary initiatives to build a collaborative culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in Academe-Alumni-Industry-Government engagements. On the other hand, Dr. Rico C. Ancog, dean of the School of Environmental Science and Management (SESAM), discussed the four pillars of UPLB AGORA: food security and sovereignty; resilience and sustainability; future cities; and one health.

Dr. Geronimo M. Collado, first UPLB vice chancellor for Planning and Development; Dr. Manuel L. Logroño, head of Asia-Pacific (APAC) Field Crops Seeds Development; and Dr. Weerapon Thongma, president of UPLBAA Thailand Chapter and Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges and Universities, shared their knowledge and experiences on investing for human capital toward leadership in the industry. They stressed that technical, communication,

personal, and interpersonal skills, and entrepreneurial mindset are essential in keeping pace with the workforce of the future and become industry-ready.

Lastly, a forum exploring a framework for collaboration of the key players featured distinguished speakers from local government units, international development communities, and private sectors.

The Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB) under CAFS is one of the partners in future proofing the University. The institute joined the CAFS Extension Summit with the theme “CAFS Responding to Disruptive Challenges Through Unified and Harmonized Extension and Advisory Services” and the CAFS Research Summit in November 2021. IPB and CAFS are active partners in achieving UPLB’s vision.



Hon. Rommel A. Gecolea, Cabuyao City mayor (left photo) and Hon. Hermilando I. Madanas, Batangas governor (right photo) talks about “Exploring a Framework for Collaboration among the Academe, Alumni, and Industry Toward a Future-proof UPLB”.



Capt. Mauro W. Barradas, UPLBAA president expresses his delight on the success of the event and looks forward to another UPLB-Alumni-Industry Summit.

The following webinars were held as part of the UPLB-Alumni-Industry Summit.

UPLB-ALUMNI-INDUSTRY SUMMIT WEBINAR SERIES

Academe-Alumni-Industry Linkages: The UPLB Perspective

28 SEPTEMBER 2021
9:30 AM - 12:00 NN
VIA ZOOM
PREMIERE fb.com/UPLBAlumniRelations

SPEAKER

Dr. Jose V. Camacho, Jr.
UPLB Chancellor

PANELIST

Dr. Emil Q. Javier
National Scientist

PANELIST

Capt. Mauro W. Barradas
UPLBAA President

PANELIST

Hon. Francis C. Laurel
Member, UP Board of Regents

Moderator: Dr. Cielito F. Habito

UPLB-ALUMNI-INDUSTRY SUMMIT WEBINAR SERIES

Academe-Alumni-Industry Linkages: An Operational Perspective

5 OCTOBER 2021 (TUESDAY)
9:30 AM - 12:00 NN
VIA ZOOM
PREMIERE fb.com/UPLBAlumniRelations

LEAD PANELIST

Mr. Pablito M. Villegas

PANELIST

Mr. Crisanto S. Gualberto II

PANELIST

Dr. Agustin B. Molina

PANELIST

Mr. Michael Kurt Raeuber

Moderator

Dr. Michael Vincent O. Laurio

Synthesis/Rapporteur

Asst. Prof. Normito R. Zapata Jr.

UPLB-ALUMNI-INDUSTRY SUMMIT WEBINAR SERIES

Academe-Alumni-Industry Linkages: The Industry Perspective

12 OCTOBER 2021 (TUESDAY)
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
VIA ZOOM
PREMIERE fb.com/UPLBAlumniRelations

LEAD PANELIST

Hon. Arlene B. Arcillas
Mayor, City of Sta. Rosa

PANELIST

Atty. Rommel R. Gutierrez
First Vice President,
Toyota Motor Philippines

PANELIST

Mr. Cesar Mario O. Mamon
President and Chairman,
Enchanted Kingdom Inc.

