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Magallanes is UPV 2011 top graduate

The majority of people would put UPians on a pedestal but in UP, I have learned the value of humility. We cannot know everything, not on our own. We are not infallible. Somewhere, somehow, we will have to empty our cups so that others will have room to fill them. The trials that I have undergone in UP

have brought me to my knees and have allowed me to see the hand of God work. All the generous benefits and honors that UP students like me may have received from the University are all proofs of God's wonderful grace and I hope that others will always see them in that light."

These are words of wisdom coming from Phylla Lynne

June G. Magallanes, UPV Valedictorian of Batch 2011 who garnered a GWA of 1.320, the highest among this year's graduates.

Magallanes breaks the stereotype of women as "poor in math and strong in language or in the arts." She passed the UPCAT for an admission in UP Diliman as a BS Electronics and Communications Engineering major where she spent her first and second years. She took BS



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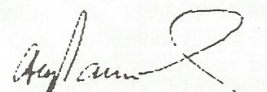
Message

My heartfelt congratulations to you, Class of 2011. I share in your joy and well-earned pride as you celebrate this achievement and milestone in your life, made all the more sweet by the years of hard work, study and sacrifice you have made in order to reach this point. Congratulations to your parents and families as well as for their support, encouragement and, perhaps at times, forbearance. This achievement is as much theirs as it is yours.



As you prepare yourselves for the greater world beyond the halls of your college and this University, remember always that you bear the mark of UP with you. You have joined the ranks of the UP alumni – a singular honor that distinguishes you from thousands of others. However, this honor comes with a heavy responsibility. As graduates of the National University, you have been given the best education this country can offer; in turn, you must use this education to serve the country and its people. Your knowledge, skills and superior training; your ability to analyze, to criticize and formulate solutions; and your sense of ethics and nationalism must be harnessed to serve a greater ideal. No matter what career you will find yourselves in, I exhort you to embody the greatness and spirit of UP through your own personal integrity, your commitment to excellence, and your willingness to continue learning. All the ideals that UP has taught you, all the good you have learned here, you must now demonstrate to the rest of the world.

Again, I congratulate you all and wish you success in your life beyond UP.


ALFREDO E. PASCUAL
President



UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES VISAYAS
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Message

In all the long years that I have been with UP, I have always considered the Commencement Exercises as the most meaningful of all the ceremonies conducted by the University.



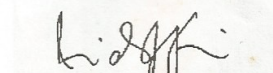
As an academic institution tasked to provide quality education for the Filipino people, this ceremony marks the culmination of the years and years of sacrifice, hard work and concerted efforts by the parents, teachers, and you yourselves who have exerted to finally arrive on this momentous day.

It is understandable that you will have mixed feelings of excitement and apprehension as you leave the safe haven of UPV, which has been your home during the last four or five years; and in the case of some, more than five years. Apprehensive, as you do not know what lies ahead; while at the same time, excited for all the possibilities that await you.

As you continue in the journey to maturity and pursue individual career paths that you have marked for yourself, it is our fervent wish and hope that you will carry with you the standard of excellence that UP has given you.

Always stand up for truth and justice and give your best in all that you do in the service of the people and the country. Remember your Alma Mater wherever you go. Come back and visit from time to time. May you remember to support the University as it continues to give the kind of education it has given you to the generations to come.

Mabuhay kayo, Batch 2011!


MINDA J. FORMACION
Chancellor

Grande leads UPV Tacloban graduates

“Priceless.” That is how Leilanie F. Grande, BS Accountancy major from the UPV Tacloban College (UPVTC), sees her UP education. She is graduating *cum laude* with a GWA of 1.633, the highest among her peers.

Hailing from Ormoc City, Leyte, Grande’s path to academic excellence goes back to her elementary years when she graduated salutatorian of the Ormoc City Central SPED Center and valedictorian of the New Ormoc City National High School. In UPVTC, she was a College and University Scholar, feats that laid the foundation for her to be the class valedictorian of her batch.

