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Messages



CHAIRMAN OF FEU DR. NICANOR REYES SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ALUMNI FOUNDATION (FEUDRSMAF)

Manuel A. Malicay, MD, FACP, FAHA, Class "72

What is happening at the FEU-DNRMF and FEUDNRSMAF?

Breaking News! FEU DNRMF Hospital Changed Management.

January 31, 2024, Mr. Juan Enrique J. Reyes, President and Chief Operating Officer of the FEU DNRMF announced the management agreement between FEU DNRMF, Inc. and Healthway Philippines, Inc., effective February 1, 2024. It shall serve as Healthway evaluation period to determine the hospital's present situation and make necessary improvements to ensure a seamless transition to the thirty-five lease agreement. All policies, procedures, and organizational structures shall remain in effect unless otherwise stated. Healthway installed the following personnel changes: Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial officer, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Human Resource Officer all interim effective immediately.

The officers mentioned above will still report to the Chairman and Board of Trustees. It will be business as usual for the incumbent officers of the Foundation until such time that the duties and responsibilities are properly delineated between the Institute of Medicine and the Medical Center especially for shared service areas like the clinical departments, finance, IT, facilities, supply chain, purchasing, property and marketing. Personally, I dearly hope that this new agreement will be a positive impact to the Foundation, medical students who use the Hospital for medical training, and the medical alumni staff of the hospital.

49th Annual Homecoming January 18-20, 2024 hosted by Medical Alumni Society.

The CME was well organized and well attended, mostly clinical and excellent.

Your Chair and President attended the meeting with the President and COO, Mr. Juan Enrique J. Reyes, Dean Rey De Los Reyes, Officers of the Foundation, and Chairman of the basic and clinical departments to discuss the low passing rate of FEU at 73 % from the recent Philippine Board examination on how it can be raised for FEU to be a top medical school. Suggestions such as frequent and regular examinations from all the departments. Intensive Board review and motivating the students. This was a very productive meeting. I was impressed by the commitment and sincerity of President Reyes and the Dean on this matter. Just after this meeting I suggested to Dean Rey De Los Reyes to develop a Board Review Book

with full contributions from all the departments with questions and answers. Your chair donated the 2023 USMLE to the medical school for the faculty and the students can use.

Your Chair and the President with Drs. Rabang, Guat Sy, Jr and Dionisia Sy, presented the monetary awards to the twelve Outstanding Medical students.

The Grand Alumni Jubilarian Night held at the Shangri-La, Manila, January 20, Saturday was hosted by the FEU DNRMF Medical Alumni Society. It was truly festive and grand. Your Chair and the President with President, Mr. Juan Enrique J. Reyes and Dean Rey De Los Reyes presented the Faculty Awards; Dr. J. Nolasco Award to Dr. Polly T. Chua-Chan; Dr. H. Ylagan Award to Dr. Mari-Karr Esguerra; Samuel Green Award to two 1) Dr. Mel Anthony Y. Cruz and 2) Dr. Desiree R. Daniega; Professorial Chair Award in Child Health, Dr. Joselito C. Matheus; Professorial Chair Award in CFM. Dr. Milagros Neri; Dr. Malicay Award for Most Outstanding Faculty, Abigail Elsie DG Castro; 2023 PLE topnotcher Dr. Sean Michael P. Orbigo; Most Outstanding Teaching Resident Dr, Camille D. Ingusan.

The Celebrating Jubilarian Classes were: Emerald- Class '68; Golden- Class '74; Sapphire- Class '78; Ruby- Class '83; Coral- Class '88; Pearl- Class '93, and Silver- Class '98. Each celebrating Class was honored and presented their line dance with matching jubilarian color. Most of the classes were led by their DI but they were flawless and high spirited. It was a shining moment for the Celebrating Jubilarian Classes. Congratulations! Some BOT members were present: Drs. H. Tansuche, Guat Sy, Jr, Dionisia Sy, Pete Florescio, Ping Florescio, Cesar Jimenez, Larry Rabang, Victoria Sanchez, and Mildred Rey.

FEUDNRSMAF Website address is FEUmedAlumni.org.

The website committee completed the development of the new FEU DNRSMFAF web site thru the KMJ Web Design. The launching of the opening was scheduled for January 1, 2024. This was canceled for a future date until a consensus of the website address, the addition of the credit card portal, and corrections of the names and dates of the present officers of the FEUDNRSMAF, speakers of the Memorial Lectures and officers of the FEUDNRSMAF. Your Chair and the President and members of the Website committee zoomed on Feb 2 and agreed on the website address and the incorporation of the credit card portal. The correction of the names and dates will be completed soon. Hence, we have a modern and up-to-date website.

Chairman, President and Treasurer can now Access the Morgan Stanley.

Since the outset of this present administration the Chairman, President and Treasurer were delayed from accessing the Morgan Stanley accounts. As your elected officers we are obliged to fund the Scholarship Program, Faculty Incentive Grants yearly, Student's Achievement Award, Professorial Chair Award., and funding of the Annual Reunion. We struggle where to obtain the funding for all these programs. We never had a smooth transition to access our financial assets at Morgan Stanley accounts. There is only one person who has the access to the Morgan Stanley accounts, the Financial Coordinator for years. Dr. Richard Mon, current treasurer, had been in frequent contact with Mr. Carly Zektzer, the financial advisor of Morgan Stanley who sent the wrong forms that unnecessarily delayed the access to the accounts. Finally, on Feb 6, Morgan Stanley thru Mr. C. Zektzer allowed the current elected Chairman, President and Treasurer who are also the officers of the Finance Committee, with the Financial coordinator access to the accounts including withdrawal and direction of security investments. In that meeting it was agreed that (1) the Address of the account will be that of the President, and not the address of the financial coordinator; (2) the annual fee for MS management is reduced to 0.7% from 1.0%; (3) the Chairman, President, Treasurer and Financial Coordinator can direct the choice of investments for the accounts to maximize the return of investments. The financial committee has a fiduciary responsibility to BOT and all the alumni members. This will be presented to the BOT for approval.

The 2004 Annual Reunion and Scientific Convention

The preparation for the 2024 Annual Reunion and Scientific Convention is in full gear. Last Feb 7, 2024, your Chair, the President. Dr. M Fogata and my wife met with the executive of Hyatt O'Hare to review our contracts and finalize the existing contract. Our group obtained a significant discount on the guest room, food, parking, and a few others. The cutoff date for the hotel room reservation is April 20, 2024. Please make your reservation on or before April 20. Hyatt O'Hare has amenities comparable to the luxury hotels in downtown Chicago without the hassle of the traffic and parking.


Manuel A. Malicay, MD, FACP, FAHA.



PRESIDENT OF FEU DR. NICANOR REYES SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ALUMNI FOUNDATION (FEUDRSMAF) Nida Blankas-Hernaez, MD, FAAP, Class '84

Balik-FEU January 18-20, 2024. My sincere gratitude to our esteemed medical school and the FEUDNRMAS for the distinguished honor of being selected as the *46th Dean Lauro H. Panganiban Memorial lecturer* during the 49th Annual

Homecoming & Scientific Convention. The theme, "Resilience through Adversity: Re-connecting in the Face of Challenges," resonated deeply with my topic, *"Unlocking ADHD Diagnosis, Treatment, and Resilience Keys."* This honor commemorates the legacy of our revered Dean and serves as a beacon of inspiration for our students.

In my capacity as President of FEUDNRSMAF, I wholeheartedly encourage our postgraduates (PGI) to approach their board exams with thorough preparation to elevate their passing scores. Dr. Ligaya Marasigan and I recently advised PGIs to defer their exams until adequately prepared, offering Zoom review sessions as needed. Let us uphold the standard of excellence for which our Alma mater is renowned, ensuring a positive impact on the institution's reputation and passing rates.

As a dedicated collective, led by Chairman Dr. Manuel Malicay and myself, along with the active participation of FEU-NRMF President/COO Juan Enrique Reyes, Dean Rey de los Reyes, Vice-Dean Abigail Castro, faculty chairs, and committed advocates, we convened to strategize methods aimed at enhancing the board exam passing rate for our medical graduates. Currently, the FEU-NRMF passing average stands at 73.21% (compared to the national average of 63.45%). The session was marked by profound collaboration as we meticulously examined every aspect to identify shortcomings and devise remedial measures, fostering hope for an improvement in the passing rate moving forward.

Special congratulations for our top 3rd placer PLE Oct 2023: Dr. Sean Obrigo! A Foundation Academic Scholar and Summa Cum Laude, you have truly made us proud! To Dr. Obrigo and all previous board toppers, I urge you to join hands in guiding the next generation to follow in your footsteps and share your insights, continuing to make a difference for our Alma mater.

Congratulations to the deserving faculty awardees: Drs. Polly Chua-Chan, Mari-Karr Esguerra, Mel Anthony Cruz, Desiree Daniega, Camille Ingusan, Joselito Matheus, Milagros Neri, and Vice-Dean Abigail Castro as the Most Outstanding Faculty. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the generous donors.

Furthermore, congratulations to the 34 Student Achievement Awardees, especially to the top first-year student Daniel Caballero, second-year student Angelo Huliganga, and of course, third-year Zairah Mondjardin, who garnered an impressive 6 SAA and also clinched the overall top spot with a GWA of 1.309. Once again, sincere appreciation goes out to the generous donors.

I extend my gratitude to all CME speakers for sharing their expertise. I had the pleasure of attending the lectures of Drs. Susan Nunez, Macario Corpuz, Ligaya Marasigan, Carl Calica, and Avelino Canlas.

The Welcome party exceeded expectations with its delectable offerings like lechon and halo-halo, the captivating sapphire jubilarian dance presentation, and commendable alumni participation. We felt warmly embraced by the FEUDNRMAS, led by President Dr. Robert Dy and Vice- President Mary-Ann Bringas, President/COO of FEU-NRMF Juan Enrique Reyes, the Reyes family, and Dean Rey de los Reyes. Special thanks to President Juan Enrique Reyes for the welcome gift bag and to Vice-Dean Abigail Castro, my batchmate Class of '84, who graciously toured me around the school and accompanied me throughout the three-day event.

The Grand night epitomized true grandeur, highlighted by the Jubilarians' class dance presentations that were truly amazing and upbeat, adding an electrifying energy to the evening's festivities. Congratulations to the celebrating Jubilarians! Among the familiar BOT faces were Drs. Manuel Malicay, Pedro & Guadalupe Florescio, Cesar Jimenez, Larry Rabang, Nany Tansuche, Mildred Rey, Victoria Sanchez, Vincent Santangelo, and Macario Corpuz. Thank you all for a truly memorable night, filled with joy, rekindled connections, and a shared commitment to the excellence that defines our medical institution. Together, let us continue to make our Alma mater proud.

