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## UPLB community marks 105<sup>th</sup> Loyalty Day anniversary



UPLB Alumni Moving Towards Sustainable  
Stewardship of Natural Resources

UPLB is calling its alums to visit and join in the 105th Loyalty Day celebration on Sunday, Oct. 8.

The theme of the celebration, "UPLB Alumni Moving Towards Sustainable Stewardship of Natural Resources," recognizes the pivotal role of the alums in helping achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals and promoting inclusivity, sustainability, and resilience in the country and in Southeast Asia where most of its foreign students come from.

The university has steadfastly celebrated the [Loyalty Day tradition](#) for several

years now. From one which commemorated that singular gesture of volunteerism by students and staff of the then UP College of Agriculture to fight on the side of the Allies in World War I, the observance of Loyalty Day today in UPLB has transformed into a celebration of the UPLB spirit of volunteerism and a recognition of the accomplishments and accolades of UPLB alums.

The celebration on Oct. 8, when most alums are expected

to participate, will open with the Loyalty Day Parade at 7 am, followed by a luncheon salo-salo with the jubilarians at the Seniors Social Garden at 11 am. This year's jubilarians graduated in the years ending in 3 and 8.

The 105th Loyalty Day Awarding Ceremony to recognize outstanding alums will be held at Baker Hall at 4 pm on the same day.

Between the schedule of the salo-salo and the awarding ceremony, the alums and all UPLB constituents

and guests are also invited to the open house of the Organic Agriculture Research, Development, and Extension Center (OARDEC), "Halina! Makisaya, Maki-OA sa OARDEC," from 10 am onwards at the IPB Compound.

Other activities have also been held, are ongoing, and will be held in the coming days. Please check the website of the [UPLB Office of Alumni Relations](#) for the schedule of these activities. (Albert Geoffred B. Peralta)

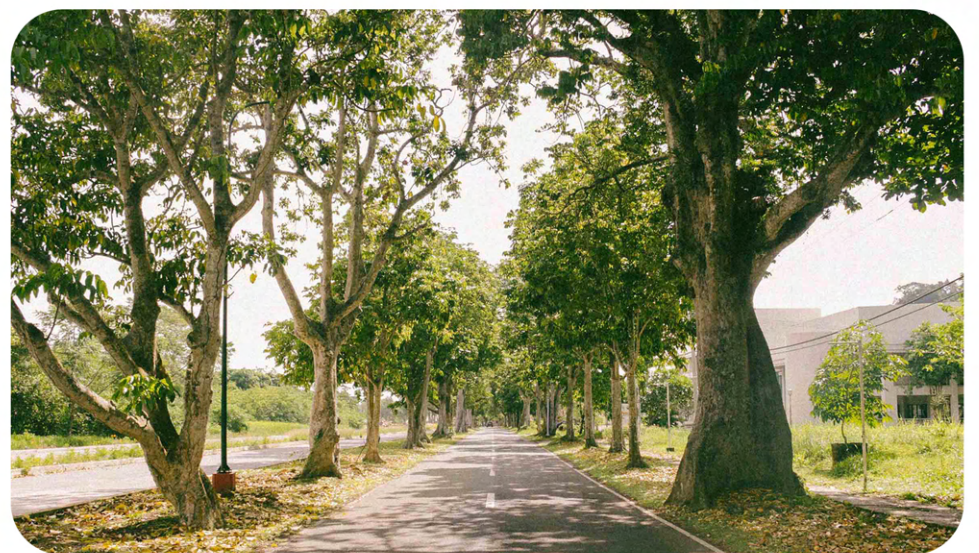
## UPLB alums implement Pili Drive Legacy Project

In a visionary endeavor to honor shared history, promote sustainability, and strengthen the bonds of the UPLB community, UPLB, through the Office of Alumni Relations and UPLB alums, are sowing the seeds of the [Pili Drive Legacy Project](#).

This is aimed at transforming the iconic Pili Drive into a living legacy adorned with pili trees. Individuals are invited to contribute by planting a pili tree of their own, symbolically

sowing a financial seed of Php100,000. These contributions will not only grant the privilege of planting a pili tree but will also play a pivotal role in nurturing the shared heritage of UPLB.

The contributions garnered through the project will be channelled to the UPLBAA, to be used to restore and transform the historic Fronda-Sison House situated on campus into a museum.



