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SHAS produces pioneer pharmacists

The School of Health and Allied Sciences of the University of Saint Louis (USL) produced its first batch of licensed pharmacists as they passed the Pharmacist Licensure Examination administered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) last June 11-12, 2016.

University of Saint Louis' passing rate was 83.33 percent, higher than the national performance of 50.50 percent.

The fifteen (15) pioneer Lousian pharmacists are: Kleen B. Agsaoay, Hyacinth Kaye C. Aquino, John Harvie A. Cabauatan, John Paul B. Casauay, Bryan Amiel T. Dela Cruz, Pearly Mae T. Daquioag, Gaibrice Joy D. Gasmen, Hennie Dee C. Guzman, Krisha Melody G. Lavadia, Marimar C. Lonolono, Rishanne Meire C. Maborang, Christian R. Ortiz, Maria Krizel B. Soriano, Janine G. Tumaluan, and Aleth Joy P. Valdepeñas.

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Louisians take Boston University's MOOC

by Charina D. Vargas

In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the American National Poetry Month, the American Spaces of the U.S. Embassy in Manila and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State hosted a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) Camp.

The American Corners in the University of Negros Occidental Recoletos in Bacolod City and in Ateneo de Davao University in Davao City, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University in La

Union, Navotas National High School in Manila, Aklan State University in Aklan, University of Saint Louis in Tuguegarao City, and the US Embassy, were the seven participating MOOC Camp satellites.

The University of Saint Louis' (USL) EL Fellow, Ms. Cerise A. Santoro, facilitated the MOOC Camp satellite in Tuguegarao City.

The MOOC Camp was a facilitated discussion on Boston University's "The Art of Poetry" online course.

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USL opens SHS Welcomes 1,038 students

by Therese May G. Alejandrino and Michael P. Andrada

Welcoming the 1,038 students from different private and public junior high schools, the University of Saint Louis (USL) ushered the pioneer students of the Senior High School (SHS) last Aug. 8, 2016 in its newly built SHS Academic Building.

Thirty-five (35) teachers

Accountancy, Business and Management (ABM); and Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMSS).

A total of 387 students enrolled for the STEM Engineering/ Technology, 223 for the STEM Health Science, 352 for ABM, and 76 for the HUMSS strand.



who underwent series of intensive training in Summer to August 2016 were made ready to educate students enrolled in the Academic Track that includes the following strands: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM);

The SHS students, dubbed as the Louisiana GEMS (Goal-oriented, Empowered, Mature Louisians), have access to "state-of-the-art" laboratories for Physics, Biology and Chemistry and audio-visual room.

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Guyos is IFLA 2016 National US Committee Fellow

The grant earned her the rare privilege of attending the 82nd IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) and publishing.

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2nd Gawad San Luis honorees recognized

The University of Saint Louis (USL) held a celebration of excellence and service.

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SEAS holds multisectoral meeting, inks MOA with partners

by Charina D. Vargas

To improve its student immersion program and forge better ties with its partner agencies and schools, the University of Saint Louis' (USL's) School of Education, Arts and Sciences (SEAS) convened its On-the-Job Training (OJT) partner agencies and Practicum partner schools for a multisectoral meeting, Aug. 5, 2016 at USL's Bulwagang Teodulfo Domingo.

At the meeting, Work place competencies, expectations

from SEAS trainees, and feedback on Louisiana OJT/ Practicum performance were presented by select agency representatives. Two student representatives also shared their accounts of their OJT and Practicum.

The meeting also included a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing after the discussion of the expectations and roles of concerned parties.

Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan, USL VP for Academics, mentioned in his opening remarks that

the meeting and the MOA signing are new ways of doing things as USL continuously strengthens its partnerships and linkages in the region and abroad.

Dr. Delailah B. Valencia, USL President, together with other USL Administrators, attended the event.

Competencies, expectations and feedback

Dr. Purita Licas, Region 02 Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Director, expressed gratitude to USL for sending trainees at the PIA.

She affirmed that the Mass Communication trainees became more confident when involved in feature and news writing, radio and TV programs, meetings, and administrative and technical support.

Director Licas also shared the "joy in knowing" that many Louisians trained at the PIA and other agencies became successful in their respective fields.

Sangguniang Bayan Member Norma S. Mabazza of Enrile, Cagayan commended the Legal Management and Political Science OJT students who are assigned at the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Enrile.

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'US Embassy and USL: Strengthening ties, forging new partnerships'

by Michael P. Andrada

The United States Embassy to the Philippines, in partnership with the University of Saint Louis (USL), awarded certificates to 26 Louisians at the Bulwagang Teodulfo Domingo on June 30, 2016 for graduating in the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), "The Art of Poetry," offered by Boston University of the USA.

Graduating were 20 Bachelor in Elementary Education (BEEd) students, 2 Bachelor in Secondary Education (BSEd) English major students, and 4 faculty members from the School of Education, Arts and Sciences (SEAS), namely: Mr. Jervis Canonio, Mr. Kyle Espiritu, Ms. Sarah Ferrer, and Mr. Julius Viernes.

Present during the said graduation as representatives

of the U.S. Embassy Manila, U.S. Department of State, were Mr. Randolph Mariano, Information Resource Associate, who gave a message, and Ms. Katrina Springer, Cultural Affairs Fellow, who delivered her favorite poem.

For the awarding of certificates, the Embassy representatives were assisted by Rev. Fr. Rex C. Salvilla, CICM Liaison Officer; Dr. Therese May G. Alejandrino, SEAS Dean; Mrs. Anjanette F. Batulan, SEAS Languages Department Head; and Ms. Cerise Santoro, English Language Fellow and the Facilitator of the Online Course in USL.

The MOOC is a project of the U.S. government which offers different "highly" interactive learning platforms



Louisians graduate the Massive Open Online Course, "The Art of Poetry," offered by Boston University. U.S. Embassy representatives, some USL officials and faculty members, and USL English Language Fellow witness the graduation.

to support global interactions among students, professors, and teaching assistants through the thousands of American universities.

Mr. Mariano, during his message, emphasized the theme, "U.S. Embassy and USL: Strengthening ties, forging new partnerships" and that the U.S. government wants the graduates to join more MOOCs and encourage

more people from the locality to join and experience American education without necessarily going to the U.S.

As a showcase of competencies developed through the MOOC, BEEd students recited a poem that they wrote while Quennie Bhey Estavillo rendered a song anchored on a poem she wrote during the online course.

Ms. Springer takes a group selfie photo after the graduation program. Get updates from the American Spaces Philippines by visiting their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/amspacesph.



US Embassy reps give ‘ExperienceUSATalk’

by Charina D. Vargas

Mr. Randolph Mariano, Information Resource Associate, United States Embassy to the Philippines, and Ms. Katrina Springer, US Embassy Cultural Affairs Fellow, delivered “ExperienceUSA Talk” to Louisians at a forum on the U.S. Department of State’s

International Affairs programs, University of Saint Louis (USL), July 1, 2016.