“Most people have this impression that a UP education is extremely difficult. However, many have also said that it is worth all the hard work. I weighed in these situations before I entered college and realized that pursuing a UP education is worth the challenge,” Grande said in an interview.

“UP’s capability to hone its students to have a sharp, competitive edge is one of its greatest attraction to me. Of course, I know I had to do my part. At the outset I have resolved that instead of thinking that it

will be a difficult struggle, it can actually be an enjoyable journey if I meet the challenges head on,” she added.

Grande balanced the rigors of academic life by getting involved with student organizations such as the Regional Council of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (RCJPIA) wherein she served as Vice-President for Finance (AY 2010-2011); and the the UPVTC Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants where she was President (AY 2009-2010) and its Vice-President for Communications (AY 2008-2009).

As a scholar of the Sycip Gorres Velayo and Company (SGV & Co.), she served her internship therein. She also participated in the RCJPIA VIII 2010 and 2011 Annual Eastern Visayas Regional Conventions, and attended seminars on leadership skills for accountants and corporate social responsibility.

She sees life as “a matter of perspective,” notwithstanding the hardship of earning a UP diploma, she believes that studying in UP is an opportunity to draw out the best in her. She credited the professors whom she sees as “high caliber mentors” as her primary motivators in boosting her interests.

“They influenced me to take the

path that I have taken. Although they were exacting, i.e., giving tons of requirements left and right, fulfilling their demands made me more responsible, dependable and accountable,” she explained.

Grande is highly appreciative of the UPVTC administration, that she sees as working for the best interest of the university while protecting the welfare of its students.

“Studying in UP is not always confined in the four walls of the classroom because effective learning extends to the external environment. The kind of freedom that I have experienced in UP is so valuable for it allowed me to develop and exercise my creative-thinking and decision-making skills,” she observed.

She also recognizes that her involvement with student organizations allows her to freely express her thoughts and be heard of. Moreover, she noted that UP students, whether in their classes or their organizations are not dictated on what to do but are encouraged to develop critical-thinking. The diversity of the students and the fact that she is among the country’s brightest group of students, also fosters a culture of competitiveness. Because of this, Grande believes that the students strive more



Grande

to improve themselves thereby forging their competence.

“The culture in UP is such that it develops a student’s personhood through mentoring for one to become a useful, worthy and well-rounded individual. The rigors of academic life are also tempered with fun. We were taught how to make the best out of every situation. UP really values the culture of excellence which the students bring with them beyond graduation. The quality education it provided truly makes a difference. The value of a UP education is, indeed, priceless,” she ended.

Come April 28, 2011, Grande will deliver the valedictory address during UPVTC’s Commencement Exercises. (Lyncen M. Fernandez; IPO)

Villanueva garners highest GWA among CM graduates

Hany Mae R. Villanueva is the lone *magna cum laude* of the College of Management (CM) who graduates this year with a GWA of 1.443 under the BS Accountancy program.

Villanueva, who hails from



Villanueva

Kalibo, Aklan, graduated Valedictorian from Kalibo Pilot Elementary School where she was also named a *Gawad Talino* Awardee. She earned the same distinction in high school at the Regional Science High School for Region VI (Kalibo, Aklan) where she also received the Most Outstanding Leader Award.

At CM, Villanueva was an SGV Scholar. She was a consistent college and university scholar, an accomplishment she balanced by participating in various students activities. She was the Treasurer of the CM Student Council (AY 2010-2011), the Vice President for of the Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (AY 2008-2009), and Secretary of the Rotaract Club UPV Chapter (AY 2008-2009).

In addition, she was also the Champion in the Inter-Collegiate

Finance Competition, Champion in the CIMA Global Business Challenge Nationals, won 3rd Place in the CIMA Global Business Challenge held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and won 4th Place, Nationals, Investment Research Challenge.

