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Sanselon...

Ang mga pangyayari sa ating unibersidad nitong mga huling araw na nakalathala ngayon sa ating isyu ng Healthscape ay dapat nating lahat ipagdiwang.

Una, ginunita natin ang ika-41 anibersaryo ng Health Sciences Center at ika-38 anibersaryo ng UP Manila nuong Oktubre 26, 2020 na may temang, "Nagkakaisang Pagsulong sa Hamon ng Panahon". Mahalagang sariwain sa ating mga isipan ang pinagdaanang mga pagsubok ng ating komunidad bago pa man may UP, simula nuong digmaan at ng hinarap natin ang hamon ng mga malubhang sakit tulad ng smallpox; at mararamdaman natin ang lalo pang umiigting na pagnanais na pagtagumpayan ang pandemyang hinaharap natin ngayon.

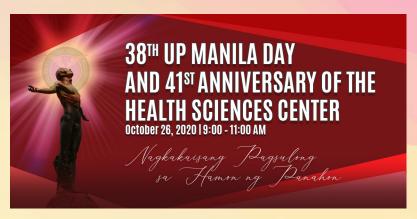
Tunay na angkop si Dr Regina Berba, ang napiling tagapagsalita sa programa; dahil ng maging COVID Referral Center ang PGH, pinangunahan niya ang Hospital Infection Control Unit na napakahalaga ng naging ambag sa mga tagumpay na natamo natin laban sa COVID. Gayunpaman, idiniin niya na dapat pang pag-ibayuhin ang pagsisikap at marami pang dapat tuklasin upang matalo ng tuluyan ang sakit na ito.

Ang pambihirang resilence na ipinakita ng mga Newborn Screening Implementers lalo nuong panahon ng lockdown ay tunay na kahangahanga! Mababasa ang dedikasyon at hindi pangkaraniwang serbisyo na ibinigay nila upang maipagpatuloy ang newborn screening program lalo na sa mga liblib na lugar ng bansa.

Patuloy ang pag-aalay ng UP Manila ng kanyang kaalaman sa lahat ng nangangailangan nito. Nagorganisa ng webinar on workplace guidelines ang College of Nursing para sa mga safety officers ng Professional Regulation Commission.

At panghuli, atin ding ipagdiwang ang sampung napili at napagkalooban ng Gawad Chancellor Awards sa iba't-ibang larangan. Bukod-tangi ang ipinakita nilang kagalingan at dedikasyon sa kani-kanilang naatasang gawain. Ang kanilang mga bukod-tanging katangian ay dapat tularan.

Hindi mapipigilan ng pandemyang ito ang ating pagdiriwang at kasayahan. Kahit mahirap at mahaba pa ating lalakbayin, ang pag-unlad ng ating komunidad ay susulong dahil sa ating samasamang pananaliksik, pagpupunyagi, pagkakaisa; at higit sa lahat, dahil sa basbas ng Maykapal.



## UP Manila marks 41st year as Health Sciences Center

Preserving history as guideposts for the present and future spurs UP Manila to celebrate vital milestones such as its foundation, especially for the awareness and appreciation of its newer members.

Before UP Manila became the health science campus of the UP System, it was known as the Health Sciences Center (HSC) for three years. Republic Act 5163 established the HSC in 1979 and integrated all the health science units of UP under one roof to make the Center more responsive to the country's healthcare needs through the development of improved techniques and better facilities, and for the maximization of the individual health science units' function. The Center subsequently became an autonomous campus and was renamed UP Manila in 1982.

At the virtual commemoration of these twin milestones of UP Manila held on Oct. 26, 2020, UP Manila Chancellor Carmencita Padilla emphasized that although UP itself is more than a hundred years old, UP Manila as an integrated health university is only 41 years old and it is this milestone that we are presently commemorating. The history of its individual units however, began much earlier with the College of Medicine and Philippine General Hospital being founded in 1905

and 1907, respectively; which antedated UP's establishment in 1908. Other units were founded one after another, the latest of which was the National Institutes of Health in 1996 and formally recognized through RA 8503 in 1998.

Chancellor Padilla thanked the collective contributions of all those who were with the university during its growth and evolution recognizing that these achievements helped define what UP Manila has become now. Today, UP Manila is regarded as the national leader in health education, research, and community service for the Filipinos.

UP Manila's response to previous crises and to the COVID-19 pandemic is a testament to this leadership and service. "Napakayaman ng naitulong at naitutulong ng UPM sa pandemya. Nakakataba ng puso, kinikilala itong major player sa pandemic."

