

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2023

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The Foundation is now 45 years old! At 45, this Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Board chose to review the Organization in terms of its readiness to transition from a small Foundation into a P100 Million Foundation. And more, to ensure that the Foundation's purpose of bridging the gap between government allocation and what the PSHS actually needs is being fulfilled consistent with each and every donor's intent and that the Foundation is operating effectively in an ethical and transparent manner. With due diligence and often lengthy discussions, the Board has enhanced and/or developed new policies and procedures.

The PSHS aims to prepare globally competitive Filipino scientists equipped with 21st century skills guided by its core values of truth, excellence and service to the nation. The Foundation seeks to help the PSHS achieve this goal: through its programs and projects, it seeks to enable opportunities for excellence for students and the teachers.

Key to achieving sustainability and effectiveness of the programs of the Foundation is increasing the Fund Balance to ensure the availability of funds for effective operations and implementation of programs and projects.

Our Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is included in this Annual Report.

But let me give you the financial highlights:

- We grew the Fund Balance by more than P5M, from P83.9M in 2022 to 89.3M in 2023.
- We received New Donations of P9.7M; P5.9M in endowments and P3.9M in grants.
- The total endowment funds now stand at P75.2M from which we earn P2.6M in interest income.

Fund Raising: The PSHS Foundation Endowment and Grant Giving Project (TPF-EGG)

The increase in our Fund Balance is largely due to donations to the TPF-EGG Project. The TPF-EGG Committee has, from its inception in 2018 to the present, raised, P37,288,601.52 in Endowment Donations and P6,930,628.00 in Grants including the P6,479,856.42 raised in FY 2020-2021 for the Walang Maiiwan Project.

We thank the TPF-EGG Committee, led by Bobby Castro, 71-B and Lito Sibayan,'75 for generously giving their “time, talent and their treasures” to the Project. We recognize and appreciate your efforts to encourage your batch mates and friends to donate. We thank you for your committed support to the Foundation, to our PSHS.

This year, we will be having the 6th TPF EGG Recognition Ceremony, together with the Parangal for the Golden Batch, Batch 73 on August 26, 2023, “Pipti Na Po Kami”, at the Makiling Ballroom at Park Inn at SM North EDSA. Yes, face-to-face again finally but streamed live via Zoom and Facebook.

The Parangal for the Golden Batch started in 2019 with the Parangal sa Una, a tribute to Batch 69. The Tribute has since grown into a tradition. We are now on our 6th. Covid could not stop us – we had virtual Golden Batch tributes in 2020 for Pisay Dos, (“Dos Por Dos”) and 2021 for Batches 71-A and 71-B (“Two for the Gold”) and a hybrid event in 2022 for Batch 72 (“Batch 72@50: Utak Agham Pa Rin”).

Thanks to our Golden Jubilarian Batches and other Batches who continue to give. Your donations to the Foundation for our beloved PSHS matter a lot.

As we increase the TPF EGG Fund Balance, we now have an ever-growing number of Dr. Cleofe M. Bacuñgan Fellows and Donors, as well as more Batches achieving donation milestones. Thank you, my fellow alumni.

Godparent Program

This year classes were held in classroom, face to face. The teachers and students are back in school! For us all – we too said goodbye to Covid restrictions. At last.

For SY 2022-2023, we only had 61 godchildren with an additional 5 godchildren-alumni in UP. The total amount of stipends given to the godchildren reached P3,199,000.00.

The Godparent Program has evolved into a holistic program for the godchildren beyond just helping them financially. The Godchildren Care Fund (GCF) was instituted, initially to accommodate donors who wish to help the godchildren other than providing monthly stipends, now providing the funds for the other activities of the Godparent Program. The GCF:

- levels the playing field for the godchildren – it allows them to compete in international competitions or to attend and participate in international and national workshops;
- funds tutorials for students having difficulty with their classes. Often, we turn to former godchildren, now in college to be their tutors.
- funds the Godchildren Merit Awards, the awards given to godchildren in the Director’s List and to those who represent the school and win in competitions;
- funds medical and mental wellness diagnostics and interventions. To our alumni doctors who help our godchildren, thank you very much;
- funds development workshops like Leadership Training, “How to be Effective Teen-Agers”, Life Skills Training, others; and
- funds fun and recreational activities like the annual Thanksgiving Party; the much awaited and enjoyed Field Trips, others.

It was a good year for our godchildren. For one, unlike the past two years, there were only two godchildren who had mental wellness issues. Yes, they were given the care they needed. The PSHS through the Guidance Office; Dr. Alice Sibal-Lim,'75, PSHS resident Psychiatrist; the Batch 85 PisayCares Mental Wellness Program; and the Executive PTA Mental Wellness Projects are all working together in caring for our students, teachers and staff.