Moderator

Dr. Aileen V. Lapitan

Synthesis Presenter

Vice Chancellor Rolando T. Bello

UPLB-ALUMNI-INDUSTRY SUMMIT WEBINAR SERIES

Academe-Alumni-Industry Linkages: The SUC Experience

19 OCTOBER 2021 (TUESDAY)
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
VIA ZOOM
PREMIERE fb.com/UPLBAlumniRelations

LEAD PANELIST

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo
President, Philippine Association of State
Universities and Colleges (PASUC)
and Batangas State University (BSU)

PANELIST

Dr. Ambrosio B. Cultura II
President, University of Science and
Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP)

PANELIST

Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis
President,
Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU)

Moderator

Prof. Arlene C. Gutierrez

Synthesis Presenter

Dr. Rex L. Navarro

UPLB-ALUMNI-INDUSTRY SUMMIT WEBINAR SERIES

Academe-Alumni-Industry Linkages: What UPLB Can Offer - Part 1

26 OCTOBER 2021 (TUESDAY)
9:00 AM - 12:00 NN
VIA ZOOM
LIVE fb.com/UPLBAlumniRelations

Moderator

Dr. Mildred O. Moscoso

Synthesis Presenter

Prof. Glenn N. Baticados

PANELIST

Dr. Fe M. dela Cueva
Director, Institute of Plant Breeding

PANELIST

Dr. Lotis E. Mopera
Director, Institute of Food Science and Technology

PANELIST

Dr. Rommel C. Sulabo
Director, Institute of Animal Science

PANELIST

Mr. Melvin D. Ebuenga
Director, National Crop Protection Center

UPLB-ALUMNI-INDUSTRY SUMMIT WEBINAR SERIES

Academe-Alumni-Industry Linkages: What UPLB Can Offer - Part 2

5 NOVEMBER 2021 (FRIDAY)
9:00 AM - 12:00 NN
VIA ZOOM
LIVE fb.com/UPLBAlumniRelations

PANELIST

Dr. Marilyn B. Brown
Director, National Institute of Molecular
Biology and Biotechnology

PANELIST

Prof. Marlo D. Mendoza
Dean, College of Forestry and
Natural Resources

PANELIST

Dr. Rossana Marie C. Amongo
Dean, College of Engineering and
Agro-Industrial Technology

Moderator

Prof. Ryan Jay I. Galang

Synthesis/Rapporteur

Dr. Maria Claret L. Tsuchiya

UPLB alumnus and team win the UN Best Small Business 2021

BY PAULLY MAY Z. VALENCIA

The Varacco Inc., a company from the Philippines, is recognized as one of the winners for the Best Small Business: “Good Food for All” competition in 2021 from 2,000 entrants around the world.

Ariestelo Asilo (BS Nutrition 2007) jumped with joy and excitement when he received this good news. Aries, a UPLB Alumnus and native of Batangas, pioneered Nutripreneurship, short for Nutrition and Entrepreneurship, through coffee production and research. He is the chief operating officer (COO) and co-founder of Varacco Inc. with CEO Kathleen Manto, as his co-founder. It is an early present for the partners when they received the award during the first anniversary of Timplado, their registered café restaurant.



All the dreams that he is fulfilling now began with a question, “10 years from now, what do you like to do?” Aries was still a student when this was asked by his professor. This question made him think. He realized that within that span of time, he wanted to own a business.

Armed with knowledge, skills, and network, he opened his first business venture, an agricultural company, in 2013. His first attempt was unsuccessful, but that did not hinder him from trying again. He opened another business, an accounting company helping small businesses to organize their systems. For two years, he diligently worked as operations head of the company. However, he got burned out and decided to close it down just like his first company.

The Calling

Aries decided to pursue a master’s degree in business management at the University of the Philippines through the US Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Development. This is the same scholarship that assisted him to finish his BS Nutrition in 2007. The schooling exposed him to various trainings, seminars, and conferences, which widened his business network, management experiences, and research exposure.

