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## Lumina Pandit II: a sustainable partnership program between UST and UnionBank

### **T**he Beginning of a Worthy Endeavor

It has been five years now that the Lumina Pandit (spreading the light) phrase has been associated with the UST Miguel de Benavides Library after its grand exhibit entitled *Lumina Pandit: An Exhibition of Historical Treasures*. It served as the Library's treasured "gift" to UST and to the nation during the commemoration of the University's 400th founding anniversary last 2011. The exhibit narrated the history of the country and UST's contribution to the growth and development of the Philippines as a nation through its exceptionally precious and significant collections of rare books and other materials that have been gathered for centuries. Throughout the entire exhibit run, the library was overwhelmed by enormous appreciation for the project from the entire academe and visitors. It has earned accolades and has drawn crowd from its nine-month long operation (June 2010-March 2011).

The exhibit was just a short-term event. But the library wanted not just to give a temporary "gift" to mankind but a present that would last beyond years or even centuries; a "gift" that would impart a deeper understanding on the nation's history; a "gift" that would

remind every person to revisit its past and assess it over with the new perspective of the present; and a "gift" that would encourage the people to preserve the rich heritage of the country such as precious books and other materials that enriched the nation's identity. With these objectives in mind, the exhibit catalogue, *Lumina Pandit: A Collection of Historical Treasures* was published, a memento of this once in a lifetime exhibition.

Complimentary copies were sent as gift to some members of the Thomasian community, selected libraries both here and abroad, several dignitaries, library benefactors, historians, and some book lovers.

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## PAARL national summer conference 2015

**T**he Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians, Inc. (PAARL) held its National Summer Conference last April 22-24, 2015 in Cagayan de Oro City with the theme “Transcending Roles of Information Professionals: going beyond concepts, exceeding expectations.” The conference was divided into three sessions: New Roles in Library Administration, in Readers’ Services and in Technical Services.

The first day was the cultural and library tour. The group discovered more of Cagayan de Oro City’s rich history and culture by visiting the following remarkable landmarks such as the *Divine Mercy Shrine* in El Salvador which is the home of the 50-foot Divine Mercy statue, so far the tallest Divine Mercy statue in the world; *MacArthur Memorial Marker* at the Macabalan Wharf which symbolizes the dedication and determination of Gen. Douglas MacArthur to defend the bond of friendship between the United States of America and the Philippines; *City Museum of Cagayan de Oro* which used to be an old water tower built around 1922; the *Saint Augustine Cathedral* which was built in 1624; and the *Gaston Park*, the main plaza of Cagayan de Misamis during the Spanish colonial period. Later, the group visited the *Lourdes College Learning Commons* which was awarded as the ‘Outstanding Academic/Research Library for 2014’ by PAARL and the *Xavier University Libraries-Ateneo de Cagayan*.

After the cultural and library tour, the succeeding days were allotted to lectures on different topics:

*Embracing Research as a Way of Life in Library and Information Science (LIS)*, by Allan B. de Guzman, Ph.D., a faculty member from the University of Santo Tomas. He pointed out that research is viewed by Filipino librarians as a mandate and not as a global activity.

*The Exchange Librarian: a staff sharing program*, by Mr. Joseph M. Yap, coordinator, Instructional Media Services of De La Salle University Learning Commons. He explained that the library exists within a network of relationships extending beyond the institution. Librarians should get involved in professional activities, regional, national or international, participate in resource sharing or networking activities, and utilize cooperative library programs to

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## PASLI’s 37th general assembly and national conference

**T**he Philippine Association of School Librarians (PASLI) sponsored a seminar-workshop entitled “Preparing the School Library to the Challenges in the New K-12 Program.” It was held last April 22-24, 2015 at the Tagaytay International Convention Center. The seminar-workshop aimed to help administrators, professional librarians and non-professionals working in both public and private school libraries to develop a 21st century research education program in school libraries; acquire basic skills in information analytics for school libraries; and observe and promote love of the Philippine culture and history.

**Day 1:** The event started with an inspirational talk delivered by Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairman, **Atty. Francis Tolentino**, who welcomed the participants coming from the different regions in the Philippines. The first session entitled “*Research Support in School Libraries*” were facilitated by two foreign speakers, **Ms. Alicia Duell** and **Ms. Margaret Parry**, both from the International School, Manila. They reviewed the purpose of school library, the traits of an effective librarian and the roles of librarians. They also discussed the importance of collaborating with teachers. As librarians, they need to learn the curriculum in order for them to help the community in their research activity. They suggested using the Big 6 model™ which is a six-stage model to help anyone solve problems or make decisions by using information. It was developed by Michael Eisenberg and Robert Berkowitz. In the afternoon, a research paper presentation was delivered by **Mr. Edmar Labrador**, a Grade School librarian from the University of San Agustin in Iloilo City. He presented his paper entitled “Library Competency of the Basic Education Learners: a basis for the development of the K to 12 library instructional program of the University of San Agustin.”

