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Panaguition Is UPV's 2014 Class Valedictorian



Panaguition

"MY UP education inspired me to offer myself in service of the Filipino people. In order to serve the country, I have to be in the country. After I graduate, I wish to go back to UP and pursue my lifelong dream of imparting knowledge and inspiring people in ways I can. Had I not entered the portals of this premier institution of learning, I would have missed more than half of my life. I consider my UP education as my most valuable intangible possession."

This was how Kim Rommel E. Panaguition, *magna cum laude*, UPV Class Valedictorian of 2014, responded when asked what his UP education meant to him.

The BS Accountancy graduate of the College of Management earned the highest general weighted average (GWA) of 1.237 among the UPV graduates of 2014.

A native of San Jose, Antique, Panaguition graduated Valedictorian in high school (2009) and was an academic awardee in elementary (2005) at St Anthony's College in San Jose, Antique. He was a consistent College Scholar but mostly a University Scholar throughout his college days.

Despite maintaining a high GWA, Panaguition recalls that his college life was not all studies. He participated in various extra-curricular activities such as the Search for Outstanding Accountancy Students of the Philippines (sponsored by PICPA and ACPACI) wherein he was a national finalist; Practical Accounting 2 Quiz Bowl (IFJPIA Week) wherein he was 1st Runner-Up in 2012 and 2013; and the Management Services, Business Law and Taxation Quiz Bowl (WV-JPIA Mid-Year Convention, 2012) wherein he won 2nd runner-up.

In addition, he also served as Comptroller for the UPV-JPIA (SY 2013-2014) and Peer Tutor in the Mentoring Program on Accounting and Taxation

sponsored by UPV-JPIA and UPV-Pangkat Lingkod Bayan (2012-2014).

Panaguition was a resource speaker for 1) "Building Wealth thru Stocks," a forum on Stock Investing for College Students sponsored by the UPV-CM Capital Market Investors Guild held at the University of Antique, Sibalom, Antique (2013) and at the South Coast International School, Oton, Iloilo (2013); and 2) "Accounting as a Profession," a career talk for Senior High School Students sponsored by the UPV-Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants, Inc. at the Iloilo City SPED High School (2013).

"UP taught me to share. My five years of fruitful academic struggle made me realize

that the road to success is not a narrow one. Rather, it's as wide as we can imagine it to be. As we progress, we should bring people along with us. Success is multiplied when it is shared," he said, reflecting on his UP education.

Speaking like a true UP alumnus, Panaguition also said that, "as *Iskolars ng Bayan*, we should be focused on how our acts, big or small, can help shape the future of this nation."

His father, Joachim Hycinth M. Panaguition and mother, Jacqueline E. Panaguition, will surely be beaming proud of their son as he delivers the Valedictory Address during UPV's 35th Commencement Exercises on the Miagao campus on April 25, 2014.

Solacito leads CAS graduates

DON'T let the easy, laid back-looking face with a goatee deceive you. Behind it lies a sharp mind and a dedicated scholar.

Kent Michael C. Solacito leads the 2014 graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), UP Visayas' biggest college, by having the highest GWA of 1.282, making him *magna cum laude*.

The BS Computer Science major was a consistent academic achiever during his elementary days at the Filipino-American School Town wherein he graduated as Valedictorian. He accomplished a similar feat when he graduated with highest honors at the Philippine Science High School – West Visayas campus.

Continuing the same dedication to his studies while in college, it was no surprise then that Solacito was also a College and University Scholar as well

as a grantee of the UP Presidential Scholarship Grant.

Solacito did not totally immerse himself in studies while in college but managed to be a Student Registration Volunteer for the CAS (2012-2013), President of Komsai.org (a student-based organization for the BS Computer Science majors), a Team Leader for NSTP-CWTS, and a member of the Volunteer Corps for the CAS Student Council.

When asked what invaluable life lesson UP has taught him, Solacito said: "UP has taught me never to be satisfied of what you currently know. It is because what you know today may no longer be applicable or may even be obsolete tomorrow. This is especially true in the course I have taken where techniques and practices constantly change from time to time."



Solacito

Because of this, he said that he saw to it that he frequently made an effort to do extra research beyond what he learned in the classroom in order to be updated.

"I learned not take things at face value especially when it comes to taking notes in class. This practice developed into a habit which proved to be very helpful throughout my stay in UPV," he said.

University of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Message



Congratulations to UP Visayas Class of 2014, on your graduation from the University of the Philippines!

