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BES-HNS Hailed Champions in BAGA Sing-off and Dance-off



BY: ANJOU HOSONO

HNS members, Zayla Caab, Danielle Salomon, and Patrice Maranan, bagged the championship at the Business Administration General Assembly (BAGA) sing-off while the most talented dancing Brods and Sis were hailed as champions of the BAGA dance-off, last August 10, 2018.

Following the theme of the hit movie Trolls, Zayla and Patrice performed a medley of songs and serenaded the crowd with their sweet and angelic voices. The songs Get Back Up Again, True Colors, Hello, Can't Stop the Feeling, and Coming Out were arranged into an acoustic medley that suited their voices. The musical arrangement and guitar accompaniment that fancied the performance was done by Danielle. The trio indeed captured the hearts of not only the judges but of the entire crowd as well.

The trio triumphed over a neck and neck competition against the other organizations in the college of Business Administration. When asked what the hardest part was during their preparation for the battle, the participants expressed the difficulty of having a not-so-ample time to prepare but didn't allow themselves to be discouraged and tried their best to practice after class hours. Truly, their hard work and patience paid off.

Making us proud again, a dance team composed of BES-HNS members headed by Khatrina Pascua, also competed against the other groups

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Sigmans and Hiyas on NMYC 2018

BY: ZAYLA CAAB

Ten UE BES-HNS members joined the 21st National Mid-Year Convention organized by the National Federation of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (NFJPIA) held last October 27-30, 2018 in Apo View Hotel, Davao City.

The NMYC is an annual gathering of the different accounting schools in the Philippines which aims to enhance the skills of the participants academically and in extra-curricular activities. It was composed of different contests such as quiz bees, case studies, art & literary contests (such as fashion design, mural making, slam poetry, and blackout poetry), and a pageant.

BES-HNS, aiming to develop its members' skills socially and academically, decided to send five junior members from UE (Pauline Dacir, Paulo Belen, Farrah May Parulan, Zayla Caab, and Phillip Andrew Ramiro). Brod Oscar Jornacion sponsored all the expenses such as registration fees, round-trip plane tickets, in-land travel expenses and pocket money that all totaled Php70,000 pesos. Other BES-HNS Brods and Sis who joined NMYC are, Patricia Denise Tan (JPIA President), Anne Claire Daine Guiang (JPIA Audit Examiner), Adrian Villarial (Lord Minister of Transactions), John Davin Encluna (Vice Grand Lord Chancellor), and April Dorothy Ellorin.

Pauline Dacir, together with Niño Ronquillo, notched up 3rd Place for the "Project Runway" and Champion for Mural Making Competition. Ann Claire Daine Guiang, Denise Tan, and Adrian Villareal participated and won 1st runner up on the "SGV Case Study". The award "Best Speaker" was also awarded to Sis Claire. On the evening of October 30, the 21st NMYC delegates went home bringing with them not only academic and extra-curricular awards but also beautiful memories.

cont'd from page 1 ...under the same college. The team, also following the same theme (Trolls), displayed their graceful moves and contagious energy as they danced to a remix of the original soundtracks of the movie.

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24 New CPAs from UE BES-HNS Honors' Society

University of the East Beta Epsilon Sigma and Hiyas ng Silangan Honors' Society congratulates 10 Brods and 14 Sis who just passed the Certified Public Accountants Licensure Examination held last October 2019. Below is the list of our new CPAs!

Abundo, Sheena Monalyn A.	Gozum, Jason Allen
Belen, Paulo Z.	Lara, Jochelle
Bormate, Maria Clarice A.	Lopez, Elric Shan
Caab, Zayla B.	Paculaba, Christine G.
Capili, Ma. Sandra J.	Ramiro, Phillip Andrew
Cayao, Regine Mae E.	Robledo, Kenneth
Dacir, Pauline F.	Royales, Justin Icaro
Deloberjes, Arienne Abigail B.	Silangcruz, Marvyn
Dungog, Lourdes	Tan, Klaudette P.
Eclevia, Maria Luisa E.	Tan, Patricia Denise T.
Encluna, John Davin	Villareal, Adrian Giron
Faelnar, Felner	Yabes, Trisha Jocel A.



