

## Report of Gerry Galinato

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#### CLSUIAA Scholars - School Year 2019-20

- During the Previous SY 2018-2019, CLSUIAA supported a total of 13 scholars: 5 scholars under the CLSUIAA General Scholarship Fund; 8 scholars under the Member-sponsored Scholarship Program.
- The annual grant per scholar supported was \$350 under the General Scholarship Fund and \$350 to \$500 under the Member-sponsored Scholarship Program depending on the sponsor.
- Three scholars under the General Fund graduated last May 2019 and three scholars also graduated under the Member-sponsored Scholarship Program. Two scholars are continuing scholars under the co-sponsorship with the CLSUAAI since they have a five-year degree. Three scholars are also continuing under the Member-sponsored Scholarship Program. One scholar dropped out during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of SY2018-19.

##### *General Fund Scholars:*

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| 1. Alfaro, Kimberly A.        | BSCE5 Continuing              |
| 2. Bautista, Jhamel P.        | BSEd4 (Graduated in May 2019) |
| 3. Esquillo, Roma Lyn O.      | BSEd4 (Graduated in May 2019) |
| 4. Galvez, Cheska Adrielle P. | BSCE5 Continuing              |
| 5. Rosero, Daniel             | BSDC4 (Graduated in May 2019) |

##### *Member-sponsored Scholars:*

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| 1. Muya, Mark Calben (Cabacungan)     | BSEntrep4 (Graduated in May 2019)                      |
| 2. Catigday, Charlote Joy (Viray)     | BSABE5 Continuing                                      |
| 3. Pineda, Arwin (Galinato)           | BSABE4 (Dropped out in 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem. SY2018-19) |
| 4. Tomas, Emily (Sicat)               | BSCE45 Continuing                                      |
| 5. ? ? (Abenes)                       | Graduated ?  |
| 6. Sebastian, Precious Iny J. (Lopez) | BSAb4 (Graduated in May 2019), moved to CAFI           |
| 7. Tabil, John Jeremy S. (Lopez)      | BSCE5 Continuing? moved to CAFI                        |
| 8. Wycoco, Ma. Dolores (Segura)       | BSCE4 Continuing                                       |

- The information reported above needs to be confirmed by the CLSUAAI since no updated information has been provided to date.

#### Funding of Continuing and New Scholars

- During the CLSUIAA's Board Meeting on September 30, 2018 in Las Vegas, the Board decided to maintain the administration of our Scholarship Program with CLSUAAI until the current scholars graduate.
- No funds have been remitted yet to date to the national CLSUAAI to support the continuing scholars because no request has been made nor status of current scholars has been received by CLSUIAA.
- One previous scholar, Dolores Wycoco, who was awarded scholarship directly in coordination with Dr. Rene Agulto, retired Dean of the College of Engineering, has not been awarded her scholarship grant this year because there was is no updated report from the grantee or from the new Dean of the College of Engineering, Dr. Vic Taylan.

- It is not clear if the Scholarship fund from Mr. and Mrs. Pete/Lilia Lopez to support their continuing scholars has been remitted to CAFI to date.
- *Current SY 2019-20 financial obligations of Member-sponsored Scholarship Donors:*
  1. Catigday, Charlotte Joy, BSABE5 (Viray), \$350
  2. Pineda, Arwin (Galinato), BSABE4, dropped out, \$250 remaining fund for one semester.
  3. Tomas, Emily (Sicat), BSCE5, \$350
  4. Cabacungan scholars, \$500 unallocated for the 1st scholar; \$500 needed for 2<sup>nd</sup> scholar
  5. CLSU Collegian Editor-in-Chief, "*Benito Abenes Journalism Prize*" (Abenes), \$350
  6. Wycoco, Ma. Dolores (Segura), \$500
  7. Ligas, Jaymart (Pascual), BSAEd, graduated in May 2018. Mr. Pascual has not indicated to support a new scholar(s).
  8. New donors/scholars: (a) No new donors have signed up to support new scholars. (b) Mrs. Annette Segura has indicated interest and willingness to support a 2<sup>nd</sup> scholar in the College of Engineering with a grant of \$500 which makes a total of \$1000 per year for the next 3 years.

