



The teacher gives not of his wisdom, but rather of his faith and lovingness. - **Kahlil Gibran**

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Community Outreach Service. Through the years, community outreaching has been closely integrated to the ISA educational system. This is not only aimed to help enrich the cultural life in the community, but also serves to inculcate among the learners their sense of social responsibility. And, for the ISAers to understand that learning after all is not confined within the school.

ISA Ensemble Carols @ SM City Iloilo

Last 9 December 2009, ISAers once again were invited by the management of SM City Iloilo to render Christmas carols to the mall-goers at the mall activity center. The group was composed of 50 learners from both elementary and high school levels. Music was performed live by the ISA Springale.



Francis Noel Chua and Aaron Babayenon, both 3rd graders, entertained the audience with their own rendition of O Holy Night and Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas.

editorial: A New Turning Point

New Year 2010 is literally a new beginning for ISA. Moreover, it is, predictably, one of the many crucial turning points in the relatively short history of ISA as she prepares to transfer to a bigger campus. It is important to note that in the past six years since its founding, ISA has, in many aspects, gradually yet clearly proven her worth to the Ilonggo community, be it academic or otherwise. I can even venture to say that ISA is one encouraging example of a fast-growing and top performing private learning center that has been able to reconcile quality education and financial viability. In a market place of ideas where time is not always at ISA's side, she has to constantly work out innovations to survive, to progress and to serve.

As ISA enters the new year, it is noteworthy to mention the accomplishments she has achieved in the previous year. ISAers did great honor to their alma mater by having courageously withstood the tough academic, cultural, and sports challenges. Results of the NCAE, of the entrance tests conducted by DLSU, UAP, UST and AdMU indubitably reveal the adequacy of basic knowledge our secondary graduates possess, and their readiness to pursue tertiary educations. No doubt, ISA is proud of her products. ISA is ready to assume a more challenging role to help our nation further uplift its educational standard.

10 Accepted to De la Salle University ISAers Achieved 83% Passing Rate



Ten out of twelve graduating ISAers who took the De la Salle University (DLSU) entrance test Last 14 November 2009 were officially accepted. The results of the DLSU entrance test were released online at <http://enroll.dlsu.edu.ph/dlsu/freshmen/> early this month. The passing rate of 83% and the number of passers are both substantially higher than the figures of last year, 57% and four. The passers constitute 50% of the total number of ISA's 3rd batch of graduating learners. They are (in alphabetical order) Karl Francis Chan, James Eduard Chiu, Norm Vincent Jalipa, Trixie Christine Shane Ledesma, Hanna Lee, Marie Haydee Que, Reena Janella Que, Keith Nathaniel Tan Yau, Gian Francis Trimañez, and Thea Elyza Uy.

ISA school policy requires all secondary graduating ISAers to take the college entrance tests administered by the University of the Philippines and Ateneo de Manila University. However, DLSU has always been at the top in the list of target schools of the ISAers.

All 4 Hurdled UAP Entrance Exam



All four secondary graduating ISAers who took the University of Asia and the Pacific entrance test last 3 October 2009 passed. They are Karl Francis Chan, James Eduard Chiu, Reena Janella Que, and Thea Elyza Uy. Karl was informed of a grant of 100% scholarship by the said university for his 'impressive high school performance as well as the results of the entrance examination, the University of Asia and the Pacific is offering you a Merit Scholarship consisting of 100% Total Tuition fee grant' in the letter written by Delia S. Tantuico, Director of Admissions of UAP, dated 5 January 2010.

3 ISAers Admitted to UST



Results of the entrance test of the University of Santo Tomas were released on 13 January 2009. Camille Illastron, Thea Eliza Uy, and Karl Francis Chan are respectively admitted to the following courses of their choice: Pharmacy/Biology, HRM/Business Admin, and Psychology/Microbiology.

Ateneo de Manila University Accepts 5 Batch 2010 ISAers



Ateneo College Entrance Test (ACET) results were released on 16 January. Five ISAers are admitted to their respective chosen courses for school year 2010-2011. They represent 25% of the 20 secondary graduating ISAers who were required to take the exam in September last year (18 actually took the exam). The successful examinees are Karl Francis Chan, James Eduard Chiu, Norm Vincent Jalipa, Trixie Shane Christine Ledesma, and Julie Rose Luz. Karl Francis Chan is a recipient of AdMU's 100% Tuition & Fees and Dormitory Scholarship.

Celebrating Mentors' Day

ISA celebrates Mentors Day '09 on 4 December. The event was spearheaded by the ISA Student Council and the Parents' Association. It was an opportunity to thank the facilitators for their devotion and hard work.

The event started with an opening remark from Atty. Ester Trimañez, ISA Parents' Association President. She talked about the awards and surprises they have prepared for the mentors.

During the occasion, learners had song and dance presentations. They also gave flowers and gifts to show how grateful they are to their mentors. The facilitators themselves showcased their talents in a surprise dance number.

After the program, lunch followed at Emillion where each awardee gave a short message. Below is the list of the facilitators who were given special recognition.

2009 ISA Best Mentor of the Year Awardees: Pre-School: Petchy Grace Ong; Elementary: Dania Hervilla; High School: Floralie Lacuesta. 2009 Special Awardees: Elementary: Most Loved: Kristine Rhoda Matrido; Most Approachable: Andie Padernilla; Most Cheerful: Queenie Bem Dilag; Best in Discipline: Michael Tamallana; High School: Most Loved: Floralie Lacuesta; Most Approachable: Aura Carmela Ferrariz; Most Cheerful: Gay Belvis; Best in Discipline: Peter Chan. Mentors' Choice: Beulah Gerada H.A.D.

A Review of History & Culture

Grade 3 ISAers took a day tour in some nearby towns as part of their enrichment activity in Civics class last 7 December 2009. The tour is not merely for learning and fun, it reminds them of their social responsibility to the community, particularly to children of their age. The trip commenced with a book donation at Bacan Elementary School where our Grade 3 learners shared some of their book and magazine collections with the pupils of Bacan Elementary School. Their generosity kindles the hearts of the pupils and the teachers of the said school, and the donated books would go a long way in helping enrich the reading activities of the Bacan children. From Bacan, the learners continued their tour to Cabatuan Municipal Hall, Parish Church, Tomas Confesor Library and Cabatuan Plaza. They visited the said places and grabbed every learning opportunity in relation to their lessons.



After taking lunch in Cabatuan, they were fascinated by the panoramic view of Iloilo Golf and Country Club at Sta. Barbara, tagged as the oldest golf club in the country. The trip's final stop was the town plaza and museum of Sta. Barbara. They curiously toured the places and listened to the tourism officer narrating to them significant historical events of the town. N.C.