Upcoming June 27-30, 2024 Reunion & Convention. To our Jubilarians and alumni, let us keep the torch burning! Join us in Chicago for the June reunion and convention! Register early before April 20, sign up for the fundraising activities, CME convention, Filipiniana & Grand night, submit your souvenir advertisement, and remember your hotel reservation! The sooner, the better...

The FEUDNRSMAF reunion and convention buzz is palpable! Hotel bookings and details have been checked, the souvenir committee is set, and more committees are lined up for success. March marks our chapter meeting with décor brainstorming underway, programs in the making, and medallions ready. Flyers for the walkathon and fashion show are out; golf is canceled to boost walkathon and fashion show participation. Again, register early for better deals; secure your \$139 rooms before they vanish! Let's plan a jubilant celebration together - *we can't wait for the big day!*"

Important News! Our Medical Alumni Foundation's financial position remains robust; our 6-month Certificate of Deposit (CD) is set to mature on April 6, 2024, with a maximum annualized interest rate of 5%. Three weeks ago, the Chairman, President, and Treasurer gained access to our Morgan Stanley investment account overseen by Dr. Renato Ramos. Following this, we arranged a productive Zoom meeting with our investor. During the meeting, we successfully negotiated the interest rate down to 0.7%, meticulously reviewed our investment history, and ensured active involvement from the financial

committee. Upon maturity of the CD, the Cabrera fund will transition to Morgan Stanley. We have also agreed to hold regular quarterly Zoom meetings for close monitoring of our investments. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 2nd, where we will continue to strategize and ensure the financial health and stability of our foundation.

After seven months of meticulous preparation, involving countless Zoom meetings, our project is nearing completion. Under the steadfast leadership of our Chairman, Dr. Ted Tolentino, and with the invaluable assistance of our Co-Chairman, Dr. Philip Chua, along with the dedication of our members, Dr. Richard Mon, Dr. Guat Sy Jr and myself, we are on the brink of launching.

We recently convened our first editorial board Zoom meeting where we engaged into comprehensive discussions about content planning, format, design, and article sourcing. With a focus on catering to our alumni, we emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts among committee members, including Dr. Ted Tolentino, Dr. Philip Chua and Dr. Daniel Fabito, under my leadership as the Chairman, to ensure the newsletter's success. We've decided on a biannual publication schedule, highlighting reunions in both the USA and the Philippines. Each edition will encompass messages, committee and chapter reports, updates from the medical school, featured articles, alumni accolades, CME opportunities, research highlights, medical missions, and other pertinent topics. *We warmly invite our alumni to actively engage with and contribute to the newsletter's evolution.*



Nida Blankas-Hernaez, M.D., FAAP



FROM THE HOME FRONT FEU NICANOR REYES MEDICAL FOUNDATION (FEUNRMF) SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Rey H. de los Reyes MD, FPOGS, MSA, Class '78
Dean, School of Medicine

Warm greetings to everyone.

The School of Medicine of FEU-NRMF welcome 2024 with a Strategic Planning Workshop last Jan. 8-10, 2024. This was preceded by weeks of pocket meeting by the group with their assigned topics. Four areas of concerns were addressed:

1. Revisited the Mission, Vision, Core Values of the School of Medicine. The VMG of FEU-NRMF as an institution was revised in the later part of 2022 as part of our aspiration for an autonomous status. As we are also scheduled for PAASCU Reaccreditation visit in April 2024, it is important that the SoM vision, mission and goals are aligned with that of FEU-NRMF institutional VMG.
2. Analysis of PLE Performance of our graduates in 2023. Based on problems identified, strategies were formulated to improve the performance of our graduates. We are happy that the FEUDNRSMAF leadership has committed their support in this endeavor. The PLE Review Committee is working hard, starting with the April 2024 PLE.

3. Strategies in Response to Opening of New Medical Schools. As of December 2024, there are now 70 medical schools all over the country, with at least 1 medical school in every region. State universities and encourage to offer a medical course. This will surely impact on the number of applicants in our institution and something that we have to prepare for.
4. Preparation of the SoM during the Transition in the Medical Center administration. As previously announced, the FEU-NRMF Medical Center will be under new management starting 2024. As the base hospital of the medical school, we have to prepare for possible changes during the transition. We are looking forward brighter days ahead for our students to learn from.

It was a very fruitful activity. All participants, students, faculty and particularly the department chairs actively participated and contributed their share.

For the 2nd year in a row, we participated in the Khon Kaen University International Challenge on Emergency Medicine (KKU ICEM), an international contest participated by medical students from East Asian countries held in Khon Kaen, Thailand last Feb. 23 – 27, 2024. It is with great pride that I share to all that FEU-NRMF Team 1 was the WINNER from among 24 teams coming from 16 medical schools. There were student delegates from Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia and FEU-NRMF from the Philippines, aside from students from leading medical schools from Thailand. The theme this year is trauma, hence, the Department of Surgery headed by Dr. Raymund Andrew G. Ong was tapped to train our delegates, and the head of the team. We sent 2 teams this year composed of 3 students per team, 2 of whom are Clinical Clerks (4th year) and 1 from 3rd year. Both of our 2 teams performed well. The delegates, both students and faculty learned a lot from the contest and also enjoyed the cultural and social interactions with the other delegates, gaining new friends. CONGRATULATIONS to Team FEU-NRMF, especially team FEU-NRMF 1.

The School of Medicine is currently busy preparing for 2 major events. The PAASCU Reaccreditation visit will be on April 24-26, 2024. This is a quality assurance measure and we are committed to maintain our Level III accreditation status. PAASCU is recognized by the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME). WFME recognition is vital for our graduates to be able to take the ECFMG examination effective in 2025.

In June 13-15, 2024, FEU-NRMF School of Medicine will be the host of the 2024 Annual Convention of the Association of Philippine Medical Colleges (APMC). This will be the 1st face-to-face APMC Convention after the COVID-19 pandemic. FEU-NRMF last hosted the APMC Convention in early 2000. This year's convention will be held at the Novotel Hotel in Araneta Center in Cubao, Quezon City.



From Left: Dean Rey H. de los Reyes, Laila Mae F. Marquez, Patricia Elena A. Manalili (Leader), Anne Julia H. Agustin and Dr. Raymund Andrew G. Ong (Adviser)

From left: Dr. Raymund Andrew G. Ong (Adviser), Anne Julia H. Agustin, Patricia Elena A. Manalili (Leader), Leila Mae F. Marquez, Dean Apichat (Faculty of Medicine, KKU) and Dean Rey H. de los Reyes





My dear Colleagues:

We are looking forward to having a wonderful celebration in Chicago. It is my hope that everybody registers early to avail of the early-bird discount. Also, please register and send your pictures early before end of April for the souvenir program and have your pictures on a camera-ready mode.

Do not forget to join our exciting activity of marathon and fashion show. Join us in the show case of your beautiful and unique gowns. Unfortunately, we cannot do the golf this time.

Tickets for the Filipiniana and Grand ball will be issued as it will be as usual no ticket no entry way. *So, come and join us and have fun!*

Grace Averilla-Obena, MD. Class '85
Executive Director & Vice President, FEUDRSMAF

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return along with payment to:
Grace Averilla-Obena, MD. 8001 Pavarotti Ave,
Las Vegas, Nevada 89178 Tel: 702-769-3042, nobena@aol.com.
Check Payable to FEUDNRSMFAF

Or Pay to Zelle at feumaf@gmail.com. indicate name and event to pay.

Regular Events	Fee	# of person	Subtotal (person x fee)
*Annual Membership USA\$70: Non-USA \$35			
CME Breakfast (Plated)	\$50		
General Membership (Box lunch)	\$50		
Filipiniana Night Jan 1 - April 20, 2024	\$110		
April 21- May 20, 2024	\$140		
May 21- June 20, 2024	\$170		
On site only after June 20, 2024	\$200		
Grand Night. Jan 1 - April 20, 2024	\$110		
April 21- May 20, 2024	\$140		
May 21- June 20, 2024	\$170		
On site only after June 20, 2024	\$200		
Fundraising events: deadline June 20, 2024:			
Walkathon/light B-fast/Brunch/T-shirt	\$100		
Fashion show/dinner/dance	\$100		
GRAND TOTAL:			

*Required in order to attend events.
Souvenir Program Advertisement: \$150/page, Mail Advertisement to Grace Averilla-Obena, MD at address above or email at nobena@aol.com.

Please write legibly.
Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Class Year: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____

TO RESERVE HOTEL: Guests may begin booking their rooms at any time, using your customized link: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHIRO/G-EUKC>. The cut-off date for reservations is **06/05/2024**. Room Rates: **\$139** (all days). Free shuttle pickup from and to the airport! **The hotel is near the shopping mall, casino and train station to downtown!**



FAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY DR NICANOR REYES SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ALUMNI FOUNDATION

43rd ANNUAL REUNION & SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION

- Class⁶⁴ (Diamond Jubilee)
- Class⁶⁹ (Emerald Jubilee)
- Class⁷⁴ (Golden Jubilee)
- Class⁹⁹ (Silver Jubilee)
- Class⁷⁹ (Sapphire Jubilee)
- Class⁸⁴ (Ruby Jubilee)
- Class⁸⁹ (Coral Jubilee)
- Class⁹⁴ (Pearl Jubilee)
- Class²⁰⁰⁴ (20th Anniversary)
- Class²⁰⁰⁹ (15th Anniversary)
- Class²⁰¹⁴ (10th Anniversary)



CLINICAL PRACTICE ADVANCES 2024

ACCME accreditation provided by the
PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION in CHICAGO
June 27 - 30, 2024

Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Chicago
9300 Bryn Mawr, Rosemont, IL 60018

Committee Chronicles: Updates & Insights



Website Committee

Welcome!

The Website Committee and Board of Directors of the FEU medical alumni foundation are pleased to announce the launch of the new and updated website for our alumni and guests (**FEUmedAlumni.org**). We hope that you will find this website informative as well as entertaining, with the aim to introduce our alumni association to new graduates of the FEU Dr. Nicanor Reyes Medical Alumni Foundation School of Medicine as well as to maintain and encourage our social network among all alumni going back to the founding years of the association. The website was designed to make it easier to locate areas of interest as well as to serve as the portal for registration for our meetings and events. There you will find not only the means to register but also to find links to the host hotel or venue for the meetings. We hope to also encourage contributions from alumni to the website and we ask that you read and understand the policies set forth by the website committee. These policies can be found in the documents located in the footnotes of this website.

