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PCAFPD helps Rico Ancog accept a professional opportunity

From interview with Sarah McMeans

In October, Rico Ancog, a 2004 graduate of Central Mindanao University (CMU) with a degree in environmental science, and now an Assistant Professor in the School of Environmental Science



and Management at the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), presented a paper at the Student Conference on Conservation Science at the American Museum of Natural History in NYC. Rico's paper, *Plant*

Diversity and Vulnerability Analysis of Philippine Indigenous Upland Ecosystems, was one of 25 papers selected for an oral presentation. The conference brought together several hundred graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and early career professionals from many countries to share their conservation research, including the impact of climate change on the world's ecosystems.

Rico received support from PCAFPD for his degree from CMU and for his master's degree in environmental science at UPLB. He completed his doctorate at UPLB with a Philippines Department of Science and Technology scholarship.

Rico's paper was part of his dissertation on the vulnerability to climate change of the Mangyan people living on the slopes of Mt. Halcom in Oriental Mindoro. He showed that it is important to consider the adaptive resilience local people have shown to changes in their environment, rather than just using traditional outside measures, when determining how to protect them from the impact of change.

Rico loved the conference because he was able to connect with his counterparts in the academic world and to look into himself and compare the way he

was doing science with North American scientific practices. He met people with whom he will be able to collaborate in the future.

Rico feels that all of his opportunities flow from his higher education, which was made possible by the two PCAFPD scholarships. His initial interest in science was sparked by the Youth Ecology Club started by PCV Marin Aldrich at his high school in Bilar, Bohol in 1997-98. She encouraged him to apply for the initial PCAFPD scholarship and wrote a recommendation for him.

Rico loves the teaching and research that he is now doing and enjoys mentoring graduate students for their MS degrees. He plans to continue teaching for 3 to 5 years before undertaking more advanced studies and looks forward to a lifetime of research and teaching.

After the conference, he took the bus to Washington, DC, where he visited the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, the Sackler Gallery of Asian Art, JFK's gravesite at Arlington Cemetery and took the White House Fall Garden Tour – a favorite! He also went to the Philippine Embassy, where the Economic Officer and the Agricultural Attaché were very interested in his research and encouraged him to look at the vulnerability of people in the Moro Liberated Area, now that an agreement has been reached to settle the long insurgency there. While in DC, Rico met some young RPCVs and attended a board meeting and reception with PCAFPD supporters.

Before heading for home, he rode to Charlotte with PCAFPD Board Member Alex Romero, who treated him to a number of North Carolina attractions. Rico was very grateful for the support from PCAFPD that allowed him to attend the conference and visit DC and North Carolina. He was very appreciative of the hospitality he enjoyed. ■

Supporters make Rico's trip possible and create memories for him . . .

PCAFPD thanks our supporters who responded so quickly to our call to assist Rico Ancog with his travel expenses; and gave him your time and hospitality while he was on the East Coast. Within two weeks of the time PCAFPD sent a *Bulletin* to its supporters, we received \$1,695, in checks and online donations, from 26 people: Anonymous, Farrar Atkinson, Patricia Barassi, Linda Bigelow, Ken Bollerud, Sylvia Cabus, Maureen Carroll, Steve Dienstfrey, Sally Douglas, Kate French, Sunshine Gibbs, Stephen Growdon, Mark Holt, Pat Kasdan, Karen Larson, Sarah McMeans, Susan Pons, Alex Romero, Jill Ruhlman, Jesse Schubert, John Sinton, Elizabeth Songalia, Charlotte Tomaszewski, Katherine Tucker, Evelyn Mittman Wrin and Deane Wylie. Rico was treated to lunch in NYC by Paul Aleckson. Charlie



Schwartz (in photo) hosted Rico in his home in DC for six nights, took him to the Smithsonian Environmental

Research Center (SERC) near Annapolis, to DC landmarks, museums and a tour of the White House Gardens. Snapper Poche arranged the trip to SERC and took Rico to dinner with a few other RPCVs. Dominic Shuler took him out one evening and Julie Cerquiera took him to a club to show him a bit of night life in DC. Maureen Carroll met him at the bus station, gave him the White House Fall Garden Tour tickets, accompanied him to the Philippine Embassy and hosted a reception in her home for PCAFPD supporters. Alex Romero picked him up in DC and drove him to Charlotte, NC, for the last few days of his stay, where he met with UPLB alumna Aileen Lapitan, a doctoral program candidate in Public Policy at UNCC; visited farm areas and a cotton gin; enjoyed a live NBA basketball game; toured the WCNC TV studios; went to the Charlotte Aviation Museum and the Charlotte NASCAR Motor Speedway. In short, many of you pitched in to get Rico to the US and to give him a memorable time during his whirlwind trip to the East Coast. ■



Painting a college career

Erica Mae C. Abangan from Pangasinan, is majoring in Business Management at Pangasinan State University in Lingayen.