### Presidential Awardee: Arlene B. Arcillas (BS Bio, 1993)

This year's recipient of the UPLBAA Presidential Award is Arlene B. Arcillas, the mayor of Santa Rosa City, Laguna. She graduated from UPLB in 1993 with a degree in BS Biology (major in ecology).

Mayor Arcillas is the first woman to be elected as mayor of Santa Rosa. She served from 2007 to 2016 and from 2019 to the present. She represented the

First District of Laguna in the 17th Congress of the Philippines from 2016 to 2019.

Her inclusive and participatory approach to governance has made her a productive and effective public servant. As city administrator, she optimized government processes to make Santa Rosa a booming and

business-friendly city with easy public access to government services.

She spearheaded flagship programs and policies that promoted public health, nutrition, peace and order, clean environment, and sustainable use of natural resources. She also facilitated the establishment of the city's linkages with national and international agencies to secure development opportunities from them.

Under her leadership, Santa Rosa City consistently received the Seal of Good Local Governance from the Department of the Interior and Local Governance (DILG) from 2017 to 2019.

Arcillas has received multiple awards, the most prominent of which are the Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award from

the Civil Service Commission and Office of the President in 2011 and the Bakas ng Parangal ng Kabayanihan from the National Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Council in 2012.

More recently, she was hailed Most Inspiring Public Servant and Pandemic Hero of the Year at the 4th Asia Pacific Lumina Awards in 2021 and received both the CALABARZON Nutrition Champions Award and the 2021 UPAA Distinguished Alumna for Good Governance in 2022.

UPLB has recognized Mayor Arcillas with a gumamela hybrid named after her. *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* 'Arlene B. Arcillas' was launched by the Institute of Plant Breeding in 2011 as part of the Women in Public Service Series. (Jessa Jael S. Arana)





