



# Congratulations, Graduates!

## *A Message from the Vice President for the Loyola Schools*



### *To Our Dear Graduates of 2006,*

As you leave the portals of the Ateneo, I have six wishes for you.

I wish you HOPE

*May you always look for the good in people and never lose faith that obstacles can be overcome.*

I wish you DILIGENCE

*May you always strive to give your very best in all your endeavors.*

I wish you COMPASSION

*May you nurture care and concern for others, especially the poor and the weak.*

I wish you COMMUNITY

*May you always put the common good as a paramount social virtue to guide your behavior.*

I wish you POSITIVE LEADERSHIP

*May you strive to be builders of a better tomorrow for your children and for our country.*

I wish you LUX IN DOMINO

*May you be light in the Lord, that through a life well-lived you will leave this world a better place than you found it.*

Anna Miren Gonzalez-Intal, Ph.D.  
Vice President for the Loyola Schools

Commencement 2006 for approximately one thousand six-hundred and eighty candidates for AB/BS, and two hundred and ninety candidates for MA/MS/PhD, begins with the traditional Baccalaureate Mass to be held on Friday, March 24 at 7:30 am at the High School Covered Courts, Loyola Heights, Quezon City. Thereafter, graduating students are required to attend graduation rehearsals (JGSOM and SOSE from 9:00 am to 11:30 am; SOH and SOSS, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.)

The Commencement Exercises for the John Gokongwei School of Management and the School of Science and Engineer-

ing, will also be held on March 24, at 4:00 pm, also at the HSCC. The guest speaker will be Manuel V. Pangilinan, Chairman of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ateneo de Manila University.

The Commencement Exercises for the School of Humanities and the School of Social Sciences will be held on Saturday, March 25, at 4:00 pm, also at the HSCC. The guest speaker is Antonio P. Meloto Jr., Executive Director of *Ganad Kalinga*.

*Please see page 5 for details on the Live Webcast of Commencement 2006*

## Pabaon 2006 You're off and away!

On Saturday, March 4, Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., President; Anna Miren Gonzalez-Intal, Ph.D., Vice President for the Loyola Schools; and the Loyola Schools Placement Office, Guidance Office, and Campus Ministry Office gifted the graduating students with a "pabaon" for their long journey ahead, as they end their college years and say goodbye to the Ateneo.

As the culminating activity of the non-academic formation program of the Loyola Schools, *Pabaon* focused on what the soon-to-be-graduates should



remember, do, hold on to, and fall back on, as they enter the world of work, pursue chosen careers, and strive to live meaningful lives.

Roberto Ma. Buenconsejo, S.J., Director of the Campus Ministry Office, led the invocation, while Dr. Intal gave the welcome remarks. This was followed by a presentation by the Placement and Guidances Offices and a presentation by Fr. Nebres, who also gave a final blessing to the graduating students.

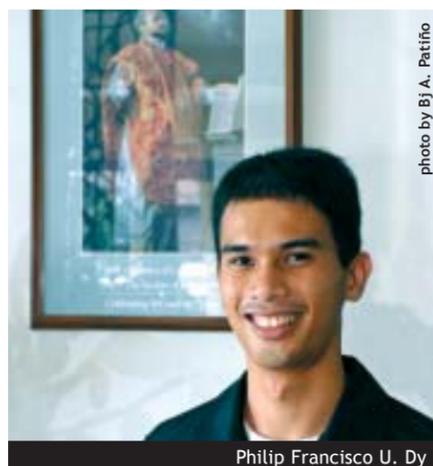
## Philip Francisco U. Dy: Valedictorian, Batch 2006 We celebrate Boyet

"Here in the Ateneo, even as you struggle to become academically excellent and be the best student that you can be, you can also go out more and suck the marrow out of college life. You can join an organization, come out in a play, pursue a minor or a double major, fall in love, even run for office in the *Sanggunian!* Take it from a senior who's at the brink of bidding goodbye. How can you feel empty when you've emptied yourself for causes far bigger than yourself?"

These were the words Boyet Dy had for graduating high school students considering Ateneo for their college education. Boyet knew what he was talking about. A true blue-Atenean (AGS 1998; AHS 2002), he is graduating *summa cum laude* Bachelor of Arts, Major in Development Studies, with a Minor in Philosophy and

a Minor in Global Politics. He is also the Departmental Awardee for the Department of Political Science.

Boyet is the outgoing *Sanggunian* President. In 2004-05, he was Internal Vice President; previous to that he was Second Year Council President, Ateneo Loyola Schools Student



Philip Francisco U. Dy

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Council Project Head, Director of Blue Blood Magazine featuring Stories of Exemplary Ateneans, Project Head of the Magna Carta Convention for Various Universities, Project Head of Time First! Batch Variety Show, mem-

ber of *Silakbo* NGO Fair, member of the Filipino Staff, Heights Literary Magazine, and member of the Public Relations Committee, Ateneo College Ministry Group.

He has participated in off-campus activities such as U Speak Conference: A Dialogue of the Future Generation with Randy David, Gary Granada, etc. (November 2005), 1<sup>st</sup> Active Youth Organizations Young Leaders' Training (May 2005), 7th Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative in Malaysia (July 2005), APEC International Youth Camp in Taiwan (July 2004).

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## The 2006 Loyola Schools Awards for Leadership and Service Heralding hope and transformation



Most Outstanding Student Group: Kythe (rightmost) Minnie Fong (President)



Special Recognition Team Gabaldon Representatives



Most Outstanding Moderator Award: (l-r) Cheson Sy (President-Celadon), Fr. Bob Buenconsejo, S.J. (representing Fr. Ari Dy, S.J.) and Bro. Nebrao, S.J.

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The Vice President's Awards for Service and Excellence celebrated members of the Loyola Schools community who served as leaders in the context of *Magis* and *Lux in Domino*. This year, the focus was made explicit in the renaming of the awards to The Loyola Schools Awards for Leadership and Service. The Awards furthers the cause of an undeniable need of the country today, that of positive leadership in service to others – purposeful and empowering, engaging the community and nurturing hope. In order that they may further inspire and influence, the finalists were recognized and honored on March 3 at the Escaler Hall. The honorees included:

Jesuit mentors **Fr. Aristotle Dy, S.J.** (Moderator, Ateneo Celadon) and **Bro. Arthur Nebrao Jr. S.J.** (Moderator, Ateneo Christian Life Community) for their unwavering dedication to their respective organizations, guiding them through critical decisions and to broadened interpretations of their vision-missions.