**Day 2:** **Mr. Roman Harold Espleta, O.P.**, a laity, presented “Preventing Burnout and Promoting Wellness in School Libraries,” in which he reminded the participants on the realities of life such as: Life is short and has an end; unpredictable; and has no rewinds and replays. He gave practical ideas on how to reaffirm oneself especially during the times when

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## International conference on “Interreligious Dialogue”

Last April 28, 2015, Mr. Pablito Baybado, Jr. from the Institute of Religion, toured the academic officials at the Ecclesiastical Faculties Library: **Dr. Rasoul Rasoulipour**, dean, College of Letters and Human Sciences in Iran, **Prof. Bagher Talebi Darebi**, University of Religions and Denominations and **Dr. Seyed Hashem Moosavi**, chancellor of the Al Mostafa International College in Makati. As a result of this brief orientation and meeting, Dr. Moosavi mentioned about his interest to establish mutual cooperation and sharing of resources with the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties Library and even invited yours truly to attend the Conference with the theme “The Approach of Islam and Christianity Towards Religious Extremism and Violence” to be held on April 29-30, 2015 at the *Buenaventura Garcia Paredes (BGPOP) Building*, University of Santo Tomas.

The conference was organized by the *Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) - Commission on Inter-religious Dialogue*, *UST Institute of Religion*, and the *Cultural Section, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran*. This is also part of the Church's continuing commitment on peace building and interreligious dialogue. It was attended by faculty members, religious leaders, representatives from various schools, colleges and universities, and private individuals as well. The two-day conference aimed to promote mutual understanding between Christians and Muslims on the sources and manifestations of religious extremism. The focus of the discussion was mainly on the current concerns of Islam and Christianity on religious extremism and violence.

The conference had foreign speakers from Iran and noted interfaith advocate religious leaders from the Philippines. They were the following:

- **Prof. Rasoulipour** who delivered his keynote speech on the interfaith dialogue and said that the problem the world is facing is a clash of misconceptions instead of a clash of civilizations;
- **Prof. Talebi** discussed the role of religious dialogue in promoting peace and friendship;
- **Dr. Moosavi** stressed that religious leaders have a role to pave the way for peace and understanding through interreligious dialogue;

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## 7th CE-logic national electronic conference

Last May 28 and 29, 2015, CE-Logic sponsored a two day national electronic conference on "Creating a Legacy Towards Nation Building: librarians and information specialists in today's information society." This was held at the C & E Information and Resource Center in South Triangle, Quezon City. On its 7th year, the conference focused on the role of library and information specialists in nation building. This was well attended by library administrators and librarians. **Mr. Maximo Gomez**, president of CE-Logic, in his welcome remarks, said that he is passing the challenge to librarians who are conveyors of information in this digital age, how the library profession can contribute to the development of Philippine communities.

The first resource speaker was the 2009 Cable News Network (CNN) 'Hero of the Year' **Mr. Efrén Peñaflorida**. He shared his *Kariton Klasrum* advocacy and volunteerism. He narrated his experiences and showed videos of the children and people whom the project has helped. The second topic was delivered by **Prof. Paulo Noel Paje**, director of the University of the Philippines, Information Technology Development Center. His topic entitled "Intensify: exploring the benefits of mobile technology in libraries" tackled the rise of technology, the shifting and benefits of mobile technology in libraries. He highlighted that technology continues to change, therefore, adoption process is essential. The third speaker of the day was a veteran journalist and documentarist, **Mr. Howie Severino**. His topic entitled "Inform: empowering communities through media literacy" discussed the difference between traditional and new media. He said that nowadays, everyone can be a media and the power of social media is a great responsibility. Thus, the campaign "think before you click" is being promoted by the GMA news and public affairs. The last topic on the first day was entitled "Involved: the expanding role of library and information specialist." It was discussed by the UP Human Resources Development Office Deputy Director **Prof. Johann Cabbab**. He discussed the different laws governing librarianship and stated that librarians are obliged to continue in their learning.

On the second day, **Dr. Mary Sylvette Gunigundo**, chief education program specialist of the Quality Assurance Division of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), opened the conference with a

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## The 'Block Rosary' devotion

**T**he Miguel de Benavides Library was very honored to have been visited again by the Blessed Mother through the image of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary last June 10, 2015. A solemn procession was led by the UST Center for Campus Ministry from the UST Office for International Relations and Programs to the library. The image was finally enthroned at the altar prepared at the library conference room and a welcome prayer was led by Ms. Estrella Majuelo, chief librarian. During the stay of the Blessed image, the library staff had gathered every 8:30 in the morning and 3:00 in the afternoon to pray the Holy Rosary.

This religious activity was in line with the UST Center for Campus Ministry's endeavor to promote

community prayer through the Block Rosary devotion. Community prayer is an important dimension of our life of faith for we journey to God, not alone, but with others. It is a means to deepen Christian life like a family and in groups of families. It intensifies our love for Jesus and for His Mother leading to community building and concern.

Before transferring the image, the prayers of thanksgiving and farewell was led by Ms. Cecilia Lobo, one of the librarians. It was transferred to the Office for Admissions (OFAD) last June 17, 2015. The image was gratefully welcomed by Atty. Gezzez Giezi Granado, assistant director of OFAD.

*Leonila M. Manuel*

## Pope Francis effect

**L**ast January was a very memorable month for us Filipinos most especially for Catholics. **Jorge Mario Bergoglio** or simply known as *Pope Francis* visited the Philippines.

The University of Santo Tomas was one of Pope Francis's last destinations before heading back to the Vatican. Seeing him roamed around the busy streets of Manila in his Pope mobile with the sea of people waiting for him was indeed a marvelous sight. Watching this even on television makes one wanted to cry. His presence, even not in person, would really give many unexplainable shivers. The way he hugs the children and interacts with people gives one the feeling of 'longing'. It was really something that no ordinary person can do.