Brod Got Outstanding Delegation Award on 43rd YMCA National Congress

SOURCE: BES-HNS UE-MANILA FACEBOOK PAGE

During the 43rd YMCA National Congress for College Students, held last December 3-7, 2018 at the Teacher's Camp, Baguio City, Mark Kennedy Cadorna, a Sigman and a former CBASC President together with his fellow delegates was honored as the Outstanding Delegates for the said event. For eight straight years, the University of the East has been bagging the Outstanding Delegation Award.

This award was also due to the collective effort of Cadorna and his fellow Y'ers. He was the Co-chairman of Commission 6, a contributor to the Congress Balita newspaper, a member of the Congress Patrol media news and a participant of the Tuklas Talino quiz competition.

Truly, our footprints of excellence are starting to map our legacy not just as an organization and a family but as a community that is not just outstanding but the standard of excellence. Semper Premium!





BHFI Inducted 54 NEW Sigmans and Gems

by Pauline Dacir

Last January 17, 2019, Brod Oscar Jornacion inducted fifty-four (54) graduating members of the University of the East Manila Beta Epsilon Sigma (BES) Honors Society and Hiyas ng Silangan (HNS) Honor Society as Associate Members of the BES-HNS Foundation. As Associate Members, they can now partake in various Foundation activities and contribute towards achieving its mission and vision.

Dean Veronica Elizalde, the Dean of UE College of Business Administration, expressed her gratitude to the Foundation. She acknowledges that the Foundation plays an important role in the holistic development of the members of the honors societies. Since its establishment, it has been supporting them by providing academic scholarships, sponsorships to national conventions, teambuilding workshops, and relevant seminars. By doing this, the Foundation hopes that its beneficiaries will be well-prepared to face life outside the university and reach their full potential.

As Antoine de Saint-Exupery said, "If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea."

The trustees and officers of the Foundation always encourage their junior counterparts to look at the bigger picture – the endless immensity of life. They continuously mentor their junior brods and sis to live life with excellence.

BHFI will reward Top-notchers

By Trishia San Andres

Awards await the future topnotchers of the Certified Public Accountant Licensure Examination. Individual members of BES-HNS Foundation, Inc. pledged the following awards and incentives:

- **1st place** – P 1,000,000.00 or Brand-New Car by Brod Oscar Jornacion
- **2nd place** – P 200,000.00 by Brod Philip Judan
- **3rd place** – P 150,000.00 by Brod Primo and Sis Lisa Valerio
- **4th place** – Package tour to Hongkong for Two by Brods Willie Villar and Brod Gil Palad Plus P20,000 cash from Foundation
- **5th place** – P 40,000 by Brod Mar and Zeny Quinsaat for one placer
- **6th place** – P 40,000 by Brod Mars Morales for one placer
- **7th place** – P 40,000 per placer by Sis Linna Mitchell for one placer
- **8th to 10th place** – P 30,000 per placer by Brod Bert Tagayuna

"The above prizes are only for the October 2019 CPALE. These will be reviewed from year to year. Also, the Foundation will tender a Testimonial Dinner for all board passers and will honor the Board Placers during the event", announced by Brod Bert Tagayuna, President of BES-HNS Foundation, Inc.

Let us all strive for the best. Semper Premium!

BES-HNS Inaugurated Org's Bulletin Board

By Katrina Figueroa



Last April 25, 2018, the BES-HNS officers poured their creativity by collaborating ideas on setting-up the theme and contents of their newly built bulletin board mounted on the second (2nd) Floor of SFC Building. The leaders decided on a floral-themed design with gold and royal blue accent. Contents include the organizational structure of the fraternity and sorority, announcement column and achievements' column.

Unity and fellowship still emerged amongst the group as ideas for revisions and suggestions were exchanged back and forth. Through the combined efforts and teamwork, the bulletin board was beautifully completed. It is right now, standing out as one of the most eye-catching bulletin boards in the College of Business Administration. Through the creation of their bulletin board, BES-HNS aims to introduce the fraternity and sorority to the student body and to give insight on what the organization is all about and what it has to offer.

BES-HNS Welcomes UE Warriors

By Kloudette Tantoy

June 21, 2018, the Beta Epsilon Sigma Fraternity and the Hiyas ng Silangan Sorority welcomed warriors to a new school year. In cooperation with the Students Affairs Office, the majority of the student organizations of the university set up booths that provided both recreational and promotional activities making the first week of school as lively and exciting as it can be.

Headed by the Grand Lady Chancellor, Pauline F. Dacir and Grand Lord Chancellor, Paulo Z. Belen, officers, and members of the BES-HNS worked together to construct their carnival-themed booth. There were mini darts, ping-pong toss, secret box, and other games and recreation. A small photo booth was also available to commemorate the day.

