

Celebramos

THE COLEGIO WEEK COMMEMORATIVE MAGAZINE






honor /'änər/ *n*

1. high respect; esteem.
2. a privilege.

glory /'glôrē/ *n*

1. high renown or honor won by notable achievements.
 2. magnificence; great beauty.
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*δυνατεῖ δὲ ὁ θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς,
ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες
περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν·*

*God is able to make every grace abundant for you,
so that in all things, always having all you need,
you may have an abundance for every good work.*

2 Cor 9:8

We are celebrating the 395th foundation anniversary of our beloved Colegio de San Juan de Letran. And we receive and recognize it as grace given by God.

This year has been especially blessed: a new rector, an alumnus, serving the Colegio, the Philippine Quality Award, our graduates passing board exams, the NCAA senior basketball championship, and many more. Of course, more than accolades, more than endurance, more than victory, Letran is gifted with people, past and present, who have passed through these hallowed grounds, learned about life, lived what then learned, have become Letranites, gifts in themselves.

This year's Colegio Week proclaims the theme, "HONOR AND GLORY," virtues enshrined in our school hymn; sung in a language of the past, but throbbing with passion and pride. Let us all rally around this statement, beyond the week-long celebration; let us keep it as our year-long, our life-long commitment: to conquer new glories, for the honor of our alma mater.

But grace does not end in personal reception; it continues in sharing and solidarity, in abundance overflowing, in words becoming incarnate in deeds of mercy and compassion, in doing what is right and good always.

Let us congratulate those people responsible for putting together this Colegio Week; you have done well, and we are most grateful.

True Honor and All Glory belong to God!
Siempre Arriba! Siempre Letran!

REV. FR. CLARENCE C. MARQUEZ, OP
Rector and President



The Homily

A pleasant morning to all. Today the whole Dominican family, and the Church, celebrates the feast of a man whose life has been dedicated to the service of God and His people: Saint Vicente Liem de la Paz, a Martyr and a Letranite. And I am very much privileged to concelebrate with the Dominican friars of Letran and to be with you in celebrating this significant event.

Paki tanong nga po sa katabi mo: Kilala mo ba si St. Liem? My first encounter with St. Vicente Liem happened in the old elementary building. There then stood a huge statue of him at the staircase between the second and third floors. I remembered it carved with a long dark blue robe with a book in his hand. That image never failed to mesmerize me every time I see it.

As a page, I knew him simply as Saint. As a squire, I knew him as one of the many great men Letran has produced. And years after I graduated from here, I now see him as someone who had been formed in the hallowed tradition of DEUS, PATRIA, LETRAN.

Yes, my fellow Letranites, there is a cause for rejoicing here! This learning institution, founded in 1620, has helped mold a Man, a Martyr, and a Saint. And for that let us give God a thunder round of applause...

The motto DEUS, PATRIA, LETRAN has really penetrated deep into the heart of this Vietnamese Man. DEUS is a Latin word which means GOD. And indeed, the love for God and neighbor, which St. Liem learned from childhood, was intensified as he continued his intellectual and spiritual formation here at the Colegio. His unwavering passion for the mission to spread the Gospel of Christ led him to embrace the religious life—in the Dominican way. He had shared the fruits of his prayers and love for wisdom with those in need within and outside his community. And for almost 14 years after his ordination to the priesthood, he tirelessly preached and administered the Sacraments to his fellow Christians that won for him a martyr's death. Certainly, what Christ said in today's Gospel is true: "You will be hated by all because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved"... St. Liem is a lover of God.

PATRIA means COUNTRY. Soon after his ordination in 1758, Liem decided to return to his native land. He must have imbibed seriously our Colegio's motto, which gives significance to one's own motherland. He labored religiously and patriotically to help his countrymen in everything he can as one of them and as a Dominican religious. Liem knows his roots. He knows that after a

knight's victory in every battle there is a burning desire to return home and share his triumph with his people. And this, he did. Service out of Love is clearly seen in this venerable man's life who loves his countrymen so dearly.

And of course, St. Liem's Alma Mater, my Alma Mater and your Alma Mater: LETRAN. In everything he did, St. Liem must not have forgotten the values and lessons in life he learned from our Colegio. This institution inculcated in him the love for God and Country. He is a real Letranite who gives witness to the centuries-old values taught here with high Christian ideals. And for such, he makes his Alma Mater proud of him.

Fellow Letranites, St. Viente Liem de la Paz reminds us that we must put God first among all our endeavors. He is the God of love; and the readings of today, particularly the Gospel taken from Matthew, communicate a message of perseverance born out of LOVE. St. Liem had a martyr's death because of his faith in God. And what about us? How far can we go for the faith that we profess? The little good things we do each day, and the sacrifices with them, can be our way to baring witness to the TRUTH who is Christ Himself.

St. Liem tells us to think not just of ourselves but of others as well. Let us love God through and by loving our neighbors. In the order of execution loving our neighbor takes precedence. It is because only when we love those we see can we truly say that we love the God whom we do not see. May we make our community and our country proud of us because of the fruits we produce which come from what we give to our fellowmen.

