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#### TAPESTRY OF STORIES https://www.facebook.com/share/p/TJBmtzf9ISEBCas4/

Miriam College President Laura Q. del Rosario welcomed the MC Community for School Year 2024-2025 at the annual "Salubong sa Flagpole" event. This day is when the community comes together and celebrate the beginning of a new school year.

The MC100 Tapestry of Stories was also launched on that day. The members of the MC community are encouraged to share their stories of hope, faith, love, and meaning.

You may submit your entries here: <a href="https://rb.gy/7ehptp">https://rb.gy/7ehptp</a>





#### **RADIO MC & MCTV FEATURE THE AEO**



Get to know what the AEO or Alumni Engagement
Office is all about, what if offers, and what awaits the alumni.

The Department of Communication sub-organizations, Radio MC and MCTV showcase Miriam College's Alumni Engagement Office as they interview Ma. Margarita Acosta, PhD, the director of AEO. Watch the interview here: <a href="https://fb.watch/v8rlQZDmWi/">https://fb.watch/v8rlQZDmWi/</a>



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#### MIRIAM COLLEGE LAUNCHES LED BILLBOARD

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Last August 5, administrators and the school President Amb. Laura Quiambao-Del Rosario officially inaugurated the new LED billboard of Miriam College Loyola Heights campus.



Funded by donations from Maryknoll-Miriam College alumni such as Ms. Teresita B. Tan, MCHS 1973, MCHS 1997, and the Basic Education Unit's Grade School and High School, the LED billboard will showcase the achievements and awards of members of the Miriam College community, the school's advocacy centers, upcoming events, student life, and many more!



Institutional Marketing and Communications Manager, Ms. Lynda Catindig-Garcia shared in her speech that, "Our Miriam College LED billboard, does not only shine more light in this corner of the world, but it showcases the fun learning experience and the shining excellence and gravitas of our Knollers."



The LED billboard will operate from 5 AM to 10 PM daily.











# LINGKOD ALUMNI: MISSIONER.TRAILBLAZER.VOLUNTEER

Article by Ms. Isabela Marie Uytengsu

After five years, Miriam College's Lingkod Alumni program has finally found a volunteer - Jilliane Andrea "Andi" C. Insigne. Andi, who graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, is set to undertake a 10-month mission at the Maryknoll Academy of Cateel in Davao Oriental.



The Lingkod Alumni Volunteer Program, formerly known as the

Miriam Volunteer Mission, was established in 2004 to provide graduates the opportunity to serve in various partner organizations and institutions across the Philippines. Since its inception, 55 Miriam College alumni have participated in the program. The assignment of Andi marks the program's continued dedication to mission and service.

Andi is assigned to serve as a Senior High School Subject Teacher, Grade 11 ABM Adviser, and School Paper Adviser at the Maryknoll Academy of Cateel. In preparation for her role, she underwent comprehensive training to equip her with the necessary skills and knowledge. On July 5, 2024, she participated in a workshop conducted by Dr. Clarissa Ligon, which covered areas such as values integration in lesson planning, innovative teaching methods, assessment tools, and classroom management. Further, on July 8, 2024, she was oriented on her specific teaching subjects by Ms. Jenny Flor Baclor and Ms. Cheska Diaz.



To prepare her spiritually for her role, Andi attended a session on July 11, 2024, with Ms. Guadalupe Isidro, focusing on the spirituality of volunteerism and the importance of wholehearted service. A send-off mass was subsequently held on July 17, 2024, at the Miriam College Chapel, attended by her family, friends, and the broader school community.

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The mass was presided over by Fr. Errol Nebrao, SJ, who offered blessings for Andi's journey.

Andi departed for Cateel on July 19, 2024. Reflecting on her mission,

she expressed her commitment to share the ideal traits of a Knoller and to embrace this opportunity to contribute meaningfully to her community.

The reinforcement of the Lingkod Alumni Volunteer Program underlines Miriam College's enduring commitment to fostering a spirit of service and social responsibility among its graduates.



