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2401 (tweñ'tē fōr'ō, wun) is a landmark number along Taft Avenue. It is the location ID of De La Salle University-Manila, home to outstanding faculty and students, and birthplace of luminaries in business, public service, education, the arts, and science. And 2401 is now the new name of the official newsletter of DLSU-Manila, featuring developments and stories of interest about the University.

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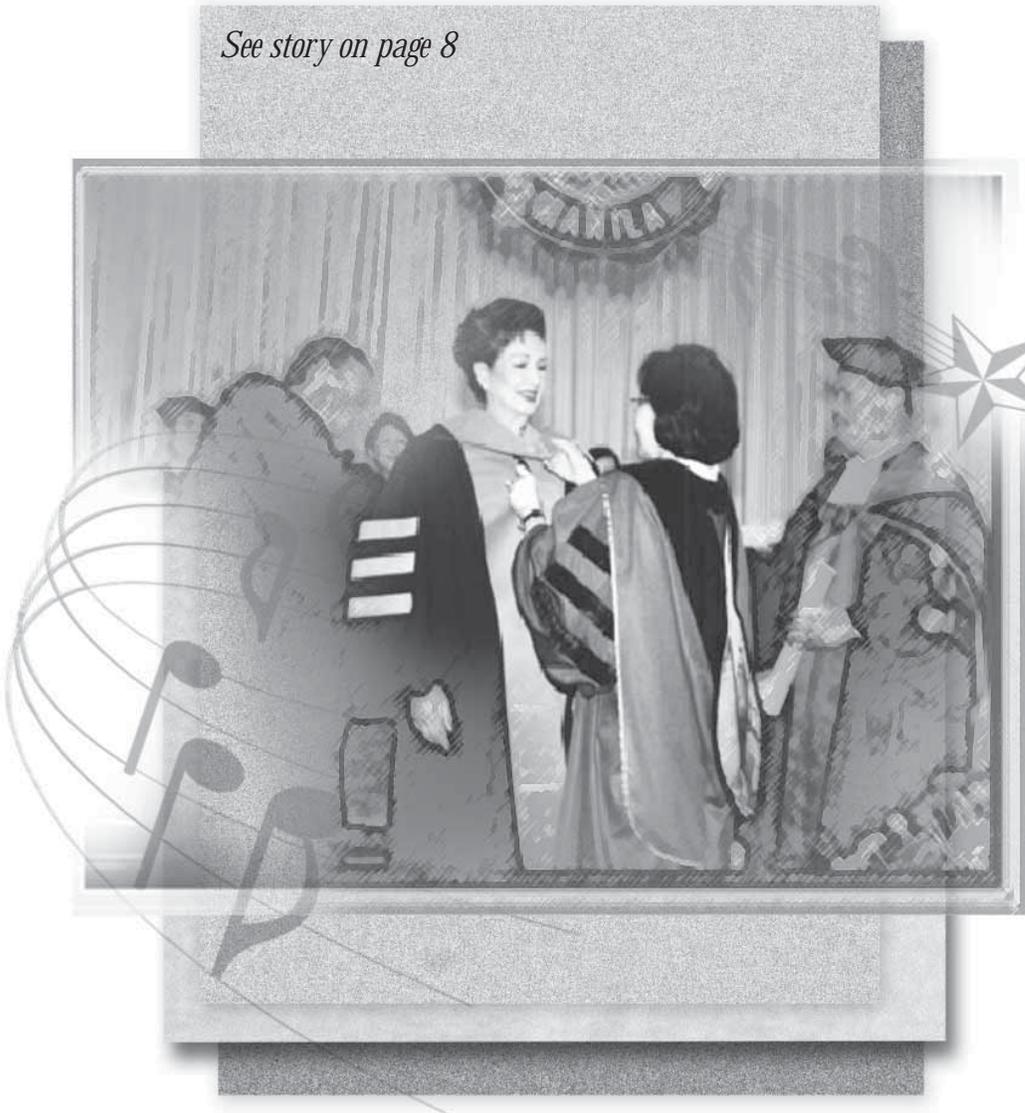
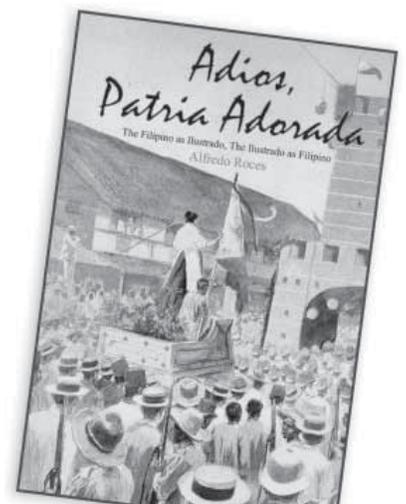
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Mistades named Outstanding teacher