Entering the world of college is never that easy. Since my school is very far from our home, I found a boarding house near my school where I met my three wonderful roommates who are from different towns. I am fortunate to live with them because they act as older sisters who teach me how to become a more independent, disciplined and responsible person. Through them, I also learn how to budget my money and time enough to balance my different roles as an independent student, a good daughter and a good friend to them.

At first, I kept quiet because I was adjusting and observing how to get along well with my classmates, as well as with my professors. Concerning their dialects, I found it quite hard to comprehend what they were saying. However, I was able to find a way to have rapport with them in and out of the classroom. By doing so, they got to know me, my abilities and strengths better, thus leading them to choose me as a group leader for some of our subjects, appoint me as an overall director in our final variety show and elect me the external vice mayor for our class. Through this I gained a lot of encouragement to excel in every way I can.

One of my most memorable experiences was when I was the first reporter in our *Art Appreciation and Aesthetics* subject, where our professor is also our adviser. We are blessed to have him because he is known as "Sir OPS" (Outstanding Professor Special). Actually, the day of my report I got slightly nervous, knowing that our professor is sometimes a terror; I was worried if he was in that mood that day. In order to make him appreciate my report, I sought unique ways of reporting and added some funny punch lines. At the end of my report, they gave me a big hand. Then my professor told me that he liked my presentation a lot, and he even told it to his other classes. That was really awesome. I will never forget this professor.

I realize that college life is formed by different lines and curves that make a career a beautiful painting. I am the painter who decides and chooses what it will look like. ■



Of counseling and reflecting

Orange Happee P. Omengan, from Mountain Province, is studying psychology at St. Louis University in Baguio City.

I still remember what our high school principal reiterated during our senior year. He told us that the finish line of our high school race was near so we had to keep sprinting until we reach it. Back then, it was not so difficult to maintain my pace on the track because I was not so overwhelmed by my idea of college life, so I was able to maintain my focus during the last months before graduation. But now that I am in my fourth year in college, the race is different and what comes after it is more challenging. I honestly feel anxiety about the future. What will happen to me? What field of psychology will I pursue? Where will I look for a job? And the bigger question is: Will I be qualified?

The highlight of last semester was counseling, which I had to learn most by doing. I learned that every individual has his own issues and it takes an amount of courage to show one's vulnerability while disclosing. Counseling allows the counselee to talk about his issues and problems without judgment, but only genuine understanding, patience and unconditional positive regard coming from the counselor. The counselor is to help the counselee find ways on how he should address his issues and problems and not to give advice or impose principles. Counseling is putting others first, which means shutting off one's personal preoccupations and being 100% available to the counselee.

Aside from what I learned in counseling sessions or practicum, on-the-job training taught me how to manage my time, to be punctual at all times, to be highly competent, and to be efficient in whatever I do. But the learning was not so easy. I admit that it took time for me to adjust to the demands of practicum. I cannot forget the experience when I felt worn out after counseling a number of high school students during my first counseling visit. During the middle of the semester, I told Sir Roland [PCAFPD Vice President Roland de Jesus] that I was stressed and pressured. But I know that I should not whine about it and rather be thankful that I am so close to

the finish line. He told me to stay motivated and to accomplish things one at a time, which I tried to do. I am tired but I have to keep running up to the last step of the race. As a psychology student, it seems that I should be more able in coping and encouraging myself to keep going.

Aside from my family and my willingness to have a bright future, PCAFPD continues to motivate me to keep learning. I have only one semester left and I will try to finish the race with flying colors! ▪



Just believe in yourself

Venice Laurence N. Cosico, from Laguna, is an agriculture major studying soil science at the University of the Philippines, Los Baños.

This is not only an essay that tells what I have learned inside the classroom, but also an essay that tells the story of achieving my childhood dream. My dream was to be a comic artist someday. I wanted to choose fine arts as my course in college but my father was against it. He said that income there would be too small compared to other fields, and a career job would be very rare if I chose that path. So I had to decide on a better course than that. Actually, I was very disappointed because I really wanted to take up fine arts – my heart is there, but I know that I have to be practical. Our family, during that time and still today, has financial problems, so I decided I will go for a B.S. in agriculture for higher income.

