

# SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE OF LAGUNA SOARS HIGH ON ITS PEARL ANNIVERSARY

As Saint Michael's College of Laguna's 30th year celebration, its pearl anniversary draws to a close, in the offing are plans conceptualized to sustain the initiatives it started geared towards its vision for the next 30 years.

At the outset of the celebration these initiatives were set in place through the necessary administrative and logistical, infrastructures meant to efficiently and effectively implement the program thrusts.

Early performance indicators point to convey a glimpse of the program's high likelihood of success.

Through the Student Focused Strategic Intervention Program, students' multiple intelligences are promoted, consequently raising the learning outcomes expected from our major stakeholders.

The Teacher Focused Strategic Intervention Program has shown the instructors' versatility and flexibility in trying out alternative teaching styles making them more effective facilitators of learning.

Re-engineering the school managers through a strong managerial capability building has brought about a higher bar of concern to manage change and manage people well.

The set rules of engagement have definitely established a policy environment that redounds to a more integral academic community, where the core values of the institution are individually and collectively lived to the fullest and shared to produce the desired harmony and convergence.

There are of course hitches but they only serve to challenge the community's sensibility to strengthen its resolve to try harder, perform better, push forward and move on, and upward to stay afloat amidst the complex vicissitudes of its existence.

"Only the rare grain of sand is destined to become a pearl, the amazing developments that have unfolded as the College commemorates its pearl anniversary have been affirmations that to the Lord Almighty, whose benediction, we always invoke, our beloved SMCL is that special grain of sand designed for greatness," enthuses Dr. Lourdes Almeda-Sese, the dynamic College President on her hopes for the College next 30 years.



## SMCL hosts PAPSCU 5th Educators Conference

Saint Michael's College of Laguna hosted the 5th Educators Conference of the Philippine Association of Private Schools, Colleges, and Universities on March 20.

Hon. Nona S. Ricafort, Ph.D., Commissioner, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) talked on "CHED's Ladderization Program: Interfacing Technical Vocational Education & Training with Higher Education." Dr. Isabel F. Inlayo, CESO III, Director IV, CHED HERO IV-A, discussed "Policy Directions on IQUAME" of Hon. Nenilyn Defensor, Ph.D., Commissioner, CHED. Fr. Roderick C. Salazar, Jr., SVD, President, Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines presented his reactions entitled "Divergent Issues, Convergent Views." Also, District Director Yerma N. Saulon, CESO IV of the Technical Education & Skills Development Authority (TESDA) discussed "Labor Market Analysis."

The guests were given certificates of appreciation by Dr. Jose Paulo E. Campos, PAPSCU President and Emilio Aguinaldo College (EAC) President, assisted by the conference chair, Dr. Lourdes Almeda-Sese, SMCL president and PAPSCU Second Vice President.

With the theme, "Evolving Education Policy Directions," the conference had 103 participants from PAPSCU member schools.

## Estanislao graces 30th commencement exercises

Dr. Jesus Estanislao, Chairman and CEO, Institute for Solidarity in Asia, challenged the 313 graduates of 2006 to observe high ethical norms, practice solidarity with others in society, and nurture a deep civic spirit.

He congratulated the parents of batch '06 and reminded them to do their share in propagating corporate citizenship.

He implied that "a balanced governance of one's life is the most effective way for young Filipinos to contribute to nation building."



# MILESTONES

# CELEBRATING 30 GREAT YEARS



**PEARL ANNIVERSARY DINNER**  
The Bellevue Manila Hotel  
August 25, 2005



**UGNAYANG GURO**  
Paper Presentation of Dr. Josette T. Biyo,  
Intel Excellence in Teaching Awardee  
St. Theodore Hall  
August 25, 2005



**SUNDAY TV MASS**  
ABS-CBN Channel 2 Studio  
August 21, 2005



**MODEL AND PROMISING ALUMNI (2nd Batch)**  
St. Theodore Hall  
January 15, 2006



**MODEL AND PROMISING ALUMNI (1st Batch)**  
St. Theodore Hall  
August 25, 2005



**PROJECT-ENRICH Memorandum of Agreement**  
with Commission on Higher Education  
Acting Chair Carlito Puno  
November 10, 2005