She declared the celebration a day of thanksgiving of UP Manila for the devoted and loyal services of its retirees who spent decades in teaching, research, community service, and administration that exemplified their service to the country.

The highlights of the virtual ceremony were the keynote TURN TO PAGE 4



From left to right: (1) RHU Pagudpud, Coast Guard, Philippine National Police, and Bureau of Fire Protection at Pagudpud Quarantine Checkpoint wait for samples coming from Cagayan Province; (2) DOH CHD Zamboanga and NSC Mindanao staff send newborn screening samples and supplies; (3) Twinkle Jean Lorilla, NBS nurse of CHD Bicol, picks up the NBS specimens for confirmatory test from Masbate at Pilar, Sorsogon Port; (4) NBSCC Follow-up nurse endorses a box of medical food to the PNP personnel of Cebu City border checkpoint for Lapu Lapu checkpoint where the medical food is picked up.

## esilience in time of pandemic: Experiences of the NBS implementers

The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected the delivery of newborn screening services throughout the country. The lockdowns in many areas, suspension of transportation services including air travels, non-operation of major couriers, and closure of borders in some provinces have posed challenges to the program. Delays in the transmittal of newborn screening samples, a significant decrease in the newborn screening sample receipts, overwhelming number of late samples, delay or cancellation of confirmatory testing, and suspended follow-up visits of patients were encountered by the program implementers.

Managing the operations at different levels was and continues to be a tough task. To weather the storm, newborn screening program leaders quickly stepped up to respond and coordinated mitigation plans effectively and efficiently. Throughout the pandemic, all newborn screening centers (NSCs), regional newborn screening teams of the Department of Health - Centers for Health Development (CHD), newborn screening continuity clinics (NBSCC), and newborn screening facilities in the country remained operational and employed various strategies. They were continuously giving quality newborn screening services while observing standard protocols.

#### Newborn Screening Center - Mindanao

The NSC Mindanao and the CHD teams organized a system to help bridge the gaps and establish alternative plans to keep the program afloat in Mindanao.

The CHD Zamboanga formed a special task force on newborn screening. It also coordinated with the Office of City Mayor Isabelle Climaco-Salazar for the weekly transport of samples to the NSC. The Edwin Andrews Air Base and the Philippine Airforce Western Command made possible

the airlifting of samples, medical milk supplies, and pertinent documents to and from Region 9 via military aircrafts.

Meanwhile, the CHD Northern Mindanao together with city health offices and selected facilities served as drop-off and pickup locations within the region. With lockdown protocols, the CHD and NSC Mindanao teams met at the border checkpoints of Davao City to turn over specimens and documents once a week. In three months' time, Region 10 was able to deliver a total of 12,417 samples.

Many health facilities within Davao City hand-carried samples to the NSC. The CHD 11 NBS team assisted these facilities using its service vehicles. A temporary delivery system was also established through the assistance of the different provincial DOH Offices. The Sta Rita Maternity Clinic, Isaac Robillo Memorial Hospital, Dr Lorenzo Principe Clinic, and Malita District Hospital also volunteered as drop-off facilities.

Since vehicles were not allowed to enter Davao City, the NSC Mindanao requested the Viacrucis Medical Hospital to serve as drop-off points for Sultan Kudarat Provincial Hospital's samples. The assigned staff from both facilities met at the border of Davao del Sur and North Cotabato Province.

DOH vehicles and provincial ambulances were used to enter the border from the south. Along with the provincial hospitals in Sultan Kudarat and North and South Cotabato, they formed the backbone of the ENBS task force in the SOCCKSARGEN region.

The DOH CHD Caraga used the provincial DOH offices as drop-off and pickup locations. The NBS team of CHD Caraga and NSC Mindanao met at the northern border checkpoints of Davao City once a week.

The Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur areas of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao were serviced by the CHD 9 and 12, respectively. The DOH-CHD 9 also transported samples of health facilities from Basilan and Tawi-tawi provinces. With the help of the Integrated Provincial Health Office Sulu, samples from Sulu were transported directly to Davao City courtesy of the Philippine Airforce Tactical Squadron Operations of Jolo, Sulu.

#### DOH Center for Health Development - Bicol

A series of consultations was held with several stakeholders, i.e. provincial health offices, city coordinators, health facilities, external partners, COVID team, and other internal stakeholders to discuss strategies to ensure the Business Continuity Plan (BCP) for the ENBS.

