

NATIONAL HERITAGE MONTH 2024

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The Miguel de Benavides Library once again commemorates "National Heritage Month," an annual observance designed to inspire Filipinos to conserve, preserve, and promote the nation's cultural and historical heritage. Established thru Proclamation No. 439 in 2003, this year's celebration features the theme "**Championing Heritage: Capacity Building to Transform Communities**," aimed at reaching out to the indigenous peoples of the country and enhancing Filipinos' awareness and love of cultural heritage through capacity-building activities.

As home to the library's invaluable collections, the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario (AVDR) UST Heritage Library organized a series of heritage-focused capacity-building activities which were intended to contribute to the shaping of both the Thomasian and Filipino identity. These activities emphasized the efforts in preserving, conserving, restoring, and digitizing being undertaken by the Heritage Library.

Following were the activities held:
May 2-3

Online Launch: Promotional materials were disseminated via the library's

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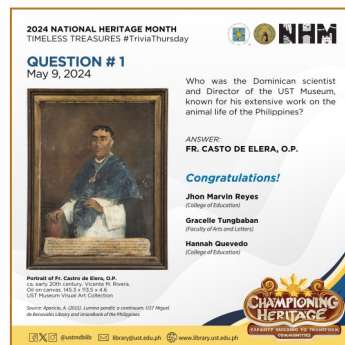
social media platforms to notify the Thomasian community and stakeholders of the activities for the NHM celebration.

May 13

Heritage Library Guided Tour: Scheduled tours were conducted and guided participants in exploring the Heritage Library, offering them insights into its historical significance, collections, and resources. This activity welcomed both academic staff and students from the different academic units and departments of the University.

May 9, 16, 23

Timeless Treasures #TriviaThursday: Questions related to the UST Library, Archives, and Museum were posted on the Library's Facebook page. This trivia contest served as a creative and engaging way for the Heritage Library to connect with its audience, promote its rare collections, and enrich the intellectual and cultural life of the Thomasian community.

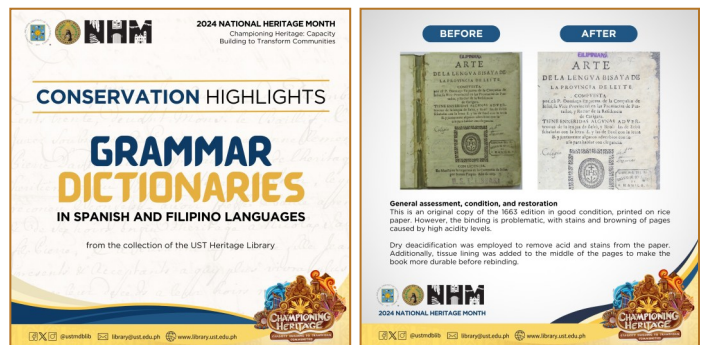


Trivia questions include: Rev. fr. Casto de Elera, O.P. – a prominent figure at the UST Museum who organized its collection, curated its Philippine fauna and ethnographic collection, and educated prominent historical figures of the Philippines; Rev. fr. Jesus Gayo, O.P. – a former UST archivist who meticulously examined the writings of Archbishop Miguel de Benavides to identify the original books he contributed from his personal library and penned the preface for the 1951 reproduction of *Doctrina Christiana* in Chinese; and Earle Walter Bedford – a mining engineer and a teacher under the “Education Department” who supervised the Library when the University served as an internment camp during the Japanese occupation from 1942 to 1945.

May 13, 20, 27

Conservation Highlights: In commemoration of the 500th death anniversary of Antonio de Nebrija, a Spanish linguist who inspired generations of Filipino authors, including the “Father of Filipino Printing” Tomas Pinpin, in the publication of grammars and dictionaries of Philippine vernacular languages, this activity showcased the Heritage Library’s

restored grammars and dictionaries selected by Ms. Ginalyn M. Santiago, assistant head Librarian for the preservation of the UST Heritage Library. A concise overview, along with comparative images, was shared on its social media platforms. This included the following:



- Esguerra, Domingo. (1663). **Arte de la lengua Bisaya de la provincia de Leyte**. Manila : Imprenta de la Compania de Jesus, por Simon Pinpin
- Totanes, Sebastian de. (1796). **Arte de la lengua Tagala y manual Tagalog: para la administracion de los sacramentos**. Sampaloc, Manila : Imprenta de Ntra. Sra. de Loreto, por Pedro Arguelles de la Concepcion.