**PAROKYA NI EDGAR @ Chill-out Party**  
St. Theodore Hall, September 23, 2005



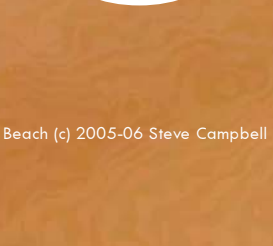
**TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, CHED'S SEARCH**  
FOR BEST STUDENT PERSONNEL SERVICES  
February 22, 2006



**LEADERS UNLIMITED Entrepreneurial Seminar**  
with Anthony Pangilinan and Anna Marie Periquet  
St. Theodore Hall  
November 21, 2005



**YOU CAN BE AN ANGEL DAY**  
Feast of St. Michael  
September 28, 2005



**SPEAKERS' BUREAU**  
Learning Styles, Krisis ng Pag-iwan at Naiiwan,  
Ethical Responsibilities of Spider-Man, Management  
Prerogatives and Employees' Rights, Sexual Shame  
and Its Connection to Human Nature and Love

**3 DEKADANG PASASALAMAT**  
Lingap Center/Basketball Court, G&F Subd.,  
Platero, Biñan, Laguna  
May 29, 2005

**BIGAY-PUSO**  
Lingap Center  
December 22, 2005



**PRESIDENT'S DAY**  
Pre-Graduation Conference



**Z AND GOLDEN Z CLUB HUB**  
Milagros L. Limaco Hall



**ADRIAN VICTOR DA SILVA**  
FIRST PLACE - Services Category  
4th Young Entrepreneurs' Summit  
February 23-25, 2006



**CATHERINE SISON**  
Third Placer  
2005 Licensure Examination for Nurses



**ACADEMIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT**  
WITH NAMHAE COLLEGE,  
SOUTH KOREA



**RESEARCH FORA**  
Presentation of Faculty Action Researches  
with Dr. Flordeliza Reyes, DLSU-Manila



**WINNING THE SEARCH FOR BEST STUDENT**  
SERVICES PROGRAM (REGION IV-A)



**ALUMNI SPEAKERS' BUREAU**  
International Settlement Accounting,  
5S of Good Housekeeping

**LEVEL II RE-ACCREDITATION VISIT**  
Board of Directors of Philippine Association  
of Colleges and Universities Commission  
on Accreditation  
March 7-9, 2006



**FILIPINIANA EXHIBIT**  
featuring Abet Alvarez Collection  
February 23, 2006



**NATIONAL ARTS MONTH**  
Culminating Activity/Tribute to  
Michealean Theater and Dance Co.  
February 23, 2006



**BIÑAN LIBERATION DAY**  
Biñan Town Plaza  
February 5, 2006



**LINGAP ESKUWELA**  
St. Mary's House, Ephpheta School for the Deaf,  
Milagros Limaco Learning Laboratory  
November 11, 2005



**FACULTY IN-SERVICE TRAINING**  
5S, Course Designing, Alternative Learning Styles,  
Classroom management, Writing Action Researches



**PAPSCU AND SMCL**  
5TH EDUCATORS CONFERENCE  
Evolving Education Policy Directions  
March 20, 2006

**HEROES' WELCOME**  
Sponsored by SMCL Z Club  
For All OFW Michealean Parents  
April 3, 2006



# LACOMED seeks PACUCOA Level II re-accreditation

Saint Michael's College of Laguna has undergone Level II Re-accreditation visit of the Liberal Arts, Commerce and Education Programs on March 7-9.

The members of the visiting team from the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Higher Education (PACUCOA) included Dr. Ellen Salac, Dr. Flora Javier, Ma. Sylvia Songco, Dr. Lourdes Sabile, Ms. Maribel Estepa, Engr. Flordeliza Villaseñor and Dr. Antonio Mateo, Jr.

