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TAYTUNGIAN BLAZE THE STAGE: NOPSSCEA SEASON 43

by Kristin Sevilleno



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Taytungian dancers marked their arrival at VMA Global College Inc. to represent Bacolod Tay Tung High School (BTTHS) in the Negros Occidental Private Schools Sports Cultural Educational Association (NOPSSCEA) Season 43 Dance Competition in the High School Category, January 18, 2024.

BTTHS scouted their participants for the three dance categories: Pop Dance, Latin Dancesport, and Folk Dance. Ten students participated in the Pop Dance category were: Beatrice Garinganao, Julianna Espuerta, Bianca Germese, Reya Escodilla, Antonella Sofia Tan, Angel Lyn Vargas from the Grade 10, Jhasmine Jemino, Zian Aira Vilches from the Grade 9, Kristin Samantha Sevilleno, and Aliyah Kaye Pimentel from the Grade 7.

For Folk Dance, experienced dancers Elena Li from the Grade 10, Erich Coyoca, Frances Sabiene Tabino, Cendee Mercado, Lian Miag-ao, Dawnee Joyce Yap, Charlene Ann Lim, and Jheanna Jereza represented the Grade 9.

Lastly, for the Latin Dancesports category, Grade 8 students, Annyna Torrefranca and Vinzh Pagdato were the representatives.

In the culmination of the competition, the HipHop and Latin Dancesport delegates both claimed 2nd runner-up, while the Folk Dance representatives made it as finalists for NOPSSCEA Season 43.

BTTHS PARTICIPATES IN PHILIPPINE MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD

by Beatrice Garinganao



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Bacolod Tay Tung High School (BTTHS) students participated in the qualifying round of the 26th Philippine Mathematical Olympiad (PMO) in University of Saint La Salle (USLS) and West Visayas State University last December 2, 2023.

The BTTHS students who participated are the following: Chanel Chu and Einn Mercado from Grade 7, Sean Rosel, Tyra Dy, and Yuri Faciolan from Grade 8, Adrienne Bautista and Raczy De Juan from Grade 9, Abia Uy, Beatrice Garinganao, Chase Ong, Jacob Canastillo, and Noelle Apuhin from Grade 10, Mike Balontong from Grade 11, and Hailey Tan and Lance Uy from Grade 12.

Among the 15 students, Adrienne Bautista was the only one who passed the Qualifying Stage and she took the Area Stage of PMO in USLS, on January 13, 2024.

"I was very happy and surprised when I found out that I made it to the Area Stage. While the Area Stage was getting nearer and nearer, I was anxious but I reminded myself that the fact I was chosen for the competition and passed the qualifying stage was already a big accomplishment for me," stated Bautista.

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BTTHS CELEBRATES ENGLISH MONTH WITH LITERARY COSPLAY EVENT

by Vinzh Louise D. Pagdato



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Bacolod Tay Tung High School (BTTHS) organized a Literary Cosplay event, wherein students cosplayed various literary characters, taking place at the BTTHS Covered Court on November 29, 2023.

The "Literary Cosplay" is a part of the school's tradition in celebration for English Week, with this year's theme being "Reimagine The Dreamland Through Language and Literature."

Students and teachers were given the opportunity to wear their own chosen costumes inside their respective classrooms for the whole day, despite the ongoing classes.

The event was successful as it enabled the students as well as teachers to showcase different kinds of costumes, adding vibrancy to the school campus and encouraging students to unleash their creativity.

BACOLOD TAY TUNG HIGH SCHOOL PREPARES FOR 'ENCANTO': THEATRE PRODUCTION 2024

by Mecca Robles



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Bacolod Tay Tung High School (BTTHS) Theatre Guild is currently preparing to present its upcoming production to the student body on April 26- 27, 2024 at the BTTHS Po Hang Gymnasium.

This year's production will feature a storyline based on the popular hit Disney movie, "Encanto".

Rehearsals for the final performance are on-going with the cast and crew fully engaged in preparations, as the school's community awaits the adaptation for the performance where this magical tale will be brought to life.

As the production date approaches, Taytungians are encouraged to witness and experience this event on April 26, 2024 and students from other schools are also invited to be part of the viewers on April 27, 2024.

TAYTUNGIAN JOURNALISTS GEAR UP FOR DSPC 2024

by Jadah Samantha Billones



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Bacolod Tay Tung High School's (BTTHS) Junior High School Publication, The Clarion, attended a journalism workshop last November 10 - 11, 2023, held at the BTTHS Kinder Auditorium in preparation for the upcoming Division Schools Press Conference 2024 (DSPC).

Also present in the two day training were journalists, Zooney Alexis Japitana, Johann Ryker Guino-o, Heinrich Chan, Nicole Gedalanga, Jershiy Postrado, Zaijielle Hipone, Yahira Labis, Marc Aenon Almacen, Zowey Chua, Renz Renan Sevileno, Reese Jasmine Tan, and Cristeta Canson, from The Taytungian Times and Michele Magdato, Trisha Ordas, Bianka Sy, Julianna Jacildo, Gian Quimpo, Paige Paypon, and Chelsea Sia from The Panorama.

BTTHS invited experienced journalists, Dr. Leny Alojado Nillos, the Division Chief Education Supervisor of Victoria's City along with her team -

Mr. Ritzy-Mar Solomon, Mr. Raffy Medes, and Mrs. Pethy Decendario as speakers to help the student journalists improve by sharing their experiences and tips in writing.

After the speakers shared their knowledge, the students were tasked to write articles at the end of each day's training.

To fully prepare the students for the DSPC, the training didn't stop there as another training session took place at the BTTHS Kinder Auditorium and was participated by both The Clarion and The Panorama on January 19, 2024, serving as their first joint training session for the year.

During the training, campus journalists from both publications were given various topics to write about, after which they exchanged feedback to further improve in their respective categories.

JUNIORS AND SENIORS TURNING OVER CEREMONY

by Erich Coyoca



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On February 22, 2024, the Grade 9 and Grade 10 students had their turning-over ceremony with the theme "Auric Vivaldi: A Night of Sovereignty."

