



University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Toronto

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This is the official newsletter of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Toronto (UPAAT). It aims to update its members on the various activities of UPAAT and to serve as a forum for information exchange on how UPAAT can be more responsive to its alumni members and to its community.

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## UPAAT is now on its 40th Year!



*From left to right: Paulina Corpuz, Dr. Patrick Alcedo, Agnes Manasan, Consul General Rose Prospero, UPAAT President Dr. Alice Herrera, Daisy Bernabe, Terry Chua, Gena Baldivia*

The University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Toronto (UPAAT) celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and an alumni homecoming last November 11, 2017 at the Hilton Markham/Toronto Suites Conference Centre and Spa in Markham, Ontario.

The highlight of the night's event was the awarding of UPAAT Distinguished Alumni Awards and Distinguished Service Awards. The UPAAT Distinguished Alumni Award is conferred to an alumni who have demonstrated exceptional achievements and outstanding contributions in their chosen field of endeavor for the Filipino-Canadian community. The recipients of this Award was given to:

- Agnes Manasan, B.S. Social Work, 1975
- Dr. Patrick Alcedo, B.A. English (Language), 1992
- Paulina Corpuz, B.A. Psychology, 1985.

The UPAAT Distinguished Service Award is given to individual alumni who have rendered exceptional service in the pursuit of the goals of UPAAT and this was conferred to:

- Gena Baldivia, B.S. Chemical Engineering, 1999
- Terry Chua, B.S. Hotel and Restaurant Administration, 1982
- Daisy Bernabe, Masters in Public Administration, 1969.

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*Trophy (Obi) awarded to the UPAAT Distinguished Awardees sculptured by UPian Omel Masalunga*

# Merry Christmas!

A back to back Kapihan was held in September and October in order to provide more opportunities for UPAAT members to engage with their fellow alumni in fun-filled activities.

The first Kapihan was held in a barnyard farm where young children can enjoy with their family. The idea of this blended with apple picking for adults landed us at Brooks Farms at Mount Albert, Markham.

Food was great - typical Canadian pizza lunch. UPians with young families attended while other UPians enjoyed picking different varieties of apple.



*Apple Picking at Brooks Farm, Markham.*

## UPAAT Goes Apple Picking



**IT'S A PARTY!! @ BROOKS FARMS**  
THE FUNNEST FARM ON EARTH AND YOU'RE INVITED!!

**September 23, 2017 @ 11:30 am**

Bring your whole family and activities include:

- Fall Fun Festival
- Barnyard Playland
- Apple Picking \* (Extra cost)
- UPAAT September Updates

**\$20/person - Lunch and cake will be provided**  
Reserve your Tickets NOW! Limited spots available.

122 ASHWORTH ROAD  
MOUNT ALBERT, ONTARIO  
LOG 1M0 TEL: (905) 473-3246  
WWW.BROOKSFARMS.COM

**THE FUN HAPPENS RAIN OR SHINE... SO PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY!!**





## UPAAT Distinguished Awardees



**Agnes Manasan**  
**B.S. Social Work, 1975**

- In Canada, Agnes has helped hundreds of live-in caregivers and permanent residents of Filipino descent by providing them needed information and referral to vital services in the community that facilitated their adjustment and integration to Canadian society.
- With her social work and counselling experience she provided free counselling to individuals and families who are going through personal and family issues such as domestic violence, divorce and separation, suicidal ideation, depression and many others.
- Agnes received a medal and a certificate of Recognition as a nominee for the Character Community Innovator at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual York Region Character Community Awards on April 26, 2017 in Richmond Hill. Board in 2013.
- Currently a member of the Board of directors of Gawad Kalinga Canada. She helped raise funds to provide housing in GK Villages. She also facilitated GK Canada's support for the GK Villages in her province of Negros Occidental by sending them refurbished computers, toys and books, etc.

