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MARCH 2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE MMCAA CHAIR



It is my distinct honor and pleasure to render this message on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the MMCAA.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the MMCAA. It was in 1978 when 15 women had the vision and took on the challenge of setting up this organization and in 1979, to register it with the Securities and Exchange Commission. To celebrate this momentous occasion, the MMCAA has organized activities throughout the year:

Galing MC Job Fair held last January in the school grounds and which saw a gathering of 39 reputable companies, Tales of the Manuvu, a Ballet Philippines production held on March 24 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the 2019 annual Homecoming set on September 7.

These activities are inspired by this year's jubilee theme of IaMC. More importantly, they are in keeping with the MMCAA's mission to constantly stoke the MC fire in all of us. For whether Maryknoller or Knoller, we are all grateful to be products of this venerable and beloved institution and wear the MC badge proudly on our hearts.

Lastly, I wish to express the MMCAA's thanks to the Alumni Engagement Office for the hand it has extended to the organization and its support of the organization's projects. We look forward to many years of fruitful collaboration.

The AEO Invites you to the First Alumni Recollection on Miriam Spirituality on April 14, 2019

The Alumni Engagement Office, together with the Miriam Identity, Spirituality and Mission Office (MISMO) invites all MC alumni, family and friends to attend **"Reflections on Miriam Spirituality: An Alumni Lenten Recollection"** on April 14, 2019 Palm Sunday. This recollection will be an appreciation of Miriam Spirituality rooted in Scripture, the Teachings of the Church, and the Life of the Maryknoll Sisters. The session will be facilitated by MISMO, with a special reflection given by Maryknoll Sister Nenita Tapia, M.M. The Palm Sunday Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Peter Pojol, S.J. We encourage participants to bring palms to be blessed during the Mass.

The Recollection and Mass on April 14 will be from 8:00am to 12:30pm in the Little Theater, Paz Adriano Hall, Miriam College, QC. A fee of P200/head will be collected at the venue.

For inquiries and reservations, contact miriamcollegealumni@gmail.com or 09177092714 by April 5, 2019.

The MC Alumni Engagement Office (MC-AEO)
and the
Miriam Identity, Spirituality and Mission Office (MISMO)

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Reflections on Miriam Spirituality: An Alumni Lenten Recollection

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With a Reflection from
Maryknoll Sister Sr. Nenita Tapia, M.M.
Palm Sunday Mass celebrated by Fr. Peter Pojol, S.J.
(Please bring your own palms)

APRIL 14, 2019
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Miriam College, Quezon City
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Families and Friends are welcome!

Margie Moran celebrates the Arts as Alumna in the Spotlight

Watch Margie Moran-Floirendo, Chair of the Cultural Center of the Philippines and President of Ballet Philippines, share her thoughts on education, the arts, and her memories of her student days in Maryknoll. In her videos and interview now posted in Alumna in the Spotlight on the Alumni webpage (<https://www.mc.edu.ph/alumni/mcpride>), Margie strongly advocates for the inclusion of arts in the school curriculum, believing strongly that the arts help develop broader perspectives that contribute to making better leaders. Margie also talks about the upcoming Tales of the Manuvu, a remake by Ballet Philippines of the iconic rock ballet. Margie has been instrumental in professionalizing classic ballet through better compensation and benefits of dancers joining Ballet Philippines. In her role as Chair of the CCP, she will oversee the expansion of the CCP complex and bringing the performing arts to educational institutions.



Liza dela Fuente Castaneda Still Dancing at 50



Liza de la Fuente will also join Margie on Alumna in the Spotlight this March. For over 25 years, Liza continues to distinguish herself in the field of Dance. She has long been in the forefront of dance as performer, director, choreographer, and teacher. With critically acclaimed performances under her belt, Liza continues to take on highly commendable matriarchal character roles in various Ballet Philippine productions that include Swan Lake, The Nutcracker, Snow White, and Romeo and Juliet. In her interview, Liza speaks of not fearing “the hard climb” to fulfill your dreams. We are proud of her in her pursuit of her dreams, as she continues to perform onstage even in her 50s.

PH ambassador to the Holy See Grace Relucio Princesa assumes post

Philippine Ambassador to the Holy See Grace Relucio Princesa formally assumed her diplomatic mission in September 2018. In a CBCP News post, the 62-year-old ambassador said she is ready to take steps to further improve the country’s ties with the Vatican.