Years of hard work have finally paid off and this is where you stand now—at the beginning of a journey where new milestones are waiting to be marked and future achievements to be celebrated.

Remember however, that this journey will not always be easy. There will be disappointments and failures. Your resolve will be tested and you may be disillusioned.

But as UP graduates, you have intelligence and strength of character. You have persevered through the tough demands and challenges of your studies. Do not forget how you aimed for honor and excellence. Do not forget how it felt to be rewarded for your diligence and dedication. Remember all of these when a challenge is within sight and I am confident that you will overcome the hurdles to become the men and women you aspire to be.

You are our country's next batch of leaders who will embody our slogan, "UP: Shaping minds that shape the nation," for the values of honor, excellence, and public service will forever remain in you.

As the only national university, UP is committed to serve the Filipino nation and humanity. Being graduates of UP, you are expected to do no less.

People from all over the country have a stake in your future because you were "Iskolar ng Bayan." From the time you entered the University, you have already committed yourself to becoming an agent of positive change in your sphere of influence. You, along with your fellow UP graduates from other campuses, will contribute to the achievement of a better life for our country and our people. It is your responsibility to fight inequality, injustice, and inequity in society.

Why these high expectations of you? The answer is simple: you are graduates of the University of the Philippines.

UPV, in particular, is the country's recognized leader in fisheries and aquatic sciences. It is known for being a major regional studies center that strives to preserve and enrich Visayan historical and cultural heritage. It works hard to help the region attain sustainable development, which will ultimately be a major factor in the achievement of sustainable national development.

I challenge you now, as UPV graduates, to use your talents and skills in the service of the Visayan regions and its diverse peoples. I ask that you devote time to addressing critical issues that affect Visayas, especially after the onslaught of

Typhoon Yolanda— climate change, destruction of the environment and natural resources, sustainable livelihood, disaster risk reduction and management, and efficient rehabilitation and recovery efforts. To preserve Visayan historical and cultural heritage, celebrate them. Promote them. Do not deny or ignore your cultural legacy. Make sure that future generations continue to be proud of the Visayan culture.

If these tasks seem daunting, you only need to find guidance from those who came before you. Be inspired by their passion. Role models in the region abound and the tradition of heroism in the Visayas is strong.

Let me reiterate that the University has accepted the responsibility of serving the Filipino nation. You will be the measure of whether UP has failed or succeeded in its obligation to our people. You hold in your hands the future of UP and the country.

The image and strength of this institution is behind you. With your UP diploma comes the intellectual resources, influence, and prestige of our University. You will be part of a larger UP community—the Alumni ng Bayan—where you will find them already serving the country and leading to way to greatness. You have learned powerful lessons during your stay in UP: independent and critical thinking, the importance of lifelong learning, flexibility and openness in dealing with complex situations, a broad perspective, and of course, a deep sense of integrity and commitment to serve.

If you continue to allow these lessons to resonate within you long after you have left UP, then you will become men and women of great character—our pride and our legacy for the Filipinos.

*Mabuhay ang UPV Class of 2014! Mabuhay ang UP Visayas!
Padayon, UP!*



ALFREDO E. PASCUAL
President

University of the Philippines Visayas
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Message

To the UPV Class 2014:

Even after years and years of attending the Commencement rites, then as a faculty member, and now for the 3rd time as your Chancellor, the pomp and pageantry of the Ceremony and its underlying significance to the graduates and their families never fail to evoke a sense of euphoria in me.

It's because as one who is involved in the business of education, I cannot help but share the sense of accomplishment and the sense of triumph that you feel. You have reached the end of a long, long journey filled with challenges, unexpected twists and turns that started when you first learned that you passed the UPCAT four, five or some years ago.

In the midst of this jubilation, I would like you all to remember how fortunate you are to be able to march this April. Your colleagues at the UPV Tacloban College who experienced the fury of Yolanda in November 2013 will have to wait till the end of May to be able to graduate. Five months after the super typhoon hit Tacloban, our campus there still continues in the rebuilding efforts.

UP Visayas wishes you all the best as you begin a new chapter in your life. It is our hope that the core values that the University tried to instill in you – service, excellence, integrity, nationalism, and environmental stewardship – you will carry with you wherever you go. Apply them and help shape and build a better nation.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!



Rommel A. Espinosa, Ph.D.
Chancellor



UPHSI valedictorian wants to be an engineer



Delmo

MAECAH Lou Cordero Delmo, the Valedictorian of the UP High School in Iloilo Class of 2014, dreams of becoming a Materials Engineer. She is on her way to making it happen after having gained admission to the BS Materials Engineering degree program of UP Diliman.