May 20

Heritage Library Cultural Immersion: The UST Heritage Library conducted an educational tour of the National Library of the Philippines, followed by a heritage walk through Intramuros. The walk included visits to Fort Santiago, Museo ni Rizal, Archives of the Archdiocese of Manila, San Agustin Museum and Library, and the old site of the University of Santo Tomas. Led by NHCP Commissioner and long-time UST Archivist Prof. Regalado Trota Jose, the activity provided the Heritage Library staff with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and appreciation of local history while also strengthening their sense of institutional identity as stewards of UST's cultural heritage.

May 16, 17, 22

National Heritage Month Forum: The UST Heritage Library conducted a series of learning sessions held at the Miguel de Benavides Library Conference Hall and streamed via Facebook Live. The sessions covered a range of topics, including environmental monitoring, disaster preparedness, microbial and entomological risks, and the vital role of librarians in cultural heritage conservation. Through these capacity-building seminars, participants gained significant insights into preserving and promoting the University of Santo Tomas' rich cultural legacy for future generations.

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St. Thomas Aquinas Double Jubilee Retreat

Jr. Lib. Marjorie Irish A. Suarez

The University of Santo Tomas (UST) held a three-day University-wide Retreat to honor the double jubilee in the life of St. Thomas Aquinas - the 700th anniversary of his canonization and the 750th anniversary of his death (Dies Natalis). This was held on March 5-7, 2024 at the UST Quadricentennial Pavilion with the theme ***“Lord, Nothing but You: Faith, Hope, and Love in the Heart of St. Thomas.”*** This activity was attended by the whole UST community including staff and students.

On the first day, guest speaker **Rev. fr. Filemon I. Dela Cruz, Jr., O.P.** discussed the 4 parts of the mass; how the presence of oneself in the mass creates a massive impact on one’s life such as how one’s focus and presence in his family and friends who need him, that at times, he does not notice their problems in the silence of their hearts. Fr. Dela Cruz mentioned the importance of wishing for others’ welfare, penitential rights which highlighted the care for the conscience with questions in mind such as *“what are my shortcomings in my family?”* And do we repeat our shortcomings and why do we keep on repeating the injuries we have caused our loved ones.



On day 2, former UST Rector, **Rev. fr. Rolando V. Dela Rosa, O.P.**, delivered a fruitful and high spirited talk about the youth. He discussed hopes and enthusiasm in achieving our dreams and goals in life, how external factors in our daily lives affect our decision in pursuing our desires as an individual. Other interesting topics were mentioned such as presumption which connotes the dependency on oneself and neglects the help of others as well as the help from God. Despair - the point where believing in oneself or situation vanishes because of difficulties, impossibilities and other negative aspects which may occur in one’s mind which tend to discourage pursuit of excellence. His talk included videos which tackled the value of honoring Mama Mary and declaring oneself as a child of God as to claim worthy of value and worthy of being loved.

“Spirituality was also mentioned by the former rector as one of the requirements in attaining a healthy mental state.”

Peace and order in one's life could also be attained through prayers and meditation which may lead to a better state of being and state of mind. Prayer helps us seek clarity and purpose in what we do,

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"One came back": a tribute to the 67th anniversary of the Magsaysay plane crash

Sr. Lib. Lady Catherine R. de Leon



The book launch of "**One Came Back**" featured an exhibit on the late Nestor Mata's life.

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library, in collaboration with the family of the late Mr. Nestor Mata hosted a heartfelt event to launch the new edition of "**One Came Back: The Magsaysay Tragedy**." Co-authored by Nestor Mata and Vicente Villafranca, this edition commemorates the 67th anniversary of the tragic plane crash that claimed the life of the late President Ramon Magsaysay.