College of Science (COS) Vice Dean and Physics Department Assistant Professor Voltaire Mistades was recently named *Outstanding Physics Teacher* by the Samahang Pisika ng Pilipinas in an award ceremony held at the University of the Philippines.

The nationwide search, organized in cooperation with the Department of Science and Technology-Science Education Institute, UP-NISMED, and DIWA Learning Systems, was part of the celebration of the International Year of Physics.

Mistades was recognized for his excellence, enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication in teaching.

Meanwhile, COS students bested several Metro Manila



colleges and universities in the QUIZZARDY Science Quiz Contest sponsored by the College of Arts & Sciences of UP-Manila last January 27.

This year's team was composed of William Manalastas Jr. (sophomore Chemistry), Edgar John Ilaga (freshman Chemistry), and Kristine Angeli Alcala (freshman Human Biology).

This is the second straight year that DLSU-Manila emerged champion in the quiz contest that covered topics in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Geology, and General Information.

CCS to hold confab on emerging technologies

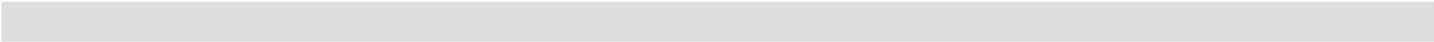
The De La Salle University-Manila College of Computer Studies will hold an information and communication technology (ICT) and game development conference dubbed "Emerging Technologies for Philippines 2020" on March 2-3 at the New World Hotel in Makati City.

Talks lined up for the event will highlight the status of ICT in the country and its role in national development, promote awareness of current research activities in key IT areas, and help further research collaboration between industry, academe, and government in the field of ICT.

Discussions will likewise delve on e-governance, e-learning, and knowledge management. Special attention will also be given to the \$ 5 million industry of game development, which is expected to grow to \$ 9.8 billion by 2009.

DLSU-Manila is encouraging IT professionals, government officials, business leaders, entrepreneurs, technology enthusiasts, academics, students, and game developers, programmers, analysts, and publishers to attend the conference.

To register contact Maricar Ocio at telephone numbers 524-0402 and 536-0276 or email ociom@dlsu.edu.ph.



Search on for Star Scholars Batch 2006



A Star Scholar candidate receives a token and a certificate from EVP Dr. Carmelita Quebengco and VPAR Dr. Julius Maridable.

Sixty candidates of the Star Scholarship Program were given an orientation on February 14 at the Marilen Gaerlan Conservatory. The Marketing Communication Office and the Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office sponsored the event.

The candidates are the top examinees among 7,000 fourth year high school students who hurdled the university entrance examinations in October last year.

The Star Scholar candidates this year came from various institutions including De La Salle Santiago Zobel School, La Salle Green Hills, Philippine Science High School (QC), Philippine Science High School (Western Visayas), Manila Science High School, Quezon City Science High School (Quezon City), and St. Jude Catholic School among other high schools.

Equitable PCI Bank President and CEO Rene Buenaventura, was a speaker during the event and talked about his Lasallian education and how it helped him succeed in his chosen field. Meanwhile, College of Engineering student Ramon Felipe Rubio (Star Scholars Batch 3) shared about his Stars Scholars experience.

DLSU-Manila Executive Vice President Dr. Carmelita Quebengco led the University administrators who welcomed the Star Scholar candidates.

Started in 1999, the Star Scholars Program offers an integrated undergraduate and graduate scholarship to the best and the brightest graduating high school students from all over the country. Those selected for the program have the unique opportunity to earn a masters degree or go into medical proper after finishing an undergraduate degree on full scholarship.