As the night started, the juniors and seniors walked down the carpet and showcased their gowns and suits, followed by the Grade 9 Vice Governor Sabrina Marie Kee's opening remarks after everyone had settled down.

The turning over of the key of responsibility came after, as Jeed Cartel, the governor of Grade 10, passed the key of responsibility to Flovir Villaluna, the governor of Grade 9, who then delivered their speeches, sharing their goals and hopes for the upcoming school year.

After the program's opening ceremony, the students started with candle lighting and gathered around the venue to sing the community song "Nights Like This," then, the cotillion dance of Grade 9 and Grade 10 was presented.

With the program nearly ending, dinner was served, and socials followed, students were able to socialize and enjoy the prom together, with the songs played and a performance from the Grade 10 band.

Class wills and testaments were then passed down to the juniors, as each Grade 9 student had their titles passed down from the seniors and the program ended with the closing remarks of the Grade 10 Vice Governor, Gabriel Joaquin Barreta.

TAYTUNGIAN'S COMPETE IN CHRISTMAS CAROL AND PAROL CONTEST

by Neo Cefas Vistal



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Bacolod Tay Tung High School's Junior High School students celebrated Christmas by competing in a Christmas carol singing and parol making contest held at the covered court last December 7, 2023.

The Christmas celebration officially started as the ESP department head Ms. Angela Kliatchko delivered her opening remarks and presented the theme "Peace Among Nations: Christmas Around the World."

All high school students were merged into groups as this served as their Interdisciplinary Performance Task (IPT), to showcase their talents and creativity while uniting different grade levels.

A total of 8 groups represented their chosen nations on the stage as they sang their hearts out to Christmas carols and exhibited their Christmas parols during the lighting ceremony.

The celebration of the event ended with the awarding ceremony of the winners of both contests, with the carol presentation winners as the following: 1st place went to Mexico, 2nd place went to Philippines, and lastly, 3rd place to Russia.

The parol making winners were the following: 1st place went to Russia, 2nd place to Japan and 3rd place to Spain.

THE CLARION JOINS PIA JOURN TALK 2023

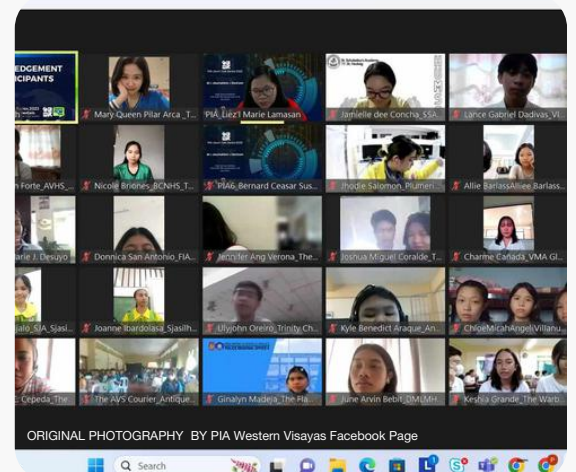
by Kanisha Dumlao

Bacolod Tay Tung High School's Junior High School publication, The Clarion, recently participated in the annual PIA6 Journ Talk Series with the theme 'AI x DevCom x Journalism' held via Zoom from November 14-16, 2023.

The Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Journ Talk Series covers fundamental principles of journalism and development communication, incorporating media and information literacy.

The three-day webinar aimed to enhance the skills of student journalists from Region VI before they submit their articles for the upcoming PIA contest.

Among the 350 high school student journalists that participated in the training, John Zachary Tan from The Clarion, was recognized as the Promising Photojournalist in Filipino.



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GLOW GROOVE GALA LIGHTS UP THE NIGHT: SPIRIT NIGHT 2024

by John Isaac Maraguinot

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Students from Bacolod Tay Tung High School (BTTHS) attended the Spirit Night 2024, officially called "Glow Groove Gala" held at the BTTHS Kinder Auditorium on November 17, 2023.

The performers present at the Glow Groove Gala were as follows: Lucas Lim and Arms Agase duet, Jillian De La Cruz and Matthea Given Efenio Duet, Grade 7 Dancers, Seconda Armonia, Deon Gochoco and Ymo Bedia Duet, Grade 8 Dancers, Kawfee Band, Ysanniel Pugoy and Khobee Tong duet, Grade 11 Dancers, BND Band, Mockingjay Twice and XG, Miguel Tabura, Philip Tallafer, and lastly, Prima Armonia.

The Glow Groove Gala served as a platform for Taytungians to unleash their talents, making the event more memorable.

Overall, the event turned out successful as many students enjoyed the performances by joining along the performers in singing and dancing, uniting the Taytungian student body.



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GRADE 10 COUNCIL HOLDS TAYTUNGIAN ENTREP FAIR

by Breanna Alexis Bagnol

The Grade 10 Batch Council of Bacolod Tay Tung High School (BTTHS) held a Student Entrepreneurship Fair from January 22 - February 2, 2024 to feature the innovative ventures of Taytungians by displaying their businesses at the canopy area.

The event was officially called the "Taytungian Entrep Fair" where individual booth setups showcased the products of the following businesses: MeetCha, Ecorganic, Encore, PhotoBooth and lastly, Harana Na-10.

The fair aimed to give exposure to Taytungian entrepreneurs and showcase their products within the school campus to help them gain profit and enhance better entrepreneurial skills.

The two week event was a huge success to those involved, as many students were amazed by the business stalls near the canopy area.



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BOOKS FOR HOPE: SPREADING JOY THROUGH SHARED STORIES

by Princess Hipone

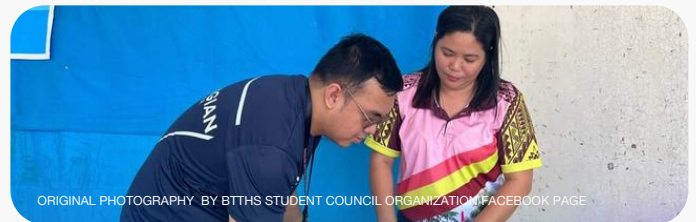
In a world that requires hope, where books are needed more than ever, Books for Hope is an inspiring donation drive by the Student Council Organization (SCO) that aims to bring joy and knowledge to students by providing them with gently used books. With the help of students around the campus, this initiative encourages students to participate in the act of giving. The impact of Books for Hope is clear in how it is changing the lives of children waiting for the touch of spark and magic.