From morning until afternoon, members of the BES-HNS stayed in the booth to entertain and encourage students, especially freshmen, to come and play games and to learn about the organization as well. The organization gave out wallet-size calendars with the BES-HNS logo and invited freshmen accountancy students to become part of the organization.

"The welcoming booth was the very first activity of the BES-HNS this year and I believe it to be a huge success. Members were able to come together and welcome the new school year as one. We were also able to endorse and make our organization more known to other students of the university. Above all, I believe that with the solidarity we showed, we certainly made a strong impression with the whole student body that day." said Pauline Dacir, GLC of HNS Sorority.

Officers of both organizations believe that the small booth was a big step in widening their reach and endorsing their brand among accounting students in the university.



Capturing This Year's Gems

By Trishia San Andres

To capture the faces of this school year Gems, Hiyas ng Silangan Sorority had a photo shoot for its new set of officers and all of its members last July 2, 2018, 1:00 p.m. in SFC Building Room No. 422 with Pauline Dacir, Grand Lady Chancellor, as the photographer and the editor. Everyone was dressed in white and denim which was the motif for this year.



PROGRAMS

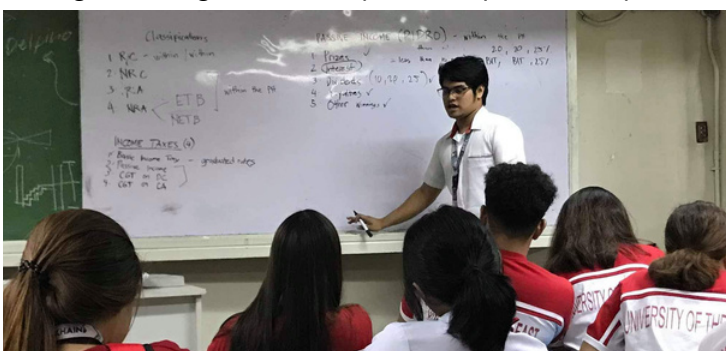
BES Tutorial Sessions

By Paulo Belen

The Beta Epsilon Sigma Fraternity launched its main project for the year, the "BES Tutorial Sessions". It is an activity where 4th and 5th-year Brods volunteered to teach lower-year BS Accountancy students certain accounting topics. Initially, it was only a two-day activity that aims to help first-year BS Accountancy students of the university. The lessons focused on the fundamentals of accounting such as principles, terminologies, and concepts. As the understanding participants deepened, the tutors focused on more challenging topics such as adjusting and closing entries.

Because they found the tutorial very helpful, the students requested more sessions. But due to venue restrictions, BES-HNS conducted additional tutorials in smaller groups. One or two tutors are assigned per group which made the tutoring more interactive. Peer-tutoring was conducted anytime convenient to the tutor and participants.

BES-HNS gave out both lecture and practice hand-outs during the activity to aid in learning. The lecture hand-outs were compiled from known accounting textbooks, while the practice handouts were a combination of actual and modified previous board exam questions. Most of the tutorial participants are still in contact with their assigned tutor through messenger where they can ask questions anytime.



Brain Smackdown 2018

By Kloudette Tantoy

On the morning of September 24, 2018, the officers of Hiyas ng Silangan Sorority and the Beta Epsilon Sigma are busy spearheading their first official event this school year. Starting from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, BES-HNS members were able to showcase their extensive knowledge in various topics from impeccable grammar to daunting mathematical problems and equations.

Held in College of Business Administration Multi-media room, registration began at 1:30 pm while the event formally started at 2:00 pm. After a brief prayer, our Grand Lady Chancellor, Pauline Dacir, gave her opening remarks for the event. The Game Master then welcomed the contestants for the quiz bee entitled "Brain Smackdown 2018". The mechanics were then explained and any inquiries were clarified before the quiz bee proper commenced.

After eight grueling rounds, a bunch of special powers, and countless crazy strategies, three teams were able to rise up and beat the others. They were awarded certificates of recognition while the other participants were awarded certificates of participation.

Nicole Rayupa and Jason Gozum got third place, while Phillip Andrew Ramiro and Eugene Sicdawag placed second. Claiming the champions' seat are Angel Charmaine Torres and Maria Luisa Eclevia.