The CHD 5 immediately transitioned from conventional inperson activities to online orientations, meetings, trainings, advocacy activities, webinars, and other forms of technical assistance.

On the logistics side, the CHD 5 created and operationalized the timely receipt and sending of ENBS and confirmatory samples from health facilities to the NSC National Institutes of Health in Quezon City. It facilitated the delivery of kits from the NSC to the health facilities and the delivery of essential medical supplies, food, and supplements to patients, among others.

#### Pira Hospital Cabugao, Ilocos Sur

Difficulties emerged regarding the transport of specimens and obtaining filter kits on time from the NSC Northern Luzon in Mariano Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Batac, Ilocos Norte, which is situated in another province.

Bless Macugay, chief medical technologist of Pira Hospital, went to the border and handed over properly sealed specimens to the one manning the border from NSC. In turn, that personnel brought the specimens for testing at the NSC. TURN TO PAGE 5

# Webinar on workplace guidelines held for PRC safety officers

Last October 5, 2020, the UP
College of Nursing organized a
webinar on workplace response to
COVID-19 for the safety officers of the
Professional Regulation Commission
(PRC). A total of 115 safety officers,
representatives, and employees
from the central office and regional
offices of PRC attended the webinar
that was also graced by Hon. Glenda
Arquiza of the PRC Board of Nursing.

The webinar aimed to explain how COVID-19 can be transmitted, assess the risk for exposure while in the workplace, describe preventive measures that can be done at the workplace, and discuss issues that surround health and safety of employees in relation to COVID-19.

Dr. Regina P. Berba, Chair of the Philippine General Hospital Infection Control Unit and Head of the Infectious Disease Section of The Medical City, was the speaker for the event. She discussed major aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic: diagnosis, testing, and management. She tailored fit the lecture to the learning needs of PRC, as she elucidated on workplace contact tracing, quarantine, and return-towork guidelines. She also shared her experiences on how she and the hospital infection control unit kept the employees safe in PGH and UP Manila, including the challenges they faced.

Commissioner Jose Cueto of the PRC explained that the agency requested UPCN and PGH to organize a webinar for their safety officers and employees to improve their compliance with the safety protocols in order to prevent cases of infection and transmission of COVID-19 among their employees.

UP Manila Chancellor Carmencita
Padilla said that it was an honor and
privilege for UP Manila through the
College of Nursing to be part of the
PRC activity in promoting and ensuring
workplace health and safety during the
COVID-19 pandemic. According to her,
as the premiere health university, UP
Manila is at the disposal of the Filipino
people to help them respond to their
health needs at every opportunity.
She said no institution can fight COVID
by itself and the key is collaboration
and solidarity with other institutions.

On behalf of the PRC employees, Mr. Reynaldo Cristobal shared their practices in PRC on COVID-19 prevention and response.

The webinar was organized by a committee under the UPCN Continuing Education and Community Extension Services Program composed of Asst Prof. Josephine Cariaso (Head), Asst Prof. Jesusa Pagsibigan, Asst Prof. Alyssa Jenny Tupaz, and Asst Prof. Jo Leah Flores. ALYSSA JENNY TUPAZ



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### **Coronavirus transmission**

At the start of the pandemic, coughing & sneezing were believed to be the main vehicles of transmission.

NOW: **Airborne transmission** is recognized as a major transmission route for COVID-19.

- Infected particles expelled during breathing, speaking, singing, shouting
- · Occurs within enclosed spaces that had inadequate ventilation
- Speaking, singing, shouting in a poorly ventilated space for a prolonged period increases the risk of COVID-19 infection.

Fomite is the least likely way to catch the virus.



# "So much achieved... still so much to do" - Dr. Berba

Known as the 'science' behind the PGH Crisis Management Team, **Dr. Regina Pascua-Berba** delivered the keynote speech during the celebration of UP Manila's 41st year of autonomy and 38th UP Manila day on October 26, 2020 via Zoom and <u>Facebook live</u>.

The clinical epidemiology researcher and infectious diesease specialist shared her stories of battling three deadly diseases. The first story was the extraordinary journey that the HIV and AIDS saga took: from knowing nothing about HIV which began the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s; to the present, when HIV patients live long lives comparable to non-infected individuals. Millions of lives have been saved by the scale-up of antiretroviral therapy and the number of new HIV cases and deaths from AIDS have markedly and consistently gone down for a decade now. Sadly, the world still sees new HIV infections. For four decades, stigma, discrimination, and widespread inequalities in accessing life-saving treatment are still major barriers to its full control.