I want to thank Dr. Philip Chua, my co-chair of the website committee, for his insightful thoughts on content for the website and members Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez, Dr. Richard Mon, and Dr. Guat Sy, Jr. for their help and generous time in our meetings to develop the website. My thanks, as well, for the encouragement of our Board Chairman, Dr. Manny Malicay. And last, but not least, a thanks to KMJ Web Design, Las Vegas, NV for their professional help in creating the website that you see here today.

Finally, we ask you to visit this website as we add new information; we will make every effort to make timely changes as needed to update the information or correct any errors that may be found within this website. Rest assured, we have a robust committee and webhost that will make this website reflect the interests and forward direction of our alumni association.

Website address: FEUmedAlumni.org (not case sensitive)

Sincerely,
Ted Tolentino, MD Class '77
Chairman, Website Committee

Continuing Medical Education Committee



Exciting news about our CME event! We are thrilled to unveil exhilarating news about our upcoming CME event! It is with immense pleasure and great honor that we announce the distinguished presence of the Philippine Secretary of Health, the esteemed **Dr. Teodoro Herbosa**. Dr. Herbosa has graciously accepted the invitation extended by Dr. Philip Chua, to deliver the prestigious 8th Dr. Ricardo L. Alfonso Memorial Lecture. Additionally, Dr. Herbosa will preside over the induction

of our revered officers and captivate attendees as the distinguished guest speaker during our illustrious Filipiniana dinner event.

Featuring an unparalleled lineup of 10 dynamic speakers with 8 CME credits, this event promises to be a transformative and enlightening experience for all participants. We implore you to seize the opportunity to secure your place among peers and luminaries in the field by registering early!

CME Clinical Content Validation Policy: All recommendations for patient care are based on current science, evidence, and clinical reasoning, while giving a fair and balanced view of diagnostic and therapeutic options. All scientific research referred to, reported, or used in accredited education in support or justification of a patient care recommendation conform to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection, analysis, and interpretation. Although accredited continuing education is an appropriate place to discuss, debate, and explore new and evolving topics, these areas are clearly identified as such within the program and individual presentations. **PMAC and its joint providership FEUDNRSMAF do not** advocate topics for, nor promote, practices that are not, or not yet, adequately based on current science, evidence, and clinical reasoning. Furthermore, **PMAC and FEUDNRSMAF do not** advocate for unscientific approaches to diagnosis or therapy, or if the education promotes recommendations, treatment, or manners of practicing healthcare that are determined to have risks or dangers that outweigh the benefits or are known to be ineffective in the treatment of patients. **Educational Content must be fair and balanced and supports safe, effective patient care. This must follow the guidelines and standards of the ACCME as to accreditation.**

COMMERCIAL SUPPORT. There will be no commercial support for this CME Activity. **ACCREDITATION STATEMENT.** This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Philippine Medical Association in Chicago (PMAC) and Far Eastern University Dr. Nicanor Reyes School of Medicine Alumni Foundation (FEUDNRSMAF). PMAC is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. PMAC takes responsibility for the content, quality, and scientific integrity of this activity. **CREDIT DESIGNATION STATEMENT.** The Philippine Medical Association in Chicago designates this live activity for a maximum of 8 credit hour in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association™. **Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.**

Scientific Convention

Friday, June 28, 2024

7:00 am – 9:00 am Registration, plated breakfast
 7:20am - 7:30am Welcome addresses
Grace Averilla-Obena, MD⁸⁵, FEUDNRSMAF Executive Director/Convention Chairman
Nida Blankas-Hernaiz, MD⁸⁴, FEUDNRSMAF President, CME Chairman
Manuel Malicay MD⁷², FEUDNRSMAF Chairman of the Board
Rebecca Salvani MD⁷⁹, Moderator
 7:30 am - 8:10 am **Stimulating Therapy for OSA**
Anna Garcia Wertz, MD, ENT
 Dept. Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, Univ. of CA at Davis Medical Center
 8:10 am - 8:50 am **New Therapeutic Modality in Diabetes Management**
Susan B. Nunez, MD⁸¹, FAAP, Pediatric Endocrinologist
 Asst. Clinical Professor, University of Texas, Austin
 8:50 am - 9:30 am **Neonatal Patent Ductus Arteriosus**
Michael J. Farias, MD, Interventional Pediatric Cardiologist
 Director, Neonatal PDA, Boston Children Hospital
 9:30 am - 10:10 am **Supporting the Transition from Pediatric to Adult-oriented Healthcare**
Kristin C. Farias, MD, IM/Peds Specialist
 Director of Mass. Gen. Brigham Outpatient Clinic, Brookline, Massachusetts
 10:10 am - 10:15 am **Introduction of the 7th Annual Ricardo L Alfonso MD Memorial Lecture, Philip S Chua MD⁸¹ Chairman Emeritus, Cardiac Surgery**
 10:15 am - 11:10 am **7th Annual Ricardo L Alfonso MD Memorial Lecture: UHC Implementation in the Philippines**
TEODORO HERBOSA, MD, HMA, Secretary of Health, DOH, Philippines



11:10 am-11:30 am **Questions & Answers, Moderator: Efren Rodriguez, MD⁸⁴**
 11:30 am-12:30 pm **Annual General Membership (Boxed Lunch)**
Leilanie Narcelles-Mon, MD⁷², Moderator
 12:30 pm -1:10 pm **Integrative Medicine, Newer Approach to Medical Care**
Bienvenido G. Yango, MD⁷⁰, Infectious Disease Specialist
 Clinical Professor of Medicine University Washington, Seattle.
 1:10 pm -1:50 pm **OB-gyn Menopause and Gratitude**
Ligaya V. Marasigan, MD⁷⁴, FACOG
 Associate Professor, Rosalind Franklin Univ. of Medicine & Science
 1:50 pm - 2:30 pm **Updates on Asthma Therapies: New Biologics**
Emmanuel U. Sarmiento, MD⁸⁶, FAAP, FAAAAI
 President & Managing Partner, Allergic Dse & Asthma Center, Principal investigator-ADAC, Research Center, Greenville, SC
 2:30 pm - 3:10 pm. **The Best Intraocular Lens in Cataract Surgery**
Manolito R. Reyes, MD⁸⁴, Ophthalmologist
 Associate Professor, Past-Chairman, Dept of Ophthalmology, FEUNRMF IM
 3:10 pm - 3:15 pm. **Introduction of the 25th Annual Nicanor Reyes Jr MD, Memorial Lecture by Renato G Ramos, MD⁸³, Chairman Emeritus**
 3:15 pm – 4:10 pm **25th Annual Dr. Nicanor Reyes Jr, Memorial Lecture: Percutaneous Treatment of Heart Valve Diseases**
WILLIAM O'NEILL, MD, Cardiologist
 Director, Structural Heart Disease Division, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI
 4:10 pm - 4:30 pm **Questions & Answers, Moderator: Macario Corpuz, MD⁸⁸**
 6:00 pm - 1:00 am **Alumni Filipiniana Night Honoring Class⁷⁹, Class⁸⁴, Class⁸⁹, Class⁹⁴, Class²⁰⁰⁴, Class²⁰⁰⁹, and Class²⁰¹⁴**



Scholarship Committee

We held 2 scholarship committee zoom meetings to outline committee roles with the medical foundation and school. For the first meeting, Vice Dean Dr. Abigail Castro presented a PowerPoint on scholarship criteria and tuition fee computation and I presented details in the 6-month CD investment. The subsequent meeting was very productive; we reviewed and revised duties, criteria, covenants, and interview forms. After thorough discussion and voting, we finalized these for presentation at the BOT meeting. Scholarship members who attended were Drs. Dionisia Sy, Wilson Morales, Cesar Lastimosa,

Richard Mon, Daniel Fabito. Drs. Manuel Malicay, Grace Averilla-Obena & Larry Rabang were also present.

As to our scholars for 2nd semester:

1. Academic Scholars: No 1st, 2nd or 4th year scholars.
 - A. Dominic Falcon 3rd year Full Scholar GWA: 1.704 Rank: 2
 - B. Melinda Pamandanan 3rd year Partial Scholar GWA: 1.780 Rank: 6
2. EH Scholars:
 - A. Aimee Montes 2nd year GWA: 2.05 Rank: 101/271 Sponsors: Drs Roy & Cita Cabrera
 - B. Marie Chastine de la Cruz 3rd year GWA: 2.25 Rank :4 Partial Scholar: Sponsor: Select Class 77
 - C. Yessa Tanguilan 3rd year GWA: 2.18 Rank: 26 Sponsor: Sotomil Family

Computation of tuition fee and other fees were prepared & signed by the Vice Dean Abigail Castro and noted & signed by Dean Rey de los Reyes. Grand total is \$11,292.09 for 1st semester and \$14,474.15 for 2nd semester. Overall Grand Total: \$25,766.24.



L-R: Academic Scholars: Dominic Falcon & Melinda Pamandanan, with Drs. Manuel Malicay, Dionisia Sy, Nida Blankas-Hernaez, Dean Rey de los Reyes, Larry Rabang & Guat Sy Jr.



L-R: EH scholars Aimee Montes, Yessa Tanguilan, Chastine De la Cruz, with Drs. Manuel Malicay, Dionisia Sy, Nida Blankas-Hernaez, Dean Rey de los Reyes, Larry Rabang and Guat Sy Jr.

A Gratitude in Writing: A Scholar's Thank you

Dear Dr., Hernaez,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the invaluable insights and motivational notes you shared during our meeting today.

Your words of encouragement have left a lasting impact on me, and I am truly inspired by the passion and dedication you bring to the medical scholarship committee. Your emphasis on the importance of prayers and prioritizing goals resonated deeply with me. As a person of faith, your motivational notes have taken on a special significance, resonating deeply with my personal values and principles. Your emphasis on prayers and prioritizing goals aligns seamlessly with my own spiritual convictions, and it has served as a powerful source of inspiration.

I am genuinely grateful for the support and encouragement you have offered, and I feel fortunate to have leaders like you within the scholarship committee. Your commitment to fostering a positive and motivating environment is commendable, and I am eager to apply the lessons I have learned from our

conversation to my academic and personal endeavors. I also would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation for the sweet gesture of the chocolates. Your thoughtfulness has added a touch of warmth to our interaction and serves as a reminder of the kindness that exists within our academic community.

