



UPLB to celebrate 101st Loyalty Day

UPLB Loyalty Day marks its 101st year on Oct. 10, 2019, this time, celebrated with the theme “*Patuloy na tumutugon sa hamon ng bayan.*”

This year’s jubilarians are alumni who graduated in the years ending in 4 and 9. They are led by the golden jubilarians, the Class of 1969.



The celebration will kick-off with the Loyalty Day Prelude, a salu-salo at the Barradas Airstrip in Tanauan, Batangas on Oct. 5.

On Oct. 9, the UPLB Alumni Association will hold a general assembly, followed in the afternoon by the Alumni Awarding Ceremony in honor of outstanding and distinguished alumni awardees. The much-awaited music and merriment of the Alumni Fellowship Night will then follow.

On Oct. 10, bugle calls at 7AM will kick-start the Loyalty Day Parade from the Carillon grounds to the front of the DL Umali Hall, immediately followed by the luncheon salu-salo at Baker Hall.

Other Loyalty Day activities are the UPLB Flower and Garden Show at the Senior’s Social Garden from Oct. 4 to 13, the Makiling Hike and Alumni Sportsfest on Oct. 6, and a trade fair exhibit from Oct. 7 to 12 at the upper grounds near Baker Hall.

Oct. 7 will feature a Football Clinic, a Job Fair at the Obdulia Sison Hall (formerly CEC), and the opening of the “Artfully Science” Exhibit in the Sining Makiling Gallery at the DL Umali Hall.

Those aspiring to learn more about handling and growing their finances may also attend an Investment Literacy Seminar on Oct. 8, also at the Obdulia Sison Hall.

Class ‘69 will lead a groundbreaking ceremony of their project at the back of Baker Hall at 9AM on Oct. 9.

The 2019 Loyalty Day celebration was officially launched on Aug. 30 with a Golf Tournament at Mount Malarayat Golf and Country Club, Lipa City, Batangas hosted by Class ‘69. (*Jessa Jael S. Arana*)



HABITO

Dr. Cielito Habito leads 2019 alumni luminaries

He set records in 1975 for graduating as the lone *summa cum laude* of UP and UPLB. Forty-four years later, he is making headlines once again in the local soil as he receives the highest honors from UPLB’s alumni body.

Dr. Cielito F. Habito, who rose to national prominence as the Secretary of Socio-economic Planning and Director-General of the National Economic Development Authority from 1992 to 1998, is this year’s recipient of the highest UPLB Alumni Association (UPLBAA) award—the Presidential Award.

UPLBAA recognizes Dr. Habito for his role in helping craft sound economic policies for the Philippines and other countries in Asia-Pacific and Latin America, and in advancing economic and financial literacy through his writings, such as his regular op-ed column “No Free Lunch,” in the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

Dr. Habito is a professor at the Ateneo de Manila University and chair of the consultancy firm Brain Trust: Knowledge & Options for Sustainable Development, Inc. He earned his PhD and MA Economics from Harvard University and another master’s degree in Economics from the University of New England in Australia.

UPLB is not only his alma mater (BS Agriculture, major in Agricultural Economics). It was also in the university where he started to nurture his career that blossomed into one of the most respected in his field. He taught at the College of Economics and Management (CEM) from 1975 to 1990 and was once chair of the Department of Economics.

Dr. Habito and 62 other awardees will be recognized at this year’s Loyalty Day Alumni Homecoming and Awarding Ceremonies on Oct. 9 at Baker Hall.

The 62 are recipients of the following awards: The Outstanding UPLB Alumni Award or TOUAA (for 12 awardees); the colleges’ distinguished alumni awards (47); Nelia T. Gonzalez Service Award (for Dr. Feliciano Calora, Sr.); and The Outstanding Golden Jubilarian Award (3).

Two current chancellors of UP – Chancellor Michael Tan of UP Diliman and Chancellor Larry Digal of UP Mindanao – are recipients of TOUAA and CEM Distinguished Alumnus Award, respectively.

Eleven are active UPLB faculty members and researchers, namely: Myrna Carandang, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Josefina Dizon, Desiree Hautea, Antonio Laurena, Layeta Bucoy, Benjamina Paula Flor, Patricia Ann Sanchez, Susan Aquino-Ong, Dixon Gevaña, and Apolonio Ocampo. Four have retired from service to UPLB, namely: Delia Mariano, Carmencita Mateo, Edralina Serrano, and Amelia Wagan-Tejada.

