

Kennedy Global School's Practical Nursing School Away Program

Setting the standards for online learning

FOR most people, acquiring a good education is on the top of the priority list. However, these trying times have prompted many to multi-task, maintaining a job and still devoting time for their education. The development of the internet technology gave birth to online learning which greatly benefits these multi-taskers as online schools are specially designed to meet the needs of people who are unable to manage a traditional school schedule. But while there are a hundreds of schools which offer online learning classes to varying degrees, not all of them are created equal.

Kennedy Global School, currently the leading and fastest growing nursing school in the Philippines, offers a one-year US-based Practical Nursing course that would make you eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN in the US after graduation. The Kennedy Global Practical Nursing School Away Program (SAP) Online is committed to providing "off campus" students a successful education experience as they work toward their career goals.

PN-SAP is a one-year program to be com-

pleted on an independent learning system. It consists of nine months academics and three months clinical. This one program is divided into four quarters, so the first, second and third quarters are all lectures. Under the PN-SAP, students will be required to submit case studies as well as research work. Since it is a practical course, students need to be competent not only on critical thinking but also on clinical skills and its application, primarily the reason why they have to personally attend the subjects PN Skills 1 & 2 in the Philippines. They also have to devote a month for the NCLEX-PN review classes.

Students who wish to enroll in the PN-SAP program must be at college level or its equivalent in health-related experience. All student-applicants are required to complete a phone interview which will give them an opportunity to ask questions about the program. These interviews are also used to determine whether applicants have the necessary qualification for admission to Kennedy Global Schools. Student-applicant must fill out the pre-screening form available at the KGSBI homepage then send this back along

with their transcript of records. Within three working days, the student-applicant will receive an educational evaluation advice through e-mail. The student will then have to follow instructions pertained in the e-mail. Students may avail of different payment options through Pay Pal. Books, materials and syllabus will be sent to students after enrolment, and they will be sent every quarter thereafter. Other amenities include online support, internet and vonage, accessible dormitory and school bus service.

The SAP boasts of instructors with advanced degrees and prominence in their fields. Thus, you are sure to receive the education which will guarantee you success in the future.

For guaranteed quality education, enroll at Kennedy Global School now. Visit their main office at the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors of Parc House II Tower, EDSA, Guadalupe, Makati City or call tel nos.: (632) 882-1600 / 882-1700 / 882-5002 / 882-5003 or send a fax to (632) 882-5003. You may also e-mail contact@kennedyglobal.net or registrar@kennedyglobal.net. (Advertising Supplement)

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Filipino-American Associations in America

Searching for a kababata from your hometown, a college buddy or a Pinoy colleague? Your search is finally over. The Asian Journal brings you Re:Union, Filipino American Associations in America – your link to a network of kababayan associations here in the United States. As your Filipino-American community newspaper, the Asian Journal recognizes your need to nourish and maintain ties with the people and the culture you were born with. This is our way of connecting our kababayans to the past, of creating new opportunities for the present and of inspiring you to pay it forward by becoming active members of your association and the FilAm community at large in the future.

Filipino American Association of Juneau

Contact : PO Box 35385, Juneau, AK 99803
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THE Filipino American Association of Juneau is an association of Filipinos and Americans in Juneau, Alaska. It was established on March 8, 2003. Duly registered and incorporated in the State of Alaska as a non-profit organization.

Mission: to promote social, educational and preserve the rich Filipino American culture and heritage among its members and to the populace of the City of Juneau and the State of Alaska. Promote friendship and understanding between the Filipino American community and the populace of Juneau.

To achieve this mission, the Filipino American Association of Juneau supports the following programs:

- Active participation of the Filipino American Association in civic affairs in the City of Juneau and the State of Alaska.
- Promote awareness of Filipino American contributions to social, economic, and cultural heritage in State of Alaska.
- Promote equal opportunity and fair treatment of all Filipinos Americans in all levels of government.
- Promote scholarship and youth assistance by assisting the Filipino American youth in accessing information on scholarships, education grants and other forms of financial support.
- Provide financial assistance thru voluntary donations to members in need.
- Promote friendship and good fellowship opportunities for Filipinos and Americans. ■

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Protection from possible tax problems is better handled by an attorney.

