



TOP TEN TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

For their distinctive performance as faculty members, ten faculty members in the tertiary level received their individual certificates of recognition. Their certificates were signed by Engr. Samuel L. Chioson, BC president, and Dr. Lelani P. Echaves, School Director.

Cited as "Top Ten Teachers for School Year 2008 – 2009" were (in alphabetical order) Capistrano, Pierre John; Cortes, Mary Ann; Dungog, Sharon Pia; Florita, Neri Ann; Magno, Mildred; Minguez, Dink Ulysis; Morris, Marissa; Publico, Jesie Lou; Selma, Rona-Gloria; and Seno, Jay. They were among last school year's thirty-three who comprised the faculty component of Benedicto College.

Except for Mrs. Morris, a part-time instructor in the College of Arts and Sciences, the other nine are full-time clinical instructors in the College of Nursing.

The awardees had the top ten highest ratings in the faculty evaluation conducted among last school year's college students. To qualify for the annual citation, each teacher had to have taught in at least two of the three terms (first and second semesters, and summer).

A brainchild of Dr. Echaves, the awarding of certificates of recognition to faculty members was implemented in 2003 and continued through 2005. After a hiatus of two school years, it was resurrected in 2007 upon Dr. Echaves' return to Benedicto College, until the present.

Prior to the annual recognitions, earlier citations were given for every semester

CULMINATING EVENTS MARK THE SEM

"The first semester must show there's something more to studies than just classroom lectures." So stated Dr. Lelani P. Echaves, Director for Academic Affairs, during the first general assembly of faculty and staff this semester.

Excitedly rising to the challenge, the various college deans, chairs and faculty members pumped in a semester-round of culminating activities that stimulated the mind, tested the limbs, and strengthened the heart.

Mind games came from the chemistry, algebra and science classes. They put up a quiz bowl and a mini-science fair, complete with a man-mode volcano spitting out lava, fireballs and locally made soap bars. The languages area regaled their audiences with an extemporaneous speaking fest, a reading/speech choir, essay writing, and orations/ declamations.

Nursing classes organized demo lectures, spot map surveys, a bioethics symposium, and a quiz bowl as well. Basic Education pupils put together their Nutrition Week celebration via the "Search for A-1 Child." And humanities classes conducted a tour to different churches and museums in Cebu, and marveled at various architectural designs.

Here's to another semester filled with activities for heart, mind and body.

awardees for this first semester of school year 2009 – 2010 will be identified after completion of the online evaluation by students. Two separate evaluations --- by the Director for Academic Affairs, and the College Deans/Chairs -- are already in.

SCHOLARSHIP MOA SIGNED

This year's batch of new students recently received a boost when Benedicto College received ten scholarship grants from Vicsal Foundation, Inc. (VSF), the corporate foundation of the Metro Gaisano Group of Companies.

Through a memorandum of agreement (MOS) signed by the two parties, the grants are open to freshmen who are currently enrolled.

Representing and signing for the two parties were Mrs. Margaret Gaisano-Ang, VSF president, and Engr. Samuel L. Chioson, school president.

Each scholarship package runs for four years and applies to any academic program, except nursing and other medical courses. The package includes 100 % tuition and

other school fees, a P1,500 monthly allowance, a P 1,500 book allowance per semester, and a P 500 miscellaneous allowance per semester.

To qualify, applicants must be single, 25 years old or younger, residents of and graduates of public secondary schools in Mandaue City or its neighboring towns. Moreover, they must not be recipients of other scholarship grants, whether government or private; must have a high school average of 85 % or better, and parents' annual income of P 200,000 or lower.

To maintain the scholarship all through fourth-year college, grantees must maintain a grade average of 2.0 or better, and have no failing grade in any subject. For more details, read the posters on the bulletin boards.



With baking soda, corn starch, vinegar and dishwashing liquid, you create a volcano.

AND THEN THERE ARE FIVE

Four new student organizations --- BC ACCESS, BC - JABS, FAMES and OHMS --- were born this semester, their officers eventually taking their oath of office during the Acquaintance Party last August. Until these organizations' emergence, Benedicto College had only one, the Student Body Organization (SBO) -Nursing, since 2003.

Representing their various colleges, BC -ACCESS is for the College of Computer Studies, BC - JABS for the Business and Management College, FAMES for the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, and of Education, and OHMS for the College of Hospitality Management. JABS stands for Junior Accountancy and Business Society, FAMES for Fashion, Arts, Masscom and Education Society, and OHMS for Organization of Hospitality Management Society.