#### WHO CAN JOIN?

#### those who:

- have a Miriam College diploma from GS, HS, HEU, or Graduate School;
- · have skills required of a specific mission area;
- have the spirit of service and volunteerism;
- are willing to be assigned anywhere in the Philippines for 6 months to 1 year; and
- · are prepared for a simple lifestyle

#### **VOLUNTEER PACKAGE:**

TRAINING, ALLOWANCE, ACCIDENT INSURANCE, TRANSPORTATION, AND BOARD & LODGING

#### POSSIBLE WORK IN MISSION AREA:

- SUBJECT TEACHER IN SHS DEPARTMENT
- · CLUB MODERATOR

#### SIGN-UP HERE:

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# Give



BA Communication Class of 2024, represented by Bianca Lopez, gives back to Miriam College



MCHS '78 donates to the Associate in Digital Design Technologies program



MCHS '78 donates new Sound System to the MC HEU Chapel and vessels and vestments for mass



Ms. Mitzi Bustos, MCHS 1994, donates Mannequins for the Bachelor of Design program



Ms. Brenda Rodriguez donates painting and book with her painting on the cover to MC



Ms. Charisse Laus-Pau Donates Maryknoll Magazines from the '80s to MC HEU LMC. Here represented by Ms. Inna Surla-Angeles and Ms. Kat Letargo

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MCHS 1964, represented by
Ms. Imelda Perez Lopez and
Ms. Carmelita de Leon-Henson,
donates for the Maryknoll Marker at
the Asian Social Institute



MCHS 1974, represented by Ms. Rosario Encarnacion-Tan and Ms. Maria Aurora Gepuela donates to MC Centennial Fund



MCHS 1997, represented by Ms. Roxanne Calinawan-Bustos, donates the proceeds from 26 pieces Diwata Tray to the MC Centennial Fund



Maryknoll College Class of 1974 donates to the MC Centennial Fund

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Golden Jubilarians Maryknoll College High School Class of 1974





Golden Jubilarians Maryknoll College Class of 1974

Maryknoll College Class of 1971 Reunion: "Nostalgic Visit"



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# All Spollight

# 2024 AMAZING ALUMNI ACHIEVERS





MITZI MARIE AGUILAR-REYES

MCHS 1979

ART EDUCATOR. ADMINISTRATOR. VISUAL ARTIST





RACHEL C. FERNANDEZ-HARRISON MCHS 1979

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LILIA ROSA REJANTE MANAHAN

COLL 1972 - AB Communication Arts

ARTIST, RESTORER AND CONSERVATOR, SURFACE DECORATOR, WRITER

# MARYKNOLL/MIRIAM COLLEGE 100 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. AMAZING ALUMNI ACHIEVER



RODRIGO ANGELO CUNANAN ONG, M.D. Masteral 2023 - Master in Business Administration PHYSICIAN, HUMANITARIAN, SCIENCE DIPLOMAT





MA. LOURDES R. ORTIZ-LUIS
MCGS 1962, MCHS 1966, College 1970 - AB English
START-UP TRAILBLAZER, COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FOR EDUCATION





EVA CUSTODIO PIMENTEL MCGS 1975, MCHS 1979 SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR/ADVOGATE, ARTIST

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ANITA VICTORIA MENEZ RAMOS College 1973 - B.A. Communication Arts Public Servant, Philanthropist, Mother





ELIZABETH TAN SY
College 1974 - B.A. Business Administration
Businesswoman, Philanthropist





LENI HIPOLITO VELASCO

MCHS 1994
HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST, TRANSFORMATIVE MENTOR, STORYTELLER FOR SOCIAL CHANGI

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AMAZING ALUMNI ACHIEVER



ABELAINE VENIDA-TABLIZO, M.D.
MCGS 1995, MCHS 1999
DERMATOLOGIST, LEPROSY ADVOCATE, A MOTHER OF FOUR (4)





# WE MADE IT HOME

Article by Rosey Demigillo-Sy and Joey Imson-Lim

Last September 7, the Marian Auditorium was lit up once again by the bright lights and the high energy brought by jubilarian batches of Maryknoll/Miriam that signify the start of another hallmark Homecoming celebration. This year was hosted by Silver Jubilarians MCHS '99, together with the Maryknoll/Miriam College Alumni Association (MMCAA), celebrating batches that span 45 years, and a total of nine alumni batches.





A prayer commenced the program, beautifully sung by the award-winning MCHS Glee Club, and conducted by former MCHS principal Ms. Nancy Roman. To kick off the nostalgia, a heritage video by MCHS '99 was presented showing the current campus and old stomping grounds, followed by a performance to highlight the Para Sa MC theme.