Additionally, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to my personal benefactors, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro and Francisca Sotomil. Their support has been instrumental in my journey, and I am sincerely appreciative of the opportunities their generosity has afforded me. If it is possible, I would be immensely grateful if you could provide me with the contact information for Mr. and Mrs. Pedro and Francisca Sotomil. I would love the opportunity to personally convey my appreciation and express my gratitude for their support. Please convey to them that my intention is solely to express my gratitude, and I completely understand and respect their desire for privacy. If they are not comfortable with sharing their contact information, I completely understand and respect their wishes.

Once again, thank you for your time, wisdom, and the delightful treat. I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead and hope to make the most of them with the guidance I have received from you.

Wishing you continued success in your endeavors and looking forward to any future interactions.

Respectfully yours,
YESSA MAE D. TANGUILAN

Student Achievement Awards Committee

There are **34 Student Achievement Awards (SAA)** @\$50 each subject. Total \$1,700 (Donors: Dr. Larry Rabang: \$450, Drs. Nelcar & Rose Gadrinab: \$250, Dr. Lourdes Hilao: \$100, Dr. & Mrs. Rafael & Nancy Castro: \$200, Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez: \$100, Drs. Greg & Melinda Tolentino: \$100, Dr. & Mrs. Ramon & Marylyn Lopez: \$100, Dr. & Mrs Virgilio Jonson: \$100, Drs. Hermes & Ofelia Ayuste: \$50, Dr. Evan Suan: \$50, Drs. Zosimo & Maria Herrera: \$50, Drs. Alfonso & Cyren Estrada:\$50, Dr. & Mrs. Gerardo Guzman: \$50, Dr. Rebecca Salvani \$50.

Top Student 1-2-3 \$100 each Total: \$300 (Donors: Dr. Annette Coronel Perey: \$150 & Dr. Efren Rodriguez: \$150)

Top Student Overall: \$200 (Donor: Dr. Ligaya Marasigan)

Grand Total: \$2,200



Left: Zairah Mondjardin, top overall student 1-111 with GWA: 1.309 and 6 SAA



Bas Brink receiving Student Achievement Award in CFM



Professorial Chair Awards Committee

The Awardees are:

1. Dr. J. Nolasco Award: Dr. Polly T. Chua-Chan (Donor: FEUDNRSMAF)
2. Dr. H. Ylagan Award: Dr. Mari-Karr Esguerra
3. Samuel Green Award: Dr. Mel Anthony Y. Cruz and Dr. Desiree R. Daniega
4. Professorial Chair Award in Child Health: Dr. Joselito C. Matheus
5. Professorial Chair Award in CFM: Dr. Milagros Neri
6. Dr. Malicay Award for Most Outstanding Faculty: Dr. Abigail Elsie DG Castro
7. 2023 PLE 3rd topnotcher Dr. Sean Michael P. Orbigo
8. Most Outstanding Teaching Resident: Dr. Camille D. Ingusan

Donors: FEUDNRSMAF: \$2,600+ \$2,850 (Drs. Grace Averilla-Obena \$1000, Susan Balite-Nunez \$500, Manuel Malicay \$750, Nida Blankas-Hernaez \$500, Rosemary Aquiler-Angeles \$100)

Grand Total: \$5,450

Faculty Incentive: \$17,000

(\$15,000 from FEUDNRSMAF & \$2000 from Dr. Manuel Malicay)

CME Donation: \$1500

Overall Grand Total (given January 2024): \$26,150

(Total Disbursements Including Scholarship: \$51,916.24)

ALUMNI PROFESSORIAL CHAIR AWARDS

Recipients from US-based

Year	Department	Awardee	Donors
2024	CFM	Milagros F. Neri, M.D.	Dr. Grace Averilla-Obena
2024	Child Health	Joselito C. Matheus, M.D.	Dr. Susan Balite-Nunez & Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez
2023	Anesthesia	Arnold O. Bautista, M.D.	Dr. Honorio T. & Julieta P. Benzon
2023	Medicine	Fernando T. Sta. Maria, M.D.	Drs. Manuel & Lourdes Malicay
2023	Physiology	Gloria Marie M. Valerio, M.D.	Class '67
2023	Para/Microbiology	Daniel D. Deveza, M.D.	Class '67
2022	Pathology & Clinical Diagnosis	Mari Karr A. Esguerra, M.D.	Drs. Esmeralda/Rodolfo Magpantay
2022	Ophthalmology	Angelico D. Alejo, M.D.	Dr. Ricardo Alfonso (c/o Dr. Antonio Alfonso)
2020	Otolaryngology- Head & Neck surgery	Antonio M. Sia Jr., M.D.	Drs. R. Cabrera, Limosnerso, Sicat, Abano-Mendoza, Jaravata
2020	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Abigail Elsie D. Castro, M.D.	MI Chapter
2019	Child Health	Reynaldo B. De Vega, M.D.	Mr. & Mrs. Miguel, Christina Grafilo, Dr. G. Dycoco ('62), Dr. A. Grafilo ('71)
2019	Human Structural Biology	Alvin B. Vibar, M.D.	Ectopic Murmurs
2018	Internal Medicine	Cynthia Ho, M.D.	Dr. Nunilo Rubio
2018	Child Health	May Emmeline B. Montellano, M.D.	Drs. Rick & Clarita de Leon
2018	Pathology & Lab. Diagnosis	Humphrey C. Bitun, M.D.	NY Chapter
2014	Pathology & Lab. Diagnosis	Jocelyn Q. Gacasan, M.D.	Dr. Thelma P. Mupas
2012	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Elizabeth A. Reyes, M.D.	MI Chapter
2010	Surgery	Jose Ravelo T Bartolome, M.D.	Dr. Ricardo Alfonso
2010	Internal Medicine (Neurology)	Regina Victoria R. Reyes, M.D.	Dr. Cesar A. Lastimosa
2010	Biochemistry & Nutrition	Dolores V. Viliran, M.D.	Dr. Cresenciano Lopez
2010	Human Structural Biology	Alvin B. Vibar, M.D.	Class '67 (Basic Science-Anatomy)
2010	Microbiology & Parasitology	Liberato C. dela Rosa, M.D.	Illinois Chapter
2010	Pharmacology	Sonny Matias E. Habacon, M.D.	Class '68
2010	Pathology & Clin. Laboratory	Linda D. Tamesis, M.D.	Dr. Thelma P-Mupas
2010	Physiology	Nela C. Porciuncula, M.D.	Class '62
2010	Community & Family Medicine	Polly T. Chua-Chan, M.D.	MI Chapter
1998	Pathology	Rogelda Bongat, M.D.	Dr. Rolando Buan
1998	Microbiology	Magdalena Natividad, RMT	Class '60

Physician Licensing Examinations (PLE) October 2023



Sean Michael Orbigo, 3rd placer topnotcher
Foundation Scholar and Summa Cum laude

National Passing Rate: 63.45% (4,083 out of 6,456).

FEU-NRMF Performance:

First time takers: 77.7% (385/474). Over-all: 73.21% (388/540)

There were many students who did not take the March 2023, but took the Oct 2023, hence, the big number of takers.

Other Alumni scholars who passed are:

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|---------------------------|------|
| 1. Orpiano, Vincent. | PASS |
| 2. Tan, Michelle. | PASS |
| 3. Parel, Zari Alexis EH | PASS |
| 4. Maligalig, Rochelle EH | PASS |

Stakeholders Spotlight: Meeting Highlights & Discussions



On January 18, 2024, a collaborative meeting convened with stakeholders to enhance board passing rate. Front L-R: Dr. Magdalena Natividad, FEU-NRMF President/COO Juan Enrique J. Reyes, FEUD-NRSMAF Chairman Dr. Manuel Malicay, President Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez, Dean Dr. Rey delos Reyes, and Vice-Dean Abigail Castro, Department chairs, and faculties and advocates joined together.

Scholars Forum: Nurturing Growth & Well-being



On January 19, 2024, meeting with the FEUDNRSMAF Scholars. Standing L-R: Vice President Dr. Larry Rabang, Vice Dean Abigail Castro, President Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez and Dr. Dionisia Sy (Scholarship Committee member). Scholars seated L-R: 3 EH scholars Aimee Montes, Yessa Tangilan, Marie Chastine de la Cruz and 2 academic scholars: Dominic Falcon & Melinda Pamandan. During our session, we interviewed them, addressed their concerns, shared coping strategies for managing stress, and emphasized the importance of diligence in study and work ethics. Additionally, Drs. Guat & Dionisia Sy, Larry Rabang, Manuel Malicay, and I provided chocolates & money gifts to them. In return, the scholars expressed sincere gratitude to FEUDNRSMAF and to the sponsors.

Scholarship Sponsors: Fostering Futures

Drs. Roy & Cita Cabrera



Drs. Rene & Rory Estrella





Select Class '77.

Left to right top row - Dr. Antonio Aure, Dr Carlos Tan, Dr Esther Aoigan, Dr Manuel Hababag, Dr. Elsie de la Cruz Ica, second row from top - Dr Nenita Garcia Aure, Dr. Leonides Medrano Hababag (RIP), Dr Federico Ilang Ilang, Dr. Benjamin Martinez Jr, Dr Theodore Tolentino. Third row from top - Dr. Carolina Sarenas, Dr Mila Corpuz Paneda, Dr. Araceli Garcia Sweeney, Front row - Dr. Gloria Ayson Bravo, Dr. Aurora Rodriguez. Dr. Corazon Cabrera Tan & Dr. Cynthia Villaflor.

Empowerment through education knows no bounds. Be a catalyst for change.

Support a scholar today!

49th Annual Homecoming & Scientific Convention

Resilience Through Adversity

46th Dr. Lauro Panganiban Lecturer: Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez on the topic
“Unlocking ADHD Diagnosis, Treatment and Resilience Keys”



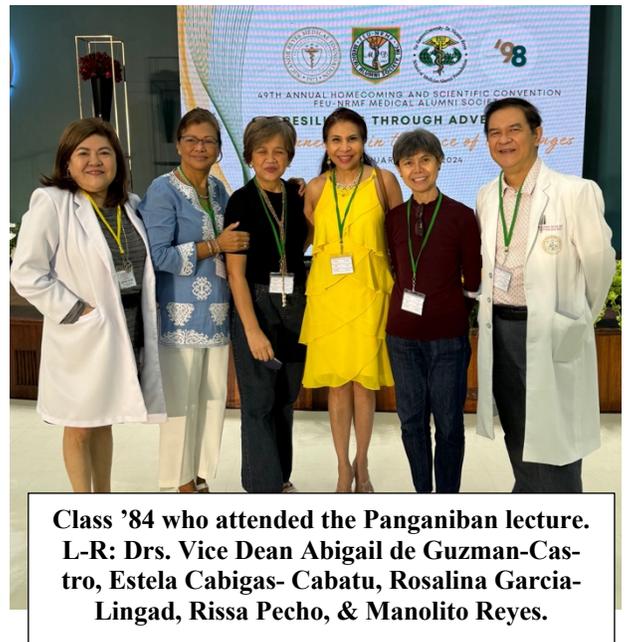
Dean Lauro Panganiban Speaker,
Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez



L-R: Vice Dean Abigail Castro, Dean Rey de los Reyes, Dr. Magdalena Natividad, Mrs. Rowena Reyes, Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez, FEU-NRMF President Juan Enrique Reyes, Dr. Mary Ann Bringas, Dr. Bernard Sese, Dr. Robert Dy.



