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PART TWO: ALUMNI NEWS

Paulinian Leads Clark Development to Great Heights Clark Earns Asia's Top MICE Honor; CDC Chief Hails Milestone



HONG KONG — Clark Freeport Zone has been named Asia's Leading Meetings and Conference Destination at the 32nd World Travel Awards (WTA) for Asia and Oceania, marking a historic first for the Philippines in this category.

CDC President and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera welcomed the recognition, calling it a "defining moment" for Clark and the country's growing MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions) sector.

The WTA, held on October 13 at the InterContinental Grand Stanford here and regarded as the "Oscars of the Travel Industry," announced the results following a four-month global voting campaign. The CDC Tourism Promotions Division, led by Manager Elenita Lorenzo, mounted a dedicated push from April to August, enlisting support from locators, stakeholders, and the general public.

Agnes is a Paulinian, High School 1966, BSC 1970.

Alumna Given Obra Maestra Award for Lifetime Achievement in Fashion Design

The Obra Maestra Award for Lifetime Achievement in Fashion Design was presented to JEAN GOULBOURN Pillar of Philippine Fashion ▪ Beacon of Hope

Her most defining contribution to design came with the creation of Silk Cocoon, her pioneering fashion house built around a textile no one had fully explored before: the silk cocoon fabric.



Under her direction, this exquisitely handwoven material— a crisp semi- sheer fabric blended with our very own Philippine fibers and incredibly distinctive—became a hallmark of Filipino luxury. Through Silk Cocoon, she introduced an entirely new aesthetic in modern Filipiniana and contemporary fashion, a look that blended world-class elegance with a proud Filipino identity. Her fabric innovations extended into home and lifestyle design, influencing trends for years and inspiring many who followed. For these groundbreaking achievements, Jean is honored with the Obra Maestra Lifetime Achievement Award in Fashion Design, recognizing her vital role in elevating Filipino artistry and craftsmanship onto the global stage.

Jean is a High School 1964, AB 1968 graduate of St. Paul Manila.

Paulinian Speaks at DLSU Conference on Responsible Storytelling

On 1 October 2025, the De la Salle University Communication Arts Program held an afternoon conference with focus on responsible storytelling.

It featured a Charo Santos-Concio as keynote speaker and other DLSU alumni as panelists.

The "Long Way From Home" Documentary Showcase featuring documentaries about migration, labor, and resilience was held earlier.



Charo is an AB 1976 graduate of St. Paul College of Manila.

The conference was part of the DLSU Communication Arts Program jubilee celebration.

It was spearheaded by another Paulinian, Chiqui Escareal-Go, High School 1979.

...and Another Paulinian Speaks at Anak TV Forum

Anak TV held a media literacy symposium in Bohol in October 2025 to promote child-sensitive and family-friendly television. The event included Anak TV Ambassadors, and was hosted at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary-Tagbilaran City, according to Facebook and Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary- Tagbilaran City. The symposium aimed to equip parents and youth with the knowledge to navigate media, as detailed by Anak TV.

One of the speakers at the event was Doris Nuval, SPCM 1968.



Where Art Meets Legacy

The blessing of the Oilar Nenuca Almira Center for Arts also featured the Launching of Grace in Expectation, initiated by Miss Carolina Escareal-Go in collaboration with renowned artist Ms. Julie Luch, who sculpted the statues showcased for the initiative.



This meaningful project supports the scholarship programs of St. Paul University Manila.

A milestone worth remembering. A legacy that will live on.

Alumnae Join Cookbook for a Cause Project



A group of well respected chefs got together to compile their favorite recipes in a book titled *The Gratitude Kitchen: Jessie Sincioco, Bimbo Yambao Angeles, Juda Joven Liu, and Sylvia Reynoso-Gala*.

The book contains over 220 authentic heirloom recipes. It is sold at P1,000.00 per copy, with all proceeds earmarked for the benefit of retired Franciscan priests.

The book is available at the Parish Office of the Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park.



Two of the featured renowned chefs are Paulinians—Juda and Sylvia, both High School 1963.

SHARING...SHARING...SHARING

Teresa Ignaci-Gonzalvo, High School 1969, BSN 1964, shares:

Mentoring Moments in Nursing- sharing my perspectives in the Philippines Fostering Growth, Opportunities, and Excellence in Healthcare

Mentoring is a cornerstone of professional development in nursing, offering invaluable guidance, support, and encouragement. Mentoring moments—those instances of meaningful connection and learning between experienced nurses and their mentees—can shape careers, improve patient outcomes, and cultivate a common culture of continuous improvement within healthcare

organizations and educational institutions. Such were my recent experiences in October of 2025 at Calamba Medical Center, Laguna and at my beloved alma mater, St. Paul University of Manila.

I was invited by Atty. Pilar Almira to speak at the Calamba Medical Center on Transformational Leadership in Clinical Practice.



Pilar and Techy



Groups sharing their feedback on three key take-aways they can implement in their respective clinical areas.