Mr. GB Labrador, comedian and Miriam College graduate batch 2000, and Ms. Iza Calzado-Wintle, actress and MCHS batch '99 alumna, seamlessly co-hosted the program. MMCAA Chairperson Ambassador Melita Sta. Maria-Thomeczek welcomed all to the event followed by a message from MC President Ambassador Laura Q. del Rosario who gave a

glimpse into the growth, expansion, and innovations driving Miriam forward. Ms. Nina Maria Santiago then delivered the MMCAA President's Report, focusing on the preparations for the 100TH founding year of Maryknoll/Miriam College in the country. She also proudly presented the global reach of MMCAA with chapters in major European and North American cities.

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One of the anticipated parts of the program was the recognition of the Triple A Awardees, or the Amazing Alumni Achievers. This year, ten outstanding alumni received the award; each one leaving marks in their respective fields from the arts to business and public health, or in advancing advocacies on human



rights, education, and social entrepreneurship. Ms. Lourdes Ortiz-Luis of MCGS '62, MCHS '66, and MC BA English '70, and Chairperson of Lingap Angat represented the awardees and spoke about her current work in expanding nutrition and education programs.



MCHS batch 1959 attends mass at the HEU Chapel

The excitement continued as the presence of the oldest yet graceful batch of Star Sapphire MCHS batch 1959, led by the very distinguished Ms. Gemma Cruz-Araneta, was acknowledged.

Also present were the Diamond Jubilarians of MC AA '62 AB/BS '64 who showed how blessed and grateful they are as grammies in the slideshow they presented.

The "Confident Women of MCHS '69", Emerald Jubilarians, took to the stage next to introduce their batch effort in producing a child-friendly book on plants and planting called, "Elsa's Garden". They also shared their contributions in developing a Mother Mary Joseph garden to earn the title "Garden Divas".

Before the performances ensued, a solemn memorial of alumni from the jubilarian batches was held by way of a touching In Memoriam video.

MCGS '69 took us down memory lane with colored videos showing them dancing different traditional Filipino dances and other celebrations which gave us a glimpse of life in Maryknoll back in the '60s.

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The MCHS '64 "Hot Diamond Mommas" set the pace for the program as they grooved their way onstage with their white wigs, wheelchairs, and bejeweled canes. Ms. Marivic Tillman was a scene-stealer with her energetic dance moves and candy-throwing that delighted the crowd.



Up next were the Golden Jubilarians, College '74, "Hearts of Gold". Their performance surprised everyone with the sheer number of participants all garbed in glittering gold costumes. The audience could not help but be engaged, while cheering loudest for these amazing "jubis".

Not to be outdone is MCHS '74 "Rocking Gold", also Golden Jubilarians - spectacular in their performance and golden attires, performing to the classic hits of the '70s by Hotdog, The Boyfriends, VST, and the Beatles.





MCHS Batch '79's Fashion Kaleidoscope showed the Sapphire Jubilarians oozing with grace and style in their elegant blue robes that concealed a delightful array of gowns especially curated for the event. Leading them was Triple A Awardee, Ms. Bing Pimentel.

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The "RubyDoobidoos" or Ruby Jubilarians of MCHS '84 danced gracefully and impressively to local tunes from the '70s and '80s and bridged the generation gap by including current pop hits of Bini in their dance repertoire.





'90s hits were of course at an all-time high, with the "Dancing Divas" of MCHS '89 strutting in their impressive neons and crop tops on stage, and showed everyone that they can give even the Silver Jubilarians a run for their money.

The "Pink Pearls" or Pearl Jubilarians of MCHS '94 were last but definitely not the least, as they blazed through the stage with an unforgettable, heart-thumping sixsong performance. Their energy emanated through the crowd to end a string of truly festive performances for the night.



Following all of these performances was a ceremonial turnover of MCHS batch '99 to batch '00 as next year's homecoming host

To culminate the event was a collective performance of select representatives from the different participating batches, and the singing of the beloved Maryknoll/Miriam hymn that made many nostalgically tearyeyed.

Knollers truly know how to party, and this year's homecoming celebration is no exception and is indeed one for the books!