Once the bank has filed a Notice of Default on the property, Loan Modification companies cannot collect a fee until the loan modification is complete under California Civil Code 2945. If a Notice of Default has not been filed, the Loan Modification companies cannot have you sign a contract and collect money without prior approval from the Department of Real Estate. However, Attorneys are exempt from these regulations because they are regulated by the State Bar of California.

Attorneys must give personal consultation with the client upon request.

Loan modification news

For the last two weeks ending 5/09/09, the banks reported a total loan modification of 55,000 under the Obama plan. Hundreds of thousands of applications are in progress.

Note: This is not a legal advice. You need to talk to an attorney about your case. We offer free consultation on loan modification only.

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Child custody...

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rarely calls them to testify in custody proceedings.

Can we avoid a Court battle on custody? Absolutely. Try to devise a feasible parenting plan. You and your ex-spouse will be dealing with each other for as long as you are parents to your child – which could mean the rest of your life. You don't have to love each other like you used to but you need to be able to communicate and deal with each other in a business-like manner to insure the best possible upbringing for your child. You not only can avoid a court battle but also save on legal fees and court costs.

I was ordered to go to mediation. Would that help my child custody case? Mediation is required in many counties in the California.

Sometimes when one fails to show up to mediation, that parent's request for custody may be denied. Mediation is meant to reduce the acrimony in a child custody proceeding. It is also meant to develop an agreement ensuring continuing contact with both parents that is in the best interest of child. Go to mediation. It would only help your custody case. It would show the court that you are a responsible parent and willing to comply with the rules because you love your child.

Lazaro and Associates is a Filipino-owned law firm that handles civil litigation. The firm's offices are located in San Francisco, Fremont/Newark/Union City California, Makati City (Philippines). Telephone (415)278-9577. E-mail: Law@LazaroLaw.com. Website: www.LazaroLaw.com.

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People and Events

Family Appointment with Yahweh El Shaddai

EVERYONE is invited to join a family appointment with Yahweh El Shaddai, the God who is more than enough where Jesus Christ is Lord, on the first, second and third Saturdays of the month from 6:30-9pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in 2020 East San Antonio Street, San Jose CA 95116.

For more information, please contact Ann Pascua at (408) 987-9610. ■

'Filipino Art: Transcending Diaspora' at the Center for Filipino Studies-CSUEB

THE Center for Filipino Studies (CFS) at California State University East Bay (CSUEB) proudly presents *Filipino Art: Transcending Diaspora*, featuring the oil paintings of four contemporary Filipino artists, two of whom are based in the Philippines – Rev. Fr. Geoffrey Baraan, Chuck Pe Benito, Lito Balagtas and Butch Payawal. Their masterpieces portray glimpses of Philippines history and moments in the lives of its people. All are framed and can hang beautifully on walls at your home or office. The featured artists are

selling their paintings to the highest bidders during their silent auction. Simply bid and win a masterpiece. Payments are made directly to the artists who have agreed to donate a portion of their proceeds to the CSUEB Educational Foundation for the benefit of the CFS.

Donations have helped the CFS continue its many programs at CSUEB, including Filipino American Studies, the NVM Gonzalez Scholarship, the Journal of Filipino Studies, and a number of symposia, seminars, and study grants.

Please continue to support our efforts. A modest tax-deductible donation and/or participation in the art auction will help us continue our

programs for promoting our Filipino heritage. Simply complete and return the form below by May 15 and we'll include you in the Art Exhibit Souvenir Program.

Admission is free, refreshments will be served and entertainment provided.

Filipino Art: Transcending Diaspora is on May 30, Saturday, 3:00pm through 8:00pm at

St. Anne's Parish Church Social Hall, 32223 Cabello Street (off Dyer), Union City, CA 94587. For more info call Efren at (510) 931-9555, Rica at (510) 786-9363 or Gertrude at (510) 304-5015. You can also e-mail cfs.office@csueastbay.edu or log on to www.filipinostudies.csueastbay.edu. ■

Saint Joseph's Academy 2009 Grand Reunion in Oxnard

VINCENT Baltazar, the current president of St. Joseph's Academy Alumni Association of Southern California (SJAAASC), and Lucie Mayuga Ongaco, the event chairperson, cordially invite all former students of St. Joseph's Academy (Las Pinas, Philippines), to the upcoming Third SJAAASC Grand Alumni Reunion that will coincide with the Labor Day weekend of 2009.

