

"Father of higher education" in Baguio remembered

The University of the Cordilleras recognized student achievers in a simple ceremony last October 14 in remembrance of the 12th death anniversary of Atty. Benjamin Romero Salvosa, the school's founder.

156 students who brought home competition medals were recognized for sustaining excellence. The achievers brought fame to UC-BCF and Baguio city in the fields of general edu-

cation, arts and sports competitions, consistent with Salvosa's dream of "providing a system and platform with which to perpetuate excellence as envisioned in the school's charter."

Atty. Salvosa founded Baguio Colleges, the first college in the city, just after the war in 1946. BC was the forerunner of private school enterprise but gave up proprietary rights of the booming education

industry by giving up all the assets of Baguio Colleges Inc. to the Baguio Colleges Foundation (BCF).

In 1976, the City Government of Baguio honored Benjamin Salvosa with the title "Father of Higher Education".

In 2003, BCF was transformed to University of the Cordilleras sustaining academic excellence in Criminology, Engineering, Law and Computer Education.

Quality and productivity integrated in curricula

Quality and productivity at work emanates from quality education.

With this in mind, productivity as a subject is being gradually integrated into the curricular offerings of the University of the Cordilleras since June 2000 and has now benefited hundreds of graduates in public and private employment said College of Business Administration Dean Leonarda Aguinalde.

Speaking before a regional multi-sec-

toral convention on productivity at Venus Parkview Hotel Friday, Aguinalde explained that principles of quality and productivity management is now integrated in eight subjects with 39 classes benefiting 1,749 enrollees. A separate subject-course on productivity is also offered in the Graduate School.

Nomalyn Bosongan, a UC graduate school student shares with the participants how she made use of the five "S" in her

present work as a Secretary. 5S stands for Sorting, Simplifying, Systematic cleaning, Standardizing, and Sustaining. It is a visually-oriented system of cleanliness organization and arrangement designed to facilitate greater productivity, safety and quality.

Dean Aguinalde said productivity subjects provide a foundation for more responsible behavior on the job. "We prepare our graduates in their future employment in terms of better work, better products and better morale", she said.

UC Nursing Graduates Recognized



221 pioneer Nursing Graduates of the University of the Cordilleras intently listen from Baguio Health Department Chief Nurse Purificacion Serna who advised the new nurses tips in the nursing profession. Parents, or to some their spouses, proudly walk the aisles during Recognition Day, Friday at the UC theater. The graduates received their Diplomas Saturday afternoon with Dr. Florence Reyes as Guest Speaker.

Enrollment Going On

Second Semester 2006 - 2007

for Law and Nursing until November 4

Classes Start November 6, 2006

UC intern 11th in Police exam

A second-year criminology student of the University of the Cordilleras ranked 11th in the Police Entrance Examination given by the National Police Commission surpassing over 28,000 college graduates who took the examination last May 28, 2006.

Dr. Benjamin Mang-usan, dean of UC College of Criminal Justice Education said police intern Juliet Kaniteng, a B.S. Criminology Student was number 11 with a weighted average of 84.01 percent. The May 28, 2006 examinations taken by all applicants for a Police Officer I position nationwide has an all time low passing percentage of 9.08 % or 2,560 of the 28,202 examinees.

UC Criminology graduates are presently preparing for the Criminology Board Examinations starting October 24. "It is still a great challenge to maintain being number 1 for the past 19th consecutive times", Mang-usan said.

Special Filipinos; Special Human Beings

by Jesus Benjamin Salvosa

(Response on behalf of the 2006 awardees for outstanding senior citizens, before the Baguio Elderly Assembly, at the Baguio Convention Center on 07 October 2006.)

Ladies & Gentlemen of this distinguished assembly.