**Young Entrepreneurs Speak! YOUth Can Do It!**, a project of Ateneo Celadon, for the first student-staged Business Fair in SM Megatrade Hall attended by six thousand participants and eighty-eight exhibitors composed of aspiring entrepreneurs from various universities as well as small businesses from Bulacan, Cavite, and Laguna.

**Donna Vertulfo** (IV BS LM), who was primed to run for the presidency of another organization when she heeded the call to head her home organization which was in great need of re-structuring.

**Kythe**, as Most Outstanding Organization, for its successful transformation from a small, informal support group to a full-fledged organization, now sys-



Most Outstanding Individual Jorilly Donna Vertulfo

photo by Roderick Serwelas

tematic and deliberate in the formation of its close to two hundred members; and the delivery of their services dedicated to the healing of pediatric cancer patients and to cancer awareness advocacy.

The Board of Judges also gave special citations to the **Ateneo Catechetical Instruction League (ACIL)** for one hundred years of leadership and service through its mandate *Ite et Docete* – Go Forth and Teach; and to **Team Gabaldon**, a *barkada* of six thrill-seekers that evolved, in a period of one year, into a powerhouse volunteer group of

over two hundred young men and women regularly braving the four-hour long journey to Gabaldon to assist in the rehabilitation efforts for the December 2004 typhoon victims.

Other awards were given that night. They include:

*The Loyola Schools Awards for Sports* **Roger Anthony Lastimado** (IV AB PoS) of the Men's Football Team and RP Women's Pole Vault Record Holder, **Mikaela Francesca Santos** (III BS MCT) of the Ateneo Track Team were named **The Guidon Moro-Lorenzo Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year**, respectively. **Carolyn Tan-Chi** (IV BS Psy), *Summa cum laude* candidate and member of the Championship Team of the 68<sup>th</sup> UAAP Women's Basketball, was named **Ambrosio Padilla Student Athlete of the Year**.

*COA Awards*  
The **Ateneo Management Associate (AMA)** swept the categories in which it was nominated: **Best New Project, Best Project, Most Outstanding Student Organization, and Most Out-**

**standing Student Leader for President, Charson Yu.**

**The Assembly** won as **Most Improved Student Organization.**

*Pe&G Student Excellence Awards Finalists* were named as: **Jose Marco Ballesteros** (III BS ME), **Jaryd Luke Chan** (III BS ME), Isabel Francesca Falco (III BS ME), **Ramon Fernando Fuentesbella** (III AB MEco), **Justine Andrea Paredes** (III BS Psy), **Jonathan Pua** (III BS Mgt-H), **Daphne Kimberly Uy** (III AB Psy), **Mark Robert Uy** (III BS ME), **Mark Denison Velasquez** (III BS ME) and **Charles Anthony Yeung** (III BS ME).

The awards night was capped with a standing ovation in response to a surprise tribute given by student leaders from the *Sanggunian ng Mag-aaral ng Ateneo de Manila University*, The Council of Organizations, Cervini and Eliazo Resident Students Association and The Guidon to Anna Miren Gonzalez-Intal, Ph.D, as a true herald of leadership and service throughout her term as Vice President for Loyola Schools. *cpnatividad*



Most Outstanding Project: Celadon Young Entrepreneurs Speak! YOUth Can Do It! Celadon Executive Board and Project Managers

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### The Sanggunian ng Mag-aaral ng Ateneo Top 4 SY 2006-2007



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**Mark Uy**  
Finance Officer

(Look forward to the complete list of Sanggu CB and School Officers, coming in Vol. II, No. 1 of the LSB in June 2006)

## JGSOM Summer 2006 Business Study Tours An invitation to an unforgettable summer



JGSOM juniors and seniors are invited to join JGSOM's Summer 2006 Business Study Tours to either China or Europe. The First China Business Study Tour was conducted in 2005, and all seventeen participants, without exception, have said that it was the most memorable month of their lives.

The main features of the Business Study Tour program include:

- Study tours are 4 weeks in duration.
- Study tours include educational field trips and lectures by foreign professors, as well as sightseeing to major tourist attractions in the area and a variety of cultural experiences. In Spain, language studies will be part of the educational program.
- Students can earn up to 6 units of academic credit through participation in the program, by submitting a paper at the end of the study tour.
- JGSOM juniors and seniors are given the priority for participation in the program; JGSOM sophomores and non-JGSOM juniors and seniors can be accommodated depending on the availability of slots.



### China Business Study Tour (April 18 to May 15)

The tour includes one week in Hongkong, two days in Shenzhen, and three weeks in Beijing. Cultural highlights include visits to the Great Wall of China, the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven, Tiananmen Square, and the Forbidden City. The tour is hosted by the Hongkong Baptist University and The Beijing Center at the University of International Business and Economics.

The China Tour will cost US\$2,800, which includes airfare, accommodations, all local transportation, and some meals. An additional US\$500 ++ should be budgeted for pocket money and other incidental expenses, excluding shopping.

### The European Business Study Tour (April 24 to May 21)

The tour includes two weeks in Budapest, Hungary, and two weeks in Spain (the cities of Salamanca, Barcelona, Madrid.) The tour is hosted by L'Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers (Hungary) and Academia Isla (Spain). To bring down costs, housing arrangements will include some homestay arrangements with host families.

The European Tour will cost an estimated US\$4,500, which includes airfare, accommodations, all local transportation, and some meals. Another US\$1,200 ++ should be budgeted for pocket money and other incidental expenses, exclusive of shopping money.