In 2018, Aries was introduced by a common friend to Kathleen “Kat” Manto. He saw Kat with a group of mothers making coffee as a small business. That time, he recalled that in Lobo Batangas, many coffee beans remain unharvested or scattered under the trees and were consumed

only when needed. The idea struck him that the coffee beans could be used commercially.

He and Kat decided to be business partners and started Varacco Inc. Aries' ambition of owning a coffee company became possible. Kat was more focused on the coffee products, and it was her idea to develop a dip coffee product. Aries for his part, was interested in the coffee business development and research.

Aries' goal was to attain a sustainable food service system by progressive value addition leading to increased productivity, profitability, and product quality. With this passion, he shared his innovative model on Nutripreneurship by speaking at national and international conferences. He tapped partners from different universities. On top of that, he has one patent and five trademarks to his name.

With these achievements, Aries was recognized as 2020 UPLB Distinguished Alumnus for Nutrition Entrepreneurship and Community Nutrition. In 2021, Aries also won a grant from ACDI-VOCA funded by the USDA for his coffee research.

Learning from the Mentors

Before he started the business in 2012, he consulted three distinguished men he considered as mentors, namely: Dr. Romulo Davide, Mr. Antonio "Tony" Meloto, and Dr. Aries Alip.

These three mentors helped him visualize the path to achieve his goals. He wanted to replicate Dr. Davide's national program called "Farmers' Scientists Training Program" (FSTP) by focusing on coffee and calling it, "Coffee-based Farming and Entrepreneurship Engagement (COFFEE) Program. In the future, he also wanted to have his own rural bank just like Dr. Alip's CARD bank. t like Mr. Meloto who owns a farm, Aries, wanted

And like Mr. Meloto who owns a farm, Aries, likewise wanted to have his own coffee farm. His engagements with these mentors guided him in his journey to be a successful entrepreneur and public servant.

Creating the Brand

The partners, Aries and Kat, started Varacco Inc. in 2018. The company focused on selling coffee. Though they faced many challenges such as the pandemic in 2020, they pushed through with the launching of Timplado in July 2020. They carefully strategized before they started launching digitally. They celebrated their first anniversary last July 31, 2021.

Their coffee is branded as Circa 1740 because that is the year when the Spaniards brought coffee to Lipa. The Gobernadorcillo that time ordered the mass production of coffee. Lipa became affluent with the production of coffee.

"We want to give honor to our heritage and culture in Lipa," Aries explained.



Aries with one of his mentors, Dr. Romulo G. Davide.

Timplado was coined by one of their partners. It should have been the name of their coffee because it is already mixed or “timplado”. But the partners thought it would be better to use it for the store’s name because it is very Filipino. Now, Timplado is becoming popular not only in Batangas but also in nearby provinces. And the income improved as well as their business.

Seizing the Opportunity

In 2020, Aries was awarded as a fellow of the Young Southeast Asian Leader Initiative (YSEALI) Professional Fellows Program for Economic Empowerment, a program of Fullbright, USA. This award opened a lot of doors for competitions, grants, and opportunities.

Since one of the things that Aries wanted to do was research, he conducted coffee research with his team. His technical coordinator urged him to apply for the United Nations (UN) Best Small Business competition. Upon reflection, Aries felt that their company stood a good chance, so he and his team prepared all the needed documents to beat the deadline.

Another question enabled him to share their advocacy and to be heard by the UN. The

competition assessed the applicants based on their business’ contribution for a healthier, more sustainable, and equitable food for their communities; their vision’s strength; and their impact.

Aries’ team prayed hard to win. And God answered their prayers. Out of 2,000 hopefuls, they placed in the top 150 and became one of the semi-finalists. Their journey didn’t end there. As a

semi-finalist, they were required to prepare a 2-minute video to answer (without editing) all the UN’s questions.

Thankful for his theater experience during his undergrad years at UPLB, his dedicated team under his guidance produced three versions of the video. They carefully chose one for their entry. After three weeks, all the hard work paid off. Varacco Inc.

was named as one of the finalists!