The second story is about the birth of the Philippine Coalition Against Tuberculosis (PhilCAT). At a time when the Philippines had one of the highest levels of TB in the world, PhilCAT was created by a group of advocates for its prevention and management; while sitting together in a traffic jam in Bangkok after attending a TB conference. PhilCAT grew to a 65-member collaboration of groups, professional societies, and civic organizations that carried the vision of zero TB suffering and deaths. Dr. Camilo TURN TO PAGE 5

UP MANILA MARKS 41<sup>ST</sup> YEAR... speech of Dr. Regina Berba (see separate article), conferment of the Gawad Chancellor awards to outstanding members of the university (see separate article), and recognition of the 21 retirees and 103 service awardees who had served the university for 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years.

In his response on behalf of the awardees, Dr. Camilo Roa, a faculty retiree of the College of Medicine hoped that he echoes the sentiments of other retirees and awardees that working in government can be a daunting and challenging experience. They are pressured to project themselves at all times and to keep themselves updated in knowledge and skills both in content and teaching delivery. Resources are not always adequate, he added, but they learned to adapt and accomplish the deliverables using locally available materials.

"Through the years, we have collected teaching experiences and endorsed these to our young faculty; thereby, ensuring continuity of the enhanced learning experience to them. We have learned to document our tested procedures, publish our experiments, and even monetize our intellectual pursuits that contributed to the recognition of UP as a top learning institution in the country and among the best in the world," he stated. Dr. Roa spent 34 years with UP Manila serving in different capacities.

He noted that authorship in peerreviewed journals does not only bring accolades and at times cash grants and prestige, but also perpetuates one's name and that of the university. When shared, the authors' ideas and validated hypotheses can be translated to policies and programs that uplift the lives of the people and streamline health care delivery in our country

He acknowledged that there are more needs of the nation that they can help provide other than classroom teaching, as many faculty can be part of national discourses or engage in off campus activities. "Retirees who dedicated more than half of our lives

#### **GAWAD CHANCELLOR FROM PAGE 6...**

that sharpened the formation and engagement of its members and impacted the university and local communities. Its notable projects are the Project H2O that provides potable water sources to communities, Quisumbing-Escandor Film Festival, the "MUbility" which has supported amputee patients in different provinces, and numerous outreach and medical missions in the country. The organization and its members have received awards including the "Student Project for Health Award 2020" by the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research.



Outstanding
Artist
Juliet R. Bien,
MA, College
of Arts and
Sciences

Prof. Bien is an ethnomusicologist which is rare in UP Manila. She responds to and supports the call for the promotion of ethnomusicology through her active engagement in Philippine ethnic music and culture. Through her performances, she contributes to the protection and

promotion of our cultural heritage. She is recognized for contributing to the national and global promotion and preservation of our cultural heritage through indigenous music.



Outstanding
Athlete
Chessa S.
Pituk, MSHMS,
College of Arts
and Sciences
Asst. Prof.

Pituk has been a life-long swimmer and has collected medals and achievements early on, most notably from the Palarong Pambansa, University Athletic Association of the Philippines, UP Varsity Swimming Team, CHED Tertiary Palarong Pambansa, National University Games, and ASEAN University Games. She trained as part of the Philippine Women's National Water Polo National Pool. Presently, she handles PE classes in Arnis. In April 2019, she competed in the South East Asia Pacific Masters 1st Philippine Series alongside swimmers from Japan, Singapore, Hongkong, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines where she won 2 gold medals.

serving this university are happy to pay back. At age 65, we are still productive members and can still address the needs of our institution and pay back the nurturing care of the university."

He urged other retirees to be part of foundations that support UP Manila such as the UP Manila Alumni Association, Sagip Buhay, UP Medical Alumni Foundation, and similar organizations; to donate money for student scholarships and faculty chairs, and if in politics, to project the honor of the university and support its mission. Noting UP's active involvement in the COVID-19 pandemic, he recalled being asked to make science-based recommendations with other members serving as fiscalizers to government programs.

The committee for the celebration was chaired by UP College of Nursing Dean Sheila Bonito and cochaired by Asst. Vice Chancellor for

Administration and Office of Alumni Affairs Director Melfred Hernandez. Musical numbers were provided by the UP Manila Chorale while Prof. Emily Dicolen served as Master of Ceremonies. Slides on the awardees prepared by the Information, Publication, and Public Affairs Office were presented in lieu of the face to face conferment of the awards.