If you are interested in experiencing the most memorable summer of your life, sign up ASAP at the JGSOM Dean's Office, to make sure that a slot is reserved for you! There is room for only 15 to 20 students for each trip. For inquiries, please email Dean Rudy Ang at [rang@ateneo.edu](mailto:rang@ateneo.edu)



The Entrepreneurial Academy. Now on its third run, Entrep Academy is the John Gokongwei School of Management's continuing education program to help owners and managers of small to medium sized enterprises gain the skills to run their businesses better. Each module is only one to two days long, and the Entrep Academy curriculum includes modules on Accounting, Finance, Human Resource Management, Business Law, Franchising, and Family Business Management. All sessions are held at the Loyola Heights campus of the Ateneo. Entrep Academy III will run from May to June 2006. For inquiries, please call Cristy at 426-4691 or email [entrepacademy@admu.edu.ph](mailto:entrepacademy@admu.edu.ph).

## The HSBC Young Entrepreneur Competition JGSOM scores a three-peat



(l-r) Rodolfo P. Ang, Dean, JGSOM; Marc Cu, Angeli Ko, and Jaime Mendejar

It's three for three for the John Gokongwei School of Management at the HSBC Young Entrepreneur Awards, as team "Piyestang Pinoy", made up of **Jaime Mendejar** (IV BS LM), **Angeli Ko** (IV BS Mgt), and **Marc Cu** (IV BS LM), won the Gold Award at the grand finals of this year's competition held at the Makati Shangrila Hotel on March 8. JGSOM has dominated this competition since its inception, winning the Gold Award in each of the three years that it has been held.

The victory was especially sweet, as *Piyestang Pinoy* was the only Ateneo team in a finals line-up that included four separate teams from the Far Eastern University. Jaime, Angeli, and Marc won over the board of judges with their proposal to set up a local tour operator specializing in Philippine fiesta tourism, hoping to share the richness of our local culture and our unique fiesta tradition, not only with foreign tourists, but also with local expatriates and our own countrymen.

At the end of the presentation, Warner Manning, CEO of HSBC Philippines, exclaimed that he'd like to be one of the very first to sign up for one of their

tours, so that he could enjoy firsthand their promise of "an experience like no other."

Aside from their trophies, these three young entrepreneurs received PhP 200,000 in cash from HSBC (to serve as seed funding for their new business), a six-month scholarship to the Asian Institute of Management's Venture into Entrepreneurship program, and a one-week study tour of the University of California at Berkeley, USA.

The team is now preparing to represent the Philippines at the Regional Grand Finals of the HSBC Young Entrepreneur Awards in Hongkong, where they will be pitted against the Gold Award winners of Malaysia, Thailand, and Hongkong.

Last year's Gold Award winner, *e-Musikero*, made up of **Alexis Ng** (CTM'06), **Aaron Ho** (LM'06) and **Karlo Mortel** (Mgt'06) ably represented the Philippines by bagging the "Best Business Plan Presentation" award at the 2005 Regional Grand Finals, one of only two awards given that night.

JGSOM is truly becoming the home of the Philippines' best budding entrepreneurs!

## The Agora Youth Awards Another feather in the JGSOM cap!



Reynaldo Gabunada Jr., IV BS Comtech (3rd person from left), Maria Kris Ann Llanes, IV BS ME (5th girl from left), Roslyn Elizabeth Chua, IV BS Mgt (6th girl from left)

Three Ateneo JGSOM students were selected from 56 regional finalists from 19 schools all over the Philippines to emerge as winners at the 2006 Agora Youth Awards held last February 28.

**Roslyn Elizabeth Y. Chua** (IV BS Management) was chosen Valedictorian of the group and was named the Most Outstanding Marketing Student of 2006. Among the six other Agora National Youth Awardees for the year were **Maria Kris Ann A. Llanes** (IV BS Management Engineering) and **Reynaldo P. Gabunada Jr.** (IV BS Management, major in Communications Technology Management).

The **Ateneo Junior Marketing Association (AJMA)** was named Outstanding Marketing Organization of the year.

Formerly called The Ten Outstanding Marketing Students and Three Outstanding Student Marketing Associations, the Agora Youth Awards was first instituted in 1991 by the Philippine Marketing Association to recognize the best and brightest marketing students in the country. It takes its inspiration from the prestigious Agora Awards that recognizes excellence among marketing professionals.

# The 2006 LS Award for the Arts



The 2006 Loyola Schools Award for the Arts was held on March 15, at 4:30 pm at the Escaler Hall of the Science Education Complex. Serving in his capacity as program overseer, Leovino Ma. Garcia, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Humanities, opened the program. Vice President for the Loyola Schools, Anna Miren Gonzalez-Intal, Ph.D., presented the 2006 Loyola Schools Award for the Arts to the winning students.

**Soledad S. Reyes, Ph.D.**, was cited for her outstanding contribution to the Humanities. In various capacities, Dr. Reyes has served the Departments of English, Filipino, and Interdisciplinary Studies as faculty, chair, literary scholar, and mentor to a younger set of thinkers. The rite continues the tradition of honoring teachers who have been Ateneo's shining culture bearers. Past recipients include Roque J. Ferriols, S.J., Doreen G. Fernandez, Ph.D., Mari-Jo P. Ruiz, Ph.D., Edna Zapanta-Manlapaz, Ph.D., and Prof. Emmanuel S. Torres.

*Creative Writing: Fiction*

In the category of Fiction, **Christoffer Mitch C. Cerda** (BFA Creative Writing) and **Ma. Sarah Carmela A. Miniano** (AB Interdisciplinary Studies) share honors for their short stories in Filipino and English, respectively.

*Creative Writing: Poetry*

Poetry holds the most winners. **R. Javier A. Bengzon** (AB Literature, Filipino), **Hazel E. Caasi**, (BS Environmental Science) and **Ralph M. Menchavez** (AB Economics, Honors) will take home trophies for their Filipino poems. For their poems in English, the awardees include **Raph Doval-Santos** (BFA Creative Writing), **Martin Nicolas D. Gonzales** (AB Communication), **Peter Lorenzana** (BFA Creative Writing), & **Charisse-Fuschia A. Paderna** (AB Philosophy).

*Dance*

The Dance category pays tribute to the sustained involvement of **Irina Feleo** (BFA Creative Writing) in cultural ambassadorship as principal dancer of the world-famous Bayanihan Dance Troupe. With equal credits, **Triska Monica Marcelina B. Garrido** (BS Management) brings her Company of Ateneo Dancers (CADS) into the limelight. Garrido has trained in ballet, jazz, and various styles of modern dance, reinforced by workshops abroad and a citation from The American Academy of Ballet Performance.

