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Psychology Students Lead Gender Sensitivity Initiative at Children's Joy Foundation

Article by Ma. Eala Faye A. Mazaredo

On July 5, 2024, 45 Psychology students from Section A48 of the SS086 Gender and Society course and their professor, Prof. Christie C. Amores, conducted a service-learning activity entitled ***"Anong Mali Kung Iba Ako: Promoting Gender Sensitivity and Exploring Personhood" at Children's Joy Foundation, Inc.*** in Canlubang, Calamba City, Laguna. The initiative, which focused on gender awareness and promoting empathy, was organized for the 21 beneficiaries of the foundation.

Through interactive and educational activities like paper choosing, origami making, painting murals, career play, a short talk about gender sensitivity, as well as performance presentations from students and children alike, the program effortlessly inculcated lessons of gender sensitivity and respect into an inclusive atmosphere of learning and social participation. The students also provided in-kind donations to support the foundation's needs.

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Psychology Students Addressed Gender Gaps among Young Learners at Calamba Laguna

Article by Ma. Eala Faye A. Mazaredo

Last July 10, 2024, Psychology students from Section B48 of the SS086 Gender and Society course, with their professor, Prof. Christie C. Amores, organized a service-learning activity entitled ***"Circus of Inclusion: Narrowing Gender Gaps in Children's Minds" at Children's Joy Foundation, Inc***. in Canlubang, Calamba City, Laguna. The program aimed to educate children about gender gaps through experiential learning and cultivate understanding of the different gender issues occurring in our society.

Some notable activities from the event included a theater play that highlighted the impact of gender gaps on teens, as well as the effects of gender roles and stereotypes. There were also simultaneous interactive booths like face painting, portrait sketching, and photobooth, all of which promoted inclusivity and creative freedom. At the end of the event, the students provided snacks and distributed donations, followed by delightful performances from the children. Overall, the service-learning activity was successful in integrating gender equality values into all aspects of the program. It created a safe space for learning and self-expression, showcasing the students' commitment to tackling gender issues within the local community.

MITL-SC Spent the Afternoon with the Elderly Residents of Bahay ni Maria

Article by Edward Andrew A. Guese

On June 14, 2024, the ***Student Council of the Mapúa Institute of Technology at Laguna (MITL-SC)*** organized a community engagement activity for the residents of ***Bahay ni Maria in Calamba City, Laguna***—the activity aimed to promote meaningful service among youth and student leaders.

In support of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2 (Zero Hunger), 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), the council focused on volunteerism and charitable acts to help disadvantaged individuals. They achieved this by donating food and essential supplies to the beneficiaries.

The council organized a short program for 21 elderly residents of Bahay ni Maria. The program included games, dance presentations, and song performances. Snacks were also provided for everyone. The community representatives responded positively to the students' efforts. Despite the limited time, the student council expressed a desire for longer activities with the elderly residents.

Tourism Management Students Launch Project Trees

Article by Wella Dayne T. Tagle

Fifty-six ***Tourism Management (TM)*** students and faculty from the ***E.T. Yuchengco College of Business (ETYCB)*** took concrete action for the environment on July 4, 2024, participating in ***PROJECT TREES: Together, Let's Replenish Earth's Ecosystem.***

Hosted at the DENR CALABARZON Regional Seedling Production and Training Facility in Calauan, Laguna, the project part of the DENR CALABARZON's Regional National Greening Program (RNGP), provided students with hands-on experience in environmental stewardship. After an informative session on environmental education led by RNGP Coordinator, Mr. Yul Jose Malicsi, the students engaged in soil shoveling, seed prepping, and the potting and repotting of 695 seedlings. Their work will directly support future DENR CALABARZON tree planting initiatives.

This collaborative effort resonated with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 13 (Climate Action) and 15 (Life on Land), demonstrating a commitment to addressing environmental challenges.