L-R: Vice Dean Castro, Dean de los Reyes, Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez, Dr. Magdalena Natividad, Atty. Antonio Abad, Dr. Rena Mendoza.



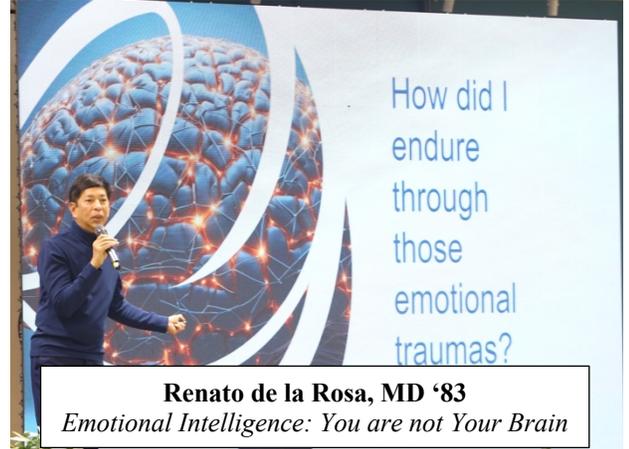
Class '84 who attended the Panganiban lecture.
L-R: Drs. Vice Dean Abigail de Guzman-Castro, Estela Cabigas- Cabatu, Rosalina Garcia-Lingad, Rissa Pecho, & Manolito Reyes.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

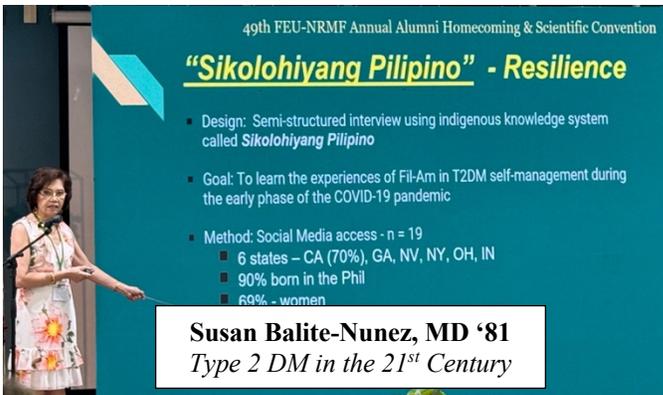
Lecturers and Attendees



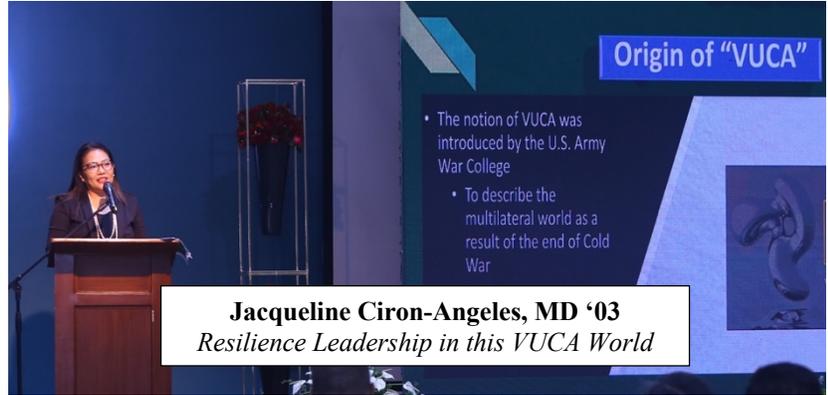
Jocelyn Gacasan, MD '93
Journey to the Road Less Travelled in Medicine



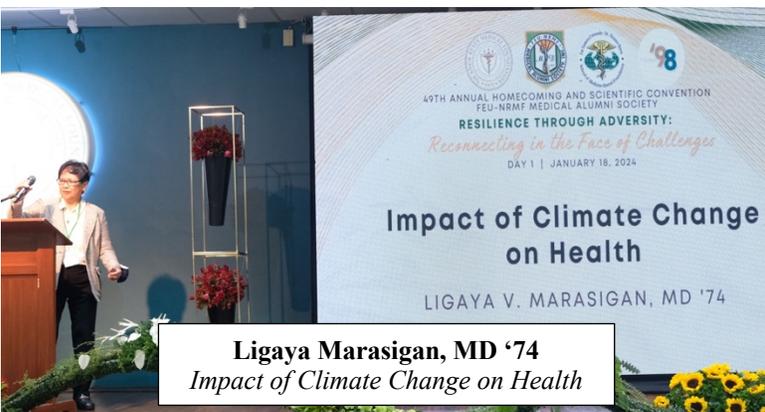
Renato de la Rosa, MD '83
Emotional Intelligence: You are not Your Brain



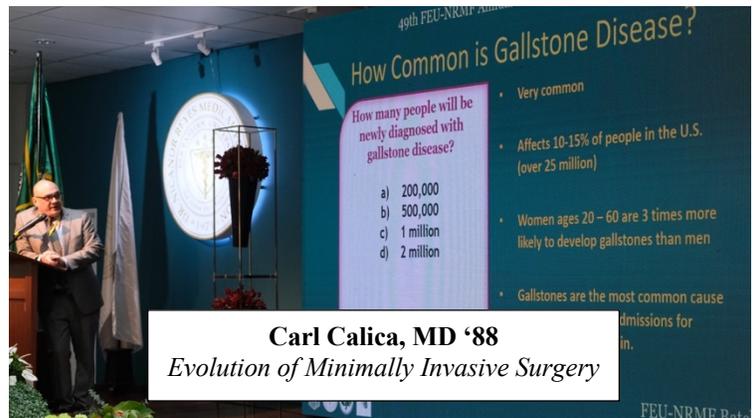
Susan Balite-Nunez, MD '81
Type 2 DM in the 21st Century



Jacqueline Ciron-Angeles, MD '03
Resilience Leadership in this VUCA World



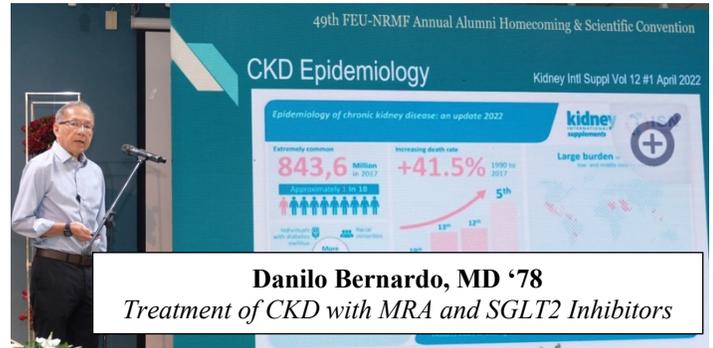
Ligaya Marasigan, MD '74
Impact of Climate Change on Health



Carl Calica, MD '88
Evolution of Minimally Invasive Surgery



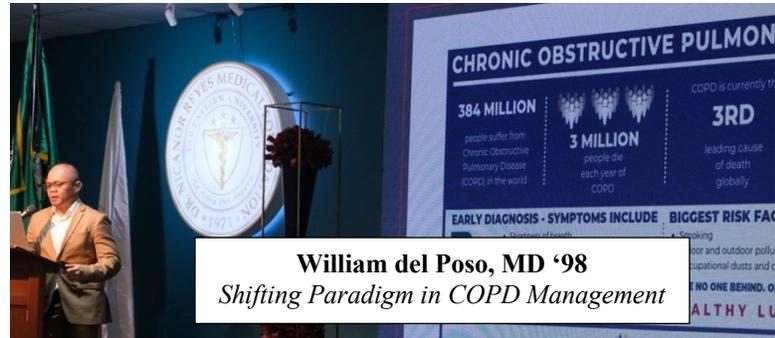
Avelino Canlas, MD '88
Off the Beaten Path-Adventures of a Prison Doc



Danilo Bernardo, MD '78
Treatment of CKD with MRA and SGLT2 Inhibitors



Macario Corpuz Jr, MD '88
My Journey as an Immigrant Doc



William del Poso, MD '98
Shifting Paradigm in COPD Management



Coral Jubilarian '88



Certificate of Appreciation presented to CME lecturer, Dr. Susan Balite-Nunez



Certificate of Appreciation presented to CME lecturer, Dr. Ligaya Marasigan, a Golden jubilarian.



Promising Post Graduate Interns with Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez

Cultivating Excellence: The Path of Continuous Medical Education.



“The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”
Nelson Mandela

L-R: Drs. Nida Blankas-Hernaez, Carl Calica, Ligaya Marasigan, Dionisia Sy, Guat Sy Jr, and Israel Labao (husband of Dr. Marasigan).



The CME lecturers and the Post Graduate Interns



Dr. Ligaya Marasigan & Dr. Blankas-Hernaez encouraged the PGIs to prepare for their boards & boost the passing rate.



Class '77

Journey Through the Heart of Medical Education:

A Comprehensive Exploration of our School's Legacy and Future



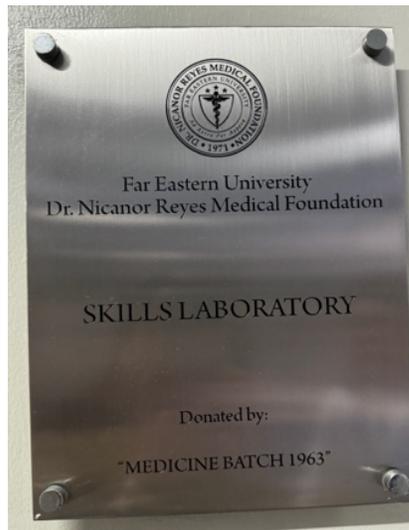
The Vice Dean Dr. Abigail Castro welcome me on the 1st day. It was nice to see Dr. de la Rosa, who joined us for a picture. Abigail graciously led me on a comprehensive 2-hour tour of our esteemed medical school. We started in the office with Dean Dr. Rey de los Reyes & Vice Dean Abigail Castro.