The Star Scholars candidates met university officials and deans of the different colleges, as well as alumni and students who belong to the first six batches of Star Scholars.

They were also given a tour of the University. These candidates were scheduled for interview by SFA and the next and final step of the selection process.



LIFE lived by QUARTERS

By Ingrid S. Santamaria

I stand before and with you today on this happy moment, both with humility and pride for this very special and unique honor and award conferred on me along with all the diverse degrees, honors and diplomas you are also about to receive, all so richly deserved.

With your kind permission and indulgence, I would like to forthwith walk you through the journey that led me to this destination today.

When I graduated from Elementary School at age 12, decades ago, I wrote in a souvenir handbook: ambition – to serve humanity. What a broad, audacious, sweeping statement from a 12-year-old – however, even at that tender age, I knew and felt that whatever my lifetime career would be, it had to somehow touch humanity and human sensibilities.

Four years later at age 16 at my High School graduation, I seriously reflected that if given good health and circumstances to live up to age 64, I had already lived 25% of my earthly life! I then pressured myself and tried to find a gauge to measure time on earth versus meaning I could give to make my one life make a difference. This is the essence of what I wish to share with you today.

From that point on, I decided I should live my life in quarters, more or less, with the first quarter already gone. I determined that any activity, endeavor or project should have a clear beginning and a definite end. Time was, is, and always will be precious, a treasure not to be wasted.

Life lived in quarters could be equated to seasons – spring, summer, autumn, winter — or — being a musician, I also like to relate it to the formal structure of the musical form of the *sonata*, *concerto*, or *symphony*. These structural parts would be the *exposition*, *development*, *recapitulation*, and *coda*.

Roughly, the *exposition* would be spring or early childhood, *development* would be summer or young adulthood — and by the way, this is where I would say you are right now. *Recapitulation* or autumn would mean reaping the benefits of hard work; having one’s own children graduating and starting their own young adulthood, among other gratifying experiences.

At about this phase, while in transition to one’s later years, or winter — and in music, the last part or *coda*, I would wish to inject a spirit of volunteerism, a way of “giving back” if this has not already started earlier. This would help us build a caring society — and remember, it is always an honor and a privilege to be given a chance to serve in whatever capacity one is able to do so reasonably.

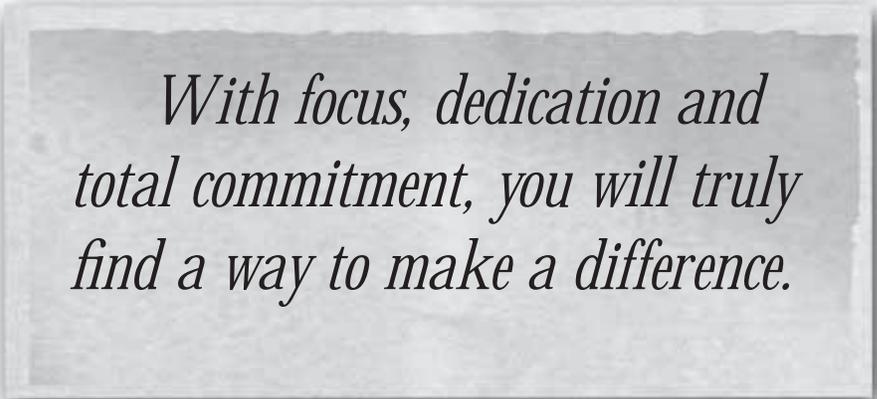
For myself personally, after having graduated, raising a beautiful family, going through a colorful musical career, and casually entering into the winter of my life, I embarked on a 10-year cultural development program exclusively on scholarship basis of the talented, but less privileged youth of Cebu and Southern Philippines. With unstinted support, incalculable help, and constant encouragement from my family, friends, communities, government and non-government institutions both here and abroad, we produced the Cebu Youth Symphony Orchestra (CYSO), which evolved into the Peace Philharmonic Philippines (PPP), now designated the National Orchestra of the South. This meaningful cultural development initiative in Cebu can now serve as the country’s and even South-East Asia’s model of a successful effort and contribution towards nation-building through the creation of an environment of excellence, refinement and commitment.