With God’s guidance and support from his family, partners, colleagues, staff, and friends, Aries says that he will continue pursuing his dreams, and in the process, help mold future generations with his example. His inputs are passion, knowledge, and love for coffee. These may well be ingredients of Aries’ own perfect “timpla” (mix) for success.

“May isang essay doon na pinakapaborito ko. What would you want to tell the government to help you? Sabi ko, I will not ask the government anymore. They are already having a lot of things to do. What I will do is that I will do my best to help the community, and, in that case, we’ll be helping the government,” Aries recalled.

SESAM hosts Alumni Virtual Assembly

BY THADDEUS P. LAWAS AND CHERRY S. PADILLA



On the 22nd of July, the UPLB School of Environmental Science and Management (SESAM) gathered its alumni for an Alumni Virtual General Assembly via Zoom. This gathering aimed to strengthen the connection with alumni and to gain their support for the School's endeavors.

SESAM is honored to produce several accomplished alumni who are equipped with knowledge, skills and leadership competence. An example is Dr. Rico C. Ancog, the 6th dean of SESAM and the first SESAM alumnus to be so. He is also the outgoing president of the SESAM Alumni Association (SESAMAA).

During the virtual assembly, Dr. Ancog presented the School's accomplishments, plans, and directions especially on alumni affairs. Some of the activities included the election of the SESAM Alumni Association's (SESAMAA) officers, nominations for the UPLB Alumni Association (UPLBAA) and SESAM Outstanding Alumni Awards, and discussion of other alumni-related activities. Three SESAM

alumni were recognized in the 103rd UPLB Loyalty Day celebration and Alumni Homecoming.

Chancellor Jose V. Camacho, Jr. graced the event and encouraged collaborative efforts to protect our environment, which is aligned with the branding of SESAM. Also present in the event are UPLB Alumni Association (UPLBAA) President Leo R. Ballesfin and UPLB Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) Director Eileen Lorena M. Mamino.

Pres. Ballesfin shared an inspiring message to the 114 SESAM alumni present that day. Moreover, Director Mamino requested fellow alumni to continue supporting OAR's programs and projects most especially the Ka-agapay program, the upcoming UPLB Alumni-Industry Council, and the Alumni Tracking.

Dr. Nicomedes D. Briones, retired SESAM Professor, closed the program by expressing his joy in reconnecting with his former students and colleagues.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Dr. Mari-ann M. Acedera

Secretary: For. Sofia A. Alaira

Auditor: Dr. Ma. Theresa M. Mutia

Project Officer: Mr. Victor A. Francisco

Vice President: Dr. Paulo N. Pasicolan

Treasurer: Ms. Cherry S. Padilla

Public Relations Officer: Dr. Evaristo Niño T. Cando III

ALUMNI HOLDING KEY POSITIONS

GOVERNMENT SECTOR



MARISOL C. ARAGON-SAMPELO

Representative, 3rd District of Laguna

BS Development Communication 1999



ARLENE B. ARCILLAS-NAZARENO

Mayor, City of Sta. Rosa, Laguna

BS Biology 1993



REXON V. AREVALO

Vice Mayor, Nagcarlan, Laguna

BS Agriculture 2003



JASMIN ANGELLI M. BAUTISTA

Mayor, Magallanes, Cavite

Master in Dev't Mgt and Governance 2014



AIDEL PAUL G. BELAMIDE

Vice Mayor, Silang, Cavite

BA Communication Arts 2009 *Summa cum laude*



MAR-LEN ABIGAIL S. BINAY-CAMPOS

Mayor, Makati City

BS Human Ecology 1997

ALUMNI HOLDING KEY POSITIONS

GOVERNMENT SECTOR



GABRIEL H. BORDADO JR.
Representative, 3rd District of Camarines Sur
Master of Dev't Mgt and Governance 2013



ALFREDO M. CORO II
Vice Mayor, Del Carmen, Surigao Del Norte
BS Computer Science 1998



