



# SPU MANILA NEWSLETTER

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## PART TWO: ALUMNI NEWS

### Paulinian Receives Ading Fernando Award

PTV General Manager Malou Choa-Fagar received the prestigious Ading Fernando Lifetime Achievement Award for her exceptional leadership, dedication, and lasting impact on Philippine television production.

“One, you work hard. Second, don’t give up. Third, kapalan niyo ang mukha niyo, kahit ano pang ibabato sa inyo, saluhin ninyo ng maayos (be thick-skinned; whatever is thrown at you, catch it and handle it well),” she said in an interview. “Prove to them that you are a better person than what they think. And of course, you do need to pray a lot every morning, surrender what is going to happen for the day,” she added.

Malou finished her grade school and high school in St. Paul College of Manila. She took up Liberal Arts-Broadcast Communication in the University of the Philippines, which gave her a Distinguished Alumni Award in Television, Arts, and Media in 2024.



**AWARDEE.** People’s Television Network (PTV) General Manager Malou Choa-Fagar speaks during an interview following the 37th Philippine Movie Press Club Star Awards for Television on Sunday (Aug. 24, 2025) at the VS Hotel Convention Center in Quezon City. Choa-Fagar received the prestigious Ading Fernando Lifetime Achievement Award for her exceptional leadership, dedication, and lasting impact on Philippine television production. (Screengrab from PTV video)

### Alumna Speaks at US Conference



Author Elizabeth Ann Besa-Quirino, St. Paul College of Manila, AB-MassComm '77, an award-winning journalist based in New Jersey, USA, recently spoke at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Memorial Society, held in Arlington, Virginia. Ms. Quirino was one of the first Filipina Americans to speak at the conference, which was attended by military veterans and descendants of American veterans who fought in the Philippines during WWII. She presented the story of her late mother Lourdes “Lulu” Reyes, a former Paulinian, a Filipina civilian humanitarian aid worker, and Medal of Freedom recipient.

Ms. Besa-Quirino recently penned her mother’s story of bravery in a history memoir, *Every Ounce of Courage: A Daughter’s Reflections On Her Mother’s Bravery*.

During the merciless Japanese occupation of the Philippines, Lulu Reyes embarked unflinchingly on dangerous missions to bring aid, food, and secretly brought medicines that meant the difference between life and death to countless American and Filipino prisoners of war, at great peril to her own life. In 1947, President Harry Truman awarded Ms. Reyes two Medals of Freedom, becoming one of the first Filipino women and civilians to be honored for her valiant efforts.



In photo with Ms. Reyes was His Excellency Archbishop J. O'Dougherty, bishop of Manila, and Major General George F. Moore, Commanding General of the Naval Bases, WWII. (photo from the National Historical Commission of the Philippines).

### AND THE SAGA CONTINUES...

A regular section of the alumni newsletter features the children or grandchildren of Paulinians who have excelled in their chosen fields of endeavor. These next generation achievers illustrate that "the apple does not fall far from the tree."

### RICHARD NAING

Richard Naing is an American screenwriter and producer. He is most known for writing horror films, such as *The Autopsy of Jane Doe* (2016), *Eli* (2019), *The Nun II* (2023) and *The Conjuring: Last Rites* (2025).

Photo shows Richard and his writing partner, Ian Goldberg, at the Warner Bros Studio lot evening before opening night.



He is the son of Ma. Lourdes Atienza-Naing, HS 1969, who proudly shared The photos.



**"The Conjuring: Last Rites" Shatters Box Office Records in the Philippines — Sets Historic Opening for a Horror Film**

### DR. MARIA JASMIN JACINTO-JAMORA

Dr. Maria Jasmin Jacinto Jamora is a highly esteemed and multi-awarded dermatologist specializing in dermatology, dermatologic and laser surgery, dermatopathology, and immunodermatology. A graduate of the University of the Philippines, she pursued advanced training at Indiana University and New York University. She is a diplomate of the Philippine Board of Dermatology and the International Committee for Dermatopathology.