JMake It Happen: An ETYCB Trade Fair Exhibit

Article by Wella Dayne T. Tagle

During the E.T.Y College Business Week (May 28-31, 2024), the ***Junior Marketing Association (JMA)*** of Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL) championed local artisans by hosting a trade fair featuring the craftsmanship of the ***Luisiana Weavers and the rich flavors of Café de Cabuyao Cooperative. "JMake it Happen: Weaving Threads, Brewing Dreams"*** lived up to its name, as the JMA members successfully brought their vision to fruition.

Held in the Student Lounge, the trade fair featured a diverse range of handcrafted goods, from intricately woven abaniko bags and baskets to stylish hats and fans, alongside the aromatic coffee grounds of Café de Cabuyao. Mapúa MCL students enthusiastically supported the local artisans, recognizing the skill and artistry behind each piece.

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JMake it Happen (cont.)

The JMA's initiative not only promoted these exceptional products but also directly benefited the cooperatives, with all proceeds from the three-day event impacting at least a hundred individuals. The exhibition proved a resounding success, marking a fitting conclusion to the ETYCB Week and demonstrating the power of student-led initiatives to support local businesses. This was aligned with the SDG 4 (Quality Education) and 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth).

Empowering Elsie Gaches Village: A JPIA - Mapúa MCL Initiative

Article by Wella Dayne T. Tagle

The Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (JPIA) - Mapúa MCL Student Chapter demonstrated its commitment to social responsibility on August 6, 2024, with a visit to ***Elsie Gaches Village in Alabang, Muntinlupa City.*** The village provides a home for abandoned and neglected children and elderly individuals, many of whom are facing mental and physical health challenges.

Following an informative orientation by Program Coordinator Ms. Abigail, JPIA members organized engaging activities for approximately 30 residents, fostering a positive and interactive environment that included resident talent showcases.

The JPIA's outreach extended beyond interaction, with the distribution of thank-you loot bags for participants and a donation of essential cleaning supplies to the village.

This initiative directly supports the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 10, aiming to reduce inequalities and empower vulnerable communities like the residents of Elsie Gaches Village.

CCIS Bolsters Diezmo Integrated School for Brigada Eskwela 2024

Article by Wella Dayne T. Tagle

On July 23, 2024, the ***College of Computer and Information Sciences (CCIS)*** from ***Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL)*** actively participated in ***Brigada Eskwela at Diezmo Integrated School***. This engagement exemplifies Mapúa MCL's enduring commitment to its partner schools, demonstrated through consistent annual participation in the nationwide campaign.

Faculty and students from CCIS dedicated their time and effort to various tasks, including painting chairs and tables, meticulously polishing wooden surfaces and floors, and thoroughly cleaning the school grounds. Their valuable assistance extended to organizing and archiving documents at the request of some teachers.

The collaborative efforts of every participant yielded highly satisfactory results, significantly contributing to Diezmo Integrated School's readiness for the academic year. The initiative directly supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

CHS Graduate Wins JRAEVCS Award for A.Y. 2023-2024; Nominees Include Students from CAS and ETYCB

Article by Edward Andrew A. Guese

As the academic year 2023-2024 comes to a close, ***Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna's (Mapúa MCL) Center for Service-Learning and Community Engagement (CSCE)*** has called upon graduating students to receive the ***prestigious Jose Rizal Award for Excellence and Virtue in Community Service (JRAEVCS).*** This institutional award is given to a deserving student who exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism through participation in community engagement activities during their stay in Mapúa MCL while making their mark for a positive impact on the partner communities. Ten years since it was first awarded, 11 students have received this prestigious recognition, including the latest recipient, ***Ms. Rica Joyce G. Ramilo,*** a B.S. Chemical Engineering graduate from the Mapúa Institute of Technology at Laguna (MITL)**,** who beat out four (4) other nominees in the previous year.