This activity was implemented in order to create a culture of giving among TayTungians; Books for Hope is built on the foundation of generosity and compassion. The organization set up collection boxes around the canteen, benches, and faculty offices, encouraging students to donate their gently used books. This simple act could not only help declutter shelves but also find these books a new purpose, to educate and inspire readers who may not have the right means to good books.

By involving the students in the process, Books for Hope fosters a culture of giving and the importance of sharing resources with other hands; The activity spreads knowledge and awareness to a child's heart and mind about how relevant an old book of theirs can be to other children.

By providing students with a wide range of books, they aim to connect the gap and ensure that every child has the opportunity to explore the world through literature; Giving opportunities to children who want to feel the magic of fairy tales and stories. The donated books were given to Enriqueta Montilla De Esteban Memorial High School; These books surely made many imaginations come true.

Books for Hope is a great example of how a simple act of kindness and the unity of TayTungians can have a profound impact on individuals and communities. This not only spreads hope but also empowers the next generation with knowledge and imagination. With Books of Hope we can contribute to a magical and brighter future, one book at a time.



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TAYTUNGIAN JOIN IN BTTHS ANNUAL INSTITUTIONAL OUTREACH

by Precious P. Sayman

As they say, "giving" is the true meaning of Christmas."—Last December 8, 2023 on Friday, the Student Council Organization (SCO) and the Serviam banded together with the faculty and staff of Bacolod Tay Tung High School (BTTHS), showcasing unrelenting will to serve and participate.

After arriving at the destination of choice, the outreach started with setting aside the goods they had prepared and then setting off to interact with the locals—A few were chosen to do so. Ultimately, this strengthened the bond between the adopted community and Taytungians, lighting up a new motivation inside each person present in the outreach, making their participation much more enjoyable.

With the help of the teachers, they were able to prepare packed family meals and give products that were donated by students from Kindergarten up to the Senior High School (SHS) department, to the residents of GK Cabug and Punta Balas. Groceries, including rice, canned goods, sugar, coffee, and toys were all meticulously arranged to be donated to the community. The scene exposed the sweetness of everyone's heart and smiles.

Amidst smiling faces and cheerful hands, it's safe to say that this one outreach would change the lives of many—After all, a small change makes a big difference. Being the birth month of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, it is only natural that December is a month that brings families and people together, stitching happiness into minds as memories.



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JINGLE JAMS: FESTIVE TUNES AND TALKS

by Blezy Abegail Patalagsa

Joyous melodies and lively conversations along the halls with The Clarion broadcasters, make the Taytungian atmosphere merry and happy! The Student Council Organization (SCO) and The Clarion presented a collaboration titled Jingle Jams: Festive Tunes and Talks to observe and celebrate the warm festive season of Christmas.

The joyous live broadcasters gathered at the Tay Tung Communications Bureau (TTCB) and lasted two days, December 5-6, from 3:15 to 4:15 during dismissal to spread festive tunes for each TayTungians.

The broadcast served as a reminder to the dear Taytungians that great things can still happen and joy can still be found even after a long day as the classical tunes and amiable conversations refreshed and relaxed their minds.

On the first day of the broadcast, December 5, The Clarion Broadcasters Blezy Patalagsa and Charlene Lim were on air. On the following day, December 6, a trio composed of Kanisha Dumlao, Precious Sayman, and Mecca Robles took over. These gratifying broadcasters played some Christmas classics along with mellow, light-hearted conversations. The smooth transitions between songs and the broadcasters' warm and friendly chats captivated the listeners.

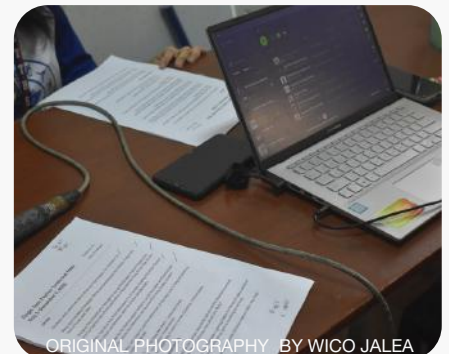
With these, they kept the listeners relaxed and delighted throughout the calm afternoon. This collaboration truly brought a festive feeling and holiday cheer to the Taytungian community.



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PaSCO SA ENERO: THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

by Keona Estorque



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On January 27, 2024, members of the Student Council Organization (SCO) of Bacolod Tay Tung High School held an activity called "PaSCO sa Enero", wherein they gave out a total of fifty packed meals to spread happiness and smiles to the people of the City of Smiles, Bacolod City.

Being able to display the spirit of generosity and community love by handing out these meals is the goal of this activity. It isn't just about sharing delectable meals, but it is also about fostering a sense of kindness and unity to our warm hearts. The atmosphere was full of empathy and filled with the smell of meals that were made with tenderness.

The activity started at around 12:30 pm and took place at the Libertad Market. The members of the SCO who were involved here roamed around the streets of Libertad and gave meals to the people that they encountered along the way with a smile and a touch of care, including working people. Many of our fellow Bacolodnons were able to receive these meals and had smiles on their faces as they certainly appreciated the act of generosity that was shown to them as they felt the spirit of love around them. Later that day, after all fifty packed meals had already been given, the SCO members had a short gathering. They also discussed their momentous experiences. Without a doubt, they were definitely able to reach their goal with satisfaction in their hearts and had discovered new things and realizations as well.

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REWARDING ENDEAVORS: TAYTUNGIANS EXCEL IN MARKETING

by Blezy Abegail Patalagsa

On February 23, 2024, at 1 o'clock on a breezy and pleasant afternoon, students from Grades 7-8 dolled up in business casual attire and gathered around in the covered court to attend the awarding ceremony with the theme " Sustainable Marketing: Building Brands for the Future" for their Interdisciplinary Performance task known as the Marketista Expo. The expo introduced the students to the diverse and fascinating world of business, marketing, and design; this created camaraderie, ambition, and teamwork among students.