Mr. Mariano presented “American Spaces” as platforms that provide information about the United States, its cultures, and values; English language learning; and study in the U.S.

Mr. Mariano also shared

about an online resource website, eLibraryUSA, which can be accessed by the students and teachers.

“If you will visit eLibraryUSA, you can access several resources that will help you in your researches,” he pointed out.

“But you have to sign up for your membership on Facebook and use a working email.”

He also brought to light the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI).

Launched in 2013, YSEALI

is U.S. government’s signature program to strengthen leadership development and networking in Southeast Asia.

Through a variety of programs and engagements, including U.S. educational and cultural exchanges, regional exchanges, and seed funding, YSEALI seeks to build the leadership capabilities of youth in the region, strengthen ties between the United States and Southeast Asia, and nurture an ASEAN community.

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USL alumnus lectures on int’l economics, business

by Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan

Dr. Joeffrey M. Calimag, a 1995 High School alumnus of the then Saint Louis College of Tuguegarao (SLCT), now University of Saint Louis (USL), gave lectures for undergraduate and graduate students, Aug. 12-13, 2016.

Dr. Calimag is a professor of International Business, Trade and Global Management at the University of Ulsan (South Korea) and a Subject Matter Expert and Adjunct Lecturer for the International Federation of Professional Managers (IFPM), Certified Professional Manager (CPM)-Asia.

Dr. Calimag graced on Aug. 12 the 6th Regional Finance Convention hosted by the Junior Finance Executives (JFINEX) of the School of Accountancy, Business and Hospitality (SABH).

His lectures included *Becoming Global Human Resource Practitioners; The Global Trade and Investment Environment; and The Global Money System.*

On Aug. 13, the lecturer challenged the graduate school professors and students towards global economics and business with these topics:

Global Trade and Investments; Global Money System; Strategy of International Business; and Graduate School Research.

Dr. Calimag received his PhD in Korean Studies with focus on Business and Economics from Hanyang University (South Korea), Executive MBA in Global Management from the Helsinki School of Economics (Finland), Master of Public Policy in Economics and Public Policy from the KDI School (South Korea), and Bachelor of Science in Community Development from the University of the Philippines – Diliman.

He is currently under the Advanced Project Management program of Stanford University (USA).

Meanwhile, considering Dr. Calimag’s research experience, the University Research Staff and SABH faculty members had a meeting with him on Aug. 12. Dr. Calimag was requested to review the USL research agenda, and the University awaits his review of the document. He also helped the

SABH faculty to conceptualize possible research problems based on topics of interest they presented to him.

Moreover, Dr. Delailah B. Valencia, USL President, and Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan, USL Vice-President for Academics, also met with Dr. Calimag on Aug. 12 for an invitation for him to be a visiting professor in USL for the second semester of school year 2016-2017.



Dr. Joeffrey Calimag

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AGSADY, KLEEN B.



AQUINO, HYACINTH KAYE C.



CABAUTAN, JOHN HARVIE A.



CASAWAY, JOHN PAUL B.



DAQUIDAG, PEARLY MAE T.



DELA CRUZ, BRYAN AMIEL T.



GASMEN, GAIBRICA JOY D.



GUZMAN, HENNIE DEE C.



LAVADIA, KRISHNA MELODY G.



LONOLONO, MARIMAR C.



MABORANG, RISHANNE MERIE C.



ORTIZ, CHRISTIAN B.



SORIANO, MARIA KRIZEL B.



TUMALIUAN, JANINE G.



VALDEPEÑAS, ALETH JOY P.



The Louisian pharmacists in a photo opportunity with the members of the PRC Board of Pharmacy after the oath taking ceremony at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), July 9, 2016.

USL officials attend AULP conference in Thailand

by Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan

The University President, Dr. Delailah B. Valencia, and the Vice-President for Academics, Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan, attended the Asian University Leaders Program (AULP) conference in Thailand last June 29-July 1, 2016.

Assumption University located in Bangsaothong, Samuthprakarn, Thailand hosted the said conference which focused on the theme: "ASEAN Integration: Challenges and Opportunities for Christian Higher Education

in Asia." The Asian University

Leaders Program (AULP) is a series of conferences for university leaders that focus on critical issues for higher education in Asia. The program is under the auspices of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA), an organization working to support Christian colleges and universities in Asia.

The conference



participants discussed concerns and reflected on issues related to the ASEAN Community integration and its implications on higher education.

The participants also shared their respective good practices in dealing with the challenges and using the opportunities provided by the ASEAN Community integration.

Almost 70 school leaders and United Board fellows from Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand attended the said event.

The event also paved way for the participants to interact with one another for future collaboration between and among their respective institutions.

Louisian math wizard notches bronze in int'l math contest

by Charina D. Vargas

Genevieve Decena Dayag, Grade 11 of the University of Saint Louis (USL) Senior High School, notched bronze during the 2016 International Mathematics Wizard Challenge (IMWiC) held in Bangkok, Thailand,

July 20-24.

Dayag was among the 350 Filipino math wizards, both from the elementary and high school levels, who represented the country for the competition.

The Philippines was hailed the overall second placer next to China, with other participating countries and territories: Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Macau, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Asked about Dayag's success, Ms. Mary Ann Baquiran, Principal of the High School department, said, "I feel the pride and happiness because she was able to sustain the Louisian legacy of

excellence."

Two years ago, Sheridan Lance A. Carabio of the same department won awards at the 10th Asia Cup Stars of the Olympic Math Finals and 2014 Hua Cup International Olympic Mathematics in Hong Kong.

Ms. Baquiran further said, "This [winning] must be an inspiration to the Louisian STARS and GEMS, referring to the Junior and Senior High School students respectively."

In an interview with Miss Dayag, she said, "In solving math problems, we always want the answer, but I guess what matters rather is the solution, how you are able to get the answer."

"It's the same thing with my journey in joining math competitions. I started competing since Elementary. There were several times I never won any medal, but I continued to try, join and compete."

"When I was already representing our country, I've realized how marvelous God is, because finally another wish was granted. But I could tell, it's not always the end goal that matters, but how you are able to reach that goal through hard work."

She also mentioned that she had undergone several qualifying examinations conducted by the Mathematics Development Academy of the Philippines (MathDAP).

Sharing about her experience in Thailand, she narrated that there's a thin line difference among Thai and Filipino physical attributes. She also said that they had tours to varying tourist destinations in Bangkok, along with meeting other Asians.

Ms. Dayag, who is planning to become a Certified Public Accountant just like her brother, is currently pursuing the Accountancy, Business and Management (ABM) Strand.



The past in the present

by Charina D. Vargas

Vignettes of old photos posted array reminisce of yesterday – the pioneer graduates and their beloved Alma Mater. The memory lanes create a profound nostalgic effect that is hoped to inspire the Louisian community.