WILLIAM D. DAR
Secretary, Department of Agriculture (DA)
PhD Horticulture 1980



ROMMEL A. GECOLEA
Mayor, Cabuyao City, Laguna
MPA Local Governance and Development 2013



JONAS R. LEONES
USEC for Policy, Planning, and Int'l Affairs,
Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
BS Forestry 1990, MS Environmental Science 2000



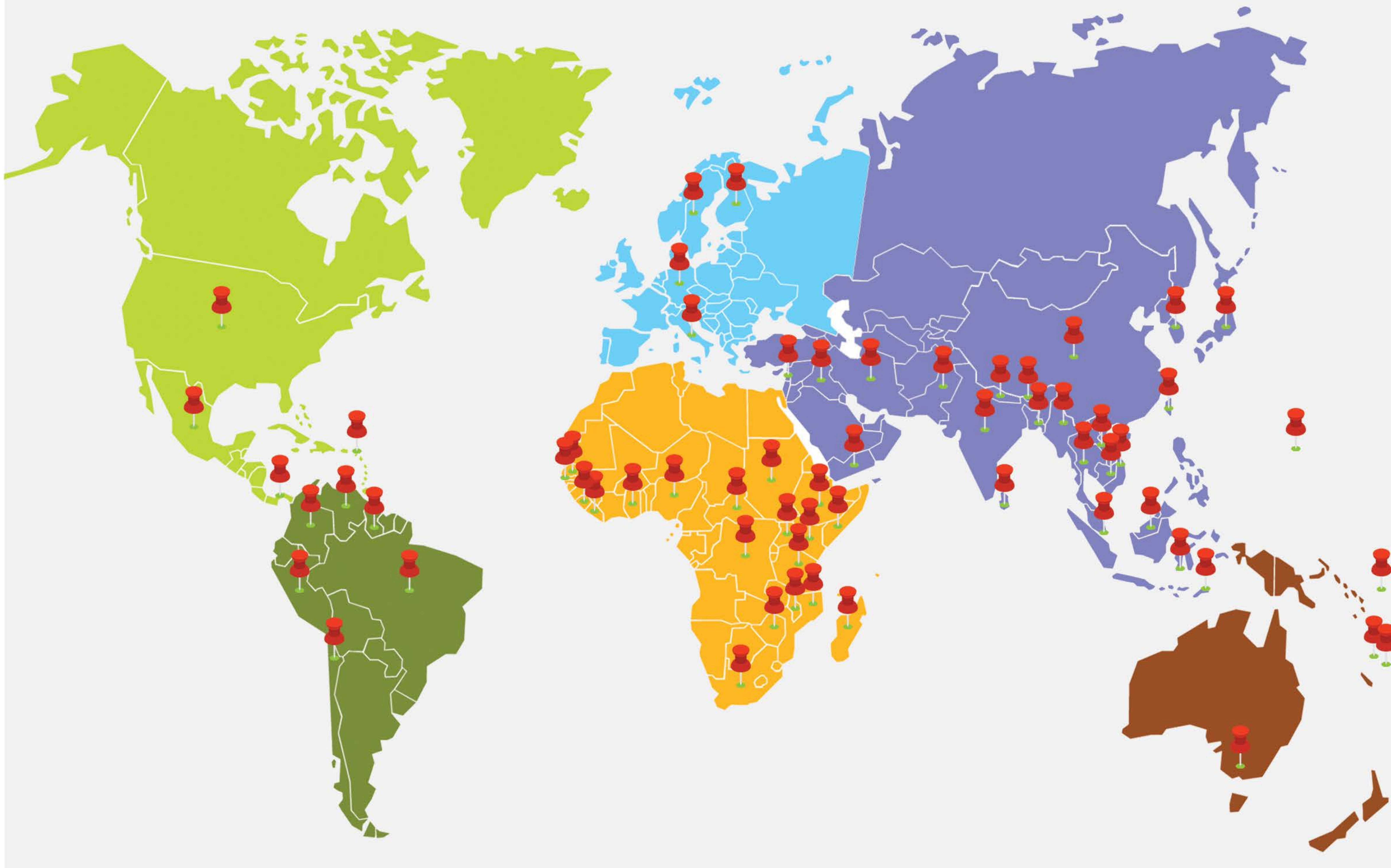
DAHLIA A. LOYOLA
Representative, 5th District of Cavite
BS Zoology 1982