*Drama*

The affair also marks the first time that playwrights are inducted into the LSAA roster of winners. **Ceres Helga R.**



**Barrios** and **Jihan H. Estrella** (BFA Creative Writing) are the recipients of the Drama awards.

*Music*

A field with a strong set of winners this year is Music. **Erwin Gerardo N. Armovit** ( AB Interdisciplinary Studies), **Christopher Cantada** (AB Interdisciplinary Studies), **Reynaldo R. Dilay** (BFA Information Design), and **Ysmael Yuzon** (AB Literature, English), of Spongecola fame, will receive honors for their original songs, inventive soundworks, and fast-selling CDs in the local band scene.

*Screen Arts*

Honored for Screen Arts is **Juan Miguel Sevilla** (AB Communication), for a series of short films coloring his interest in the comic, gothic, and music-video genres. Graphic Design, Visual Arts, and Photography have a winner each in **Ma. Carmela M. Arnado** (AB Communication), **Arlo Ramon D. Vicencio** (AB Interdisciplinary Studies), and **Airam Ferrer** (AB Literature, English). Arnado apprenticed as designer, editor, and web developer for various campus organizations and professional companies. Vicencio worked as lensman for both The Guidon and CADS, his photographs reflecting daily campus concerns, the documentation of artistic performances, as well as glitzy spreads for local fashion

events. Ferrer's wide-ranging illustrations have added strength and controlled grace to the Art Folio of Heights.

*Theatre Arts*

Theatre Arts recognizes the work of both *Entablado* and *Tanghalang Ateneo* through **Vanessa S. Macaraig** (AB Development Studies) and **Jeffrey Keith Lambert M. de Leon** (BFA Theater Arts). Macaraig worked energetically, pushing *Entablado* to the socio-cultural forefront this year while de Leon managed TA to sustain its classical and contemporary repertoire. Completing the trio is **Criselda Consunji** (AB Political Science), 2004 Aliw Awards nominee for Best Stage Actress, for various stage and television performances in her stints with New Voice Company, Regal Films, Repertory Philippines, and the Philippine Opera Company.

This year's selection committee, headed by D.M. Reyes (English) unites the diverse backgrounds of faculty members from the four schools: Frances Alcaraz (IS), Jonathan Chua (IS), Rene Javellana S.J. (Fine Arts), J. Pilapil Jacobo (Filipino), Queena Lee-Chua, Ph.D. (Mathematics), Ramon Lerma (Art Gallery) Melissa Maramara (English), Jovino Miroy, Ph.D. (Philosophy), Alvin Yapan (Filipino), and Fernando Zialcita, Ph.D. (Socio Anthro).  
*dmreyes*



# A Love for Leadership, a Leadership that Loves

Philip Francisco Dy  
IV AB Development Studies

I have discovered throughout my years in the Ateneo that any act of genuine service is a response to God's call. Service is a response to God's call because at the heart of it is a deep desire to protect someone. In serving, we keep people away from anything that can harm them. Service is a response to God's call also because it is a participation in God's monumental task of creation. In serving, we shed liberating light in the midst of chaotic darkness. What else could a God of Love and a God who creates call us to do but to protect and to create? What else could God call us to do but to serve?

One of my most treasured memories and experiences in the Ateneo is the opportunity and privilege to be a student leader. The experience has been a rich wellspring of learning, insights, and challenges, which become doubly important now that I am about to graduate. Perhaps the most important thing that I have learned is that leadership *ought* to be all about serving. This is the perspective that I bring in every single engagement I initiate and attend as a student leader, particularly in my three years of experience in the Sanggunian.

On one level, in the Sanggunian's preoccupation with addressing the needs of the students, guaranteeing the respect of their rights, and representing their interests in designing and deciding policies, we serve through protecting. On another level, in the Sanggunian's broader mission of being partners in the formation of Ateneans toward the ideals of academic excellence, cultural-rootedness,

social responsibility, and spiritual maturity, we serve through creating. Our exquisite Filipino language has a perfect term for leadership that inextricably links it to service: *pamumuno*. For indeed leadership, as I have learned, ought to be all about *pamumuno*: a courageous act of daring to go where the lack is and summoning all of one's strengths to fill that lack.

But service and leadership do not merely mean responding to God's call. It must be a *loving* response: a response that learns to love what it does and make sacrifices for it; a response that is propelled by an unrelenting love. Because serving is a struggle. It is a struggle because in serving, one is always haunted by the grave questions of: Am I *truly* making a difference? Is what I am doing really meaningful? These questions jar me, for instance, in witnessing how the projects we have prepared only attracted a handful of participants and volunteers or in confronting piles of trash on cafeteria tables despite the presence of a "clean as you go" policy.

But somewhere along the way, Ateneo has taught me to literally take heart in the example of God's love through the life of Jesus Christ. Serving makes a difference beyond the scope of what we know and what we can know because as Christ has shown, His dying on the cross has perpetuated acts in the name of justice and love to this day. Serving bears meaning beyond what we can imagine because as Christ has shown, love and life will triumph over death and all that can harm. This is perhaps the deeper meaning of a loving response to God's call: those

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who are brave enough to heed the call are graced with God's own potent love - a love that perpetually makes a difference, a love whose meaning cannot be extinguished even by death.

As the reality of my graduation from the Ateneo becomes ever-impending, I have begun to reflect on what graduating from the Ateneo might mean and, consequently, my experiences in leadership. Obviously, graduating is a cause for celebration. It is a cause for celebration for me and all of batch 2006 because we are finally harvesting the yield of our labor throughout numerous group reports, research papers, and oral and written examinations in our college years. It is a cause for celebration too for our parents and loved ones as they stand proud in witnessing the unfolding of a new phase in each of our lives. It is a cause of celebration too for the Ateneo as she unleashes into society her new children.

But are these the only people who should celebrate? I would like to think certainly not. I am convinced that four years in the Ateneo is not just for us, for our parents and loved ones, and for the Ateneo.