At the launch of the University of Saint Louis' (USL's) three memory lane sites located at the Elementary Building (Bishop Constant Jurgens Building), High School Building (Fr. Charles Pieters Building), and San Jacinto Building, the University administrators, teachers and students held a blessing ceremony presided by Rev. Fr. Rex C. Salvilla, CICM, Liaison Officer of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (*Congregatio Immaculati Cordis Mariae*) to USL.

The event was simultaneously conducted during the school's 14th Universityhood celebration and *Summer Saya* last May 20, 2016.

High School Batch 1968, College Batches 1970 to 1973, and Elementary Batch 2004 are the pioneering graduates

featured in the lanes.

In 1965, Saint Louis School, the former name of the University, opened its portals to 138 high school boys accommodated in two sections for first year and one section for second year.

In 1968, the school was renamed Saint Louis College of Tuguegarao and opened its college department offering four courses, namely: BS Civil Engineering, BS Commerce, Liberal Arts, and Junior Secretarial Course.

Kinder I and II were opened in 1997, and the Elementary Department

started Grade I in 1998.

In an email interview with Fr. Salvilla, he said that he was able to get the pictures from copies of the pioneers' respective annual books.

Fr. Salvilla also shared the story how the memory lane project was initiated.

"In 2013, when I was the overall chairman of the USL Golden Jubilee Committee, we suggested the USL memory lane as one of the projects during the Golden Jubilee celebrations."

"Actually even without the Golden Jubilee, I would most probably still suggest the memory lane," he added.

Fr. Salvilla admitted that he is a sentimental kind of person which explains his lingering passion for artifacts and other vestiges of the past.

"I love to collect memories. When I was the CICM Treasurer, I collected

old items like the oldest check and old black telephone units from the bodega of the Treasurer's office. Now I am collecting CICM anecdotes."

When asked about the significance of having memory lanes in the campus, he said, "It is an inspiration for our school community. Imagine a high school student seeing the picture

of his/her grandfather in the high school memory lane."

"I would like to invite everyone to take a look at those pictures and ask oneself who among the graduates can be one's inspiration."

Memory lanes, what better way can we remember the past in the present without such, so to speak.

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On the other hand, Ms. Springer emphasized that there are very few Filipino international students abroad. Encouraging everyone, she presented about EducationUSA.

EducationUSA is a network of over 400 international student advising centers in more than 170 countries, and is supported by the U.S. Department of State.

Mr. Mariano remarked that one factor that hinders some to study abroad is the lack of financial assistance, saying then that there are several universities abroad which offer scholarship programs as means to finance one's studies.

Also present at the forum were students from the School of Education, Arts and Sciences (SEAS), Supreme Student Council



Mr. Randolph Mariano



Ms. Katrina Springer

The network promotes U.S. higher education to students around the world by offering information about opportunities to study at accredited postsecondary institutions in the United States.

representatives, the school's English Language Fellow, Ms. Cerise Santoro, college and high school English faculty members, SEAS Department Heads, and some members of the USL Administration.

To access eLibrary USA, "Like" through Facebook "American Spaces Philippines," then click on eLibraryUSA. Instructions to access resources through eLibraryUSA will be given thereafter.



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Learning resources are also accessible at the second floor of the University Libraries while 22 classrooms (17 from the SHS Academic Building and 5 from the CICM Building) are dedicated for SHS classes.

Mrs. Claire T. Gumarang,

the SHS Assistant Principal, challenges the Louisian GEMS to “embrace the virtue of responsibility” for them to excel in school.

Meanwhile, the High School Principal, Ms. Mary Ann A. Baquiran, expresses her message to the Louisian GEMS: “To the pioneer batch of our Senior High School, feel inspired and challenged that you’re at USL, a school

known for its excellence. I dare you to sustain the excellence that our school is known for, and we journey together realizing USL’s goal of building our Senior High School to be one of the best known Catholic Senior High Schools.”

With the opening of the Senior High School, Dr. Delailah B. Valencia, the University President,

envisions that “The USL Senior High School shall vigorously support the University’s niche programs along various fields of endeavours and disciplines, attuned with USL’s vision-mission, goals and values. It shall provide a meaningful and purposeful transition from the young adolescent to the young adult who shall imbibe the Louisian spirituality, anchored on

Christian Living, Excellence, Professional Responsibility, Social Awareness and Involvement, and Innovation, Creativity and Agility.”

The blessing of the SHS building was held on Aug. 7, 2016 through Rev. Fr. Rex C. Salvilla, CICM, and Rev. Fr. Louis Vuadi, CICM.

UNESCO nat’l consultant facilitates OBE seminar

by Julius T. Viernes

To bolster the implementation of the Outcomes-Based Education (OBE) pedagogy, the University of Saint Louis (USL) conducted an academic seminar for all its faculty members last June 8-9, 2016 at the Bulwagang Teodulfo Domingo.

The two-day academic seminar was facilitated by Mr. Pierangelo B. Alejo, an Education Specialist and the current UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) National Consultant for Values Education.

OBE frameworks and paradigms were introduced



by the resource speaker on the first day. Workshops were also given to the participants after the discussion.

On the second day,

different assessment methods and strategies that can be utilized in the implementation of the OBE were discussed. Revision of the OBEdized syllabi was conducted in the afternoon.

“The seminar stirred us to unlearn for us to learn things; unlearn what we think and what we believe in while at the same time learning to improve ideas of what OBE is,” Mr. Herbert Corpuz, part-time instructor and concurrent

Dean of Student Affairs, said. Outcomes-Based Education (OBE) is described as a student-centered approach in the delivery of an

educational program where the intended outcomes are achieved. In OBE, teaching is designed to directly encourage teachers to achieve those (intended) outcomes and reflect on the learning process with assessments undertaken. In this approach, teachers are expected to act as facilitators and learners take responsibility and participate actively.

The academic seminar was also a way for the University to reiterate among Louisian educators the use of OBE in compliance to the Commission on Higher Education’s (CHED) Memorandum Order No. 46, series 2012, entitled “Policy-Standard to Enhance Quality Assurance (QA) in Philippine Higher Education through an Outcomes-Based and Typology-Based QA.”

USL affirms excellence, recognizes academic scholars

by Therese May G. Alejandrino

University of Saint Louis (USL), Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, conducted the Recognition Program for Academic Scholars with the theme, “*Affirming excellence, shaping academic and global leaders*” on Aug. 2, 2016 at the University’s Bulwagang Teodulfo Domingo.

A total of one hundred twenty-six (126) college scholars who manifested academic excellence during the second semester of school year 2015-2016 marched to receive their certificates of recognition.