I was also invited to speak to the third and fourth year nursing students of my alma mater, St. Pual Manila. (Report in Part One of this newsletter: University News.)



...AND THE SAGA CONTINUES

We feature Paulinian family members and their achievements in different areas:

Antonio Centenera



Pianist Antonio Centenera performed for the Fine Arts at First Concert Series at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle on 19 October 2025. A Carlisle native and graduate of Trinity High School, Camphill, he is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree in piano performance at the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University with Professor Brian Connelly. He is also pursuing a bachelor's degree in philosophy in Rice's School of Humanities.

During recent summers, he has been a piano fellow of the Round Top Festival Institute in Texas and has participated as a composer in the European-American Musical Alliance in Paris. This past year, he received the Sviatoslav Richter Grant for Music Outreach to write and direct an original piece combining chamber music and Filipino folk dances. The concert is a benefit for Project SHARE, Carlisle's food pantry, which will receive 100% of the proceeds donated at his concert.

Antonio is the grandson of Teresita Villavicencio-Centenera (High School 1959, AB 1963).

Another grandchild of the Centeneras is also making waves, in a different art scene.

Carolina Centenera



Carolina is the poster girl for USC , Gloria Kaufman School of Dance. On June 6th, 2026 Paris, France, Carolina, who absolutely lit up the stage in a recent performance, has been selected to perform with world-renowned choreographer Leïla Ka, known for her work with Beyoncé as part of the USC-France City of Angels/City of Light collaboration.

Noble Reynoso

Noble Reynoso is the son of Litos Reynoso and Reggie Rodriguez-de Leon (daughter of Rosario Rodriguez, High School 1956).

He is the Team Captain of the US JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING TEAM, that recently won the Silver Medal.



Calvin Arce Luna



Calvin Arce Luna recently graduated from the First Aviation Academy in Subic.

He has been accepted as First Officer at the Philippine Air Lines.

The new pilot is the son of Mimi Arce-Luna, a Paulinian, High School 1980.

PICTURE SHARING...

Following are pictures shared by fellow Paulinians from significant Fourth Quarter 2025 events in their lives;

SPMAFI

"Seasons of Grace: A Paulinian Journey from Rising to Resting." An afternoon of reflection, sharing, and faith.

15 November 2026

2:00–5:00 PM

Levesville Hall

Fr. Norman Melchor Peña Jr., SSP

Facilitator



Julse Villanueva-Zantua



Receiving her award for 15 years of service in De La Salle University Counseling and Psychological Services Office.

Julse is a BS Psychology 1988 graduate.

Socorro Mendoza-Dichoso High School 1965





Sr. Nicole Dabalus, SPC
Vice-President for Christian Formation
and Student Servies and Music alumna



Yoti Dizon
Head, External Relations
and Academic Internationalization
BS Psychology 1994



Ella Enriquez-Valencerina
High School 1965



Roselyn Pangilinan-Panganiban
BS Psych 1982



Maria Antonietta R. Rogacion-Sablad,
High School 1959 and husband, Terry
celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary
aboard Royal Caribbean's Icon of the Seas Cruise Ship.

Mayenne Catanghal- Guerrero
AB 1973





Enriqueta Villaluz-Doble
High School 1964, BSC 1968



Josie Ramos-San Diego
High School 1980
AB 1984



Christine dela Cruz-Wright
High School 1966



Angie Hernandez-Santiago
High School 1965



Sol Balda-Ilagan
High School 1965

Marichit Andia-Bernardo
High School 1965





**High School 1977
in Chinatown**



**High School 1968
at the wake for Abet Ticson,
husband of Ayeen Cruz**



Josephine Concordia-Gardoche, BSN 1971

Happy Birthday to our dear friend and former classmate, Rene Almeda@ Palm's Country Club, 26 December 2025. Left to right: Gilda Hernandez, Jackie, USEC DILG-Ge. Nestor Sanares, the Celebrant, RENE Almeda, V. Lirio, Jo Concordia Gardoche and Ricky Gardoche

**Milagros Salcedo-Calaquian,
High School 1964
with a new bundle of joy!**



The Tesoro clan



Two Hada girls...





**Reynoso Octoberians
at Lisa's house in Walnut
22 October 2025**

High School 1975



Psych 1980 meet-up in the US



Carmela Claro-Azurin BSN 1971



**Marifaye Formoso-Rasco
AB 1969**



**High School 1967
Corito Garcia-Singson
Welcome Home Lunch
23 November 2025**





**High School 1967
Christmas Party
10 December 2025
sponsored by birthday celebrants:
Sesenia Olivar, Olive Reyes,
Elvie Deacosta, Jing Martinez, Rose
Pelaez, Tesha Garcia,
and Celia Sandejas**