We commend our godchild "AB" who despite his mental wellness issues was able to graduate with high honors. He knows we care that he can come back to us for help in the future though we fervently hope he will no longer need such.

Our godchildren were invited by Batch 98 to watch their premier showing of "Ant Man". Thank you Batch 98. The kids had fun watching the movie, and way ahead of the general public at that.

And finally, after three years of Covid, the godchildren (57 out of the 61) had a glorious fun day at the Enchanted Kingdom last April 21. They could not thank Linda enough, expressing their happiness at different times of the day, seeking her out after enjoying a particular ride, when they see her hanging out at the Food Court, on the bus ride home.

Congratulations to our godchildren who participated in and won in international competitions, either virtual or in-person: Haylan, Andrei, Vivien, Marco, Rian, Celver. You made us proud. You made our country proud.

Congratulations to our Grade 12 godchildren - you made it! We wish you all the best! Congratulations to Ransel Masangya who graduated with Highest Honors with a GWA of 1.071. Congratulations to the 8 godchildren who graduated with High Honors. And a high-five to all 15 godchildren who all got accepted into UP into the College/Course of their Choice. Linda, our Godmother, was so happy she treated all 15 to a free lunch!

We are awaiting the computation of the GWA's of the undergraduates so we can give the deserving godchildren the

Godchildren Merit Awards. It saddens us that two godchildren, even with tutors helping, and close monitoring of their class advisers, were unable to cope with their academics.

By far, through the years, the biggest supporters of the program or most of the godparents are the parents of the current scholars. We cannot thank you enough.

To all godparents, our alumni-godparents, our corporate-godparents and parent-godparents thank you.

Thank you, Linda, and to our Teacher-Adviser of the Godparent Program, Ms. Lorie Anda.

Thank you to our teachers, parents and alumni – indeed, it takes a community to run the Godparent Program.

Other Activities for Students

We do engage in other activities for the scholars of the PSHS in general.

The Foundation sponsored a Career Talk and Lecture on Research by Dr. Swastika Issar, Evolutionary Biologist, a Fellow of the United States based Science Corps, who did a 6-month fellowship in another high school on research, streamed for the students of all 16 campuses in coordination with the PSHS System, through Dr. Jess Yazon, '77, Chief, Research Policy and Academic Division.

The Foundation also coordinated with Teacher, Mr. Adrian Sumalde, '05, to organize a Mock Presentation, a rehearsal of the presentation of Grade 12 student Gwen Valimento for her research, "Gentoo Penguin Flipper Inspired Hydro Kaplan Turbine Blade" as a finalist of the 2022 Spellman CleanTech International Competition.

We thank Irving Guerrero, '71-B, Jess Gopez, '73, Sonny Damasco, '73 and Jake Estrada, '94 for their valuable inputs during the Mock Presentation. Gwen won 2nd place!

This is the second time a team of the Philippines won 2nd place. The first time was in 2017, when the team of Philippe Bungabong, and godchildren Maded Batara III and Justin Oplencia, won for their research “Development of an Integrated Online System for the Regulation of Household Electricity Consumption”. That time it was Batch 94 who sponsored the in-person presentation of the team in New York, USA.

Faculty Development Program

The **Faculty Merit Awards** are awards given to teachers of the PSHS Main Campus in recognition of excellent performance. The grant of honoraria to teachers was the fundamental reason for the institution of the Foundation – the parent Incorporators wanted to “hire and keep” the best teachers for their children, the scholars of the PSHS. The honoraria eventually evolved into the Faculty Merit Awards. For SY 2022-2023, the Awards reached a total of Php 1,370,000.00.

The P1.37M Awards were covered by the income from the Foundation’s Teaching Chairs, the Batch 75 Teaching Chair and the TPF-EGG Endowment Fund. Any difference between the amount of the earned interest income and the Awards is covered by the General and Administrative Fund.

The growing TPF-EGG Endowment Fund, thus, the increasing expected interest income from the Fund, ensures the perpetuity of the Awards, and soon, will allow the Foundation to grant a sustainable increase in the amount of the awards.

This SY 2022-2023, the PSHS implemented a new Classification of the Performance Rating of teachers. Teachers rated as Outstanding are teachers who obtain the perfect 5 rating while those rated as Very Satisfactory are those who obtain a rating of 4.00-4.99. This accounts for the drop of “A” Teachers to just 36 from 100 in SY 2021-2022.

To our teachers – thank you for all you do for the PSHS students! Again, to the TPF-EGG donors, thank you.

Faculty Development Grants are given in line with the Foundation's Vision of providing opportunities for excellence for teachers and students. Grants are given to teachers who wish to pursue graduate studies or present their research in international and local Conferences.

For SY 2022-2023, the total amount of grants for faculty development reached Php 572,190.75!

To our teachers whose research has been chosen for presentation in conferences, congratulations! We do wish that more teachers would engage in research.