And lastly, my dear friends, we have a model-Letranite here in the person of St. Vicente Liem de la Paz! This 395-year-old educational institution has formed and will continue to form persons of integrity and faith like St. Liem. We are indeed graced that Letran (with UST) has produced a SAINT, a holy and blessed MAN.

Brothers and sisters, as we continue with our Eucharistic celebration, let us be inspired by this MAN who is not only a martyr, but also a Letranite. And know that we, too, can be like him if we learn to love Christ and be faithful, hold on to our faith and translate it into action.

And before I end, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Dominican friars of Letran, especially to our Rector, a fellow Letranite, Rev. Fr. Clarence Marquez, OP, for inviting me thru Ms. Edna M. Marco (Ma'am Kai) to concelebrate in today's Mass. Salamat po.

Friends, I may now be an Augustinian priest but in my heart, Letran will always have a special place. As they say "Once a Letranite, will forever be a Letranite". Now I can truly tell myself, "It is nice to be home". ARRIBA Letran!

#OP800:

PILGRIMAGE TO 800

DOMINICAN

EXHIBIT

Joining the whole Colegio in a week of learning and merriment, the Religious Education Area mounted its Dominican Exhibit, aiming to provide additional knowledge and information about the Order of Preachers, which is already in its 800th year.

Executed by the Letran Dominican Network Youth Group, the project was aligned with both the theme of the 2015 Colegio Week, which is “Honor and Glory” and the 800th Jubilee Anniversary of the Dominicans. Hence, the exhibit took on the name, “#OP 800: Our Pilgrimage to 800”.

Decorated with gold, black, and brown, the colors of the Order, the exhibit showed the life of the Dominicans and its founder, St. Dominic de Guzman or St. Dominic of Caluerga. Highlighted in the exhibit were three images that can be considered significant both to the Order and the Letran community. These are Saints Dominic and Vicente Liem de la Paz and the Lady of the Holy Rosary.



Saint Liem is a Dominican priest, a martyr, and an alumnus of Letran while the Lady of the Holy Rosary was, by tradition, the one who gave St. Dominic a rosary.

The exhibit succeeded in sharing the story of the Order, the ideals of St. Dominic, and educating the Letranites about the honor and glory that could be seen in the history of the Order of Preachers.



Field Demonstration



Displaying festivals representing heroes, students from all levels and departments starred in the annual field demonstration that added color to this year's Colegio Week festivities.

The masters of the ceremony were Nathaniel Gonzales and Kylie Juta. Edna Marco, the Moderator of the Cultural Affairs; Ferdie Lupiz from Far Eastern University; and Dr. Susan Mercado, president of fitness from Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, were the judges of the demonstration.

ELEMENTARY DEPARTMENT

Grade 4: Kalapati Festival from Cabugao, Ilocos Sur | Isabela Delos Reyes

Grade 5: Ala-Eh Festival from Batangas | Pres. Jose P. Laurel

Grade 6: Halamanan Festival from Bulacan | Marcelo H. Del Pilar

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Grade 7: Suplian Festival from Batangas | Apolinario Mabini

Grade 8: Karakol Festival from Cavite | Nuestra Senora Del Pilar

Grade 9: Pasadoble Festival, a Spanish dance | Dr. Pardo de Tavera

COLLEGIATE DEPARTMENT

Pahiyas Festival from Quezon | Pres. Manuel L. Quezon

Sinulog Festival from Cebu | Pres. Sergio Osmena

Water Festival (or Wattah Wattah Festival) from San Juan City | St. Vicente Liem dela Paz

Three winners were named, one for each department. From the Elementary Department, Grade 6 won. From the High School Department, Grade 9. And from the Collegiate Department, "Sinulog Festival" was hailed the winner. The overall champion, garnering a score of 98%, were the Grade 6 students.

— ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES —

Engineering Activities

The College of Engineering, headed by Engr. Carlito Gutierrez, the College Dean, and with the help of faculty members and the recognized student organizations, Letran Engineering Society and Letran Information Technology Society, produced three activities that sought to cultivate sportsmanship, competitiveness, solidarity and diversity, for Colegio Week 2015.

Amazing Race.

After a month long of planning on the strategic positions, challenges, briefing, and resolution of possible errors, Amazing Race 2015 was held successfully. There were a total of eight teams who competed, each with a total of five members. The kick-off point was in front of St. Vincent Ferrer Building. The stations were located at the Chapel Lobby, the fourth floor of the High School building, in front of gymnasium, at the Promenade, ECE Laboratory, Scouts' Triangle, Saint Thomas Veranda, Liem Garden, Front Gate, and lastly, at the rooftop of St. Vincent Ferrer building. Some of the challenges were the Tangram Challenge, Relay Challenge, Eating Challenge, Religion-related Challenge, and the most difficult, the Count-the-Stairs-of-the-New-Building Challenge, where many got confused because there were two staircases, each on the side of the building. Three winners emerged victorious. The second runner-up was from Information Technology, while both the first runner-up and the champion were from Engineering.