- Patrick Alcedo has had several accomplishments in his career within the Arts. A majority of his projects revolve around the globalization, gendering, and folklorization of religion.
- One of his very recent achievements include the successful showing of "Luzviminda" which celebrated the presence of Filipinos as the fastest growing immigrant community in Canada and one of the largest visible minorities in Toronto through a historic collaboration among Philippine dance companies, independent artists and dance researchers in Toronto.
- He was named *Pinoy of the Year* by the Golden Balangay Awards for his outstanding achievements as a Filipino Canadian.
- Patrick also directed "*A Piece of Paradise*" which was selected to be shown during the Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival this November 2017. The documentary film is a tribute to our countless foreign domestic workers.
- Aside from this, Patrick is a recipient of so many awards and research grants for the past decade.



**Patrick Alcedo**  
**B.A. English: Language, 1992**

## UPAAT Distinguished Awardees cont'd



**Paulina Corpuz**  
B.A. Psychology, 1985

- Paulina Corpuz's work center on awareness raising, education and engagement among the youth and workers in Ontario.
- She founded and led the Philippine Advancement through Arts and Culture (PATAC) in 2007, an organization providing opportunity to Filipino Canadian children and youth to learn about their culture.
- Through PATAC, Paulina was able to open doors and access to places and organizations and promote Philippine culture, heritage and issues.
- Her work with PATAC gained her a recognition as one of Outstanding Volunteers for two years by the Support, Enhance, Access Service (SEAS), a Chinese based community services agency. Her work here helped raise awareness about the Filipinos and its heritage.
- Organized the first Filipino Workers Network conference in Toronto. She also organized training to develop skills of workers to enable them to become leaders.



**Gena Baldivia**  
B.S. Chemical Engineering, 1999

- In her capacity as UPAAT treasurer, Gena established financial transparency within UPAAT through the production of formal financial statements and annual reports during the annual general assemblies. This benefitted the whole UPAAT membership (over 300 members) every year from 2007 to 2011. She has also served as liaison with the University of the Philippines, particularly in matters pertaining to endowment funds, which allowed UPAAT to support UP faculties and student from 2007 to 2011.
- Gena designed the semi-automated membership registration process that UPAAT is still using today. She is also a key contributor in many of the Council's strategic decisions, including fund-raising initiatives.
- Gena exhibited her leadership skills during the Career Mentoring and Career Development program of the association. She led some of the "role playing" activities on the interview sessions coaching new immigrants and other professionals on what to expect from an interview and how to handle interview sessions
- She is also currently serving as member of the Committee on Elections



## UPAAT Distinguished Awardees cont'd



**Daisy Bernabe**  
Masters in Public Administration, 1969

- Daisy Bernabe has been continuously rendering her services to the UPAAT since her better half became the President in 2001.
- For Daisy, *"UPAAT itself provides the on-going support and encouragement for us to be effectively involved as alumni volunteers in the many worthwhile activities and projects of the association. It is up to us, as members, to take the initiative, commit to participate at every opportunity and assume a meaningful role in the association's affairs"*.
- Daisy would always have the most number of tickets sold, sponsorships or solicited raffle prizes during alumni homecoming or fund-raising events resulting to a significant contribution to the proceeds enabling UPAAT to increase its financial assistance to scholars.
- Daisy has always been an active member of the Membership Committee giving meaningful advices to membership recruitment. She is always part of the call brigade encouraging members to attend UPAAT events.

- Terry Chua has been supporting different UPAAT Councils and Presidents. She has started the Iron Chef Barbecue Contest Summer Picnic for UPAAT in 2010 and sustained the activity for 4 consecutive years. She invited contestants for the barbeque contest and arranged all the additional food to be served during the event. In 2010, she invited past Presidents and the Consul General during that time to participate. In 2011, she invited other UPAAT members; in 2012, the children of UPAAT members and in 2013, the battle of champions was held. This activity has drawn UPAAT old and new members to attend Kapihan. It also demonstrated the cooking talents of UPAAT members as well as promoted camaraderie among them.
- Terry also spearheaded the solicitation of donations for the PCUAA summerfest for the past 5-6 years or so. She spearheaded the food brigade that fed hundreds of UPAAT members attending the sportsfest.