Now that the orchestra has a life of its own, I have gone back to piano playing, and since January 2001, together with my US-based mentor, Maestro Reynaldo Reyes, I have given 176 outreach gratis et amore 2-piano concerts all over the country, including several De La Salle campuses, and some others abroad. These are educational concerts in which we highlight the importance of listening to and appreciating classic music, not necessarily as music practitioners.

This experience of touching thousands of lives through these concerts and millions more thru television via the Concert at the Park programs, has been most edifying, and it has given us a chance to connect to humanity through our God-given talent and art.

What I have just shared with you now is how I have lived and spent my life, just to give you an idea of how one life can help to make our world better.

You are now at a crossroads of life – behind you, the hallowed portals of DLSU; in front of you, a wide highway stretching into the horizon spread with an endless array of options.



With focus, dedication and total commitment, you will truly find a way to make a difference.

I am confident that your graduation today is the result of a Lasallian education that is unique, distinctive, and meaningful and that it has relentlessly prepared you to choose the wisest options that will actualize your own distinct God-given talents. (And by the way, I am proud to say that my late husband Joe was a La Salle graduate, as are our only son Joey, daughter Cecile, and son-in-law Arsenic. Moreover, I have 6 grandsons at La Salle-Greenhills – Jay, Matthew, Carlos, Daniel, Jaime, and Ignacio!)

St. John Baptist de La Salle – our Founder of the Institute of Brothers of Christian Schools, from which stems our internationally recognized Catholic university, DLSU-Manila – was, as you know, a visionary who realized God’s will was for him to establish schools of high moral and academic standards and which would also embrace the education of less-privileged youth.

On the other hand, DLSU-Manila specifically envisions forming Lasallian Achievers for God and Country “who will lead in building a just, peaceful, stable, and progressive nation.”

Guided by this Vision, in an academic environment permeated by excellence and scholarship, the University has been training leaders, competent professionals, scholars, researchers and entrepreneurs who will participate actively in improving the quality of life in Philippine society as it also envisions widening support for deserving but financially-challenged youth.

I know that by your being among today’s graduates, you are all extraordinarily prepared to take your places in your chosen field of specialty, here and/or abroad. With focus, dedication and total commitment, you will truly find a way to make a difference.

Please allow me to say in behalf of all of us graduates, our families, friends and communities, that one and all, we stand staunchly behind Lasallian values and principles as we commit to carry the Lasallian spirit forever in our hearts.

And in this spirit, may I also take this opportunity to express my profoundest gratitude to DLSU, the institution and its administration, and most especially to Br. Andrew Gonzalez, who unfortunately is not with us today, for their recognizing in my life’s work parallel and mutual aspiration for the ennoblement of our youth and countrymen and for concretizing this recognition by granting me this Doctor of Music (Music Education) honoris causa degree today.

I also wish to express utmost gratitude to each person, all communities and institutions both here and abroad, that have helped me to be what and where I am today. Again, my endless gratitude.

In conclusion then, I wish to stress that it does not matter what your career or chosen field of endeavor is as long as you identify its goals, pursue them with total commitment, give yourselves time parameters to achieve them, share as much as you are able in order to touch human lives, hearts and minds, and lastly, relish every day the joy of a life lived by quarters.

So dear graduates, I know St. John Baptist de La Salle is smiling on us today. Your Lasallian education is your passport to a life well lived and shared, and your passion will make your life worth living.

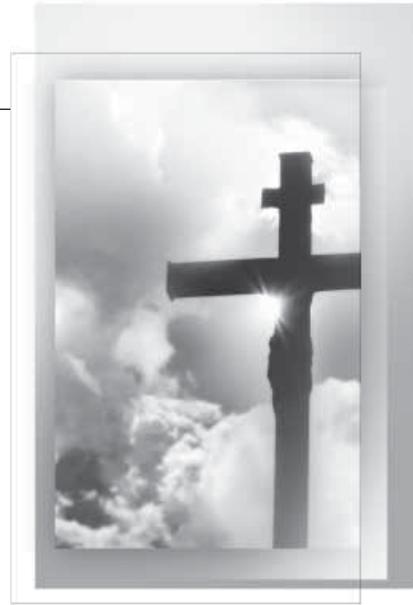
Go forth and conquer the world!

Again, congratulations and good day!

