

# People and Events

## Kevin Creencia graduates with top honors

KEVIN Adeva Creencia, the youngest of 4 children of David and Elizabeth Creencia of Eagle Rock, graduated with highest distinction, Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0+ GPA, at Bellarmine-Jefferson High School in Burbank, Class of 2009 in solemn rites with a mass, held on June 6, 2009 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels, the first of any Catholic high school to hold its commencement at the famous Downtown LA landmark. Kevin received 3 meritorious awards and 2 distinctive scholarship grants in recognition of his outstanding academic performance and leadership. He will attend college at UC Irvine.

Seen in the photo are Katrina, David, Elizabeth, Kevin, Denise and Jeffrey Creencia. Not in the photo are his grandma, Natividad and uncle, Manuel Adeva, Jr. who raised him in part and who attended the graduation ceremonies. ■



## FAL yard sale fundraiser to benefit FAL's collection and programs

Saturday, June 27

8am - 2pm

1500 S. Stoneman Ave., Alhambra, CA 91801

The Filipino American Library are accepting donations of items that are in good or working condition for sale at this event. Please bring your donations to FAL (135 N. Park View St., Los Angeles) during Mondays-Fridays 1-5pm. To visit outside these hours, please schedule an appointment at filamlibrary@sbcglobal.net or (213)382-0488.

Founded on October 13, 1985 by Helen Agcaoili Summers Brown ("Auntie Helen"), FAL is the earliest and largest Filipino library in the country with a collection of more than 6,000 titles. Along with books, the collection consists of magazines, student papers, posters, DVDs, and CDs. The various sections include children's literature, the history of Filipinos in Los Angeles, and Jose Rizal. FAL also features a permanent exhibition on its founder Auntie Helen, a variety of paintings by renowned artist Eliseo Art Silva, and Filipino books available for sale. Whether to browse or conduct research, FAL's visitors include students, teachers, writers, families, and tourists.

FAL also advances its mission with its many programs. The Children's Reading Program promotes the value of diversity to families in Greater Los Angeles through the reading of Filipino children's books. In Bus Tours of Historic Filipinotown, a guide narrates the significance of sites, events, and individuals in and around the area to present an historical overview of Filipinos in Los Angeles. Authors also introduce their Filipino works of literature with residents of Greater Los Angeles through Book Launches. Finally, FAL has a benefit gala every October to commemorate its anniversary and Filipino American History Month.

If anyone would like to give a donation online, please feel free to visit [www.filipinoamericanlibrary.org](http://www.filipinoamericanlibrary.org). FAL is located at 135 N. Park View St., Historic Filipinotown, Los Angeles, CA 90026-5215. It is open Mondays-Fridays 1:00-5:00pm and by appointment. For more information, please contact [filamlibrary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:filamlibrary@sbcglobal.net) or (213)382-0488. ■

## The Young Artist's Concert by PSYCO

The Pasadena Summer Youth Chamber Orchestra is performing their Young Artist's Concert on June 28, at 7:30 pm at the First Church of The Nazarene, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena. PSYCO was founded in 1983 to give local young musicians an outstanding opportunity to improve their skills and learn new repertoire during the summer months.

There will be five soloists on the concert. Pianist, Jingfu Peng, 12 years old, will perform a movement of the Grieg Piano Concerto in A minor. Jungfu is a pupil of Roza Yoder.

Pianist Mason Yu, 18 years old, will play the Mendelssohn Piano Concerto in g minor. Mason is a student of Louise Earhart.

Violinist Kyle Gilner, 16 and Violist Ben Penzner, 14 will play the first movement of the Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Viola by Mozart. Kyle is a student of Guido Lamell and Ben is student of Sharon Ray.

Cello, Lydia Bundy, 18, will perform the first movement of the Cello Concerto by Lalo. Lydia is a student of Stan Sharp.

Dr. Allen Gross, who helped found the orchestra, will conduct this concert. It is a free concert.

On July 28, at 6 PM, PSYCO will perform their annual park concert in Memorial Park, in Levitt Pavilion, at Walnut and Raymond Ave. This concert features the String players of PSYCO.

Bethany Ann Pflueger and Chad Prado will be the conductors. This is also a free concert. ■

## TGF&S-NC-USA partners with Tau Gamma Phi - Philippines to distribute school supplies and feeding program

TO promote for school preparedness, Barangay 79 Barangay Hall in Tondo, Manila is all set for the Triskelions Cares project of the TGF&S-NC-USA and Tau Gamma Phi - Philippines.

"Ensuring that some of the needy children have the proper supplies for a successful school year is vital to their future success," said Art Liquidliquid, President of TGF&S-NC-USA. "We are pleased to partner with

the Tau Gamma Phi - Philippines and its Triskelion Cares program to distribute necessary school supplies."

Arthur Loreto of Tondo, Manila is very thankful for the concern and assistance that

both TGF&S-NC-USA and Tau Gamma Phi - Philippines are willing to give us by collecting and promoting for our Tools for School Program. Outreach programs like this will enable us to serve about 200 kids from 4 Barangays in District 1 and Zone 7 with the right tools as they go back to school this June.

Manpower for the project will be mostly from the Tau Gamma Phi - San Sebastian College Chapter and other Triskelions from various cities and some coming all the way from Laguna. Aside from distributing school supplies, we will also have a feeding program for the kids.