She purposely chose to be involved with non-academic activities to strike a balance with the demands of academic life and to have memorable experiences in college.

“Participating in student organizations’ activities allows us to interact with one another. Leisurely spending time with friends and classmates, hanging out in the Student Council office or the faculty room after a ‘tragic exam’ restores me,” she said.

She said she enjoyed performing council duties; and being able to represent the

country especially the College of Management during the CIMA contest in the national as well as in the global arena were among her most memorable experiences in college.

“It is a great experience to be an accountancy student for five years (after those tormenting retention exams), and being able to meet and establish close friendships and ties with mentors who served as my ‘extended’ family for five years and whom I believe will continue to be so in the years to come.”

Villanueva also added that hanging out and talking with friends, surfing the net, reading leisurely and watching movies help her to unwind.

Of the legacy that UP Visayas has given her, she has this to say:

Manuel is UPHSI Valedictorian

Do not let the easy smile fool you into thinking that he is one laid back, easy go lucky kid. Raoul Dannel A. Manuel has achieved the highest distinction among his peers as he graduates Valedictorian of the UP High School in Iloilo Batch 2011.

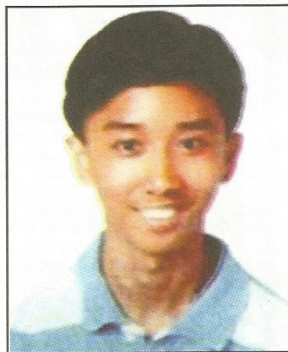
Those who know him, including his teachers in UPHSI are not surprised that he finished at the top of his class. As a Special Science Class student, he consistently has been 1st honor since his first year in UPHSI and is a recipient of various school academic scholarships.

He has been very active in school organizations and community outreach programs since first year high school especially in the UPHSI Student Council where he has served as its President in 2010-11 and the UPHSI Science Club. He spearheaded projects that promoted the social responsibility, public awareness, and active the involvement of students in and

out of the school such as food donation, essay contests, lecture fora, and leadership trainings. His major project included the *Aklat Mo, Kinabukasan Ko* Book Drive where educational materials were donated to some institutions in the province. He also took part in tree planting, feeding programs, medicine drive and coastal clean-up activities.

Manuel has brought honor and distinction to UPHSI by achieving the following:

- Champion in the 36th Annual Academic Excellence Contest sponsored by the Rotary Club of Iloilo South and Bacolod South;
- 1st Place in the UPV Math Circle Regional Math Quiz Bee – Individual Category;
- All-time 1st Placer in the Metrobank-MTAP-Department of Education Math Challenge High School – Individual Category
- Bronze Medalist in the 13th Philippine Mathematical Olympiad Visayas Stage



Manuel sponsored by the Mathematical Society of the Philippines;

- Certificates of Distinction in 2009 and Credit in 2010 in the Australian Mathematics Competition Intermediate Division sponsored by the Mathematics Trainers' Guild.

In terms of awards, he was cited Most Outstanding Secondary School Student of Iloilo for School Year 2010-11 by the Outstanding Student Circle of Iloilo; he was one

of the ten awardees in The Outstanding Students of Iloilo Awards (TOSIA) sponsored by ABS-CBN Iloilo and the Junior Chamber International-Regatta, special awards: TOSIA Circle of 5, TOSIA Leader; one of the 15 awardees of *Ang Batang* Leader: The Outstanding Student Leaders of Iloilo City by HALIGI Foundation; and was conferred one of the 2009 Golden Pen Awards by Regional English Circle.

On top of this, he also served as Boy City Councilor during the Boys and Girls Week Celebration of Rotary Club; as a member of the Iloilo Student Alliance for the Environment (I SAVE); and attended the Assembly of Young Advocates for Nature by OIKOS Ecological Movement.

He reads and play plays board games to unwind.