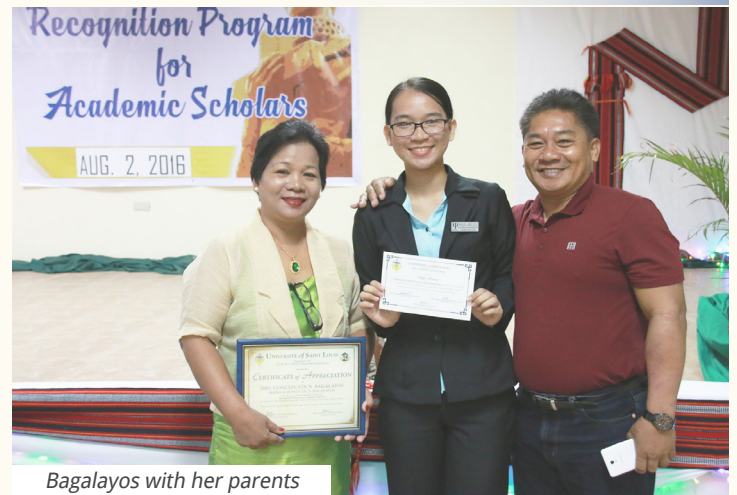
Thirty-one (31) of the academic achievers are full academic scholars who garnered an average grade of 92% or above with no grade lower than 85%. Ninety-five

(95) of them are half academic scholars obtaining an average grade of 90% or higher but not exceeding 91.99% and with no grade lower than 85%. The grades referred to are those earned by the students during the second semester of SY 2015-2016.

In his welcome remarks, Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan, the Vice President for Academics, challenged the scholars to become academic-oriented and global leaders.

He addressed the scholars to be responsible as servant-leaders, that their call involves helping other students to cope and excel in the class scholastically.

Honey Lei N. Bagalayos, a fourth year AB Psychology student, delivered the



Bagalayos with her parents

scholar’s message while her mother, Mrs. Concepcion N. Bagalayos, gave the parents’ response.

Present to give the recognition to scholars were: Dr. Delailah B. Valencia, University President, Dr. Pattaguan, and the Academic Deans – Dr. Therese May G. Alejandrino of the School of Education, Arts and Sciences (SEAS), Dr. Dindo V. Asuncion of the School of Health and Allied Science (SHAS), Mrs. Alicia S. Tuliao of the School of Accountancy, Business

and Hospitality (SABH), and Engr. Ronald M. Villaverde of the School of Engineering, Architecture, Interior Design, and Information Technology Education (SEAITDITE).

Also gracing the event were Mr. Herbert S. Corpuz, Dean of Student Affairs, Mr. Allan Samonte, Director of the Center for Culture and the Arts, and some teachers and non-teaching staff of the University.

Lastly, all academic scholars met to revive the Honor Circle Society of USL.

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It is one of the “innovative” learning platforms the EL Fellow has introduced.

“The Art of Poetry” course focuses on the elements of the arts such as: techniques of sound in free verse; form as a quality distinct from forms; poetry’s historical

relation to courtship; poetry’s relation to music; the nature of greatness—with only incidental attention to schools of poetry, categories and trends.

MOOC Meetups

“There were scheduled meetups for the online

course, with teachers from the University of Saint Louis and Cagayan State University, 20 Education students, and two English students as course takers,” Ms. Santoro explained.

The teachers from USL were Mr. Jervis Paul Canonio, Mr. Kyle Espiritu, Ms. Sarah Ferrer, and Mr. Julius Viernes.

“I introduced the MOOC to give teachers an alternative way to teach their classes in a hybrid setting. This course allows for autonomy in a 21st century learning approach using

traditional meetings with online course work,” she added.

“The Art of Poetry” course takers were given modules, anthology assignments, poem research and analysis, and other course materials by “The Art of Poetry” Team composed of Boston University professors. Professor Robert Pinsky, former U.S. Poet Laureate and professor of English and Creative Writing of the said school, was the course designer.

Moreover, Quennie Bhey C. Estavillo, third year Bachelor in Secondary Education-English student, one of the course takers, enthusiastically shared, “We could see our progress weekly in our personal accounts which guide us in completing the course.”

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Prof. Robert Pinsky, former U.S. Poet Laureate and professor of English and Creative Writing at Boston University, was the course designer of “The Art of Poetry” Massive Open Online Course.



F. Sionil Jose, Philippine National Artist in Literature, was invited by the US Embassy to attend the final meetup video conference of the course takers.

Revisiting the CICM, Louisian Missionary Identity

by Divina Grace L. Semilla

Captivating, child-like, and a witty recollection facilitator, Rev. Fr. Didier Badianga, CICM, allured the hearts of USL employees during the Pre-opening Recollection last June 10, 2016 with the theme: *“Revisiting our CICM/ Louisian Missionary Identity,”* at the Bulwagang Teodulfo Domingo.

Fr. Badianga reminded that we are created in the image of God, that we became His adopted children through baptism, and that we are given a mission.

as they do [what they have learned or are learning to do],” Fr. Badianga quoted Pope Francis.

Further quoting the Pope, “The three languages must be in harmony so that students think (about) what they feel and do; feel what they think and make; and they do what they think and feel.”

Fr. Badianga stressed that education should not be considered purely as utilitarian as to simply impart information or provide training in skills for economic benefit. According to him, education is forming the human person; thus, it is about imparting wisdom. The recollection facilitator further stressed that true wisdom

in others,” this was his conviction affirming the innate goodness in man, that even though at times can commit bad actions, is still worthy to be given a chance to repent,

renew and convert to his full goodness.

Reflecting on today’s world, the recollection facilitator presented common challenges such as lack of personal commitment (fear of a lifelong commitment), individualism (trend of being independent and self reliant), expertism (trend of being expert to make a name), and lack of credibility (lack of personal relationship with God) which taint one’s goodness and hinder the person in carrying out his/her mission. The challenge given to us is to be inspired and be guided by the Gospel values, which are needed in the journey towards discipleship. “God is stronger,” affirmed Fr. Badianga that he repeatedly asked the audience to complete the line “God is,” with the audience answering “stronger.”

The Gospel values

The following Gospel values were thus emphasized: love instead of hatred, forgiveness instead of vengeance, non-violence instead of violence, unity instead of division, generosity and service instead of selfishness, faithfulness instead of betrayal, chastity instead of promiscuity, and honesty instead of dishonesty.

It was also emphasized that a teacher is like a candle that burns to give light while it consumes itself. Jesus, himself, was a teacher. He invited his disciples to follow Him and not to stay with Him. Disciples are to be

committed to His mission and His destiny.

Accordingly, there are three aspects of discipleship: personal commitment to Jesus, following Jesus, and making disciples.

In bringing Jesus to others, Fr. Badianga discussed, we become well known people or public figure (person), which can bring advantages – for example, self discipline; and disadvantages – for example, doing what people expect from you just to please them. Thus, the world needs more witnesses than preachers.

Community is mission

The recollection facilitator elaborated on rootedness in Christ, as essential for true discipleship, and interconnectedness. “We don’t flourish individually but as a community.”