We began our exploration in the anatomy room, where the intricacies of the human body were revealed through utilization of anatomage and cadavers.



Venturing onward, we visited the Apollo room, where medical scenarios come life through simulated practice, and the computer simulation room, a hub of technological innovation driving medical education forward. This room was donated long time ago by Dr. Philip Chua.

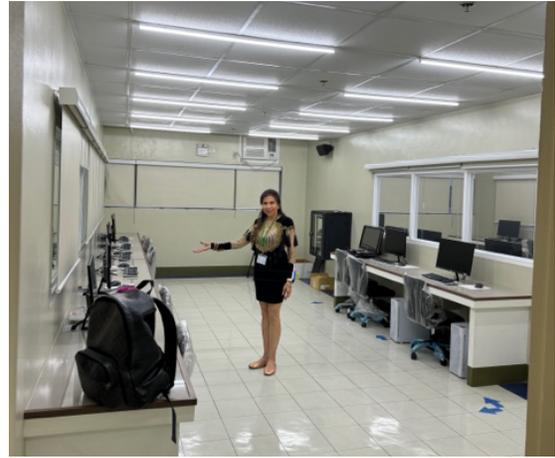


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Together We Can



Our journey continued to the library, where we were warmly greeted by the director amidst the historical relics of our academic heritage. Capturing the essence of tradition, we paused to immortalize our visit with a snapshot beside the cherished table, a symbol of intellectual respite from generation past.

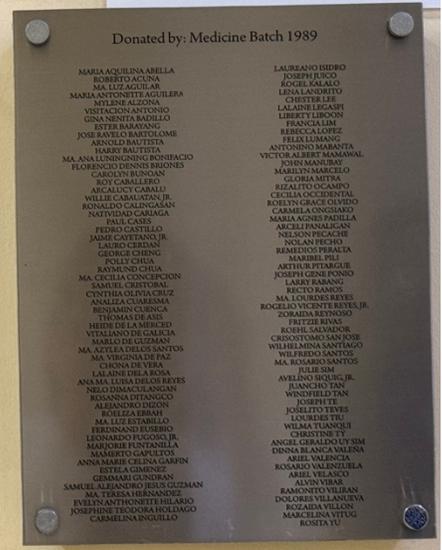
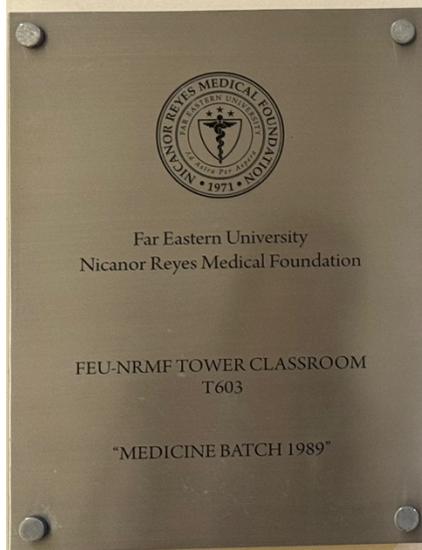
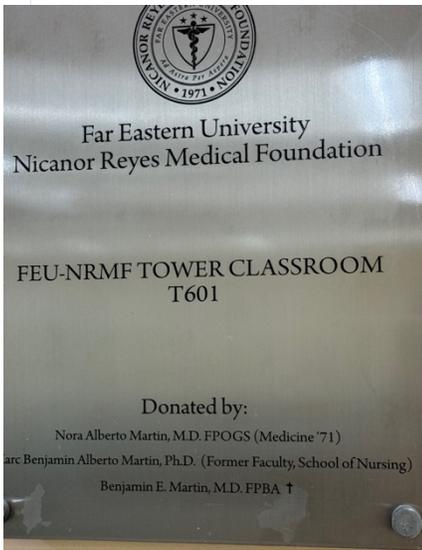


Tables from the old library



An amazing view from the library





Wandering further, we encountered the testament of alumni generosity, exploring the meticulously appointed rooms donated by benefactors, including our very own FEUMAANI Chicago chapter during my tenure as president.

The Vice Dean noted the pressing need for additional resources, citing the demand of more Apollonian and anatomage to alleviate student congestion and enhance the learning environment. She

underscored the vital role of philanthropy in propelling our institution towards excellence, urging support to ongoing initiatives to optimize educational spaces.

Culminating our journey, we ascended to the pinnacle of the building, where the helipad offered a breathtaking panorama of the surrounding landscape.



Against the backdrop of a radiant day, the 360-degree view afforded a profound appreciation for the symbiotic relationship between our school and our foundation it serves. Truly, it was unforgettable experience, steeped in the rich tapestry of our medical community's history and vision of the future.

By Nida Blankas-Hernaez, MD Class '84



The Golden Jubilarian Class '74

The 49th Annual Alumni Homecoming & Scientific Convention took place on January 18-20, 2024 at the FEU-NRMF, West Fairview, Quezon City. The Grand Ball held in EDSA Shangri-La Hotel on January 20th was attended by more than 600 people.

Classmate Benicio Gatchalian and I attended the numerous meetings of the Organizing Committee of the host FEU-NRMF Medical Alumni Society (MAS) in the preparation for the conduct of the reunion. Lucila and Benicio Gatchalian organized and led the Philippine-based classmates.

The Golden Jubilarians (Class 1974) started the week of festivities enjoying out of town excursions to Morong, Bataan and San Miguel, Bulacan, where the generosity of our hosting classmates (Edna Rudolfo Calimbas and Lucila and Benicio Gatchalian, respectively) was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. There were also perspiration-inducing practices of a dance to be presented on the Grand Night. Some stayed overnight in Bataan. Using a bigger bus, another ride was taken to a MaRiLaQue area (Infanta, Quezon) for a sightseeing and a sumptuous lunch. Souvenir T-shirts (gold and black colors), hats, and name tags were distributed to participants. In all the gatherings, camaraderie, renewing friendships, memory testing, reminiscing, and picture taking, as expected, abounded.



Golden Jubilarian '74 Day 1 CME

The Scientific Convention proceeded after a Mass on January 18th. There were one- and one-half days of continuing medical education lectures. A classmate, Ligaya Marasigan, presented her very well-received talk on *Impact of Climate Change on Health* on January 19th. The class failed, during an online election, to get a seat in the Board of Directors of MAS.



Golden Jubilarian '74 Day 2 CME

Fifty-two (52) Golden Jubilarians were main celebrants together with the Silver and Emerald Jubilarians during the Grand Ball on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Trying to stay within a time constraint required by the MAS, the Class hurriedly performed the dance number, held a medallion awarding for all batchmates present, and, for a finale, presented with great pride and a sense of complete satisfaction a symbolic check for P600,000 for the Economic Hardship Scholarship Fund of the MAS. This was in fulfillment of the pledges made by the Class during the Sapphire Jubilee celebration of the Class in 2020, under the leadership of Leonisa Santos Sagun, after Dean Rey H. de los Reyes broached the idea to classmate Gener Becina of helping medical students encountering financial difficulties in continuing their medical education.

All in all, it was a very satisfying, well attended, and successful homecoming and reunion.





52 Golden Jubilarians '74 with Medallions during the Grand Night



BOT Dr. Guat Sy Jr holding the Batch '74 Certificate



Golden Jubilarian '74 with BOT Dr. Mildred Rey (first left side)

By Guat Sy Jr, MD Class '74
Golden Jubilarian, BOT, FEUDNRSMAF

Welcome Night Fiesta

Food, Fun & Friendship



Seated: FEU-NRMF President/COO Juan Enrique Reyes in between his nephews, and FEUNRMAS Pres. Dr. Robert Dy. Standing L-R: Vice Dean Abigail Castro, FEUD-NRSMAF Pres. Nida Blankas-Hernaez, Dean Rey de los Reyes.



FEUDNRSMAF Chairman Dr. Manuel Malicay, Pres. Nida Blankas-Hernaez, Dean Rey de los Reyes, Vice-Dean Abigail Castro and alumni & guests



**Sapphire Jubilarians '78 with
Dean Rey de los Reyes, Vice Dean Abigail Castro & Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez**



**Sapphire Jubilarian '78 dance number.
Dean Rey De los Reyes in the middle.**



Dancing with the Post Graduate Interns:
L-R Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez, Chief of Clinics Dr. Rene Mendoza (middle) & Vice Dean Abigail Castro



Post Graduate Interns with
Vice Dean Dr. Abigail Castro and President Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez

Grand Alumni Jubilarians' Night

A Night of Elegance, Honoring Legacies and Celebrating Awardees





Professorial Chair Child Health: Joselito Matheus, MD
Donors: Dr. Susan Balite-Nunez (5th from left) & Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez



Professorial Chair Family Medicine: Milagros Neri, MD
Donor: Dr. Grace Averilla-Obena







Messages of Inspiration

**FEU-NRMF President /COO Juan Enrique J. Reyes,
FEUDNRSMAF Chairman Dr. Manuel A. Malicay,
FEUDNRSMAF President Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez,
FEU-NRMAS President Dr. Robert Dy &
FEU-NRMAS Vice-President Mary Ann Bringas.**



Emerald Jubilarian '68 with BOT Dr. Hernani Tansuche holding the Batch Certificate



Golden Jubilarian '74



Sapphire jubilarian '78 with Dean Dr. Rey delos Reyes holding the Batch Certificate



Coral Jubilarian '88 with Dr. Gabriel Gabriel holding the Batch Certificate



Ruby Jubilarian '83 in full force



Pearl Jubilarian '93



Silver Jubilarian '98



Batch 2003 Jubilarian



Pearl Jubilarian '93

Amidst a grand night, joyous laughter mingled with dancing spirits, where awards gleamed, and camaraderie illuminated the moment!



