



## 103<sup>rd</sup> UPLB LOYALTY DAY

Bigkisang UPLB at Alumni para sa Matagumpay na Pagbangon Mula sa Pandemya

### 103<sup>rd</sup> Loyalty Day puts spotlight on UPLB-alumni collaboration

UPLB and the UPLB Alumni Association (UPLBAA) are once more celebrating the traditional Loyalty Day and Alumni Homecoming to commemorate accomplishments and recognize outstanding UPLB alumni.

This year marks the 103<sup>rd</sup> year that this tradition has been upheld. With the theme "Bigkisang UPLB at Alumni para sa Matagumpay na Pagbangon Mula sa Pandemya," UPLB and UPLBAA aim to highlight upcoming programs and projects envisioned to further strengthen the bonds between UPLB and its alumni.

One of these is the UPLB-Alumni Industry Summit to be held on Nov. 6.

Kicking off the celebration is the opening of the "Makiling: Isang Pagpupugay" art exhibit on Oct. 5. There will also be a virtual cultural concert at 7 PM of Oct. 9, followed by the virtual UPLB Alumni Homecoming and the UPLB Loyalty Day Alumni Awarding Ceremony on Oct. 10 at 9 AM and 2 PM, respectively.

Leading this year's alumni awardees is Dr. Weerapon Thongma, president of Maejo University in Thailand, who

earned his PhD in Extension Education from UPLB in 2001. Dr. Weerapon is no stranger to UPLB's recognition, having received both the Outstanding UPLB Alumni Award and the CPAF College Distinguished Alumni Award in 2019. He is also the president of the UPLBAA Thailand Chapter.

An expert in tourism development, sustainable tourism management, agrotourism, and community development, he is recognized for his active role in promoting inter-country relationships among higher education institutions within the Southeast Asian region, as well as his advocacy of ground-breaking research such as the cultivation of cannabis for medical purposes.

Aside from Dr. Weerapon, this year's luminaries also include former UPLBAA president, For. Leo Ballefin (class '81) who will receive the Nelia T. Gonzalez Alumni Service Award, and The Outstanding UPLB Alumni Awardees, namely: Crisanto S. Gualberto II (class '62); Dr. Francisco D. Gorrez, Jr. (class '55). Dr. Rita P. Laude (class '70); Dr. Rodel G. Maghirang (class '77), and Dr. Agustin B. Molina, Jr. (class '73), all of the College of Agriculture and Food Science.

The rest of the awardees are: Dr. Lemnuel V. Aragones (class '86) and Dr. Gabriel O. Romero (class '83), both from the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Benigno C. Valdez (class '79) from the College of Engineering and Agro-Industrial Technology; Reynaldo P. Bantug (class '74) and Christopher S. Pastrana (class '87), both from the College of Economics and Management; Maria Theresa M. Gendrano-Quiñones (class '82) from the College of Human Ecology; and Dr. Reildrin G. Morales (class '97) of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

In addition, members of Class 1971, namely: Dr. Candida Bernabe-Adalla, Raymundo M. Almario, Dr. Arelyne Bustrillos Pacho-Ramos, Dr. Rosalina B. Mendoza-Lapitan, Dr. Emerlinda Ramos-Roman, Dr. Jose O. Sargento, and Dr. Eufemio T. Rasco have been named as recipients of the 2021 Outstanding Golden Jubilarian Award.

Thirty eight alumni will be recognized as recipients of the college distinguished alumni awards while five families are recipients of the UPLB Multi-Generation Award. (Albert Geoffred B. Peralta)



### UPLBAA, CAFSAA hold turnover ceremonies for presidents

UPLBAA and the College of Agriculture and Food Science Alumni Association (CAFSAA) held back-to-back turnover ceremonies on Aug. 5 at the UPLB Guest House after CAFSAA president, Capt. Mauro W. Barradas, was elected UPLBAA president effective Aug. 1, 2021.

Capt. Barradas turned over the CAFSAA presidency to Dr. Cristino M. Collado after

which the latter took his oath of office before Chancellor Jose V. Camacho, Jr.

This was followed by the turnover of the UPLBAA presidency from For. Leo R. Ballefin to Capt. Barradas and his swearing into office with his oath administered by Chancellor Camacho.

Present at the turnover ceremonies were Dr. Eileen Lorena M. Mamino, Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) director and assistant to the chancellor, UPLBAA staff, and CAFS Alumni Relations Officer Virma Rea G. Lee.

Dr. Mamino shared with the audience her fond memories of working with the outgoing president and welcomed the new UPLBAA president, promising that

the OAR will continue to support the alumni association.

Ballefin thanked Chancellor Camacho for the full support that he gave to alumni especially the UPLBAA.

"As outgoing president of UPLBAA, ako'y nalulugod at nagpapasalamat sa suporta na inyong ibinigay sa UPLBAA, while ako ang president. Isang malaking karangalan ang mag-serve as UPLBAA president. Marami tayong proyektong nailunsad at naipanukala na puwede pang ipagpatuloy ng ating bagong president na si Mr. Mauro Barradas," he further said.

(I am happy and thankful for the support given to UPLBAA while I was its

president. It's a source of pride and honor to serve. We initiated many projects that the new president can continue.)

The new UPLBAA president said that he had other plans especially in the agriculture sector but dutifully accepted the position of being an alumni president. According to him, he believes that he can continue what Ballefin began.