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UPLB Alumni by the Numbers (1911-2021)

UPLB ALUMNI COME FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD Number of International Alumni by Country of Origin

Australia - 1	Italy - 1	Sierra Leone - 1
Bangladesh - 206	Iran - 25	Singapore - 3
Bhutan - 12	Iraq - 5	Somalia - 6
Brazil - 5	Japan - 21	South Africa - 1
British Virgin Islands - 1	Kenya - 6	South Korea - 60
Cambodia - 71	Lao-PDR - 51	Sri Lanka - 72
Central African Republic - 1	Lebanon - 1	Sudan - 1
Chile - 4	Liberia - 19	Sweden - 1
China - 190	Madagascar - 9	Taiwan - 9
Colombia - 4	Malaysia - 45	Tanzania - 9
Congo - 3	Malawi - 1	Thailand - 602
East Timor - 17	Mexico - 6	Tonga - 1
Ethiopia - 22	Mozambique - 1	Uganda - 4
Fiji - 2	Myanmar - 143	USA - 29
Finland - 1	Nepal - 251	Venezuela - 4
Gambia - 3	Nigeria - 25	Vietnam - 240
Germany - 1	Pakistan - 53	Western Samoa - 1
Ghana - 11	Panama - 1	Yemen - 1
Guyana - 2	Peru - 2	Zimbabwe - 1
India - 84	Saipan - 1	Philippines - 67,221
Indonesia - 692	Senegal - 2	





TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI
3,048



TOTAL NUMBER OF LOCAL ALUMNI
67,221

Number of Graduates by Degree



BACHELOR'S DEGREE



MASTER'S DEGREE

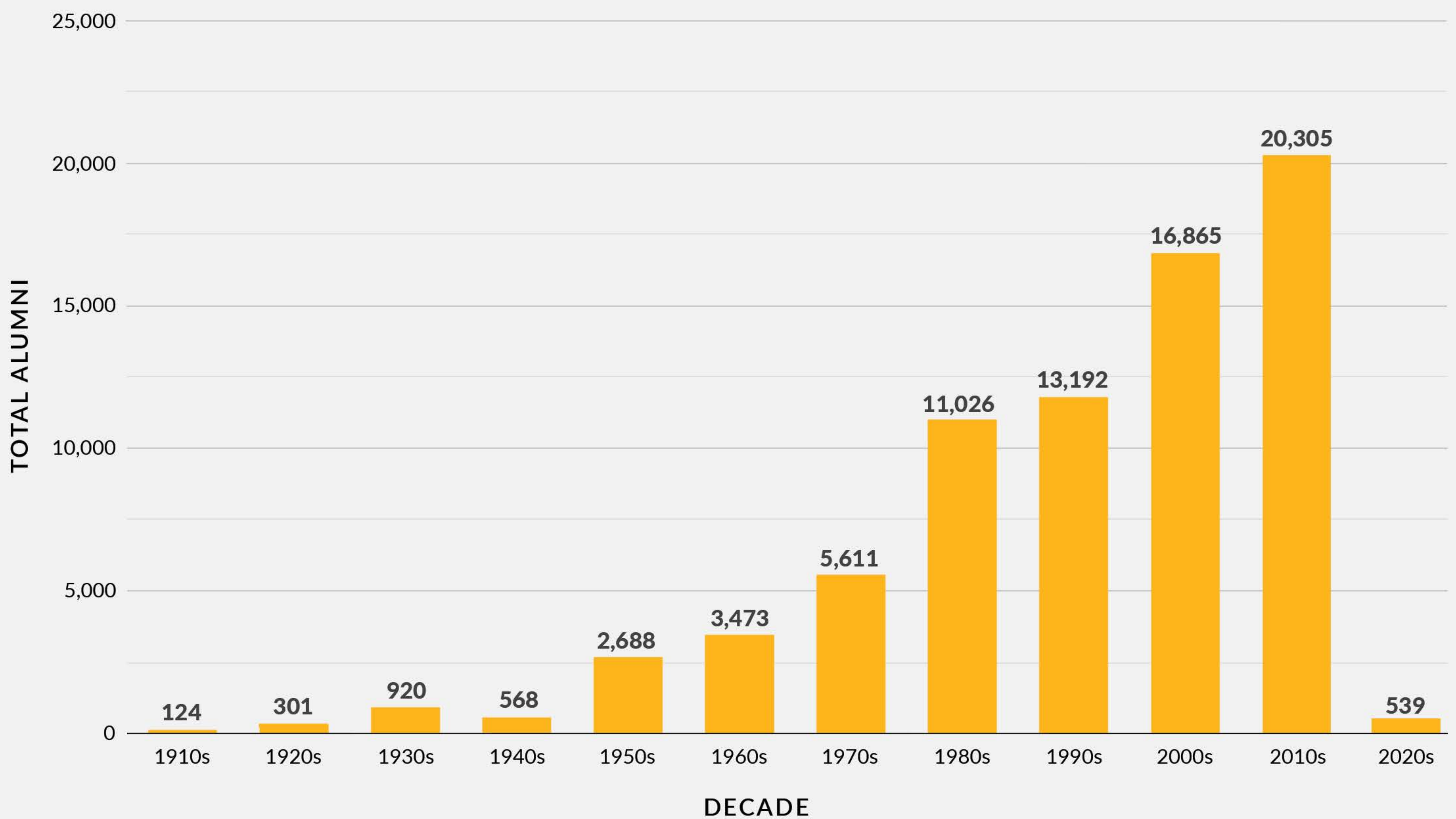


DOCTORATE DEGREE

Top 3 fields based on the number of graduates

BS AGRICULTURE - 12,572	MS AGRONOMY - 712	PHD AGRONOMY - 215
BS BIOLOGY - 5,258	MS FORESTRY - 595	PHD COMMUNITY DEV'T - 211
BS FORESTRY - 4,342	MS ANIMAL SCIENCE - 479	PHD ANIMAL SCIENCE - 200

Number of Graduates by Decade



Source: UPLB Alumni Information System

ALUMNI HOLDING KEY POSITIONS

GOVERNMENT SECTOR



RUTH B. MARIANO-HERNANDEZ

Representative, 2nd District of Laguna

BS Biology 1994



WILLIAM C. MEDRANO

USEC - designate for Livestock, Dept. of Agriculture (DA)

MS Animal Science 1983, PhD Animal Science 1991



VIC RUSKIN M. ONG

Vice Mayor, Gloria, Oriental Mindoro

BS Economics 2002



LEIF LAIGLÓN A. OPIÑA

Vice Mayor, Cabuyao City, Laguna

BS Agribusiness Management 1999



LEOCADIO S. SEBASTIAN

USEC and Chief-of-Staff, Department of Agriculture (DA)

BS Biology 1983, MS Genetics 1987



VINCENT L. SORIANO

Mayor, Pakil, Laguna

BA Sociology 1996, Master in Dev't Mgt and Gov. 2014

ALUMNI HOLDING KEY POSITIONS

GOVERNMENT SECTOR



JOSEPHINE H. SUMANGIL-EVANGELISTA
Vice Mayor, Los Baños, Laguna
BS Zoology 1996



ISIDRO T. UNGAB
Deputy Speaker, House of Representatives
Representative, 3rd District of Davao City
BS Agriculture 1983