The launch event held on March 18, 2024, at 2:00 PM in the UST Library Conference Hall, attracted a significant audience, with the Mata and Magsaysay families well-represented. Among the notable attendees were former Senators Ramon B. Magsaysay, Jr. and Francisco "Kit" S. Tatad, former Ambassador Ariel Abadilla, UST Vice-Rector for Finance, Rev. fr. Isaias D. Tiongco, O.P., JCD, and UST Faculty of Arts and Letters Dean Melanie D. Turingan. Additionally, several media representatives were in attendance.

During the ceremony, Ms. Mila Magsaysay-Valenzuela, daughter of the late president, shared poignant memories of meeting Nestor Mata at the Veterans Memorial Hospital following the crash. She spoke of her initial shock and concern upon seeing Mata's condition and admired his resilience and dedication to documenting the tragedy.

Ms. Valenzuela expressed her hope that the book would educate younger generations about her father's legacy. *"In this book, I hope that people realize that life is so fragile and, despite this fragility, are inspired to live with consequence, integrity, and a love of country,"* she said.

Ms. Jocelyn Mata, daughter of the late Mr. Nestor Mata, highlighted the book's significance in preserving the legacies of both President Magsaysay and her father. She emphasized that her father believed he survived the crash to provide a firsthand account of the event.

The crash, which occurred 67 years ago, involved the C-47 army plane "Mt. Pinatubo," named by the late President Magsaysay. The plane, recently refurbished and piloted by Major Florencio Pobre, was returning the president and his entourage to Manila after a visit to Cebu City. Despite recommendations to stay overnight,



The families of the late Pres. Ramon Magsaysay and Nestor Mata in attendance.

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UST Librarians in BLIS students' defense

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In a significant development for both the Miguel de Benavides Library and the Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS) program of the College of Education, selected librarians have actively participated as co-advisers and panelists in the thesis and oral defense process of students for A.Y. 2023-2024. This development brought a new depth of expertise and insight into students' research endeavors.

Traditionally, librarians have supported academic research, providing essential resources and guidance on information literacy. However, with this new initiative, practical expertise was integrated into the research activity, ensuring that students are well-prepared for the rigors of research.



BLIS students, with Library administrators and their Librarian advisers, all smiles after their defense.

As co-advisers, the librarians collaborated closely with the research facilitator and thesis adviser, Rev. fr. Gaspar R. Sigaya, O.P., to guide students through the complex thesis development process. In addition to this, librarians also served as panelists during the oral defense of theses, reflecting the culmination of extensive research and hard work exerted by the students in collaboration with the librarians.

Below are the thesis titles, along with the names of the students and their respective advisers:

1.) **Echoes of Connection Through Library Promotion: Phenomenologizing UST Miguel de Benavides Library Social Media Followers' User Engagement Toward Facebook Posts.**

- *Students:* Melendres, Michael Chester A., Monsayac, Beatrix S., Barquin, John Mikhael B., Floro, Charlize Julianne P.
- *Adviser/Panelist:* Rev. fr. Sigaya, O.P. and Edward H. Puzon

2.) **Well-Being and Academic Workload: Perceptions of UST College of Education Students to the Recreational Activities of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library**

- *Students:* Gorospe, Elijah Luc R., Jamilla, John Christian M., Ayuste, Marione Andrea D., Panaglima, John Joshua M.
- *Adviser/Panelist:* Rev. fr. Sigaya, O.P. and Anna Rita L. Alomo

3.) **UST Miguel de Benavides Library E-Resources Tutorial: A User Experience Among the Students of the University of Santo Tomas**

- *Students:* Suing, Beatrice Zinha L., Elep, Hanna Joy L., Sauz, Claire Justine R.
- *Adviser/Panelist:* Rev. fr. Sigaya, O.P. and Raquel B. Lontoc

4.) **Innovative Information Access: Reference Librarian's Experience in Utilizing Chatbot to Elevate Reference Service at Miguel de Benavides Library**

- *Students:* Ney, Francis Attila B., Danan, Ricko Adrian B., Capiral, Kurt Phillip G., Molera, Hanz Philip S.
- *Adviser/Panelist:* Rev. fr. Sigaya, O.P. and Lejempf V. Flores