Film-Viewing.

Appreciating the art of filmmaking and the values formation brought by films and movies of the 20th and 21st century, the College of Engineering organized a film-viewing. Facilitated by the Letran Engineering Society, Mr. Landrew Santos, and faculty members from the College of Engineering, the activity marked its success. The activity started at exactly ten o'clock in the morning. All students, provided that they didn't have classes, were invited to attend the said viewing at the Mabini Hall. The movies were "Ant-man", "The Maze Runner", "God's Not Dead", "Starting Over Again", "One More Chance" and "That Thing Called Tadhana".

Dubsmash.

Inspired by the phenomenon that is Aldub, the loveteam of actor Alden Richards and Dubsmash wonder, Maine Mendoza or Yaya Dub, the College of Engineering decided to hold a Dubsmash competition. Choi Marc Dee, a second-year Engineering student, was crowned the Dubsmash King.

AC-FM Superstar

Students from Accounting, Accounting Technology, and Financial Management showed that they were more than just books and studying during the annual AC – FM Superstar held last November 25.

Everyone was in good spirits despite the fact that there were only six original contestants. On the day itself, the audience was asked if anyone wanted to participate. Six more joined and they had a competition.

The judges were College of Business Administration and Accountancy Dean Eunice Areola, Assistant Dean Kenji Asano, and Asst. Prof. Ian Dancel.

LTS Activities

Colegio Week truly is a time of celebration.

The Letran Tourism Society (LTS), for their part, made things lively by holding a fashion show inside the Colegio with the atvtheme, "Kasuotang Filipino".

Each year level was represented by a male student and female student who dressed up in their best interpretation of Filipino culture using recycled materials.

The participants were: Lester Turla and Glydel Monido (1st year), Paolo Amo and Aubrey MONTemayor (2nd year), and Dannel Sy and Nicole Aballa (3rd year). They roamed around the school, visiting different offices, and were judged by Letranites – student, faculty, and staff alike.



At the end of the day, the third year representatives won the competition. Later on, LTS spearheaded their own Heritage Quiz Bee with participants from 12 different Recognized Student Organizations.

Mini Chefs

now on its 6th year!

Last November 27, 2015, the Food Technology, Hotel and Restaurant Management and Nutrition and Dietetics programs conducted their 6th Mini Chefs on Parade (MCOP) at the Letran Grounds. This is the annual activity of the said programs and the Events Management class (HRM4A), headed by AP Rhonnel Miranda and this year's over-all chairman, Trixie Louise Santos.

The main goal of the activity, titled, "LetraMor- phosis: A contemporary taste begins", is to showcase the talent, skills and creativity of the Food Technology, Hotel and Restaurant Management and Nutrition and Dietetics students.

Mini Chefs on Parade is an annual competition participated by Letran-Abucay and Letran-Manila. Previously, the over-all champion was either Letran-Abucay or Letran-Manila. However, this year, the program that got the highest score was declared as the over-all champion.

Rev. Fr. Boyd R. Sulpico, O.P., the Executive Vice President, led the ribbon cutting together with the Dean and the Assistant Dean of College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA), Asst. Prof. Eunice Mareth Q. Areola and Asst. Prof. Kenji Asano Jr., respectively. With them were the coordinators and faculty members under CBAA. The event was also attended by Rev. Fr. Clarence Victor C. Mar-

quez, O.P, SThD, Rector and President, and Asst. Prof. Louie Benedict Ignacio, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The competition was composed of two divisions: Cooking and Service. The categories for the Cooking Division were Creative Cake Decoration (CD1), Be Jamazed Competition (CD2), Cupcakes Competition (CD3), Chocolate Molded Competition (CD4), Kusina Rapido (CD5), Kamaya-maya Pancake Contest



(CD6) and Letrapprentice (CD7). On the other hand, the categories for the Service Division were Waiter's Relay (SD1), Table Napkin Competition (SD2), Table Setting Competition (SD3), Floral Centerpiece Making (SD4), Mocktail Mixing Competition (SD5), Cocktail Mixing Competition (SD6) and Flairtending Competition (SD7). The rules and guidelines for these events were based on the National Food Showdown. The panel of judges came from the different aspects of the food industry.

The Nutrition & Dietetics came prepared for the competition, winning the over-all championship for this year's Mini Chefs on Parade. They won 1st place in Creative

Cake Decoration (Glady Mae Gutierrez and Queen Boliche); 1st place (Marielle Llaneta, Melvin Bernardino and Charisse Macalalad) and 2nd place (Aira Galimba, Arcelli Ogalesco and Kyra Basto) in the Be Jamazed Competition; 1st place (Lea Araneta and Cyril Jerome Manning) in the Cupcakes Competition; 1st place (Cyril Jerome Manning) in Kusina Rapido; and 1st place (Bea Recuerdo and Lindsay Giagonia) in the Kamaya-Maya Pancake Contest in the cooking division.