As *Thomasians*, we are blessed to be given the opportunity to volunteer as a human barricade during his visit. We were overwhelmed by the chance to see him up close and to experience what they call the "Pope Francis Effect." Around seven thousand (7,000) volunteers took the risk just to feel his presence. We, the members of the library staff at the Ecclesiastical Faculties Library, were lucky and felt courageous enough to serve the Pope on that occasion. His visit was indeed a long wait. Although the gates would still be open to the public at 2 in the morning, a lot of

pilgrims had already lined up as early as 7 in the evening of the previous day to be assured of a spot inside the university. A lot of people waited all night but not all of them were lucky enough to enter.

As volunteers, we were already positioned at 3 am in our designated areas; we at the Arch of the Century gate. One can just imagine the feeling of anticipation and the excitement inside the university. Lack of sleep was not even evident. It was very noisy - music playing, volunteers chatting, officers giving instructions. It was indeed a sight! Everyone was busy in order to ensure perfection during the Pope's arrival.

Several performances were held before the Pope arrived. Artists like Jed Madela, Angeline Quinto and a lot more performed to entertain the public. We were taught chants to cheer upon the Pope's arrival. Flaglets were handed to crowd, police officers started to position themselves and the excitement rose even more by 8:00AM. People were already pinned in their respective places for fear that someone might take over their respective places if they move even a little.

That was the whole scenario until the Holy Father arrived. Indeed it was worth the wait!

*Mika Khen S. Bendaña  
Working Scholar  
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## Seeing an angel in the face of a Cottolengo child

*"Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest." Luke 9:48*



(L-R) Ms. Olamit, Ms. Majuelo, Ms. Abolucion, Mrs. Subaldo, Mrs. Usita, Ms. Lobo, Ms. Acuña and Mrs. Bano with some of the Cottolengo children.

Children have a very special place in Jesus heart, as quoted in the above scripture. Similarly, *Cottolengo Filipino* has a special place in the heart of the UST Library. *Cottolengo Filipino* is a private non-stock, non-profit religious and non-government organization licensed and accredited by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). It is owned and managed by **Little Works of Divine Providence Congregation** founded by Saint Luigi Orione, an apostle of charity and father of the poor. Its aim is to serve the most poor, abandoned, neglected, surrendered persons with disabilities.

Last April 19, 2015, just days away before the feast day of Saint Joseph Benedict Cottolengo, after whom the *Cottolengo* has been named, the UST Library staff, as part of the outreach program of the Committee on Extension Services headed by Ms. Narcelita Lane Olamit, once again visited the home of these beautiful children and distributed food and some goodies.

As soon as the van approaches the gate of the institution, a *Cottolengo* child quickly and excitedly opened the gate for the UST library staff. They eagerly greeted the visitors showing how they hunger for love and concern from strangers and who are now familiar to them. Though it was a simple visit, it still marked and

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## Reach out and serve

On a Good Shepherd Sunday on April 26 2015, five (5) librarians, namely, Fatima Ramos, Kaori Fuchigami, Raquel Lontoc, Diana Padilla and yours truly, made a 2-hour trip from Manila to Sitio San Martin, Bamban, Tarlac for the regular outreach activity of the Library.

A Philippine Daily Inquirer (PDI) article written by Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, S.V.D. on that day stated that in the gospel, Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd, describing a good shepherd as one who is willing to give to his sheep his service, and his very life, for free. A hired man, on the other hand, is one who gives service not for free, but for a fee. Good shepherds who serve with concern and for free are urgently needed in our country these days and that true service is for free, and not for a fee.

Inside the San Martin de Porres Library, the librarians and about fifty (50) Aeta children had a lively discussion on *mabuting asal* (good manners) and *mga trabaho o propesyon* (jobs/professions) using flash cards as discussion tools. Gifts and prizes were given to those who actively participated as well as to those who behaved the best. At the end of the session, a bag of snacks and more giveaways were handed out for the children to take home.

Ms. Ramos as she teaches the Aeta children.



Mr. Sahagun as he distributes food packs and other goodies.

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## Library planning and teambuilding activities 2015

**S**ynergy - this is one of my favorite words in the English dictionary. *The totality or the sum of two parts is greater than the sum of its individual parts.* Though the members of the library staff are different individuals with diverse talents and skills, but when working together, the effect to the Thomasian community is greater than the sum of one's individualism. The synergy created was enhanced after the annual team building and planning activities have been conducted by the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. This was held last June 4-5, 2015 at the Eagle Point Resort, Mabini, Batangas.

Collection Development, Physical Facilities, and Student Welfare and Services.

After the planning activity, seven team building games were prepared by the Committee on Professional Development. Almost everybody won at least one game while two committees – the Collection Development and Information Technology merged with Extension Services, tied for the championship, hence, the need for a tie-breaking *kayak* game challenge.



Some photos during the planning and team building activities.



The objectives of these activities are: to engage committee members in strategic planning for the next academic year; to socialize with colleagues, to rest and recreate one's physical stamina, to build a stronger team especially for the different committees, to acknowledge each one's skills and strengths, and ultimately, making the library staff ready, physically, mentally and emotionally, for the next academic year in order to provide better service to the Thomasian community.

The day started with the planning activities for the next academic year (2015-2016), followed by the reports on the four categories: Professional Development,



The culminating activity was the awarding of the over-all champion and the appreciation message of Ms. Raquel B. Lontoc, head of the organizing committee. Members are: Rosemary B. Balbin, Arlene P. Matias, Lourdes Fatima C. Ramos, Ginalyn M. Santiago, Bernardita M. dela Vega, Ken Aldrin M. Garcia, Perla R. Martin, Ma. Theresa A. Milabo, and Rafael Travilla.

