ST. PAUL UNIVERSITY MANILA PARTICIPATES IN ASEACCU 2015  
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Once again, St. Paul University Manila participated in the recently concluded 23rd Association of Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASEACCU) Annual Conference and Student Camp. This conference was held on 27-29 August 2015. The student camp activities, on the other hand, started on 25 August. This year, the ASEACCU Conference, with the theme, “Catholic Higher Education and Religious Inclusiveness” was hosted by Soegijapranata Catholic University, Semarang, Central Java, Indonesia. The said event was participated in by students, faculty and administrators from different countries in Asia including Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand.

From the Philippines, the following schools took part in the event: Adamson University, Ateneo de Davao University, De La Salle University Dasmarias, Miriam College, San Beda College Manila, San Beda College Alabang, St. Paul University Manila, St. Paul University Quezon City, University of Negros Occidental Recoletos, University of San Jose-Recoletos, University of Santo Tomas, and Xavier University Ateneo de Cagayan.

Specifically, the conference was attended by 111 delegates represented by presidents and administrators of 48 universities from the said eight countries. Equally interesting, the student camp was attended by 81 participants of 28 universities from seven countries. These events were only made possible due to cooperation, friendship, and generous support from all ASEACCU member institutions.

SPU Manila was represented by Dr. Grace Leongson and Ms. Nina Endozo.
Unika Choir during the ASEACCU 2015 Opening Ceremonies

SCU Rector, Dr. Budi Widianarko, giving the opening speech

During the paper presentations
School Visits in Indonesia 2015
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Dr. Mary Grace Leongson, Chair of MBA and DBA Programs, and Ms. Nina Endozo, Language Development Center Coordinator, visited schools in Jakarta, Bandung, and Semarang, Indonesia from August 24 to 26, 2015. The purposes of the trip were to present the academic and certificate programs of St. Paul University Manila and to form possible linkages through faculty and student exchange programs.

The following schools were visited:

- Tarakanita 1
- Stikes Sto. Borromeus
- Rex Mundi
- Pangudi Luhur
- Stikes Sin Carolus
- SSoejijapranata Catholic University

Dr. Leongson and Ms. Endozo with Stikes Borromeus Administrators

Dr. Leongson during the presentation with students of Rex Mundi

Ms. Endozo with students of Rex Mundi
...AND THE SAGA CONTINUES

CHILDREN OF ST. PAUL MANILA ALUMNAE MAKE WAVES

From time to time, we have featured alumnae of St. Paul Manila who have recently been recognized for excellence in their chosen professions or for their advocacies for the common good.

Lately, we have learned about children of our alumnae who are likewise making waves in their respective fields.

We feature three of them, who have done their parents proud by their achievements:

SALLY POBLETE
DAUGHTER OF FLOR SIAZON (HS 1968, BSC 1972)

The Forbes Entrepreneurs Newsletter recently featured ten women-led healthcare tech disruptors that investors may want to watch in 2015. One of them was Wellthie, a healthcare tech company, based in New York City, which is making it easier for consumers and small businesses to explore their health insurance options in a simple way. It is led by female CEO, Sally Poblete, an 18 year veteran of the health insurance industry. The make-up of Wellthie’s leadership team is 75% female.

When Sally Poblete decided to start Wellthie, Inc., she had one primary goal in mind: to make health care delivery as simple and accessible as possible. With 2016 on the not-so-distant horizon, it is increasingly important for consumers to understand what they need to do in order to make informed coverage choices under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Wellthie’s innovative, user-friendly applications look to provide consumers with everything they need to know to navigate the health care selection process smoothly.

Sally learned a lot about health care from her 18-year career in the industry and from her personal experiences coming from a family of physicians and entrepreneurs. She spent a successful career at Anthem, one of the nation’s largest health insurance companies, building cost-effective and innovative products. An entrepreneur at heart, she also ran a long-term health care business and wore leadership hats at several health care start-ups. Like many moms out there, she is a savvy consumer who navigates the health care maze everyday, while managing the health affairs of her family including two young children. Because of her passion to make health insurance and health care simpler and more approachable through Wellthie’s work, Sally was honored in January 2015 by Medical Marketing & Media as a Top Health Care Transformer. She is a graduate of New York University and received her MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, specializing in Health Care Management.
ERIC JAO  
SON OF MILAGROS ATIENZA (HS 1964, BSC 1968)

Eric Jao began his career as a DJ starting at the young age of sixteen. Persuading his parents to loan him start-up funds for costly equipment, Jao started playing shows in high school and by the first year in college he had created quite a name for himself. That name was DJ Enferno.

From that point on, Jao started booking high profile gigs and entering in competitions. "The first time I ever entered the DMC, which was in 1999, was pretty embarrassing. But, it almost didn’t matter because there was so many other guys on stage that also sucked,” says Jao. “I was really bad and unprepared.” From those humble beginnings, Jao progressed to winning the coveted 2003 national DMC title.

The DMC title was just the beginning; recently Jao started the Live Remix Project, which is one of the most comprehensive DJ experiments happening in the scene right now. Jao is currently the only one in the industry who, as he explains, uses a “three-pronged attack” of music, technology and turntables.

It was during one of his “Live Remix” performances that Kevin Antunes, Madonna’s music director, found Jao and immediately wanted to use him for her performance. The call was made, Madonna agreed, and Jao became part of the team — easy as that.

Recently, Eric introduced a project for kids to learn how to make music on their own.

REY BANATAO  
SON OF CONCEPCION CARIAGA (HIGH SCHOOL 1963, AB 1967)

Dr. Rey Banatao, Chief Executive Officer of Connora Technologies, brings years of experience and the core competencies of technological spark and business acumen to the emerging field of recyclable composites.
Dr. Banatao is a scientist and serial entrepreneur with a passion for creating businesses and products that have a positive impact on society and the environment. As co-founder of Entropy Resins and BluFlame Technology, Dr. Banatao brings diverse business leadership experience to the company. He has successfully developed and commercialized new technology products in the renewables space, taking them from concept to market, in both industrial and consumer applications. He has over 17 years of technology R&D experience in biochemistry and materials, and holds a B.A. in Biochemistry from UC Berkeley, Ph.D. in Computational Biology from UC San Francisco, and was an NSF Postdoctoral Fellow at the California Nanosystems Institute at UC Los Angeles.

In June this year, Connora Technologies won Best in Show at the California Technology Council's First Pitch: Renewables event. The California Technology Council has posted a Q&A with Connora CEO Rey Banatao and remarks, "The win for Connora reflects excitement over very promising technology which will enable manufacturing from composites based on recycled material."

Recently, Dr. Banatao, went inside the Founder's Studio with California Technology Council to discuss the emerging recyclable thermoset industry, getting products on the market, and reflecting on ways he would recommend entrepreneurs bet bigger from the start.

**ALUMNI GATHERINGS**

**HS 1963**
Mini-Reunion in New York
L-R: Angie Hernandez-Vinluan, Rebecca Siazon-Gonzalez, Josie Santos-Parsons, and Amparo Ajero

**HS 1970**
Birthday of Lizette Esquillo-Javier
Rest-O-Rama
5 September 2015