Princesa finished her masters in Migration Studies in Miriam College in 2016.

Read more about her here (Link: <http://www.mc.edu.ph/news/ArticleID/1272>) in an article by Leslie Ann Aquino of Manila Bulletin



Philippine Ambassador to the Holy See Grace Relucio Princesa (DFA via Facebook / MANILA BULLETIN)

Alumna Bernadette Lague-Kirk (Col 67) recognized for excellence in nuclear science and engineering



In this age of advanced science and technology, we are proud to have an alumna recognized internationally for excellence in the field of nuclear science and engineering. Bernadette Lague-Kirk (Col 67, Math) received the American Nuclear Society (ANS) Gail de Planque Award, an international award that recognizes exemplary accomplishments by a woman in the fields of nuclear science and engineering. Dr. Kirk was recognized for a range of achievements: her dedicated service and multitude of generous contributions to nuclear science and engineering; her leadership of the Radiation Safety Information Computational Center (RSICC) serving nuclear practitioners worldwide; her outreach activities in nuclear engineering education; and for her consistent and unwavering support of the goals of the American Nuclear Society, domestically and internationally.

Dr. Kirk was also the recipient of the American Nuclear Society (ANS) Rockwell Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding leadership in the promotion of computational tools and benchmarks in radiation protection and shielding. The Rockwell Lifetime Achievement Award is based on long-term or lifetime achievement in research, technology development, or education in the fields of radiation protection, shielding or dosimetry.

Photo shows Kirk receiving the award from 2017 ANS President Dr. Andrew Klein at the 2017 Winter Meeting.

Miriam College is ISO 9001:2015 certified for the Higher Education Unit and Support Services



Miriam College is delighted to announce that the Higher Education Unit and its Support Services (General Administration) are now ISO 9001:2015 certified by German audit firm TÜV Rheinland.

The audit conducted last February 12-13, 2019 resulted in 10 Positive Observations, 20 Opportunities for Improvement, and zero non-conformities, which the school is especially proud of. The certificate was officially awarded by Mr. Tristan Loveres, Managing Director of TÜV Rheinland Philippines, last March 13, 2019.

According to the International Organization for Standardization, the standards of ISO 9001:2015 are based on “a number of quality management principles including a strong customer focus, the

motivation and implication of top management, the process approach and continual improvement... Using ISO 9001:2015 helps ensure that customers get consistent, good quality products and services”. This particular certification also gives emphasis to efficiency, adherence to statutory requirements, and the school’s focus on risk management.

This certification is a testament to Miriam College’s constant commitment to its Quality Management System. This effort was spearheaded the by Quality Assurance Office led by Dr. Francis Evangelista. The certification is valid from February 26, 2019 to February 25, 2022.

MC announces winners of the 2nd President’s Challenge

Year 2018 ended on an innovation high with the culmination of the 2nd President’s Challenge held at the MC-Henry Sy, Sr. Innovation last December 2018. This year’s theme was “Our Learners and Teachers, their BIG ideas.” A total of thirty groups from all academic units joined the competition, including a faculty group, which was the first.

Big, bold, and fresh ideas were heard from the participants, covering the areas of Science and Math, Arts and Design, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Entrepreneurship. The panel of judges were composed of Dr. Rosario O. Lapus, Miriam College president, Ms. Kai Pioquinto and Ms. Marecel “Happy” Dimaapi from Emerson-Asia Pacific, Mr. Ryan Noleal, Teaching, Curriculum Studies, and Learning Sciences and Technology specialist.



This year’s winners are Tinker Kits for Kids (CSC), Wellness Works Wonders (LS), The Colour Project (MS), Drogo: Disaster Rescue on Government Operations (HS), Bakawan (MC Nuvali), My Lost Finder: It’s Better to Be Together and Guardian Angel (MC-SAID), Flood Warning Device (MAE), Punla: A Love that Grows (College of Arts and Sciences), Teacher’s P.I.E: Persuade, Inspire, and Empower (College of Education), and Cool-Tura, Inc. (Faculty). All winners received seed funding of P15,000. Their prototypes were exhibited at the MC-HSSIC last February.

The President’s Challenge is in line with the school’s thrust in innovation and celebrates the ability of students to generate big, bold ideas that lead to innovation and social impact. The competition was initiated by Dr. Rosario O. Lapus and implemented through the MC-HSSIC.