She recently received back-to-back recognitions from the Quezon City Medical Society and Makati Medical Center.



Jasmine is the daughter of Dr. Sylvia Jacinto-Jamora, HS 1954, who is one of the most esteemed dermatologists in the country.

### NICOLE MARIE QUINTOS-MARASA

Nicole Marie Quintos-Marasa recently received the degree of Bachelor of Nursing from Linfield University with *magna cum laude* honors.



She is the granddaughter of Ma. Teresa Pichel-Quintos, CSS 67.

Linfield University is a private liberal arts college with campuses in McMinnville, and Portland, Oregon. Linfield Wildcats athletes participate in the NCAA Division III Northwest Conference.



### LIV ROMUALDEZ-VINLUAN

Liv Romualdez-Vinluan was one of the CCP Thirteen Artist Awardees for 2025.

She has won numerous local and international awards, including The Karen H. Montinola Selection Grant for Art Fair Philippines 2019, and was shortlisted for the Ateneo Art Awards-Fernando Zobel Prize for Visual Arts 2016.

Her father, Nestor Olarte Vinluan, was also a CCP Thirteen Artists Awardee in 1974. Her mother is the late Lynn Romualdez-Vinluan, who studied in the SPCM Grade School, and her aunt is Leticia Romualdez-Arcangel, High School 1965.

CCP THIRTEEN ARTISTS AWARDEE LIV VINLUAN WANDERS THROUGH ART WITH A FONDNESS FOR HISTORY

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## BATCH GATHERINGS

### US Based 1960s Paulinians

Lakewood, CA  
Four Paulinians  
gathered to celebrate the Nativity  
of Our Lady of Vailankanni  
(Our Lady of Good Health)  
Seated: Rosalinda Favis (HS'60).  
Standing: Minerva Favis-Bernardino (HS'61),  
Sonia Santos-Calleja (HS'62)  
and Benilda Guieb-Salazar (HS'61)



### High School 1962



July 25, 2025  
Lunch for Emelyn Hiland (second from right)  
and Rose Roy (second from left)  
Parmigiano, BGC



September 22, 2025  
for Cora Pacificador  
(extreme left)  
Mango Tree, BGC

### High School 1964



September 11, 2025  
Joint birthday celebration  
Home of Lydia Ochoa  
AKA The Clubhouse

**High School 1965**

July 31, 2025  
Joint birthday celebration  
Buffet 101,  
Glorietta



August 24, 2025  
Mini reunion of US based HS 65  
Bryant Park, NYC  
Peachy, Lani, Eme,  
Lucy, and Chito

September 13, 2025  
Birthday lunch of Beth Tagle  
(standing)  
Angelos Entertainment Lounge



September 15, 2025  
Birthday lunch  
of Mildred Magboo  
Mesa, Rockwell

September 20, 2025  
Bead Show  
of Marides Buhain  
The Grove  
Rockwell, Pasig



**High School 1967**



July 13, 2025.  
Celebrating  
75 beautiful years  
of dearest  
Lucille Canalita-Aragon  
Aromata

September 9, 2025  
July, August, September  
birthday celebration  
Jade Garden, Glorietta



**High School 1970**



August 2, 2025  
Third quarter  
birthday celebration  
Home of Marot Fernandez

**High School 1975**



July 25, 2025  
Lunch at Opus for balikbayan,  
Rocky Yupangco-Buencamino  
(second from right) and hubby Rey

Yupangco sisters—T  
oni, Aleta, and Rocky



August 1, 2025  
Balete, Batangas adventure

August 6, 2025  
Birthday celebration  
of Mona Albar-Dimayuga  
(third from left)



August 11 2025  
Lunch for balikbayan,  
Susie Crisostomo-Legaspi (fourth from right)



August 11 2025.  
Dinner reunion  
with legal counsel,  
Atty. Malen Hernandez Cueva  
(second from left)



September 9, 2025  
Pilgrims of Hope HS 75  
Visit to seven churches  
in Parañaque