The event thus ended with happy smiles and new facts learned by all the BES-HNS members who participated. Furthermore, this school year's first activity also became a steppingstone for the BES-HNS members to get to know each other more and build a stronger bond amongst themselves.



Freshmen 101

BY GIFERN PINEDA

The UE BES-HNS held their Orientation for their freshmen recruits last November 23, 2018, at the UE CRSS in the afternoon. The successful event was attended by over seventy freshmen who have a weighted average of 1.60 and higher. Also joining the event were the most inspiring and dedicated senior members of the BES-HNS Foundation, who have been supporting the outstanding students in reaching their dreams. These senior members were Brod Bert Tagayuna, Brod Willie Villar, Brod Nasser Sharief, Brod Gil Palad, Sis Evie Yoro, Brod Mars Morales, and the very generous and supportive Brod Oscar Jornacion. The Beta Epsilon Sigma Fraternity Adviser Mr. Claudio Agsi, who has been part of the organization since its reestablishment in 2017, also attended the event.

Led by the enthusiastic hosts Jaylove Castillo and Dana Faith Marasigan, everyone grinned from ear to ear as inspirational talks and fun games conquered the day. The new recruits were warmly welcomed as they were inducted into the organization led by the Chairman of the BES-HNS

Foundation, Brod Bert Tagayuna. The senior members also shared their amazing experiences on how BES-HNS helped them to be what they are now: successful, humble, and grateful. These inspirational talks absolutely motivated the new members to excel and be part of the BES-HNS family.

Aside from welcoming the freshmen, the twenty most outstanding students of the first semester SY 2018-2019 were awarded Php 5,000 incentive each for having the highest GWA among the members. This incentive granted by the BES-HNS Foundation encouraged more students to do their best academically and to have healthy competition among themselves. Finally, the event concluded with raffle prizes and more games for the recruits.

It really was an afternoon full of purpose and joy as everyone had a whale of a time. With more members now, BES-HNS is a growing family that upholds camaraderie, excellence, leadership, and most of all, love.

MOVIE DAY

BY PAULINE DACIR

Consecutive challenging exams could drain any student. To recharge and refresh the exhausted cronies, Hiyas ng Silangan Sorority organized a Movie Day. Attended by eighteen members, the film-viewing event was successfully held last September 19, 2018, at the College of Business Administration Multi-media Room 1:00 P.M.

The event started with a short fellowship wherein members opened up their troubles in studying and challenges they were facing. It was followed by a simple prayer.

Participants shared pizza and cola for snacks while watching the film, *The Book of Henry*.

The movie did not only entertain viewers but also thought a great lesson. It changed their views about legacy.

According to the main character of the movie, Henry, "Our legacy isn't what we write on our resume or how many commas we have in our bank account. It's who we're lucky enough to have in our lives and what we can leave them with. The one thing we do know, we're here now. So I say we do the best we can, and that's what I think about my legacy."

Despite giving the viewers heartaches, the film inspired all to give the highest value not to money, career, and worldly possessions, but to relationships.



YEAR END AWARDING & GATHERING

By: Katrina Figueroa

As the academic year 2018-2019 came to a close, the Beta Epsilon Sigma (BES) Fraternity and Hiyas ng Silangan (HNS) Sorority held a year end gathering last April 5, 2019 at the Prebar Room, Dalupan Building of University of the East, Manila. The gathering served as a time for fellowship, celebration, and recognition of the various efforts and achievements of the organization and its members during the past academic year.

To recapitulate the events that had transpired throughout the year, Grand Lady Chancellor, Pauline F. Dacir prepared a presentation that showed glimpses of each activity, allowing the members to reflect on how far the organization has come, all through the efforts and cooperation of the members.

Aside from highlighting the organization's journey, individual achievements were also recognized. BES-HNS congratulated the graduating fifth year members and awarded them with a stipend, at the same time, members of the BES-HNS garnering the highest general weighted average were awarded scholarships worth five

thousand pesos. Such awards and scholarships were to reward them for the fruitful result of their hardwork and perseverance.

During the gathering, Atty. Lamberto Tagayuna, Mr. Willie Villar, Mr. Marcial Morales, Mrs. Tess Andres, Mr. Mar Quinsaat, Mrs. Helen Aquino, and Dean Veronica Elizalde shared their inspirational messages from their own experiences and lessons they have acquired in their own journeys. They also left words of encouragement that would further boost the younger members' initiative in keeping the legacy of the organization and striving for excellence in whatever path they choose to take.