On behalf of the awardees, we would like to express our deep appreciation to the Assembly of the Associations for senior citizens & retired persons; for the awards given to us at this program. The members who compose your associations reads like a "who's who" in the history of our community. Your members represent the very best of lifetime service in their respective fields & careers in this region. The cumulative expertise, talent, experience & wisdom represented in your respective associations constitutes this city's most valuable treasures, Baguio City's most valuable assets, our community's MVP's even in your collective status as retired, senior citizens. We, the awardees this year, therefore wish to say that we cannot collectively thank you enough for this singular honor of being the 2006 edition of the outstanding senior citizens awards.

If you will look at my attire this morning, I am wearing gray pants, a gray coat & most important of all, I have gray hair. For it is said, blessed are those with gray hair, like most of us here at this assembly; --- for they are forever looking their age; --- authentic, mature people of wisdom. Blessed are those with black hair; --- for they are forever young; --- no comment. Finally, blessed are those with no hair; --- for they are forever --- babies.

So please do not be surprised if next year therefore, the awards will have classifications, as follows: Outstanding senior citizen with gray hair; outstanding senior citizen with black hair; & outstanding senior citizen with no hair. Of course, we have to be more diplomatic & positive; & look for a more respectful term for "no hair." Some people are sensitive specially if you use the more crude words of "bald" or "kalbo." They say, "don't say I am bald or kalbo, just say I have "HPM." HPM. -- what does HPM stand for? That is "hairline perimeter mobility."

Now if we are giving the "HPM" people due consideration, then we should apply the same courtesies to the terms --- "senior citizen," or "elderly" or "retiree." These terms are too mild to be applied to the people in this assembly. These terms need a little seasoning. And that is our cue, starting with us 2006 awardees, to address each of you, our colleagues, more appropriately & more elegantly, --- as "special Filipinos of wisdom, character & maturity."

Why not? After all, you have served your respective entities faithfully. You have entered the ultimate phase called, "the golden years of life." You are now free of the bundy clock system; you are now free of the 8am to 5pm working day grind; you now live & operate within the realm of permanent flexi-time; particularly in the realm of freedom from the "exigencies of the service." You have entered into that blissful state of contentment; with the knowledge of a life well spent, of a job well done, of tasks completed, of having left no stone unturned; with no regrets & no excuses.

If all that is true, if indeed you have given it your all; if indeed you extended yourself well beyond the call of duty, --- then you are fully vested to claim with conviction & authenticity that, "I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." And for those of us who still have "to finish the race;" whose "life dream fulfillment" still lies ahead; --- you can count on us to be in the sidelines, cheering you on; --- as well-wishers; as admirers of a full & a fulfilling life.

And when all is said & done, we believe that you will be ready to answer that most frequently asked question, "Lolo/Lola, Kumusta ka na?; or Grandpa/Grandma, how are you?"

Then you can turn to them; say with a big smile; in a most cheerful way, "I am at the pre-departure area, waiting for my boarding pass." And if you are able to say that with the serenity of a person who has completed the job; --- then you have truly moved to the ultimate level of maturity, as "a special human being of grace, dignity & a robust sense of humor."

Congratulations to the members of this distinguished assembly; and to all the awardees of previous years!

2006 Gintong Tala Awardees

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| Rev. Juan A. Marigza | for Religious and Spiritual Service |
| Arch. Joseph M. Alabanza | for Gov't Service in the Executive |
| Hon. Mauricio G. Domogan | for Gov't Service in the Legislative |
| Atty. Erdolfo V. Balajadia | for Gov't Legal Service |
| Mr. Jesus Benjamin D. Salvosa | for Educational Development |
| Mrs. Ofelia Lapira-Dimalanta, | for Journalism |
| Dr. Nenita S. Rico | for Art and Culture Service |
| Mr. Pedro R. Mendoza | for Sports Development |
| Mr. Reinaldo C. Bautista | for Civic and Social Service |
| Dr. Keithly T. Santos | for Medical Service |
| Atty. Moises & Mrs. Zenaida Cating | for Business and Trade |
| Col. Napoleon G. Gojo | for Military Service |

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