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Dr. Antonio M. Molina's collection turn over ceremony and exhibit

Lady Catherine R. de Leon



Fr. Aparicio (L) and Fr. Dagohoy (R) browsing Dr. Molina's collection.

The turnover ceremony and exhibit featuring Dr. Antonio M. Molina's collection was held last May 2, 2019 at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Miguel de Benavides Library conference hall. Present were the University Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Dr. Molina's family led by his children Ms. Carmen G.A. Molina and Mr. Chaco Molina, his relatives, family friends, some UST Officials, 'Friends of the Library', and members of the Library staff. The donation, which was held on the occasion of Dr. Molina's 100th birth anniversary comprised of 1,249 titles that were housed in the family's homes in Madrid and in the Philippines.

The Deed of Donation and Gift Agreement signing was participated in by Fr. Dagohoy and Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., UST Prefect of Libraries, together with Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo, chief librarian, Ms. Carmen Molina and Mr. Chaco Molina.

The UST Singers were invited to render a performance for the affair.

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A glimpse into the life of Dr. Molina and his collection:

As recounted by his family

Antonio Memije Molina was born in Manila, Philippines on November 19, 1918. He was the first born son of Ricardo Molina, a renowned physician, and Consuelo Memije. He is married to Maria del Carmen Gomez-Arnau. The wedding took place in November 1950 in Madrid. The couple have six children: Carmen, Sofia, Pilar, Antonio, Jr., Chaco, and Teresa.

Dr. Molina died in Madrid on November 15, 2000, four days away from his 82nd birthday. Incidentally, on the 19th of the same month, they would have also celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage.

After studying in Colegio de San Juan de Letran where he took up his pre-law, Dr. Molina went to UST Facultad de Derecho Civil in 1940 to earn his law degree. In 1950, after graduating from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid with a Doctorate in Law (*Sobresaliente, summa cum laude*), he came back to the Philippines and served his country. From 1946 to 1970, Dr. Molina was a professor at UST where he taught Philippine history, civil law, ethics, philosophy, and Rizal studies. He was dean of the UST Faculty of Civil Law from 1960-1966. In addition, he became the University's acting Secretary General from 1968-1969.

UST as Dr. Molina's 'home'

The Rector represented the Thomasian community in remembering the legacy of Dr. Molina as he delivered his welcome remarks. He acknowledged and thanked the family for choosing the UST Library as the recipient of Dr. Molina's personal collection. Towards the end of his message, the Rector said, "we are happy that Dr. Molina's book collection finds its new home at the University of Santo Tomas and with boldness, I could say, his 'home.'"

"If I can be just 'half' the man" Faculty of Civil Law Dean Atty. Nilo T. Divina, LL. B., praised his predecessor, saying that Dr. Molina is one of the best Thomasian role models. Thomasian lawyers look up to him as their inspiration. He mentioned former Faculty of Civil Law Dean, Augusto K. Aligada, who considers Dr. Molina as a "cultured person, a man of the world, a renaissance man." In the last part of his speech, Dean Divina pledged that a memorial lecture will be organized by the Faculty of Civil Law in honor of the esteemed Doctor.

His Legacy

The Molina family was represented by Ms. Carmen G.A. Molina, who said "the event was 'steeped in wonderful memories'. My father's legacy may best be summarized with words he often used in his personal writings: *Laus Deo*. His life, centered on faith, was in the service of his Creator. Devoted to family and country, he knew that by serving them he served God.

He was immersed in scholastic thought and embraced St. Thomas Aquinas's commitment to truth, emphasizing definitions and essentials. As a historian, this led him to pursue original sources, and his legacy in this field would become one of rigorous research. This entailed, too, a forging of closer bonds with Spain, recognizing the real common heritage between the two countries. As a diplomat, he worked tirelessly for Filipino causes in Spain, his influence still felt by many among the Filipino community in Madrid and in the Spanish society.

Dr. Molina inspired his students and the youth he met by making them committed to their faith, and true to their heritage. Notably,

his children owe their particular callings to his various facets: historian, lawyer, educator, writer, leader in Filipino-Spanish relations, artist (yes, he was an accomplished watercolorist as well)."

As Ms. Molina ended her speech, she said, "My father's deep affection for UST as well as his commitment to scholarly work and quality education are the reasons why my siblings and I donate his personal library to UST. We hope that his books will be an enduring and tangible expression of our father's devotion to UST."

Dr. Antonio M. Molina : a 'Tomasino'

On a similar note, Fr. Aparicio, O.P., expressed his gratitude to the family of Dr. Molina for choosing UST as the recipient of their late father's collections. He also mentioned in his speech that many students now forget what a true 'Tomasino' means. He explained the meaning by articulating Dr. Molina's article, 'Pregio de Santo Tomas'. It was written originally in Spanish and Fr. Aparicio selected expressions from the article. As the Father Prefect quoted, "The noble figure of St. Thomas Aquinas as projects itself on our tropical blue skies; sitting on a chair as a master, he commands an imposing figure over the campus, so that all who pride themselves to labor in this field of the Royal and Pontifical University of Santo Tomas, find the true guide in his teachings." He also remarked the passion of Dr. Molina to his profession and to his alma mater, the University of Santo Tomas.

He likewise thanked the past chief librarians who supported all his initiatives and definitely, the present chief librarian, Ms. Lobo, assistant chief librarian, Ms. Diana Padilla, the organizing committee, and the roster of 'excellent' librarians and support staff, all true professionals who also contributed to his personal development.

As recounted by his family

The exhibit was in honor of Dr. Molina, showcasing the facets of his well-lived life and book collection which were displayed at the lobby of the Miguel de Benavides Library. Yours truly, Lady Catherine de Leon, Filipiniana Librarian, was the lead person for the exhibit. Other members of the organizing committee were Jenneth Capule, Ginalyn Santiago, Raquel Lontoc, Lejempf Flores, Jonas Sahagun, and the Heritage library staff. Featured in the exhibit are some of the books that have been donated, as well as personal memorabilia like the UST professorial and presidential medals given to Molina by former President Corazon Aquino. The exhibition showcased Molina's formative years as a Thomasian historian, writer, educator, administrator, and diplomat.

Several books he had written are: (1) *Yo, José Rizal*, (2) *Dusk and dawn in the Philippines : memoirs of a living witness of world war*, (3) *Rizal : man and hero*, and (4) *The Philippines through the centuries*.

He also wrote articles published in *Acta Manilana*, *Boletín Eclesiástico de Filipinas*, and the *Varsitarian*. The abovementioned books and selected articles were also featured in the said exhibit.

The display was until May 15, 2019. Afterwards, his collection was brought to the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library, the section which houses the vast printed and historical collections of the University.

This was another remarkable event for the UST Library that leaves another significant memory of the University and the Philippine history as well.

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Michelle M. San Gabriel

Health Sciences librarian participates in the 31st MAHLAP National Congress

Anna Rita L. Alomo

The Medical and Health Librarian's Association of the Philippines (MAHLAP) in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts through the National Committee on Libraries and Information Systems conducted the 31st MAHLAP National Congress with the theme: **'Librarians' Metamorphosis: Contribution and Role in a Rapidly Evolving Society'**. The Congress was attended by 82 librarians from the different medical libraries of private educational institutions in the country. It was held from March 6 to 8, 2019 at San Antonio Resort, Roxas City, Capiz.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Abundio A. Balgos is the president and CEO of the Health Centrum Hospital. In his speech, he quoted "let the librarians serve not only as informationists and repositories of knowledge but also act as change agents for sustainable development for all."

The 3-day Congress highlighted the present issues and identified the evolving role of librarians not only as a safekeeper of both print and non-print library resources but also as key players in bridging traditional library skills with the ability to operate and improve library services in a rapidly changing information era.

Ms. Marian Ramos-Eclevia, assistant director for Operations of the De La Salle University Manila presented altmetrics tapping the role of the librarians and its impact on libraries which offer research support services for faculty, students and other library researchers.

It was followed by the lecture-workshop about communicating with confidence in the workplace. This was tackled by Dr. Ronahlee A. Asuncion, dean, School of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of the Philippines in Diliman. She gave emphasis on the beauty of communication process and its principles. She laid down some barriers to effective communication such as physical noise, personal value judgments, source credibility, semantic use of a word, time pressure and communication overload.

Ms. Roren Marie M. Chin, development management officer IV, Privacy Office of National Privacy Commission, was the last speaker of the first day. Her topic deals on the role of the librarians in the implementation of the data privacy act and facts and fallacies about the freedom of information act.