Past and present local chief executives will also receive trophies from their college AAs, namely: Mayors Rommel Gecolea (Cabuyao, Laguna) and Vincent Soriano (Pakil, Laguna), and former mayors Dahlia Ambayec-Loyola (Carmona, Cavite) and Alfredo Coro II (Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte, now vice mayor).

Ronald Mascariñas (Bounty Agro Ventures, Inc.), Maynoll Montalbo (Mont Albo Wellness Corp.), and Nazario Racoma (Traffic Supplies and Construction Corp.) – all TOUAA honorees – are exemplary in the field of business.

International alumni who have made their mark in their careers will also bag trophies, such as Korean rice breeder Kyu-Seong Lee, Japanese social entrepreneur Katsuhisa Ota, and Thailand’s Maejo University Acting President Weerapon Thongma (a recipient of both TOUAA and CPAf Distinguished Alumni Award).

Alumni who have raised the Philippine flag in their international bases also comprise the roster of awardees, including Bangkok-based diplomat Juan Carlos Borromeo; California-based bioenergy engineer Valentin Tiangco; and educators Mia Liza Lustria (Florida State University) and Celia Umali (Nagasaki University).

This year, UPLBAA also pays tribute to Avelex Amor, posthumous TOUAA

recipient. Amor is a former doctor to the barrio and chief of Canlaon District Hospital in Negros Oriental before his demise in 2018.

Aside from the individual awardees, five families will also be recognized for having produced multi-generations of UPLB alumni. These are the Carandang, De Guzman, Luis, Mariano, and Mendoza families. A gallery of the awardees are on pages 2-4. (*Mark Jayson E. Gloria*)

PROFESSIONAL BOARD EXAM RESULTS



NUTRITIONIST-DIETITIAN

AUGUST 2019
110 OUT OF 110
100% PASSING RATE
9 TOPNOTCHERS
TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL



ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

AUGUST 2019
8 OUT OF 8
100% PASSING RATE



FORESTER

SEPTEMBER 2019
147 OUT OF 148
99.32% PASSING RATE
5 TOPNOTCHERS (INCLUDING FIRST PLACER)
SOLE TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL



VETERINARIAN

AUGUST 2019
89 OUT OF 93
95.70% PASSING RATE
4 TOPNOTCHERS (INCLUDING FIRST PLACER)
SOLE TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL



UPLBAA PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

CIELITO F. HABITO
BSA '75



NELIA T. GONZALEZ SERVICE AWARD

FELICIANO B. CALORA SR.
BSA '55, MS '57

THE OUTSTANDING UPLB ALUMNI AWARD



AVELEX S. AMOR
BS Zoo '96
Rural Health Service
(Posthumous Award)



LAYETA P. BUCOY
BACA '96
(Culture & the Arts)



MYRNA G. CARANDANG
BS AMAT '75, MS '82
& PhD '90
(Forestry Educ'n)



ARNELY V. DE MESA
BSAE '96
(Rural Dev't & Governance)



JUAN CARLOS T. GONZALEZ
BS Zoo '92,
MS '97
(Biodiversity Conservation
Education)



DESIREE M. HAUTEA
BSA '77, MS '81
(Agri Biotech
Research)

COLLEGE/SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCE



NARCEO B. BAJET
BSA '73, MS '78
(Plant Pathology)



KYU-SEONG LEE
PhD '95
(Rice Breeding)



APOLONIO M. OCAMPO
BSA '76; MAgr '87, PhD '02
(Soil Fertility Mgt.
& Plant Nutrition)



JOSE D. ONA
BSA '59, MS '65
(Ag Extn
& Training)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



DAHLIA A. AMBAYEC-LOYOLA
BS Zoo '82
(Good Governance
& Public Service)



KERRY PHIL K. BAUTISTA
BS Zoo '98
(Administration of
Health Services)



ALFREDO M. CORO II
BSCS '98
(Good Governance
& Public Service)



EDRALINA PANINGBATAN-SERRANO
BS AgChem '73,
MS '82, PhD '91
(Postharvest
Horticulture)



MARISSA V. ROMERO
BSFT '88, MS '05
(Rice Chem
& Food Science)



BRENDA VILLANUEVA FAJARDO
BSA '59
(Culture and
the Arts)

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND AGRO-INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY



ANTONIO C. LAURENA
BS SugarTech '79,
MS '83, PhD '93
(Plant Biochemistry, Molecular
Biology & Metabolic Engineering)



PATRICIA ANN J. SANCHEZ
BSAE '00
(Hydrological
Sciences)



