

People and Events

Pilipino Alumni Association of UCLA to recognize Outstanding Community Achievements

Annual scholarship fundraising dinner honors prominent alumni accomplishments and student achievements

LOS ANGELES – The Pilipino Alumni Association of the University of California, Los Angeles (PAA of UCLA) will host its 8th Annual Fundraising Benefit, "A Golden Foundation for the Hope of Our Future," on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel. Proceeds will benefit the PAA of UCLA Scholarship Endowment, which recognizes outstanding student achievement through annual scholarship awards.

In addition to awarding 12 scholarships to deserving students, PAA will also be honoring distinguished UCLA alumni and community leaders for their outstanding accomplishments and considerable contributions to the community and to the University:

Distinguished Alumni of the Year

Raymond Townsend '78 – First Pilipino NBA Basketball Player, Member of 1975 UCLA Basket-

ball National Champions

A true pioneer among Pilipino athletes, Raymond Townsend played four seasons on the UCLA Basketball team, and was a member of legendary coach John Wooden's 10th and final NCAA championship team in 1975. He went on to become a starting point guard and was named captain during his senior year. Raymond was selected in the first round of the 1978 National Basketball Association Draft. He played for the Golden State Warriors and the Indiana Pacers, becoming the first and only Pilipino American ever to play in the NBA. Raymond is now a youth sports development coordinator in San Jose, California.

Marissa Castro-Salvati '83 – Public Affairs Manager, Commissioner, Community Activist

As Southern California Edison's Local Public Affairs Region Manager, Marissa Castro-Salvati is responsible for maintaining community and business rela-

tionships with the cities she is assigned to manage. She formerly served as the Director of the Office of Asian & Pacific Affairs for then Assembly Speaker Willie Brown. She has extensive political staff experience with major campaigns, including Presidential candidates U.S. Senator Paul Simon and Governor Michael Dukakis. Marissa was recently appointed by Los Angeles City Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa as a Commissioner to the Board of Civil Service.

Bernie C. LaForteza '84 - Judge of the Superior Court, County of Los Angeles

Bernie LaForteza was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger in October 2008 and currently sits as a Judge of the Superior Court, Los Angeles County, North District, Department A-6 where he is assigned to preside over criminal matters including jury trials. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he served as a Los Angeles County Deputy

District Attorney and as a Deputy Public Defender. He also currently serves as a Judge Advocate General Officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. In 2004, he deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served as an Army Prosecutor and Administrative Law Attorney. He has been a part-time Lecturer at USC since 2003.

Royal Morales Community Achievement Award

Ninez Ponce, Ph.D. '98 - Associate Professor, UCLA School of Public Health - Department of Health Services

Dr. Ponce is also Senior Research Scientist at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and member of UCLA/Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control Research. Dr. Ponce's research has focused on understanding macroeconomic effects on health and health care access in low income

countries, and, more recently, in low-socioeconomic status neighborhoods and ethnic minorities in the United States. She was RAND's resident adviser to the Ministry of Health, Republic of Macedonia, and has worked at the World Bank, Catholic Relief Services in Thailand, the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum, and the Berkeley Free Clinic.

The PAA Benefit also features special performances by an array of talented Pilipino artists and cultural organizations:

- Renowned Pilipina recording artist and past *American Idol* finalist Camile Velasco. In 2003, Camile finished in the top ten out of 80,000 participating *American Idol* contestants and performed live for over 25 million viewers on FOX Television. Currently, Camile is working on a debut solo album that will be released on Up Above Records and includes collaborations with Grammy Award winning producers.

- Philippine cultural dance performance by UCLA Samahang Pilipino's *Sayaw ng Silangan* cultural dance troupe

- Special vocal performance by UCLA Tinig, a student-run Pilipino-American chorale group

The evening begins at 5 p.m. with a cocktail reception. Guests will also enjoy live entertainment, silent auction, dinner, and dancing. Early ticket purchase is encouraged, as space is limited. General admission ticket is \$75, with discounted tickets available to current paid PAA members and current UCLA students. Sponsorships currently available, donations are tax-deductible.

- * To purchase tickets and/or make a donation - visit the official PAA Web site at www.uclapaa.net

- * For sponsorship opportunities - please contact Michael J. Tieu-Jaurigue, PAA Fundraising Director, at (818) 415-3132 or mjaurigue@uclapaa.net.