Grade 8 students Mecca Edsai Robles and Jack Pinto hosted the program, they filled the ceremony with thrills and suspense, making the students enthusiastic and enlivened. The program started by inviting everyone to stand up for a prayer followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem. Moreover, Engr. Philip P. Carpina conducted a wholehearted word of welcome for the students.

Before the awards were announced, performers Vinzh Louise Pagdato and Annyna Bless Torrefranca captivated the audience's eyes with their delicate and expressive dance moves.

Once the spectacular performance ended, innovative business brands from Grades 7-8 were mentioned and praised. Bernarra from the Grade 7 Amber, Sugood from the Grade 7 Emerald, Garnencia from the Grade 7 Garnet, The Cosmic Pearl from the Grade 7 Pearl, Sweets n' Smiles from the Grade 8 Amethyst, Jade's Totes and Treats from the Grade 8 Jade, Ruby Knot Bites from the Grade 8 Ruby, and lastly Breeze n' Berries from the Grade 8 Opal.

After all of the awards were given, everyone applauded with their teams, expressed smiles, and felt delighted. The project will leave a lasting memory in students and give them a sentimental feeling once they've grown up.

The students committed and dedicated the project; their noticed dedication gives them a lesson that will guide and lead them to a thriving future. This project also tested each student's coordination, organization, and determination.



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BTTTHS' CHINESE NEW YEAR EXTRAVAGANZA

by Rhianna Tan

As the much-anticipated Chinese New Year unfurled its wings, Bacolod Tay Tung High School (BTTTHS) celebrated the event last January 8, 2024, inside the school's covered court. Students were welcomed by a program filled with excitement and waves of laughter spearheaded by the Chinese department.

The program started with a remarkable opening remarks by school principal Engr. Philip Carpina, setting the stage for a visual feast. This was followed by the parade of elementary students where they showcased their beautiful Chinese costumes. The chosen students from each batch from Grades 1-6 were then awarded Best in Chinese Costume, showing appreciation for wearing traditional Chinese outfits. Our beloved teachers were also awarded for being the Best Dressed, followed by a lucky draw for the chosen lucky teachers to receive the delicious Chinese food, tikoy.

The TayTungians filled the school's covered court with excitement, cheers, and smiles, this was followed by a countdown for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Following this was the mesmerizing Chinese lion dance performed by the Chamber Volunteer Fire Brigade, the moment the students were waiting for ever since the last Chinese New Year Celebration.

Students joked around with their friends nudging them towards the Lion dancers; Even teachers had their eyes focused and amused on the Lion dancers. This performance ended the morning program putting smiles and satisfactions on everyone's faces and making it a success.

The resonance of celebration continued into the afternoon as another program for the Junior High School department was created for the Chinese Choral Singing contest with a total of 15 songs performed echoing through the air, each section pouring their heart and soul into the performance.

With all due to their hard work and passion for winning, five sections emerged victorious as the winners of the Chinese choral singing competition. In 5th place was the Grade 8 Jade, 4th place was the Grade 9 Onyx, 3rd place was the Grade 10 Diamond, 2nd Place was the Grade 10 Sunstone, and finally the Grade 10 Topaz stood crowned as the champion, casting a radiant glow over this year's singing event.

As the campus was filled with different emotions, the program ended with the singing of our Alma Mater song, leading another Chinese New Year to a success creating memories that would linger in the hearts of the BTTTHS community forever.



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GRADE 10 TOPAZ

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD OF JOURNALISM



The Philippines had signed the Bletchley Declaration; an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Safety Summit discussing the possible benefits of AI to human life while planning on mitigating the harmful consequences it may bring, along with 27 other countries last November 1, 2023 at the Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes, United Kingdom. AI is the simulation of human intelligence, skills, and characteristics generated by machinery and technological software which can be implemented in a variety of ways. This is a way for society to move forward into the age of modernity and technology in hopes of creating life-changing discoveries.

AI — the current trend is making waves across the nation with almost every field of profession integrating this technology into their everyday lives and this includes journalism, since it is capable of analyzing large amounts of data whilst generating new information out of the shortest of prompts. Many journalists have turned to using AI as tools for writing news articles and recently, GMA Network, one of the most influential broadcasting systems in the Philippines has launched Maia and Marco, their first AI-powered sportscasters. However, this garnered mixed reactions as the continuous heightening usage of this technological advancement raises the question: will AI replace journalists?

Many believe that since AI is quick to adapt, then it must be easy for it to be placed in a profession replacing an actual person to make working more convenient. This type of software was created to be more efficient in handling tasks and relatively faster than humans. AI-generated websites such as ChatGPT and Grammarly are an example of this, because within a few seconds the website is able to generate numerous outputs and fulfill a task. This is why there are writers who opt to use AI instead of going the extra mile, it was created to make life easier for everyone after all.

Recently, well-known Filipino news platform Rappler disclosed their guidelines regarding AI in their content, stating that any AI-generated content will be labeled as such and will undergo human supervision and testing by professionals, upholding transparency at all times in order to support their mission of delivering cutting edge journalism to the audience. This organization uses AI as assistance rather than a replacement for their workers, sticking to their purpose as honest journalists.

While the main objective of AI is to reach the level of capacity similar to a human's intelligence and to make working more convenient, it is not a replacement for journalists, nor is it capable of replacing humans as a whole. Journalism requires a number of skills in need of effort in order to perfect and use, with a vast range of categories to participate in. It is true that one can simply encode and teach this technology to further evolve in copying journalistic skills, but journalism does not solely revolve on the following: generating sentences to form articles, illustrating pictures, or fact-checking materials. There is a much deeper reasoning behind journalism — and the purpose of journalism is to spread information grounded on the truth, to become the voice of the people, and to promote a sense of freedom among the audience, to show them that there is no wrong in expressing oneself out loud.

Journalists should be in control of AI, learning to adapt and using it to our advantage as a tool in ensuring that we continue to serve the masses with truthful information that is just and nondiscriminatory. Instead of letting it become the replacement, we can use it as a way to practice being an ethical and responsible journalist, upholding our passion for the good at all times.

As the voice of the people and the builders trying to form a socially aware country, it is important for us to stay unchanging in the pursuit for truthful journalism even in a world that constantly evolves. Journalism involves the heart and that is something that no technology, in our generation, can simulate. Let us not forget the passion and love we have for the people, and that can never be replaced by technology. AI is for the betterment of journalists, not our replacement.