The Grand Reunion will be held on the entire day of September 5, 2009 at College Park - 3250 South Rose Avenue, Oxnard, CA 93033. This will be a morning-to-dusk affair; and the costume theme will be Hawaiian. The association has contracted vendors to provide food and drinks for individual purchase. There will be games and fun activities - so needless to say, family members are welcome.

Two nearby hotels are recommended:
Comfort Inn at 1001 E. Channel Islands Blvd. Oxnard, CA 93036 (about 1/2 mile from venue), Phone: (805) 487-7755, and
Best Western at 1156 S. Oxnard Blvd. 93030 (about 2 miles from venue), Phone: (805) 483-9581.

The following evening, Sunday Sept. 6, 2009, the reunion celebrations will continue with a Reunion Dance at SMR Dance Studio - 10591 Mills Avenue, Montclair, CA 91763. This will be from 7pm till midnight. The theme will continue to be Hawaiian. A dinner buffet is included with the \$25 entrance ticket. Since the venue has a maximum occupancy of 150, this will be a first come-first seated basis. Tickets will be pre-sold.

For more information, you may email: Vincent Baltazar (res04fgu@verizon.net) and/or Lucie Mayuga Ongaco (L.ongaco@osterkampgrp.com).

Class participation

Get together with your classmates to prepare for the Class Cheering Contest!

Yes, we will have a Cheering Contest. So, come up with your best cheers and choreography – SIS-BOOM-BAH! Praise your Class, Praise SJA. Design your best cheering squad outfit: pom-poms, bull horns...the works! Practice your high kicks, and Scream! This will be Fun!

During the Reunion, we will introduce and photograph each Class. You may want to have your Class T-shirts made, and wear them for this souvenir photograph. (Please include: "SJAAASC 2009 Reunion".)

While the different batches are being introduced and photographed, we will set up a projector for a picture slide show (no live-video/audio). Each Class will be allotted 3 minutes, so we will include 36 of your class pictures (5-second slide). You may include old, recent, group, or individual pix. Let's get busy! Please send a zip file of your JPEG formatted pictures to Mel Rivera at: mky1mse@gmail.com. Mel will compile the pictures for the slide show, so he has to receive them by August 10, 2009. Thanks.

Class '73 will be in charge of coordinating the entertainment activities before and during the Reunion. So, if you have any suggestions, or if your class will provide a special number that you want included in the program, please contact: Lyn (De Leon) San Miguel at: lysanmiguel@yahoo.com.

Needless to say, after the programs, you'll put on your dance shoes, and do some serious Swing, CHA-cha-cha, Boogey, Salsa, and of course...line-dancing!

You may forget to bring extra socks and underwear, but do not forget to bring your cameras! ■

Avoid these common mistakes that could reduce your benefits

EARNINGS record errors. Social Security benefits are based on your 35 highest-earning years – but errors can occur in your earnings record. If your earnings aren't recorded or are underreported, your future benefits may be reduced.

What to do: Check your annual personal "Social Security Statement" each year. This contains a full record of your year-by-year earnings. If you find a mistake, call your local Social Security Administration (SSA) office to report it. Note: You have three years, three months and 15 days from the close of the taxable year in which the error occurred to make the correction. (Under certain circumstances, earlier years can be corrected.)

Wrong address. If you're employed and the address for you in the SSA's20records doesn't match that on your W-2 form and tax return (which report your Social Security tax payments and earnings), an error may occur in crediting your tax payments and earnings. A tip-off that this problem exists is failure to receive your annual Social Security Statement.

What to do: The SSA obtains its address records from the IRS, so file IRS Form 8822, Change of Address (800-829-3676, www.irs.gov). Whenever you move in the future, head off possible problems by filing Form 8822 with the IRS.

Wrong name. If your name in the SSA's records doesn't match

that shown on your W-2 and tax return, your taxes and earnings may be miscredited. If you change your name, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office (or call 800-772-1213 or visit www.ssa.gov).

Miscalculation of benefits. Even if your earnings record is completely correct, there's a chance that the SSA will make a mistake in calculating your benefits.

You can check the correct size of your benefits yourself by using calculators provided at the SSA Web site. Enter "benefits calculator" into the search box. Call your local SSA office to report any mistakes and have them double-check the figures. ■

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