Lenten Season announcements

In order for us to commemorate more fully the Paschal Mystery of Christ, we are called to prayer, sacrifices, and acts of charity.

The Lasallian Pastoral Office is offering the following activities so that we will truly be prepared to meet the risen Lord in His resurrection.



Ash Wednesday

March 1

Schedule of Masses:

8:10 a.m. (MBS Chapel)

10:30 a.m. (MBS Chapel)

12:10 p.m. (MBS Chapel)

1 p.m. (Amphitheater)

3:40 p.m. (MBS Chapel)

5:30 p.m. (MBS Chapel)

5:30 p.m. (PGP Chapel)

Faculty Lenten Retreat

March 3-5

1 a.m. (March 3) to 5:30 p.m. (March 5)

St. Scholastica's Center for Spirituality

Facilitator: Eva Galvey

Faculty Lenten Retreat

March 24-26

1 p.m. (March 24) to 5:30 p.m. (March 26)

Oasis of Prayer, Silang, Cavite

Facilitator: Fr. Mark Lesage CICM

Recollection (Batch 1)

March 8

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Minor Seminary, EDSA, Makati City

Facilitator: Br. Kenneth Martinez FSC

Recollection (Batch 2)

March 16

7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Minor Seminary, EDSA, Makati City

Facilitator: Sr. Bubbles Bandojo RC

Community Stations of the Cross

April 7-Friday (9 a.m.)

University Grounds

*Weekly Stations of the Cross

Every Friday (5 p.m.– PGP Chapel)

Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

April 6-Thursaday (PGP Chapel)

(8-11 a.m.) (1-5 p.m.)

*Penitential Service

(communal celebration)

8 a.m.

Observance of Abstinence

Every Friday

On all Fridays of Lent, we are asked to abstain from eating meat.

However, if we choose to eat meat, we can instead offer another form of sacrifice.

Observance of Fasting

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday

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Renowned pianist receives honorary doctorate degree

The Board of Trustees and the academic community of De La Salle University-Manila conferred on Ingrid Sala Santamaria, renowned concert pianist and music educator, the degree of Doctor of Music (Music Education) *honoris causa*, in recognition of her contribution to the cause of music education in the Philippines.

The conferment was held during the University's 145th Commencement Exercises on January 28 at the Philippine International Convention Center in Manila.

Santamaria has been a performing concert pianist in the Philippines and abroad since 1962. She became the first soloist of the nationally televised Concert at the Park series. She was part of the Philippine premiere of China's "Yellow River Concerto for Piano and Orchestra" and was the first non-Japanese Asian musician to perform solo with the Kanzaai Orchestra at the Fourth Hiroshima International Music Festival in Japan. She also performed with the 102-member Beijing Symphony Orchestra at the Beijing Concert Hall in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between the Philippines and the People's Republic of China.

Her list of awards in the field of music includes the Ten Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS) citation and French honors Chevalier Ordre des Plumes Academiques and the Chevalier dans L'Ordre National du Merite.

In 1989, she and her siblings founded the Salvador and Pilar Sala Foundation, Inc. Based in Cebu, it initiated a 10-year music development program that aims to institutionalize a non-formal educa-

tion program in music for Cebu and its surrounding provinces. The Foundation's school, the Pilar B. Sala Institute of Music and the Arts, serves as the headquarters for the training of the Peace Philharmonic Philippines, known as the National Orchestra of the South.

In 2001, in an effort to teach classical music to the masses and student communities, she and pianist Reynaldo Reyes launched an educational community outreach tour program titled "Romantic Piano Concerto." They performed in a total of 175 free concerts in 11 Philippine and international tours.

In related news, out of the 790 graduates for the Second Term of SY 2005-2006, three were selected by the Honors and Awards Committee to receive the Graduation Special Awards.

Each showed excellent performances in academics and extra-curricular activities.

They were Chloe Go (PSM-MMG '06), Lourdes Marie Casas (AE-BSA '06), and Tiffany Go (AE-BSA '06). Chloe Go received the Student Leadership Award while Casas and Tiffany Go were given the Community Development Leadership Award.

The Student Leadership Award is given to students who have ably balanced their academic studies with student activities. Meanwhile, the Community Development Leadership Awards recognizes outstanding civi-minded students who have contributed to the upliftment of their fellow Filipino through their tireless and selfless service.