**Terry Chua**  
B.S. Hotel & Restaurant Administration, 1982

## *More on the 40th Anniversary . . .*



*Singing of UP Naming Mahal*



*Dancing the Night Away!*



*Entertainment for the Night: Belinda Corpuz and Duet Number for Emilio Zarris and Chyrell Samson*



## *More on the 40th Anniversary . . .*



*UPAAT Past Presidents*



*UPAAT Members Enjoying the Night with Friends*



*UPAAT Council*





## Kapihan sa Pangkalusugan



### KAPIHAN SA PANGKALUSUGAN



Learn how zumba and exercise can be beneficial for all ages from Marie Masongsong, a certified zumba instructor. Wear comfy clothes.

*and many more . . . Food trivias and busting some food myths*



Arlene Oliveros, internationally known sommelier, will guide us on wines which will enhance our health

**Oct. 14, 2017**  
**9:30 am-12nn**  
**B's Sizzling Restaurant**  
**7885 Tranmere Drive, Mississauga**

**Kapihan Fee: \$20 (regular); \$17 (members); \$14 (new members)**

*You can also have a chance to go to the newly opened Seafood City after our Kapihan*





# Welcome 2017 New Members!

Let us all welcome our new members! New members are encouraged to get engaged in the different activities of the alumni association.

Full Name	Valid Until	Degree & Course	Campus	Year
Russ Patrick Alcedo	2022-10-30	B.A. English: Language	Diliman	1992
Rosanna Arcaina	2019-01-17	B.S. Chemical Engineering	Diliman	1990
Christienne Cuevas	2019-08-08	B.S. Biology	Los Banos	
Edna Cuvin	2019-04-07	B.S. Architecture	Diliman	1989
Nova De Leon	2019-03-25	B.A. Communication (Broadcasting)	Diliman	1991
Emilio De Leon	2019-03-25	B.S. Architecture	Diliman	1991
Mary Ann Gamboa	2019-03-21	B.S. Tourism	Diliman	1991
Maria Guzman	2019-09-02	B.A. Economics	Diliman	1986
Maydeline Kilayko	2022-11-13	B.S. Electronics & Communications Engineering	Diliman	2006
Giancarlo Lorena	2019-02-11	B.S. Biochemistry	Manila	2007
Alfredo Natal	2019-02-11	B.S. Business Administration	Diliman	2009
Arlene Olivares	2019-04-07	B.A. Mass Communications (Communications Research)	Diliman	1999
Vanessa Paglicauan	2022-04-03	B.S. Computer Science	Los Baños	2005
Patth Rick Ramirez	2022-06-21	M.S. Electrical Engineering*	Diliman	2016
Luther Ramos	2019-02-11	Bachelor of Laws*	Diliman	2004
Aileen Ian Gay Ramos	2019-07-14	M.A. Industrial Relations*	Diliman	2002
Regnard Raquedan	2022-04-26	B.S. Geodetic Engineering	Diliman	2003
Carolina Ruiz	2022-03-30	Bachelor of Laws*	Diliman	1995
Jo Elaine Sudeikis	2019-01-22	B.S. Business Economics	Diliman	1979
Bryan Karl Yuson	2019-04-01	B.S. Computer Science	Cebu	2010

\* 2nd Degree

Watch out for our events for  
the 1st quarter of 2018!

*Let's start 2018 with a bang during the*

**February Kapihan**

*Young ones and young once meet during the*

**Craze Night**

*Let's get serious during the*

**2018 Annual General Meeting  
and Planning Workshop**

**HAPPY**

**NEW**

**YEAR**

**Executive Council**  
2017 - 2018

**Officers**

Alice Herrera, PhD  
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Natalie Wong  
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Melanie Trillo  
*Treasurer*

Paulina Corpuz  
*Auditor*

Chyrell Samson  
*Public Affairs and  
Communications Officer*

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