VALENTIN M. TIANGO
BSAE '78
(Bioenergy)

COLLEGE OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT



JUAN CARLOS C. BORROMELO
BS ECON '06
(Government
Foreign Service)



FELIPE O. CALDERON
BS ABM '81
(Sustainable Banking
and Finance)



MA. CRISELDA M. CANING
BS ABM '87
(Higher Education
Governance)



2019 ALUMNI AWARDEES

OUTSTANDING GOLDEN JUBILARIANS



**CYNTHIA
TAGUIAMON-
CARDENAS**
BSA '69



**AMELIA
WAGAN-TEJADA**
BS AgChem '69,
MS '73, PhD '83



**PABLITO
M. VILLEGAS**
BSA '69



**RONALD R.
MASCARIÑAS**
BSA '82
(Agricultural
Entrepreneurship)



**MAYNOLL D.
MONTALBO**
BS BIO '99
(Health
and Wellness)



**NAZARIO
S. RACOMA**
BSA '68
(Corporate
Governance)



**GUILLERMO
Q. TABIOS III**
BSAE '77, MS '79
(Water Resources
Engineering)



**MICHAEL
L. TAN**
DVM '77
(Human, Animal,
& Environmental
Health)



**WEERAPON
THONGMA**
PhD '01
(Educational
Leadership)

COLLEGE OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION



**VINCENT
L. SORIANO**
SOC '96, MDMG '14
(Good Governance
and Public Service)



**BENJAMINA
PAULA G. FLOR**
BSDC '80, MS '89,
PhD '97
(Devcom Education
and Training)



**MIA LIZA
A. LUSTRIA**
BSDC '90, MS '96
(Health
Communication)



**MARILYN
M. MANILA**
BSDC '99
(Community
Development)



**MA. LINA
PELLEJO-SANOGAL**
BSDC '83
(Good Governance
& Public Service)



**MARIA VERONICA
QUINTANA-ARIODER**
BSDC '90
(Educational
Leadership)

COLLEGE OF FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES



**PETER N.
TIANGCO**



**PETER N.
TIANGCO**
BSF '85
(Public
Governance)



**DIXON
T. GEVANA**
CiF '00, BSF '03
(Science &
Technology)



**ALLAN
S. MANJARES**
FRC '90, BSF '93
(Forest
Entrepreneurship)



**FRANCISCO
E. MILLA, JR.**
BSF '95
(Public Service)



**THOMAS
R. SEDANO, JR.**
BSFPE '86
(Institutional
Service)



**LARRY
N. DIGAL**
BSA (AgEcon) '85
(Higher Education
Governance)



**CHRISTINE CHERRY
R. FLORCRUZ**
BS ABM '97
(International Broadcast
and Business Dev't)



**JAIME SIMEON
C. LOPA**
BS ABM '83
(Community
Empowerment)



**MARIO REY
T. MORALES**
BS ABM '82
(Corporate and
Institutional Banking)



**HOOVER S.
PICAR**
BS ABM '91
(Agribusiness
and Entrepreneurship)



**CELIA L.
UMALI**
BS ABM '78, MM '82
(International
Business Management
Education)



**SHERYL MA
N. WU**
BS ECON '02
(Reg'l Financial Mgt
& Business Dev't)

COLLEGE/SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY



RASMIAH M. MALIXI
BSHE '99, MS '05
(Envi Conserv'n & Sustainable Dev't)



DELIA P. MARIANO
BSHT '67
(Public Service)



DONNABELLE FAYE I. NAVARRETE
BSN '98
(Clinical Dietetics)



JANRIUS C. REYES
BSHE '11
(Children's Rights, Youth & Family Dev't, & Community Empowerment)

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE



CARMENCITA D. MATEO
DVM '69, MS '71
(Veterinary Education and Research)



ANSELMA M. MARIÑO
DVM '88
(Veterinary Practice)

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT



JOSEFINA T. DIZON
BSA '79, MAgr '85, MS '90, PhD '97
(Community Dev't Teaching & Research)



ROMMEL A. GECOLEA
MPAF '13
(Local Governance & Public Service)



KATSUHISA OTA
MS '99, PhD '07
(Social Entrepreneurship and Development)



WEERAPON THONGMA
PhD '01
(Educational Leadership)

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT



LYDIO M. ESPAÑOL JR.
MS '02
(Government Service)



SUSAN AQUINO-ONG
PhD '12
(Landscape Architecture)



RODELIO F. SUBADE
PhD '04
(Research in Envi Econ)

