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## When I grow up, I want to be a...

CENEP students enjoyed their lesson on being members of the community. What made it exciting for them, as well as for their teachers and classmates, was that they dressed the part. The parents, of course, had their own competition in preparing their children's costumes with whatever materials they had. Here's a sample of their creativity.



NURSE



SOLDIER



TEACHER

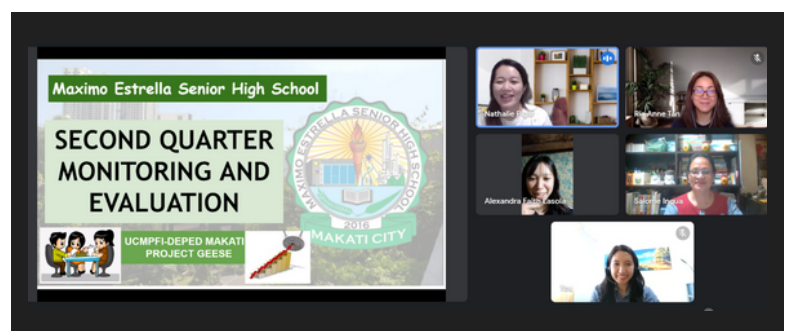
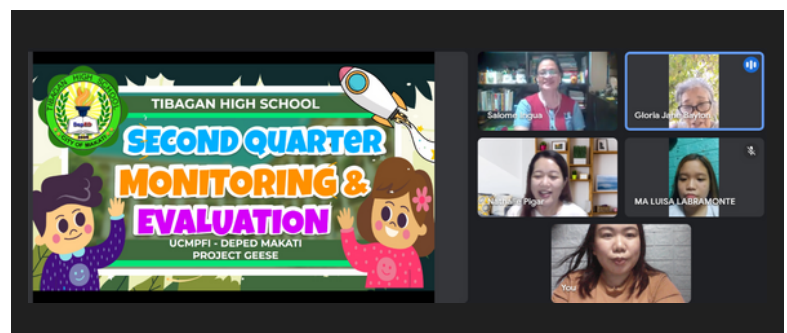


DOCTOR

## Monitoring and Evaluation with a little help from friends

The 2nd Quarter Monitoring and Evaluation of GEESE scholars at Tibagan High School and Maximo Estrella Senior High School was held on February 26, 2022 via Google Meet. On the whole, the scholars are doing well in their academic performance.

We are grateful to our volunteers, Ms. Gloria Jane Baylon and Mrs. Ria Ann Tan, who interviewed the scholars; Teacher Foster Parents, Ms. Henessy Ann Bartolome and Ms. Isabel Fortuno, who took part in the process; and Education Program Supervisor of the Division School of Makati, Dr. Sally Ingua, who encouraged the participants.



# Know Your Scholars: Richard Q. See

TRACE scholar Richard See is a 3rd year Hospitality Management student at Adamson University. We asked Richard how he and his family have been over the past many months.

*The pandemic has had a major impact on our family, especially in the first year of lockdown because my sister had to stay at her place of work. She came home only once a month, and it was really uncomfortable because there was a surge of COVID-19 cases at that time. My sister barely had a chance to talk with us since she had to hurry back to work. And we couldn't have assurance that she was safe since the virus was highly contagious and unpredictable then. What we could only do was to pray for her health and safety. Thank God, nothing caused her harm during that period.*

*Another challenge for my family was the shortage of income because my brother lost his job due to the lockdown. Because he is in the catering industry, he has been jobless for almost the whole duration of the lockdown. It really saddens me that the pandemic has greatly affected my brother emotionally, but we are hoping that he can get back to his career track and find a job eventually.*



*Other than these concerns, our family is quite okay since all of us are healthy and none of us has gotten sick. Personally, the pandemic has brought me tough challenges as a student and as a scholar. We all know and we all have experienced the frustration and negative effects of the very long lockdown in our country.*

*I admit that I really struggled with my studies during the initial year of the pandemic lockdown. The transition to an online class really challenged me because my program (Hospitality Management) has many laboratory subjects such as cooking, baking, and bartending, among others. Aside from the fact that these subjects necessitate hands-on guidance from our professors, we also struggled to locate or manufacture the materials and equipment that we need to carry out the lessons. Most of us didn't have the necessary equipment, and thus ended up using alternatives in order to still execute the tasks we were tasked to do. It was a test of both our resources and our creativity as students.*

*The effort was a long shot, actually, since there were a lot of uncertainties that were involved in the process. Still, we managed to overcome all the challenges we faced. It was a matter of compassion and compromise between us and our professors. Since both are new to distance learning, communication has been really important to address all the issues and concerns between the students and the professors.*

*The important lesson that I learned is to never lose hope during the worst time, because everything happens for a reason, and even if it is not the best for you, there will always be a life lesson along with it. We just have to endure and deepen our patience and always look forward to the blessings of tomorrow. As the saying goes, "At the end of hardship comes happiness." So, always believe in yourself!*

## Achievers for the 2nd Quarter SY 2021-2022

To our scholars, well done!

Melody Crisostomo, Grade 9, San Antonio National High School – With Honors  
Princess Ann Romero, Grade 9, San Antonio National High School – With Honors  
Lester Samonte, Grade 10, Gen. Pio Del Pilar High School – With High Honors  
Angel De Guzman, Grade 10, Makati High School – With Honors  
John Christian Sarmiento, Grade 12, Makati High School – With High Honors

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