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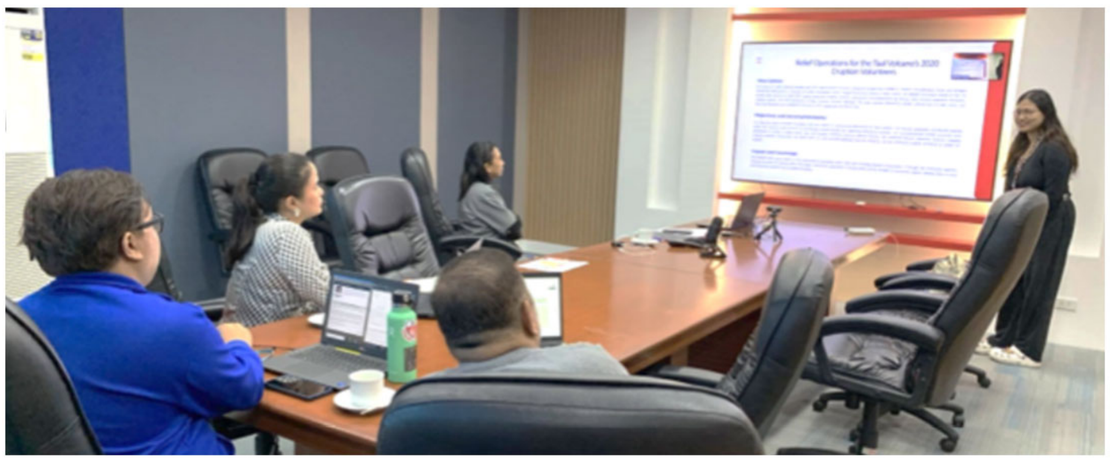
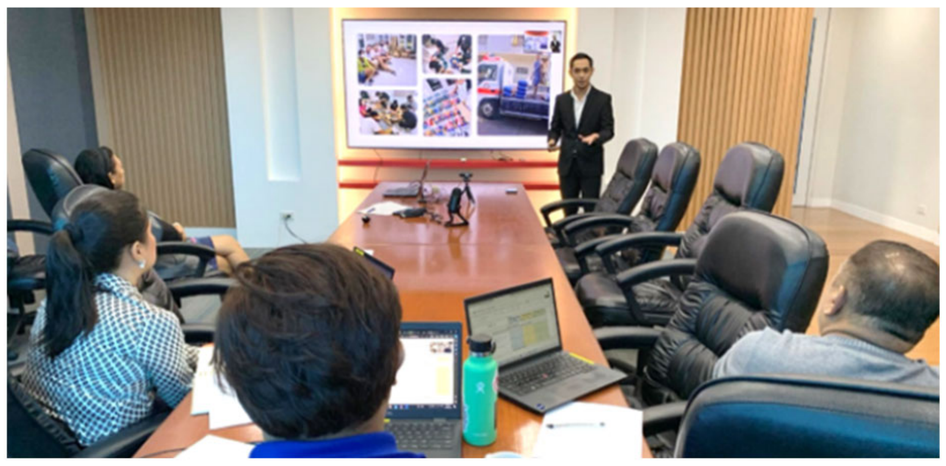
JRAEVCS Awards (cont.)

This year, three (3) graduating students were nominated by their colleges to share their notable community engagement activities to the Award Selection Committee (ASC) and why they deserve to win the award. The presentation and interview phase took place on June 13, 2024, at the Board Room in the E.T. Yuchengco Building. This year's panel consists of ***Ms. Angela Cecille C. Ortiz-Kare***, the Head of the Center for Guidance and Counseling (CGC), ***Dr. Adomar L. Ilao***, the Program Chair of the B.S. Information Technology program at the College of Computer and Information Science (CCIS), and ***Mr. Edward Andrew A. Guese***, the Senior Program Assistant of CSCE. This year's nominees are ***Mr. Martin David R. Victoria***, a Bachelor of Multimedia Arts student from the College of Arts and Science (CAS), ***Ms. Anejela F. Pagaspas,*** a B.S. Psychology student and a Certified Human Resource Associate from the College of Health Sciences (CHS)***,*** and ***Ms. Kiana Bianca M. Ram***, a B.S. Tourism Management student from the E.T. Yuchengco College of Business (ETYCB).