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Kahit isa lang, pwede ba?

by Kanisha Dumlao

Kahit 'di man kaputian,
O singkit ang mata,
Pero dahil ikaw 'yan,
Araw-araw kitang pagmamasdan.

Kahit 'di mo pa ako kilala,
O nababanggit sa salita,
Pero dahil ikaw 'yan,
Araw-araw kitang babalikan.

PAGMAMAHAL NA 'DI SINUKSUKLIAN

by Ern Andrei T. Baggay

'Di mapigilan ang damdamin,
Puso ko'y kumikislap, parang bituin.
Mga aksyong kaiba ay harangin,
kapag ika'y tumitingin ng mataray sa akin.

Ako ay nabihag talaga,
Dahil sa lubos mong ganda.
Parang isang anghel puno ng saya,
Tanggal ang angas ko sa'yo, sinta.

Sa pag-ibig, mundo'y iba't ibang kulay,
Ikaw talaga ang nagpapaliwanag sa aking buhay.
Pero binigyan mo ako ng walang malay,
Sige lang, ok lang, diyan naman ako nasanay.



A Secret to Uncover

by Gave Isidto

In my eyes,
He fixed my heart from bits.
My heart, it beats!
With every meet.

Though this is new to me,
He brought sublimity.
A quiet mime,
Amidst friends' lively chime.

Never once did I rue the day
we met,
A tale I will never forget.

By the time my work ends,
I hope we can stay friends.
But it all depends
On my love that never ends

Lost, Found, and Lost Again

by Kanisha Dumlao

Love is a thing
I can't seem to feel,
I am unsure
if it's even real.

Not until the day
you came by,
and freshly picked
flowers for I.

Ever since
we spent our time,
the things I didn't like
had turned sublime.

I always thought
you feel the same,
but I have not known —
you were already taken
away.

EVEN IN YOUR DREAMS

by Precious Sayman

Once upon a time, there lived a girl with glasses too big for her face, a nose too stuck in her books, and an imagination too out of this world.

She told stories. Sometimes to herself, or to the animals that frequently visited her backyard. She told them to her parents, her friends, and to the flowers that grew in their front garden. She would talk about realms and galaxies far beyond this earth, or the ache in her heart that seemed to grow.

She would talk so often that eventually, people got tired of listening, having peers who were too stuck up in the real world that they wouldn't allow themselves to breathe. As the girl got older, the flowers wilted, her friends left the town, her parents got busy, and the animals had stopped coming around.

The girl was at her end. It seemed like there were no more stories to tell, simply because there was no one to tell them to.

Until suddenly, there was.

Stories usually start with the introduction of a protagonist. The plot starts going and we see people of interest go about the author's wishes, conflict carefully placed here and there to indulge the readers in a rollercoaster of emotions just for the thrill of it.

Our main character here is in a coffee shop, like always. She purchases one butter croissant, a cup of coffee too bitter for her liking, and a bag of donuts to bring home. As she turns around, she sees that her usual spot (a comfy lounge-like booth in the corner, by the fern) is taken. She frowns, but calmly moves towards her second area by choice.

A beanbag chair where the sunlight hits but is filtered by a beautiful white curtain. The silk curls into the window and flies. She folds her feet under her and takes out her Kindle, a novel she's currently reading already opened on its bookmarked page. A metal flower. She hums as an old 90s ballad filters through the speakers of the comfortable space, reverberating throughout the entire room.

She's oblivious to her surroundings (even more to time,) and sits without a care in the world.

Unbeknownst to the girl, the bean bag chair she sits on is near the kitchen door. Far enough for the person sitting not to be bothered, but near enough for them to be able to hear the hustle next door. However, she's a bit too lost in her reading now, blocking out noises around her without meaning to do so.

Maybe that's why her gasp is so loud when she's startled by a loud thud; coffee slowly sinks the floor towards the tables ahead as a man in an apron and white sweater lays at her feet. The coffee stains the hardwood white, foam bubbling. It takes her a moment to realize that she's fully grimacing.

The man in the sweater is groaning as she peers at him curiously. She pokes his ankle with the end of her Kindle, pushing her glasses up on the tip of her nose where they had become askew. "Are you okay?"

The man jolts, suddenly sitting up and blinking at our girl, coming to his senses rather quickly, considering he had taken a bad fall to the floor. "Sorry! Sorry, oh my God, I'm so sorry," the man says in a rush, standing up and reaching out for the mop behind the curtain.

"Has that always been there?" our protagonist wonders to herself as the man begins cleaning the floor, glancing anxiously at the tall clock standing smack in the middle of the room. She hears him mutter a few words but more big sighs. She stands and walks over to the man, waves a hand near his eyes, and smiles.

He jumps at first, startled, but soon relaxes when he sees the timid curve of our girls' lips. The worker's hands go to the back of his neck, fingers pulling at the hairs on his nape.

"Again, so sorry about this. It's my first day, and I'm a bit nervous, it might be obvious. Or not. Or maybe a little bit? Have I started rambling again? I think I might have," He squeaks out sentence after sentence, looking everywhere except into her eyes. He takes a deep breath and starts over.

What I wanted to say is, can I invite you for a free drink to compensate for the trouble?"

His features are sharp, his cheekbones are tall, and his body is lean. His eyes are curved and crescent. "He's handsome," the storyteller thinks, but the energy surrounding her is worrisome.

She doesn't know where the confidence came from, but suddenly her body is alight with a buzz that she hasn't felt in a while. Her wrists twitch, wanting to reach out to this stranger as if they're long-lost friends. She can feel a story here, the start of a new page, the beginning of a new chapter, and she wants nothing more than to listen and share.

"I wouldn't mind the free drink, but could I ask for your name instead?" She feigns a smile, a little crooked and a little forced, a face not used to morphing into such an expression.

The worker is taken aback, but a smile blooms on his face giving the storyteller some hope. He wipes his hands on his apron and then extends one forward. "I'm Yang Minzhei, at your service."

Our girl smiles. "I'm Zheng Xiejin, it's nice to meet you."