Leading their organizations' officers during the induction were presidents Stella Marie Delaraye for BC-ACCESS, Jhamaica Fae Gemino for BC-JABS, Irene Sharie Valerie Francisco for FAMES, Edgar Kline Benavides for OHMS, and Giovanni Roncales for SBO-Nursing.

Inducting officer was the occasion's guest speaker herself, Dr. Ester B. Velasquez, immediate past president of the Cebu Normal College.

Ever-willing organization faculty advisers are Mr. Wilson Sumalinog (ACCESS), Mr. Gregorio Balberan and Mrs. Lilibeth Mayol (JABS), Mr. Rey Ilustrisimo (FAMES), Mr. Giovanni Encio (OHMS), and Mr. Jay Seno (SBO-Nursing).

To obtain official recognition from the school, all the five organizations submitted their Constitution and By-Laws to Dr. Lelani P. Echaves, Director for Academic Affairs. Assisting them draft and craft these were their faculty advisers and college heads --- OIC Dean Cirila S. Abatayo, and Deans Jocelyn B. Lim, Araceli P. Villacarlos and Liduvina R. Aliño, respectively.

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Hey, even the nerds can dance!

INTRAMS 2009 YIELDS WINNERS

The College of Nursing's sophomores and seniors trounced fellow students and romped away with the overall championship in the recently concluded Intramurals 2009.

Chalking up a total of 216 points from September 16 to 18, the champions breezily won in nine out of 15 competitions: badminton (mixed double), men's table tennis, mixed double table tennis, basketball, men's volleyball, board games, parlor games, cheer dance, and Mr. Intrams.

Second place overall went to freshmen and juniors, still from the College of Nursing, after garnering 156 points. They won in women's volleyball, dance sports, and Ms. Intrams.

The College of Computer Studies triumphed in women's table tennis, while the College of Arts and Sciences, and College of Education cornered men's and women's badminton.

Another much-awaited competition, Mr. Intrams and Miss Intrams, concluded with Clifford Rama, BSBA-I, and Geraldine Colina, BSN-I, winning the titles, respectively.

Nursing sophomore Mannah Grey Galicia was Ms. Intrams first runner-up.

Equally raising everyone's blood pressure was the dance sport, brought to an undebatably exciting finish by winners Jasmine Austria, BSN-II, and Edvard Tanzo, BSN-I.

All winners won trophies, medals and certificates of recognition.

To level the playing field, the students were classified this year into units. The College of Nursing was divided into Units 1 and 4. Computer Studies was Unit 2, while Arts and Sciences, and Education, Unit 3. Coordinating their practices and rooting vigorously and consistently for the teams were faculty-advisers Pierre John Capistrano and Jesie Lou Publico for Unit 1, Wilson Sumalinog and Ella Abatayo (Unit 2), Marissa Morris (Unit 3), and Sharon Pia Dungog and Kathleen Sundo (Unit 4).

Overall Intrams chair Dean Araceli P. Villacarlos of CAS and Education was ably assisted by P.E. instructor Tatum Gamboa and other academic and administrative heads and staff.

ROADSHOW ROLLS OFF ANEW

As this semester nears its end, marketing efforts are once again on the upswing. Their target: a deluge of students coming in strong for the second semester.

The first semester has brought into our school's portals 113 new students coming from all over Cebu and beyond. Majority (52 %) come from public schools. The farthest from Benedicto College is from Daanbantayan on the north, and Badian on the south.

Fourteen come from farther shores, including four from Western Visayas, seven from Mindanao, and one from Korea. Cebu's contribution is in fresh graduates and transferees from Cebu City, Lapulapu City and Mandaue City.

What courses drew them to Benedicto College? Over one-third of the new students are now in the College of Computer Studies, one-fourth in the College of Nursing and Midwifery, and almost one-fourth in the College of Business and Management. The others are in the newer academic programs of Education, Mass Communication, Graphic Media and Fashion Design.

Let's hope the forthcoming roadshow greets the second semester with a hundredfold or more.

VOICES

"I want to have my own business..and give my family a comfortable and happy life. And I know that I can make these happen." (Jenny Lyn Pernia, BSBA - I)

"I choose IT so I will have the ability to make programs, know more about computers and technologies, or even perhaps make a new technology." (Sherwin Ronquillo, BSIT - I)

"I know how to cook, and like inventing recipes and cooking for my family." (Gecyl De la Cruz, BSHM - I)



Presenting the dancing queens from the College of Nursing!