*Ma. Victoria C. Acuña*

## New batch of librarians with MLIS degree

*“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.”*

**T**hese words by Aristotle simply describe how the three UST librarians, despite all the long and struggling years of studying, showed determination and perseverance to fulfill their desire of obtaining their Master’s degree in Library and Information Science. All of them successfully accomplished their special projects at the UST Graduate School last May 2015.



**M a r i l o u Galang - Palermo**, head librarian of the Spanish and Religion Sections, evaluated the benchmarking practices of the Library through her project entitled *Benchmarking Practices of the Librarians in the UST Miguel de Benavides Library*. In this study, she recommends

improvements on how to make the activity more productive.



The Head Librarian of the Circulation section, **Sabina Cuevas-Viernes**, cited ways on how to empower the library staff in order to provide quality library service. Her paper entitled, *Empowering the Work Performance of the UST Library Support Staff towards Quality Service* aims to know what assistance the staff needs in order to

benefit personally and professionally and recommends ideas on how the library administration can take part on how the staff can feel challenged and valued in the workplace.

Congratulations! The whole library family is indeed proud of your achievement.



**Lady Catherine Relevante - de Leon**, head librarian of the Filipiniana Section, made an analysis of the Miguel de Benavides Library staff work outcomes which are affected once they experience emotional labor. Her study is entitled *Effects of Emotional Labor to the Work Outcomes of the*

*UST Miguel de Benavides Library Personnel.*

*Lady Catherine R. de Leon*



“THE HIGHEST EDUCATION IS  
THAT WHICH DOES NOT MERELY  
GIVE US INFORMATION  
BUT MAKES OUR LIFE  
IN HARMONY WITH ALL EXISTENCE.”

*- Rabindranath Tagore*

## *Lumina Pandit II... from page 1*

Fortunately, a copy landed in the hands of Mr. Justo Ortiz, chairman & CEO of UnionBank of the Philippines. Appreciation and fascination to the priceless collections contained in the UST Library and Archives prompted Mr. Ortiz to ask Mrs. Maria Gonzalez Goolsby, the then-executive director of UnionBank, to coordinate with the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. to support a project that would preserve and disseminate these materials to a wider public. Being genuine to his intent, Mr. Ortiz personally visited the library to see the exhibit on its last day of operation. Thus, started the fruitful partnership between UST and UnionBank, the partnership which serves as a providential reward to the University's significant "gift" to the nation.

### *The Collaboration of UST and UnionBank*

Mr. Ortiz and the bank's Corporate Philanthropy and Social Responsibility (CPSR) team headed by Mrs. Goolsby expressed their enthusiasm to help the Library and Archives preserve its rich heritage and eventually share its priceless collections to a wider world. They advised the Library to present a project that they could finance for a period of 3-5 years time.

Just like the Lumina Pandit Exhibition, the planning for this new project was not as easy as it seemed to be. Conceptualization of worthwhile activities was indeed a challenge. Several meetings were conducted to come up with a reliable and sensible project that would have a lasting impact to the nation. Until the sustainable partnership with the bank was finally named Lumina Pandit II, a program that entails four major components, namely, *Conservation* of rare books of more than 30,000 volumes and other collections housed in both the Library and the Archives; *Digitization* of significant collections; *Publication* of catalogues of all historical collections; and *Public Presence* in which several activities like journalism contest, exhibition, conferences, book discussions and the like were planned to promote the program.

On April 28, 2011, the exact day of the 400th founding anniversary of UST, Rev. Fr. Rolando V. dela Rosa, O.P., the then-UST rector, and Mr. Ortiz signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Lumina Pandit II program with Mrs. Goolsby and Fr. Aparicio as witnesses. In the Memorandum, the bank has

committed to fund *Fifty Million pesos* (Php50,000,000.00) over a period of five years covering the expenses of the project components. The Library assumed the responsibility of administering the proper workflow of the program in coordination with UnionBank.

### *The Production Phase*

Academic year 2011 marked the start of the Lumina Pandit II. UnionBank had generously donated a seed amount to gradually start with the pilot phase of the two project components, the *Conservation* and *Publication*. For the pilot phase of the *conservation*, the library aimed to restore thirteen titles of important rare Bibles published between 15th to 19th centuries and to conserve some historical documents of the Archives. For the *publication*, the continuation of the catalog preparation has been expedited by hiring more project-based employees.

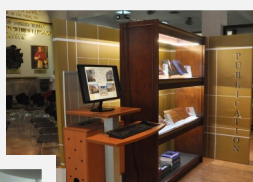
As regards to the *digitization*, the main goal of this component is to create a trusted digital repository that houses various collections, namely, UST Publications, foreign historical collections, rare Filipiniana collections, and UST Archives' materials. Acquisition of appropriate equipment (i.e. book scanner & servers), digital library management software and manpower are necessary for the project to be accomplished. However, the library had not started yet with it as it would entail more time to plan to ensure its successful operation.

As time went by, the production stage of the entire program became more challenging especially the digitization and publication. Digitization of heritage collections is a very complex endeavour. The library has been able to cope with the different hurdles and difficulties inherent to the project by referring to the manual produced by the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). Moreover, this component is very costly in terms of the equipment, storage servers and software needed for it to materialize. Thus, careful planning had to be considered. The library created a Project Management Team to administer its proper workflow and to understand the different components of the process such as operation, organization and staffing.