Community is itself mission, asserted Fr. Badianga. He further said that communion brings about new discoveries. Communion with our brothers and sisters leads to self-knowledge. We understand someone when we know him/ her better. When we understand people, we also discover ourselves. Communion thus further results in charity, patience and love.

The CICM/ Louisian missionary identity

Still anchoring on his topic on mission, the recollection facilitator said that we are called to holiness, describing further the vocation of every man and woman. Just like the saints, Saint Louis in particular, and Fr. Theophile Verbist, the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary or *Congregatio Immaculati Cordis Mariae* (CICM) founder, we can respond to God’s call to holiness by first leaving something behind so we can open ourselves to a bigger group.



Education is a mission

The recollection facilitator pointed out that education is a mission, mentioning Pope Francis’ statement on the languages of education: Language of the Head, of the Heart, and of the Hands. “Education must go forward by these three ways: instructing in how to think, helping students to feel well; accompanying students

is inseparable from the knowledge of the Creator.

Given a mission, educators are described as role models, icons of goodness, salt of the earth, and light of the world.

Challenges and inspiration

Actions can either be good or bad but there is no such thing as “bad” people, only “less good,” said Fr. Badianga. “See and find out what is good

Fr. Badianga inspired the audience with the CICM mission which concerns God's kingdom and the transformation of the world. CICM members leave countries, culture, and enter into the life and culture of others – the so-called *ad extra* character of the CICM. Mission is self-giving.

“Receive freely, give freely...Do not count your sacrifices; see the joy you bring to people through your sacrifices,” the CICM missionary said.

Other lines left by Fr. Badianga to the audience are as follows: “You are the channel of blessings, not

channel of hurts or wounds;” “You must decrease and others should increase;” and “When you were born, people were laughing while you were crying – So now live in a way that when you die, you will be laughing while others will be crying.”

Living out the CICM/Louisian missionary identity entitled to us in our educational apostolate in the classrooms, in the Church, and in the society where the Lord pleases to send us, our world can become a community where peace, love, unity, and justice will be a reality.



Guyos is IFLA 2016 National US Committee Fellow

by Michelle A. Abella

Mrs. Venus I. Guyos, University of Saint Louis' (USL's) Director of Libraries, has been a recipient of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) 2016 National US Committee Fellowship Grant.

The grant earned her the rare privilege of attending the 82nd IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) held in Columbus, Ohio, United States of America on Aug.13-19, 2016.

Out of 3,000 applicants, she was one among the 180 chosen delegates to be provided munificently with round trip airfare, hotel accommodation, conference registration fee, and *per diems* for expenses.

According to Mrs. Guyos, the IFLA WLIC was like a mall of conferences.

“I was literally shopping for sessions to attend to and though I had my planner ready, it was still hard picking the best sessions because all of them were within my interests,” she said.

She attended the WLIC opening and closing sessions; Standing Committee meeting for Asia and Oceania; sessions on literacy and reading, participatory projects in



From left: Maricel Diaz of the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), Gerald Leitner, IFLA Secretary General, Donna Scheeder, IFLA President, and Mrs. Guyos

libraries, and library cooperation and sharing; IFLA President's session; session on information literacy, to name a few.

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“They never fail you,” said the official, who described the Louisians as working with the highest commitment and dedication.

Mrs. Louella A. Tomas, Information Officer III of the Philippine Drug and Enforcement Agency (PDEA) RO2, affirmed that “The OJT program is the best approach to bridge the gap between theory and practice.”

According to her, the trainees’ involvement in PDEA includes among others: attendance during court hearings and exposure to the work of Evidence Custodian. Mrs. Tomas further remarked, “Louisians always make a mark in their respective workplaces.”

Meanwhile, Psychology-major students are set out to school guidance centers, Human Resource offices, and special learning centers for their training.

Mr. Neil Cumigad, RGC, Guidance Coordinator of Cagayan National High School (CNHS), shared that AB Psych trainees are given relevant exposure in CNHS which includes: identifying students with problems, identifying recipients of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) of the national government, among other training experiences.

Prosecutor Ronnel B. Nicolas, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Provincial Prosecutor, Province of Cagayan, pointed out, “what is really important is spiritual and moral competence.”

“On-the-job training is not simply about attendance. Rather, it is about training. Trainees should accept the challenge of obtaining mastery in tasks relevant to their field. Trainees should be adaptable to work demands,” he said.

On the other hand, the University’s High School Principal, Ms. Mary Ann A. Baquiran, shared, “In our hands lies the future of the future teachers, and in their hands lies the future of the next generation,” urging fellow partner school representatives to guide and train well the pre-service teachers. Pre-service teachers, according to Ms. Baquiran, are expected to master not only their subject matter, but also to have the ability to manage diverse learners.

Punctuality, courtesy, competent use of technology, responsible use of social media, handling confidential information, communication skills, creativity, and regular submission of relevant training requirements were the other matters discussed by the agency/school representatives.

Trainees’ accounts of experience

John Miguel Bassig, a 4th year BSEd student, stressed on the “zeal of the Louisian culture” that has provided him the skillset towards becoming a promising teacher.

Carmela Flores Canapi, a 4th year AB LegMa student, said, “While on office practice, I learned to appreciate what I have seen among government employees. Their love for work and loyalty to their profession could not be left unnoticed. I felt the urgency to be like them. They set me a good example. I am lucky for such an experience.”

In a nutshell

In her statement of gratitude, Dr. Therese May G. Alejandrino, SEAS Dean, said,

“It is only in our collaboration, our dynamic synergy, our trust towards others, and our steadfast faith in God, to whom we anchor all our plans, that things are made possible.”

(6) Department of the Interior and Local Government – R02; (7) Integrated Bar of the Philippines – Cagayan Chapter; (8) Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking – R02; (9) LGU Enrile, Cagayan;



The SEAS department “looks forward for better collaboration with its partner agencies which help in empowering the students in their respective career prospects.”

The SEAS’ partners for its Liberal Arts and Teacher Education programs are: (1) Cagayan National High School; (2) Cataggaman National High School; (3) City Government – LGU Tuguegarao City; (4) City Prosecutions Office – Tuguegarao City; (5) Department of Environment and Natural Resources – R02;

(10) LGU Solana, Cagayan; (11) PBS-BBS-DWPE Radyong Bayan; (12) Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency – R02; (13) Philippine Information Agency – R02; (14) Provincial Legal Officer – Province of Cagayan; (15) Provincial Prosecutions Office – Province of Cagayan; (16) Public Attorney’s Office; (17) RBC Cable Master System; (18) Regional State Prosecutions Office – R02; (19) Tuguegarao East Central School; and (20) University of Saint Louis – Elementary and High School Departments.

Louisians take Boston University's MOOC

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"To gain a certificate, we need to have at least a 70% final grade and complete attendance in the entire course meetups," she further said.

