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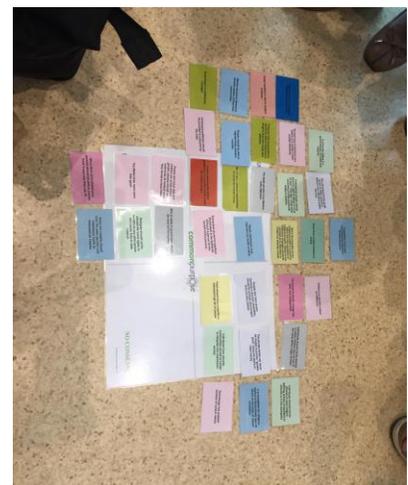
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The Common Purpose Global Leader Experience was held on September 10 to 13, 2018 in the Bro. Andrew Gonzales Hall, De La Salle University.

The delegates were students from various schools such as St. Paul University Manila, De La Salle University, Tarlac Agricultural University, and Philippine Women's University.

The first day of the program commenced with an ice breaker with each delegate given three cards with statements regarding global issues. Based on the cards that we were holding, we had to place them on either YES, NO, or I DON'T KNOW. Once we had placed all of our cards on the illustration board, we were given a chance to flip the cards which we thought did not belong to the specific section. This activity was meant to show that all of us had different opinions regarding different matters; that there would be circumstances in which we did not agree on certain issues. Afterwards, we had to talk as a group regarding the cards that were faced down and we collectively had to decide if they were to be placed on the YES, NO, or I DON'T KNOW sections.



Later that day, we had lectures regarding cultural intelligence, which is beyond IQ and EQ and which global leaders these days need to possess in order to be effective. Along with this lecture, we were taught about our cores and our flexes, which determine what we are as humans, what characteristics we have in our core that define us and what characteristics we have that we

are flexible with. We were also tasked to face a problem, which was how to make smart cities inclusive. This would be the problem that we had to solve through the course of the program.



In the afternoon, we listened to talks by the founder of Global Electric Transportation, Freddie Tinga, and an assistant secretary from the Department of Education, who discussed the different problems of the education and government sector.



Before the first day ended, we were assigned our working groups for the rest of the program and the different immersion sites that we were to go to. Each immersion site should be covered by at least one representative of the group.

Listed below are the experiences of the delegates from St. Paul University Manila in the various immersion sites they visited:

Makati Medical Center Foundation



The second day of the program, we had our immersion. I (Katrina Catacutan) went to Makati Medical Center Foundation. From this visit, I learned about the different charitable works that the foundation has done to assist public hospitals provide better service to their patients.

The Manila Times

The Manila Times was my (Kayla Pasion) place of choice. The members of our new group elected me as the leader. Our challenge was to go there by our own knowledge and go back again to La Salle in time for the seminar. Second day was a really tiring but exciting one. Our team had a great time with the CEO of *The*



Manila Times, Mr. Dante Francis "Klink" Ang II. Our discussion involved the different problems our country is facing right now, but the main focus was on News and Public Affairs. What was interesting about what Mr. Klink said was that no matter what the government tries to do in silencing the news and publishing companies, it will always prevail. The talk was such a fluid one because our group was able to share our insights with him. Since our group arrived early in the vicinity, we had the chance to go around Intramuros.

Mind Museum

The moment Sir Blas walked in the room, I (Francesca Dychangco) felt how his presence spoke for himself. He wore a simple modern barong tagalog, greeted us with a smile, and immediately asked us if we were really interested in making smart cities inclusive. In the back of my mind, I had this internal fight with myself and considered all these choices if I can actually make a city inclusive. The room was so quiet and somebody had to say something so I answered him with anything I had in mind. I said, when a city is inclusive, it creates opportunities for people despite their differences and it allows accessibility for all. Then I was followed by a groupmate of mine who said it creates diversity in a city. Mr. Blas remained quiet for the most part and nodded all the way. After hearing most of our opinions, he then asked us what density creates in a city. In chorus, we all said lack of space, more development, and much more. Then he listed down what density creates. It creates more livelihood and better establishments. He was a businessman, so his thoughts were on making profit while maintaining corporate social responsibility. He said that in a dense space, diversity enhances creativity. He connected what we had said to his talk. In Ayala, Makati, they wanted to create a space where everything is within reach. They followed principles where interconnect, open space, pedestrian friendly, mixed use, and sustainability coexist. One example he said was Bonifacio Global City, in which everything is interconnected; condominiums and offices are all around the area, which allow people to access the city easier. Lastly, Sir Blas talked about sustainability where everything is balanced; from work to home, from recreation parks to shopping.

From this immersion, I learned how important urban planning is in the creation of a society. It taught me how each one interconnects and how everything should be used according to what people need for an easier and productive life.



After the immersion sites that we visited in the morning, we all proceeded back to our groups in the afternoon to discuss what issues were prevalent in Manila that would help us propose solutions to make the city more inclusive. We also had three speakers share with us their experiences on leadership.

The morning of the third day, we had immersion visits in another set of companies. Listed below are the experiences of the delegates from St. Paul University Manila in the various immersion sites they visited:

Philippine Business for Social Progress

On the third day, I (Katrina Catacutan) chose to go the Philippine Business for Social Progress. Here they talked about how they help social enterprises and private companies in solving social issues. In the afternoon, we were given our mentors to help us in creating our project proposal to help make Metro Manila more inclusive.



Ygoal

YGoal is a social enterprise that helps the youth in the country. I was totally impressed by how dedicated they are in their field work. Despite having financial problems in supporting their needs, they are able to make ends meet.

Spacematrix

Sir Archie is a Filipino architect and interior designer based in Singapore. He has worked with Microsoft and Cisco and all over the Asia Pacific. From his talk, I learned how space and culture can be incorporated in a design to make an identity in that area. With the fast pace of technology, people tend to disregard their culture and simply forget it. So, his vision was to create spaces, with a humanizing space that embodies that values of yesterday, a connected space where technology can help the stagnant ways of the past, and an intelligent space where everyone can collaborate and create. He emphasized that when you recognize a problem, you should do something so it can be solved rather than just be recognized. He raised a concern on how exclusive our city was. It is not functional, there are not enough sidewalks, and there are different elevation measurements per building, which disrupt the flow of walking.

After all the immersion sites were visited, our groups were introduced to our assigned mentors from FWD Life Insurance to help us create a program to help make Manila a more inclusive city.

During the fourth day of the program, the groups continued to plan their project proposals. Along with this, we had to prepare a hundred-word summary of our proposal, a one-minute video presentation, and a poster. In the afternoon, we had a chance to present our proposal in front of the rest of the delegates and a panel of judges to critique our proposals.

After the presentation of projects, we watched all of the video presentations that the groups created then proceeded to the graduation rites.



CONDOLENCES

The Paulinian Family condoles with

the family of Linda Travino-Arevalo (High School 1963)

the family of Araceli Saquitán-Gantner (High School 1966)

Nikki Hofilena (BSE) on the death of her brother, Eric

Remedios Gabriel-Alparce (High School 1954)

on the passing of her daughter, Bridgette.