Anyway, I've experienced a lot of things; I learned a lot of stuff. As I stated in my past essays, this course will help to improve not only my status and my family's life but also all the people who depend on agriculture – in short, the whole nation.

My third-year agriculture major is soil science – this is me now. I enjoyed my college life last semester, for several reasons. First, I obtained a lot of new ideas and new knowledge such as reading different kinds of maps and how to interpret them. I also experienced how to have proper communication with other people, especially farmers. Second, I made new friends. Lastly, I was able to achieve my childhood dream. Yes, I will achieve my dream of being a comic artist. In October my first comic →

book was released. I am very thankful for the organization in this university, the *Graphic Literature Guild*, in helping people like me to fulfill my dream.

But I think these are not the only reasons why my semester was so happy. I have a lot of reasons why I have to rejoice. I am now in third year college, just one last year and I will graduate and face the real world – but learning will never stop there. I know that to achieve my dreams, even though I may have to sacrifice, I will stay focused and I will believe in my abilities and capabilities. In short, I will just believe in myself. ▀



Learning how to play the game

Hannah Grace C. Catiis, from Cavite, is majoring in Social Science at the University of the Philippines, Diliman.

Since I'm already in my second year of my course, I am now taking the foundation subjects which give me a clearer look of what to expect in my future years. Putting together all that I've learned, I now have a better view of the reality in the Philippine society. I learned to accept that inflation is part of development, yet economics is a cycle and that's why more jobs and higher salary must occur before the prices rise; our culture changes over time because it is naturally dynamic, it changes as the living environment changes.

I used to think before that since I am observant, I already knew a lot of things about how people behave, but I was wrong. By opening myself to this new learning, I have become more realistic and knowledgeable about our society. But I believe that more than academic knowledge, the courage, the perseverance and the determination I've acquired are the most important things. The simultaneous exams, papers, projects, reports, organizing an event, plus the hazardous living in Manila developed the traits I mentioned above. It's a lot of hard work; earning that "*Tatak U.P.*" [U.P. seal] requires suffering, but it's worth it.

My life for the last semester was like a jigsaw puzzle, where I have to find where each piece fits, so I could see the beauty of the picture. The pieces correspond to different people I've met and my

experiences which I have to balance and put into the right place in my life so I could live well. Some of the people hurt me, saying negative things about me and my work; yet, many are still on my side, they trust me, and always have my back. I may not be perfect but I am doing my best to be the best person that I can be. My experiences helped me become tougher, wiser and definitely better. Good or bad, these experiences developed and molded me in many ways. I learned to always think carefully before I act and be responsible for the consequences of my actions.

The past five months were not easy for me, but since I've learned "*how to play the game*" I just enjoyed the ride and took the best out of it. I did my best to absorb and apply what I gained from the classroom and outside of it. I am excited about the upcoming semesters. If last semester became a time for my personal development, I know that my future studies will give more light to my way of being an area specialist. ▀

Struggling with Biology 30, reaching for the future

Kate Ariate, from Sosogon, is majoring in biotechnology at the University of the Philippines, Diliman.



I started this semester with high hopes and a flaring determination, but somewhere along the road academics gave up on me. I thought I could battle it with flying colors yet once more I was wrong. This semester can be wrapped up by only one subject: Biology 30. Just spelling out that subject gives me chills because it can be do or die for my entire college life.

Nonetheless, I must say I did realize so many things this semester that helped me grow. One is to never take things for granted. Like my father would always say, "Take it slow, you don't always need to hurry things up." Maybe I'm pushing myself all in the wrong directions, and that's why I always feel unfulfilled. Another is to never stop even when tired but to stop when done. I guess this thought crippled me a lot. This semester has been a roller-coaster ride. It was very challenging because, not only do I have to deal with academics, but I also need to deal with my family. →

My family is really having a hard time raising five kids and balancing expenses – now that two kids are in college. They had a share of rough moments this semester that I can't deny bothered me deeply. The pressure that I need to do well in school never seems to escape from my head so that one day I can help them with finances. However, I felt really disappointed in myself when I'm having a very hard time dealing with Biology 30 because it made me feel I'm not being true to my role. I'm sure I tried everything I could to salvage myself. I just do hope and pray that I surpass this. Next semester I will start it with the same fire. I will try and try till I reach the success I'm aiming for. And someday I'll look back to this day and tell myself how far I've gone.