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# ALAHAS: GIGI BERMEJO COMES BACK AND GIVES BACK TO MIRIAM COLLEGE

Article by Ms. Mirma Mae Tica-Ortiz

Ms. Maria Angelica "Gigi" Santos-Bermejo, MCHS 77,

a Filipina jewelry preservationist and author, returns to MC to give back. On September 20, 2024, the Alumni Engagement Office, the Education Unit-Library Media Center, and the department of the Bachelor of Design, welcomed Ms. Gigi to a turnover ceremony. She generously donated Php 100,000.00, proceeds from the sales of her MC 100 heirloom jewelry. The pieces carefully crafted symbolizes the rich history and legacy of faith and mission of the Maryknoll Sisters the Maryknoll-Miriam College community.

She also gifted the Library Media Center of the Higher Education Unit her coffee table book, ALAHAS: Philippine Heritage Jewelry. Her book ALAHAS, is a result of many years of research and discovery. It allows readers to navigate the rich history of the Philippines through featured glittering jewelry pieces that



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symbolizes our heritage and identity as a Filipino people. Flipping through the pages, the audience is invited to travel through time with beautiful pictures of her private collection coupled with facts and stories behind each piece, where she also shares her deep reflections.

Following the turnover of gifts, she spoke to students of the Bachelor of Design and Bachelor of Science in Leisrue and Tourism Management where she inspired them to use their God given talents as a form of service to others—to always seek to make a difference and live a life of integrity and truth. She challenged them to understand their role in society to become mindful leaders of today and the future.





The lecture was followed by a conversation session with students and faculty members of MC. Many in the audience were interested to hear about her experience as a student at Maryknoll and know where she got inspiration for her work. She shared many fond memories of her time as a student and recall many hours spent in the

classroom where she listened to lectures about Asian Civilization and Philippine History. She admitted jokingly not being so interested in these subject matters. It was later when she began collecting that she realized that the knowledge acquired in these classes at Maryknoll became the foundation of her knowledge as an antique and heritage jewelry collector.





The book was launched last February 28, 2024, where members of the MC Community led by Dr. Ma. Margarita Alvina Acosta, Director of the Alumni Engagement Office, and MCHS'77 batchmates of Ms. Gigi Bermejo came to celebrate her accomplishments and contributions to Philippine history and society. The book was designed by Ms. Gigi's daughter, Kara Bermejo, and son-in law, Tomas de Carcer.

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### MIRIAM COLLEGE CLASS OF 1997 REUNION

Article by COLLEGE 1997

On September 28, 2024, Batch '97 celebrated a heartfelt homecoming at Miriam College, honoring the former teachers and staff who profoundly impacted their lives. This gathering was a tribute to the educators who shaped not just academic paths, but personal growth as well. The alumni shared inspiring stories, reflecting on the lasting lessons that extended beyond the classroom.



The event featured live performances from batchmates and celebrated a significant achievement: a generous donation of 620,000 Pesos to MCARE, made possible by the support of YKQ Foundation and NAVITAS Learning Haus. As memories were shared and connections rekindled, it became clear that the bonds formed during those formative years remain strong, highlighting the enduring influence of dedicated teachers and the invaluable support of the school community.



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# AEO COLLABORATES WITH LTM TO PROVIDE CAMPUS TOURS TO MC ALUMNI



Dean Ruby ALminar Mutya, Dr. Jorda, Ms. Cherrie Asuncion, and Dr. Acosta together with the LTM student tour guides.



Ms. Cherrie Asuncion, OIC-Chair of the Department of LTM and student tour guides in action

This midyear term 2024, the Leisure and Tourism Management (LTM) students of Miriam College had their Tour Guiding course instructed by DOT accredited trainer Dr. Reynaldo Jorda. This course served as their preparation for internship collaboration with the Alumni Office (AEO) Engagement providing campus tours to Miriam College Alumni.

So far, the LTM student tour guides have been able to assist in 4 tours, consecutively for College classes of '74, '71, and '97 and HS class of '86.

# AEO SPONSORS OPENING MASS FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION



The Alumni Engagement Office (AEO) sponsored the opening mass for the Season of Creation as thanksgiving for the successful celebration of Miriam College's homecoming. AEO director Ma. Margarita

Acosta, Phd offered flowers for the celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.









# MC100 NORITAKE DINNERWARE SET



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