The Final Meetup was a video chat assembly of the MOOC Camp Tuguegarao which was held at the University of Saint Louis' Pastoral Center on May 13, 2016.

All course takers or "MOOCers" in the Philippines were communicating through Google+ Hangouts. They were presenting poems and discoursing with Professor Pinsky and other involved speakers.

During the online forum, Ms. Estavillo raised the question "What is the most essential thing that we have to remember whenever reading a poem?"

Prof. Pinsky answered that

what should be considered is what the "poem sounds like and what it would feel like," referring to the poem's rhythm and rhyme and the emotions conveyed, respectively.

Francisco Sionil Jose, also E. Sionil Jose, the popular Philippine National Artist in Literature, was one of the speakers who were invited by the US Embassy.

Commending Ms. Santoro

"The University of Saint Louis will continue expanding learning opportunities beyond the classroom. We commend

Ms. Santoro for using an innovative learning platform for our English teachers and Education students," said by Dr. Therese May G. Alejandrino, Dean of USL's School of Education, Arts and Sciences (SEAS).

Meanwhile, Ms. Santoro said that a six-weeklong teacher professional development program known as the "American English Webinar Series: Shaping the Way We Teach English," is expected to conclude on June 30, 2016 during the MOOC graduation ceremony.



To culminate their third meetup, the course takers took a picture with EL Fellow, Ms. Cerise Santoro, the event's facilitator in USL.



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Her congress experience was capped with visits to "excellent school libraries" in Columbus suburbs, the Ohio State University Libraries, the Columbus Metropolitan

Library, and to the Columbus Zoo and Topiary Park.

"The best part of the congress was learning the best practices from best libraries and librarians in the world,"

said the Director, "thanks to the generosity of IFLA and other library organizations."

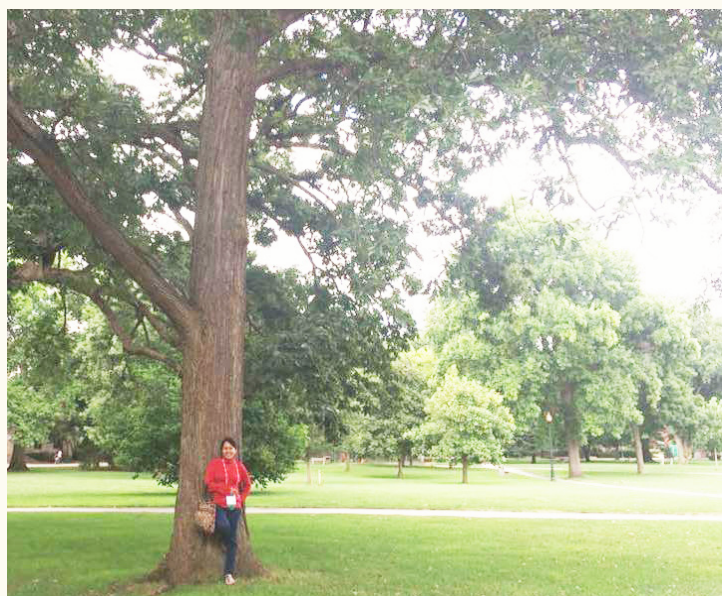
Mrs. Guyos also said that the congress was an "excellent venue for knowing librarians from all over the world, jumpstarting friendships and connections, and probably future collaborations."

The IFLA Fellow further said that the congress was also



Jo Chu from Taiwan & Scott Shoger from the American Library Association (ALA)

an experience of America, its culture and people.



Ohio State University grounds



Filipinos in attendance, from left: Maricel Diaz, Venus Guyos, Elvira Lapuz of University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman, Randolph Mariano of American Spaces -US Embassy, Dolores Carungui of NLP, Christina Villanueva of UP Baguio, and Elizabeth Peralejo, Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) Ex-Officio



2nd Gawad San Luis honorees recognized

by Charina D. Vargas

“This is the moment!” – so ardent was the feeling of the honorees of the second Gawad San Luis.

Last June 27, 2016 at the James Ter Meer Gymnasium, all employees of the University of Saint Louis (USL) held a celebration of excellence and service to

pay homage to this year’s recognized honorees.

Dr. Delailah B. Valencia, the University President, was honored for her 30 continuous years of “fruitful and dedicated service to the University.” It should be noted, though, that Dr. Valencia has actually rendered 36 years of service to USL if not for “a needed personal leave to attend

to an equally noble family concern.”

“I put my heart and soul to finish what I have to do, working beyond the expected time,” she shared in her speech.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ferdinand N. Cortez suggested that the term “retirement honorees” is rather proper in addressing his colleagues who recently decided to retire this year.

“We should never be called retirees but retirement honorees.”

Aside from the Gawad San Luis for Service, other Gawad San Luis awards were also granted: Academic Excellence, Professional Excellence, Special Institutional Achievement, and Acceleration in Rank.

Below is the list of the honorees.

Gawad San Luis for Service

This award is given to employees for their service of 10 or more years, on a quinquennial schedule. The awardees received certificates/plaques of recognition and cash.

TEN (10)-YEAR AWARDEES:

1. Mrs. Janina C. Abad, MSN (*Faculty, School of Health and Allied Sciences (SHAS)*)
2. Mrs. Shirley S. Baccay (*High School Faculty*)
3. Mrs. Genevieve N. Bautista, MSN (*SHAS Faculty*)
4. Arch. Roderick T. Bunagan (*Faculty, School of Engineering, Architecture, Interior Design, and Information Technology Education (SEADITE)*)
5. Mr. Ramil I. Corpuz (*HS Faculty/ CCA Moderator/ Student Activity Coordinator*)
6. Miss Jasmin P. Dela Cruz (*Elementary Faculty/ Coordinator*)
7. IDr. Jaime T. Fernandez Jr., (*SEADITE Faculty*)
8. Mrs. Mavelyn P. Montealto (*Secretary, Office of the VP for Mission and Identity/ Chaplain*)
9. Mr. Joseph G. Santos (*Multimedia Resource Services Coordinator*)
10. Mrs. Rosemarie A. Tadena, MSN (*SHAS Faculty*)
11. Mrs. Rosalie A. Turingan, MSN, MPA (*SHAS Faculty/ Academic Extension Coordinator*)



From left:
Dr. Rina M. Reyes (VP for Administration),
Rev. Fr. Rex C. Salvilla (CICM Liaison Officer),
Mrs. Turingan, Mrs. Tadena,
Mr. Santos, Mrs. Montealto,
IDr. Fernandez,
Miss Dela Cruz, Mr. Corpuz,
Arch. Bunagan,
Mrs. Bautista, Mrs. Baccay,
and Mrs. Abad

FIFTEEN (15)-YEAR AWARDEES:

1. Mrs. Herminia A. Annang (*Elementary Faculty/ Coordinator*)
2. Mrs. Alejandra Baby S. Belen (*HS Faculty*)
3. Mr. Robert M. Dy (*Faculty, SEAS*)
4. Mr. Rommel P. Martin (*Computer Technician*)
5. Mrs. Maribel J. Tacata, MAEd (*HS Faculty/ Coordinator*)



From left: Mrs. Tacata, Mr. Martin, Mr. Dy, Mrs. Belen, & Mrs. Annang

TWENTY (20)-YEAR AWARDEES:

1. Mr. Aldwin Augustine R. Baligod (*Multimedia In-charge*)
2. Mr. Noel T. Banauag (*Financial Management Information System Officer*)
3. Mr. Florencio L. Bangayan (*Maintenance Staff*)
4. Mrs. Rosario R. Cañazares, MSN (*SHAS Nursing Program Chair/ Faculty*)
5. Mr. Ricky N. Domingo (*In-charge, Bulwagang Andres Nowe*)
6. Dr. Liza M. Empedrad (*University Registrar*)
7. Mrs. Claire T. Gumarang, MAEd (*Assistant Principal, Senior High School*)
8. Mr. Noel B. Langcay (*Maintenance Staff*)
9. Mr. Arnulfo A. Pacis (*Multimedia Resource Services Coordinator*)
10. Mrs. Marites A. Pamittan (*Supplies Officer*)
11. Dr. Lailanie V. Pattaguan (*Assistant Principal, Junior High School*)
12. Mrs. Imelda V. Taguiam, MBA (*Secretary, Office of the VP for Administration*)
13. Mrs. Carmelita T. Temporal (*HS Faculty/ Coordinator*)
14. Mrs. Alicia S. Tuliao, MBE (*Academic Dean, School of Accountancy, Business and Hospitality*)



From left: Mrs. Tuliao, Mrs. Temporal, Mrs. Taguiam, Dr. Pattaguan, Mrs. Pamittan, Mr. Langcay, Mrs. Gumarang, Dr. Empedrad, Mr. Domingo, Mrs. Cañazares, Mr. Bangayan, and Mr. Baligod

TWENTY-FIVE (25)-YEAR AWARDEES:

1. Dr. Ferdinand N. Cortez (*SEAS Faculty/ Member, University Research Pool*)
2. Mrs. Mila C. Parallag (*HS Faculty/ TLE Lab In-charge*)
3. Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan (*VP for Academics*)
4. Mrs. Gemma S. Maribbay (*Records Clerk, Student Affairs Office*)



From left: Dr. Pattaguan, Mrs. Parallag, Mrs. Maribbay, and Dr. Cortez

THIRTY (30)-YEAR AWARDEE:

- Dr. Delailah B. Valencia (*University President*)



Dr. Valencia (center right)

Gawad San Luis for Academic Excellence

This award is given to employees who finished their master's (with thesis) and doctoral studies. The awardees received plaques of recognition.

1. Mrs. Therese May G. Alejandrino (*Doctor of Education*)
2. Mrs. Marie Jean N. Mendezabal (*Doctor in Mathematics Education*)
3. Mrs. Lailanie V. Pattaguan (*Doctor of Philosophy, Major in Science Education*)
4. Mrs. Luisa B. Aquino (*Master of Science in Information Technology*)
5. Miss Novy Dale B. Batalla (*Master of Science in Pharmacy "Cum Laude"*)
6. Mrs. Gemmalyn Q. Bauit (*Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling*)
7. Mr. Virgilio B. Canceran, Jr. (*Master of Arts in Psychology*)
8. Mr. Willy P. Espartero (*Master of Arts in Education, major in Filipino*)
9. Mrs. Maria Dinky M. Lim (*Master of Arts in Inclusive Education "Cum Laude"*)
10. Miss Divina M. Maborang (*Master of Arts in Psychology*)
11. Miss Margie G. Pagarigan (*Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling*)



From left:
Miss Pagarigan, Miss Maborang,
Mrs. Lim, Mr. Espartero,
Mr. Canceran, Mrs. Bauit,
Miss Batalla, Mrs. Aquino,
Dr. Pattaguan, Dr. Mendezabal,
and Dr. Alejandrino

Gawad San Luis for Professional Excellence

This award is bestowed to employees who received awards or recognition for exemplary performance in their fields of profession from a national or international professional organization. The awardees received plaques of recognition.

1. Mr. Herbert S. Corpuz

(Fellow in the Visiting Lecturer Program of the United Board of Christian Higher Education in Asia at Kachin Theological College and Seminary, Kachin State, Myanmar, December 2015-May 2016)

2. Mr. Allan E. Samonte

(Dance Demonstrator of La Jota Filipina at the 36th National Folk Dance Workshop held in Dapitan City, Zamboanga del Norte on May 23-27, 2016)



The awardees from left: Mr. Corpuz and Mr. Samonte

Gawad San Luis for Special Institutional Achievement

The award is given to academic departments for the achievements they have contributed to the University. The awardees received plaques of recognition.

1. School of Business Administration and Accountancy (SBAA), now School of Accountancy, Business and Hospitality (SABH)

USL was Top 5 Performing School Nationwide in the October 2015 Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Licensure Examination.

2. School of Engineering, Architecture and Interior Design (SEAD), now School of Engineering, Architecture, Interior Design, and Information Technology Education (SEADITE)

The Electrical Engineering (EE) Program was granted Level III Accredited Status by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU) in February 2016, valid until November 2019.

USL obtained a 100% Performance Passing Rate in the September 2015 Electrical Engineer Licensure Examination.

3. School of Health and Allied Sciences

The Nursing Program was granted Level II Accredited Status by PAASCU in May 2016, valid until May 2021.

USL obtained a 100% Performance Passing Rate in the November 2015 Nurse Licensure Examination (NLE).

4. School of Information and Computing Sciences (SICS), now School of Engineering, Architecture, Interior Design, and Information Technology Education (SEAIDITE)

The Information Technology and Computer Science Programs were granted Level II Accredited Status by PAASCU in February 2016, valid until December 2020.

USL was designated by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as Center of Development in Information Technology, effective January 2016 to December 2018.



The awardees from left: Mrs. Aquino (former SICS Dean), Mr. Sander T. Sedano (ITE Program Chair), Dr. Dindo V. Asuncion (SHAS Dean), Mrs. Cañazares (Nursing Program Chair), Engr. Victor C. Villaluz (EE Program Chair), Engr. Ronald M. Villaverde (SEAIDITE Dean), and Miss Mary Queen A. Ramos (Consultant for Accountancy Program)

Gawad San Luis for Acceleration in Rank

Each of the recipients obtained an Annual Faculty Performance Rating of 91% or above for five consecutive school years (SY 2010-2011 to SY 2015-2016). Each received a plaque of recognition.