**High School 1976**

Lunch of HS 76 Core Group

**High School 1980**



July 26, 2025  
Lunch get-together

**BSE 1969**

July 25, 2025  
Milagros Garcia-Glodava,  
President, Metro Infanta Foundation  
The Julio Labayen Awards  
St. Paul University Quezon City



**AB 1973**



September 17, 2025  
Dinner at Medusa in BGC

**BSC 1973**

Get-together  
of College classmates



**BSC 1979**



Dinner at Manam, MOA  
For balikbayan,  
Marichu Factor-Verity,  
and family

**BS PSYCHOLOGY 1980**

August 2, 2025  
Get-together with bingo and games  
Terry Heard's condo  
BGC



**SOUTHERN BELLES**



July 26, 2025  
Watched Music Making Company  
Bar IX, Molito



July 31, 2025  
Watched Sherry's movie  
How to Get Away from My Toxic Family  
SM Directors Club



August 11, 2025  
Lunch at Angelos Entertainment Lounge,  
Alabang

and coffee at Starbucks  
SM Hypermart, Las Piñas



September 20, 2025  
Watched the show  
of Pinky Marquez (HS 1975)  
Angelos Entertainment Lounge

## FAMILY PICTURES



Lito and Sol Ilagan (nee Balda, HS 1965)  
Celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
with their children and grandkids



Leandro and Teresita Centenera  
(nee Villavicencio, HS 1959)  
Celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary



September 10, 2025  
Martinez Family  
Send-off dinner  
for Zara Mikan,  
going to Australia



## SPMAFI



July 2, 2025  
Giving of school supplies  
to Grade 1 pupils  
Aurora A. Quezon  
Elementary School

## SHARING...SHARING...SHARING

### From Teresa Ignacio-Gonzalvo (HS 1969, BSN 1974)

#### Celebrating the Achievements of Dr. Jasmine Gonzalvo

Within a two-week period in September, Dr. Jasmine Gonzalvo, PharmD, MPH achieved significant milestones in her professional career. She was inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame at Archbishop Carroll High School in Dayton, Ohio. As a graduate from the class of 1999, Jasmine was recognized as the youngest recipient among esteemed alumni. Her award acknowledges her impactful leadership as Director for the Center for Health Excellence, Quality and Innovation at Purdue University and Eskenazi Health and as a Professor at Purdue University. A breast cancer survivor, a daughter, wife to Jay, and mother of two daughters, Polly and Araceli, Jasmine has successfully balanced her work life and family life.



Jasmine's alma mater, Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana, also honored her contributions to the field of healthcare. Having earned her doctorate in Pharmacy in 2005, she was recognized for her outstanding work in Diabetes and Cardiovascular Risk Assessment, both locally and nationally. Butler University presented her with the prestigious Robert Duncan Alumni Achievement Award, celebrating the honor and distinction she has brought to the



institution through her professional accomplishments. In May, Jasmine continued to demonstrate her commitment to public health by graduating from Harvard University with a Master's in Public Health. This accomplishment further highlights her dedication to advancing healthcare and making a difference in her community.

### From Dina Krenzischek (BSN 1971)

#### Manila Doctors Hospital Experience

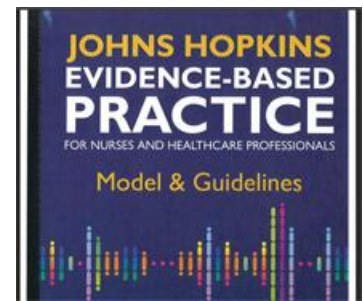
Manila Doctors Hospital has been near and dear to my heart as our nursing clinical practicum base. I have always wanted to be able to give back to the nurses in the Philippines. I am so happy that St. Paul nurses are still there and are hired as employees. I worked with Joy Gorospe our own Paulinian (Assistant to the CNO) as one of the EBP Core Team members. In January 2020, while I was vacationing in the Philippines, (pre-Covid pandemic announcement), I had pre-arranged with Dr. Rudy Borromeo (CNO of Manila Doctors Hospital) to provide an educational seminar on evidence-based practice (EBP). He has always been interested in EBP. The seminar was face to face with more than 100 participants, most of them from MDH, and outside participants who were invited via zoom