Delmo leads the 62 members of UPHSI graduating class after having earned the highest general weighted average of 91.315. She is followed by 16 fellow students who are also graduating with honors.

Apart from excelling in academics, Delmo has also been recognized for her leadership in the student community. Among her achievements are the following: Ang Batang Lider

2014 Awardee, 12th Search for the Outstanding Student Leaders of Iloilo City; Awardee, Junior Chamber International Youth Leadership Excellence Award; Outstanding Girl, YMCA of Iloilo Search for the Outstanding Boys and Girls in the Province and City of Iloilo; Public Prominence and Recognition Awardee, SEARCH for the Most Outstanding Science Club; Finalist (Top 15), Search for Ten Outstanding Secondary Students of Iloilo Girl Chief, Transportation Management and Traffic Regulation Office, for the Rotary Boys' and Girls' Week; 2nd Runner-Up, 2013 National PSYSC Science Olympiad Eliminations (Group Category); and 2nd Place, 10th Regional Student Research Competition (Secondary Level – Poster Category).

The amiable top student takes to a heart a line from *Desiderata* that says: "If you compare yourself to others, you may become vain or bitter. For always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself."

She said that these words have inspired her to do her best in every endeavor, to persevere in difficulties and to keep a sense of humility in the midst of success.

Leonida is CFOS' top student

"I actually planned to slack off in college because I thought I have done enough in high school. But midway, I realized and accepted the fact that I can't get away with the culture of excellence that my family has instilled in me and which UP has continued to reinforce with its creed on honor and excellence."

Jerry Ian L. Leonida, *magna cum laude* graduate of the degree BS Fisheries from the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) thought that he could deny or walk away from such virtues.

"The expectations of the people who knew me, my family and mentors in UP High School in Iloilo, drove me to go back on track and pursue holistic learning. Partly, I was also bugged by the write-up about me in the 2010 Commencement Issue of *UPViews* stating that I will likely continue to be an achiever in college," he added.

His UP Fisheries Guild (UPFG) Adviser, Dr. Harold Monteclaro of the Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology described Leonida as "a student of intellectual and academic versatility all throughout his education years."

He excelled during his elementary school years and graduated as the Class Valedictorian in Burias Elementary School in Mambusao, Capiz with several co- and extra-curricular achievements such as being a silver medalist in the Palarong Pambansa (National) Level for a chess event. He continued to excel academically despite the rigid training and competition in UP High School in Iloilo by graduating as the Class Valedictorian. Prestigious award-giving bodies also recognized his holistic academic, leadership, and socio-civic performance. He was awarded by OSCI and DepEd Iloilo as one of the Ten Outstanding Secondary Students of Iloilo (TOSSI) and was a recipient of The Outstanding Students of Iloilo Awards (TOSIA) by JCI Regatta and ABS-CBN Iloilo. Moreover, he participated in many regional and national level contests during these years such as the Philippine Science Olympiad wherein his team was a semi-finalist.

Leonida has also been an active member of the college-based organization UP Fisheries Guild. During his senior year, he displayed his great leadership skills by becoming the Grand Neptune of the said organization. Despite the pressures of being the president of UPFG, he managed to balance his academic and extracurricular works. He was able to finish his thesis within a semester and with an output that was

submitted for possible publication in the Philippine Journal of Natural Sciences, according to his thesis adviser, Dr. Nathaniel Añasco. He worked on his thesis while overseeing the various academic, social, service, and political activities of the UPFG and yet maintained his academic standing as a University Scholar and BFAR Scholar. Under his term, he headed many novel projects such as a regional fisheries camp attended by high school students, math tutorials, and sponsorship of major events during the sports week. He also initiated several socio-civic activities such as assisting the establishment of the first Marine Protected Area in Miagao through the creation of a municipal technical working group and holding of a symposium attended

by representative local officials and fisherfolks as well as a boat-painting activity that benefited all the registered fishing vessels in the municipality's 22 coastal barangays.

Other significant achievements in college included being a Regional Finalist of the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines (TOSP) and a National Finalists in the Enterprise Hatchery 2013 (Search for Young Entrepreneurs in Fisheries) – Level by SanteH Foundation.