The first day of the said event was really a blast of information to all and it was wrapped up by a fellowship night with a motif of white and denim bash.

Day 2 started with two lectures: first, about "coping with ethics and responsibilities on the management of a hybrid library," followed by a discussion on "protecting researchers from predatory journals" which were both presented by Mr. Stephen B. Alayon, Data Bank senior information assistant, Aquaculture Department of Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC).

In Mr. Alayon's first lecture, he discussed ethics and essential responsibilities of one's staff in the library from the managerial position down to the clerical workers. While his second topic, he explained briefly the tips and ways to avoid library researchers from predatory journals that have been spreading at present. He presented some open access research tools that can help in checking peer reviewed journals and locate reliable articles.

In the afternoon of day 2, two lectures were presented. Ms. Christine Erica Ongson, RN, BSN, MSHS, CBA, CPM, managing director of Online Philippines Inc., discussed data visualization for social media content production. Ms. Ongson exhibited essential elements being creative in marketing one's library. During the workshop, participants were given the



Participants of the 31st MAHLAP National Congress.



Ms. Lacorte as she delivers her topic.

chance to use some online layout website tools such as *Canva* and *Vengage* to their particular library promotional activities and services. This was followed by the discussion of Ms. Alice M. Lacorte, dean, College of Computing and Information Technology, First Asia Institute of Technology and Humanities (FAITH) on robotics and the human touch libraries. Ms. Lacorte emphasized that more than a search engine, more than a source, more than a building, librarians bring the human touch to the digital age.

On the third day of the Congress was the presentation of Prof. Elnora L. Conti, RL, MAED-LS about best practices in librarianship bridging the gap between traditional and innovative practices. Prof. Conti explained briefly both traditional and innovative practices and pointed out that librarians should be realistic and positive, proactive and must be ready to lead and be a leader. The second part of day 3 was designated for the MAHLAP general assembly.

In addition, educational resources presentations were given in between lectures by EBSCOhost, Elsevier, Thieme. Participants were given the opportunity to meet with the different resource providers to learn more about their products and services.

The 31st MAHLAP National Congress was filled with information and realization towards librarians' transformation in their involvement and capability in a swiftly changing society.

UST JHS and SHS librarians join the 3-day PASLI regional workshop for school libraries

Marjorie Irish A. Suarez

The Philippine Association of School Libraries, Inc. (PASLI) in partnership with the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) held its regional workshop entitled '**IASL's 5th Regional Workshop for School Libraries in Southeast Asia**' and '**PASLI's 41st National Conference and General Assembly**' with the theme '**School Libraries Establishing Linkages Towards 21st Century Literacy and Development**'. This was held on April 24-26, 2019 at the Century Park Hotel Manila. Kaori Fuchigami, Senior High School head librarian, and Marjorie Irish Suarez, Junior High School assistant librarian, participated in the said workshop as representatives of the University of Santo Tomas (UST) School Libraries.

The keynote speaker Ms. Hanna Chaterina George started the workshop with her presentation entitled '**School Libraries Establishing Linkages Towards 21st Century Literacy and Development**'. It was subsequently followed by plenaries entitled:

- *Out of The Box (OOTB) Media Literacy Initiative, Computational Literacy for School Librarians*, by Asst. Prof. Dan Anthony Dorado;
- *Promoting the School Library through Metaliteracy* by Candy May N. Schijf;
- *Managing Data Privacy in the School Library* by Atty. Dexter John C. Suyat;
- *Networking for Library Empowerment*, by Diljit Singh; and
- *Continuing Professional Development and Career Progression* as presented by Hon. Lourdes T. David.

The second day of the workshop was a series of paper presentations on important topics related to librarianship. The following were the papers presented in consecutive order:

- *The 21st Century School Library as Research Space: Collaboration on a Research Literacy Module for Project Work*, by Dr. Mary Ellis;
- *Re-visioning a Future-Ready School Library through Design* by Assistant Professor Loh Chin Ee;
- *Promoting Creative, Collaborative, and Critical Thinking Opportunities in Libraries or Media Centers*, by Danilo M. Baylen;
- *A Study on the Integration of Library Lessons and Information Literacy Skills in A School's Curriculum Based on the Fully Integrated Collaborative Model of Integrated Curriculum*, by Dia Marie Evangelista-Abrigo;
- *Bibliotherapy: The Healing Magic of Stories* by Zarah C. Gagatiga; and
- *SHS Library Interns Lived Experience: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis*, by Mary Ann Jimenez-Salvador and Ethel Mendoza-Torres.

The workshop imparted variety of new learnings and innovative ways on how to improve the librarian's relationship with faculty and students through establishing linkages towards literacy and development.



All participants gathered together for a photo opportunity.



UST High School Library representatives, Ms. Fuchigami (left) and Ms. Suarez (right)

Library seminar tackles international and comparative librarianship

Sabina C. Viernes

A seminar entitled **'The Librarian in the Midst of International and Comparative Librarianship'** with Dr. Juan C. Buenrostro, Jr. as resource speaker, was held at the Cinense Library of the University of Assumption, San Fernando, Pampanga on March 15, 2019. Yours truly represented the UST Library.

Dr. Buenrostro tackled the context of librarianship and its integral purpose in the upbringing of change in the political aspect and transcultural understanding. It emphasizes its significant role in the unity and collaboration in resolving issues concerning information sharing and access. Thus, with the cooperation from various countries, the bridging of communication among diverse socioeconomic communities is made possible.

It is commendable that the seminar further elaborated what librarianship really is all about as it differentiates international and comparative librarianship. It manifested that the particular field of study of 'International Librarianship' is a systematic study of similarities and differences between countries to actually promote and establish foundation of librarianship and the librarian profession in general. On the other hand, 'Comparative Librarianship' is more of a comparison between two or more countries in terms of analysis of libraries, library system and some aspects of librarianship. It also involves the political, economic, and cultural library problems in which the primary objective is to identify what causing it and figure out the differences in order to formulate probable solutions.

The seminar successfully exhibits the significance of librarianship in bridging communication beyond the borders of one's country resulting to globalization and connection. It evidently helps in assisting and supporting more developments and innovations by integrating individual learnings to create promising improvements.

In conclusion, the seminar reached its aim of revitalizing the vision of librarians, thus securing the future of the library profession not just in the Philippines but in other parts of the world as well. May the goal of this seminar become a fruitful mission accompanied by sincere actions and rewarding outcomes.

Library staff attends learning session on 'Mental Health'

Ma. Arleen M. Abad

Last March 26, 2019, the UST Support Staff attended a **Plenary Learning Session on 'Mental Health'** with Dr. Ruth T. Villanueva as the resource person.

A very timely and interesting topic, the speaker described that mental health includes the emotional, psychological and social well-being of a person. It affects how an individual thinks, feels and acts. It determines how one can handle situations such as stress, relationship with others, and in making choices.

Dr. Villanueva's emphasis is on mental health at the workplace showing some facts and data on the effect of mental health problems in companies and institutions worldwide. She described how much losses a company or institution incurs due to the poor mental health of an employee which may come from stress, low productivity level, absenteeism and presenteeism (which she defines as being present at work while being sick or not functioning). She emphasized the need to identify signs of mental health problems such as depression, general anxiety disorder (GAD), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), panic disorder (PD), attention deficit/hyperactive disorder (ADHD), bipolar disorders, etc. and how a person can handle them.

Having enough sleep, regular exercise, proper diet, etc. are important things that need to be considered to maintain a healthy mind. The speaker pointed out the value of 'mindfulness' or of being present to the here and now. "Mindfulness is an awareness that arises through paying attention, on purpose, in the present moment, non-judgementally." – Kabat-Zinn (2005). Stress being a common cause of mental health issue is not entirely bad. Being stressed may even be helpful as the person finds the drive, challenge, and purpose in the performance of his/her task. What is important is to manage stress. It should not allow low-level stress to continue and become high-level stress; that is where the problem arises. She also explained the importance of I-message instead of using you-message. The I-message emphasizes the 'I + my feeling + other person's behavior + consequence + my desire.' Using the I-message is a positive way of dealing with a person whom you have a conflict.

Dr. Villanueva also asked the participants to do some exercises in connection with the following: Mindfulness (to measure or evaluate their level of stress at the moment); the Healing Hand (by placing one hand on the part of the body most affected by the difficult emotions a person is experiencing at the moment); and I-message.