In September 2012, with the purpose of expediting the work and having good quality output of scanned images, the library purchased the *Metis Easy Digital Scanner (EDS) Gamma Book Scanner*. This machine has proved very practical as it offers superior image quality, ergonomics, ease of use and high productivity in unique integration solutions. Likewise, storage servers were



## More photos during the Presentation of the Lumina Pandit II Project



Components of the Project



Prof. A. Ward as emcee



Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, OP gives his welcome address.



Mr. J. Ortiz as he delivers his inspirational message.



Fr. A. Aparicio, OP gives his message of appreciation.



Prof. J. Zulueta



Ms. D. Padilla



Prof. R. Trota Jose



UnionBank guests with some of the UST Librarians.



Amb. K. Zeller and wife M.T. del Rosario Zeller

▼ UST Liturgikon



▲ Prof. R. Lucas for his intermission number



Some of the recipients of the first copies of the Lumina Pandit : a Continuum (L-R) Rev. Fr. Dagohoy, OP, Mr. J. Ortiz, Amb. K. Zeller.

upgraded to accommodate a large number of images in Tagged Image File Format (TIFF) or Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) and Portable Document Format (PDF).

In November 2013, UnionBank agreed to the proposal of the Library to acquire *CONTENT digital management (CONTENTdm)*, one of the best software available in the market by Online Computer Library Center (OCLC). This software supports the upload, description, management and access of digital collections.

As to the publication, more and more titles have been discovered during the catalog preparation. The library thought that those should still be included in the publication to ensure its completeness. Checking and editing of the catalog entries and additional titles found were meticulously done that caused the delay of its launch.

For the *Public Presence* activities, both institutions decided to defer the mentioned undertakings in the next phases of the program. Concentration on the three components (Conservation, Digitization and Publication) must be prioritized.

UnionBank and the Library were so hands-on to the project that both sincerely wanted to achieve the target deliverables on time. Frequent meetings, revisions of previous plans, deliberation, and adjustment on the target timeframe were done which made the whole team a bit stressed out. But all suggestions, recommendations and changes raised on how the project can be better improved were cooperatively adopted by the team.

In addition, Mrs. Goolsby suggested to have another memento for the Lumina Pandit II. A book should also be published like the one of the exhibit. According to Mrs. Goolsby, the book would be an effective tool to promote the whole project in which copies of the book together with the catalogs of the Heritage Library collections and Archives could be sent as gifts to libraries both local and abroad and for free. This idea has been willingly accepted by the Library. This has made a total change on the program components of the Lumina Pandit II. Distribution of the book and the catalogs serves as a major promotional activity for this program. Hence, the public presence activities that were previously indicated in the MOA have been shelved for the moment.

Subsequently, the production of the new publication started. On its production stage, unfortunate circumstances occurred that made the team faltered for a time. But in spite of the unfavorable happenings, the team still managed to be more persistent and determined to pursue its goal. Providentially, solutions came into sight which made the book even more beautiful and was entitled *Lumina Pandit: A Continuum*.

### *The Unfolding of an Unending Mission*

#### Project Presentation

On May 26, 2015, the much-awaited grand presentation of the Lumina Pandit II program was materialized. It was held at 4:30pm at the lobby of the Library and was attended by the University officials headed by Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., rector of the University, Mr. Justo A. Ortiz, chairman & CEO of UnionBank, bank executives, library benefactors, librarians, etc. This event was also organized in celebration of the 404th anniversary of the founding of the University of Santo Tomas. Prof. Anna Maria Gloria S. Ward hosted the event.

The entire Lumina Pandit II program now entails three major components, *Conservation*, *Digitization* and *Publication* of rare books and other library materials.

The program started with a convocation led by the UST Liturgical singing *Lead Kindly Light*. Rev. Fr. Dagohoy welcomed the guests, followed by the message of Mr. Ortiz. An overview of the project was given by Mr. Regalado Trota Jose and the presentation of the *Digital Library* was done by Ms. Diana V. Padilla. Brief review of the book *Lumina Pandit: A Continuum* was delivered by Prof. Joselito B. Zulueta, Lifestyle Arts and Books editor, Philippine Daily Inquirer.

The first copies of the *Lumina Pandit: A Continuum* were given to: Rev. Fr. Dagohoy, OP, Mr. Ortiz, Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco Timoner, III, O.P., UST Vice-Chancellor, former German Ambassador to the Philippines, Amb. Klaus Zeller and wife Maria Teresa del Rosario Zeller, benefactors of the A. V. del Rosario UST Heritage Library, and to some UnionBank executives. The book includes articles written by notable historians and professors: Fr. Aparicio, Assoc. Prof. Marya Svetlana Camacho, Assoc. Prof. Maria Eloisa de Castro, Rev. Fr. Rolando dela Rosa, O.P., Prof. Arvin



Diesmos, Asst. Prof. Mae Low Diesmos, Assoc. Prof. Cecilia Espinosa, Prof. Jose, Prof. Jorge Mojarro, Assoc. Prof. Ma. Liza Ruth Ocampo, Assoc. Prof. Rey Donne Papa, Assoc. Prof. Maria Bernardita Reyes, and Prof. Zulueta; and photos of rare materials taken by Paul A. Quiambao. B&C Design is responsible for the creative design of the book.