JUDY DL. VARGAS-QUIOCHO
Vice Mayor, Lingayen, Pangasinan
BS Development Communication 2011



IRENEO V. VIZMONTE
USEC and Chief of Staff, Dept. of Trade and Industry
BS Agricultural Engineering 1981



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
Senate Majority Leader
BS Agribusiness Management 1990

103rd UPLB Loyalty Day Awardees

UPLBAA PRESIDENTIAL AWARD



WEERAPON THONGMA
PhD Extension Education 2001

NELIA T. GONZALEZ ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD



LEO R. BALLEFIN
Certificate in Forestry 1981, BS Forestry 1984

103rd UPLB Loyalty Day Awardees

OUTSTANDING GOLDEN JUBILARIANS



CANDIDA M. BERNABE-ADALLA
BS Agriculture 1971, MS Entomology 1974,
PhD Entomology 1982



RAYMUNDO M. ALMARIO
BS Agriculture 1971



ROSALINA B. MENDOZA-LAPITAN
BS Agricultural Chemistry 1971,
MS Animal Science 1991



ARELYNE BUSTRILLOS PACHO-RAMOS
BS Agricultural Chemistry 1971



EUFEMIO T. RASCO, JR.
BS Agriculture 1970 *Magna cum laude*,
MS Horticulture 1974



EMERLINDA C. RAMOS-ROMAN
BS Agriculture 1971,
MS Agribusiness Management 1977



JOSE O. SARGENTO
BS Forestry 1971, PhD Forestry 1995

103rd UPLB Loyalty Day Awardees

THE OUTSTANDING UPLB ALUMNI AWARD



LEMNUEL V. ARAGONÉS
BS Zoology 1986
(Marine Mammal Research and
Conservation & Envi. Science)



REYNALDO P. BANTUG
BS Agricultural Business 1974
(Energy Economics
and Entrepreneurship)



**MARIA THERESA M.
GENDRANO-QUIÑONES**
BS Human Ecology 1982,
MM Dev't Mgt 2009
(Int'l Dev't Mgt and Cooperation)



FRANCISCO D. GORREZ, JR.
BS Agriculture 1955
(International Agriculture)



CRISANTO S. GUALBERTO II
BS Agriculture 1962
(Agriprenurship for
Community Development)



RITA P. LAUDE
BS Agriculture 1970,
MS Genetics 1976,
PhD Genetics 1984
(Academic Education Administration)



RODEL G. MAGHIRANG
BS Sugar Technology 1977,
MS Horticulture 1985,
PhD Plant Breeding 1993
(Vegetable Crops Breeding)



AGUSTIN B. MOLINA, JR.
BS Agriculture 1973,
MS Microbiology 1979
(Banana Research and Development)



REILDRIN G. MORALES
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine 1997
(Government Service
and Veterinary Practice)



CHRISTOPHER S. PASTRANA
BS Agricultural Business 1987
(Corporate Governance)



GABRIEL O. ROMERO
BS Biology 1983, MS Genetics 1989
(Genetic Resources Conservation
and Crop Biotechnology)



BENIGNO C. VALDEZ
BS Sugar Technology 1979
(Cancer Research)

103rd UPLB Loyalty Day Awardees

COLLEGE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCE



DELFIN A. ANARETA
BS Agriculture 1975
(Hybrid Coconut Commercialization
for Smallholders)



LOI SOLOMON L. GARCIA
BS Food Technology 1985
(Public Service)



DAMASA B. MAGCALE-MACANDOG
BS Agriculture 1979,
MS Soil Science 1982
(Environmental Protection)



PROCESO H. MANGUIAT
BS Agriculture 1977
(Ground Level
Technology Commercialization)



NORVIE L. MANIGBAS
BS Agriculture 1981,
MS Agro 1997, PhD Agro 2002
(Applied Rice Science
and Technology)



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COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY



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