Manuel is another promising graduate of UPHSI. Everyone is confident that he will continue to shine in college. (Lyncen M. Fernandez; IPO)

Magallanes

Applied Math when she transferred to UP Visayas. She is one of those rare breed of students who pursues varied interests and excels in all of them.

She composes music. *Relentless Love, Declare, and New Heart* are some of the songs that she has composed. She joins vocal solo contests and is a member of the choir of the Campus Bible Fellowship. She was Editor-in-Chief of the Junior Trinitarian Ensemble, the school publication of Trinity Christian School, Bacolod City, where she graduated as Valedictorian. She was also Editor-in-Chief of the *Banaag*, the Filipino school publication of the Philippine Science High School – West Visayas campus where she also graduated as Valedictorian. Moreover, she was the recipient of the Rotary Club Award for valedictorians.

In UP, she further bloomed in an environment that demands the best from its students while at the same time, encourages them to have a life outside the confines of the classroom and pursue interests and activities that would further enrich their education.

In UP Diliman, she was an Academic Committee Head at the Kalayaan Residence Hall. In UPV, she served as Assistant Secretary

of the UPV Mathematics Circle in 2009-2010 and was its President in 2010-2011.

Magallanes was a consistent Honorific Scholar in UP Diliman and in UP Visayas. She was also a UP Oblation Scholar, a DOST-SEI RA 7687 Scholar, a recipient of the Manuel B. Villar, Jr. Excellence and the DOST Model Student awards.

She participated in various contests that were especially related to mathematics such as Tertiary Level Math Count sponsored by the Mathematics Teachers Association of the Philippines where her team won 2nd place.

When asked how her UP education has prepared her for life, she has this to say:

"In my Math classes, I usually feel a special thrill when we are asked to prove theorems. Proving entails us to go through a logical sequence of statements that finally lead to a desired conclusion. It can be similar to a lot of things. For one, it is like finding the notes to a tune that has been playing in one's ear. It could also be making an algorithm for an error-detection program, or discovering means for a satellite to probe life in Mars. The common denominator is that there is some known goal, although the way to get there may be a series of ups and downs,

successes and failures. When we try to prove, there are even cases when we have to go back and start again or try something else. It is a painstaking process. UP life is like that. The aim is to finally receive that diploma, but I have learned that the journey to graduation day is rough and tough. Pressing on is the only way to get us closer to the goal. Life in general may have lots of bumps; but again, UP has taught me to get going.

UP has indeed bestowed me with a quality education through which I learned many principles that will guide me in fulfilling my goals in life. I am grateful to have been schooled in the premiere university of the country. UP have not only produced individuals who excel in their fields of expertise but individuals who are honed holistically. The quality education that I was privileged to receive has definitely equipped me for a new chapter in my life. The moment I step into the professional world, I do believe that accomplishing a variety of tasks will no longer intimidate me because of the good foundation UP has laid for me.

UP also made me mindful of my role as a student and of my indebtedness to the country. I was moved to give more value to education and to impart my

learning to others.

I was blessed to have seen and witnessed lives in UP—the lives of my mentors, classmates, and friends. The stories of how they rose above their trials triumphantly inspired me. In UP, I also got the rarest privilege of being mentored by dedicated and committed teachers. They are impeccable in their profession and they motivate me to be impeccable as well."

Magallanes will deliver the valedictory address on April 26, 2011 during UPV's 32nd Commencement Exercises. Her proud parents, family, friends, and the entire UPV community will be there to cheer this remarkable achiever. (Lyncen M. Fernandez; IPO)

Villanueva....from page 2

"The University of the Philippines has instilled in me the passion for the continuous pursuit of excellence. Along with my fellow students, our life in UP has served as a training ground and an avenue wherein we learned practical knowledge that we can apply long after we have left the corners of the university.