Our graduation should be a cause for celebration, most especially, for our countless brothers and sisters who are wallowing in poverty: stereotypically struggling to secure a can or two of

sardines for a meal as they live under makeshift roofs of a structure unfit to be called a house.

Will I be worth celebrating? I am scared for nothing is as scary as being thrown in a world of such a big responsibility. A world of responsibility where at your fingertips, things can become better or worse for our countrymen. A world of responsibility where one can be an instrument for glimpsing a better future for the Philippines or further entrenching the country in mess.

Indeed, the path toward beholding the glory of a rising sun is dark. Darkness precedes the sunrise. The challenge, therefore, in order to witness the dawning of a new day in our country is to illumine, to shed light, and to be light. The challenge, therefore, is not to get lost in the darkness.

Ateneo education has given birth in the core of my being this deep desire to see the sun rise in our country. It has challenged me to be a bearer of light that will be an instrument in destroying the darkness that haunts our land.

What has the Ateneo education meant to me? It has meant to me a love for leadership. It has meant to me a leadership that loves. It has meant to me a leadership that is rooted in and ultimately directed to the unfolding of the One, True, First, and Eternal Love. It has meant to me a leadership of light for the sake of the Philippines and its people.

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## We celebrate Boyet (from page 1)

Among the studies that Boyet has conducted are: Change Management Strategy in Modifying a Performance Evaluation System in a Provincial Government (2005); How Participatory the Development Councils are of Three Quezon City barangays (2004); Tourism Initiatives of the City Government of Marikina (2004); and the Plight of Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines (2004).

He had an internship as consultant with the Bulacan Governor's Office; was Volunteer Management Coordinator, National Movement for Free Elections - Quezon City Chapter (2004); Vigil Coordinator, Ateneo Student Council Oakwood Mutiny Taskforce (2003); Budget Officer and Faculty, *Sibol Jesus* Free Tutorial School for Public High School Students (2003-04); Assistant Principal, Budget Officer and Faculty, *Sibol*



photo by Bj A. Patino

Hesus Free Tutorial School for Public High School Students (2002-03).

In December 2005, Boyet was awarded as one of the Ten Jose Rizal Model Students of the Philippines. Now to add to his laurels, Boyet is

Valedictorian of Batch 2006. What next for Boyet?

He intends to work for two development foundations for a year or two before pursuing graduate studies on public administration or a similar field, in preparation for entering politics. He wishes to serve as a barangay captain or work for a government welfare department, such as the De-

partment of Education or the Department of Social Welfare and Development. Boyet also plans to teach one day.

The Loyola Schools wishes Boyet well, and thanks him for all that he has given of himself to Ateneo as a student servant leader and a shining example to his batch of what it means to live out a life of *magis*.

## Live webcast!

The Konrad Adenauer Center for Journalism at the Ateneo de Manila University (CFJ), the Campus Network Group (CNG), and one of the Ateneo's Internet service providers, MozCom, are webcasting the Grade School, High School, and Loyola Schools graduations ceremonies.

The CFJ, CNG, and MozCom studied the possibility of the webcast to enable the graduating students of the online Master of Arts in Journalism program to participate in the ceremonies without flying in. MozCom generously offered to provide its webcasting and video-conferencing services to the Ateneo free-of-charge. Upon further discussions, the group believed that a webcast of the graduation would

be beneficial to the community as a whole and the proposal was elevated to Jose M. Cruz, S.J., Dean of the School of Social Sciences. Unit administrators and University President Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., all agreed to the proposal. Thus, all four graduation days will be webcast: the Ateneo Grade School on March 23, JGSOM and SOSE on March 24, SOH and SOSS on March 25, and the Ateneo High School on March 26.

Relatives and friends of our graduates can view the graduation rites from the comfort of their homes. They will need broadband internet access (a dialup is not advisable) and Windows Media Player. The CNG is dedicating a portion of the campus's bandwidth to the webcast. However, depending on the speed of the viewers' connection and the amount of network traffic, viewers can expect some choppiness in the video feed.

## 2006 SOSE Awards for Outstanding Student Research

The Loyola Schools community congratulates the winners of the 2006 School of Science and Engineering Awards for Outstanding Student Research. The awarding ceremonies were held on March 10 at Escaler Hall with Reynaldo Ebor, Ph.D., Executive Director of PCASTRD as keynote speaker.



First Prize winners of Undergraduate Technology Category: Beverly Marquez and Jeric Macalintal

### Undergraduate: Science Category

#### First Prize

#### Deniz Wong (Chemistry)

Semi-Quantitative Analysis of Glyceride Esters of Lauric Acid by FTIR Band Shape Analysis and Enzymatic Synthesis of Monolaurin

Adviser: Erwin P. Enriquez, Ph.D.

#### Second Prize

#### Hazel E. Caasi (Environmental Science)

An Assessment of the Benthic Community Structure: Implications on the Water Quality of Lake Palacpaquen, San Pablo City

Adviser: Teresita R. Perez, Ph.D.

#### Honorable Mention

#### Joyce Christine Castillo and Christopher Biasbas (ECCE)

Characterization of Latex Artificial Muscles and Conceptual Design of Possible Biomedical Applications

Adviser: Gregory L. Tangonan, Ph.D.

### Undergraduate: Technology Category

#### First Prize

#### Jeric Macalintal and Beverly Marquez (Physics)

Tunable Lens from a Compressed Elastomer Slab

Adviser: Benjamin Chan, Ph.D.

#### Second Prize

#### Katrina Lynn B. de Guzman and Carlos Celso Quevedo (Environmental Science)

Developing a Protocol for the Use of the Black Tiger Prawn *Penaeus monodon*, as Test Organism for Toxicity Testing

Adviser: Emilyn Q. Espiritu, Ph.D.

#### Honorable Mention

#### January Guerrero, Christine Lleva and Ma. Rhodessa Angelica Mapa (ECCE)

Color Correction of Digital Images for Telemedicine

Adviser: Engr. Ma. Leonora C. Guico

### Graduate Category

#### First Prize

#### Dave Solis (Biology)

Assessment of the In-vitro Cytotoxicity of Naked hA20 IgG on CD20 Cancer Cells

Adviser: Elizabeth Tenorio, Ph.D.