The project will start at 3pm, Saturday, on June 13. Barangay 79 Barangay Hall is located in F. Baron St. and Corner Kapalongan in Panday Pira (formerly Bangkusay) at Tondo, Manila. If you are interested in volunteering or support the project, please stop by or call Arthur Loreto at 0927.448.1123. ■



THE GRADUATE: Melanie Ruth Casabar, the daughter of Dario and Lita Casabar of Chino, California, was among the Class of 2009 who received degrees at the 126th commencement of University of Southern California (USC) on May 15, 2009. After completing her studies in just 3 years, Melanie graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Bachelor of Arts in Communication. She is planning to pursue her Master's in Communication Management in the same school. (L-R) Melissa (sister), Lita (mom), Melanie (the graduate), Dario (dad)

## Mentors who support students receive TCWF Champions of Health Professions Diversity Award

Guillermo J. Camacho, Shirley Flores-Muñoz and Tomás A. Magaña awarded for leadership in increasing diversity in the health professions

LOS ANGELES - Guillermo J. Camacho, a dentist in West Covina, benefited from, and continues to give back to a program at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, that encourages students of color to pursue health careers. Shirley Flores-Muñoz of Watsonville founded and directs a program at Cabrillo College that helps disadvantaged students expand and reach their health career aspirations by providing mentorship and other support. Tomás A. Magaña, a pediatrician at Children's Hospital in Oakland, started a collaborative program to bring high school students into local hospitals to pursue health careers.

On June 15, 2009, The California Wellness Foundation (TCWF) honors these three leaders at its seventh annual "Champions of Health Professions Diversity Award" ceremony in Los Angeles. In recognition of their efforts to reduce entry barriers and to ensure the success of underrepresented minorities in the health workforce, the honorees will each receive a cash award of \$25,000.

"These three leaders understand the importance of mentoring our state's youth toward earning a college degree with a goal of securing a career in health care," said Gary L. Yates, TCWF president and CEO. "Programs and support systems are needed to ensure the success of thousands of students who will be able to deliver culturally competent, language-proficient health care."

### Guillermo J. Camacho

Dr. Guillermo J. Camacho makes it a priority to give back to the community that helped him achieve his goal of becoming a dentist. While a student at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Camacho participated in the Science Educational Enhancement Services (SEES) program, which promotes diversity among students in the College of Science and encourages first-generation college students to pursue careers in the sciences. He continues to be involved in the SEES program as a speaker and role model to underrepresented students interested in health careers. He is currently a neuromuscular cosmetic dentist with his own practice, Sunset Dental Professionals, in West Covina.

"I believe that many high school students get discouraged from pursuing careers in the health professions or never find out that it is an option," Camacho said. "Sometimes we listen to people who try to knock us down. I have learned that anything is possible if you focus on your goals and dreams."

### Shirley Flores-Muñoz

Dr. Shirley Flores-Muñoz founded and serves as program director of Pathways to Health Careers, a program at Cabrillo College organized to recruit and support underrepresented and first-generation college students who pursue health

careers. In the last five years alone, Pathways to Health Careers has encouraged more than 3,000 students to engage in health-related subjects and activities. She is also a professor of women's studies and history at the college.

"We must encourage that learning curiosity. We need to be more inclusive in order to allow students to participate fully in our economic system," Flores-Muñoz said. "We need to teach them for the benefit of social equity and social justice. They need something that sustains their hope and raises their expectations."

### Tomás A. Magaña


A passionate advocate for health workforce diversity, Dr. Tomás A. Magaña has dedicated himself to helping youth empower themselves to pursue careers in health care. Magaña was deeply affected by the lack of diversity he experienced throughout his medical training. In an effort to correct that, he co-founded the FACES for the Future program at Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland (CHRCO) in 2000. FACES for the Future is a comprehensive program that prepares high school students from disadvantaged areas for entry into health careers through services such as internships, mentorship and psycho-social support. Magaña is also an attending physician of adolescent medicine at CHRCO and medical director of Alameda County's Juvenile Justice Center.

"Too many decisions are made without representation from our young kids," Magaña said. "Many of them have the answers. In fact, they're some of the brightest and the most insightful individuals in our community. Any service designed to serve young people—and especially our most at-risk—must incorporate their voices."

The California Wellness Foundation is a private independent foundation created in 1992, with a mission to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education and disease prevention. The Foundation has a Responsive Grantmaking Program that prioritizes eight issues for funding: diversity in the health professions, environmental health, healthy aging, mental health, teenage pregnancy prevention, violence prevention, women's health, and work and health. It also responds to timely issues and special projects outside the funding priorities.


TCWF is one of the state's largest foundations. Since its first year of operation, TCWF has awarded 5,450 grants totaling more than \$685 million. Please visit TCWF's website at [www.CalWellness.org](http://www.CalWellness.org) or [www.tcwf.org](http://www.tcwf.org) for more information, including a newsroom section devoted to the Champions of Health Professions Diversity Award and the three honorees. High-resolution photos are also available. ■

Bago Sa




# Fiesta Celebration


**Seafood Bami**  
Combination of Canton & Sotanghon noodles topped with shrimps, mussels, squid & fishballs. Serves 2.




**Rellenong Bangus**  
Home-made style stuffed milkfish as served during fiestas. Completely boneless, serves 4.



**Bagoong Fried Rice**  
Fried rice with salted shrimp fry, lechon tidbits and scrambled eggs. Serves 4.



**Pinaputok na Bangus**  
Grilled to order Milkfish stuffed with tomatoes, onions, ginger and wrapped in banana leaves. Completely boneless, serves 4.



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