5.) **The Emerging Role of Librarians in a Digital Environment: A Case of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library**

- *Students:* Bayle, Iolana Sebastienne M., Palacios, Thereze Gae Marie L., Macanas, Alghine V.
- *Adviser/Panelist:* Rev. fr. Sigaya, O.P. and Maria Cecilia D. Lobo

6.) **Factors Influencing Quiet Quitting and Academic Performance Among Library and Information Science Undergraduate Students of the University of Santo Tomas**

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- *Students:* Brizuela, Jade Anya M., Villalon, Janelle Faye M.
- *Adviser/Panelist:* Rev. fr. Sigaya, O.P. and Symon Lagao

7.) **The Effects of Modern Library Technology towards the Academic Performance of UST College of Education Students**

- *Student:* Austero, Marcus Cedric
- *Adviser/Panelist:* Rev. fr. Sigaya, O.P. and Rose Anne Camille Dionisio-Galang

8.) **Collection Assessment of the Manila City Library: A Study**

- *Student:* Bernal, Anthony Paulo, Urmenita, Carl Francis
- *Adviser/Panelist:* Rev. fr. Sigaya, O.P. and Kristi Ma. Fevie Macasaet-Recinto

In addition, the BLIS students had a poster exhibit last May 10, 2024, during the College of Education's 9th Lourdes J. Custodio Research festival held from May 7-14, 2024, which summarized their thesis topics, methodologies, findings, and conclusions, making complex research accessible to a broader audience.



BLIS students pose for the poster exhibit of Lourdes J. Custodio Research Festival, which featured their theses .

The integration of librarians into advisory and evaluative roles in the research course of the BLIS program highlighted the dynamic nature of librarians and reaffirmed their vital role in shaping the future of library and information science research.

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The first learning session, entitled "**Building Cultural Heritage Competencies for Librarians**," was held on May 16. This session explored the vital role of librarians as preservers and promoters of cultural heritage. It covered the essential skills and knowledge to effectively manage, conserve, and share cultural resources within communities and the competencies necessary to safeguard the diverse cultural heritage resources. Mr. Kevin Conrad T. Tansiongco, Readers Services Librarian at De La Salle University Library, served as the speaker, while Ms. Rosalyn S. Diño, head of the Pardo de Tavera Library and Special Collections at Rizal Library, Ateneo de Manila University, and Ms. Anne Rosette G. Crelencia, chief administrative officer of the Research, Collections, and Conservation Management Division at the National Museum of the Philippines, served as reactors.

The second session, held on May 17, was titled "**Climate Care and Crisis Response for Heritage Collections**." This was conducted by Ms. Abigail Arillaga, academic staff from the Department of Chemistry of the UST College of Science, and Mr. Remmel G. Talabis, officer-in-charge/senior archivist of the Archives Preservation Division at the National Archives of the Philippines. The session focused on the importance of environmental monitoring and control measures in creating stable storage conditions conducive to preserving paper-based materials. It emphasized various environmental factors that impact the condition of paper-based materials, such as temperature, relative humidity, light exposure, pollutants, and pests. It also highlighted the importance of disaster preparedness planning in safeguarding paper-based heritage collections, provided practical guidance on developing emergency response plans and procedures, and discussed various disasters that pose risks to paper-based materials, including natural and human-induced disasters. It was followed by a panel reaction represented by Ms. Eimee Rhea C. Lagrama, deputy University librarian and head of the University Archives Division, University Library of the University of the Philippines Diliman, and Asst. Prof. Melanie M. Arbias, an academic staff from the Department of Biological Sciences of the UST College of Science.

The third learning session, titled "Microbiological and Entomological Analyses for Libraries, Archives, and Museums," took place on May 17. This session delved into the microbial risks and insect infestations that pose significant threats to cultural heritage materials, including artifacts and documents, and provided essential preservation strategies to ensure their longevity. The session featured distinguished speakers from Italy, Mr. Pietro Livi, president of Frati e Livi and a

renowned conservator and book restorer, and Mr. Davide Livi, Technical Sales and Product Development manager at Tergeosan. Both experts brought a wealth of knowledge and experience and shared invaluable insights into the practical aspects of preserving cultural heritage against biological threats.