PACUCOA accreditation acknowledges the level of quality of

an educational institution as it carries out its academic mission based on its aims and objectives.

SMCL embraces accreditation to further boost its academic standard and achieve full autonomy in its subject curriculum.

During the post-conference, Dr. Salac, the Chairman of the PACUCOA team congratulated in advance the Board of Directors and the Area Chairs for complying with

the standards set for the accreditation.

She shared that during the dialogues, the faculty, the non-teaching staff and the students expressed their satisfaction on the way the school is being managed and the treatment that they have received as members of the SMCL Family.

The students appreciated the efforts done by the administrators to uplift the standards of SMCL.

# Da Silva cops 1st place in young entreps summit

Adrian Victor Da Silva, II-St. Augustine was declared the First Place Winner in the Services Category for his business venture, "Angel Trekkers," on the 4th Summit for Young Entrepreneurs.

Adrian presented his plan of putting up a travel-tour business that will ferry hearing-impaired children to different places to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and to the young entrepreneurs on February 23-25 at the Market! Market! Fort Bonifacio Global City in Taguig.

PGMA visited the exposition of the first "Go Negosyo Entrepreneurship Expo," which showcased the entrepreneurial skills of the Filipinos by both would-be entrepreneurs and already established entrepreneurs.

The expo is a project of Ms. Anna Marie Periquet, president, Aurelio Periquet Jr. Foundation, Inc.

On March 3, Adrian presented his business plan to the Michaeleans in a program sponsored by the College/Central Student Councils and the SMCL Z/Golden Z Clubs.

Recognizing his achievement under the Student Talent and Academic Recognition (S.T.A.R.) Program, SMCL President and CEO, Dr. Lourdes Almada-Sese presented him a certificate of full scholarship for school year 2006-2007.



# Koreans learn English as a foreign language

The third batch of fifteen students from Namhae College, Kyongsangnamdo, South Korea took up a two-week intensive English as a foreign language course at Saint Michael's College of Laguna in February.

Prof. Elena R. Manalo, Dr. Porfiria T. Pedriña, Ms. Ida Mae A. Orbe, and Ms. Arlene Emily A. Cuaresma handled the classes in Reading, Listening, Writing, and Speaking. The students were immersed to the Filipino culture through visits to famous places in Laguna, Cavite, and Manila. They also had a taste of Filipino cuisine.

The LINGAP-SMCL (Lingkod at Pagmamahal ng SMCL) is the blueprint of the school's community services involving the students, faculty and personnel thus translating the spirit of solidarity with and preferential option for the poor into action.



# MTDC wins in 2 dance tilts

The Michaelean Theater and Dance Co. (MTDC), the Ambassadors of Goodwill of Saint Michael's College of Laguna, copped first place in two major dance competitions in Biñan.

For the second time, they got the Best in Cultural Dance in the celebration of Biñan Liberation Day.

For the 4th Sombrero Festival, they coveted the Grand Prize in Streetdancing twice in a row.

# SMCL ranks 3rd in nurses' board

Catherine B. Sison, Bachelor of Science in Nursing alumna, Batch 2005, ranked third in the December 2005 National Licensure Examination for Nurses conducted by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

Garnering an average of 84.40, Sison joined the elite circle of achievers in health care.

Sison is a true-blooded Michaelean, having been a graduate of SMCL High School batch 2001.

She was also a department awardee, News Editor of *The Michaelean Herald* in 2001-2002, and a one-time dean's lister.

Her instructors describe her as a quiet person and a diligent student. Since high school, she had been a member of the SMCL Band, playing the clarinet.

# SMCL wins regional student services award

Saint Michael's College of Laguna is the regional winner for the Best Student Services Program Award.



Dr. Fredie Bernal swipes his card at the access control system (left) while Dr. Isabel Inlayo, CHED IV-A Director tries out the biometrics time and attendance system (right).

Dr. Ethel Agnes P. Valenzuela, Director IV, Office of Student Services, Commission on Higher Education informed SMCL President and CEO, Dr. Lourdes Almada-Sese about the newest feat of the institution.