Moreover, in the service division, Emmee Clemente was awarded 2nd place in Table Napkin Competition. Aileen Rabang landed 2nd in Mocktail Mixing Competition while Marvin Evangelista snagged 1st place in the Cocktail Mixing Competition.

Mariel Diongco, Nutrition & Dietetics coordinator, was very happy for the success of her students. "As the mother ND, I am very proud of my ND Babies for winning the over-all championship. It was

really a great start for this second semester! Kudos my dear students!" Diongco said.

Together with the said activity, the Philippine Association of Food Technologists - Tau Chapter (PAFT-Tau) conducted their activity entitled "Thesis-Eat!". The activity was a product exhibit of the 4th year Food Technology students. It was spearheaded by Ms. Paola Anne Gomez, President of PAFT-Tau and their coordinator, Asst. Prof. Ava Nicole Azotea.

Kingyo Sukui

Keeping true to the merriment of the Colegio Week activities, Kyoushigen Letran organized a Japanese traditional game called 'Kingyo Sukui' which was held from November 24 to 27 at the Salon de Actos. Kingyo Sukui is a game that challenges the player to catch a fish and take it home. This is usually done in carnivals and fairs.



2015 Saint Dominic Quiz Bee

Yet another activity of the Religious Education Area in celebration of Colegio Week 2015, this year's Saint Dominic Quiz Bee was held last November 26 at the Student Center Auditorium. In that edition, members of the Dominican Network Youth Group from Letran Manila, Letran Calamba, Siena College – Quezon City, Siena College – Taytay, Sta. Catalina College – Legarda, and Dominican College – San Juan were the participants.

Asst. Prof. Rosauro Encinas hosted the event while Asst. Prof. Jolino Bagaipo served as the moderator or the Quiz Master. Asst. Prof. Gladys Estrada gave the opening remarks. The judges were Brian Lim, Davy Chioa, and Asst. Prof. Prescila Abardo. After three grueling rounds (easy, average, difficult), Dominican College emerged as the winner. The school was represented by Patricia Ramirez, Nina Lozano, Paulo Alvarado, and

Valerie Vistal, with its coach, Jayno Jabonillo. Letran – Manila, composed of Erin Faith Bermudo, Earl Enriquez, Julliane Barzaga, and Jon Mark Gamban, with their coach Romulo Hobo III, finished second, while Siena College – Quezon City (Jericho Dacpano, Tricia Valdez, Brett Montano and Cecile Rebueno) ended at third.

MATHalino sa English

The Letran Future Educator's Society, in cooperation with the College of Education, set up a booth named "MATHalino sa ENGLISH" last November 24 – 26.

Questions about English and Mathemaics were given to those who were interested, with prizes awaiting the winners.



Letran Heritage Quiz Bee

Celebrating the Colegio as the cradle of noble Filipino and saints, the Letran Heritage Quiz Challenge 2015 was held last November 26.

Spearheaded by the Social Sciences Area of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), the Heritage Quiz focused on the triumph, achievement, and glory of Letran – fitting not only because the theme of Colegio Week was “Honor and Glory” but more importantly because Letran is on its way to celebrating its Quadricentennial in 2020.

The event was participated in by representatives from the Basic Education, College of Education, CLAS, and the College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA). And for the first time, various non-teaching staff and Letran Alumni were invited.

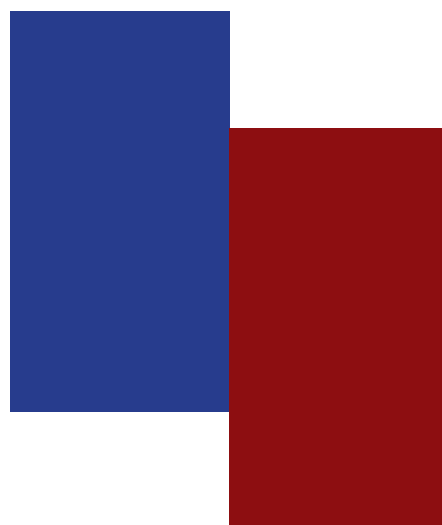
The winners were:

- 1st place – Basic Education faculty
- 2nd place – CLAS faculty
- 3rd place – CBAA students

Spelling Quiz Bee

The Basic Education Department held a spelling bee and a blockbuster contest at the SC Auditorium and Quezon Hall, respectively.

The spelling bee was for the elementary students and was facilitated by Jobelle Gorubat, Flora Ventura, and Dennis Apostol, faculty members of the elementary level. The blockbuster contest, which was about grammar and literature, was for the high school students and was facilitated by Donna Serano and Elizabeth Soriano of the Languages Area.



SCIRE

Science Congress on Investigation, Research and Experiment

The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS), thru the initiative of the Natural Science Area, sponsored the 2nd Science Congress on Investigation, Research and Experiment 2015 (SCIRE) as part of the Colegio Week Celebration. The event was held at the St. Thomas Hall.