MC Alums Shine at the 2019 President’s Awards for Research (PAR) and Teaching Excellence (PATE)

The Alumni Engagement Office congratulates MC alumni who were recognized in this year’s prestigious President’s Awards for Research (PAR) and President’s Awards for Teaching Excellence (PATE).

MC alumnae Rechilda E. Ulili (GP 2016) was named Outstanding Lecturer (HEU) for PATE and Olivia P. Carandang Ph.D. (GS 1994, HS 1998) was awarded the PAR for her research, “The Life Stories of Filipino Volunteer Awardees: An Examination of their Volunteer Role Identity and Meanings Made in Volunteerism.”



The President's Award for Teaching Excellence (PATE) are given to exemplary faculty on the basis of teaching effectiveness, research, publications and creative work, professional involvement and community involvement. The President's Award for Research (PAR) recognizes and awards outstanding research work of MC faculty, administrators, professionals and academic non-teaching personnel, and will be released in a special issue of the MC LEAPS Faculty Research Journal.

Other alumni finalists include Anne Marie C. Felias (COL 2010), Charisse V. Garcia (GS 1998, HS 2002, COL 2006), and Nicca Narcisas C. Ruiz (GS 2000, HS 2004) for Outstanding Junior Faculty (BEU), Lynda C. Garcia (COL 1986) for Outstanding Senior Faculty (HEU) and Clarissa Carmelita M. Ligon, Ph.D. (COL 2001 and GP 2018) for her research "Bata... Bata... May Pag-asa Pa!" Children in Conflict with the Law: Perceptions of Family and Pathways to Resilience.

#MCGive: MC Continues its Mission of Servant Leadership



Josefina Jayme Card, College 1966, establishes one million peso Endowment Fund for Service Learning

Josefina Jayme Card, summa cum laude Mathematics graduate of College Class 1966, has given the Service Learning Program of Miriam a major boost through the establishment of a one million peso Endowment Fund for Service Learning. Dr. Card's gift – a tribute to her parents' belief in community service – will support training of MC faculty across different Colleges of the Higher Education Unit in community outreach approaches.

Read more about it here <http://www.mc.edu.ph/alumni/news/ArticleID/1323/Josefina-Jayme-Card>

Alumnae Authors add precious books to the Maryknoll/Miriam College Family of Authors

Maryknoll College alumnae Marla Yotoko-Chorengel (HS '59, COL '63), Rita Ledesma (GS '49, HS '53, COL '55) and Lolita Delgado-Fansler (GS '59, HS '63, COL '67) donated priceless books to the the Maryknoll/Miriam College Family of Authors (MMCFA).

Rita Ledesma gifted the school with "Beyond the Stories", a precious collection of essays written specially for grandchildren. Lolita Delgado-Fansler gave the school a copy of "Bamboo Whispers, Poetry of the Mangyan" which she co-edited. Marla Yotoko-Chorengel gave a copy of The Araneta Center, which tells the 50 year old story of this iconic development. They also gave the MMCFA a copy of Betsy Westendorp's two-volume coffee table book featuring her beautiful timeless paintings. They also gave the school another copy of the book Wili Fernandez, Designer.



Read more about it here: <http://www.mc.edu.ph/alumni/news/ArticleID/1336/mmcfa>

Renowned Filipina painter, Pamela Gotangco, donates painting



Internationally renowned painter, Filipina visual artist and motivational speaker, Pamela Gotangco (AB Comm 1993), presented a painting from her KATUTUBO series to Miriam College, from where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication. Her recent work has focused on women from indigenous tribes of the Philippines.

Pamela presented a piece from her Katutubo series, called "B'laan Woman" to her alma mater, Miriam College for inclusion in the Gallery of Women's Art. Her recent works highlight women from indigenous tribes of the Philippines.

Read more about Pam her and gift here:

<http://www.mc.edu.ph/alumni/news/ArticleID/1324/pamela-gotangco>

Renowned Chef and Author Nina Daza-Puyat gifts Miriam College with novena prayer



Maryknoll College alumna Nina Daza-Puyat (GS '76, HS '80) gifted the Maryknoll/Miriam College Family of Authors (MMCFA) a copy of her imprimatured novena prayer, "Mahal na Ina ng Kusina".