Biotechnology has contributed so much to the world. I'm more than happy to share its praise because two years from now I'll be helping in the country's agriculture. I'm very happy that this is the path I chose because I've always wanted to become a big help to the country and by choosing my course I'm sure I can do more than just help.

Some days are fun, some days are gloomy and that's what makes life beautiful. This semester was both and I guess I just need to accept it because it's all part of growing up. This is probably to prepare me in facing a bigger world where I can't depend on anyone but myself and my family. I hope it really makes me stronger especially for the semesters to come. ▪



Mark gets his dream job

By Mark Ian C. Calayugan, Science Research Specialist I, Genetic Resources Division, Philippine Rice Research Institute

“The only thing that stands between a man and what he wants from life is often merely the will to try and the faith to believe that it is possible.” The job I have was not really offered to me, at first it was offered to my co-majors but sadly they refused to take the opportunity of coming to PhilRice - CES, Nueva Ecija. I, having no choice after college but to find a job to help my family, tried hard to find a way to accept the challenge of working here at PhilRice, forgetting my

plan to take a review class for the Agriculturist Board Exam.

Right after my April 12 graduation, I started compiling the papers I needed for the job. My parents couldn't provide me with money to get the necessary documents for employment or the bus fare. But I still insisted on going, for I knew that it would be a great help in my career to start working in as prestigious an institution as PhilRice. Yes, I did have the guts to find a way amidst all the nothingness in front me. I started sending messages to my friends asking if I could borrow money.

Shockingly, Mr. Hans Groot replied to my messages, which boosted my courage to go on with my ambition to work here at PhilRice. He lent me the money and I'm so thankful to him. After getting all the documents I needed, the 24-hour road trip from Leyte to Nueva Ecija started. It was a great second time experience riding on the bus traveling a long way with strangers, my first time was December 2010 during our PSAA team building. Leaving home thinking that I will be away for several months from my loved ones made my heart cry, but knowing my purpose for leaving gave me enough courage to go on with this next chapter of my life.

On April 19, I took my first step at Philippine Rice Research Institute - Central Experiment Station. The next day, I took the institute's entrance exam. It was hard and I never expected to pass the exam. I thought my journey would end. Luckily I passed and started working as a Science Research Specialist at the Genetic Resources Division assigned to Regeneration and Characterization of Rice Germplasm. I was challenged and amazed knowing that I was handling what they called the treasure of the country. Rice is the most important staple food for the Filipino. And I am working with the team whose mandate is for rice conservation – a big WOW! It was really God's will. [*Editor's Postscripts: In August, Mark learned that he passed the Agriculturist Board Exam. And, he promptly repaid the personal loan from PCAFPD Board Member Hans Groot.*] **Mark graduated cum laude from VSU. He was sponsored by the Group III volunteers.** ▪

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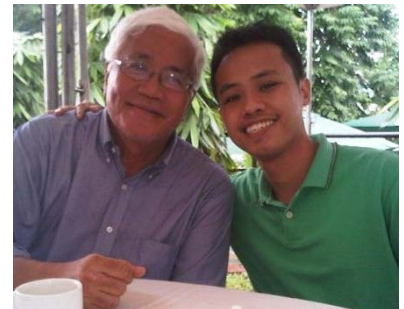
Eleven new scholars were selected in 2012 In January, PCAFPD chose eleven new scholars from a field of forty-six. Those chosen were: **Ericka Abangan** and **Reynaldo Collado Jr.**, both from Pangasinan, who are studying Business Management and Secondary Education, respectively, at Pangasinan State University; **Alnie Alojado** and **Lyncel Desoyo**, both from Negros Occidental, who are both studying Social Work at the University of Negros Occidental Recoletos; **Hannah Caliis**, from Cavite, who is studying Social Sciences at UP Diliman; **Karyl Dulnuan**, from Ifugao, who is studying Environmental Sanitary Engineering at the University of the Cordilleras; **Loreto Gaso, Jr.**, from Negros Oriental, who is studying Electrical Engineering at Negros Oriental State University; **Ma Eliza Marquez** and **Christian Pagaduan**, both from Tarlac, who are studying Accountancy and Education, respectively, at Tarlac State University; **Adnan Morado**, from Davao del Sur, who is studying Information Technology at the University of Mindanao; and **Arra Lea Zamudio**, from Tarlac, who is studying Accountancy at UP Baguio. ▪