Challenges for nurses in the 21st century

THE PWU Alumni Association of Southern California is sponsoring a nursing seminar on "Challenges for Nurses in the 21st Century" on May 22, 2009 from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Marriott, Long Beach, California, to be moderated by Elden Pablo, RN, MN. Some Credit Earned Units (CEUs) will be issued to the attendees.

The main speaker is Dr. Priscilla Limbo Sagar, an Associate Professor of Nursing from Mount Saint Mary College in New York. She will talk about "Transcultural Nursing" and how nursing has been transformed to meet the needs of diverse people and to deliver community-based care.

Daisy Bandin will share some interesting scenarios to supplement the topics discussed by Dr. Sagar.

Panel of speakers includes: Dean Dolores Reyes Carreon, Associate Dean, Second Degree Holder, PWU School of Nursing, who is flying from the Philippines. She will talk about the effects of the changing patterns of



health care delivery on Nursing Education and how knowledge explosion has encouraged PWU School of Nursing to add more content, create more assignments and show more visual presentations and the like. Dean Carreon will also talk about the Nursing Program PWU is offering for doctors, lawyers and other college graduates who are pursuing nursing education.

As a Hospital Administrator, Cecilia Panganiban Barrios is a witness on how health care is undergoing changes because of the present economic downturn. In acute care hospitals, nurses face long shifts, mandatory overtime, short staffing and inadequate ratios of nurses to patients. Ms. Barrios will talk about challenges faced by administrators.

Arceli Go Chua Gagajena, a Nursing Informatics Analyst at Harbor-UCLA in Torrance, California has seen the explosive growth of technology that has produced computerxiety among nurses. Computerxiety is a sense of discomfort experienced by a novice com-

puter user accompanied by mild to moderate physical and psychological behaviors of fear or negativism towards computers. Ms. Gagajena will include in her presentation the promise and pitfalls of technology in the hospital setting.

Zita Sumagaysay, Manager, Dept. Services; Advocate, Bethany Hospital in Chicago, will talk about "Challenges for Nursing Leaders." She will emphasize that nursing's future has many challenges but with the challenges are opportunities also. As nurses, we should be proactive in shaping its future, otherwise other allied health members will do it for us. Speakers are all graduates of PWU College of Nursing in Manila who have developed expertise in their own field of Nursing.

This will also be an opportunity for PWU Nursing leaders to organize as a group and to prepare for the oncoming 50th anniversary of the PWU College of Nursing.

Anybody interested in attending this tax expense deductible seminar, please call either Vicky Soong at (626) 272-0465 or Arceli Gagajena at (310) 431-8223 or send an email to: arceligagajena@yahoo.com.

Rotary Club of Historic...

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Coordinator of CORE; the late Dr. Tito Gupit, Past President, of RC Manila; C. Jose Sayas Jr., Consumer Rights Attorney; Cora Oriel, President of Asian Journal and Bernardo Bernardo, Educator and Actor.

On April 21, Dr. Ed De La Vega, DDS, a major supporter of dental missions in the Philippines and the "artist/sculptor" behind Manny Pacquiao's boxing mouth guards, gave the latest presentation. He has been tapped to help RC HiFi to develop a dental matching grant project in the Philippines.

The community is invited to attend the next club meeting on May 5, at 6:30pm in the dining hall of the Silver Lake Medical Center, located on 1711 West Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90026. The featured guest speaker is Steve Popkin, CEO of Silverlake Medical Center who

will talk about the new Center and it's role in Historic Filipinotown.

Please contact Vice President Doc Ben Marte either by email at bmarte5644@sbcglobal.net or cell phone number at (213) 709-6688 for information on attending the meeting.

For inquiries on becoming a speaker, please email President Sonny Gancayco at Sonny_Gancayco@ml.com.

For more information on the projects and events of the club, please visit the following website: www.filipinotownrotary.org/

Chartered on February 12, 2007, the Rotary Club of Historic Filipinotown is committed to undertake community projects in the Historic Filipinotown and in the Philippines. The Rotary Club of Historic Filipinotown welcomes all who share their ideal of "Service above self". ■

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