After the seminar, I had a monthly virtual follow up education with the MDH EBP Core Team. In more than two years, they were able to generate three EBP projects, plus all the translations of findings from their EBP project related to the retention of nurses. The monthly zoom meeting became quarterly and

PRN, and today we are just meeting once or twice a year, and mostly coaching. They now have so much to say about their progress and I am so proud of them. Today, they have three active EBP projects and have the clinical units engaged in the process. They have gotten it right, and I am so proud of them. The attached abstract was their first EBP project. The first dissemination opportunity that they had was a panel presentation via zoom at the 9<sup>th</sup> Mercy Medical Center EBP/Research Symposium (participants were from the Eastern region of US). They also had other opportunities to present virtually in Australia and another country.

The climax of their dissemination is the acceptance of their abstract to the Johns Hopkins EBP Institute. The abstract was included in the book. What is amazing is there were almost 100 abstracts submitted for the book consideration and they only selected five to be included in the book and their abstract was one of the five accepted. This is a great accomplishment of the Philippine Nurses represented by MDH nurses.



Nursing Service Directorate, Research and Development Department (TRD) Team

## REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

July 26, 2025  
 Wake of Zeneida Santos-Tillman  
 High School 1964  
 Loyola Memorial Park  
 Parañaque



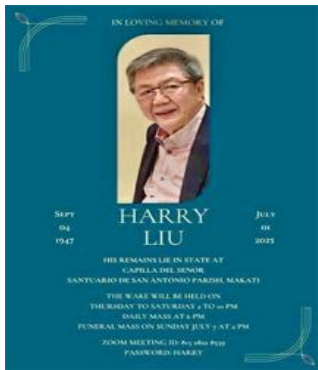


August 7, 2025  
Wake of Cynthia Fuentes-Mandap  
High School 1965  
St. Peter's Chapel  
Quezon City

August 24, 2025  
Wake of Bobby Reyes  
Brother of Teresing Reyes-Hocson  
High School 1963



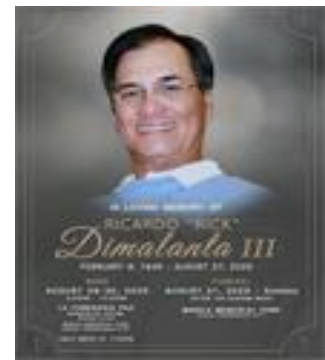
August 25, 2025  
Inurnment  
of Imelda Reynoso  
High School 1959  
Haven of Angels  
Antipolo, Rizal



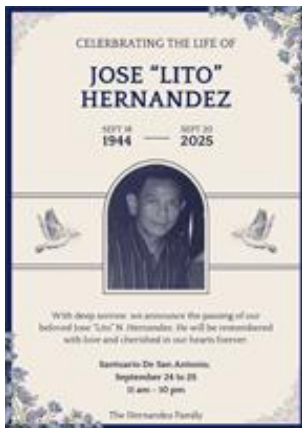
Husband of Nadine Joven-Liu  
High School 1963



Son of Carmencita Castro-Bautista  
High School 1963



Husband of Josefa Advincula-Dimalanta  
BSE 1967



Husband of Eva Luz-Fernandez  
High School 1963



Husband of Chocho Que-Garcia  
High School 1968



Husband of Linda Ramos  
BSN 1971



Lydia M. del Castillo  
AB 1969



Chari La'O Bagatsing  
High School 1961



Nona Mananzan-Alapag  
High School 1965

Condolences to: Lydia Vekuz Reyes (BSN 1974) on the passing of her brother, Cesar P. Veluz;  
the family of Dr. Bella del Rosario (High School 1974);  
Sylvia Reynoso-Gala (High School 1963) on the passing if her husband, Luismil.