Ruby Jubilarian '83 Dance Number



Coral Jubilarian '88 Dance number



Ruby Jubilarian '83



Faculties FEU-NRMF IM



BOBs Drs. Pedro Florescio & Guadalupe Florescio



Vice President Dr. Larry Rabang and wife, Peachy Rabang



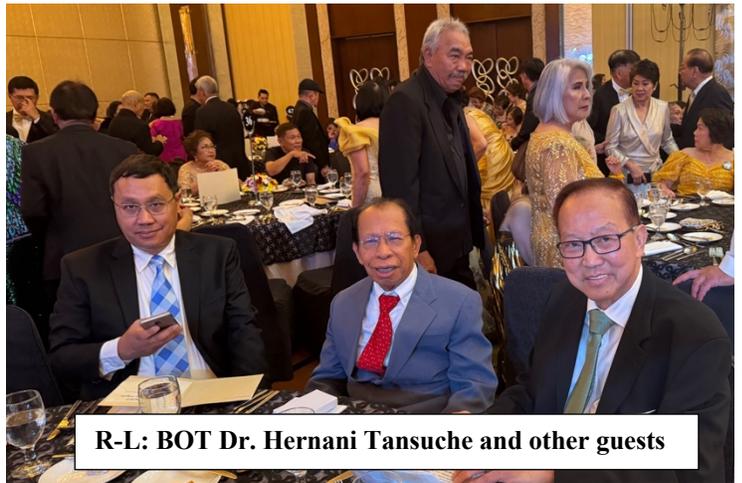
BOT Dr. Macario Corpuz & Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez



Dely Ocampo & Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez



L-R: Drs. Carmen Quevedo, Elizabeth Reyes, NB-Hernaez, Dean de los Reyes & Vice Dean Castro



R-L: BOT Dr. Hernani Tansuche and other guests



L-R: Drs. Jocelyn Trent '78, Susan Balite-Nunez '81, Zenaida Racasa-Aliyas '66 and husband, Mr. Aliyas.



L-R: Drs. Fernando Sta. Maria, Manuel Malicay, Nida Blankas- Hernaez, Susan Balite-Nunez, Larry Rabang & wife Peachy, Guadalupe & Pedro Florescio.



Dean Rey de los Reyes, BOTs Drs. Guat Sy Jr, Dionisia Sy, Nida Blankas-Hernaez, Guadalupe & Pedro Florescio (Immediate Past Chairman) & Cesar Jimenez (Immediate Past President)



Vice-Dean Abigail Castro, Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez & Dr. Susan Balite-Nunez



Golden Jubilarian '74 Dance Number



L-R-Back: BOT Drs. Victoria Sanchez, Mildred Rey & Erlinda Lopez



Golden Jubilarian '74 with Drs. Guat Sy Jr & Dionisia Sy.



Ruby Jubilarian '83 Dance Number



Jubilarians & Guests



Jubilarians & Guests



Coral Jubilarians '88



Sapphire Jubilarian '78



Sapphire Jubilarian '78

*Embrace the Journey, Celebrate the Legacy:
Honoring Success, Treasuring Memories.*

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Where Medical Minds Meet for Mastery

CLIMATE CHANGE: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS



This write-up is part two of the topic I presented at the FEU 49th Annual Homecoming and Jubilee Celebration with the Theme: Resilience Through Adversity, Reconnecting in the Face of Challenges.

For a short look back at the presentation, the following topics were emphasized.

The awareness to climate change and health issues, the importance of climate change shown by many universities particularly medical schools incorporating climate change issues to the curriculum. The suggestions how to include climate change in the curriculum were included as well as the barriers that may be encountered. At the end of the talk a question was raised if the topic discussed, and suggestions were doable. A couple of nods were seen.

This time we will have the 15 Biggest Environmental Problems of 2024: (Source: Earth.org)

- 1. Global warming from fossil fuels.** As greenhouse gas emissions blanket the Earth, they trap the sun's heat, leading to global warming. It is imperative that we drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, invest in renewable energy sources, and phase our fossil fuels as fast as possible.
- 2. Poor Governance.** The United Nations as an organization was assembled to prevent another world war but not to handle, the climate crisis. More national carbon tax implementation as seen in 27 countries around the world including EU, Canada, Singapore, Japan, Ukraine, and Argentina needs more focus.
- 3. Food Waste.** Food waste and loss occurs at different stages in developing and developed countries, 40% of food waste occurs at the post-harvest and processing levels, while in developed countries, 40% of food waste occurs at retail and consumer levels. Stop throwing away food away even those "deemed too ugly"
- 4. Biodiversity loss.** There are three types of biodiversity: genetic diversity, species diversity and ecosystem diversity. The biodiversity loss is attributed to land-use change, conversion of habitats as forests, grasslands, and mangroves, into agricultural system. Respect for variety of living organisms, genetic differences and specie relationship will continue the "web of life" so each specie works together to support life and ecological balance of Earth.
- 5. Plastic Pollution.** National Geographic found that 91% of all plastic that has ever been made is not recycled. Knowing that plastic takes 400 years to decompose, it will be many generations before it ceases to exist. Reduce use of single use plastics and invest in renewable, clean energy, conservation of wildlife.
- 6. Deforestation.** Agriculture is the leading cause of deforestation to raise livestock or to plant crops as sugar cane and palm oil. Plant more trees, replace cut ones.
- 7. Air Pollution.** Causes of air pollution mostly come from industrial sources, motor vehicles, emissions from burning biomass and poor air quality due to dust storms. For solutions, convert plastics in roads, recycle, wean yourself off disposable plastics.
- 8. Melting Ice Caps and Sea Level Rise.** If the entire Greenland ice sheet melts sea level would rise 6 meters. Bangkok (Thailand), Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), Manila (Philippines), and Dubai (United Arab Emirates) are among the cities most at risk of sea level rise and flooding. Participate and be mindful of ways to tackle climate change.

9. **Ocean Acidification.** The devastating impacts on marine ecosystems and species, its food webs, provoke irreversible changes in habitat quality. Higher acidity in the ocean would obstruct coral reef systems' ability to rebuild their exoskeletons and recover from these coral bleaching events. May also be linked as one of the effects of plastic pollution in the ocean therefore not throwing garbage in the ocean, cleaning up the ocean are solutions.

10. **Agriculture.** Switching to more plant-based diet that can dramatically reduce the carbon footprint of the conventional agriculture industry. Crop production releases greenhouse gases as nitrous oxide through the use of fertilizers. While agricultural lands and grazing pastures cover over one-third of Earth's land surfaces, they consume three-quarters of the world's limited freshwater resources. Let us choose the food we eat.

11. **Food and Water Insecurity.** Eroded soil is laden with biocides and fertilizer, the soil ends up in waterways where it contaminates drinking water and protected areas downstream. In terms of water security, only 3% of the world's water is freshwater, and two-thirds of that is tucked away in frozen glaciers (not available for use). Water shortage is predicted by 2025. Use water wisely.

12. **Fast Fashion and Textile Waste.** Discarded clothing and textile waste, most of which is non-biodegradable, ends up in landfills, while microplastics from clothing materials as polyester, nylon, polyamide, acrylic and other synthetic materials, is leached into soil and nearby water resources. Wise choice of clothing materials, using clothes to maximum capacity will be good practices.

13. **Overfishing.** This comes with detrimental effects to the environment, including increased algae in water, destruction of fishing communities, ocean littering as well as extremely high rates of biodiversity loss. Organizations are working towards maintaining the proportion of fish stocks within biologically sustainable levels. Fishing subsidies were banned in July 2022 by WTO.

14. **Cobalt mining.** Cobalt mining is associated with dangerous workers' exploitation and serious environmental and social issues together with high levels uranium. This issue of mining may be taken as political issues at some places.

15. **Soil Degradation.** Healthy soil has a minimum of 3-6% organic matter. Soil degradation refers to the loss of organic matter, changes in its structural condition and/or decline in soil fertility and is often the result of human activities as farming practices, with the use of toxic chemicals and pollutants. Changing our reckless practices and step us to soil preservation can help with food security for people around the world.

We all came from dust and we will return to dust: Therefore, let us protect and respect the DUST.

Ligaya V. Marasigan, MD, FACOG

Golden Jubilarian Class '74



Dr. Macario Corpuz, a distinguished immigrant physician in the United States of America, captivated the audience at the 49th Annual Homecoming and Scientific Convention of the FEU NRMF Medical Alumni Society on January 19, 2024. The event's theme, "*Resilience Through Adversity: Reconnecting in the Face of Challenges*," set the stage for Dr. Corpuz to share his valuable insights and learnings from his remarkable journey in the medical field as an immigrant.

During his speech, Dr. Corpuz eloquently narrated his experiences and challenges, inspiring his colleagues and other attendees with his resilience and perseverance. He emphasized that

success is not a destination but an ongoing journey, urging the young physicians to embrace challenges, learn from setbacks, and let passion and purpose guide their paths. His words resonated deeply with the audience, leaving a lasting impact on all who listened.

As Dr. Corpuz concluded his speech, the attendees were filled with admiration and pride, commending him for his exceptional contributions to the medical community. He was presented with a plaque of appreciation for his outstanding dedication and service.

Moreover, Dr. Corpuz was not the only esteemed speaker at the convention. Other distinguished physicians who excelled on their respective specialties from various parts of the globe also graced the event with their experiences, wisdom and expertise, enriching the gathering with diverse perspectives and experiences.

The audience's response to Dr. Corpuz's speech was overwhelming; applause filled the room, and some attendees congratulated him personally. His message of perseverance, belief in oneself, and the pursuit of dreams struck a chord with everyone present, inspiring them to face challenges with courage and determination.

In a world where adversity often tests one's resilience, Dr. Corpuz's presence and words served as a beacon of hope and motivation, reminding all that with passion, purpose, and unwavering belief in oneself, anything is possible.

On the same celebration, Dr. Corpuz finally able to receive his plaque of recognition as one of the “*Most Outstanding Alumnus*” given during the 50th FEU-NRMF Anniversary.



Macario Corpuz, M.D.
Coral Jubilarian Class '88
BOT, FEUDNRSMAF

Alumni Spotlight....

Unveiling Philanthropy: Roy C. Cabrera, M.D. '65

Inspirational Journey and Enduring Passion



Following graduation, was a Faculty member of Pharmacology FEU Institute of Medicine with a salary of P7 per lecture hour & P3.50/lab hr. He met Melbacita Santos, a Pediatrician at Rizal Provincial Hospital and got married before they left for United States and brought to life a successful son, Alvin. Roy interned at Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ after which he specialized in cancer specifically in Radiation Oncology at Downstate University Kings County Hospital. He was board certified in Radiation Oncology. He went on to be an assistant instructor at Downstate. He went back to Overlook Hospital where he became the Head of Radiation Oncology. He was Chairman of Overlook Hospital Institutional Review Board (a group formally designated by the FDA to review and monitor biomedical research) from 1991 – 2000. He was the first one at this hospital who introduced breast conservation treatment involving excision only of the breast mass (no mastectomy) followed by implanting radioactive seeds or pellets at the excision site. Of course, he met resistance from the breast surgeons. He persisted and was pictured in the NJ Star Ledger using this procedure in June 1985. He also introduced at Overlook Hospital radioactive implantation of the prostate for cancer as an alternative to prostatectomy. Again, he met resistance from the urologists. He chaired the Division Service and Rehabilitation Committee of the American Cancer Society in NJ from 1992 – 1994. He was also active in delivering lectures about cancer both in-hospital and outside such as the Kiwanis Club in Summit, NJ, etc.

