

UC-BCF Peer Facilitators receive TAYO award

Multi-awarded Peer Facilitators of the University of the Cordilleras was recognized last week as one of the Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO) in the entire Luzon area by the National Youth Commission (NYC) for their project Early Education on Reproductive Health among elementary pupils.

The awarding committee from the NYC was impressed with the UC-BCF Peer Facilitator's project entry which underscored the causes and subsequent repercussions of engaging in pre-marital sex and taking prohibited drugs. This earned them a top spot out of 300 participating entries.

Gerry Calingdas, a third year BSED student and representative of the Peer Facilitators received the award from Senate Majority leader Francisco "Kiko" Pangilinan during the awarding ceremonies on July 28, 2006 at the Occupational Safety and Health Center in Quezon City.

UC's dynamic youth organization was acknowledged for reaching out to public school pupils in Baguio specifically grade 5 and 6 pupils at Don Mariano Marcos Elementary School in Aurora Hill conducting Adolescent Reproductive Health seminars and group dynamics.

Calingdas explained that "the puberty ages

are the foundation years of adulthood. The dangers of early pregnancy and sexually-related illnesses are very real. It is thus imperative to arm the youth with the knowledge to combat these dangers". The winning project's objective is not primarily sex education, Calingdas said. "We are aiming to raise consciousness and awareness to enlighten the youth".

Under the supervision of Guidance Director Mrs. Judith Adina and Guidance Counselor Dennis Daniwis, the Peer Facilitators have been striving to make a difference in lives of young adults since the organization's inception in 1997. They have been providing free tutorials, peer counseling and seminars to students in and outside UC.

Through the years, the Peer Facilitators have been earning recognition from other organizations. In 2005, the group has received two awards as Outstanding Youth Organization

in Baguio first by the Commission on Higher Education and then by the Rotary Club of Baguio South along with the National Youth Commission.

Last May, Saint Louis University commended the Facilitators for participating in the Pathways to Higher Education Program which consisted of enrichment classes and talent workshops aimed at assisting academically gifted but financially underprivileged students.



CBA Students exposed to global biz challenge

Students of the College of Business Administration (CBA) at UC-BCF face the challenges of global business and borderless trading during a seminar on Entrepreneurial Empowerment through Information Technology sponsored by the Baguio-Benguet Chamber of Commerce. PLDT Senior Vice President Ernesto R. Alberto, Guestspeaker for the said seminar urged business administration students to elevate their perspectives towards global competence. "With the fall of the Berlin Wall,

a borderless world was born and with it, global competition. So what do we do? We compete", Alberto said. This was supported by CBA Dean Dr. Leonarda Aguinale who said that immersing students in actual business industry seminars for businessmen will enable the future entrepreneurs to simulate global business realities. Dean Aguinale explained that UC-BCF, which signed up its membership to the Chamber of Commerce, recognizes the significance of reinforcing theoretical or classroom learning through a strengthened exposure program. In March 2006, UC CBA students were again privileged to participate in the First Leadership Summit organized by the Center for Technical Excellence and TOP Outsource Performance, Inc.

faculty of the College of Law, the dream team, as one testimonial speaker called them, who are the gatekeepers responsible for setting the standards of excellence by going beyond the call of duty.



Top law school honors new lawyers

For a parent, there is no greater joy than the knowledge that his son or daughter has fulfilled his dream of passing the Bar. This was disclosed by the top two management strategists of one of the country's nationally-renowned College of Law, the University of the Cordilleras (formerly Baguio Colleges Foundation) during a testimonial dinner last July 20 at Hotel Supreme honor-

ing 34 new lawyers.

UC Chairman of the Board Jesus Benjamin Salvosa and OIC-President Reynaldo Agranzamendez shared something in common; both their sons Jose Salvosa and Glen Agranzamendez passed the recent Bar examinations and already took their oath as lawyers.

Chairman Salvosa saluted the new lawyers for embarking on

a journey where there is so much work to do, where the examinations are so unpredictable and where the eyes of society are ever watchful and piercing. He motivated the honorees to move on ahead in life with renewed self-reliance. "In the end, it is really all about you and what you are capable of. It will require all your passion and all the knowledge that you have gained" he

said.

UC-BCF Alumna Atty. Janet Abuel who topped the 1998 Bar examinations, also wished the new lawyers well on their new career. Atty. Agranzamendez reminded them of being guided by a moral compass in passing life's tests, one of them, the test of character.

For their part, the honorees articulated their gratitude to the

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