Formalities aside, the year end gathering also hosted a raffle and games where winning participants were given prizes.

BES-HNS has once again closed another meaningful chapter, yet the excellence does not merely end there. Living up to its vision, each milestone just serves as another mark to exceed. Congratulations, Beta Epsilon Sigma Fraternity and Hiyas ng Silangan Sorority, and to more years of thriving! Semper Premium!





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Bacnotan Workshop and Team-building Seminar 2018

By: Kloudette Tantoy

Last December 20-22, 2018 marked a very special milestone for the Beta Epsilon Sigma Honors Society and the Hiyas ng Silangan Honors Society. Not only was it a time of Christmas Cheer, but it was also a time well spent between the members of the two organizations.

The event decided on the theme "Breaking Barriers, Rising Above Limits". It was a workshop and team-building activity that aims to further enhance the officers' leadership skills, strengthen the bonds between members, and integrate BES-HNS Honor Societies to the BES-HNS Foundation, Inc.

The junior members, together with Professor Claudio Agsi (BES adviser), departed from the University of the East, Manila on the morning of December 20 and headed to Brod Oscar and Sis Gilda Jornacion's residence in Bacnotan, La Union where the event took place. After a quick snack upon arriving, the members assembled and opening remarks were made.

Brod Mars Morales then started his talk on communication. He talked about the vital points on why one should place importance on effective communication. He also inspired the listeners by likening life to a mountaineering expedition. He said that there should always be proper planning and coordination, determination, focus, and hard work to succeed and to become a far better person. Brod Mars then said, "...you focus on what you do. In the process, you'll discover yourself, both your strengths and weaknesses."

Following Brod Mars' inspirational talk, Brod Ed Reyes then presented us with a concrete way of how we can achieve our dreams—the Plan of Life. It was a series of stepping stones to get you to where you want to be. He even gave us a sample layout of a Plan of Life which made things easier for us to visualize our future. Personally, this talk made a huge impact on me. It made me ponder a lot on what I should do with my future, my dreams, and my plan for my life.



The next day, the morning was devoted to some free time and a quick Zumba session. And after breakfast, it was then time for Brod Bert Tagayuna's talk on Personality Development and Love Languages. Brod Bert focused on the fact that there are different kinds of leaders as there are different kinds of personalities. His daughter, Denise, then gave us a quick Personality Test to know which kind of personality we possessed—a Helper, Organizer, Thinker, or a Catalyst. This helped us reflect on what kind of person we are and how we can develop our strengths and fight off our weaknesses. Lastly, he also presented us with the five love languages: Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, Physical Touch, and Words of Affirmation. This talk will surely help us to effectively interact with others. As an end note, Brod Bert reminded us that Leadership is not only about being excellent, it is also about: Encouraging the HEART, Training the HANDS, and Developing the MIND.

The next talk was then made by our host, Brod Oscar Jornacion. His main theme was: Life Strategies. He said that two words guided him to success: Semper Premium. Our motto. Our standard. Brod Oscar then said that the real question in life is, how successful can you be? The answer lies within oneself. How far are you willing to go? How much effort are you willing to give? We all know how Brod Oscar became the man that he is now—he never gave up on his dreams. He advised us that we should always look ahead and think of the possibilities in the future which will be affected by our present decisions. Lastly, he also advised us to think like our idols when faced with a hard problem. It's like thinking from different perspectives or thinking outside the box. And, in my opinion, all successful businessmen possess that tenacious quality.

The afternoon of the second day was then devoted to the different BES-HNS issues at hand. The Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Logo, Organizational Structure, Qualifications for Membership, and the Hymn Making. Also, the members talked about the next school year's suggested projects, the support for the junior members—such as the scholarship and stipend for the reviewees, possible internship slots for those who will have their OJT, and Special Classes that may be held if the students need help on a particular subject. This activity then ended with the vows of the junior members on what they pledge to do for BES-HNS and their brothers and sisters.





As the sun goes down the horizon, the brods and sis then went under a wild team-building activity in the form of an amazing race. The junior members were divided into teams and each team had to pass a challenge from each station. This brought about a lot of laughter, competitive energy, and numerous memorable moments. After this, the members also had a short Palanca writing session where they were able to open their hearts to their fellow brods and sis all by the cool sea breeze and warm bonfire. As an ending bash, the members also had a small fashion show where they flaunted their boho-inspired looks.