They become friends, and instantly Xiejin's life seems brighter than it usually is.

Her days are filled with writing, reading, and spending time at the cafe watching Minzhei. He's always filled to the brim with positivity, the brown-haired boy greeting both customers and workers alike with a smile that could light up the world.

She writes about Minzhei sometimes. She fills napkins and notebooks and the palms of her hands with words or phrases that come to mind when they're around each other. Things like "unexplainable, genuine, beautiful." are scrawled in terrible handwriting on various surfaces; a mark of a woman who has too much to say.

Their worlds become intertwined as one month of friendship turns into two, two turns into three, and three suddenly turns into a year in the blink of an eye. She never felt this way before.

She thinks that maybe along the way, her fascination has turned into love.

But, you see, Xiejin had never been in love before. Sure, she could write it, and she would tell stories about it as if they were her own, but they weren't. She found it easier to talk about things she had no connection to, merely wanting to bring words to life, to drip existence into writing, and to give it a soul.

Xiejin writes like she's reciting a prayer. It was an eerie comforting feeling, like a ritual. It's her habit to start writing immediately after waking up, then before and after lunch, and then before she sleeps. The only difference, though, is that she's gripping a pen so harshly instead of clamping her hands together.

It seemed too crazy that something so perfect and unbelievable now stood in front of her in the form of a 5 foot 11 man who cooked for Xiejin when she was sick, who knew how to use a camera, and who enjoyed dancing in the rain.

It's meant to be.

Once upon a time, there lived a man with callouses on his fingertips, a heart stripped bare, and a passion that was so bright that it blinded those who came too close.

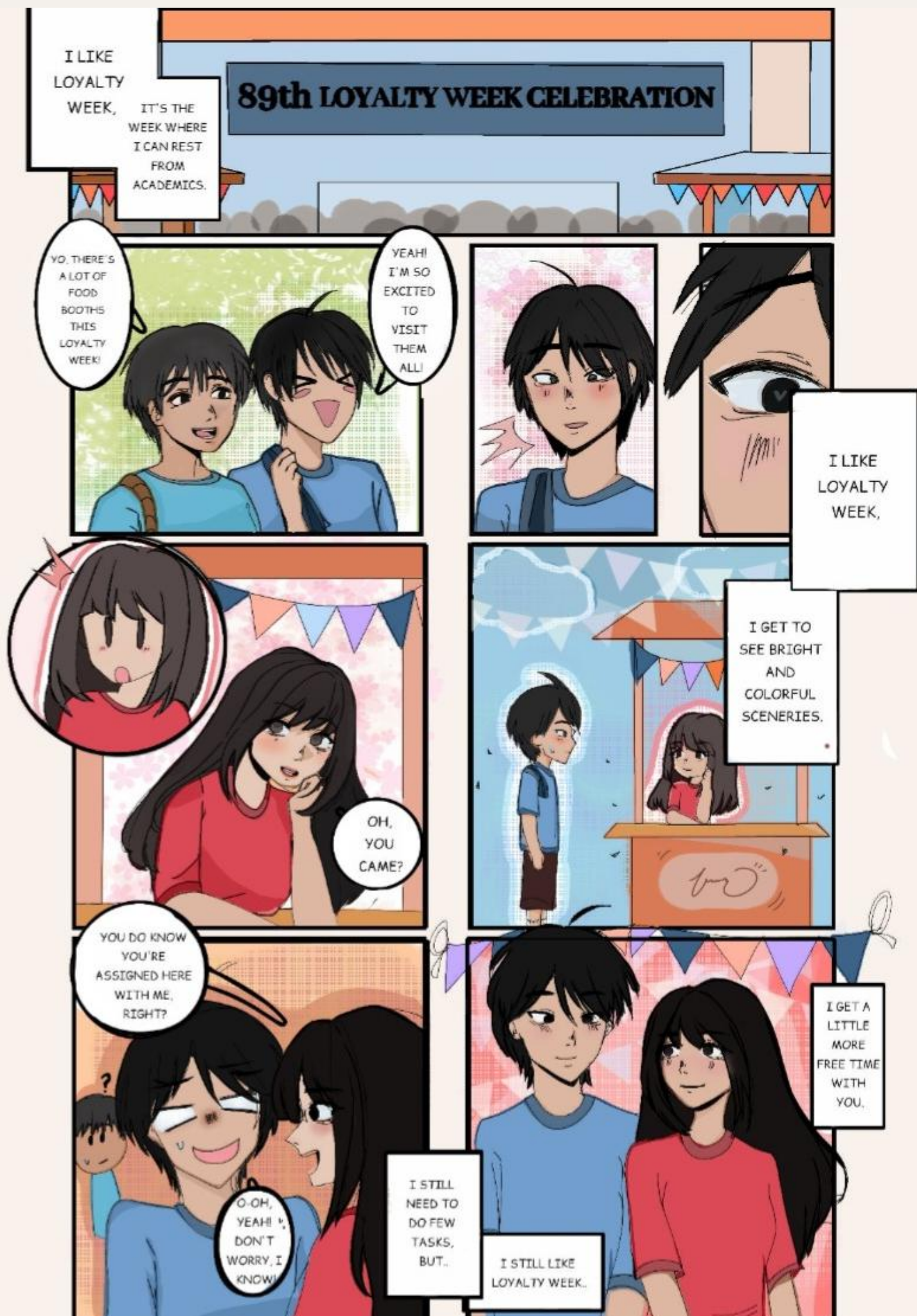
I told people stories about him. Stories of when our lips met for the first time when confessions were spilled between silk white sheets, when hands were held in the dark as we walked under the stars.

None of the realms and galaxies far beyond this earth, the beings unknown and the sceneries unheard would ever compare to this one.

I told the moon about you.

I called it the Story of the Sun,

And how I let myself burnt.



A BITTERSWEET DESTINY: ASPIRANTS' PATH TO CHAMPIONSHIP PURSUIT!

by Zoey Janena Ellaga

Amidst the echoes and cheers in the expansive basketball court, a heart-wrenching defeat that left fans stunned and players grappling with a range of emotions, the Aspiring students of Bacolod Tay Tung High School (BTTHS) came up short in their quest for victory in an intense duel against their opponents. However, regardless of their valiant efforts and the thunderous applause of supporters, the uncertainty of destiny cast them to a bittersweet fate - the honor of the fourth place.