"Sa bago nating task na ibinigay ni President Leo ay pipilitin ko na ang UP Los Baños, sa baba at sa taas, ay magkaroon ng magandang koneksyon para sa ikauunlad ng ating organisasyon. Pipilitin natin ang mga graduate ng UPLB ay mawiwiling bumalik dito sa ating campus," he promised.

(I will do my best to expand our networks for the further development of our organization. We will do our best so that UPLB graduates will desire to come back to the campus.)

President Barradas and CAFSAA President Collado thanked For. Ballefin and Chancellor Camacho for their support. The latter added that Chancellor Camacho was their inspiration for being active in the alumni association, which has become their way of giving back to the University. (Paully May Z. Valencia)



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UPLB LOYALTY DAY  
AWARDEES

**OUTSTANDING GOLDEN JUBILARIANS**



**CANDIDA BERNABE-ADALLA**  
BSA '71,  
MS '74,  
PhD '82



**RAYMUNDO M. ALMARIO**  
BSA '71



**ROSALINA B. MENDOZA-LAPITAN**  
BSAC '71,  
MS '91



**THE OUTSTANDING UPLB ALUMNI AWARD**



**LEMNUEL V. ARAGONES**  
BS Zoo '86  
(Marine Mammal Research and Conservation & Environmental Science)



**REYNALDO P. BANTUG**  
BSAB '74  
(Energy Economics and Entrepreneurship)



**MARIA THERESA M. GENDRANO-QUINONES**  
BSHE '82, MS '08  
(International Dev't Management and Cooperation)



**FRANCISCO D. GORREZ, JR.**  
BSA '55  
(International Agriculture)



**CRISANTO S. GUALBERTO II**  
BSA '62  
(Agripreneurship for Community Development)



**RITA P. LAUDE**  
BSA '70, MS '76,  
PhD '84  
(Academic Education Administration)

**COLLEGE/SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI**

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCE**



**DELFIN A. ANARETA**  
BSA '75  
(Hybrid Coconut Commercialization for Smallholders)



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(Public Service)



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BSA '79, MS '82  
(Environmental Protection)



**PROCESO H. MANGUIAT**  
BSA '78  
(Ground Level Technology Commercialization)



**SHIRLEY C. AGRUPIS**  
MS '92  
(Educational Management, Research, and Public Service)



**JONALOU S. LABOR**  
BACA '02,  
MA '08  
(Communication Research and Education)



**ARVIN C. MARBIBI**  
BS Zoo '94  
(Public Health Service and Management)



**NORVIE L. MANIGBAS**  
BSA '81, MS '97,  
PhD '02  
(Applied Rice Science and Technology)



**ANGELITO C. PATONONA**  
BSA '74  
(Agricultural Entrepreneurship)



**RENATO C. ROMERO**  
BSA '68  
(Extension)



**VICENTE M. TUPAZ**  
BSA '70  
(Agripreneurship)



**ELMER JOSE A. MECEDA**  
BS Zoo '91  
(Medical and Neurological Education, Research, and Training)



**VERA MARJORIE E. VELASCO**  
BS Bio '03  
(Plant Biochemistry and Molecular Biology & Community Empowerment)

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**



## UPLBAA PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

**WEERAPON  
THONGMA**  
PhD '01



## NELIA T. GONZALEZ ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

**LEO R.  
BALLESFIN**  
CF '81, BSF '84

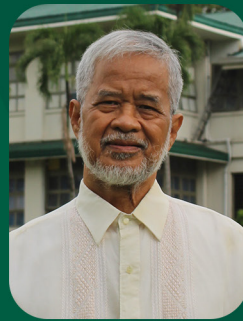
**ARELYNE  
BUSTRILLOS  
PACHO-RAMOS**  
BSAC '71



**EUFEMIO T.  
RASCO, JR.**  
BSA '71,  
MS '74



**EMERLINDA  
R. ROMAN**  
BSA '71,  
MA '77



**JOSE O.  
SARGENTO**  
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PhD '95



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MAGHIRANG**  
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Breeding)



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MOLINA, JR.**  
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and Development)



**REILDRIN G.  
MORALES**  
DVM '97  
(Government Service  
and Veterinary Practice)



**CHRISTOPHER S.  
PASTRANA**  
BSAB '87  
(Corporate  
Governance)



**GABRIEL O.  
ROMERO**  
BS Bio '83, MS '89  
(Genetic Resources  
Conservation and  
Crop Biotechnology)



**BENIGNO C.  
VALDEZ**  
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(Cancer  
Research)

### COLLEGE OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION



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CENTENO**  
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Communication  
Education)



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LEÑO**  
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Communication  
Practice)



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THINLEY**  
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MS '86  
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### COLLEGE OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT



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P. ABILAY**  
BSAB '80,  
MS '90  
(Public Sector  
Governance and  
MSME Dev't)



**CATHERINE  
ROWEEN C.  
ALMADEN**  
BS Econ '97  
(Higher Education  
Management)



**BON URVEN  
P. DAMPOR**  
BS AgEcon '04  
(Remittance Banking  
and Relationship  
Management)



**JESSICA D.  
VILLANUEVA-  
PEYRUABE**  
BS Econ '03  
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Natural Resource  
Management)



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P. PUYOD III**  
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Corporate Governance  
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## COLLEGE/SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

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**ERWIN JOSEPH S. CRUZ**  
DVM '91  
(Public Service and Poultry Practice)

## MULTI-GENERATION UPLB ALUMNI RECOGNITION



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