Having a healthy mind at work can result to having a healthy work-life balance, feeling of value and respect, feeling that work is challenging, having an employer who supports growth and development, having a safe workplace and feeling that job demands are reasonable. In conclusion, workplace support is a key to maintaining positive mental health.

Due to the limited capacity of the venue and to allow all the staff to participate, the learning session was divided into morning and afternoon sessions. Also in attendance were Fr. Louie Coronel, OP, editor, *Boletin Eclesiastico de Filipinas* and Dr. Sheryl M. Dionisio, assistant director of the UST Health Service.

Atty. Jaqueline O. Lopez-Kaw, director of the UST Human Resource Department (HRD), delivered the welcome remarks followed by her introduction of the Resource Person; while the Assistant Director, Mrs. Rowena R. Castro, gave the closing remarks. The Invocation for the morning session was led by Ms. Chona C. Batongbakal from the Office for Admissions. Ms. Maria Victoria H. Contreras from the Counseling and Career Center, led the Invocation for the afternoon session. Ms. Ma. Arleen M. Abad from the Library and Mr. Symon Lagao from the College of Education served as masters of ceremony for the entire session.

This activity was initiated and sponsored by the UST HRD with Ms. Lourdes M. Beljotas as the contact person.

Library Support Staff participates in the annual Recollection

Ma. Arleen M. Abad



The Retreat Master, Bro. Obet Cabrillas



A support staff voluntarily participates in the game

In time for the observation of the Holy Week, the UST Support Staff attended the annual Recollection held last April 10-11, 2019 at Regina Rica Retreat House in Tanay, Rizal with Bro. Obet Cabrillas as Retreat Master.

Bro. Obet reflected on the topics: Blessed. Broken. Brought. The participants eagerly joined in the activities through interactions, dancing and singing with actions.

After the lunch break, members of the staff were allowed to go around the vicinity which boasts of a gigantic image of the blessed Virgin Mary called 'Regina Rosarii' which is situated upon a hill. Some participants lighted candles and prayed for prosperity, love, health, happiness, etc.

Several Dominican priests also heard confessions. As a concluding ceremony, a Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Reynaldo J. Adalid, OP, Chaplain of the UST Support Staff.

UST Library holds Book Fair 2019

Rosemary B. Balbin

A 6-day book fair was held last May 6-11, 2019 at the lobby of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library with the theme 'Eureka! Book Fest 2019: A Weeklong Festival of New Discoveries.' The event was officially opened by Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, OP, Prefect of Libraries, together with Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo, chief librarian, Ms. Diana V. Padilla, asst. chief librarian, librarians and some library coordinators. Ms. Maria Estela Kahn-Suyat, vice-president for products of C&E Publishing Inc., represented the eight (8) book exhibitors who joined the said activity, namely: C&E Publishing, Inc., Belview Co., Inc., Fully Booked, Linares Educational Materials, Inc., Forefront Book Co., Inc., Mind Mover Publishing House, Inc., New Century Books and MegaTexts Phil., Inc. They showcased various collections of books for leisure and academic readings.

This event was one of the activities organized by the Library Collection and Development Committee headed by Ms. Nora Matawaran, with members namely, Kristi Ma. Fevie Macasaet, Lady Catherine De Leon, Kaori Fuchigami, Rosemary Balbin, Dolores Morante and Rowena Del Meda.

Eureka is a Greek word used as an exclamation of triumph at a discovery. This theme was carefully chosen with an ardent desire that the whole Thomasian community would also feel that amazement in finding their new favorite titles which will be added in the Library to enrich its collection.

UST Library purchases 17 new titles launched by UST Publishing House

Lady Catherine R. de Leon

The University of Santo Tomas (UST) Publishing House launched 17 titles published within 2018. It was held on April 14, 2019 at the Tanghalang Teresita Quirino of the Benavides Building. The event was attended by Ms. Ma. Cecilia Lobo, chief librarian, Ms. Diana Padilla, assistant chief librarian, and yours truly being the Filipiniana Librarian.

The poetry titles launched were:

- Sa Mga Pagitan ng Buhay at iba pang Pagtutulay, by Ralph Semino Galán
- Damagan, by Allan Popa
- Each Sold Separately, by Ruel S. De Vera
- Walang Iisang Salita, by Paul A. Castillo
- Drift, by Joel H. Vega.

Also presented were works of fiction: A River: One-Woman Deep, which collects Linda Ty-Casper's new stories and a novella; Hantong, John Jack Wigley's first collection of short fiction in Filipino; and Collected Stories and Tales by Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo, a definitive compendium of the author's short fiction throughout the years.

Books on creative nonfiction include Ilang Sulyap sa Daigdig (literary essays) by Dionisio San Agustin, edited by Michael M. Corozza; Shaw Boulevard (Memoir) by Popi Laudico; and Under Manila Sky: A Memoir on the Art of Survival by Irene W.D. Hecht.

Philosophy and research titles include Between the Confucian Li and Ren: A Philosophical Hermeneutics by Richard G. Ang, O.P., Muni: Paglalayag sa Pamimilosopiyang Filipino by Jovito V. Cariño; and the first book of proceedings from the Association of Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASEACCU) Conference, which gathers together the scholarly papers delivered by key figures on the issues Catholic educational institutions face regarding inclusive education.

In the area of literary criticism, the following titles are : Ang Tagalabas sa Panitikan by Chuckberry Pascual; Aralín at Siyasat: mga Pagninilay Hinggil sa Tula by Louie Jon A. Sanchez; and Finding Teo: Tula/Talambuhay by Joselito de los Reyes, a regular 'Thought Leaders' contributor for Rappler, and the chairperson of the UST Department of Literature.

Alinaga joins 'SHS Week'

Daryl Justine Monzon
Alinaga President



During the Tokyo Finds Calligraphy session

Alinaga, an organization of the University of Santo Tomas – Senior High School (UST-SHS) students, organized a film festival and a book fair for the 3rd annual SHS Week. This was in coordination with the Senior High School Library.

The book fair named '**Liwanag: Illuminating the World of Books**', rolled in on March 6-9, 2019 from 8:00am to 5:00pm. It was held at the 10th floor corridor of the Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, OP (BGPOP) Building. Fully Booked and Tokyo Finds took part in this book fair. It aimed to help the SHS community develop a life-long love for reading. The book fair was open to all students, faculty and staff of the University, with the faculty and staff getting a 20% discount for every purchase.

Whereas, the film festival named 'The Film in Our Stars: Brightening the View of Books through Films', happened last March 5-9 showing different flicks based on books with a different theme each day. Theme for the first day was 'Love Until Beyond' which showcased romantic films such as 'Me Before You' and 'A Walk to Remember'. The second day was 'Revolution' showing films from the 'Hunger Games trilogy' franchised by Suzanne Collins. On day 3, the theme was 'World of Fantasy' depicting books that have magical and bizarre properties incorporated in its world building. 'Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief' and 'Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children' were some of the films presented in connection with this theme. For the fourth day, the theme was 'Based on the Classics' which showcased movies that are based on literature from the classical period or are deemed 'classical' or traditional by modern standards. One of the films presented was '10 Things I Hate About You', a film which is a loose modernization of William Shakespeare's late-16th century comedy 'The Taming of the Shrew', retold in a late-1990s American high school setting. The last was 'Woken by 2018' which are films released in 2018, such as 'To all the boys I've loved before' and 'Love, Simon'. Due to the fact that some students are not keen on reading as much as they do watching films, showcasing these movies could start a spark between the students and eventually gain interest in reading.

'Tokyo Finds' also hosted a Calligraphy lesson in the SHS Library on March 7, 2019. Owner of 'Calligraphy by Den', Ms. Dennise Ysabelle Cruz, who is studying Architecture in the University, was the lecturer. Ms. Cruz is keen in helping students enhance their calligraphy skills thru drills. All equipment used in this event was sponsored by Tokyo Finds plus the 'doodle pens' as souvenirs.

The events were a success and it wouldn't be done without the initiative and passion of our adviser and SHS library coordinator, Mr. Aldrine Guevarra, Ph.D., SHS student organizations coordinator, Mr. Ralph Reindle Jariño, and Ms. Kaori Fuchigami, head librarian of the SHS Library, and her staff.

Our heartfelt gratitude for all the help!



Student moviegoers during the film festival activity.

Ms. Cruz as she presents some techniques in calligraphy writing.



Tokyo Finds freebies



Calligraphy session participants with Ms. Cruz



The Alinaga officers and student moviegoers during the 5-day Film Festival activity.



