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This Is Only the Beginning

School year 2024-2025 has not even reached midpoint but already our education programs are progressing wonderfully.

The excitement of CENEP children

One of the goals of the Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program (CENEP) is to encourage very young children to learn to relate with their fellow children and to look forward to going to school. Our CENEP sites in Mandaluyong, Marikina, and Cainta are doing just that with the many engaging activities they provide, including welcoming, attendance keeping, light meal, free play, national anthem, prayer, group exercise, singing, circle time, lesson proper, group activities, heavy meal, and pack-up time. The height and weight of the children are measured monthly to monitor their growth.

Classrooms are provided with toys and games. The play set and wooden slide donated by Cornerstone Learning and Play Center is a major enticement to children of CENEP Cainta.

CENEP teachers handle 15 to 20 children per session every school day. Managing 3½ to 4½- year-old children is a daunting task, so parents are invited to provide assistance especially during the serving of meals and cleaning up.



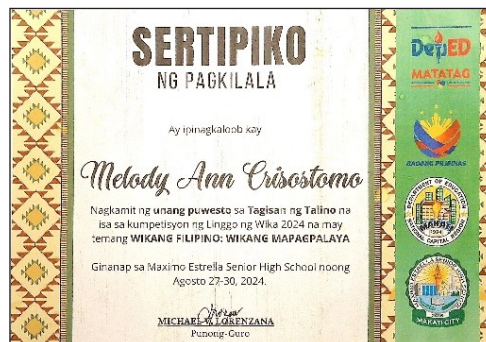
The achievements of GEESE and TRACE scholars

We are proud to let our constituencies know that our scholars are doing very well not only in their studies but in extra-curricular activities as well, as shown by these recognitions.

- Melody Crisostomo (Gr. 12, San Antonio National High School) - 1st place: Quizbee / *Tagisan ng Talino*; all levels and all sections, held at Maximo Estrella Senior High School, August 29, 2024.
- Francheska Rebadulla (Gr.10, Gen. Pio Del Pilar High School) - *Pinakamahusay na Mambabalagtas* and *Pinakamahusay na Pangkat* (Overall Champion): *Timpalak ng Balagtasan* (Philippine form of debate done with poetic verse) with theme *Wikang Mapagpalaya*, held at Makati City Hall. Francheska was also chosen to be the emcee for the closing program of Buwan ng Wika, August 29, 2024.
- Jhaira Kate Jao (Gr. 10, Bangkal High School) - representative of Bangkal High School, *Timpalak ng Balagtasan*, Makati City Hall, August 29, 2024.
- Luisa Labramonte (Gr. 12, Nemesio I. Yabut High School) - Overall Champion: Cheerdance Competition/ performance-based Assessment for subject HOPE (Health Optimizing Physical Education), September 19, 2024.
- Nathaniel Laylo (Gr. 12 Nemesio I. Yabut High School) - 1st place and Best in Choreography (all Grade 12-STEM); Cheerdance Competition for subject HOPE, September 19, 2024.
- Sunshine Quillao (4th year college, Polytechnic University of the Philippines); invited to be a member of the Light of Nation Singers (alumni choir of PUP); *Mga Himig ng Debosyon: Isang Konsiyerto Para kay Maria sa Taon ng Panalangin* (Songs of Devotion: A Concert for Mary in the Year of Prayer), September 21, 2024.



Jhaira



Melody



Francheska



Nathaniel



Sunshine



Luisa

The desire to know God more

Thirty-four scholars (29 GEESE and 5 TRACE) attended the second session of the Bible study for SY 2024-2025 held on September 7, 2024 at Union Church of Manila (UCM), facilitated by Ms. Lily Torrente. Cely Hafalla and Matet Talag, volunteers from UCM, assisted in the activity.

It was evident that the scholars look forward to the monthly meetings. For them, it is a day to relax and recharge, free from the pressures of school. The Bible study has brought the scholars closer and increased their sense of belonging to a circle of friends with whom they can relate and whose acceptance they are sure of.

The Foundation included these Bible study sessions in its scholarship programs to be a way for the scholars to know God better, His nature and attributes, and also for them to develop a personal relationship with God, experience His love, and discern His leading.

The pursuit of further learning

The two sites of our Literacy and Accreditation for Continuing Education (LACE) program (San Antonio National High School, Makati City and F. Serrano Sr. Elementary School, Parañaque City) have a total of 47 enrollees for SY 2024-2025. LACE supports the government's Alternative Learning System (ALS) that helps learners earn their elementary or high school diploma. This allows them to move on to the next academic level and improve their chances for better employment.

Do visit our website www.ucmpfilfoundation.org to know more about the Foundation's activities and to participate in continuing to provide a better life to these children and young people. For your inquiries, please call (63 2) 8812-6062 or 8812-5609 or email us at ucmpfi@gmail.com.