When asked what his greatest achievement in college is, Leonida has this to say: "I consider being the Grand Neptune of UPFG and making it as the best student organization this academic year as my greatest achievement in college. It pushed me to my limits to uphold



Leonida

its core values, while at the same time, survive a hellish academic year as a graduating student. But, most importantly, I was able to uplift the fisheries profession and industry by sharing what I know with the fishing communities that really need help.

Ribalde excels in SoTech



Ribalde

"It has never occurred to me that I would graduate with Latin honors. All I wanted was to have that title of "Engr." before my name and to work in my dream company, the Petron Corporation," said Aldren A. Ribalde, BS Chemical Engineering major from the School of Technology (SoTech) who graduated with the highest general weighted average (GWA) of 1.610, *cum laude* among the School's

graduates this year.

A Class Valedictorian in both his elementary (Mongpong Elementary School) and high school (Congressman Ramon A. Arnaldo High School) in Capiz, Ribalde said that he is fulfilling his father's dream of wanting to be an engineer.



"My father's dream is to become an engineer; that's why I took engineering. I am a reluctant Chemical Engineer but began to have a true appreciation of the field when I enrolled in the subject Chemical Engineering 31 (Introduction to Chemical Engineering) wherein we discussed about the process flow diagram of a waste water treatment plant. I realized that chemical engineering is not just an integration of math, chemistry, and physics. It also involves environment protection, process safety, economics, and human relations. It is holistic kind of engineering; that's why I like it," he

said of his chosen profession.

In college Ribalde, served as Councilor for Logistics for the SoTech Student Council (2011 – 2012 and 2012 – 2013). He was also a member of the UPV Organization of the University's Chemical Engineering Students (UPV OUnCES) and a Scholar Recipient of the Vicente B. Bello Scholarship Program from 2012 to 2014.

He said that he is very thankful for the people who mentored him and helped him finish his studies. To graduate on time in UP with an engineering degree is truly a big blessing for him.

His said that one of his favorite quotes is by Oscar Scott Card (in his book *Ender's Game*) which says: "If you try and lose, then it isn't your fault. But if you don't try and you lose, then it's all your fault." He said that this prompts him to always try to do his best.

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UPV HONOR GRADUATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-2014