**Marilen Medina-Ruiz
High School
1965**



Letty Romualdez-Arcangel, High School 1965

**Tina Santos-Wahl
High School 1965**



**Zenaida Reynoso-Albano
High School 1962**

**Marita Reynoso-Batto
High School 1965**

**Milagros Pascual
ICPR 1985**



**Margot Ubago-Ripoll
High School 1962**

**MOM watching Pinky Marquez,
High School 1975 in Alice in Wonderland**



**Southern Belles
Pre-Christmas lunch**

...and Pre-New Year



**Fely Silva-Santos
High School 1962**

**Sunny Escareal-Velasco
High School 1975**



**VIGIL HOUSE VISIT
18 October 2025**

**Pinky
Marquez
HS 1975**



IconFernandez and Mikha Astom-SPUM CMPA



**Ayie Cruz-Aligada
High School 1977**



SPMAFI VIGIL HOUSE VISIT



A photo-op for posterity

**High School 1977
Block Screening of Lakambini
Ellen Ongkeko-Marfil, producer**



More Christmas parties...

High School 1964



High School 1965



High School 1980



High School 1969

SPMAFI



**Rowena Escareal-Magpayo
High School 1974**




**Techie Aves
High School 1976**



CONDOLENCES

The Paulinian Family condoles with:
 Marlene Rozul on the passing of her mother, Gertrudes A. Rozul
 Cho Que-Garcia on the death of her daughter, Mary Anne
 Socorro Mendoza-Dichoso on the passing of her sister, Sr. Rosiana Mendoza
 The family of Sr. Angeles Ilagan, SP
 The family of Annabelle Alvestir-Cork



SISTER FRANCIS MARY MORTOLA
 DIED OCTOBER 05, 2025
 IN MARIA REYNA XAVIER UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
 CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY
 AGE 88 YEARS OLD
 REL. PROF. 62 YEARS

*Sr. Maria Angeles
 Singson Racadio, SPC*
 November 23, 1938 - October 8, 2025



IN LOVING MEMORY OF



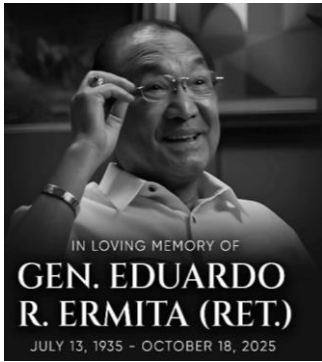
**TERESA "DENDIS"
 RELATADO PEREZ**
 September 18, 2025

VIEWING/WAKE
 Cypress Lawn Memorial Park-Tiffany Chapel
 1370 El Camino Real, Colma | 4:00-9:00 PM

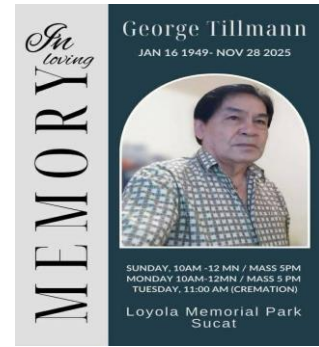
BURIAL SERVICE
 Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
 1530 Mission Rd., Colma, CA | 11:30AM

Your prayers, presence, and shared memories would mean so much to our family as we celebrate her life and bid a loving farewell.

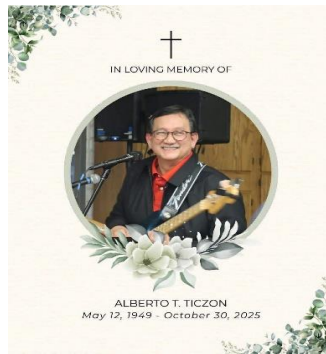
Mother of Jet
 Perez de Leon
 ICPR 1978



Father of Cristy Nazario, HS 80

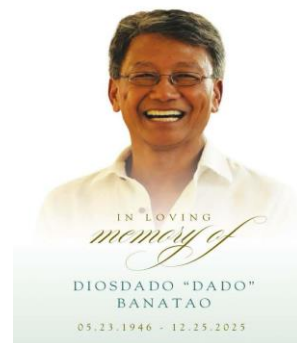
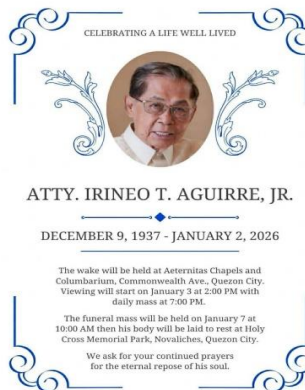
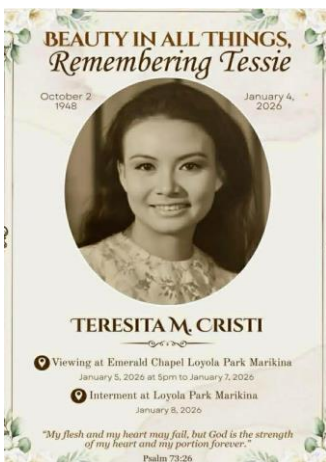


Brother of Gigi Tillman, HS 64 (+)



Husband of Arlene Cruz, HS 68

Brother of Didi Maranon, HS 78



Husband of Maritess Guidote, HS 66

Husband of Babes Cariaga, HS 63