#### Second Prize

#### Rene Angelo S. Macahig (Chemistry)

Inhibition of Phospholipase A2 by Agnuside

Adviser: Fabian M. Dayrit, Ph.D.

#### Honorable Mention

#### Joshua Jeremy Gonzalez (DISCS)

A Software Library for a Simple Map Locator (SML) for Resource Constrained Mobile Devices

Adviser: Pablo R. Manalastas Jr., Ph.D.

For the first time, SOSE also gave out awards for Outstanding Science Writing and Outstanding Science Photography.

### Outstanding Science Writing

#### First Prize (tied)

#### Rhina Rose M. de Leon (III AB Lit Eng)

Essay: "The Breast Thing that Happened: The Science of the Breasts"

#### EJ Gamboa (III AB Lit Eng)

Essay entitled: "The Battle at Marathon"

#### Honorable Mention

#### Ma. Cecilia N. Custodio (II BFA CW)

Essay: "Good News for People who Follow Bad News"

### Outstanding Science Photography

#### First Prize

#### Christine Joy U. Querebillo (IV BS Chem/MSE)

"Of Solar Energy"

The Loyola Schools congratulates **Edwin Siao**, Assistant Instructor, of the Department of Information Systems and Computer Science for winning **Microsoft's Icon Ambassador Award**. Siao received this award for being a role model of excellent content cascading, attendee touch, and active participation during the Microsoft Faculty Student Ambassador Program. He received

the award on March 16, 2006, during the FSAP Graduation held at Nicotina, Manila.

The Microsoft FSAP program is an outreach program in which faculty and students from select universities receive technical and business training from Microsoft. They then cascade this training to public school teachers and students.

## Bawat Pilipino Bayani!

To achieve the vision of a country that will rise from poverty, we need to build a culture of heroism. We need to mainstream a new lifestyle, a lifestyle of nation-building, changing people from simply being pleasure-seeking to becoming heroic.

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### Gawad Kalinga-Ateneo summer schedule:

Youth Build Isabela, Nueva Ecija April 1-6	Payatas Build Payatas 13 May 6	GK Tour 2 Manila, Batangas May 13-14	Payatas Build Payatas 13 June 10
Gabalton Builds Gabalton April 21-23	GK Tour 1 Manila, Batangas May 6-7	Gabalton Builds Gabalton May 19-21	Gabalton Builds Gabalton June 10-12
Kalinga Leyte Build Leyte April 24 - May 1	Gabalton Builds Gabalton May 12-14	Payatas Build Payatas 13 May 20	Payatas Build Payatas 13 June 17



(l-r) Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., University President; Alfonso L. Salcedo (AB' 77), President, BPI Family Savings Bank; BPI Awardee Varsolo C. Sunio and his parents, Anna Miren Gonzalez-Intal, Ph.D., Vice President for the Loyola Schools, and Fabian M. Dayrit, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Science and Engineering

## BPI-DOST Awarding Ceremonies

The Loyola Schools congratulates the three awardees from the Ateneo de Manila University School of Science and Engineering who were presented with the Bank of the Philippine Islands - Department of Science and Technology (BPI-DOST) Science Awards 2006 on Wednesday, March 8 at Escaler Hall.



(l-r) David Peralta receives the award from Alfonso Salcedo, as Fr. Nebres looks on.

David P. Peralta, IV BS Chemistry, candidate for *magna cum laude*, is head of the Ateneo Chemical Society. He won third place out of six finalists in the Project of the Year Competition for his work entitled "Isolation, purification, and characterization of a 25-35kDa glycosidase from ginger." His adviser for the project, which was his thesis, was Nina Rosario L. Rojas, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Chemistry.

Baterina, under the guidance of Raphael Guerrero, Ph.D.

Mark C. Punzalan, IV BS Computer Science, received the award for developing an efficient way of searching for images using visual examples.

The project of Varsolo C. Sunio, IV BS Physics, "Volume holographic storage and animation based on phase multiplexing using an elastomer phase mask formed via self-assembly," was his thesis, which he worked on with Nikka

Every year, BPI and DOST select six projects from over thirty projects nationwide. The six projects are presented orally to a board of judges composed of officials from BPI, DOST and select science experts. Finalists are judged according to their work's scientific merit, commercial potential, and national impact. (See also *Loyola Schools Bulletin Vol. I No. 9, February 2006*)



(l-r) Fr. Nebres, Alfonso L. Salcedo, Mark Punzalan's father, BPI Awardee Mark C. Punzalan, Mark Punzalan's mother, Dr. Intal and Dr. Dayrit

### Summer SY 2006-2007 Registration Schedule

April 17, Monday	Distribution of Reg Forms and 2nd Semester Grades Settlement of liabilities (Hold Orders, shifting, etc.)
April 18, Tuesday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Registration Day, <b>Required Students</b> Registration Day, <b>Graduate Students</b>
April 19, Wednesday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Registration Day, <b>Required Students/Graduate Students</b>
April 20, Thursday	<b>Start of Summer Classes</b>

### First Semester SY 2006-2007 Registration Schedule

June 6, Tuesday	Distribution of Reg Forms and Summer Grades Settlement of liabilities (Hold Orders, Shifting, etc.)
June 7, Wednesday	Registration Day, <b>Sophomores</b>
June 8, Thursday	Registration Day, <b>Seniors/Graduate Students</b>
June 9, Friday	Registration Day, <b>Juniors/Graduate Students</b>
June 10, Saturday	Registration Day, <b>Graduate Students</b>
June 13-15, Tuesday to Thursday	<b>ORSEM</b>
June 16, Friday	Registration Day, <b>Freshmen</b>
June 17, Saturday	Registration Day, <b>All Year Levels</b>
June 19, Monday	<b>Start of First Semester Classes</b>

# notable achievements

## Mike Coroza: DWBR's "Harana ng Puso"

In their hit single "Harana," local band Parokya ni Edgar said it best in the first line, "uso pa ba ang harana?" Indeed, with today's airwaves saturated with music from emo to rap, rock to hip-hop, RNB to soul, has the local music scene nothing to offer but novelty songs and rip offs of some obscure foreign songs from the past, of the occasional good song or two?