As a first-time nominee for her college, Anejela presented a plethora of activities she participated in, some of them were in collaboration between CSCE and her student organization, UgMaSiko (Ugnayan ng Malayang Sikolohiya), where she served as president from 2022 to 2024. Her notable community engagement activity was ***"Handog ng Musika Para sa Bahay ni Maria."*** Her organization gathered donations from Mapúa MCL students and staffs through busking performances given to the elderly residents of Bahay ni Maria in Calamba City, Laguna, in celebration of National Elderly Filipino Week in October 2023.

She also conducted or has been a part of various activities under UgMaSiko including ***"Lend a Hand 2023: A New Year's Celebration with SPED Calauan,"*** a collaboration between the organization and Mapúa MCL PSY students, where they devoted their time supporting and assisting children with special needs, the online seminar ***"The Wondrous Path on Caring for Children with Autism,"*** in partnership with Autism Society Philippines Santa Rosa, which focused on defining autism, debunked common myths and provided guidance on caring for children with autism, and ***"Threads of Hope: A Workshop Seminar on Creating Hope through Action,"*** in collaboration with CYA-MMCL (Christ's Youth in Action - Mapúa MCL Chapter) and UAPSA-MMCL (United Architects of the Philippines Student Auxiliary - Mapúa MCL Chapter) where the goal was to understand the psychological factors contributing to suicide and developing supportive skills to improve the students' well-being.



In his presentation, Martin chose ***"Sulong Biñan Paengbangon" and "Paeng-eng Konting Tulong"*** as his key community engagement activities. As a member of the said organization and a victim of Typhoon Paeng (international name: Nalgae) himself, he devoted his time to helping those who were affected by the typhoon by initiating two donation drives providing food, clothes, and essential items to the residents of Barangay Dela Paz in Biñan City and Barangay Aplaya in Santa Rosa City. Aside from these key engagements, he organized ***"UNFOLD,"*** in partnership with the Childhope Philippines Foundation, as part of the MMA seminar requirement. His team gathered funds and raised awareness about the organization to a large audience. He also led the mental health project, a collaboration between the CAS Student Council and CGC, during Suicide Prevention Month. They created and produced content to promote hope and aid members of the Mapúa MCL community in understanding the weight of similar instances of advocacy. He also participated in Youth for Christ projects and more recently, an off-campus tree planting activity in Cavinti, Laguna along with Mapúa MCL students.

He also volunteered to Serve the People Corps Laguna during the two major events in 2020, the Taal Volcano eruption, and the COVID-19 pandemic by delivering relief goods and raising funds for disaster response and public health needs.

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JRAEVCS Awards (cont.)

Unable to attend in person, Kiana showcased her community engagement portfolio to the panel via Zoom. Her activities involved her organization, Mapúa MCL HOTELS (Hospitality and Tourism Enthusiastic Leaders Society), and their chosen beneficiary, Children's Joy Foundation in Calamba City, Laguna. Her key achievement was the ***"MapúONE TribYouth: Puhon sa Kabataan,"*** a voluntary effort to provide access to learning and foster education as a powerful force for promoting growth and opportunity to young beneficiaries. Her organization also spearheaded two donation drives: ***"Liwanag: Shine a Light"*** aimed to brighten children's lives in need by providing essential goods and support in time for Christmas, and ***"United to Serve Hope: Helping Out People in Emergencies"*** which provides necessary aid and offers relief and hope not only to the children but also to communities affected by the onslaught of Typhoons Rolly (Goni) and Ulysses (Vamco). She also created ***COVID awareness posters*** for San Antonio Integrated National High School in Kalayaan, Laguna to engage the school's community to protect themselves from the novel disease.

After rigorous deliberations by the ASC, ***Ms. Anejela F. Pagaspas, CHRA,*** was awarded the prestigious ***JRAEVCS award during the 23rd commencement exercises at the Philippine International Convention Center on August 5, 2024.*** She is the first awardee for CHS. This recognition signifies her remarkable dedication and outstanding contributions to the community, particularly in mental health awareness. With this, CSCE is committed to recognizing outstanding Mapúa MCL students who have initiated or led various community engagement activities. These students have inspired others, dedicated their time, talent, and resources to the communities they have served and gained valuable experiences.