This year, the said competition was participated in by eight Manila public high schools namely: Aguinaldo High School, Araullo High School, Arellano High School, Magsaysay High School, Manila Science High School, Mapa High School, Nolasco High School and Rajah Soliman Science & Technology School.

In the primaries, the mentioned schools submitted a maximum of three research titles with the corresponding abstracts. The panel of judges shortlisted the researches and came up with only twelve papers which eventually participated in the paper presentation on November 27. The twelve finalists were:

1. Portable Highly-Transducer Photoresistor Acoustic Device with Calculator & Charger using Photovoltaic Array,
2. Graphene Oxide/Chitosan as Electron Transport Layer Towards the Development of Thermoelectric Generator,
3. Green Synthesis of Copper Nanoparticles as Preliminary for Antimicrobial Activity of Catharanthus roseus Aqueous Crude Leaves Extract (Tsitsirika),
4. Biofilm inhibition of Chitosan/ Hyptissuaveolens(L.) Poit Hydrogel Film on Staphylococcus aureus & Pseudomonas,
5. Feasibility Study on the Efficiency of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) & Rice Hull Reinforced with Polyurethane as Soundproofing Composite,
6. Qualitative & Quantitative Analysis of Collagen Type 1 Extracted from Chanos chanos (Milkfish) – Bones & Scales,
7. A Novel Antimicrobial Lead Removal from

Polyphenolic Extract of the Testa of Tamarind seeds and Guava Leaves,

8. Bioremediation Potential of Water Lily Sequestering Lead in Contaminated Water,
9. Sequester Metallurgy of Total Arsenic Ion Through Chemisorption of Arachis hypogaeal pericarp in Aqueous solution,
10. A Novel application of Chitosan/Copper Oxide Nanoparticles on cotton Fabric Treated with Azadirachta indica (neem Tree) Leaves Extract as UV
11. UV Absorptive/Protective Property of Textiles Treated with Zinc Oxide & Nephelium lappaceum (Rambutan) Peeling Extracts
12. Inhibition of Leptospira interrogans and Escherichia Coli in Flood Water using Silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) – Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) – Banana (Musa parasidiaca) Pseudostem Bionanocomposite.

The members of the panel of judges were, Asst. Prof. Louie Ian Mariano, Asst. Prof. Anna Danica Tameta and Asst. Prof. Glen Mangali.

The winners were:


Grand Prize - “Inhibition of Leptospira interrogans and Escherichia Coli in Flood Water using Silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) – Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) – Banana (Musa parasidiaca) Pseudostem Bionanocomposite.” from Manila Science High School.

1st Runner – Up - “A Novel application of Chitosan/Copper Oxide Nanoparticles on cotton Fabric Treated with Azadirachta indica (neem Tree) Leaves Extract as UV” from Araullo High School.

2nd Runner-Up - “ Portable Highly-Transducer Photoresistor Acoustic Device with Calculator & Charger using Photovoltaic Array” from Aguinaldo High School.



2015 MATH AND ENGLISH QUIZ BEE

The Education Department held the 2015 Math and English Quiz Bee for its annual community service during the Colegio Wee k festivities last November 27.

Forty students, assisted by teachers from Manila High School, participated in the said quiz bee.

The program commenced at the Del Pilar Hall with a prayer led by Madona Abad, a second year Education student, followed by remarks by the Area Chair of the College of Education, Asst. Prof. Angelita De Los Reyes.

The competition was composed of easy, average, and difficult stages with 15 questions each. There were times when trivia questions were given to lighten the atmosphere. A career orientation was also conducted, highlighting the different strands, scholarships, and courses offered by the Colegio in preparation for the full implementation of the K-12 program.

Dr. Evelyn Montano, Robert Otanez, and Fr. Orlando Aceron, OP, served as the judges of the quiz bee.

The Letran Future Educators Society, led by Melvin Hipolito, spearheaded the event.

What's Colegio Week without Bingo Social?

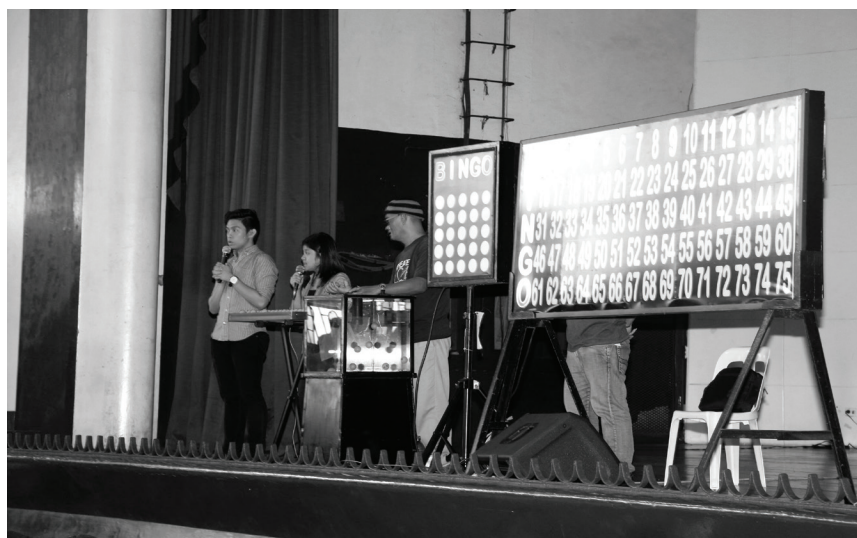
Yet another gathering filled with suspense and thrill – and yes, prizes – happened last November 25 at the Blessed Antonio Varona OP Gymnasium as students, faculty, non-teaching personnel, parents, and guardians participated in this year's Bingo Social.