SHS Students browsing some titles brought by Fully Booked.

UST Librarians receive 'service' award in the 20th Dangal ng UST

Marilou G. Palermo

The **20th 'Dangal ng UST' Awards** was held last May 10, 2019 at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Medicine Auditorium. The occasion started with a prayer followed by the Philippine National Anthem. President of the UST Faculty Union and the over-all chairman of the Committee, Prof. George Lim, delivered the opening remarks. Afterwards, the University Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V.

Dagohoy, O.P., gave his inspirational talk. A video presentation was prepared showcasing the hard work and dedication of the faculty members in their vocation. In the said video, Mr. Lourd Ernest de Veyra, a UST alumnus and known TV host and broadcast personality, interviewed some students and faculty members asking them to describe their college days with their favorite professors. It was then followed by the introduction of the guest speaker, the former UST Rector Fr. Rolando de la Rosa, O.P. by no less than the dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof. Aleth Therese Dacanay. Fr. De la Rosa showed his iconic power point presentation that best describes the qualities of a teacher. In between his speech, he cracked jokes that made everyone burst into laughter.



Souvenir photo of the Awardees (L-R) Ms. Santiago, Ms. Olamit, Ms. Manuel, and Ms. Viernes



The Librarian Awardees pose for a souvenir photo with the Library Administrators and some fellow librarians.

There were also special awards for the faculty members' respective achievements in both their local and foreign accomplishments. The folk dance number of the UST High School Cultural Group added delight to the affair. It was indeed a prestigious activity honoring the UST faculty members who played their role as a catalyst for the various social changes in society.

Cheers to all the awardees!

Faculty members were awarded for their length of service in the University. The Miguel de Benavides Library takes pride on its librarians who received the **Gawad Benavides Service Award**, namely:

- Ginalyn Santiago (20 years)
- Leonila Manuel and Nancelita Lane Olamit (30 years)
- Sabina Viernes (35 years)

'Paeng' of the Library receives grand slam in 12th Hiyas ng UST awards

Ma. Arleen M. Abad



The Library Staff Awardees pose for a souvenir photo with the Library Administrators.



Paeng receives the St. Joseph Award



The Most Outstanding Employees 2019

In the recent **12th Hiyas ng UST Awards** held last May 3, 2019, at the UST Medicine Auditorium, Rafael A. Travilla, utility clerk of the Miguel de Benavides Library, was named 'Most Outstanding Employee' under the Skilled category. This is the second time that he received this most coveted award which he first won in 2009.

Dubbed as 'man of the year' by some colleagues, 'Paeng' was also awarded the 'St. Joseph the Worker' award for the third time, the title he received during the years 2011 and 2014.

This year the Library support staff stood out for grabbing numerous awards in various categories. For the *Service Awards*: **(10 years)** - Rowena del Meda; **(20 years)** - Bernardita dela Vega, and Joel Palangan; **(25 years)** - Nemesio Magtaan; **(35 years)** - Lucy Bermudez, Lilibeth Cardenas, Anabelle Lauro, Perla Martin, and Elma Nagorite.

The *Punctuality Award* went to: Daisy Mae Abolucion, Mr. Magtaan, Evangeline Panizal, Jomar Tolentino, and Mr. Travilla.

In the selection of the '*Most Outstanding Employees*', the Library nominated Mr. Travilla for the *Skilled* category, while Ms. Abolucion, Ms. Jasmin Mangona and Mrs. Lauro were nominated for the *Professional* category.

Below are the 12th 'Hiyas ng UST' awardees:

Most Outstanding Employees

- Professional Academic Category: Consuelo M. Pardinez (Faculty of Pharmacy)
- Professional Administrative Category: Maria Victoria H. Contreras (Counseling and Career Center)
- Technical Category: Ronaldo M. Pera (College of Nursing)
- Skilled Category: Rafael A. Travilla (Miguel de Benavides Library)

St. Joseph the Worker Awardees

- Abegail Martha S. Abelardo (UST Simbahayan and Community Development)
- Romie Robert C. Cultura (Faculty of Pharmacy)
- Joel D. Ovejera (Faculty of Medicine and Surgery)
- Maila R. Relos (College of Nursing)
- Alvin P. Taypa (AMV College of Accountancy)
- Rafael A. Travilla (Miguel de Benavides Library)

The event was divided in two parts: the Holy Mass and the program proper. The audience was delighted by the intermission numbers performed by selected employees. To show their appreciation and gratitude, some Thomasian students also performed and gave flowers to the support staff.

This year's theme was '*Kaagapay sa Paghubog ng Kabataan sa Katotohan at Pag-ibig*', a depiction of the unwavering dedication of the support staff in molding the youth in truth and love.

Treat to graduating San Lorenzo Ruiz scholars

Rachel Lea B. Detera

San Lorenzo Ruiz Scholar – Social Sciences Section



The graduating SLR scholars batch 2019 pose for a souvenir photo with Library Staff, Librarians, and Library Administrators.

On May 19, 2019 was the treat to the UST Miguel de Benavides Library's graduating San Lorenzo Ruiz (SLR) scholars. They were from batch 2018-2019 graduates. This time, it was a swimming party held at the Villa Sual Hot Spring Resort, Pansol, Calamba, Laguna.

This annual activity was organized by the Human Values Committee and was actively participated in by the library administrators, selected head librarians, and the graduating SLR scholars. The program started with the Holy Mass officiated by the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., as a way to impart to the graduating SLR scholars the importance of love and faith in God.

Afterwards, sumptuous foods were served and leisure activities such as swimming, singing, and playing billiards were done for the group to bond and relax.

The said activity was also a way to express the Library's sincere gratitude to its scholars for rendering services to the Thomasian community.

-Memoirs-

The graduating San Lorenzo Ruiz Scholars of the Library Batch 2019



Balan, Denise Joy S.

BSBA major in Human Resource Development Management
College of Commerce and Business Administration
(Social Sciences Section)

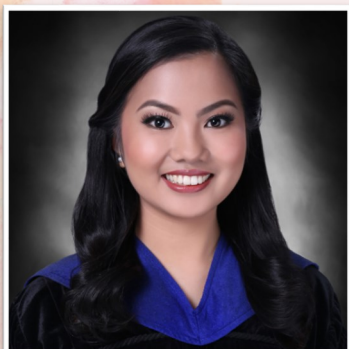
"As a working scholar for four straight years is both a challenge and a privilege. It is a challenge since it entails a lot of hard work and sacrifices in order to surpass all those struggles and demands that come with it. At the same time, I can consider this as a working experience having the privilege to learn and realize a lot of things which cannot be acquired inside our four-cornered classroom. All those overlapping and conflicting schedules taught me not only to manage my time effectively but more importantly, it helped me master the art of prioritizing things. Moreover, my experience in the Library helped me learn a lot - that is, working diligently and responsibly. It also instilled in me the value of keeping an end goal in mind which greatly helped me to continue especially during those critical times. Thus, I am, and will always be thankful for having this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. My sincerest gratitude to all those people whom I worked with and helped me achieved this success. Above all, I earnestly thank God for His continuous guidance and blessings."

"The hectic schedule and additional workload after being accepted as a San Lorenzo Ruiz scholar took a lot of getting used to it. I was at that state where I just wanted to enjoy my college days with my friends, experiencing new things and allowing myself to mess up a little. Unfortunately, there came a challenging time that pushed me to take responsibility for my family, and somehow sacrifice a bit of my freedom. I don't regret ever taking this chance, no matter how difficult it had been. I learned to be resilient above everything else and knew that my experiences and hardships in the UST Library only made me stronger as a person. A good sense of camaraderie also helped me in getting good graces from my colleagues and superiors. This would not have been possible if not for my ever benevolent Head Librarian, Sir Lejempf Flores, who has been patient and nurturing despite my shortcomings. To all the people in the Library who offered me a smile or a greeting every day, I appreciate it and will treasure your well wishes for my future endeavors. Lastly, I dedicate this success to my mom whose love and sacrifice I can never equal. Foremost, to the Lord who has given me with the right people and showered me with blessings. I will forever be grateful for this opportunity."



Cerbolles, Georgie Anne P.

AB Communication
Faculty of Arts and Letters
(Religion Section)



Detera, Rachel Lea B.