A mini exhibit was also prepared for the event. It was designed by Assoc. Prof. Nady Nacario, Assoc. Prof. Clarissa Avendaño, Asst. Prof. Rudy Olaso and Ms. Ma. Theresa Fenix. It displays deliverables of the program such as the book mementos of the Lumina Pandit I & II projects; catalog of rare materials (18th & 19th century books, and catalog of rare periodicals, reprints of the first three rare catalogs 16th & 17th century books & Filipiniana rare collections) published by the Library in 2002-2005, the digital library website and selected restored books. A total of eight (8) publications have been launched and will soon be donated to major libraries here and abroad while the catalogs of the Archives collections will be launched this year.

The digital library of the Miguel de Benavides Library and Archives was also presented. It can be accessed at <http://library.ust.edu.ph/digitallibrary.html>. It is also linked in the library website at <http://library.ust.edu.ph/>. Almost one million pages of books, documents, periodicals, photographs, etc. have already been digitized and will soon be uploaded. Continuous upload of the digital copies of books and other materials with considerations on copyright & restriction policy is being done.

The Lumina Pandit II project management team is composed of: Project Manager, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P.; Asst. Project Manager, Ma. Cecilia Lobo; Publication Lead Person: Estrella Majuelo; Digitization Lead Person, Diana Padilla; Conservation Asst. Lead Person, Ginalyn Santiago; Consultant for the Archives, Prof. Regalado Trota Jose; Project Asst. for the Archives, Sarah Bendaña; Staff of the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario Heritage Library; Library Staff; and Archives Staff.

#### *A Gift to Cherish for Centuries*

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Ms. Paula Joson and the entire CPSR & UnionBank staff who enthusiastically established the role of being the University's partners to bring light to the world through the Lumina Pandit II program.

Indeed, this project has been such a wonderful gift, a gift worthy of commitment, passion and sustainability, and most of all, a gift worth treasuring. It has taught the entire project team to be more committed to its mission of spreading the light of knowledge and wisdom through the use of its significant and priceless collections, a continuing mission to fulfill through the centuries by the faithful librarians, staff and the next generation of information specialists. And as Fr. Dela Rosa, wrote, "The wisdom of the centuries that must be preserved, transmitted, and expanded is placed under the Librarian's care."

*Diana V. Padilla*

#### *PAARL... from page 2*

enhance library resources and services and to reduce operating costs.

*Librarians as Web Developers: gauging the best technologies in accessing information*, by Ms. Herabelle M. Villanueva, faculty, College of Computer Studies, Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan. She emphasized that librarians should explore options, embrace technology in educating people and extend their online presence.

*Librarians as Social Media Leaders: determining potentials, risks, and mechanisms for management*, by Ms. Karryl Kim A. Sagun, teaching assistant, Nanyang Technological University. Ms. Sagun explained that social media must be a sensuous experience, contextual, that trends in social media change and certain social media posts will always be appealing.

*The Embedded Librarian: fostering life-long learning through information skills and new technologies*, by Ms. Sagun. The lecture was about balance between what is relevant to the users and the predetermined roles or mindsets that define a librarian, as user needs and contexts are constantly changing.

*The Blended Librarian: asserting roles in the teaching and learning process to provide optimal learning experiences to students and researchers*, by Dr. Briccio M. Merced, Jr., University librarian, UP Mindanao. He defined *Blended Librarian* as an academic professional who

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offers the best combination of traditional skill set of librarianship and information technology services that are vital to the development of programs, services and resources needed to facilitate the instructional mission of academic libraries.

*Librarians in Digital Conversations: creating effective real-time connections between researchers and resources*, by Mr. Yap, who defined 'virtual reference' as a reference service initiated electronically, often in real-time, where patrons employ computers or other Internet technology to communicate with reference staff without being physically present.

*Scholarship Librarians as Digital Curators*, by Dr. A. de Guzman, who highlighted that the focus of many libraries today, especially academic and research, is mainly on the development of a digital library or repository. Cyber scholarship is a form of innovation and offers a number of promises and challenges to Philippine LIS curriculum and library staff continuing education program. Building content in institutional repositories is integral to support the future of scholarly communications and thereby support cyberscholarship.

*Library Collection Managers in Higher Grounds: weighing the odds*, by Ms. Marianita D. Dablio, lecturer, Mindanao State University. Ms. Dablio emphasized that the goal of any collection development organization is to provide the library with a collection that meets the appropriate needs of its client population within the limits of its fiscal and personnel resources. To reach this goal, each segment of the collection must be developed with an application of resources consistent with its relative importance to the mission of the library and the needs of its patrons.

*Catalogers in the Midst of Digital Development: challenges and opportunities*, by Ms. Annabelle P. Acedera, library coordinator of Lourdes College. She stated that the abilities of the modern cataloger are necessary in this environment of rapidly growing collections of information.

Change is inevitable. Information professionals should keep abreast with new concepts in librarianship and exceed traditional expectations. Librarians should have a deep understanding of the new and unconventional concepts in librarianship. If they can adapt and embrace change, they will be able to meet the continuously changing needs in the academic and research environments.

*Kaori B. Fuchigami*

## *PASLI's... from page 2*

burnout strikes. Another speaker, **Ms. Rhodora Espiritu-Valdez** of De La Salle Zobel and a former working scholar of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library, emphasized the "Role of Social Media Sites in Research." Her talk covered different guides for launching and sustaining social media presence in the library. She discussed how social media such as Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest and YouTube can be used and enumerated some examples in promoting research through those sites. The last speaker was **Mr. Marvin Enderes** from the Colegio San Agustin, Makati who lectured about "Sustaining Relevance of Library Research in the 21st Century Education." Mr. Enderes challenged the librarians' role in the 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills using the 4 Cs: Critical thinking, Creative thinking, Communication and Collaboration. The day's session ended with the election of the new set of officers followed by the president's report.

