

The one exclusive sign of thorough knowledge
is the power of teaching. - *Aristotle*

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ISA Board, Faculty and Staff celebrate X'mas with a twist

School uniforms were put aside for a night to give way to tuxedos and cocktail dresses. School ground was turned into a festive place as members of the Board, facilitators and staff celebrated Christmas on 18 December.

Officers of the ISA Parents Association were also invited to the celebration.

In-line with the concept of the night "Star Awards Night", several awards were given to deserving faculty and staff and the winners received trophies.

To mention some, there were the trustworthy award, early bird award, comical story teller award, darling of the faculty, yes-man award, among others. There was also a special award given to the star of the night --- the facilitator or staff who really stood out among all the others. This special award was given to Miss Queenie Bem Dilag, an English facilitator.



Aside from the persons who received these awards, the nominees were also acknowledged. The awardees and the nominees were identified through voting among the faculty and staff for the different categories.

Facilitators of each department also showcased various cultural numbers.

One of the highlights of the party was the giving of the door prizes and of course, the exchange of gifts. A brief fireworks display concluded the evening's event.

Sophies' Recollection

The second year learners, with their adviser Rodgen Jabor and Writing facilitator Cleah Mae Bendaval attended a recollection at the Holy Rosary Retreat Center, Calumpang last 9 December.

The sessions were facilitated and supervised by Sister Fidelis, principal of Assumption Iloilo. This year's recollection centered on how aware were the learners of themselves, evaluating their relationship with their family, and the values they have learned from their family, school and community.

"You are blessed to have a school which focused not only in the academic but also in your values formation." Said Sister Fidelis at the concluding session in the afternoon where parents joined their children giving chances to the learners to share their thoughts and feelings, and what they want to be in the future. C.M.B.



ISA Alumni Share College Experiences



ISA's mission is to nurture graduates who could render greater service to the Motherland.

Last 4 January, high school learners spent an afternoon with the 3 ISA alumni who

are presently pursuing their studies in two prestigious universities. Fritzie Gayle Diez of Class 2008 and is now an International Affairs student at the University of Melbourne, Australia, talked about how she managed to adjust to the new environment



abroad. Sunshine Elizabeth Do and Harlene Lu of Class 2009, both from De la Salle University, shared their views on how to be truly prepared for college and what to expect from the professors in this prestigious university. In the end, the three encouraged the ISAers to do their best NOW in order to be better prepared to face the challenges in their soon-to-be college life.

Truly every ISAer was enlightened by the words from the alumni, knowing that paving the road of knowledge is not easy but in the end, it is for the good of their holistic growth as productive citizen in the future.

Bright Lights, Big City

Bright Lights, Big City is the theme of this year's ISA Junior-Senior prom. The prom held at Hotel Del Rio last 29 January started with the photo shot of the learners followed by the program which started with the opening remarks by Ms. Beulah Gerada-Villaruel.



Aside from the dance number performed by the 3rd and 4th year ISAers, invited band from PAREF West Bridge also entertained the learners with their partners from other schools during dinner.

Various awards were given that evening. Karl Francis Chan of 4th year Rizal bagged the Best in Etiquette, Head Turner, and Dancing King awards, while Haydee Que, crowned as the Prom Queen, bested other girls in her white and black gown to capture the much coveted Head Turner award. Fiona Youn and Ryan Kim, both third year learners, also won the head turner award in their Korean inspired look. Haydee Que and her partner, Paulo Tirador who is from West Bridge, won the Couple of the Night Award. Thea Elyza Uy of 4th year Rizal won the Best in Etiquette and the Dancing Queen awards.

The party concluded with the closing remarks given by the fourth year adviser, Ms. Gay D. Belvis.



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4 won, 11 Received Honors in the MTAP Math Challenge Individual Competition

Four ISAers won in the 2010 Metrobank – MTAP – DepEd Mathematics Challenge Division Individual Competition held last 14–15 January at the Social Hall, Department of Education Iloilo Division.

In the said competition, the top-3 contestants in every level were chosen based on their ranks. Jian Kyle Tiampong won 3rd place in Grade 4 Level. Kevinn Friedrich Chan garnered 2nd place in First Year Level while Jan Jemi Gerwayne Tiu and Karl Francis Chan both got 3rd place in Third Year and Fourth Year Levels, respectively.

Eleven ISAers received merit certificates. Grade 2 Jeremiah Jedd Juantong, Grade 3 Alvin Lyndon Sy, Grade 4 Jian Kyle Tiampong, First Year Kevinn Friedrich Chan, and Fourth Year Karl Francis Chan are *Second Honors*. Grade 2 Jon Christi Andrea Perez, Grade 3 Kathleen Therese Tilos, Grade 4 Luke Kenneth Gurrea, Grade 5 Marion Nicole Lim and Nicole Casey Lao, and Third Year Jan Jemi Gerwayne Tiu are *Third Honors*.

The Individual Competition also serves as an elimination round for the Team Finals which will be held on 11-12 February. The top-14 elementary school teams and the top-10 high school teams will vie for the top three honors. For four consecutive years, ISA math teams in all levels qualified to compete in the team finals.

Holy Day Greetings from ISA Carolers

Christmas season would never be complete without the Christmas carols. Last 19-20 December 2009, led by Ms. Diane Cartagena, ISA music facilitator, 12 members of the ISA Springale together with 23 other ISAers from both elementary and high school levels joined the caroling. The group conducted a 2-day house to house caroling at selected homes of fellow ISAers. The carolers rendered a selection of classical Christmas favorites played live.



Warm greeting and smiles from the family members of the household they visited welcomed the carolers as they convey the joyous spirit of the approaching nativity of Child Jesus through music. Indeed, those were another beautiful moments worth cherishing.