Michael Coroza

Thankfully there's Michael M. Coroza and the Mabuhay Singers to revive the moribund, if not already extinct tradition of singing the *kundiman* – defined by the CCP Encyclopedia of Philippine Arts as the "Philippines's signature love song" – in different dialects through their program "Harana ng Puso" aired on Sundays, from 8:00 to 9:00 pm on DWBR 104.3 FM.

Michael M. Coroza has won accolades for his poetry, and is currently teaching graduate and undergraduate courses at the *Kagawaran ng Filipino*. His varied interests include creative writing, translation, literary history and criticism, and of course, the *kundiman* and other vintage Filipino songs. He hosts the program, with his wife Jeanette Job-Coroza as executive producer, and with one of DWBR's top broadcast engineers, Ditas Hermano.

In 1958, Manuel P. Villar, Sr. formed the Mabuhay Singers to record Filipino songs. From 1958 to 1978, they recorded around three hundred long-playing albums (LPs), most of which



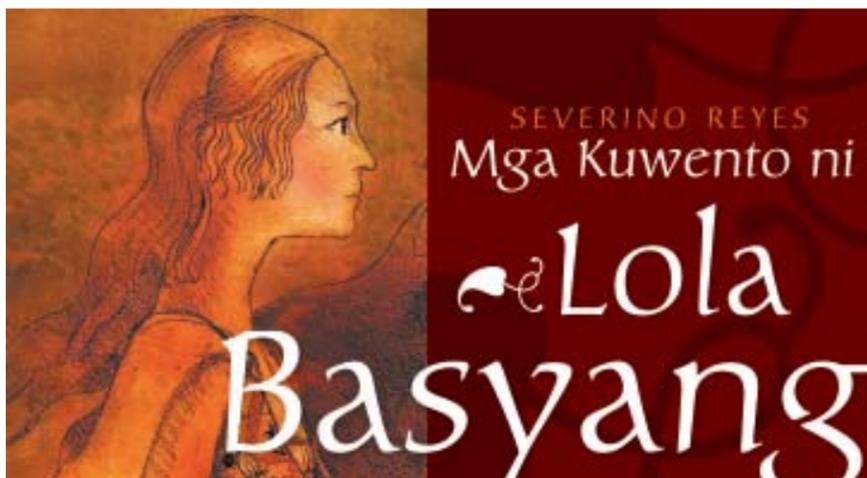
are currently available on CDs courtesy of Villar Records, Aquarius Records, and Alpha Records.

"Harana ng Puso" is a welcome breather from the repertoire of so-called hits played by radio stations today. While to the more "modern" listeners, "Harana" may seem "baduy" or "old school" for today's "modern" and "discriminating" taste, the response since the initial broadcast last February 5 is a clear indication that classic Filipino music is surely gaining a following, evidenced by the growing number of "texters" or listeners Coroza greets on-air.

In addition to the growing number of fans, several guests of note have graced the show on different occasions: in its second offering last February 12, poet Ruth Elynia Mabanglo, recited her signature poem "Kung Ibig Mo Akong Makilala." On February 19, Stella Cristobal-Arenas, a young soprano and the daughter of respected writer Adrian Cristobal, sang Jose Estella's "Maya" and Nicanor Abelardo's "Mutya ng Pasig."

For the indefatigable Mabuhay Singers, currently comprised of renowned members such as Cely Bautista, Carmen Camacho, Raye Lucero, Peping de Leon, Eddie Suarez and Marlon Marifosque, "Harana ng Puso" is a testament to their longevity. The show is also made more interesting by the trivial on each song they sing as provided by Coroza. *jcapihos*

## new books



Tahanan Books in cooperation with the Severino Reyes (Lola Basyang) Publishing Corporation will launch *Mga Kuwento ni Lola Basyang: The Original Tales in Filipino* by Severino Reyes, on Monday, 27 March at 5:00 pm.

The stories were selected and edited by Christine S. Bellen of the *Kagawaran ng Filipino*.

The collection is introduced by Bienvenido Lumbera, Ph.D., and illustrated by Felix Mago Miguel. For more information please email [marketing@tahananbooks.com](mailto:marketing@tahananbooks.com)

## The Scholarly Work Awards

The Awarding Ceremony for the Loyola Schools Scholarly Work Faculty Grants, the Publications Awards, and the Outstanding Scholarly Work Awards, and the Launching of the 2006 Editions of the Loyola Schools Review were held on March 8. The editors of the LSR, Remmon E. Barbaza, Ph.D (Humanities), Ma. Assunta C. Cuyegkeng, Ph.D. (Science and Engineering), Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu (Social Sciences), and Mari-Jo P. Ruiz, Ph.D. (John Gokongwei School of Management), introduced the authors of their editions.

Darwin Yu, Ph.D. presented the Scholarly Work Faculty Grants to the awardees. The grants provide funds for faculty research and creative work, supporting the university's mission of providing intellectual leadership in higher education. Leovino Ma. Garcia, Ph.D.,



Agustin Martin Rodriguez, Ph.D. emceed the Awards



Soledad S. Reyes, Ph.D. with Leovino Ma. Garcia, Ph.D., Dean, School of Humanities and Anna Miren Gonzales-Intal, Ph.D., Vice President for the Loyola Schools



Raphael A. Guerrero, Ph.D. with Fabian M. Dayrit, Ph.D., Dean, School of Science and Engineering and Anna Miren Gonzales-Intal, Ph.D., Vice President for the Loyola Schools



Remmon E. Barbaza, Ph.D.



Ricardo G. Abad, Ph.D. with Jose M. Cruz, S.J., Dean, School of Sciences and Anna Miren Gonzales-Intal, Ph.D., Vice President for the Loyola Schools



Mari-Jo P. Ruiz, Ph.D.



Anna Miren Gonzalez-Intal, Ph.D.



Ma. Assunta C. Cuyegkeng, Ph.D.