Organized by the Public Affairs and Media Development, in cooperation with the Student Assistantship Program, the Bingo Social was divided into 11 games with rewards ranging from 3,000 to 30,000 pesos.

With tension filling the air every game, intermission numbers were done by FORTE and Paula Manicad.

The competition grew wild when the last game, "Blackout", commenced. At the end of the long day, the 30,000 grand prize went to two high school students.

Congratulations to all the winners! Until the next Bingo Social!



The Basic Education department celebrated the opening of the 395th Colegio Week with academic competition featuring the Pages' Math – Science Quiz Bee for Grades One to Five and STEM Bingo for Grades Six to Nine last November 24 at the Quezon Hall.

QUIZ BEE

Champion: Gio Peras (Grade 1 – 103), Giecel Arce (Grade 2 – 107), Justin Tin (Grade 3 – 109), Christian Alcantara (Grade 4 – 110), and Ashley Carlet (Grade 5 – 104).

First Runner Up: Andrea Delgado (Grade 1 – 102), Juliana de Mesa (Grade 2 – 108), Miguel Asido (Grade 3 – 109), Josh Pelaze (Grade 4 – 110), and Jeremy Bumanlag (Grade 5 – 104).

Second Runner Up: Jhamela Cordero (Grade 1 – 103), Mae Buntantan (Grade 2 – 107), Dunst Viojan (Grade 3 – 109), Alphonso Salvador (Grade 4 – 110), and Ji Min Park (Grade 5 – 104).

STEM BINGO

Joshua Jimenez (Grade 6 – 106)
Lyonne Silva (Grade 6 – 106)
Valentin Menchilina (Grade 10 – 226)
Kennedy Zenarosa (Grade 10 – 226)
Dejan Lagutan (Grade 10 – 226)
Alec Ranara (Grade 8 – 314)
Marco Labalan (Grade 8 – 314)
Carlo Rosas (Grade 8 – 313)
Khim Joves (Grade 7 – 310)



The Book Drive

Confucius once said that “No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance.” With this in mind, the Library Services Department enjoined the 395th Colegio Week celebration with its National Book Week 2015 activities.

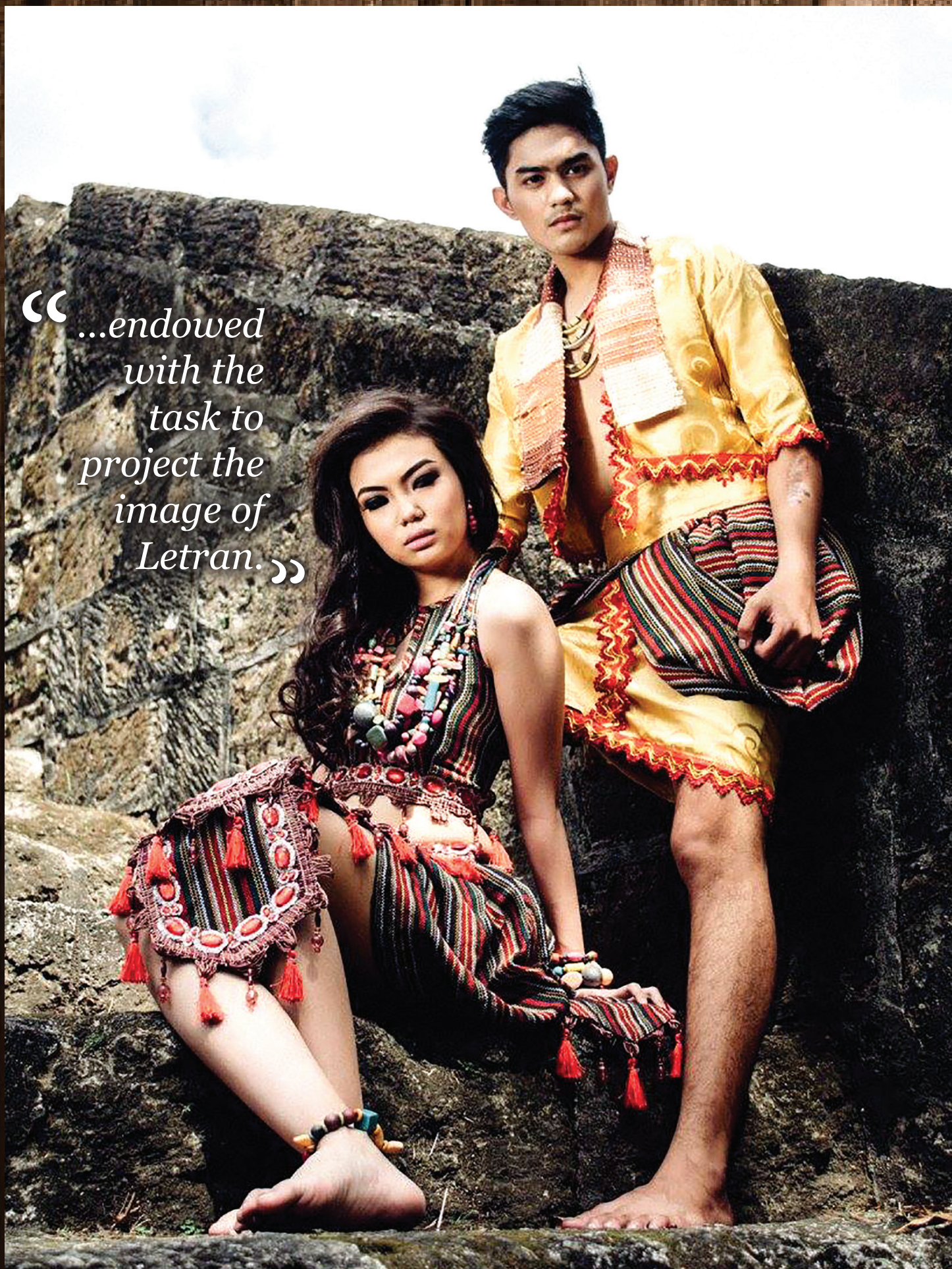
This year’s National Book Week theme is “The Filipino Reader in the Era of ASEAN Integration” and this was held last November 24 – 27 at the St. Thomas lobby. The event aimed to promote and encourage the Letran community to read books for lifelong learning and at the same time promote book giving to less abled libraries/communities through book characters portrayed by the librarians while accepting book donations. Book Character dress up is widely done in librar-