	NAME	COLLEGE	DEGREE	GWA	HONOR
1)	Kim Rommel E. Panaguicon	College of Management	Bachelor of Science in Accountancy	1.237	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
2)	Kent Michael C. Solacito	College of Arts & Sciences	BS in Computer Science	1.282	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
3)	Jerry Ian L. Leonida	College of Fisheries & Ocean Sciences	BS in Fisheries	1.446	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
4)	John Ardel V. Paluyo	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.464	<i>Cum Laude</i>
5)	Niliza T. Villodres	College of Management	BS in Management	1.543	<i>Cum Laude</i>
6)	Lhumen A. Tejano	College of Fisheries & Ocean Sciences	BS in Fisheries	1.566	<i>Cum Laude</i>
7)	Rowelle L. Serilo	College of Management	Bachelor of Science in Accountancy	1.594	<i>Cum Laude</i>
8)	Donna Cristina E. Mistio	College of Management	Bachelor of Science in Accountancy	1.600	<i>Cum Laude</i>
9)	Jeslie P. Relota	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.605	<i>Cum Laude</i>
10)	Aldren A. Ribalde	School of Technology	BS in Chemical Engineering	1.610	<i>Cum Laude</i>
11)	Yvoanne Lynn (Wun-Ling) P. Zhang	College of Arts & Sciences	BS in Public Health	1.611	<i>Cum Laude</i>
12)	Jose Roland M. Paulma	College of Management	Bachelor of Science in Accountancy	1.625	<i>Cum Laude</i>
13)	Stephen G. Abelada	School of Technology	BS in Chemical Engineering	1.628	<i>Cum Laude</i>
14)	Rosanna Danica B. Maguad	College of Arts & Sciences	BA (Psychology)	1.632	<i>Cum Laude</i>
15)	Bianca B. Nardo	College of Management	BS in Management	1.636	<i>Cum Laude</i>
16)	Sharmaine Josephine Ho	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.639	<i>Cum Laude</i>
17)	Junelyn P. Española	College of Management	BS in Management	1.639	<i>Cum Laude</i>
18)	Caryn Joy A. Muega	College of Management	BS in Management	1.639	<i>Cum Laude</i>
19)	Keysee M. Gomez	College of Arts & Sciences	BA (Psychology-Management)	1.644	<i>Cum Laude</i>
20)	Earl Collin D. Ortega	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.647	<i>Cum Laude</i>
21)	Alexandra L. Degala	College of Arts & Sciences	BS in Computer Science	1.648	<i>Cum Laude</i>
22)	Ma. Alexis Kleanthe D. Suñer	College of Arts & Sciences	BS in Public Health	1.650	<i>Cum Laude</i>
23)	Claudia Ann P. Capalla	College of Management	Bachelor of Science in Accountancy	1.653	<i>Cum Laude</i>
24)	Beatrice Emilia A. Tusing	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.654	<i>Cum Laude</i>
25)	Daniel David M. Pamplona	College of Arts & Sciences	BS in Statistics	1.654	<i>Cum Laude</i>
26)	Sharnane L. Segura	College of Management	Bachelor of Science in Accountancy	1.655	<i>Cum Laude</i>
27)	Collyn A. Centina	College of Management	BS in Management	1.656	<i>Cum Laude</i>
28)	Charissa J. Matiling	College of Arts & Sciences	BS in Applied Mathematics	1.660	<i>Cum Laude</i>
29)	Bea Lynnor T. Barros	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.661	<i>Cum Laude</i>
30)	Don Wade B. Comoro	College of Management	BS in Management	1.664	<i>Cum Laude</i>
31)	Mariel Riba B. Rivera	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.665	<i>Cum Laude</i>
32)	Lory Stel Z. Aurecencia	College of Arts & Sciences	BA (Psychology-Management)	1.668	<i>Cum Laude</i>
33)	Merry Ann Elizabeth M. Labuntog	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.669	<i>Cum Laude</i>
34)	Ma. Vanessa A. Peñafior	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.669	<i>Cum Laude</i>
35)	Hazel May A. Pajotagana	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.670	<i>Cum Laude</i>
36)	Joefren P. Panaguicon	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.670	<i>Cum Laude</i>
37)	Krizza J. Tompong	College of Management	Bachelor of Science in Accountancy	1.672	<i>Cum Laude</i>
38)	Camille May B. Saviilo	College of Arts & Sciences	BS in Economics	1.678	<i>Cum Laude</i>
39)	Beverly Joy S. Caragayan	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.681	<i>Cum Laude</i>
40)	Ivanne Danize D. Jsare	College of Management	Bachelor of Science in Accountancy	1.683	<i>Cum Laude</i>
41)	Frietz Arban D. Perales	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.683	<i>Cum Laude</i>
42)	Rita Marie I. Derafera	College of Management	Bachelor of Science in Accountancy	1.686	<i>Cum Laude</i>
43)	Mary Micah Grace P. Erispe	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.690	<i>Cum Laude</i>
44)	Mary Christine A. Odtojan	College of Arts & Sciences	BA (Psychology)	1.696	<i>Cum Laude</i>
45)	Janice F. Gemalaya	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.702	<i>Cum Laude</i>
46)	Ivy Jane P. Crucero	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.704	<i>Cum Laude</i>
47)	Irish Marie A. Chan	College of Management	BS in Management	1.708	<i>Cum Laude</i>
48)	Leobert Julienne A. Dela Peña	College of Arts & Sciences	BS in Public Health	1.711	<i>Cum Laude</i>
49)	Marianne M. Serrano	College of Management	BS in Management	1.717	<i>Cum Laude</i>
50)	Marianne M. Regalado	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.721	<i>Cum Laude</i>
51)	Noelyn N. Gervacio	College of Management	BS in Management	1.725	<i>Cum Laude</i>
52)	Anna Viktoria D. Banay	College of Arts & Sciences	BS in Economics	1.730	<i>Cum Laude</i>
53)	Althea Joy D. Macahilo	College of Management	Bachelor of Science in Accountancy	1.735	<i>Cum Laude</i>
54)	Christian A. Catalan	College of Arts & Sciences	BS in Chemistry	1.735	<i>Cum Laude</i>
55)	Oscar S. Jinon, Jr.	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.742	<i>Cum Laude</i>
56)	Lenny Joie T. Duremdes	College of Arts & Sciences	BS in Computer Science	1.744	<i>Cum Laude</i>
57)	Romabelle B. Abapo	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.746	<i>Cum Laude</i>
58)	Mary Joy G. Villegas	College of Management	BSBA (Marketing)	1.746	<i>Cum Laude</i>
59)	Jana Felice P. Gonzalez	College of Arts & Sciences	BA (Political Science-Psychology)	1.750	<i>Cum Laude</i>