**Day 3:** To be more aware of the role of librarians in the senior high school curriculum, the principal of the High School Department of Miriam College, **Dr. Edizon Fermin**, discussed the senior high school curriculum guides entitled "Sages and Savages: school librarians OF, IN and FOR senior high school." The last topic titled "Senior High School Program: implication to collection development" was delivered by the Director of Libraries of the Lyceum of the Philippines, **Mrs. Corazon Nera**. After sharing her expertise, Ms. Nera presented the curriculum guides for senior high school which will help librarians in selecting the materials to be included in the collection.

The lessons imparted by the resource speakers were surely inculcated in the minds of the participants and hopefully, adapt in their respective institutions, what have been learned in the conference. This 3-day conference was indeed a success.

*Lourdes Fatima C. Ramos*

**"A LIBRARY OUTRANKS ANY OTHER  
ONE THING A COMMUNITY CAN DO TO  
BENEFIT ITS PEOPLE  
IT IS A NEVER FAILING  
SPRING IN THE DESERT."  
- ANDREW CARNEGIE**

### *International conference... from page 3*

- **Asst. Prof. Val Brillo** of the UST Institute of Religion and **Russell Berrie**, fellow, Interreligious and Ecumenical Dialogue, gave emphasis on social and political preconditions and precipitants of terrorism, such as modernization and political discrimination;
- **Fr. Albert Alejo**, S.J., Board Chair of the Philippine Jesuit Refugee Service, presented different kinds of timeline - a multilayer Mindanao timeline, political, economic, socio-cultural, and ecological history, which is a way to transform and revisit Philippine history; CBCP President and Lingayen-Dagupan **Archbishop Socrates Villegas** pointed out that LOVE is needed to foster acceptance and respect among different religious denominations.

Through this dialogue, we hope to build a mutual respect, understanding and cooperation among our Muslim and Christian brothers in spite of differences in culture and religious beliefs.

*Michelle M. San Gabriel*

### *7th CE-logic... from page 3*

lecture entitled "Influence: advancing the quality of Philippine education through good governance." She highlighted that good governance is the responsibility of all, meaning all citizens are key players and not only the government. She also mentioned that today, there are 1,923 institutions and majority are in private sectors, and there are only 11 deregulated and 53 autonomous. The goal of CHED is to triple the number of deregulated and autonomous because if the institutions are matured, they do not need close monitoring by the Commission. Another topic was the use of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology in academic libraries which was discussed by Singapore IT Federation Special Program Office Director, **Tack Wai Wong**. Though RFID offers a number of benefits, careful planning is essential especially on funding, needs of the library and staff training. Finally, the synthesis of the lectures presented was done by **Mrs. Lourdes David**, a member of the Board for Librarians of the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC). She mentioned that the seminar would help everyone on how to look into libraries; on how to make use of technology; and how to serve the community. She also emphasized that libraries

are more social than before, therefore, librarians should initiate promotions and marketing. She concluded her talk by mentioning the three Cs – Competency, Compassion for customers, and Consecration. She said that librarian's existence is primarily for the customers and must think of the library as a business enterprise and a social institution.

The conference was indeed useful and enlightening. There were also product presentations in between topics conducted by CE-Logic's foreign partner representatives, namely, Vincent Cheah, senior product manager of Cengage Learning; Adam Goh, sales manager of Elsevier; Lyndon Tan, Elsevier's head of sales in Southeast Asia; Arun Venugopal, national sales manager of Wolters Kluwer; and Cameron Cumming, sales manager of Invengo.

*Arlene P. Matias*

### *Seeing an angel... from page 5*

touched the hearts of both the visitors and the children. Since it was a Sunday, there were other groups who came and conducted program for them.

It is indeed evident that their presence in this world still touches the lives of other people. Though orphaned, neglected, and with special needs, their smiles and happiness are visible that they are living with an innocent but sincere heart and braving to live their life to the fullest. This visit definitely made an emotional impact especially to the first time visitors. The library staff looks forward to seeing these angels of *Cottolengo* in their next visit.

*Ma. Victoria C. Acuña*

### *Reach out... from page 5*

The objective of our visit was to serve with utmost concern, to bring joy and laughter, to impart knowledge and wisdom, and "to spread the light" to the less fortunate and marginalized. Hopefully, the time spent and to be spent in future outreach activities to the Aeta children would help us all become good shepherds as well.

*Jonas T. Sahagun*

## Library working scholars batch 2015

**G**raduation always entails thanksgiving and celebration for it marks the accomplishment of one's responsibilities as a student, and for some, the end of their stint as a student assistant.

Sixteen (16) working scholars of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library finished their Bachelor's degree last May and June 2015. Half of the graduates were from the College of Commerce, the rest were from the College of Education, Faculty of Engineering, Institute of Information and Computing Sciences, AMV College of Accountancy and Faculty of Arts and Letters. The following were the batch of graduating San Lorenzo Ruiz scholars: Lea Urtula of the Internet Section, Angeline F. Guevarra of the General Reference & Information, Suzanne Guevarra of the Science and Technology Section, Maria Akila Joy Macabarre and Kaydin Umali of the Social Sciences Section, Mary Jufel Suganob and Jiselle Demonarca of the Humanities Section, Nica Ikegami, Lara Espinosa, Pauline Joy Cac, Melrose Calamba and Kazumi Lil A. Policarpio of the Serials Section, Vanessa Jane Santiago and Danna Mae

Ilagan of the Ecclesiastical Faculties Library, Rohwee Buergo of the Education High School Library and Kyra Kamille Tolledo of the Health Sciences Library.