The morning before departing, a short awarding ceremony commenced where the teams were given prizes and the winners of last night's fashion show were hailed. The junior members also took this time to thank the senior members for inspiring them and of course, for their never-ending support. They especially thanked Brod Oscar and Sis Gilda Jornacion for graciously welcoming them to their home throughout this whole activity.

These three days and two nights that we spent together with our brods and sis were incredibly fun, fruitful, and memorable. We made many wonderful memories that we would surely recall for many years, especially when talking about BES-HNS. This time, we truly felt our bonds strengthened making the foundations of our organization even stronger. Semper Premium!

PWC Tour

By: Kloudette Tantoy



Through the initiative of Brod Willie and Sis Winnie Madarang, UE BES-HNS Brods and Sis were given an opportunity to meet and have lunch with Chairman Atty Alex Cabrera, key partners and officers of Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) - Isla Lipana & Co. last May 9, 2019.

The newly graduated brods and sis were given job opportunities while undergrads were given prospects on their on-the-job training, seminars, workshops, etc. PWC Human Capital staffs also toured them in the various Offices of PWC. During the tour, participants met familiar faces from UE. One is Ms. Clarice Lerios, a sis that graduated a year ago, now a Senior Audit Associate of PWC.

MASUNGI ADVENTURE

By: Pauline Dacir



Frenzied to make another great adventure, sixteen brods and sis journeyed their way through the Masungi Georeserve, last Tuesday, May 14, 2019. There, they witnessed the majestic karst rock garden, majestic rainforest, and experienced thrilling rope courses.

The tour was initiated and sponsored by Brod Bert Tagayuna and Brod Ben Dumaling, both from Blue Star Construction & Development Corporation, one of the organizations that led and funded the conservation efforts and geotourism on the reserve. Brod Bert is also the president of BES-HNS Foundation, Inc. Among the participants of the tour were Sis Tess Andres and Brod Gil Palad who are both members of the Board of Trustees of the foundation.

Before the participants started the trail, the tour guide shared the history and facts about the reserve, provided the do's and don'ts, and gave an overview of what to expect from the trail.

According to the guide, Masungi comes from the word "masungki" or crooked - a word to describe its karst topography. The terrain was once beneath the ocean and rose through tectonic movements. And as millions of years goes by, rainforest developed in the area, nurturing a wildlife of which was once of great diversity. Having been victimized by land grabbing and illegal logging, the area had lost most of its trees and wildlife but through the grueling conservation efforts made by the Masungi Georeserve Foundaion, the trees are now getting taller and the wildlife is thriving once again. The foundation aims to bring awareness of the ecological relevance of Masungi and to provide deeper understanding of the area.

Participants were given hard hats as protection and were advised to fill up their water bottles should they feel the need to rehydrate, finally, the awaited discovery of the trail began.

The trail seemed easy at first with all the rock and concrete blocks built to cover the area, but became challenging the moment they reached the first rope course.

Following a series of uphill and downhill treks is the popular gigantic metal spider web, called "Sapot". It was built to give a 360-degree view of the surrounding area, including the Laguna de Bay on one side and the great Sierra Madre mountain range on the other, while preventing damage to the rocks underneath.



In the middle of two hanging bridges is an air house, called “Patak”, suspended above a cactus garden. The next spot is a big white braided rope hammock called “Duyan”, which connects one side of a mountain to another. Just in time to take shelter from the sun, the next attraction is a cave system, called “Yungib ni Ruben”. The group took their time inside to rest and cool down.

The further they got, the richer the flora and fauna they saw. With its picture-perfect landscape and the calming sound of nature, the georeserve reenergizes guests while letting them experience the pleasures of the hike.

Continuing the trail, they went to the tallest peaks in the reserve, called “Nanay” and “Tatay”, which offer spectacular views of the surrounding mountains. Then to the final rope segment, called “Bayawak”, which is shaped like a monitor lizard. It descends from a peak to a long, scenic resting spot.

Finally, the group reached Liwasan, where they relaxed and had refreshing lemonade and sandwiches. There they met and chatted with Brod Ben Dumaling of Blue Star Development Corp., before they made their way back to the visitors’ shed.

By the end of the trail, everyone was exhausted and hungry but all cannot deny how much they enjoyed the wonderful experience. The trail certainly made one recover from the mental fatigue that comes from living and working in a world where computers and cell phones are a constant distraction.