The Technical Working Group (TWG) conducted an evaluation visit on February 22 to determine the national winner this year. The TWG was composed of Dr. Freddie Bernal, Dr. Erellyn Songo, Mrs. Ma. Elena Gabulac, and Mr. Christian Alberto. Mr. Nelson Chavenia of CHED Region IV-A came to join the TWG.

The Best Student Services Program Award recognizes and awards institutions whose outstanding student services programs were developed and implemented in support of the students' academic success and development.

Applications were evaluated and ranked on the basis of the following: National relevance (vision, mission and goals), Performance, Student Activities, Welfare Services, Control Services, Student Extension Programs, and Impact/Effect of Student Services/Programs to the Students.

## News Bits

### SMCL inks with CHED for Project Enrich

A Memorandum of Agreement between the Commission on Higher Education and Saint Michael's College of Laguna (SMCL) was held in SEAMEO Innotech, Diliman, Quezon City. Dr. Carlito Puno, CHED Acting Chair stressed that "all colleges and universities are educational entrepreneurs and that our students are our investments. After five years, we will assess if the end product is of good quality."

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) implemented an English, Mathematics and Science skills enhancement program for some 500 incoming college freshmen in 10 pilot Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) nationwide. SMCL is one of the schools where the program is being piloted. Each school has about 50 student-trainees under the program.

### Periquet, Pangilinan lead youth entrep seminar

Saint Michael's College of Laguna hosted the Leaders Unlimited Aurelio Periquet, Jr. Business Leadership Seminar Series Campus Tour with Mr. Anthony Pangilinan as its resource speaker.

The Michaeleans gained insights from Mr. Pangilinan who talked about the values, leadership skills and attributes that a young entrepreneur should possess to ensure success. He reminded them to invest on values and character formation.

### SMCL, Jollibee sign MOA

Saint Michael's College of Laguna represented by Dr. Lourdes Almada-Sese had a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing with Jollibee Foods Corporation (JFC) Vice-President for Human Resources Department, Mr. Robert Poblete.

The Aral Kabuhayan Program was designed to provide affordable but high quality tertiary education to pre-qualified students (Aral Programs) and a training venue (Kabuhayan Program) to develop their values and attitudes towards productive work, leadership and promote desirable interpersonal relations.

*At 30, we broke traditions.  
We went beyond the usual.  
We soared high.*

**St. Beatrice Ballroom**  
Providing services for conferences, meetings, family and corporate gatherings



**Student Talent and Academic Recognition (STAR)**

Recognizing outstanding performance of student leaders, artists, athletes, organizations



**Educational Technology Facilities**  
Ensuring quality instruction through educational technology



**STAR Challenge**

Creating innovative and fun-filled learning environment showcasing the talents and skills of the Michealeans



**Internet Access with E1 connection (2 Mbps)**  
Facilitating information transfer and research skills using the world wide web



**Non-traditional Assessment**  
Adapting rubrics assessment and alternative means to monitor students' performance and achievement

**Electronic grades inquiry at the EDP Center**  
Accessing grades using bar code technology



**Business Incubation**  
Providing training and exposure to young entrepreneurs as they pursue their business ideas



**Renovation of School Clinic**  
Providing quality health care services with the addition of six beds

**Refurbished front area**  
Projecting an academic environment and physical expansion



**Reading Area for Grade School Pupils**  
Designating an area for recreatory reading, film viewing, and storytelling sessions



**Access Control System**  
Monitoring entry and exit of students and personnel through a bar code reader



**Proposed kiosk at Rogelio Limaco Botanical Garden**  
Combining entrepreneurship and practicum for HRM students

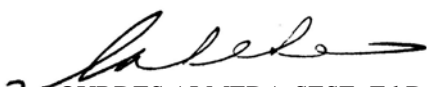


**Sound-proofing and renovation of St. Theodore Hall**  
Reducing noise by blocking and absorbing distractors to achieve better acoustics



**Library Modernization Program**  
Online Public Access Cataloguing using Athena Software at the Learning Resource Center

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