AB Communication
Faculty of Arts and Letters
(Social Sciences Section)

"Three years of being a San Lorenzo Ruiz scholar has been a fulfilling journey for me - from rendering services to the Thomasian community to maintaining high academic grades and even to having a normal social life. Everything was made possible through hard work, independence and of course through the grace of God. The said scholarship has also become my source of pride and motivation - pride for being a scholar in one of the prestigious universities in the country and for being able to support my studies. With that, I am eternally grateful especially to my family, friends, Social Sciences family, and God for being with me all throughout this journey."



Dela Cruz, Joselle Czarina S.

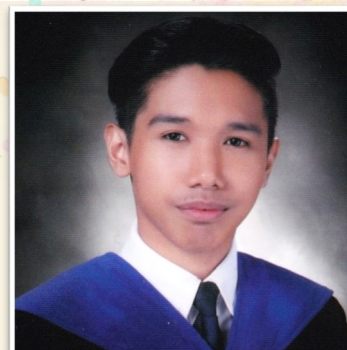
AB Journalism

Faculty of Arts and Letters

(General Reference & Information Section)

"The journey was not easy. It was a series of ups and downs, success and failures, even laughter and tears. But I am proud to say that I reached the end despite the struggles. It equipped me for the next train of this journey. Being a San Lorenzo Ruiz scholar is both a blessing and a challenge for it showed me that the universe will not favor you all the time, instead, it will bring you the best and worst scenarios of life but at the same time, present you various lessons on how to handle them. It is arduous to balance everything but time management and perseverance kept me alive. Also, because of the never-ending support of my family and friends, this ride was less difficult. It's not yet the end but a start of the real world and I thank God for showering me with strength and blessings."

"In my 4-year journey as a San Lorenzo Ruiz scholar, I have encountered both peaks and valleys. Likewise, I have learned that to balance one's responsibility as a student and one's obligation as a working scholar is never an easy task. It requires the triumvirate of success - inspiration, perseverance, and devotion. Throughout this journey, I have acquired several traits that I did not expect I am capable of. I have become a good manager especially in terms of my priorities and time. Also, I have realized the importance of non-discriminative listening, proper communication, and orderly coordinated cooperation in building a harmonious and productive workplace. This experience will not be complete without the people who enthusiastically pushed me to keep striving and that include my family, friends, co-working scholars, and my Ecclesiastical Faculties Library family. I will always be grateful to them for showing me my purpose in life."



Espinosa, Jaycar P.

AB Economics

Faculty of Arts and Letters

(Ecclesiastical Faculties Library)

"I was the block's class president during the time that I got accepted as a working scholar. Time and conflicting schedules have become my main struggles. I have also experienced pressure from the fact that I should not mess things up because my blockmates were relying on me; at the same time, my parents were looking forward for this scholarship. Despite these struggles, I was able to get through them. I have developed several traits and I would emphasize that my time management has significantly improved. I have become more practical in taking opportunities in life and most importantly, I have become more courageous. Being responsible is expected of every working scholar. In order to overcome trials and survive a particular path, a scholar should not hinder himself from trying things; he should strive to get out of his comfort zone because he would get to experience a lot of other things as a student assistant, something he would not learn inside the classroom. Nevertheless, I am forever grateful to my parents who have always been supportive of me and the journey I chose to take, to my friends who have always been understanding, and the people from the General Reference and Information Section who have also become my second family. Graduating from college is an achievement in itself but graduating as a working scholar, I would say "I could not ask for more!"



Gerona, Mary Joy

AB Asian Studies

Faculty of Arts and Letters

(General Reference & Information Section)

"Being a student assistant made me who I am today - a lady who is passionate and knows how to manage time. Becoming a working scholar will taught one how to prioritize things and sometimes, how to sacrifice. I have experienced a lot of hardships and success as a San Lorenzo Ruiz scholar that molded me and helped me overcome the various challenges I encountered. I am thankful to God for guiding me along the way together with my family and friends who have continuously supported me. I am also thankful to Ma'am Mavic for giving me the opportunity to become a working scholar. Lastly, to my SciTech Family for all the memories, laughter and simply making this journey worth experiencing."



Gozun, Denisse Isabelle

BS Secondary Education major in Mathematics

College of Education

(Science and Technology Section)



How, Erick Francis

AB Communication
Faculty of Arts and Letters
 (Heritage Section)

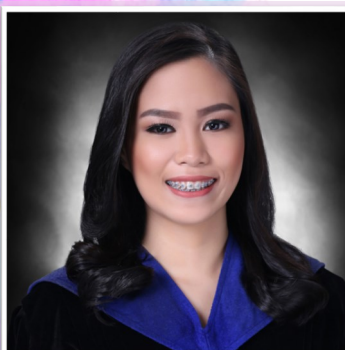
"Surely, balancing academics with a part time job at the University is not an easy task at all. There would be times when I would feel deprived of the things that make me happy and free. Unlike my classmates who spend their free time on leisure, I, on one hand, spend almost all of my free time working in the University specifically, the library. As a Communication Arts major, it is very hard to have another priority other than that of your subjects, because most of my school works are not actually done inside the classroom but in the field. Imagine if you would have to shoot a production video or work on a set design for theater project after class hours but then you can't do so because you have a work duty that is in conflict with these class projects! There would be times that I would feel I've had enough and felt like I have reached my breaking point. But despite all the struggles and challenges, I would still consider myself blessed because I was able to study for free in a prestigious University through a scholarship. Over the course of my journey as a working scholar, I learned to develop a sense of punctuality and flexibility. Time management is the key to balancing tasks without overlapping priorities. Being in contact with different kinds of people in the workplace definitely taught me how to adjust and learn to fit in various situations that I got into. Over all, I would like to thank everyone who supported me and understood me through tough times. I dedicate this achievement on behalf of all my co-working scholars. Keep going 'till you reach your goal and don't let obstacles stop you from achieving your goal!"

"Throughout my four years of being a student assistant, there are two things that I developed: first is my passion and second is my determination. With all the things in my hand, I learned to be passionate in every step of my life. All the struggles in my academic and work were eased by my determination to finish what I've started. There were times that work-study balance was not doing well but because of passion and determination, I am now finally graduating. I am very grateful to the Miguel de Benavides Library, to Ma'am Michelle and Ma'am Jay and to all the people I met along the way, I will always be thankful for all the things I learned from all of them. Lastly, I am dedicating this achievement to God, and to my family who always believes in me."



Jacinto, Aya

BSBA major in Marketing Management
College of Commerce and Business Administration
 (Ecclesiastical Faculties Library)

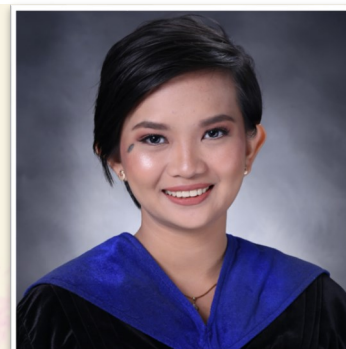


Jardiel, Cellen Joy L.

AB Legal Management
Faculty of Arts and Letters
 (Humanities Section)

"At first, I thought that being a working scholar was a 'piece of cake', but I was wrong! There were lots of setbacks. However, after four years of balancing work and academics, I have learned that being open to opportunities and being steadfast amidst challenges are some of the things that are needed in order to win this life. I would not have realized this if it were not for my Humanities family, my relatives, and friends who cheered for me every now and then. My heart overflows with gratitude for them. They taught me to be a better version of myself and reminded me to go to infinity and beyond!"

"I was so clueless during my early days of being a Student Assistant, merely following the schedule and finishing what was required of me. The only thing I was certain of during those days was that I feel grateful and lucky. Two and a half years later and the feeling stayed the same, still thankful for the opportunity given to me and overjoyed with everything I've learned. It wasn't easy, with all the sleepless nights, sacrifices, and fatigue from the daily grind, but thanks to my support system-- friends, family, librarians and co-scholars, I was able to conquer them all. I realized that aside from the huge financial help my scholarship had provided, it was also where I found a deep sense of purpose, the feeling of belongingness in which I was able to build through strong bond with those around me. And now, as I enter the dreaded post-college journey, I carry with me all the hardships I've gone through and the values I've been taught during my two-and-a-half years as a Student Assistant. Thank you and Godspeed!"



Laforga, Beatrice M.

AB Journalism
Faculty of Arts and Letters
 (Religion Section)



Libig, Ma. Elisa S.