PCAFPD board is set to choose 2013 scholars September 30 of each year is the deadline for submitting a scholarship application. (See www.rpcvphilippines.org/applications/) Scholars who will begin their studies in 2013 will be chosen in January from 63 applications that were submitted by September 30, 2012. After the board determines which applicants meet the qualifications, we will choose as many new scholars as our funds on hand allow us to support, while continuing to meet our four-year degree commitment to each of the PCAFPD scholars already in school. **Your end-of-year donations help the Foundation determine how many new scholars to accept in 2013!** ▪

News Briefs, Books of Interest, etc . . .

Gloria Nelson Guzman (1962-64) reports that the Group IX RPCVs plan a reunion before the end of the year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the beginning of their service. We have learned that they have produced a book, too. We'll keep you posted. ▪ **Susan Mondshien Tejada (Group 23, 1968-70)** takes a fresh look at a controversial criminal case from the 1920s in her new book *In Search of Sacco and Vanzetti: Double Lives, Troubled Times and the Massachusetts Murder Case That Shook the World*. Susan and her husband Rey live in Bethesda, MD. You can find a summary, Chapter One, reviews, etc. at www.susantejada.com. If a book club wants to read it, Susan can join them for the discussion, either by Skype or in person, if it's in the DC area. ▪ **Ruth Kesselring Royal (Group 3, 1962-64)** has published *Never Gonna Cease My Wanderin'*, in which she shares her life-long correspondence with Beryl Brinkman, who served as a PCV in Afghanistan 1967-69. Buy it at www.createpace.com/3988757. ▪ On November 15, **Tony Moletto** spoke at the Philippine Embassy in Washington. "Tito Tony," as he is known, is the founder of **Gawad Kalinga** and has been at the forefront of building integrated and sustainable communities in slum areas. He is the recipient of a number of Philippine and international awards for

his work in poverty alleviation. Started in 1995, GK initiated its work with the poor in Bagong Silang, Caloocan City. Its focus is on housing and community infrastructure, ensuring that families have proper access to land and private ownership in the areas in which GK builds. The organization has now evolved into a movement for nation-building, transforming poverty-stricken areas in over 2,000 communities all over the Philippines and in other developing countries. PCAFPD Board Members Alex Romero and Hans Groot have both been involved in supporting GK and PSAA President Ari Asilo has visited Gawad Kalinga Enchanted Farm and spoken with Tito Tony (see photo above). Visit its website www.gk1world.com. ▪



PSAA - Collaboration between the PCAFPD Scholars and Alumni Association (PSAA) and currently serving PCVs continues under the direction of PSAA President Ariestelo Asilo (Ari) with assistance and encouragement from Peace Corps Country Director Denny Robertson and PCAFPD Board Member →

Hans Groot. A successful meeting of PSAA members and Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) was held in June at Lipa, Batangas. Several new clusters have been established with PCV counterparts. You can follow PSAA activities on its Facebook page (PSAA) PCAFPD Scholars and Alumni Association. ■ **Rica Pelicano** graduated from Visayas State University in 2007. She is now a chemistry teacher at New Ormoc City National High School. She reports that she also has a Master's Degree from VSU and has been able to finance the education of her sister, who will graduate this year. "Without the support of PCAFPD, I'm not a teacher," she says on her Facebook page. ■



Helping the Country through Social Accountability

By Jody Iren B. Cestina, from Negros Oriental, PSAA member and current 3rd year student of Management Accounting at Foundation University in Dumaguete.

One of the important objectives of the PCAFPD Scholars and Alumni Association (PSAA) is "To develop social awareness and responsibility geared towards a national involvement for the development of the nation bounded in democratic principles." Through the *Check My School (CMS) Training for Area Coordinators* that I attended May 31 to June 3, 2012, at the Pearl Hotel in Manila, I felt that I was really called to service. It was a project of the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability-East Asia Pacific that aims to promote social accountability and transparency for the delivery of educational services in the community. The training was offered to several professions which I considered as "champions" in their professional status. There were private and public teachers, government and non-government employees, recent college graduates and, of course, undergraduate students like me. With this diversification, I gained a lot of knowledge from those who shared their expertise in their chosen field.