Bayanihan in Action: Mapúa MCL's Brigada Eskwela Initiative

Article by Ma. Vanessa R. Velasco

Brigada Eskwela is the Department of Education's annual call to action, mobilizing community members and various stakeholders to actively participate in the upkeep and enhancement of public elementary and high school facilities. This event powerfully highlights the deeply ingrained Filipino spirit of ***"bayanihan"*** – a tradition of communal cooperation where individuals come together, lending a hand to achieve a common objective.

Embracing this significant national initiative, ***Mapúa Malayan Colleges***, spearheaded by its ***Center for Service-Learning and Community Engagement (CSCE)*** and with enthusiastic participation from its students, faculty, and staff, launched an impactful donation drive. The drive focused on gathering crucial educational and sanitation supplies, including copy papers, colored papers, pencils, pens, gallons of hand soaps, and alcohol.

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Brigada Eskwela (cont.)

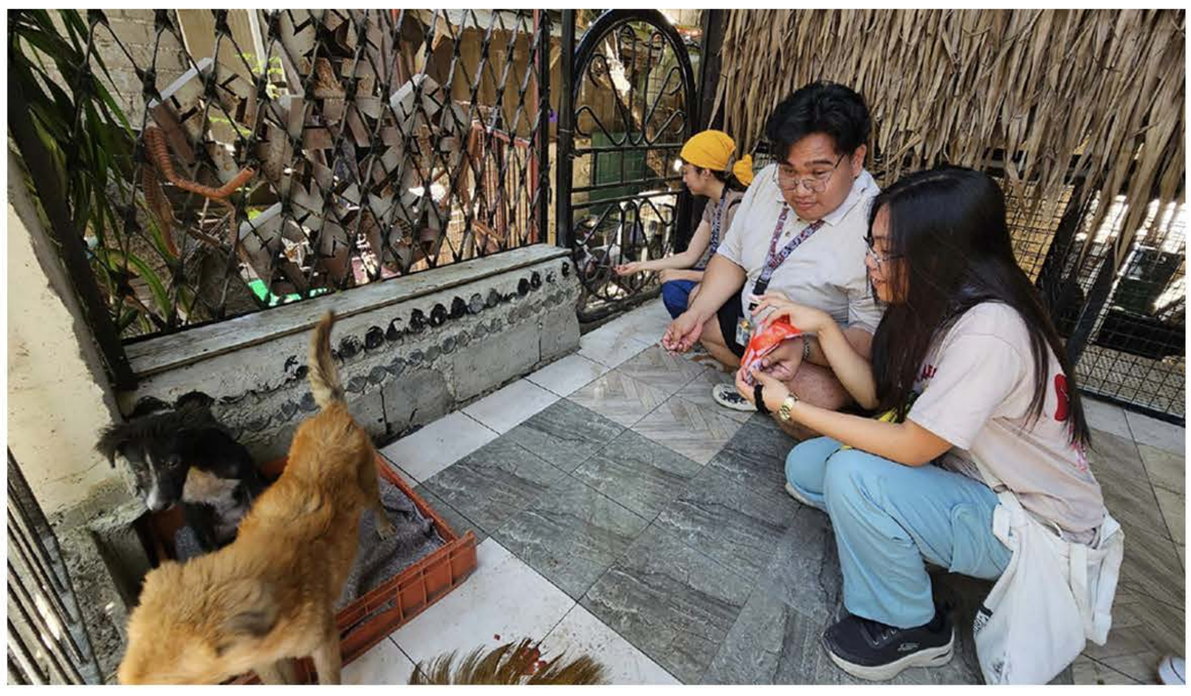
This initiative directly benefited nine of Mapúa MCL's partner schools: ***Banay-banay Elementary School***, ***Casile Elementary School, Diezmo Elementary School, Don Jose Integrated High School, Latian Elementary School, Marinig South Elementary School, Pulo Elementary School, Baclaran Elementary School, and Dapdap Elementary School***. Through these donations, a total of 1,250 schoolchildren received much-needed support.