BSBA major in Marketing Management
College of Commerce and Business Administration
 (Civil Law Section)

"Compassion, commitment, and competence are the three C's that every Thomasian should uphold. These values have manifested itself in my work, and have changed me to become a better version of myself. I like to look back at who I was when I first started this chapter in my life, I was young and naive, very much confused with the new environment that I sat foot in. Knowing this, nothing will equip you better than time itself, as well as the support that others will give you in this whole endeavor. Having an objective that guides your decision-making is paramount to what the outcome will be, and in my case, I am dedicated to uplifting the lives of people that are important to me. With that, I would like to thank the University of Santo Tomas and the Library for the rollercoaster ride of four years!"

"I have always believed that 'life is a journey'. Life is filled with lessons, hardships, heartaches, celebrations and special moments that will ultimately lead us to our destination, our purpose in life. The road will not be always smooth; in fact, throughout our travels, we will encounter many challenges. Some of these challenges will test our courage, strength, weaknesses, and faith. Along the way, we may stumble upon obstacles that will come between the paths that we are destined to take. In order to follow the right path, we must overcome these obstacles. Undeniably, I learned all of these from being a working scholar for almost four years. I will always be thankful to those people behind my success: to Ma'am Mavic who treats us like her own sons and daughters - thank you for being there for us, to Ma'am Fevie and Ma'am Lucy - thank you for what you have done for me, for guiding me all throughout, to my Sci-Tech family - I learned a lot from you and these definitely made me who I am today. My success is also your success!" Lastly, to the Almighty God who made this possible - "thank you God for giving me the strength so that I could do my part well, and for Your endless love that has become my inspiration to reach this far."



Lorenzo, Carlo B.

AB Sociology
Faculty of Arts and Letters
 (Science and Technology Section)



Magat, Justin Emmanuel V.

BSBA major in Marketing Management
College of Commerce and Business Administration
 (General Circulation Section)

"I have been a working scholar my whole college life and I can say that there's beauty in all the struggles I faced. Adjusting as a working scholar was hard and there were times that I wanted to give up, but I persevered because I was not only working for my college degree but also helping my family financially. It has not been easy! When I was transferred to another section within the Library during my last year, I would say that I really had fun in my new section and the transition was smooth. The stay for 4 years within the library taught me how to learn to appreciate what was given to me and that I always needed to work hard for something I want in life. Being a San Lorenzo Ruiz scholar in the Library gave me so much and made me experience some of the best moments of my life. I would like to thank all the people I worked with over the years, especially the two mothers I had in my stay, Ma'am Lai and Ma'am Abby. I dedicate my graduation achievement to all the people who believed in me, my family, and to God. Thank you UST - Miguel de Benavides Library!"

"Being a working scholar is not a menial lifestyle. There is the challenge of having to balance your work with your academic standing. Nonetheless, it was a fruitful opportunity. Being a working scholar taught me how to value time. It was a personal platform from which competence and the sense of responsibility have been further fostered. Just like a diamond, I used the pressure applied to me to become a better version of me. I reckon that in order to survive, a working scholar must have a dream from which she/he could anchor his motivation. With a dream, we can make the impossible possible. I will forever be grateful to all the people who helped bring my dreams into fruition. I dedicate my success to my family and to my dreams. To all my fellow working scholars, never forget why you started this path. Excelsior!"



Mollo, André Gavin G.

BS Psychology
College of Science
 (Health Sciences Library)



Murillo, Allana Mae P.

BS Secondary Education major in English
College of Education
(Serials Section)

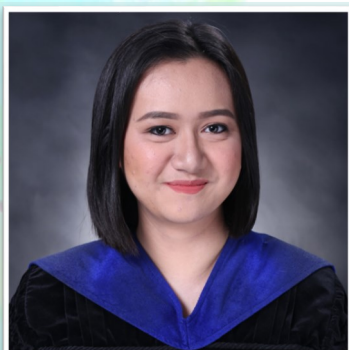
"In my four years as a working scholar, I experienced a lot of challenges that I thought I would not be able to overcome. I experienced breakdowns and almost reached the point of giving up. But through these experiences, I was able to know myself more. I have become stronger and wiser. My weaknesses have taught me to persevere even more not just in my studies but in my personal life as well. I am so grateful to all the people who helped and supported me along the way. I dedicate this success to all of them. I would be forever thankful for this opportunity that was given to me. I finally made it! Thank you Lord for this success! To all the San Lorenzo Ruiz scholars, keep on struggling, be brave! Enjoy this beautiful journey ahead of you. Good luck and keep fighting!"

"Before I was accepted as a working scholar, I was already told that becoming a scholar entails sacrifices. But since I really wanted to help my family through this program of the University, I nodded off all the warnings and told the interviewer that I could overcome such challenges. Little did I know that these sacrifices could be easier promised than done because becoming a scholar requires patience, resiliency, and dedication: **patience** in doing all the tasks assigned to us especially in assisting other people. A scholar must also practice **resiliency** wherein he must be ready to withstand whatever situation might occur. **Dedication** is another trait needed to be able to perform one's duties and responsibilities. Alongside these characteristics, I would not be able to endure these for almost four years without the following people: the librarians and the library staff, especially Ma'am Mavic, Ma'am Fevie, and Ma'am Lucy and even Ma'am Len and Sir Karl of the Science and Technology section - for their guidance, patience and understanding, and for giving us several chances in improving ourselves so that we can be great students and scholars, to my fellow working scholars for offering their friendship which made my scholar life more bearable; and lastly, my family, especially my parents to whom I dedicate my life as a working scholar, for accompanying and supporting me along the way. My four years of college life have been memorable, but it would not be complete without dedicating most of it to the University through the hours I rendered in serving better the Thomasian community."



Nagorite, Danica

AB Asian Studies
Faculty of Arts and Letters
(Science and Technology Section)



Ramos, Ann Denise

AB English Language Studies
Faculty of Arts and Letters
(Science and Technology Section)

"Being a working scholar is an everyday struggle, of understanding the people you interact with, this is a trait I have learned throughout this journey—**to be understanding**. Every day we have to interact with people of different personalities which really is a struggle since more patience is needed to be able to do this. And of course this would not be possible without the help of my co-working scholars and supervisors; hence, I am eternally grateful to my Sci-Tech family for making this journey bearable, most especially to Ma'am Mavic, Ma'am Fevie, and Ma'am Lucy. I also dedicate this to everyone who suffers from mental health issues; you have the choice to give up but remember the regrets if you give up now!"

"Being a working scholar in UST made me believed more in myself in the sense that I can manage all my activities in school and at work thru proper time management. Not having free time to do some of the things I wanted to do, but work does not mean that you cannot learn and be productive at what you are doing. This opportunity given by the University is a big achievement for me because not only did I help myself throughout my college life, but also, it helped my family. It wasn't easy at all because my subject courses are difficult to understand, and there were a lot of demands from professors and from extracurricular activities. Still, amidst all the hardships and embarrassing moments I have experienced, I learned that being patient and determined to achieve my dreams would help me succeed and grow as a good person grounded with Thomistic values. With this, I am going to dedicate my achievements to the people, especially my family, who supported me all the way; to all my supervisors, and to my co-working scholars for the never ending support. I would be eternally grateful for all your help. Thank you and congratulations to us all!"



Resma, Patricia Q.

BSBA major in Financial Management
College of Commerce and Business Administration
(Health Sciences Library)



Rivera, Moses

AB Asian Studies

*Faculty of Arts and Letters
(Civil Law Section)*

"Being accepted as a student assistant in the UST Library was a fresh reminder of hope, moving on from a very traumatic semester. I encountered minimal hardships because I am a regular library user. Throughout my one year stay, I learned patience and time management. As a college senior, it was more difficult to juggle both academics and work and I overcome all these by being tactical. I am thankful for the friends I have made in the Library. I wish I have met them earlier in my whole stay in UST. Graduating as a working scholar would not have been possible if it weren't for God and my family."

"Sacrifice and Success -these two words somehow summed up my journey as a working scholar here in the University. That is a lesson in life that I truly came to understand during my days in the Library. Success does not come to us in a golden platter, we have to work hard for it, and sometimes, we have to give up one of the most important and irreversible realities of human life. We have to sacrifice our time. However, the best way to win is to sacrifice. Through it, I was able to fend for myself in college, help my family, inspire my colleagues, and grow as an individual. These are the valuable things that cannot be equaled and I will forever be thankful. Thank you Miguel de Benavides Library for being my generous second home during my stay in the University. Likewise, to my kind superiors, Ma'am Cathy and Ma'am Rica for being patient and understanding. They are one of the reasons why I've grown so much during my three years as a student assistant. Religion section, our extended family, thank you for the warmth bonding similar to a family. To my fellow scholars in the Filipiniana section whom I will leave in a few months, thank you for giving me your trust. I hope I can inspire and motivate you all to finish this race the same way I did or even better. It's not going to be easy, I've constantly resonated this fact but I also say along with this, 'it's all worth it!' To all the San Lorenzo Ruiz scholars, it may seem difficult now, but everything will come into place someday. Keep the passion burning, never let your dreams go to dust, never let anyone dull your shine... you are a fierce warrior of life capable of doing wondrous things. God bless you all."