MULTI-GENERATION UPLB ALUMNI RECOGNITION

CARANDANG FAMILY

Diosdado Carandang - BSA '56, MS '69 Ronaldo Carandang - BS Bio '94 Emma Beduya-Carandang - BSA '96 Monina Gazelle Charina Carandang - BSCS 2012, MIT 2016

DE GUZMAN FAMILY

Moises de Guzman - BSA '55, MS '70, PhD '81 Celia de Guzman-Ogbonna - BSA '79 Claro de Guzman - BSHE '81 Mabini de Guzman-Dizon - BSA '83, MS Devcom '87 Victor de Guzman Dizon, Jr. - BSA 2010, MS NRC 2018

LUIS FAMILY

Victor U. Luis Sr. - BSA '39 Edwin S. Luis - BSA '65, MS '71 Ernesto S. Luis - BS AgChem '67 Aida Luis - BS Sugar Tech '76, MS '80 Virginia Luis Mabesa - BS HT '70, MS '79 Renato Mabesa - BSA '72, MS '76 Victor Luis Jr. - BS AE '72 Elsa Luis - BSA '73, MS '80 Lorna S. Luis - BSA '75 Florida Luis Mariano - BS BIO '76 Immanuel Espanto - BS AE '78 Joyce S. Luis - BSA (AgEcon) '84, MS '95 Nelwina Luis Arambulo - BS Zoo '89 Jose Elmer Arambulo - DVM '91 Vicky Luis Galarosa - BSA '91, MS '98 Ian Galarosa - BSA '92 Ana Marie Luis Juliano - BSA '94, MS '98 Benedict Juliano - BS AECO '92 Victor Luis III - BS BIO '94 Vivien Luis Ticzon - BS FT '95 Victor Ticzon - BS BIO '94 Jose Luis - BS BIO '98, MS '04 Judith Luis - BSA '99 Pilipinas Luis - BS AECO '00 Rane Christina Luis Mabesa-Telosa - BSA '05, MS 2010 Viel Hiyas Socorro Luis - BSDC '06

MARIANO FAMILY

Dr. Sinesio M. Mariano - BSA '61, MS '77 Prof. Delia Ponce-Mariano - BSHT '67 Dr. Dennis P. Mariano - DVM '97 Michelle Collado-Mariano - BSCS '94, MM '12 Hanzel P. Mariano - BS ECON '95 Kachela Albert-Mariano - BA SOCIO '99 Mahalia Deanna Mariano-Borja - BSA '02 Dhanial Mark C. Mariano - BS ABT 2018 Mary Denelle C. Mariano - BS STAT 2018 Krisandra A. Mariano - BA Anthro 2018 (UPD)

MENDOZA FAMILY

Manuel B. Mendoza - BSA '59 Ruth C. Mendoza-Romo - BS ECON '91 Generoso Rene Romo - DVM '90 Henry Mendoza - BS ECON '97 Jeffrey Mendoza - BSCS 2017 Pamela Ysabel B. Mendoza - BS BIO 2017

NEW APPOINTMENTS



NANETTE A. AQUINO

Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Administration effective June 1, 2019-May 31, 2020. Aquino is an assistant professor at the Dept. of Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship and former associate dean (2012-2016) of the College of Economics and Management (CEM).



ZOILO D. BELANO, JR.

Chair of the Dept. of Social Sciences effective August 16, 2019-August 15, 2022. Belano is an assistant professor who holds a Master of International Studies from the University of Queensland. He is also the chief of the University Housing Office.



DR. AGHAM C. CUEVAS

Dean of CEM effective July 31, 2019-July 30, 2022. Dr. Cuevas is an associate professor at the Dept. of Economics, where he was chair for two terms (2004-2007; 2016-2019). He finished his PhD and MA Economics from the UP School of Economics.



ROWENA A. DORADO

College Secretary of CEM effective August 1, 2019-July 31, 2022. Dorado, who finished BS Applied Mathematics and MS Economics from UPLB, is an assistant professor at the Dept. of Economics.



ARLENE C. GUTIERREZ

Associate Dean of CEM effective August 1, 2019-July 31, 2022. Gutierrez is an assistant professor at the Dept. of Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship. She earned her MBA from the Asian Institute of Management.



DR. RODEL G. MAGHIRANG

Director of the Institute of Plant Breeding effective August 28, 2019-August 27, 2022. Dr. Maghirang holds the Scientist I rank under the Scientific Career System. He once served as the special assistant to the undersecretary for operations of the Department of Agriculture (2003-2005).