The BTTHS kicked off the tournament with victories against five formidable schools: Bata National High School, University of St. La Salle, St. Joseph School of La Salle, Alangilan National High School, and Trinity Christian School. But in unfortunate circumstances, the team faltered in their pursuit of glory, falling short of the sublime expectations they conveyed as they yielded to defeat at the hands of St. John Institute - Hua Ming and Colegio San Agustin.

Among the shadows of setbacks that the team suffered on the court, rays of success emerged as Paul Barcelona ascended to the respected First Team Mythical Five Member, and Tobby Orbista, who was awarded as Second Team Mythical Five Member. The rest of the Thunderbolt aspirants team comprises James Ramos, Seth Guarino, Acster Panisales, Gian Tan, Kent Gallega, Nicus Calma, Jared Buñol, Aethan Pimentel, Miel Billiones, Shane Cordova, Ronald Delada, Jameer Gapusa, and Vinz Lapore.

In the residue of this intense match, the BTTHS aspirants managed to secure the fourth runner-up position in the 2nd United Negros Basketball League (UNBL) Aspirants Basketball Cup, while Colegio De Sta. Ana Victorias maintained their champion spot at the courts of St. John Institute and Willy and Nolita Au Court of BTTHS over the weekends of January 13 and 14, 20 and 21, 27 and 28 of 2024.



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BTTHS DOMINATES REBISCO VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE NATIONAL FINALS

by Jacob Troi Canastillo

The reigning Palarong Pambansa Volleyball Girls champions put up a spotless campaign in Pasig to place yet another trophy in the cabinet for Bacolod Tay Tung High School.

The Taytungian athletes made quick work of the tournament's group stage, going undefeated in their four group stage games against Sto. Niño National High School, Corpus Christi School, De La Salle Lipa, and Notre Dame of Dadiangas University, punching their ticket straight to the semis.

The Western Visayas powerhouse did not take their foot off the gas pedal, cruising past the semis by outclassing the University of San Jose-Recoletos, Set 1 25-14, Set 2 25-19, before going on to sweep the Naga College Foundation Tigers in the finals, Set 1 25-17, Set 2 25-23, Set 3 25-15, to finish a flawless run at the Ynares Sports Arena, Pasig, which took place last January 8-14, 2024.



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Jihan Isabelle Chuatico electrified the National stage, walking away with the tournament's 1st Best Middle Blocker and Most Valuable Player awards, with her teammate Patricia Grace Hiponia by her side, emerging as the tournament's Best Setter.

Other members of the relentless Thunderbolts team are Rhose Almendralejo, Camila Amor Bartolome, Dona Mae de Leon, Jothea Ramos, Joenil Ramos, Alexia Montoro, Alijah Ysulan, Ana Francesca Hermosura, Rhea Tomas, and Abigail Labajo.

Fourth time's a charm is how the saying goes for the Bacolodnon squad as they finally emerge victorious in their fourth participation in the league in 2024 after finishing in the top four in their previous runs.

"Nadaan namin sa tiyaga. Talagang pinaghandaan namin itong National Finals kasi we fell short during our past three participations here," Roberto Calamba Jr., Thunderbolts Interim Coach said.

BACOLOD TAY TUNG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EXCEL IN NOPSSCEA SEASON 43

Students from Bacolod Tay Tung High School (BTTHS) actively participated in the Negros Occidental Private Schools Sports Cultural Educational Association (NOPSSCEA) Season 43, which featured a variety of sports competitions such as swimming, badminton, chess, table tennis, gymnastics, taekwondo, and athletics and drew participation from a number of schools during the months of November to January.

The following are the students and their respective sports and awards:

VOLLEYBALL	
ELEMENTARY GIRLS - 1ST RUNNER-UP	Rebecca Go, Mari Cacho, Chynna Uy, Adriel Montalbo, Annicka Chua, Fate Jalando-on, Czarina Ang, Zoe Espiritu, Mary Wongyan, Edrianna Escultura, Jilian Jabatan
SECONDARY GIRLS - CHAMPION	Jothea Mae Ramos, Joenil Anne Ramos, Brianna Nikola Ang, Jan Rose Bulak, Czarina Marcella Dosayla, Camila Amor Bartolome, Dona Mae De Leon, Rhose Viane Almendralejo, Mary Antonette Bontia, Rhea Mae Tomas, Ana Ysabelle Hermosura, Ana Francesca Hermosura
ASPIRANTS - CHAMPION	Alexa Bertolano, Edz Escultura, Marishka Andrada, Sam Cañete, Athena Magbanua, Memielle Letran, Ariane Alayon, Jamiyl Montalbo, Janiyah Lagulao, Kara Feril, Maria Shannen Bañas, Luchi Vivero, Zelter Banguio, Kyana Cortez

BASKETBALL	
ELEMENTARY BOYS - 1ST RUNNER-UP	Jawhar Dela Peña, Jacob Ellie Cayetano, Aethan Jael Pananganan, James Carl Sauce, Juan Carlos Jimenez, Chester Paul Genobis, Bennedict Miguel Echaves, Lance David Buenavista, Cedric Quidato, Sean Philip Louis Argel, Romeo Antonio Combite, Cyr Matrix Canoy, Inzo Tan, Jassim Noor
SECONDARY BOYS - 1ST RUNNER-UP	Adrian James Alagaban, Rey Frederick Uy, Roland Vincent Oñate, Ahron John Cagayao, Joachim Chuatico, Alfred Ysulan Jr., Carl Jalea, Vince Hugo, Ronn Bedonia, Kelvin Tagabuen, Dy Wayne Jadoc