# 105<sup>th</sup> UPLB Loyalty Day Awardees

## THE OUTSTANDING UPLB ALUMNI AWARD



**LEOCADIO S. SEBASTIAN**  
ROTC 1983, BS Biology 1983,  
MS 1987



**ESTHER SUSAN N. PEREZ-MARI**  
BS Zoology 1986



**RUTH B. MARIANO-HERNANDEZ**  
BS Biology 1994



**BENILDO G. DELOS REYES**  
BS Biology 1985, MS 1993



**CORAZON E. LUMBERA-ABANSI**  
BS Agricultural  
Economics 1980,  
MS 1989, PhD 1998

## OUTSTANDING GOLDEN JUBILARIANS



**NARCEO B. BAJET**  
BS Agriculture 1973,  
MS 1978



**NICOMEDES D. BRIONES (†)**  
BS Agriculture 1973,  
MS 1977



**ARSENIO B. ELLA**  
BS Forestry 1973,  
MS 1983



**NORLITO R. GICANA**  
BS Agriculture 1973



**ANGEL L. LAMBIO**  
BS Agriculture 1973,  
MS 1977



**MARCELINO M. LAZARO, JR.**  
BS Agriculture 1973



**CYNTHIA ROMERO-MAMON**  
BS Home  
Technology 1973,  
MA 1975



**GUILLERMO M. MENDOZA**  
BS Forestry 1973,  
MS 1977

## COLLEGE/SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

### COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCE



**ALVARADO M. PAMPLONA**  
BS Agriculture 1979



**CAYETANO C. POMARES**  
MS Animal  
Science 1983



**EDGAR A. ORDEN**  
MS Animal  
Science 1989



**GABRIEL M. SALAZAR, JR.**  
BS Agriculture 1987



**KATHERINE ANNE T. CASTILLO-ISRAEL**  
BS Food  
Technology 1995,  
MS 2001, PhD 2012



**EVELYN R. FERNANDEZ-DELFIN**  
BS Agriculture 1980,  
MS 1985, PhD 2005



**JOSE E. TAPAY, JR.,**  
BS Agriculture 1978

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



**ADRIAN MICHAEL AMATONG**  
BA Sociology 2001,  
MPAf 2006



**LOTUS POSTRADO**  
BA Sociology 1995



**ALBERT REMUS R. ROSANA**  
BS Biology 2005



**RONALD G. MANGUBAT**  
BS Development  
Communication 1986



**SAMANTHA P. JAVIER**  
BS Development  
Communication 2010



**STANLEY B. GAJETE**  
BS Development  
Communication 2013



**EVELYN BERNAL-AGUIRRE**  
MS Development  
Communication 1987

### COLLEGE OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION





**UPLBAA  
PRESIDENTIAL  
AWARD**

**ARLENE B.  
ARCILLAS-NAZARENO**  
BS Biology 1993



**NELIA T. GONZALEZ  
ALUMNI SERVICE  
AWARD**

**RUBEN L. VILLAREAL**  
BS Agriculture 1960,  
MS 1993, PhD 2004



**JUAN VICTOR I.  
HERNANDEZ**  
BS Agricultural  
Economics 1996



**LARRY N. DIGAL**  
BS Agriculture 1985



**WEIBIN WANG**  
Master of Forestry 1997



**JULIETA ABELLAR-ANARNA**  
Certificate in Forestry 1978,  
MS 2004



**PABLITO S.  
SANDOVAL, JR.**  
BS Agriculture 1981



**SERGIA  
PATULOT-  
MILAGROSA**  
BS Agriculture 1973,  
MS 1980, PhD 1987



**AGUSTIN B.  
MOLINA, JR.**  
BS Agriculture 1973,  
MS 1979



**JOVITA  
LAYOSO-  
MOVILLON**  
BS Sugar  
Technology 1973,  
MS 1977, PhD 1986



**LEON O.  
NAMUCO**  
BS Agriculture 1973,  
MS 1978



**TERESITA A.  
ASUNCION-  
NATIVIDAD**  
BS Home  
Technology 1973



**ROBERTO F.  
RAÑOLA, JR.**  
BS Agricultural  
Business 1973



**EDRALINA  
PANINGBATAN-  
SERRANO**  
BS Agricultural  
Chemistry 1973,  
MS 1981, PhD 1991

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND  
AGRO-INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY**



**FERNANDO O.  
PARAS, JR.**  
BS Agricultural  
Engineering 1993,  
MS 2003



**ARIEL O.  
IGLESIA**  
BS Agricultural  
Engineering 1986



**FERNANDO  
MENDOZA**  
BS Sugar  
Technology 1985



**ALESSANDRA MIEL  
M. VIRIÑA-OPLEDA**  
BS Human Ecology 2008



**CHERYL LOISE  
T. LEAL**  
BS Human Ecology 2011

**COLLEGE OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT**



**JOSELITO B.  
VALLADA**  
BS Economics 1993



**XIFENG GONG**  
MM Agribusiness  
Management 1996



**KRISTINE  
MOYA-CHUA**  
BS Economics 2002



**CESAR JOSE  
C. JESENA**  
BS Human Ecology 1981



**ROSELIE E.  
ASIS-SOLIVAS**  
BS Nutrition 1999



COLLEGE/SCHOOL  
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

COLLEGE OF FORESTRY  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES



**ERIBERTO B. SAÑOS**  
Certificate in Forestry 1983  
BS Forestry 1986, MS 1998,  
DiP ABM 1992



**EDWIN V. PAYUAN**  
BS Forestry 1973

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT



**MOURNG KAGNA**  
MS Community  
Development 2014



**PHEAK SOTHEA**  
MS Community  
Development 2006,  
PhD 2010

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE



**DENNIS V. UMALI**  
Doctor of Veterinary  
Medicine 2007



**MA. CYNTHIA R. DELA CRUZ**  
Doctor of Veterinary  
Medicine 1999,  
MS 2004, PhD 2014

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE  
AND MANAGEMENT



**EDNA D. NUESTRO**  
BS Forestry 1987,  
MS 1997



**ROBERT G. BERNARDO**  
BS Agricultural  
Business 1988,  
MS 2001



**ZIN MAR LWIN**  
PhD 2013



**PATRICIA ANNE G. NAZARENO**  
MS Environmental  
Studies 1999, PhD 2010

MULTI-GENERATION UPLB  
ALUMNI RECOGNITION



**BIGORNIA FAMILY**



**DEOMANO FAMILY**



**GUZMAN FAMILY**



**PANINGBATAN FAMILY**



**POSA FAMILY**



**QUINTANA FAMILY**



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