#### **EDITORIAL BOX**

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#### SO MUCH ACHIEVED...

Roa, founding chair of PhilCAT, is one of the main movers who made the opening of the TB-DOTS Program possible. Through its efforts, PhilCAT was able to launch TB-DOTS in the Philippines which significantly curbed the cases of active tuberculosis in the country.

Transforming a university hospital into a COVID referral center is in her own words, "both breathtaking and challenging, which required every scientific knowledge I had". At the core of the COVID-19 response was the Hospital Infection Control Unit (HICU) where Dr. Berba is chief. HICU became the center point for policies, training, implementation, inspection, surveillance, research, and decision making. She described the pace as too hectic such that they had no time to become depressed, feel lost, or get tired. Rapid infrastructure changes were made to make the workplace safe; and add to these is a unidirectional natural airflow system with giant fans and exhaust systems to achieve the required 12 air exchanges per hour. The pre-COVID emergency room with hundreds of patients became COVID ER, WARDS, and ICUs.

Dr. Berba expressed how fortunate she was to have a dedicated team, strong faculty, hardworking group of fellows, and supportive administration to fight a virus we all knew very little about. After the second month of operations, close to 90% of UPPGH personnel were tested for COVID and it showed a very low infection rate considering the high burden of COVID-19 infections we were exposed to.

She emphasized however, that we cannot rest on our successes as there is still so much to do. "Protect yourselves. The fight is not yet over. Anticipate exposures, potential exposures, and reduce those exposures accordingly," she cautioned. She and her team continue with Solidarity Trials and several studies in the search for cures for the new pandemic.

Dr. Berba capped her speech with the 3S that World Health Organization

## **Coronavirus transmission**

As we enter November, there will be more people inside and outside of PGH.

Gentle Reminder: Even if we comply with preventive measures, infection is still possible if ALL THE PREVENTIVE MEASURES ARE NOT SIMULTANEOUSLY applied in and out of the hospital:

- √ Wearing face masks
- √ Shortening face-to-face encounters
- √ Maintaining safe distance from another person
- ✓ Reducing number of participants together in an encounter
- √ Correct and proper ventilation of areas of encounter



#### **RESILIENCE IN TIME OF PANDEMIC...**

The Pira Hospital also used the acronym COVID to characterize the goals of the program - C for communication, O for obedience, V for vigilance, I for innovation and creativity, and D for diligence in performing timely screening.

#### Newborn Screening Continuity Clinic – Cebu

Faced with challenges during the COVID pandemic such as difficulty in the recall of patients; noncompliance with follow-up, treatment, and laboratory monitoring; travel restrictions; and low supply of medicines and medical food; the NBSCC in Cebu immediately transitioned to telemedicine and activated networks of referral in

the region for patient monitoring. It currently uses text messaging, phone calls, and video calls through different online applications for remote patient monitoring and clinical validation together with subspecialists (pediatric endocrinologists and metabolic specialists) and dietitian- nutritionists. It also refers patients to the DOH-CHD, RHUs, or satellite clinics in some provinces either for follow-ups or home visits.

Supply and logistics for medicines and medical food for patients were coordinated with the Institute of Human Genetics (IHG)- UP Manila, DOH-CHD 7, Office of the Civil Defense, Philippine National Police, and Philippine Air Force. VINA MENDOZA

Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus declared are needed to fight COVID-19: Science, Solutions, and Solidarity. To these, she added more S: Service to do more, Sense of hope, faith, and joy, and Spirit of bayanihan to keep us going through this uncertainty.

Dr. Berba, member of UPCM Class 1987, was awarded Outstanding Researcher (2015) and Outstanding Medical Service Award (2017) by the UP Medical Alumni Society and UP Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award in Health Research and Education (2018). She is the National Chair of PhilCAT and leads the Blood Infection Committee and the Leptospirosis Task Force that shape policies and manage programs

to improve health outcomes among the poor and indigent patients.

ANNE MARIE ALTO



# Outstanding UP Manila achievers conferred the Gawad Chancellor Awards

The Gawad Chancellor Awards recognize the exemplary accomplishments and contributions of the members of the UP Manila community to the university and country. There are ten categories, namely: Outstanding Teacher; Outstanding Researcher; Outstanding Faculty in Extension Service; Outstanding Research, Extension, and Professional Staff (REPS); Outstanding Administrative Employee (Level II); Outstanding Administrative Employee (Level I); Outstanding Student; Outstanding Student Organization; Outstanding Athlete; and Outstanding Artist.