Among his extracurricular activities, he had a column at the Ectopic Murmur (a newsletter of FEUDNRSMF) entitled “What’s The Score” which contents other people abhorred such as the “Boy’s Club” atmosphere in which a new kid on the block made it very difficult if not impossible to be a member of the Board. Dr. Cabrera also interviewed Mrs. Josephine Reyes who at that time was chairperson of FEUNMRF and published it in the EM (August 1993 Vol 7 #3). Among one of the topics discussed was the accusation about her son making so much money as the purchasing agent. Mrs. Reyes refuted such accusation. Dr. Cabrera was the Founding President of the FEU Medical Foundation, NJ Chapter and automatically became a member of the Board of Trustees of the Alumni Foundation and participated in the Postgraduate Course at FEUDNRMF Medical Alumni Society in Manila in 1979 and in the US. He was also President of the Filipino Children’s Fund (a fund recognized and given an award by President Corazon Aquino, the Linkapil award). He cared for the youth, and he consistently contributed to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and in return the Youth Ranches recognized him by giving him recognition plaques. With the help of Drs. Hernani Tansuche and Amethyst Cureg, he and his wife, Cita consistently funded the FEUDNRSMF Scholarship endowment helping students with exceptionally good grades who are in financial need (EH Scholars).

His love for Taekwondo led him to be certified as 1st Dan in Blackbelt by Kukkiwon, also known as the World Taekwondo Headquarters. When asked why he chose this sport, he said “It teaches me to be calm and have self-discipline”. However, his main passion was competitive dancing and was very good at it. He tried playing Golf but really, not his cup of tea.

Medical Missions in the Philippines

Touching Lives & Generous Gestures



MEDICAL SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES 2024

Always fun in the Philippines but more meaningful with service and giving back to the community.

Performed medical mission in my hometown with blood pressure and blood sugar screening, medical consultation and distribution of medicine and medical supplies.

Met with local government leaders of San Manuel, Tarlac and Cabagan, Isabela for distribution of medical supplies including gloves, masks, needles, syringes and alcohol pads donated by my institution, Mercy One Iowa-Trinity Health.

Donated money to top students at my alma mater, FEU-NRMF School of Medicine.

Donated surgical instruments from our clinic, Mercy One Urbandale Internal Medicine to the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Nolan Pecho of FEU Hospital.

Met with our academic and economic scholars as well as with young physicians who are interested in applying for medical residency in the US.



Vice President Dr. Larry Rabang (right side) seeing patients during his medical mission.



By Larry Rabang, MD Class '89
Vice President, FEUDNRSMAF



Dr. Nolan Pecho, Chief Medical Officer of FEU Hospital received donated surgical instruments from Dr. Larry Rabang.

FEUDNRSMAF NEVADA CHAPTER MISSION



FEUDNRSMAF NEVADA CHAPTER headed by Dr. Melinda Ayala-Fabito Class '65 for the seventh year co-sponsored with the "Operation Bayanihan Medical-Surgical Missions (Mission Arm of the Phil-Am Association of Nevada), another Medical-Surgical Mission last January 7-12, 2024 at the Science City of Munoz and Talavera, Nueva Ecija. Munoz is situated 30 kilometers from Cabanatuan, and 146 kilometers north of Manila. Bus transportation brought us to Munoz on Sunday afternoon, January 7, 2024. Prominent and dedicated Missionaries were FEU Medical Alumni who had served several times to different parts of the Philippines tending to the needy and indigent members of our Kababayans. They have joined the 2024 contingent Team of 57 members who



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Together We Can

were invited by Honorable Baby Armi Alvarez, the current Mayor of Munoz, a Nurse by profession with her desire to provide better health services to her constituents.



FEU Medical Alumni included Dr. Daniel C. Fabito FACS, FPCS '64; Dr. Melinda Ayala-Fabito '65; Dr. Philip S. Chua FACS, FPCS '61; Dr. Farida I. Chua '61; Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez '84; Dr. Manuel Casanova '71; Dr. Susan Balite-Nunez, '81; Dr. Tony Deleon '81; Dr. Avelino Leal '78; Dr. Sheillah Chua-Gentile '86 (with her sister, Dr. Rachel I. Chua '93 Georgetown Medical School, Gyne from Louisiana); Dr. Christina Gallinera '86; Dr. M. Evelyn Roque '86; and Dr. Robert Umandap '86. The weeklong Mission took care of more than 700 Adult, Pediatric, Surgical patients and School Children. Minor and Major Operations were performed at the Ospital ng Lungsod Agham ng Munoz (OSLAM) and at nearby Talavera General Hospital.

A CME conference, well-attended by the Hospital Medical Staff, members of the Nueva Ecija Medical Society, and the Mission Team, was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, followed by a sumptuous dinner hosted by the Mayor. Speakers included: Dr. Philip S. Chua on *TAVR* (Trans Aortic Valve Replacement); Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez on *ADHD Diagnosis and Treatment*; Dr. Paul Hamor on *Chronic Renal Disease*, and Dr. Daniel C. Fabito discussed his 43 years (1981-2023) of *Mission experience*, with more than Fifty Missions to the Philippines.

The Mission Team also distributed more than 500 used and new reading eyeglasses to 500 recipients and "FOOD Bags of Hope" to 370 Families (10 per 37 Barangays). These contained Rice, Sugar, Coffee, Noodles, Canned Goods (Corned Beef and Sardines), Milk Powder, Hygiene products, Sanitary hand wash and other miscellaneous items.

By Daniel C. Fabito M.D. FACS, FPCS
Chairman, Operation Bayanihan Missions
Las Vegas, Nevada

*Compassion in action,
healing the world, one
mission at a time....*



Missionaries headed by Drs. Daniel & Melinda Fabito enjoyed the Fiesta Dance Competition.



**Surgery in action led by
Dr. Daniel Fabito**



**Food Bags of Hope
to 370 Families were distributed**



After the Mission: L-R: Dr. Susan Balite-Nunez, Dr. Sheillah Chua-Gentile, Dr. Rachel Chua, Mayor Baby Armi Alvarez, Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez, Fely Bayani RN, Dr. Farida Chua & Dr. Philip Chua.



Mayor Baby “Armi” Alvarez of Munoz (The Science City), Nueva Ecija, Philippines (center) poses with the Chua Family medical missionaries (L-R) Sheillah Chua Gentile, MD (Family Medicine), Rachel Chua, MD (Gynecology), Mayor Alvarez, Farida I. Chua, MD (Pediatrics), and Asian Journal columnist Philip S. Chua, MD, FACS (Cardiac Surgery), during a lunch break. The 50-member annual humanitarian mission, held February 7-12, 2024, was headed by Daniel C. Fabito, MD, FACS, president of the Philippine American Association of Nevada.

Ways Alumni Can Contribute to Our Alma Mater:

1. **Financial Support:** Donate for scholarships and facility upgrades.
2. **Mentorship and Networking:** Guide and connect students.
3. **Guest Lectures and Workshops:** Share expertise.
4. **Clinical Preceptorships:** Provide hands-on experience.
5. **Advocacy and Public Relations:** Promote achievements.
6. **Volunteerism:** Help with events and outreach.
7. **Research Collaboration:** Advance medical science.

By giving time, talent, and treasure, alumni shape our school's success and impact, nurturing future healthcare professionals.

Engaging with the FEUDNRS Medical Alumni Foundation:

1. **Strategic Planning and Governance:** Contribute to planning.
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Scholarship Fundraising Walk for a Cause

Let's Stride together for Education!
 Venue: Des Plaines Trail (near Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Chicago)
 Date: June 27, 2024
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Walk with purpose. Stride for Scholarship.
 A scenic route, fresh air, and beautiful views
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Little Breakfast & Lunch Provided with a Free T-shirt
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You're invited to join us for an evening of elegance and philanthropy!

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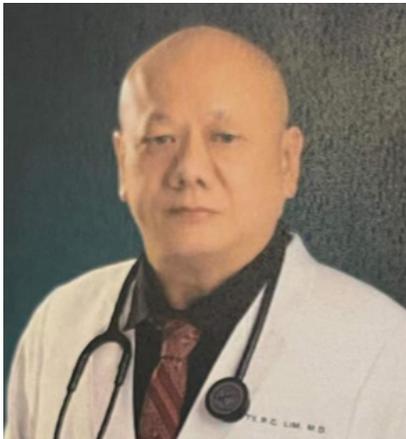
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Your presence and generosity will support aspiring medical students in their pursuit of excellence in healthcare. We anticipate a glamorous evening in your company.

Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference with style! Tag and Invite your friends!
 See you in June 27th!

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 Class 2019
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Lydia S. Espino, MD
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 At Rest: February 10, 2024



Avila Estrada Alcalá, MD
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 Born: April 10, 1943
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In August 2023, Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez as the FEUDNRSMAF President, stepped in as interim editor, later becoming the chairman of the EM Committee, supported by esteemed members: Drs. Ted Tolentino, Philip Chua, and Daniel Fabito.

Publication Details: Ectopic Murmurs (EM) will soon be published on the website. EM invites original article submissions aligning closely with the mission, goals, and activities of FEUDNRSMAF, including content relevant to the FEU-NRMF Institute of Medicine and Medical Center. Articles must be submitted in Word format. We encourage diversity among authors/contributors, prioritizing alumni who haven't previously contributed. Authors are kindly asked to withhold submitting articles that have been published in the past 12 months.

The Editors retain the discretion to accept or reject submissions and may edit for brevity, clarity, and conformity. While the EM team reserves the right to edit, authors remain accountable for content accuracy. Medical articles undergo peer review, requiring validated statements for copy-editing.

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We invite FEUDNRSMAF alumni and field experts to submit contemporary, relevant medical articles adhering to community standards. Articles must be accurately referenced with applicable permissions granted prior to submission. Articles can be emailed to Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez at nidablankashernaezmd@yahoo.com. Please call 8476687385 for inquiries.

Thank you for your contributions to Ectopic Murmurs (EM) and our community.

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