The last session, which celebrated UST's cultural heritage, was titled **"The Tripartite Treasures of the University of Santo Tomas"** and was held on May 22, 2024. The session explored the rich history, artistic treasures, and intellectual legacy encapsulated within the three core cultural repositories of the University - the Miguel de Benavides Library, the *Archivo de la Universidad de Santo Tomás*, and the UST Museum. The session featured Prof. Regalado Trota Jose, MCH, a Board member of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, former UST Archivist, and Church Heritage and Conservation expert. Prof. Jose's extensive experience and knowledge of heritage conservation provided invaluable insights into the significant collections kept by the University. Following the presentation, a panel reaction was led by Prof. Melanie D. Turingan, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Letters of UST, and Ms. Lady Catherine R. de Leon, head librarian of the *Filipiniana* Section at the UST Library. The session imparted a sense of appreciation and empowered participants to contribute in preserving and promoting the UST's cultural legacy for future generations.

Both the onsite and online learning sessions were attended by academic officials, academic staff, librarians, support staff, and students from various institutions. They were given the opportunity to engage with the speakers, share insights, and gain valuable knowledge on best practices for conserving and promoting cultural heritage.

This year's National Heritage Month celebration was led by Heritage Librarians Mr. Symon Lagao and Ms. Ginalyn M. Santiago. On behalf of the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Library Administrators: Rev. fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries; Rev. fr. Gaspar R. Sigaya, O.P., assistant to the Prefect; and Ms. Maria Cecilia D. Lobo, chief librarian, for their unwavering support. We also express our sincere appreciation to the members of the UST Library National Heritage Month Learning Sessions Working Committee: Ms. Kristi Ma. Fevie Macasaet-Recinto, Ms. Rose Anne Camille Dionisio-Galang, Ms. Chiara Maye N. Santiago, Ms. Elein G. Caguite, Mr. Lejempf V. Flores, Mr. Jonas T. Sahagun, Ms. Marjorie Irish A. Suarez, Ms. Chona M. Facundo, Ms. Madelyn R. Perez, Mr. Nemesio D. Magtaan, Ms. Mira Robelle E. Reyes, Ms. Anjelica Jutag, Mr. Robert Magtanao, and Mr. Leonard S. Abad. Lastly, we extend our thanks to the UST Purchasing Office, Office of Public Affairs, and all participants for their enthusiastic involvement in this year's activities.



St. Thomas Aquinas... *from page 4*

what we say, and what we think. One of the struggles the youths encounter is the insecurity amongst themselves, living up to the most trending and most popular personalities which tend to neglect their unique physical appearance and struggles to accept their special qualities. The need and want to be able to get attention in trying the newest and most acceptable identity in the community drives the youth crazy into diving to unnecessary stress and work to be accepted by people they want to please.

Vocation was also discussed by Rev. fr. Dela Rosa, a calling from the Lord to serve one's purpose in life by responding to it with openness and willingness to serve despite the challenges, the hardship and the unforeseen events that may come throughout the journey. He concluded his talk by encouraging the youth to avoid consumerism, fostering a deeper sense of belongingness, nurturing a true sense of identity, guiding spiritual growth and helping them gain a meaningful appreciation of their vocation.

Another speaker shared his wisdom about Catholicism. Mr. Jude Manuel SP Liao, III, Coordinator of the Jesuit Basic Education Commission (JBEC) mentioned that being a catholic does not only mean believing in God. Many young people consider themselves as more spiritual than religious and long for personal relationship with the Lord; they need the church to accept them as the "youth" and they are looking for a church that represents the community of God which will walk with them in their spirituality.



Thomasian community during the candle lighting ceremony

During the three-day retreat, several priests, along with both retired and current academic staff and students, were invited live between talks. They shared how spirituality has influenced their lives in general and how their Thomasian faith has shaped their journeys.