Santiago, Lizza P.

AB Sociology

*Faculty of Arts and Letters
(Filipiniana Section)*



Talaue, Alexis Joshua P.

BSBA major in Financial Management

*College of Commerce and Business Administration
(General Circulation Section)*

"This chapter in my college years of being a working scholar has maneuvered me to independence and trusting the process. Independence taught me self-reliance in planning straight ahead my timetable and priorities to endure day-to-day demands of studying and at the same time working. It helped me to be responsible amidst trying times especially when I had to give up my social life in order to get something urgent done. Trusting the process has led me to lift it all up to our Almighty God, that good things will soon happen if I keep pushing and encouraging myself to fight for my dreams not just for my career but also for my family, and for the service. These all have become possible because of the people who made an influence in my life one way or another, to be who I am today. My deepest gratitude to Ma'am Abby and the rest of the General Circulation family for being supportive and understanding. To all the San Lorenzo Ruiz scholars, this is a manifestation that success comes if you have the power to pursue it. Mabuhay and thank you!"

"Duty ako!, a response I always exclaim every after class, practice, or meeting as I run my way to my third home--the Library. Literally, juggling academic and duty life is not an easy feat and I salute all my fellow San Lorenzo Ruiz scholars for having the dedication and endurance throughout our college life. Being a Tomasino scholar honed my interpersonal skills in which we had to interact with different people every day and which gave me the strength and patience to deal with all the challenges and bumps along the way as well. All the hard work is definitely paying off and I could not have done it without my ever supportive family, friends, fellow scholars from the Humanities section, and the people who guided me namely, Ma'am Vercie, Ma'am Elein, Ma'am Gel, Ma'am Kel, and Ma'am Agnes. They say that success does not happen overnight, which I do agree since I realized that success is made up of sleepless nights, endless exams and papers, and hours of duty. Being a San Lorenzo Ruiz scholar has truly been a blessing and a reminder that with passion and hardwork, you can be the best at what you are!"



Tarlac, Eliza Marie B.

AB English Language Studies

*Faculty of Arts and Letters
(Humanities Section)*

Saldo, Gabrielle Anne H.

BS Accountancy
AMV—College of Accountancy
(Education High School Library)

"I've been a working scholar for five years. Honestly, it was tiring, sometimes draining all my energy! Every day you have to go through your routines just like a normal student plus your duties. Sometimes I was bombarded with the thought that maybe if I'm not a working scholar, I'd be able to perform better in my academics or I'd be able to bond and socialize with my friends and family more. But if there's one thing this entire journey has taught me, it's that through perseverance that one can achieve success. It's fighting through our everyday battles, little by little, keeping in mind the people behind our strength to stand. I am always grateful, for the five wonderful years in the Miguel de Benavides Library, especially to Mrs. Leonila Manuel, one of the most thoughtful persons I've ever met who has become not just a friend, but also a mother to us. I dedicate every part of who I am today to all the people who have been there through all the hardships and celebrations. And to the Lord, who has always carried me through."

"It has been a privilege to study and be a working scholar at the Royal, Pontifical and Catholic University of Santo Tomas. I remember being so ecstatic that time I was accepted as a San Lorenzo Ruiz scholar because finally, my parents would not have to worry about my tuition fee. However, there were times when I wanted to give up because duty time was eating away many of my study hours and I also had fear of failing several subjects and losing my scholarship. But fortunately, through effective self-management and hard work, I was able to overcome all those trying times. A big thanks to my parents who supported and believed in me, my mentors in the Health Sciences Library especially Ma'am Rita, who has been very understanding all throughout, and all my co-working scholars who I laughed, suffered and enjoyed this journey. Lastly, I dedicate this success to my parents, my family and friends, for they are the ones who believed in me. And most importantly, I dedicate this to our Lord God because none of these would have been possible without His unending grace. This is ALL FOR GOD'S GLORY! #ABJRNBatch2019 #WorkingScholarToWorkingAdult."

Supsupin, Darlaigne Mikael M.

AB Journalism
Faculty of Arts and Letters
(Health Sciences Library)

Library in the cloud

Carlo B. Lorenzo
San Lorenzo Ruiz Scholar – Science and Technology Section

"I think, therefore I am," said by one of the famous philosophers Rene Descartes. Therefore, I dream of so many future possibilities of a progressive and successful life as it is in my hands as "the youth is the hope of our motherland," whom our national hero Dr. Jose Rizal once said.

How could I, how could we achieve a productive future that is equated with technical transformation that is so much a way of life now in all its aspects, our libraries included?

Through the years, we have been relying on books and other printed materials for our background knowledge to help us come up with ideas that are important to our future. Undeniably, our growth and progress are the results of the relentless hard work of our forebears who recorded their findings in books and other manuscripts. These facts and records became the bases of present-day discoveries of which we are enjoying in large proportions by way of technology.

Such is the outcome of the obvious fast track progress of a more rigid, easy way of doing research works and finding ready answers for any queries under the sun. What a technically aided library to search and learn and widen knowledge among students, the quest for a brighter future! The library in the cloud is also known as a technological library where innovative equipment can be found like the Internet, the home of online journals and articles, the different gadgets of acquiring information and disseminating it through handy forms of cell phones, tablets, laptops, and USBs. The space-saving means of storing records through microchips, the book contents like encyclopedias that could be stored and filed in a disk and just put in a computer to read and so on, as gadgets keep on being discovered and updated. All these compiled in a place called an E-library. And

what could be a more fascinating trend of challenging our thoughts to higher thinking but to discover through surfing in an electronic library. Ideas and features that could motivate our fantasies, we could do it all comfortably just by surfing air of clouds of the different networks and applications of the Internet. This is the face of a technically progressive library, a technically progressive civilization.

Indeed, the oldest library in the Philippines, the Miguel de Benavides Library of the University of Santo Tomas, which holds more than 250,000 books and 320,000 plus volumes, both academic and rare tomes adapted the new way of disseminating ideas and information by using innovative equipment, where articles and journals can be found in electronic resources. On the other hand, the literary pieces of our forebears are now showcased in the application and website of the Library. Virtually, the printed materials and old books wherein fusty by the epoch and era can now be seen in the colorful and catchy modern screen monitors. The library also uses new ways of cataloging books through different library management systems. For the UST Library, it is the Sierra. By encoding the data and flashing it in the library's website, students are aided to search and grope the books, journals, and other printed manuscripts.

Undeniably, despite its antiquity, the UST Library is the home of golden treasures of knowledge, the foundation of colorful history and the root of affluent beliefs and traditions.

All these progressive changes are definitely shaping our future in the realm of knowledge search that affect our way of living, our lifestyle, our culture.

As a student, passionate and curious to know and learn, I will make use of these changes productively. I will search, discover and manipulate those electronic devices, but I always will fall into reading.

As Rene Descartes said, "I will still read to find my way into a bright future enough to enlighten me."

OUTREACH

UST Library staff conducts 'Earthquake 101' lecture to Aeta kids

Maynard M. Vitug

Because of the geographic location of the Philippines which lies along the 'Pacific Ring of Fire' that causes tectonic and volcanic earthquakes, the Miguel de Benavides Library, in support of the many advocacies of the University of Santo Tomas, conducted an earthquake preparedness lecture last March 3, 2019.

A group of Library staff, namely, Juanita Subaldo, Nora Matawaran, Elein Geronimo, Lucy Bermudez, Evangeline Panizal, Nemesio Magtaan, Enrique Gestida, Rafael Travilla, Karl Leo dela Rama, and yours truly, went to its adopted community in Bamban, Tarlac to specifically teach young Aeta kids on how to prepare and respond properly once an earthquake strikes. This is in line with the Library's goal to 'Educate'.

Initially, they were taught that the sudden movement of the land due to geologic faults or volcanic eruptions is called an earthquake. Then, the five hazards of earthquakes according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology were explained particularly the dangers that can be induced by landslides, liquefaction and tsunamis. Yours truly who was assigned to facilitate the activity showed sample photos to evoke the curiosity of the attendees about the topic. The collapse of Hyatt Hotel in Baguio City in July 1990 and the volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo in June 1991 were also cited as concrete examples to accentuate the hazards of this catastrophe.