ies, not just in ASEAN nations, but all over the world. With the Colegio’s librarians joining the trend, students and employees alike were given a chance to pose with the characters in a photo-booth that was set up. A minimal amount was charged for a photo print out to those who were not able to donate a book but wished to have the opportunity to pose with the librarians.

Donations were accommodated until November 27. The Book Drive was made into a contest per section for the Basic Education Department and an individual competition for Collegiate students and employees.

Proceeds of the activities would be given to the chosen adopted communities/ schools of the Colegio. Jemlyne Romero

“...endowed
with the
task to
project the
image of
Letran.”





Mr. & Ms. Letran

The Letran Student Council conducted the annual search for Mr. and Ms. Letran last November, culminating with the coronation night held at the Blessed Antonio Varona OP Gymnasium.

This year's theme for the pageant is "Dalisay: Isang Pagpupugay sa Kalinangang Pilipino", centering on the indigenous tradition of the Filipino people. The candidates were tasked to represent a Filipino tribe, which served as their theme for their creative costume.

Twenty out of 45 aspirants were able to make it to the final roster of candidates.

Rehearsals were conducted during the APEC Summit.

The candidates, together with the Letran Student Council and the Office of Student affairs, visited the Aeta community in Bamban, Tarlac, to render community service. They were able to provide clothing, medicine, and food to 200 Aeta students.

On November 26, Mr. and Ms. Tourism Management were crowned Mr. and Ms. Letran, and the essence of being Letranites.



We are the **Champions**

The victory party started with the Thanksgiving Mass held at the Letran Gym. After the mass, Letran alumnus Freddie Webb gave his message to the Letran Knights and the whole community. The raising of the 17th banner started at 6 PM. And of course, we will never forget what Coach Ayo told us, "I will always be a Letranite. I will make Letran proud because I love Letran."

And now, the long wait is over. The party was started with full blast music. The students raved while being sprayed by water from the fire trucks and from the DJ itself. It was a marvelous and memorable night for us, Letranites because after 10 years of waiting and hard work, we emerged as the victors in the NCCA Senior's Basketball Season 91.

Siempre Arriba!

THE LANCE

SEMINAR

The LANCE, in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) organized a social media wellness seminar entitled, ***“Think Before You Respond”***, last November 26 at the Activity Hall.

Approximately 200 students attended the seminar. Aside from all the members of The LANCE and the student assistants, a number of classes were required to grace the event. Three speakers followed ***OSA Director Asst. Prof. Catherine Sanchez*** after she gave her speech.



The first, ***Asst. Prof. Darwin Rungduin***, talked about the science behind social media behavior. The second, ***Atty. Eugene Kho***, shared his knowledge about the legal implications of the behavior in social media.