"UP is a melting pot of brilliant minds that gave us incomparable skills that will allow us to survive in this tough, though world." (Lyncen M. Fernandez; IPO)

UP VISAYAS HONOR GRADUATES FOR AY 2010-2011

Name	College	Degree	GWA	HONOR
Phylla Lynne June G. Magallanes	College of Arts & Sciences	BS Applied Math	1.320	Magna Cum laude
Arnold C. Gaje	College of Arts & Sciences	BS Chemistry	1.415	Magna Cum laude
Hany Mae R. Villanueva	College of Management	BSA	1.443	Magna Cum laude
Louise D. de la Cruz	College of Management	BSA	1.454	Cum laude
Glen Dale N. Fantonalgo	College of Arts & Sciences	BS Public Health	1.457	Cum laude
John Roy R. Daradal	College of Arts & Sciences	BS Computer Science	1.469	Cum laude
NIña Jade P. Lastimosa	College of Management	BSA	1.495	Cum laude
Jose Lorenzo B. Kindica	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.540	Cum laude
Ma. Theresa A. Tejada	College of Management	BSA	1.552	Cum laude
Kathleen Mae V. Perez	College of Management	BSA	1.557	Cum laude
Ma. Andrea S. Ochon	College of Management	BSA	1.576	Cum laude
Bryan John J. Subong	College of Arts & Sciences	BS Chemistry	1.581	Cum laude
Kate Aubrey G. Hojilla	College of Arts & Sciences	BACMS	1.585	Cum laude
Natasha Andrea Fernandez	College of Arts & Sciences	BS Public Health	1.609	Cum laude
Red Gabriel W. Convocar	College of Management	BS Management	1.612	Cum laude
Kristine Claire P. Ledesma	College of Arts & Sciences	BS (Biology)	1.625	Cum laude
Leilanie F. Grande	UPV Tacloban College	BSA	1.633	Cum laude
Jezette L. Corduwa	UPV Tacloban College	BS Management	1.653	Cum laude
Mary Lizcel Kathe R. Caceres	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.656	Cum laude
NG Blazel B. Belgira	College of Management	BSA	1.660	Cum laude
Jomel V. Ancino	College of Arts & Sciences	BS Computer Science	1.660	Cum laude
Karen B. Terado	UPV Tacloban College	BS Mgt	1.662	Cum laude
Margaret Y. Sistoso	College of Arts & Sciences	BACMS	1.675	Cum laude
Angelie Mae S. Hernandez	UPV Tacloban College	BASS (Economics)	1.696	Cum laude
Paolo T. Amascual	UPV Tacloban College	BACA	1.697	Cum laude
Sydney Pauline L. Cargando	UPV Tacloban College	BASS (Psychology)	1.697	Cum laude
Anna Jean C. Tagolimot	College of Management	BS Management	1.701	Cum laude
Jerome B. Ching	UPV Tacloban College	BSA	1.704	Cum laude
Thomas Michael V. Measures	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.707	Cum laude
Reah D. Gordo	UPV Tacloban College	BSA	1.708	Cum laude
Jonathan R. Luzano	UPV Tacloban College	BS (Biology)	1.709	Cum laude
Maria Luisa M. Prado	College of Management	BS Management	1.715	Cum laude
Jediross Crist G. Calumpiano	College of Management	BSA	1.724	Cum laude
Madel Sandy Novem J. Beniga	UPV Tacloban College	BSA	1.731	Cum laude
Christian Earvin D. Bondoc	College of Arts & Sciences	BS (Biology)	1.736	Cum laude
Marianne Lei C. Estur	UPV Tacloban College	BSA	1.739	Cum laude
Mary Carmille E. Reyes	College of Arts & Sciences	BS Public Health	1.740	Cum laude
Ma. Genina B. Llantino	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.742	Cum laude
Carlo Angelo T. Negado	UPV Tacloban College	BSA	1.745	Cum laude
Maricris L. Colima	UPV Tacloban College	BASS (Psychology)	1.748	Cum laude

(Source: Office of the University Registrar)