Dean of the School of Humanities presented the Loyola Schools Publications Awards. The awards were capped by the Outstanding Scholarly Work Awards presented to Soledad S. Reyes, Ph.D. (Humanities) for her book, *A Dark Tinge to the World*, Raphael A., Guerrero, Ph.D. (Science and Engineering) for his work entitled "Volume holographic storage and animation based on addressing with an elastomer phase mask" published in *Optics Communications*; Ricardo G. Abad, Ph.D. (Social Sciences) for his work as editor of *The Asian Face of Globalisation: Reconstructing Identities, Institutions, and Resources*.



Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu, Ph.D.

Dr. Abad then read an entertaining and touching tribute to outgoing Vice President for the Loyola Schools, Anna Miren Gonzalez-Intal, Ph.D.

## The Blue Booters: 68<sup>th</sup> UAAP Men's Football Champions do a three-peat



The quest was completed. The crown was defended. The blue still rules.



### The Winning Game

On February 23, at the Ultra complex in Pasig, the Ateneo Men's Football Team captured the 68<sup>th</sup> UAAP championship crown for the third consecutive year. Now the reigning three-time title holders, the Blue Booters have etched their name into the record books with this **three-peat**, and a perfect **no-loss** season. The season of dreams has come true.

The Ultra stadium gave off a silent hum that afternoon. The tragedy that had occurred weeks earlier lingered in the walls and in the



air. The Ateneo boys arrived a good hour and half before kick-off, with no sign of anxiousness or restlessness. Although the win would come some three hours later, this was the day that history would be made.

From the opening whistle, De La Salle took a defensive stance hoping to take the game into a penalty shootout. Ateneo, on the other hand, came out charging, much faster, stronger, and hungrier. The Blue Booters choked and suffocated the boys in green with unyielding offense and rock-solid defense. For ninety minutes, the pressure mounted and fatigue set in, and it was only a matter of time before the weak would fall.

In the first minutes of extra time came the deciding goal. Ateneo banged in a scorcher that rocked the side post before kissing the net, burying La Salle's hopes for good. The fans exploded from their seats and players danced, embraced, and cried. Then there was only one: Ateneo the victor.

As the euphoric crowd overflowed onto the field, triumph and release embraced, fireworks erupted, waking the sky and igniting a flurry of exhilaration and cheer. In that seamless



moment, between Mother Earth and the big blue sky, the boys in blue stood on the hill as heroes, and as champions.

Fittingly, just as the season began, a Eucharistic celebration was held at the Church of the Gesù in thanksgiving for the end of a blessed season. Benvenido F. Nebres S.J. and



Vic Salanga S.J. presided, both proud and full of joy. The mass was offered to the Lord, thanking Him for the incredible season, the talented group of men, the exceptional coaching staff, and their faithful supporters.

The great Winston Churchill once said, "History is written by the victors." I couldn't agree with him more. *msfiojo*

### The Party

This was a party that Ateneo Men's Football Team Captain Mickey Ingles dreamed of when he was a freshman. Ingles was a fresh-



man when the men's basketball team broke a championship drought and had their victory celebrated with a big bonfire. "Dapat, tayo rin, may ganyan," said Ingles to his teammate. The Blue Booters would be denied a championship that year. But there would be no stopping their making history in 2004, 2005, and 2006, completing the first three-peat in Ateneo and UAAP Men's Football history at the expense of their erstwhile challengers from De La Salle University. Ingles and the Blue Booters finally had their party on March 10, and what a party it was indeed.

Supporters from the Ateneo community trooped to the Loyola Heights campus's

Erenchun Field, which was surrounded by banners blazoned with Ateneo cheers. At the center of a field was the set-up for the bonfire, waiting to be lit. Behind the enormous stage was a projection screen which flashed photographs of the Blue Booters' stellar season. Beside the stage were seats and tables for the large crowd, and beside those a sumptuous dinner buffet and booths which offered more food, free drinks, and to the delight of many, free-flowing beer.

The event was not just for the Loyola Schools' Blue Booters, but also for championships from the High School and Grade School. More than just a three-peat, the Ateneo was celebrating a football triple-feat.

The night was kicked off by a Mass concelebrated by Loyola School of Theology President, Vic Salanga, S.J., Ateneo Grade School Headmaster Joey Fermin, S.J., and Basic Education Director Bert Ampil, S.J. In his homily, Fr. Salanga praised the team, talking about the effort and personal sacrifice that each player had to give for practice and preparation for every game, all while balancing the rigorous academic work of the Ateneo. Salanga also extolled Coach Ompong Merida for the mentorship he gave



the team. After thanking all of the team's supporters, Salanga then exhorted the crowd to "go... and tell everyone about the great things this team has done...go... and tell everyone about the great things the Lord has done."

After the Mass, the Vice President for the Loyola Schools, Anna Miren Gonzalez-Intal, Ph.D., welcomed everyone to the celebration. The first performance for the program was of a brass band made up of alumni. They rendered performances of such tunes as "Hail, Ateneo, Hail", "Blue Eagle the King", and "Roll Out the Victory". Next was the Blue Babble Battalion's turn to amp up the crowd, starting their performance with a drumline performance, followed by leading the crowd through traditional Ateneo cheers.

The program was hosted by Mhel Garrido and Missy Maramara. Romeo Dalandan Jr.,



Director of Alumni Relations, read the congratulatory letter of University President, Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., who was on a trip abroad. This was followed by a series of video presentations on the Ateneo football story, from the days in the NCAA to an Ateneo football renaissance in the UAAP. Among the evening's highlights was the acknowledging of the teams from the Loyola Schools, the High School, and the Grade School.

Finally, the men of the hour, and the stars of the party were asked to come up, led by Team Captain Mickey Ingles. After they gave their thanks to the community, the players took their places around the bonfire. As the community sang the Song for Mary, a small ball of fire was dropped into the mass of logs, igniting the bonfire. This was followed by a fireworks display that lasted well over ten minutes, lighting the night sky as the brass



band once again started playing Ateneo fight songs. After the fireworks, the community continued the merrymaking with food and drinks and jamming by Narda, a band formed by Ateneo alumni.

In his speech that night, Mickey Ingles thanked the community for being a family to the team, for never giving up in its support. The bonfire was a celebration not only of a great football season for the university, but also of the community that stuck together. *msamson*