Being a student assistant is not easy. They struggle to balance school, work, family and other social obligations. But despite the challenges, four (4) of them graduated *Cum Laude*. They were A.F. Guevarra, R. Buergo, L. Espinosa, and M. J. Suganob. Ms. L. Espinosa was also awarded the *Outstanding San Lorenzo Ruiz Working Scholar* for Academic Year 2014-2015.

Congratulations on your well-deserved success! Looking back, it was all worth it. Your UST Library family wishes you all the best in the exciting career you have chosen.



Name: **Melrose Calamba**  
Course: Bachelor of Science in  
Computer Science  
Section assigned: Serials Section

Words to live by:  
"Say 'Yes' to every challenge."  
"There is a solution to every problem  
and be grateful always."  
"Seek God first, and stay in quadrant  
one."

Achievements: San Lorenzo Ruiz Scholar since 1st Year;  
Dean's Lister AY:2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2014-2015;  
Best Thesis Awardee



Name: **Guevarra, Angeline F.**  
Course: Bachelor of  
Science in Accountancy  
Section Assigned:  
General Reference and  
Information

Words to live by:  
"It is our choices  
that show what  
we truly are, far  
more than our

abilities." J. K. Rowling

As a San Lorenzo Ruiz Scholar, one does not just work hard, but work smart. He or she must think of ways on how to be more efficient and on how to use time productively. In addition, he or she does not count the sacrifices of working and studying at the same time because in the bigger picture, he or she is more privileged than the others.

Achievements: Cum Laude, Best Thesis Awardee



Name: **Ma. Suzanne Grace U. Guevara, RMP**  
Course: Bachelor of Science in Marketing  
Management  
Section Assigned: Science and Technology

Words to live by:  
"No matter how far it may seem, how hard it  
takes to make, how impossible it might be...  
As long as you put your heart and soul to it,  
with strong faith in the Lord, it can be yours."

Achievements: Registered Marketing  
Professional (RMP) Certified ; Professional Proficiency in English  
(in TOEIC); Dean's Lister, UST College of Commerce Peer Counselor;  
Most Likable Person/Grand Finalist (Thomasian Idol, Season 1-2011)

*Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet*



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



*Prof. Felicisimo  
A. Tejuco, Jr.*

**F**elicisimo A. Tejuco, Jr. is an architect-planner, who is also a teacher by profession. He holds the rank of Instructor at the UST College of Architecture teaching numerous subjects like: Design, Theory of Architecture, Professional Practice and Graphics. As a faculty member of the College, he has been given additional responsibility as the library coordinator for the College for AY 2014-2015.

Arch. Tejuco finished his degree in Bachelor of Science in Architecture at the University of Santo Tomas in May 2002 and his Master of Arts in Architecture major in Planning in March 2013 from the same university. He took and passed the licensure examination for Architecture in June of 2004, and Environmental Planning Licensure Examination in June 2008.

He has worked intensely on a wide variety of projects that include urban and master planning; corporate,

municipal, speculative office, school buildings and industrial buildings; shopping centers and retail stores; single-family and multiple-family housing; cultural and educational facilities such as libraries, and other.

Through his designs, writings, and teachings, Architect Tejuco, Jr. played the important role of an architect who can make some scanty spaces more beautiful, more comfortable, and a little more humanity.

As the college coordinator, Arch. Tejuco has been active in selecting books for the Library especially during book fair. He coordinates regularly with the Library on matters concerning Accreditation of their College.

*Juanita D. Subaldo*

## **“Boy romantiko” marries his dream girl**

**L**ove is best when shared by two people... and marriage completes the love. Marriage is a unification of a man and a woman. No one is perfect in a marriage. There will be times that a husband or wife may fail each other, mess up, or do something hurtful. What is important is to remember God's definition of love and know that loving each other deeply can cover up for those imperfections.

Proof of this love has been professed once again when Ken Aldrin Garcia, a support staff of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library marries Ms. Christine Joy Mendoza of Lipa City, Batangas. “Tin” as her family and friends called her, is a bank teller at CBN Milano (BDO Remittance) in Italy. They have been together for seven (7) years. Tin migrated to Italy but despite the long distance relationship and time difference, they still manage to handle the situation as best as they could. Thanks to the new technology for a faster and easier means of communication. Moreso, love and trust are their secret weapons toward strong and healthy relationship. It was Ken's dream to marry Tin and this dream came true when they finally exchanged vows last June 20, 2015 at the San Sebastian Cathedral in Lipa City. The reception was held at Bluroze Farms Parks and Wildlife.



This momentous event was witnessed by the UST Miguel de Benavides Chief Librarian Ms. Estrella Majuelo, Ginalyn Santiago and Mr. and Mrs. Allan and Lucy Bermudez who stood as principal sponsors, together with some members of the staff and casual employees of the UST Library.

To the newly wed, may the bond of love strengthen your marriage. Always keep in faith, love and trust to each other. Congratulations and have a fruitful married life!

*Ginalyn M. Santiago*

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