The trail concluded with a picture taking of the participants with Brod Ben. The group thanked the sponsors for the experience and the lessons and understanding that came with it. Surely, this is an adventure that everyone will reminisce over the years.



TOGETHER IS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO BE!

BY: DIVINE MERCY ECHON



The Beta Epsilon Sigma and Hiyas ng Silangan held numerous fellowships throughout the year to commemorate and preserve the very essence and legacy of the honors society – excellence and camaraderie. One of the most memorable fellowships was the birthday party for January, February, and March birthday celebrants held last March 2, 2019, at Makati Sports Club. The event was made possible through the initiative of Sis Lisa and Brod Primo Valerio, one of the birthday celebrants.

The event started with a little off-the-wall icebreaker - the well-known Rock-Paper-Scissors game, but with a twist. Everyone received a twenty-peso bill, they then partnered up to play Rock-Paper-Scissors. The victor takes the riches of every opponent he or she defeats. In the end, the final winners were able to go away with a substantial sum of money!

The celebrants were then acknowledged to blow their birthday candles while the rest of the audience sang them a happy birthday. Everyone's stomachs were filled with wonderful food and their hearts were beaming with joy from all the jokes shared. To further hype up the energy of the party, some talented brods and sis graced everyone with song numbers.

Just before we thought the party was over, the band gave off their groovy music, you just can't help but dance. That night, we ate, we joked, we sang, and we danced to our hearts' content. It was a night where old souls met again, where most of the conversations started with "do you remember when..." It was a night to reminisce old memories and also a night to make new ones.

Indeed, together is a wonderful place to be!



BES-HNS FOUNDATION INC. HAILS NEW TRUSTEES

BY: RON SCOTTIE PANCHO

Driven by its passion for lifelong service to its members, the members of the BES-HNS Foundation Inc. recently elected its new set of Trustees last April 27, 2019, at San Fernando Pampanga. Brothers and sisters from the University of the East Manila, and the Polytechnic University of the Philippines Manila were present at the event.

The event started with a warm welcome message from Brod Mars Morales, followed by speeches from officers of UE and PUP BES-HNS Honor Societies about their memorable experiences in the organization.

The members then ratified board resolutions, one of which was the board resolution regarding the automatic membership of BES-HNS Brother and Sisters in the foundation.

The election then commenced. The elected Board of Trustees were Brod Mars Morales, Brod Philip Judan, Brod Lambert Tagayuna, Brod Gil Palad, Sis Tess Andres, Sis Winnie Madarang, and Sis Lisa Valerio.

When asked about how their experiences were in running the organization, Brod Paulo Belen and Sis Pauline Dacir felt emotional, as they will soon leave their post as Grand Lord Chancellor and Grand Lady Chancellor. The incoming GLCs of UE and PUP also gave their messages and expressed their commitment to leading the school organizations towards achieving their purposes.

The members had a short fellowship and enjoyed a palatable lunch with delicacies from Pampanga. Then before the event ended, several raffle prizes were drawn for those lucky ones to take home.



BES-HNS FOUNDATION HONORS ITS NEW CPAS

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A Testimonial Lunch honoring its new CPAs, organized by the BES-HNS Foundation and sponsored by Brod Andrew Tan of the Megaworld Corporation, was held last November 17, 2019 at the Richmonde Hotel Eastwood.

The Brods and Sis who conquered the October 2019 Certified Public Accountants Licensure Examination (CPALE) are the stars of the night. Mr. Kendrick Andrew L. Tan, son of Brod Andrew personally congratulated and celebrated with the passers. Also present is Dr. Francis Canuto, president of Megaworld Foundation, Inc. who gave an inspirational message emphasizing that among his formula for success are hard work and patience.



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The new CPAs, their professors, the officers of the foundation, and all other attendees shared a sumptuous lunch and a festive atmosphere. Thereafter, each of the passers was awarded a Certificate of Excellence. Special Certificate of Excellence, Plaque, and cash were also bestowed to the topnotchers - Sis Marian Princess Sacriz (7th Place), Brod Glenn Patrick De Leon (18th Place),...



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and Brod Felnher Faelnar (20th Place).

This is the first-ever Testimonial Lunch organized by the foundation. The Board of Trustees looks forward to organizing this said event to commemorate the CPALE successes of its benefactors, every year. Cheers to the new CPA Brods and Sis! May you continue to bring prestige to our organization.

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