During the event, Nina spoke of her continued dedication to Our Lady of Maryknoll and that her inspiration for the prayer came from the realization that Mary was also earthly Mother as she took care of Jesus. Dr. Lapus also gave a few words commending Nina on what she has achieved in the culinary world, all while living out the values of her Miriam education. She emphasized how Nina's work is truly a way of "making God's love visible."

Nina's loving friends attended the giving event.

Read more about her gift here:

[http://www.mc.edu.ph/alumni/news/ArticleID/1338/Renowned-Chef-and-](http://www.mc.edu.ph/alumni/news/ArticleID/1338/Renowned-Chef-and-Author-Nina-Daza-Puyat-gifts-Miriam-College-with-novena-prayer)

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HS 69 alum gifts MC with P1M to renovate facilities

Restrooms are very important facilities and always need to be kept both serviceable and presentable. That is why we greatly appreciate the gift of Php 1 million from Veronica Galan Peralejo, a donation in the name of HS 69, for the purpose of renovating the ladies rest room at the MMJ Hall which services the general public. Photo shows Veron (front row, center) and her granddaughter, Ayla Elise Aguirre, whose book on *The Moon is Made of Math* was donated to the Maryknoll/Miriam Collection of Family Authors.



MC Alumni Engagement Office holds the First Forum for Class Reps

The newly established Miriam College Alumni Engagement Office (MC-AEO) held the First Forum of the MC Council of Class Representatives, or “CORE”, at the ESI Conference Room last February 9, 2019. This is the first meeting of the various college and high school class representatives as part of the school’s efforts in strengthening the institution’s connection and partnerships with its alumni community.

The CORE Forum aimed to get them updated about Miriam College and energized about their valuable role of being the school’s gateway to their classes. The Forum was also designed to be a “listening session” so that the school is made aware of key issues and sentiments felt by the alumni, who remain key stakeholders of the institution. A total of forty-six class representatives attended the forum.



We are calling on more classes to designate their representatives so they can be on the CORE. This way, you GET THE NEWS and SPREAD THE NEWS.

Read more about the forum here: <http://www.mc.edu.ph/alumni/news/ArticleID/1335/MC-Alumni-Engagement-Office-holds-the-First-Forum-for-Class-Reps>

The Alumni Engagement Offices launches its Webpage



The MC-AEO is proud to launch its webpage lodged in the Miriam College website.

Highlights of the page include Alumna in the Spotlight which features outstanding MC alumni every month, a link to update your contact details with Miriam, news on alumni giving, upcoming events, class pages, and a general directory of school services commonly requested by alumni.

Be sure to drop by regularly and see the various features and updates about our alumni!

CALLING ALL CLASS REPS! Send us news about your class by sending us photos and write ups. We will open a class page for you.

CALLING ALL ALUMNI - THE MMCAA NEEDS YOU ON ITS BOARD!

The Maryknoll / Miriam College Alumni Association (MMCAA) is inviting alumni who wish to represent and serve the alumni body to run for a seat in the 2020-2021 Board of Trustees. Five (5) vacancies will be available for the two-year term and the winning candidates will be determined with an election during Homecoming Day, September 7, 2019.

As BOT member, an elected alumna must support the MMCAA in its goal to maintain and enhance the commitment and spirit of unity amongst alumni as well as support the school in its objectives. The MMCAA also aims to create opportunities for volunteerism and fellowship among the alumni and to enable them to maintain ties with the MC Community.

Candidates must be MMCAA members in good standing, and graduates of any unit of Maryknoll College/ Miriam College, including Miriam Nuvali and other branches of Miriam College; Maryknoll Adult Education and Malabon Normal School/Maryknoll Normal College.

Those who obtained masters, doctoral and other graduate degrees or successfully completed two years of formal education offered by any department of Maryknoll College/ Miriam College are also eligible to join. Nominees must be of legal age and willing and able to serve the MMCAA with the fullest commitment in order to attain the objectives of the Association.

Interested alumni are asked to submit a signed Letter of Intent to serve the Board, two (2) copies of his/her updated resume and two (2) recent full-color pictures to the MMCAA Office, Rm. 112 Ground Floor, Caritas Hall, Miriam College, Katipunan Avenue, Loyola Heights, Quezon City, Metro Manila 1108, or via email to alumni@mc.edu.ph. All requirements should be submitted not later than 11:59 p.m. of Saturday, July 12, 2019.