Ingrid Santamaria (center) and Dr. Carmelita Quebengco (right)

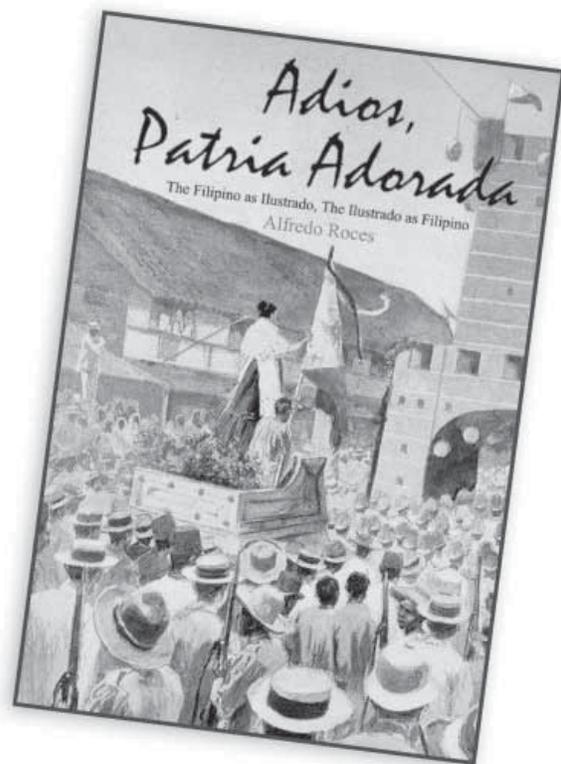
DLSU Press launches book on the Filipino Ilustrados

The De La Salle University Press, Inc. launched *Adios Patria Adorada: The Filipino as Ilustrado, The Ilustrado as Filipino* by Alfredo Roces on February 3 at Yuchengco 508.

The book situates the early key ilustrados in the context of the 19th-century events, ideas, and human conflicts that created the historical colonial experience, and provided the way of life of the national persona now called Filipino. Alfredo Roces, noted writer and scholar on Filipino art and culture, deliberately avoided the class-struggle approach and interpretation that characterized much of the postwar writing on 19th-century Philippine history, and produced an impassioned yet unbiased account of the ilustrados' thoughts and sense of nationhood.

Artist-writer Alfredo Roces has written more than a dozen books on Philippine art, history, and culture which include the *Amorsolo*, *Hidalgo and the Generation of 1872*, and *Looking for Liling*. Three of his books have received the prestigious Manila Critics Circle's National Book Award.

A daily columnist for the Manila Times for over 10 years (and recipient of the Citizens Council for Mass Media Outstanding Columnist Award in 1970), Roces opened new ground as editor-in-chief of *Filipino Heritage: The Making of a Nation* (1977-1978), a 10-volume study on Philippine culture and history. Having moved his family to Australia in 1977, he served as editor of a new quarterly, *Geo: Australia's Geographical Magazine*, from 1978 to 1990. Recently off the press is his *Anita Magsaysay-Ho: In Praise of Women* (2005).



Archer Achievers return to La Salle



In celebration of Mission Statement-University Week 2006, the Marketing Communication Office (MCO) in coordination with the Student Council held the Archer Achiever forum on January 27 at the Yuchengco Seminar Room.

With theme, Lasallian Achievers for God and Country, the forum featured two university alumni whose leadership and excellence embody true Lasallian values to inspire young Lasallians to become Christian achievers.

Edgardo Bautista (ME '55, cum laude) and Warren Delos Reyes II (AEC '88, MBA '01) discussed how their Lasallian education has contributed to their successes in their respective fields, and how they continue to respond to the challenge of being a resource for the country.

Bautista is the current chairman and president of Mirant Philippines Foundation, a private organization whose objectives include community development, people empowerment, and poverty alleviation through projects in education, livelihood, environment, and electrification.

Delos Reyes is the country manager of MediaBanc, an integrated media monitoring service provider operating in Southeast Asia. His company complements and supports the marketing and publicity monitoring needs of various companies.

From left: Warren Delos Reyes, Dr. Carmelita Quebengco, Student Council President Army Padilla, and Edgar Bautista.