#### **Communication with Previous and Current Scholars**

- Among the 5 scholars who graduated last May 2019, no communication has been received from them with the exception of Daniel Rosero who previously sent an email to Sec. Annie Silva and expressed his appreciation to CLSUCAA for providing scholarship which helped him attain his goal to finish his degree. The email has been shared by Annie with CLSUCAA officers.
- Gerry Galinato received a letter/email in February 2019 from Arwin Pineda (BSABE4), grantee under the Member-sponsored Scholarship Program (Gerry Galinato), indicating that he dropped out during the second semester. He explained that her mother lost her job and it is his responsibility to provide financial help to the family being the eldest. So he quit school and found a job to support the family. He said he hopes this is just temporary and may go back to school in the future. Never received any report/update from CLSUCAA that a specific scholar already dropped out.
- A continuing scholar (Dolores Wycoco, BSCE4) under the CLSUCAA-Member Sponsored scholarship Program (Mrs. Annette Segura in Memory Frank Segura Memorial Scholarship) was awarded a grant during the first semester (\$250) last school year in coordination with Dr. Rene Agulto, former Dean of the CLSU College of Engineering. The completion grant for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester (\$250) was personally given by Treasurer Ohma Viray during her visit at CLSU last March 2019. Unfortunately, in spite of our encouragement and advice that she writes a brief letter of thanks to the donor, Mrs. Segura never received any note from Dolores Wycoco.
- Other scholars had maintained regular communication with their donors including Charlotte Catigday (Viray scholar) and Emily Tomas (Sicat scholar).

#### **Memorandum of Understanding**

- **Background:** During the CLSUCAA's Board Meeting on September 30, 2018 in Las Vegas, the Board decided to maintain the administration of our Scholarship Program with CLSUCAA until the current scholars graduate. However, it was also decided by the Board that CLSUCAA should enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with CLSU so that administration of our scholars funded with the General Scholarship Fund and Member-Sponsored Scholarship Fund be implemented in partnership with CLSU. As Chairman of the SEA Committee, I sent an official letter to Dr. Tereso Abella, CLSU President on January 30, 2019 explaining the Board's action and asked CLSU's interest in entering into an agreement concerning our scholarship program. However, no

response was received from Pres. Abella. Sometime in early May 2019, I asked the help of Dr. Edwin Ibanez, former ARO Chief, to follow-up the said letter. Dr. Ibanez responded and explained that he already resigned as ARO Chief but would try to follow it up. No update was given either. With some frustrations on my part, I decided to write an informal letter to Pres. Abella on May 19, 2019 inquiring about my letter to him last January. Finally, I got a response from him indicating the CLSU's interest.

- **Drafting the MOU:** Due to various vacation plans, including a family vacation for 3 weeks in the Philippines and Taiwan, and other personal/retirement priorities, drafting of the MOU has been put on hold.
- **Some preliminary work completed that relates to MOU:**
  1. During our family vacation in CLSU I took the opportunity to discuss CLSUIAA's plan to execute a MOA with CLSU in administering our Scholarship Program. He confirmed his support and CLSU's interest in implementing our program. He also indicated that we work with Dr. Theody Sayco in drafting the said document. He also remarked that our scholarship offering is below the offerings of major scholarship donors to CLSU such as CHED and other government and private organizations.
  2. Made an appointment to met Dr. Sayco while I was at CLSU last May. Unfortunately, he was on travel status at that time. So I just briefly communicated with him through email and FB Messenger.
  3. Dr. Sayco also drafted an MOU using their standard format. He assumed a large stipend to be given to scholars. However, due to relatively small amount that we offer to undergraduate students (compared to major donors at CLSU) and the various types of scholarships and policies, rules and procedures that we have adopted, the draft MOU requires a major work.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- If we proceed implementing our Scholarship Program with CLSU/Office of Admissions, we may experience the same problems and issues similar to our previous difficulties working with CLSUAAI concerning establishment of good communication and relationship with our scholars because the selection of scholars will be through the Office of Admissions. I recommend that we review/reconsider the Board's decision to proceed in executing an MOU with the University. Instead, review the concept of independently doing it ourselves with application process done through our own website. This has been the final goal of the CLSUIAA - do it ourselves. This way, we select our own scholars and execute an agreement between the scholar and CLSUIAA.
- In the interim, while we are reviewing the option of doing it ourselves or MOA, continue offering new scholarships through communication with Deans of various Colleges similar to the selection process we used in choosing our latest scholar Dolores Wycoco working previously with retired Dean of CE Dr. Rene Agulto.
- I recommended that Mrs. Annette Segura be granted an Honorary Membership by the association for showing great interest in supporting the goals and objectives of CLSUIAA and her act of benevolence in providing scholarship funds to support scholastically qualified and financially needy students at CLSU. Currently, she is supporting one scholar (Dolores Wycoco, BSCEn4) with an annual stipend of \$500. It is my understanding that Mrs. Segura is also interested in supporting another scholar at the university this school year.

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