Photo shows the current Board during the groundbreaking of their project at the Laiban community.



#IaMComingHome: It's Homecoming Time

Compassionate. Charitable. Complete. Capable. These are just some of the attributes that others "C" (see) in a Knoller.

In recognition of these myriad of Core Values that unite Maryknoll and Miriam alumnae into ONE character imprint, this year's Homecoming Queens, MCHS Batch 1994, have chosen "IaMC" to be the banner theme for this year's Grand Alumni Homecoming. Succinct and all-encompassing, "IaMC" is a dynamic tribute to all of us who were lovingly honed by our Alma Mater to be the best version of ourselves. And on the night of the homecoming itself, "IaMC" will transition to "IaMComing Home."

Preparations for this yearly event led by the Maryknoll / Miriam College Alumni Association (MMCAA) are in full swing. Two coordination meetings have been held so far, with class representatives from eight Jubilee classes present. The meetings have been productive and dynamic, as the celebrant-batches got to know each other and two attributes appeared to be similarly characteristic of their classes: CHILL and COMPETITIVE!



Providing assistance and guidance at each meeting are representatives of the Alumni Engagement Office Rorit Mendoza and Mian Alampay-Arcega, MMCAA Board of Trustees Vice-Chair Elaine Urbano and President Carla Yaptinchay and PRO Winnie Pantangco, who were last year's Homecoming Queens. Rebie Ramoso, EXECOM Chair of HS '94, presented the concept of a PEP RALLY to the Jubilarians - which was well-received, boding well for the rest of the preparations leading to D-Day.

On September 7, all roads CONVERGE to the Marian Auditorium because #IaMComingHome to where we all started. Come home with us. Come home to MC.

#IaMC #IaMC94 #IaMComingHome

Nominations Now Open for the 2019 Amazing Alumni Achiever Awards



Who better to inspire MC students than their elder Maryknoll and Miriam schoolmates?

The Amazing Alumni Achiever Awards or Triple A Awards, as it is more commonly referred to now, was established by the Maryknoll/Miriam College Alumni Association (MMCAA) in 2000. It aims to recognize the achievements of select MC graduates; celebrate them as part of the school alumni's collective legacy; and inspire students and graduates now and in the future with real-life models of service and success.

Like the school's "Trailblazers in Habit"—the Maryknoll nuns from New York, Triple A awardees have blazed trails so that others around them may benefit. Among the 280 distinguished awardees so far are former Commission on Higher Education Chair Patricia B. Licuanan, and current Miriam College President Rosario Oreta-Lapus, fashion designers Beatriz "Patis" Pamintuan-Tesoro and Josefina Cruz-Natori, peacemaker and women empowerment advocate Teresita Quintos-Deles, journalist Rina Jimenez-David, broadcast journalist Ces Drilon, Ambassador Laura Quiambao-Del Rosario, green architect Liza Morales-Crespo, beauty queen and CCP board chair Margarita Moran-Floirendo.

The Triple Awards is open to graduates of all the school's units (including Miriam Nuvali and other campuses of Miriam College):

1. Grade School, High School and College of Maryknoll / Miriam College
2. Maryknoll Adult Education (MAE);
3. Miriam College-Southeast Asian Institute for the Deaf (MC-SAID);
4. Malabon Normal School/ Maryknoll Normal College.

Those who obtained masters, doctoral and other graduate degrees from Maryknoll College/ Miriam College are also eligible to join.

Nominations may be submitted by any member of the alumni body, faculty or staff member of Miriam College. They must include an official nomination letter, a completed nomination form, complete biographical and other pertinent information, at least three (3) endorsement letters from the community, organization or constituency of the nominee, citing his or her achievements and the positive results or impact it made; and a clear and recent colored photo of the nominee (minimum size 4R; at least 300 dpi if sent via email). The nomination may include such other letters of recommendation and/ or supporting material as is felt necessary by the nominating party. All nominations must be electronically submitted to alumni@mc.edu.ph and are valid for the next two successive years. Nominators of eligible entries submitted last year may also send updates for their nominees.

Deadline for nominations is on 15 May 2019. For more information and a copy of the official nomination form, please contact the MMCAA office at 930-6272 loc. 1187.