Mapúa Malayan Kalikasan Champions Animal Welfare

Article by John Ralph P. Colitoy

On April 26, 2024, the student-led organization championed animal welfare by collecting essential donations and visiting two local animal shelters: ***Angel's Shelter in Binan and the San Pedro Mini Animal Shelter in San Pedro.*** Following the successful collection drive, ***Mapúa Malayan Kalikasan (MapKal)*** members and volunteers personally visited Angel's Shelter in Binan and the San Pedro Mini Animal Shelter. During these visits, they not only delivered the collected goods, directly provided aid to the animals in need but also engaged with the shelter staff.

A significant highlight of the event was the short, yet impactful lecture delivered by MapKal representatives. The lecture focused on two critical aspects of animal welfare: the importance of responsible pet ownership and the necessity of sterilization for stray animals. This educational component aimed to raise awareness within the community about the ethical treatment of animals and the long-term benefits to the population.



This initiative by MapKal beautifully intertwined two vital causes. By actively supporting animal shelters and advocating for responsible pet ownership, the organization directly addressed issues of animal cruelty and neglect. Simultaneously, by aligning the event with Earth Month, MapKal subtly underscored the interconnectedness of all living beings and the importance of a humane approach to our environment. The project served as a testament to MapKal's commitment to creating a more compassionate and sustainable community.

Eco Info Drive: An Earth Day Brigade Rouses Cabuyao

Article by John Ralph P. Colitoy

In a spirited effort to champion environmental awareness, ***MapKal (Mapúa Malayan Kalikasan)*** spearheaded the ***"Eco Info Drive: An Earth Day Brigade" at Brgy. Pulo last April 22, 2024.*** The initiative saw dedicated volunteers engaging with the public, spreading vital information, and fostering dialogue around pressing environmental concerns.

The Earth Day Brigade was a resounding success, with MapKal proponents actively engaging community members. Over 200 flyers packed with eco-friendly tips and information were distributed, ensuring a broad reach of their message. The brigade also featured an interactive Eco Pledge board, which saw around 17 individuals publicly committing to environmental action by signing their names and pledges.

Adding to the vibrant atmosphere, eye-catching placards adorned with impactful environmental messages prompted many to stop, read, and react. Several barangay officials from Pulo also showed their support by conversing with the volunteers, exchanging insights on local environmental issues, and exploring potential solutions. The "Eco Info Drive" exemplified a community united in its commitment to a greener future.

Celebrating Inclusion and Sustainability: A Look Back at The Haus Pride Fest

Article by John Ralph P. Coltoy

On June 29, 2024, the MMCL community came alive with the vibrant energy of ***"The Haus Pride Fest"***. This event transcended mere celebration to become a powerful platform for advocating Inclusivity and Sustainability. The event featured a diverse array of activities, each designed to educate, empower, and inspire. The ***"PRIDE Alley"*** served as a hub for fostering partnerships, enabling participants to enhance collaboration skills and network with local artists and businesses showcasing their products. Highlighting responsible consumption, the ***"Crochet Workshop"*** provided attendees with practical insights into sustainable practices. Participants learned the principles of responsible consumption and resourcefulness as key factors in crafting.

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The Haus Pride Fest (cont.)

The ***"Queer Interview Session"*** aimed to raise awareness of LGBTQIA+ issues, offering a deeper understanding of the lives and challenges faced by queer individuals in society. This activity was crucial in increasing community awareness and empathy. The festival culminated in the ***"Pasa-Vogue Finale"***, a powerful display of empowerment and creativity. Models confidently strutted unique designs and personalities, advocating for their rights and promoting gender equality. This segment provided equal opportunities for all and served as a strong statement of support for gender equality.

Beyond community engagement, The Haus Pride Fest also extended its impact through a meaningful partnership with ***Pinas Safe Space***, a Philippine organization dedicated to promoting empathy and healing within the queer community. The Haus, in turn, demonstrated its commitment by donating a monetary fund contributed by its members' businesses and artists to Pinas Safe Space. The Haus Pride Fest stands as a testament to the power of student-led initiatives in driving positive change and advocating for a more inclusive and sustainable future.

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