The entire retreat was filled with love and spiritual renewal within the Thomasian community. Heartfelt hugs—an expression of the Thomasian culture which once limited by the COVID-19 pandemic – were shared once again. The warmth and affection exchanged during this gathering will remain a cherished memory for all who attended. As the Thomasian community rekindled their faith and were reminded that there is always someone to lean on, even amid life's uncertainties.

"One came back"... *from page 4*

President Magsaysay insisted on returning to Manila for an early meeting. Nestor Mata, a reporter for the Philippines Herald and co-author of the book, was the sole survivor. His detailed account, originally published in 1957, offers a gripping narrative of the final moments and his subsequent recovery.

The new edition of "**One Came Back**," published by Art Angel Commercial Quests, Inc., owned by the family of the late journalist Jose L. Pavia, has been donated to the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. Mata's contributions as an educator at the University of Santo Tomas further underscore the importance of this event.

Photos, documents, and other memorabilia related to Mata's life and achievements were also displayed at the Library's exhibit area until the end of April 2024. The exhibit is open to all visitors.

Copies of the book are now available at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library, ensuring that the memory of President Magsaysay and the insights of Nestor Mata continue to inspire and educate.

UST library's outreach journey with San Martin Elementary School

Jr. Lib. Jonathan P. Futralan

In a heartwarming display of community service and educational empowerment, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library held an outreach program for the San Martin Elementary School and Library in Bamban, Tarlac. The event which was held on April 19, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm saw the dedicated library staff bringing the joy of reading and learning to the students of the adopted community.

Led by Ms. Michelle M. San Gabriel, head of the Community and Extension Services Committee, along with other members including Ms. Marissa A. Chua, Ms. Elein G. Caguite, Ms. Lucy Bermudez, Ms. Lucila B. Adriano, and Mr. Jonathan P. Futralan from the ICT committee, the UST library team orchestrated a half day filled with interactive activities aimed at fostering a love for literature and knowledge among the young minds in a remote area where technology and support are limited.



Mr. Futralan takes a selfie with the children of San Martin Elementary school, with the Library staff.

At the heart of the activity was the 'DEAR' format, which stands for "Drop Everything and Read." Twenty one (21) enthusiastic students were encouraged to select books of their choice from the Library and immerse themselves in the captivating world of storytelling. After their reading sessions, the students expressed their thoughts and reflections



The children reflect the on the book they've read through drawing, as part of the activity.

through creative mediums such as drawing and coloring, which ignited lively discussions among children.

As a testament to their commitment to education and community development, the library staff also generously prepared give-aways, including essential school supplies and refreshments, further enriching the students' learning experience.

This outreach initiative is part of the UST Library's ongoing commitment to serving marginalized and remote communities. By extending their support and services to places like the adopted community in Bamban, Tarlac, where majority of the residents belong to the Aeta tribe, the library aims to bridge educational gaps and empower individuals with the tools for success.

In addition to the outreach activities, the library staff took the opportunity to organize and update the collections at the San Martin Library, ensuring that students have access to a diverse range of books and resources for years to come.

Through initiatives like these, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library continues to embody the University's mission of academic excellence, social responsibility, and service to others, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of those they serve.

The 21st to 23rd 'Dangal ng UST' awardees 2024

Sr. Lib. Rosemary B. Balbin

The 1st in-person **Dangal ng UST Awards** since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic was held on May 9, 2024, at 1:00 PM at the Quadricentennial Pavillon, with the theme: **"Gurong Tomasino sa Pagbangon, Paglalakabay at Pagsulong."** This event was a tribute to the 368 service and non-service awardees for their significant accomplishments, dedicated service, and outstanding performance in teaching, research, community service, and professional practice for the school year 2018-2021. It was organized by the UST Office of the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs and the UST Faculty Union.