CHESS	
ELEMENTARY BOYS - CHAMPION	John Marco Agulto, Yuhan Gozos, Nathan Pinto, Drake Tamano, Jo Sean Bagaybagayan, Boyang Wu
ELEMENTARY GIRLS - CHAMPION	Veniz Lourrine Pagdato, Elijah Garcia, Maddie Maghar, iJohanna Suarez, Yahaira Labis, Anika Grey
SECONDARY BOYS - 4TH PLACE	4TH PLACE
SECONDARY GIRLS - 4TH PLACE	Dana Detablan, Chanel Chu, Adrienne Bautista, Arnie Suravilla
10Under BOYS - CHAMPION	Board 1 - Francis Louis T. Chua - GOLD Board 2 - Shem Raclyff D. Ferrer - SILVER Board 3 - Macky Thomas C. Delarmente - 4th Place Board 4 - Weinn Albert G. Decena - 6th Place Board 5 - Elon Jax E. Bemida - SILVER Board 6 - Jacob Sean D. Sayco - GOLD
10Under GIRLS - 1ST RUNNER-UP	Board 1 - Valerie Ghayle H. Mijares - GOLD Board 2 - Alyannah Jillian P. Alde - SILVER Board 3 - Elaine Frnz E. Garcia - BRONZE Board 4 - Hanaebriel S. Esmajer - BRONZE

SWIMMING	
ELEM BOYS:4x50 medley relay - SILVER 4x50 freestyle relay - SILVER	Marc Aenon Almacen, Benj Nathaniel Veloria, Juancho Mikhael Jamon, Matthew Jeric Yu
ELEM GIRLS:4x50 medley relay - BRONZE	Allura Therese Gila, Abbe Jenielle Veloria, Nyx Reiley Uy, Alzea Villarosa
ELEM BOYS:200M IM - GOLD 100m breaststroke - GOLD 100M butterfly - SILVER 50M freestyle- SILVER 50M Butterfly - BRONZE	Marc Aenon Almacen
SECONDARY GIRLS:100M butterfly - BRONZE 200M Butterfly- BRONZE	Coraline Motalbo
SECONDARY GIRLS:50M freestyle - BRONZE	Alex Bailey Uy
SECONDARY GIRLS:50m breaststroke - BRONZE	Abbe Jenielle Veloria
SECONDARY BOYS:1500m Freestyle - GOLD 400m Freestyle - GOLD 200m Freestyle - GOLD 100m Freestyle - SILVER	Marc Justin Yu

TAEKWONDO

SECONDARY GIRLS:Kyurogi / Sparring - GOLD	Francine Launio
ELEMENTARY GIRLS:Individual Poomsae - SILVER	Sabella Norlyn Beldua

BADMINTON

SECONDARY BOYS:Single - SILVER	Brylle Kaede Mabayag
SECONDARY BOYS:Doubles - SILVER	Abia Uy, Chase Tormon
SECONDARY GIRLS:Doubles - SILVER	Lindsay Sueño, Juliana Cabral
ELEMENTARY BOYS:Doubles - GOLD	Neglymar Tilog, Charles Padgett
ELEMENTARY GIRLS:Single - SILVER	Chesna Xanthe Tormon
ELEMENTARY GIRLS:Doubles - GOLD	Kaylee Cajulao, Janine Luna

TABLE TENNIS

ELEM BOYS - GOLD	Audric Lim, Fritz Froilan Pelarita, Kian Sotomil, Jordan Bobby Santander, Frank Pelarita, Jether Salvio
ELEM GIRLS - SILVER	Jan Irene Espinosa, Joeana Santander, Siana Buenviaje, Ella Suplico
SECONDARY BOYS - BRONZE	Kenchie Ambrosio, Martin Historiador, Rajan Daniel Yap, Alonzo Pahilanga, Mark Orian
SECONDARY GIRLS	Keiara Dudero, Andrea Traya, Kirsteinne Mei Guinalon, Mandy Ynoie Cagbay, Adrianna Lim, Shania Lou Caseria
SECONDARY BOYS:Singles - TOP 8	Kenchie AmbrosioMartin Historiador
ELEMENTARY BOYS:Singles - GOLD	Audric Lim
ELEMENTARY BOYS:Singles - TOP 8	Fritz Pelarita
ELEMENTARY GIRLS:Singles - BRONZE	Irene Espinosa

ATHLETICS

ELEM GIRLS	CHAMPION
SECONDARY GIRLS	CHAMPION
ELEM GIRLS:100 Meters	Annicka Chua - GOLDEdrianna Escultura - SILVER
ELEM GIRLS:400 Meters	Mary Regine Wong Yan - GOLD Adriel Beatrice Montalbo - SILVER
ELEM GIRLS:100 Meters Hurdles - GOLD	Fate Jalandon-On
ELEM GIRLS:1500 Meters Run - BRONZE	Rebella Irish Go
ELEM GIRLS:Long Jump - SILVER	Mari Antonette Cacho
ELEM GIRLS:Triple jump	Mari Antonette Cacho - GOLD Mary Regine Wong Yan - SILVER
ELEM GIRLS:Shot Put Throw - GOLD	Zoe Francine Espiritu
ELEM GIRLS:Discus Throw - GOLD	Zoe Francine Espiritu
SECONDARY GIRLS:100 meters - GOLD	Krishna Aguillon
SECONDARY GIRLS:Long Jump - GOLD	Blanca Seroy
SECONDARY GIRLS:Triple Jump - GOLD	Bianca Seroy
SECONDARY GIRLS:Shot Put Throw - GOLD	Angel Sanjorio
SECONDARY GIRLS:Discus Throw - GOLD	Angel Sanjorio

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

ELEM:Team - SILVER	Juliana Antonnete Baticos, Isabela Coleen Esmeralda, Johanna Belle Espuerta
ELEM:Rope	Isabela Coleen Esmeralda - GOLD Johanna Belle Espuerta - SILVER
ELEM:Freehand - BRONZE	Isabela Coleen Esmeralda
SECONDARY:Ball	Mathea Given Efenio - SILVER Jillian De La Cruz - BRONZE
SECONDARY:Hoop	Mathea Given Efenio - SILVER Jillian De La Cruz - BRONZE
SECONDARY:Clubs	Mathea Given Efenio - GOLD Jillian De La Cruz - BRONZE

AERO GYMNASTICS

Aero Gymnastics - GOLD	Amanda Rosco
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ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

Individual All-Around - GOLD Single Bar - GOLD Vault - GOLD Floor Exercise - GOLD Beam - GOLD	Reaiah Patricia Tan
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