1. Mrs. Erovita Teresita B. Agustin (SEAID)
2. Mrs. Mary Ann C. Bartolome (SBAA)
3. Mrs. Anjanette F. Batulan (SEAS)
4. Mrs. Beverly Gay N. Cambri (SEAS)
5. Mrs. Karen Joy A. Catacutan (SBAA)
6. Mrs. Claire T. Gumarang (SEAS)
7. Mr. Domer F. Macanang (SEAS)
8. Mrs. Marife D. Tibule (SEAID)
9. Engr. William M. Vega (SEAID)



The awardees from left: Engr. Vega, Mrs. Tibule, Mr. Macanang, Mrs. Gumarang, Mrs. Cambri, Mrs. Catacutan, Mrs. Batulan, Mrs. Bartolome, and Mrs. Agustin

Retirees

They are employees recognized for their loyalty and dedicated service to the University from a period up to their allowable age of retirement. They were awarded with plaques of appreciation and the Saint Louis bust.

1. **Mrs. Natividad T. Flores**, who served the University for 36 years (Nov. 1, 1979-Aug. 31, 2015), last assumed the positions of SBAA Faculty and Academic Extension Coordinator.
2. **Mrs. Edna M. Quilang**, with 36 years (May 1, 1980-May 31, 2016) of service in USL, was the SBAA Dean's Office Secretary in SY 2015-2016.
3. **Miss Florida A. Mallillin** devoted her last few years of service to USL as SBAA Assistant Dean and part-time Faculty. She served USL for 36 years (June 16, 1980- March 31, 2016).
4. **Mrs. Amandina F. Guitierrez**, who had been a SEAS Theology and Social Studies Faculty Member, served USL for 27 years (June 1, 1989- March 31, 2016).
5. **Dr. Ferdinand N. Cortez** has retired after 25 service years (June 1, 1991- March 31, 2016) in USL. He is also a service-awardee.
6. **Mrs. Mila C. Parallag** has retired after 25 service years (June 1, 1991- May 31, 2016) in USL. She is also a service-awardee.
7. **Mr. Percillano G. Herrera** was Records Clerk at the Registrar's Office for 24 years (Nov. 12, 1991- March 31, 2016).



From left: Mrs. Parallag, Dr. Cortez, Mrs. Gutierrez, Miss Mallillin, Mrs. Quilang, and Mrs. Flores

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VP Academics launches prayer book

by Venus I. Guyos & Charina D. Vargas

On July 15, 2016, Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan, University of Saint Louis' (USL's) Vice President for Academics, launched his book entitled *Waking Up with the Lord* at the second floor of the University Libraries.

Dr. Pattaguan's collection of morning prayers is tactful and simple. The sincerity is found in every word, as if the words by themselves spoke so loud adoring the Almighty God, seeking for His guidance, allowing him to be used by God, and renewing his fortitude as he ventures in his work and

family life. In other words, the book is an assembly of morning prayers reflecting the author's laud for seeing a new day, a "gift that most certainly comes from the Lord," according to Dr. Pattaguan.

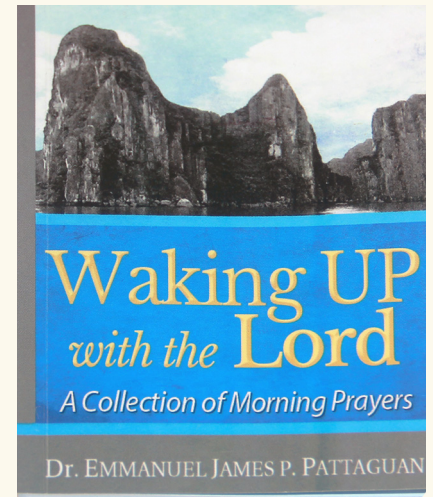
The author had drawn inspiration writing his book from his long-serving years in the school's campus ministry during college. Eventually, as an employee of the University, he was unwaveringly involved in giving recollections, retreats, and inspirational talks to students, to his colleagues and to the community, and continues to be until today.

"Every day, I wake up to

pray to God, to honor and praise Him, to thank Him, and that's a good way to start the day," he said.

Rev. Fr. Rex C. Salvilla, CICM, the University's Liaison Officer, mentioned in the book's foreword: "*Waking Up with the Lord* is a collection of beautiful personal reflections and prayers... The prayers will not bring you back to sleep, but will usher you into a new day."

The book-launching, being the author's first and first in USL, was hosted by the University Libraries in support



to locals who venture into book writing and publishing.

The event was attended by USL administrators, instructors, library staff, students, and the author's family members.

Chopping Burgh owner is USL part-time instructor

by Charina D. Vargas

Mr. Belman Millan, 22, the owner and overall operations manager of Chopping Burgh is teaching Entrepreneur Business Planning and Banquet and Catering Services at the University of Saint Louis' (USL) School of Accountancy, Business and Hospitality (SABH).

while studying, and I also had almost five hours of sleep each day," recalling his forbearance working in Manila as McDonald's service crew member and Starbucks' barista while still studying.

"During college, I was asked why I was working, and I always told those who asked that later they would understand why."

Right after his college graduation, he was hired as Management Trainee at Bonchon Chicken Philippines. Then, he was promoted to Junior Assistant Manager.

Mr. Millan foresaw putting up a burger restaurant nearby the Tuguegarao City university belt, and it would be a bold move, according to him, especially with the growing economy in the City where new businesses

are sprouting rapidly.

So he decided to move back to Tuguegarao (where he lived and studied during his high school) to venture in his own business together with his friends and relatives.

About Chopping Burgh

What was once a business plan requirement in college is known today as the Chopping Burgh which has already three branches nationwide in just a span of one and a half years.

The main site is in Tuguegarao City, the other two branches are in Baguio City and Metro Manila – all are along and nearby universities.

Chopping Burgh is an original concept of Mr. Millan, fusing together "chopping board" and the German word for burger "burgh."

Large-size burgers are served hot in chopping boards – the signature style of the said resto – with 12 original different kinds of burgers one can choose from along with flavorful drinks.

Creativity, a necessity

Mr. Millan said that creativity for business niche

is really necessary to attract customers.

From his original burger recipe and with the contemporary amenity of their burger restaurant, various programs are also organized by Chopping Burgh.

Because most of his clientele are teenagers and young adults, Mr. Millan and his brother coordinated with the City Government of Tuguegarao to conduct the Chopping Burgh Football Cup last July 30, 2016 in celebration of their resto's first anniversary.

The said event was participated in by eight teams including the Louisiana football team.

Entering the academe

Before he opted to enter the academe, he was the hands-on czar of their business. But because of his growing desire to share his experience in the industry and influenced by his mother who is a teacher, he started teaching in USL since the opening of school year 2016-2017.

"My passion to serve and my desire to share my knowledge and skills to my students in the hospitality industry are the reasons why I entered the academe," Mr. Millan said.



Mr. Belman Millan, seated center, with the Chopping Burgh crew.

Mr. Millan was a cum laude graduate of Far Eastern University with a degree in hospitality and restaurant management.

"I worked for five years