Moreover, the young Aetas were trained on how to 'duck, cover and hold' especially during strong earthquakes. They were also reminded to stay clear of electric posts, collapsing walls and slopes of mountains to avoid endangering their life while in open spaces. Most importantly, the target participants were acquainted about earthquake survival kits. It was emphasized to them that a survival kit must include basic items like first aid kit, canned goods, bottled water, flashlight with batteries, and whistle so that they are ready for any eventualities.

The training concluded with the Library staff distributing refreshments as well as flashlights and whistles in the hope that they will use them in times of emergencies.



Mr. Vitug and Ms. Geronimo show sample photos of earthquake events.



Library staff distributes refreshments, flashlights, and whistles to Aeta kids



Library staff poses for a souvenir photo with the Aetas.



Souvenir photos of library staff together with the kids of Cottolengo during their visit



Library staff while feeding the kids



“Kids help more than we can”

Elein H. Geronimo

“At times, our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”

-Albert Schweitzer

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library staff conducted another outreach activity at the Cottolengo Filipino in Rodriguez, Rizal last April 7, 2019. It was a private non-stock, non-religious, and non-governmental organization that caters to the poor, abandoned, neglected, and surrendered people with disabilities.

As the group arrived at the place, the kids were already waiting at the door, smiling and waving their hands. Later, they were all gathered in the activity room. While waiting for their lunch, some children showed off their hobbies and they serenaded with their sweet voices and did engaging dance numbers. The Library staff, together with other volunteers, assisted them as they eat their lunch. Truly, it was a feeling of joy and fulfillment.

Being with the kids of Cottolengo Filipino is incomparable. Similar sentiments were shared by other members of the group. It was a feeling of shared humanity. There are moments when one would realize that despite the differences in situations and conditions, they can still live a normal life in which they deserve and experience to be loved.

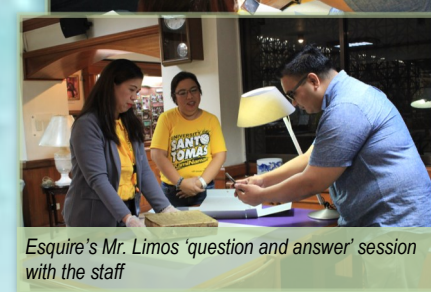
This is another indelible experience of the Library staff from their numerous outreach activities. The kids of Cottolengo did not just light the flame in their hearts but left the burning effect on it.

2 digital media feature the UST Heritage Library

Jenneth G. Capule



BCS interview and video shoot



Esquire's Mr. Limos 'question and answer' session with the staff

The Antonio Vivencio del Rosario University of Santo Tomas (UST) Heritage Library was featured twice on digital media in time for the celebration of the National Heritage Month which started in 2003 with Proclamation No. 439 declaring May of every year as National Heritage Month.

The Heritage Library which houses exceptionally rare and historical print collections of the University was featured by the Presidential Communications Operations Office - Bureau of Communications Services (BCS) and in the Features Editor of the Summit Media Publishing's Esquire Philippines.

The BCS conducted an interview and video shoot in connection with the "National Heritage Month," and in response to its mission to communicate relevant and responsible information to the Filipino people. The interview which was conducted last May 16, 2019 and was participated in by the library administrators, Prefect of Libraries Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Chief Librarian Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo, Assistant Chief Librarian Ms. Diana V. Padilla and the Heritage Librarians, Jenneth Capule and Ginalyn Santiago, gave an opportunity for UST to showcase its wide and rich historical collection of books and its conservation and digitization practices. From the interview, a video entitled 'Enshrine: Preserving, Conserving, and Digitizing the Written History of the Philippines' was created after which, it was posted on Facebook on July 8, 2019 and has been viewed more than two thousand times. The interview and video were conducted by the BCS staff namely, Ms. Kazumi A. Policarpio, planning officer; Ms. Justine L. Hernandez, information officer and Ms. Chelsea Luckham, project evaluation officer.

Subsequently, a 'question and answer' session was also conducted at the Heritage Library on May 18, 2019 by Esquire's Features Editor Mr. Mario Alvaro V. Limos, who highlighted topics on Philippine history, heritage and culture. UST Heritage Library has been labelled as one of the few institutions that protects and conserves priceless heritage. Interviewed were Ms. Lobo and the assistant head librarian of the Heritage Library, Ms. Santiago, who is also the head book restorer. A featured article came up entitled 'The Philippine Library Keeps 30,000 Ancient Books Worth Millions' written by Mr. Limos himself and was posted on the Internet on May 28, 2019. The article has been shared on social media for more than 40,000 times which made people become more acquainted with the UST Heritage Library's invaluable historical collections, facilities, book conservation, and digitization activities.

UST Library free from damage after magnitude 6.1 earthquake

Juanita D. Subaldo



Books fell off the shelf



Shelves slightly moved and disarranged

Last April 22, 2019, Monday at 5:11 p.m., the Philippines was hit by a magnitude 6.1 earthquake and a series of aftershocks. The earthquake was centered in Masinloc, Zambales, in the central part of northern Luzon.

Some people said that the earthquake lasted about a minute and several people rushed out of their homes, offices, and other places. There were reports of casualties and damages that killed at least 16 people.

Work and classes in some areas in Central Luzon and Metro Manila including the University of Santo Tomas campus were suspended last April 23, 2019 (Tuesday) following the magnitude 6.1 earthquake to give way for the seismic inspection of all structures that might have been affected by the strong quake. University officials, engineers together with the officials of the Facilities Management Office (FMO) conducted an inspection in which no damage was found in the university buildings.

Meanwhile, in the UST Miguel de Benavides Library, some books in different sections were disarranged from the shelves, some even dropped on the floor. Fortunately, no damage was found in the building itself.

Earthquakes are unpredictable including the risks. A simple reminder when it comes to earthquakes and other disasters, 'be prepared', a basic thing that we can do to save others including ourselves.

LIBRARY COORDINATORS CORNER

Library Coordinator is the faculty member responsible for the activities that concern the library and his/her respective College/Faculty/Institute.

Note: Library coordinators are encouraged to submit article/s for the Library Newsletter.



Mr. Ronald M. Castillo

UST Faculty of Arts and Letters

It was the neocentennial of the University when I joined the ranks of college faculty at Arts and Letters. But ever since I was a student at the UST Graduate School, I have always considered the Miguel de Benavides Library one of the wonders of my world. And it felt right when Prof. Michael

Anthony Vasco, PhD., my dean appointed me as library coordinator in August 2017. Being the bookworm that I am, library coordinatorship was definitely fun. My favorite was shopping for books. It is the best part of the job - being able to select the best books in the market for use by my Thomasian fellows!

Being both a political science faculty member, and an interdisciplinary researcher helped me in understanding the 13 programs of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, not to mention that foreign language is a discipline housed in my College, making it 14 disciplines. I serve not the Political Science Department, but the entirety of the College. And in this, work became easier with a reliable committee. Originally, there were three: Ms. Sheila Gabe, Ms. Jeanine Castro, and Mr. Bien Mabbayad. As the accreditations level IV PACUCOA accredited programs approached, I expanded this core committee and added 11 more, thus all 14 were represented. This helped preparing for each of the programs.

And this was eventually proven when the time came. It is also good that we have a hands-on dean. Every year, during the Manila International Book Fair, we go as one. One dean, one assistant dean, one library coordinator, and thirteen faculties per discipline. They are with me in selecting books, and in preparing for accreditations. Among those with me are the research assistants and thesis advisees who would share their time in the tedium of approving books.

The library community is also like a family, with the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., as our good father, and every librarian is like a brother or sister. I work with the Social Sciences section along with the Humanities section, both being the main areas of the library that constitute the essence of Arts and Letters. But all librarians in every area are friendly and reliable whenever I would have any concern.

In my two years as library coordinator, I've seen the increase in the use of eBooks. I've also seen the increase in the borrowing of physical books, though not physical space. I've seen popular culture books added to the holdings, and I would like to add as my coordinator legacy, Robert Jordan's 14 book epic novel of *The Wheel of Time*. All my students know how I draw wisdom from them, and their philosophies reflect much of Arts and Letters' academia in a world of fiction the way George RR Martin did for politics.

The Library is and will always be a wonder to me. And I look forward to see more wonders that this place can open to the many readers.

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