The **Gawad Benavides** is a loyalty award given to Thomasian educators who have dedicated at least two decades of service to the University. For three academic years (AY 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 Service Years), the Miguel de Benavides Library is proud to have its own set for this award; they are:

23rd Dangal ng UST (AY 2020-2021)

1. Lucila B. Adriano
(25 Years of Service)
2. Rosemary B. Balbin
(25 Years of Service)
3. Arlene P. Matias
(25 Years of Service)
4. Michelle M. San Gabriel
(25 Years of Service)
5. Marivic G. Usita
(40 Years of Service)

22nd Dangal ng UST (AY 2019-2020)

1. Chona M. Facundo
(20 Years of Service)
2. Maria Cecilia D. Lobo
(25 Years of Service)

21st Dangal ng UST (AY 2018-2019)

1. Lourdes Fatima C. Ramos
(20 Years of Service)



Dangal ng UST Awardees L-R: Ms. Facundo, Ms. Adriano, Ms. Matias, Ms. Balbin, Chief Lib. Lobo, Ms. Usita, Ms. San Gabriel, and Ms. Ramos.

On top of that, the UST Library family is truly proud of **Sr. Lib. Lourdes Fatima Ramos** who was honored with the **Gawad San Raymundo Peñafort** for her outstanding work as a librarian.

Warmest congratulations Ms. Ramos on achieving this significant milestone in your journey as a Thomasian educator! We are deeply grateful for your unwavering dedication and perseverance and may you continue to strive for excellence.

Hiyas ng UST Awards 2024

Ms. Perla R. Martin

The in-person celebration of the **17th Hyas ng UST Awards** took place on May 3, 2024, from 1:00-5:00 pm. This was held at the Medicine Auditorium, with the theme: **“Mga Kawaning Tomasino: Nagliliwanag sa Pananampalataya, Pag-asa, at Pag-ibig.”** All support staff were excused from their office duties. Administrative and academic officials were also invited to attend the in-person event, while the rest of the Thomasian community was encouraged to participate virtually.

The event began with a Eucharistic Celebration, followed by the awarding ceremony which was live-streamed via the University's official Facebook page. This was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Human Resource Department, in collaboration with the Communications Bureau.

The Miguel de Benavides Library proudly celebrates the milestones and achievements of its beloved Support Staff, as they proudly accept their ‘Service’ awards for the Academic Year 2023-2024.



Hiyas ng UST Awardees L-R: Mr. Palangan, Ms. Nagorite, Ms. Lauro, Ms. Del Meda, Ms. Dela Vega, Ms. Martin, Mr. Nemesio, Ms. Bermudez, and Ms. Aninao, with Library Administrators, Rev. fr. Aparicio and Chief Lib. Lobo in the middle.

1.) *15 Years Service Awardee*

*Rowena S. del Meda

2.) *25 Years Service Awardees*

*Bernardita M. Dela Vega

*Joel T. Palangan

3.) *30 Years Service Awardee*

*Nemesio D. Magtaan

4.) *40 Years Service Awardees*

* Lucy M. Bermudez

* Lilibeth R. Cardenas

* Annabelle G. Lauro

* Perla R. Martin

* Elma L. Nagorite

A ‘**Special**’ award was also given to **Ms. Jenalyn D. Aninao** for successfully passing the Licensure Examination for Teachers under the Certification in Professional Education Program.

A heartfelt salute to your dedication and love for service! Your Library family takes immense pride for this momentous event and achievement. Congratulations!

Ms. Estrella Majuelo receives “Gawad Tanglaw” award

Sr. Lib. Raquel B. Lontoc

The UST College of Education honored its outstanding students, academic staff, and alumni who exemplified the Thomasian core values of competence, compassion, and commitment during the Seat of Wisdom Awards 2024 on 14 May 2024 at the Grand Ballroom of the Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P. (BGPOP) Building.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of the **Gawad Tanglaw (Tomasinong Alumnong Nagtataglay ng Galing, Lingap at Awa)** to the outstanding alumni of the College. Notably, among the awardees was **Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo**, who was nominated and selected by the College of Education Alumni Foundation, Inc. (CEAFI), a testament to their active role in recognizing the achievements of alumni from the Library and Information Science program.



Ms. Majuelo as she receives her award.

Ms. Majuelo served as the Chief Librarian of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library from 2003 until her retirement in December 2017. Additionally, she was a faculty member at the UST College of Education from 2003 to 2011, teaching Cataloging and Reference subjects to Library Science students.

Congratulations, Ms. Majuelo, on your well-deserved recognition! Your Miguel de Benavides Library family is genuinely proud of you!

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