The Dr. Cleofe M. Bacungan Natatanging Guro Awards was instituted by Batch 82 in 2007, their Silver Jubilee year. The Awards are given to nominated teachers from across all PSHS campuses, who excel above their peers, in the Social Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science and Natural Sciences categories, chosen by a Selection Panel, based on stringent criteria.

We had the 5th CMB NG Awards last 2021, the 6th CMB NG Awards is scheduled for 2024. Batch 82 has built the CMB NG Endowment Fund to P4.1 Million which ensures the sustainability of the Awards. We commend you! Thank you.

In turn, Batch 97 has graciously accepted the challenge of continuing the awards and building the Fund to ensure the perpetuity of the Awards. We look forward to working with you in the succeeding years of the CMB NG Awards.

The Other Programs and Projects of the Foundation

Teacher and Student Wellness

Physical and mental wellness, especially mental or psychological wellness, has been a serious concern of the Foundation for a few years now. We started with funding diagnostics and therapy for godchildren who needed physical and mental medical interventions.

In recent years, particularly during the Covid pandemic, the PSHS community have become involved in promoting the wellness of its students, faculty and staff.

Last year, the Vea family, led by our Chairman Rey and his brother Doy, the former President of Smart Communications, Inc and Founder of PayMaya and Voyager Innovations Inc., created the **Agnes B. Vea Teacher and Student Wellness Fund** in Memoriam of their mother, a beloved English teacher at PSHS. The Fund is the sponsor of the Wellness Activities planned and implemented by the Wellness Committee of the PSHS Main Campus, on-going since March and running through to August 2023.

The activities are either sports or fun learning activities for the students, teachers and staff done in coordination with the activity clubs of the students. These include frisbee clinic and games; swimming lessons; basketball tournament for boys and basketball friendly games for girls, volleyball games, table tennis and badminton plus a dance workshop led by the Sagala Dance Club. Also included are Archery, Pottery Class, Back Massage and Color Grading and Musical Scoring of Films Lecture.

PisayEd Channel on You Tube

We have completed 2 learning videos now uploaded to the PisayEd TV on YouTube. Episode 1 was on the Central Dogma of Molecular Biology, taught by Ms. Elena Dacanay-Pinlac, '98. Episode 2 was on the Different Mode of Heat Transfer, taught by Sir Kendrick Agapito. We are working on the development of 2 more videos over the summer break, on Mathematics and reproductive health.

Sir Leo Crisologo,'97 Math teacher and former head of the Curriculum and Instruction Services Division is the Content Consultant. Thank you.

We thank the Diginspire team led by Stuart Samson and Arizza Nocum, both of Batch 2011, for the production of the videos.

We thank Batch 2007 for sponsoring the production of the Physics video and an Anonymous Donor for the Biology video.

We hope to find a corporate sponsor for the subsequent videos and to fully develop the PisayEd Channel as a go-to learning channel for students, maybe their parents too and for the general public.

Our Institutional Partners

Thank you, UT Foundation, Inc. for providing financial support to Wayne Ariston, a 2021 graduate from our Cotabato Campus, who has just completed his second year as straight A student at Yale University.

We look forward to collaborating with our new alumni chapter partner, PisayIAN (Pisay International Alumni Network), on funding projects for the PSHS. The 501-C US IRS accreditation it has obtained will facilitate donations from alumni in the US. Worth mentioning is that donations of individual alumni will be matched by their corporate employers participating in participating in a corporate matching program.

We thank PAASE (Philippine-American Academy of Science and Engineering), who has been our partner since 2021, for accepting donations on our behalf. Donations through PAASE fund the CMB NG Awards, the Faculty Merit Awards and other faculty development projects.

DOST Accreditation

The DOST has re-certified us as a Science Foundation in July 5, 2022 valid up to July 4, 2025. This and our PCNC Certification, attest to our good governance which is a primary objective of our operations.

We have also received our BIR Certificate of Registration as a Donee Institution from February 8, 2023, to July 4, 2025. This allows

us to continue issuing Certificates of Donation to Corporate Donors to entitle them to tax-credits.

Appreciation

Thank you, Elaine Morales, for your tenure as Trustee from 2021-2023 and as Executive Director from June 2022 to May 2023.

Thank you, Jan Espino, for your tenure as Trustee and Head of the Infrastructure and ICT Committee from 2019 - 2023. Jan donated the Vulnerability Assessment of our website and donation portal, helped us transition to on-line bank transactions and led the development of the on-line donation portal and the website.

The past year was productive on all fronts, a result of the cooperative effort of the Trustees, Officers and staff.

We thank the PSHS PTA, the ever-supportive parents, led by our Liaison Officer, Mrs. Cee Salvaleon.

We thank our alumni for the support and participation in our activities, for your generous donations.

Thank you all! 