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, Mak-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. Parajal)

UPLB community marks 105th Loyalty Day anniversary

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.

President Awardee: Arlene B. Arcillas
(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 Government (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 Rakas 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 Luminare 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 Joelle S. Arana)
105th 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 1960, MS 1989, PhD 1998

OUTSTANDING GOLDEN JUBILARIANS

- NARCEO B. BAET
  BS Agriculture 1973, MS 1978
- NICOMEDES D. BRIONES
  BS Agriculture 1973, MS 1977
- ARSENIO R. ELLA
  BS Forestry 1973, MS 1983
- NORLITO R. GICANA
  BS Agriculture 1973
- ANGEL L. LAMBO
  BS Agriculture 1973, MS 1977
- MARCELINO M. LAZARO, JR.
  BS Forestry
- CYNTHIA ROMERO-MAMON
  BS Home Technology 1973, MA 1975
- GUILLERMO MENDOZA
  BS Forestry 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 1986, 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
  BS Biology 2005

COLLEGE OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION

- RONALD G. MANGUBAT
  BS Development Communication 1986
- SAMANTHA P. JAVIER
  BS Development Communication 2010
- STANLEY B. GAITE
  BS Development Communication 2013
- EVELYN BERNAL-AQUILARRE
  MS Development Communication 1987
UPLBAH  
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

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND AGRO-INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

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

ARIO GELESA  
BS Agricultural Engineering 1986

FERNANDO MENDOZA  
BS Sugar Technology 1985

COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

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. JESMA  
BS Human Ecology 1981

ROSELIE E. ASIS-SOLIVAS  
BS Nutrition 1999