The floor then was given to ***The LANCE Managing Editor Angelica Cruz*** to give a brief summary of what happened. She also discussed the content of the leaflets that The LANCE distributed, *The Ten Commandments in Social Media*. - *Kim Rubinos*

MEDIA FORUM: FANTASTIC 4

Campus Love & Relationship



As their contribution to Colegio Week 2015, the Letran Peer Facilitator's Association (LPFA) organized a seminar on Campus Love and Relationship at the Activity Hall.

Edmilyn San Gabriel, an author under PSICOM Publishing, an alumnus of the Colegio, and a former member of the LPFA, spoke about a various range of topics on relationships to a very enthusiastic crowd that consisted of students, faculty members, and guidance counselors.

The topics that she asked the audience to choose from varied from unrequited love to tips on moving on. An open forum was held after each topic. The seminar was very engaging that most of the topics were tackled.

Once again, the students of the **Institute of Communication (iCOMM)** were treated to a day of hearing about media practitioners' experiences when the annual Media Forum was held last November 25 at the San Vicente Liem de la Paz Auditorium.

Speakers during the forum were iCOMM alumni **Jan Paolo de Leon (Advertising)**, **Julianne Marquez (Broadcasting)**, **Gayle Gloria (Communication Arts)**, and **Jonathan Castillo (Journalism)**.

They spoke about their college years in Letran and how their lessons and training in school contributed to the enhancement of their skills in their own workplaces.

MERCY AND VOLUNTEERISM

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As part of the 395th year celebration of the foundation of Colegio de San Juan de Letran, the Center for Community Development (CCD) organized a symposium on Mercy and Volunteerism last November 25, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. which was held at the Mabini Hall. The main speaker was Rev. Fr. Lauro G. De Dios, O.P., Vice President for Financial Affairs. More than being a school administrator, Fr. Lauro is a Dominican priest, a preacher of mercy and compassion we see around the campus and interact with. He gave meaningful and moving reflections on the theme of mercy and volunteerism.

The goal of the CCD in organizing the symposium was to contribute to the ongoing formation of the Letran community volunteers which includes the students, faculty, employees, alumni, and parents. The CCD is called to provide opportunities for volunteer formation more than just the creation of a systematic promotion and recruitment of volunteers for community extension services. The CCD believes that the success of community development programs in the Colegio is sustained and enhanced through a strong ARIBAYANI Volunteer Formation Program.



While the CCD expected only 150 people, there were a total of 180 participants who filled the Mabini Hall. There were 40 employees who came from different departments or offices such as the Library, Guidance, Planning and Development, Basic Education, College of Engineering and Information Technology, Religious Education Area, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Comptrollership, PAMD, Registrar's Office, CCD, and Rector's Office. Some residents from barangay 655 were present. Students of theology/ religious education from PS2A, ADV2A, and CA2A classes were also present. Some members of the Dominican Youth Network or DOMNET participated. They led the community in the singing of "We Are All God's Children" which was the theme song of Pope Francis' visit to the Philippines last January 15-19, 2015. They also led in the singing of "Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare" reflected in the Jubilee song of the 800th year foundation of the Order of Preachers. These three Latin words mean that as Dominicans, we praise, bless, and preach the message of God's mercy in our daily life.

The activity was organized in anticipation of the Jubilee Year of Mercy which will commence on December 8, 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and commemoration of the golden anniversary of the closing of Second Vatican Council. It will be observed until November 20, 2016 which is the feast of Christ the King.

The City Within the Walls

Understanding Heritage and Cultural Significance of the Old Manila Intramuros

The **Letran Research Center** organized an Intramuros Studies Seminar entitled, “The City Within the Walls: Understanding Heritage and Cultural Significance of the Old Manila Intramuros” at the St. Thomas Hall. Participants were the faculty and students of the Colegio, representatives from the Intramuros Consortium (Lyceum of the Philippines University and Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila), among other guests.

The seminar was conducted by an array of esteemed speakers:

Dr. Michael Angelo Cortez from the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Japan discussed tourism fireworks, awareness/ perception, tourism sustainability, and the dangers usually faced by foreign and local tourists in the Philippines. He encouraged the audience to coordinate with funding agencies in conducting researches and studies that promote heritage tourism.

Dr. Nestor Castro, the Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs of the University of the Philippines – Diliman, gave an anthropological perspective in studying Old Manila or Intramuros.

Mark de los Santos, an alumnus of Letran, discussed about the Beaterio de Santa Catalina and its venerable foundress, Mother Francisca de Espiritu Santo.

Dr. Fernando Zialcita, the director of Cultural Heritage Studies Program of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology of the Ateneo de Manila University, spoke about Manila as the world's

first global city. This is primarily because of the trades that occurred in Intramuros between different merchants.

Dr. Oliver Rabara, the consultant of Letran's Intramuros Studies, gave practical tips on conducting studies and researches about the Walled City.

Jed Elroy Render from the Intramuros Administration talked about the strategies on mobility and pedestrianization, illegal settlers, sustainable and irreversible efforts, and the problems on resources.

Another speaker was **Dr. Jose Victor Torres**, a faculty member of the College of Liberal Arts in De La Salle University.

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