The conferment of the awards was the highlight of the 41st foundation anniversary of the Health Sciences Center and 38th UP Manila Day celebrations.



Outstanding Teacher Jervee M. Punzalan, RCh, MSc, College of Arts and Sciences Asst. Prof. Jervee Punzalan has demonstrated

exceptional teaching in chemistry and biochemistry courses and expertise in content and pedagogical knowledge through the development of courses and laboratory manuals; active engagements in teaching workshops; and publications of conference proceedings, book chapters, and peer-reviewed research articles in the past five years. She has received teaching grants, including the One UP Faculty Grant for Outstanding Teaching and Public Service and the iTURO Faculty Grant for Blended Learning.



Outstanding Researcher Derick Erl P. Sumalapao, MD, MSc, DrPH, College of Public Health Dr. Sumalapao is an excellent educator and a prolific researcher

with expertise in biostatistics, medical microbiology, clinical pharmacology, and computational biology. From 2016-2019, he published 35 journal articles. He has studies on mathematical models of biological systems involving antimicrobial resistance, immunologic responses, disease surveillance, trauma and injury, including pharmacologic drug design primarily on antimicrobials. He was one of the outstanding medical interns and a recipient of the UPMASA-

PEF Academic Scholarship and Santos Chiu Kim Shi Academic Scholarship.



Outstanding Faculty in Extension Service Arnold B. Peralta, RN, MAN, MHPEd, College of Nursing Asst. Prof. Peralta actively participates in

the conduct of programs and activities that strengthen competencies among nursing practitioners and professionals across the country. His most notable extension works were his involvement in crafting the monograph "Embedding and Spreading of the 2012 National Nursing Core Competency Standards," providing technical support to key nursing educational institutions for the CHED's project on the National Nursing Core Competency Standards, helping design and implement a new disaster training program for the Philippine Red Cross, and participating in the Cambodia Bridging Program of the College of Nursing.



Outstanding Research, Extension, and Professional Staff Jorel A. Manalo, PTRP, MPH, Human Resource Department Office Mr. Manalo has been

actively championing the role of the Research, Extension and Professional Staff Association in UP Manila, being its current president. He is active in espousing the rights and privileges of UPM faculty and REPS as the current representative of the Central Administration to the All UP Academic Employees UP Manila Chapter and as secretary of the Research Personnel Fellowship Council and Research Welfare Council. He was a training course assistant in several CPH training programs commissioned by the Department of Health. He co-authored three published articles and contributed to several manuscripts and technical reports.



Outstanding
Administrative
Employee (Level 2)
Rizza D. Florentino,
College of Allied
Medical Professions
Ms. Florentino

efficiently handles the dual role of acting Administrative Officer and Student Records Evaluator of CAMP. She contributed to developing the CAMPtinuation, the college's roadmap in responding to the demands of the pandemic. Her organizational skills and innovative solutions have led to effective and efficient work arrangements for each administrative staff and in monitoring their health status and well-being. She initiated the online document tracking system of the College and is a member of different committees in the College and UP Manila.



Outstanding Administrative Employee (Level 1) Wilito S. Lequin, College of Allied Medical Professions

Mr. Lequin is a valuable

team player with an optimistic attitude when performing his tasks. He can troubleshoot urgent and minor repairs that benefit the College by minimizing expenses. Funds normally used for paying service providers, new materials, or buying equipment are saved. He is a member of different committees at CAMP and has received several recognitions and awards. He was recognized as the Outstanding Administrative Staff of CAMP in 2004, 2005, and 2010.



Outstanding Student Samuel C. Madriaga, College of Allied Medical Professions As a 3rd Year BS Occupational Therapy

student, Mr. Madriaga has shown exemplary performance in academics, leadership, and community service. He has maintained his cum laude standing and currently holds positions in various organizations. He has a wide list of community service engagements and he advocates for an empowered community for the youth and Persons with Disabilities, along with an elevated campaign for health education. He is a soughtafter speaker, trained peer educator for Adolescent and Sexual Reproductive Health with training from the Y-Peer Pilipinas, and one of the San Pablo's Youth Frontliners.



Outstanding Student Organization MU SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY, College of Medicine

Founded in 1933, the Mu Sigma Phi Fraternity has shown exemplary

performance by instituting activities

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