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Around our CENEP schools in pictures



CENEP Cainta and Mandaluyong students and teachers celebrating United Nations Day, October 28.



CENEP Mandaluyong students receiving free fluoride from Dr. Evelyn Fernandes of Barangay Highway Hills Health Center, November 8.



CENEP Project 8 students and teachers participating in a fruit and vegetable-tasting session at Toro Hills Health Center, November 21. This activity was a project of the Quezon City Medical Society Nutrition Committee in cooperation with the Toro Hills Health Center and Barangay Bahay Toro Barangay Council.

Scholar updates

We love it when our scholar graduates let us know what and how they are doing. Here are three reports.

William Robert Silva, (Scholar from 2014 to 2022); graduate of BS Education with Specialization in Biology



I'm currently working as a Science Teacher for the junior and senior high school departments of Hope Christian High School (HCHS). In particular, I handle Chemistry for grade 9 students and I teach Biology, Earth and Life Science and Research for grade 11 and 12 students. I am also their Laboratory custodian who handles the maintenance and inventory for 2 Science Laboratories (Chem and Bio lab).

HCHS is a Christian School. We hold morning devotions every day at 7 a.m. and Chapel services every Thursday at noon. I work 9+ hours a day from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The work is challenging because I've also been given an advisory class. Hence, aside from teaching I also handle student affairs which include talking to parents and relaying school announcements and meetings.

Russell De Guzman, (Scholar from 2015 to 2022); graduate of BS Accountancy



At this time, I am an Associate Fraud and Claims Operation Specialist at Wells Fargo Philippines. Wells Fargo is one of the world's well-known banks based in the United States. It is a financial service company. I handle debit card payments where I identify and monitor our clients' transactions and see if there is any opportunity for fraud occurring in their accounts. Fraud prevention and detection is my line of business. I am also in charge of disputing and providing credit to our clients while the investigations of their claims are being handled. It is quite challenging yet fun because I have been able to establish

a good relationship with my colleagues and team members. My job gives me an opportunity to understand and analyze financial literacy at a deeper level. In September 2022, I was given an award as one of the top performers in our department (Fraud and Claims Management).

Judyann Alvez, (Scholar from 2012 to 2022); graduate of BS Education Major in Social Studies



I'm currently working as a college instructor at STI Global City. I teach social science subjects, particularly Rizal, Science, Technology, and Society, The Contemporary World, Art Appreciation, National Service Training Program 1, and Euthenics. I'm very positive and excited about my job, though it's kind of challenging since I'm considering my first year of teaching as a transition from being a student to being a teacher. I had to go through a series of adjustments and challenges, but also fulfilling moments, which introduced me to the real world of the

teaching profession. Even though I encountered a lot of unforeseen circumstances in my first few months, I found it quite fulfilling to work with students, co-teachers, and the heads. It helps that we have a healthy and positive work environment and I'm surrounded by kind and friendly co-teachers, which makes things a lot easier. Looking back now, while I was still studying and pursuing my degree in education, I was beyond blessed to be one of the scholars of UCMPhi. Thank you for the scholarship. Without your help, never-ending love, support, and guidance, I would not have been able to graduate. I wouldn't be here without you, and I thank all the people who guided and helped me throughout the journey. Praise be to the Lord, who orchestrated everything.

To our donors...thank you!

As you see in the preceding pages as well as in past issues of the UCMPhi newsletter, we are making a difference in the lives of our students, scholars, and even parents and teachers. These improvements may be small and may happen little by little but, taken together, they do make an impact on the lives of people and the circles in which they move. We have been able to do this through your kind and generous help. Our utmost gratitude!

We are slowly but surely returning to full operational level. Yet we do this amid the rising costs of food, transportation, resource materials, and living expenses in general. The challenge for us in the coming years is not only to sustain our activities at the same level, but to expand our outreach and give opportunities to more people. To maintain our education programs at current levels, we project an increase of 30 per cent in our funding requirements, equivalent to 1.4 million pesos. We are confident that you will continue to support the Foundation.

But as you walk this mile with us, we ask you to consider walking an extra mile by telling others about what we do and inviting them to be part of it. As we said, we may not have a grand scheme, but we know that we have been uplifting the lives of our former and current beneficiaries not only through financial support but, more importantly, through spiritual strengthening.

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Do visit our website www.ucmphilfoundation.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 info@ucmphilfoundation.org.