The training was really worthwhile because it unfolded the unseen reality surrounding us when it comes to our educational services. Insufficient textbooks, plus overpopulated classrooms, plus poor

facilities and equipment, plus incompetent teachers, plus sluggish responses to school complaints, plus rampant political interference, equals poor and unsatisfactory educational services delivered to the young minds in our generation. This was the reality that the training gave details of; and the reality that is hard to escape from and which is complicated to resolve if there are no concerned citizens or groups to help solve the problems.

This gave birth to the *Check My School (CMS)* program, which serves as the vehicle to resolve the poor quality services rendered in the schools. As a matter of fact, it already has 1,000-plus volunteers nationwide in its first year, during which 243 schools were validated. Isn't it overwhelming that the project had gone this far during its first year of operation?

With this, as a part of the CMS 2.0 batch, I was challenged to do more and create a bigger group for community mobilization to address the resolution of school problems in our area. With this, I could actually help our community little by little to solve their school concerns. I really appreciated a lot of the knowledge shared by the speakers during the training, for it gave me some additional input to my learning as a student which would be useful in my future career. And even though I was the only trainee representing PSAA who came from the Negros Oriental area, I was thankful for the support of my PSAA family and Sir Roland de Jesus, whom I consider "The Father of the Peace Corps Scholars," who took time to visit me during the training despite their busy schedules.

And so, during its second year of operation, the PSAA group has already been enlisted to be part of this program. We may be coming from the different sectors and groups in this country but the important thing is that we have a common goal to reach out by the end of this year and help our developing country to deliver a more quality education through our participation, which is part of our social accountability to society. [Editor's note: Jody was one of several PSAA members who attended the CMS training. In addition, several PCAFPD graduates who are now teaching are very much involved in the program, which is making a significant difference in the quality of education in the Philippines.] ■



Remembering Julia

By Maureen Carroll

Five years ago, on April 8, 2007, tragedy struck the Campbell family of Fairfax, Virginia. Their daughter and sister Julia, a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines, was murdered while hiking alone in the Rice Terraces. Julia, who had recently celebrated her 40th birthday, would have completed her service in June of that year.

Julia's murder was senseless but her life had been anything but. Julia received a B.A. in English from James Madison University and pursued a career in journalism. She was a freelance journalist for *The New York Times* and also held positions at *Fox.com*, *CourtTV.com*, *People Magazine*, and *Star Magazine*. As a pathway to a new career in international public service management, Julia would have begun Master's Degree studies in the fall of 2007 at New York University (NYU). She had served in Donsol, Sorsogon and Legaspi City as a teacher, had started an eco-center in Donsol and created a campaign called A Book and Buck that collected donated books in the United States and raised funds to ship them to the Philippines.

Julia's family – mother Linda, father Ron, sister Geary and her husband Ed, and brother Bill – suffered through their terrible loss and the trial of Julia's murderer with enviable courage and without bitterness toward the Peace Corps, the Philippines or the Filipino people. They focused on celebrating Julia's spirit and life, most notably through the establishment of the Julia Campbell Memorial Foundation (JCMF). The Foundation honors Julia's life as a teacher through the award of scholarships

to students who have "made a difference" at school, in their church or their community and are committed to the same throughout their lives.

Since 2008, JCMF has awarded eight \$2,000 scholarships to seniors at Julia's *alma mater*, WT Woodson High School. JCMF has also financed four years of college for two PCAFPD scholars and has recently taken on the support of another two. Julia's mother, Linda Campbell, has traveled several times to the Philippines first to visit Julia in 2006 and again in the aftermath of Julia's death. When asked why she chose to fund Filipino students as well as US students, she said: ***"I chose to fund scholars in the Philippines because I was able to see first-hand the poverty that Julia lived amongst. She felt strongly that if she could influence these young people in their desire to learn that possibly they would be able to break their circle of poverty.... It has given our family much pleasure to be able to continue what was so important to Julia!"***

The first two Filipino scholars supported by JCMF completed their courses of study in March of this year. Joylene Puguon, who majored in journalism major, is employed as a reporter and planning to go to law school. Regina Sagamla graduated with an accountancy degree and is now employed by a subsidiary of the Benguet Corporation. The new Julia Campbell scholars are Christian Pagaduan, majoring in education at the Tarlac College of Agriculture and Arra Lei Zamudio, studying social sciences with a major in economics at University of the Philippines, Baguio.

PCAFPD is honored to partner with the Campbells in remembering Julia through the gift of an education to those who, like her, will make a difference in this world. ■

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