

Not with whom you are born, but
with whom you are bred. - *Miguel del Servantes*

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Though Not the Be-all, End-all Winning Does Matter

Fresh from the 10-day semestral break, ISAers once again faced exciting challenges in academics as well as in the field of sports with the advent of the 45th Iloilo Private Schools Athletic Association Meet (IloPRISAA).

The rigorous training of the ISAthletes, without compromising their academic responsibilities, paid off as shown in the tally sheets of the different sports events.

As what Mr. Peter M. Chan pointed out during the ISA sportsfest, every ISAer should learn to forget the old cliché “winning does not matter”. He contends, “winning matters” as it bespeaks of the efforts an individual has devoted -- to excel.

However, it should also be clear, he added, that winning is not the be-all and end-all. Competition, to be meaningful, should be tempered with the values of sportsmanship, blended with the humility to accept defeats, and fortified with the courage to withstand setbacks.

With this piece of wisdom in mind and the burning desire to unfurl ISA's banner, ISAers prove that, besides consistently excelling in academics through the years, more so they are at par with the best students of other schools in terms of sports agility and cultural finesse.

This is also a “year of firsts” for ISA. Imbued with the courage to break out from her comfort zones, ISA joined for the first time in the folk dance and dance sports competitions. As their encouraging scores would tell, the impressive showmanship of the ISAers had definitely made their presence felt on the dance floor. MT

A Major breakthrough @ IloPRISAA Zeth, Alyssa Won in Current Events

For years, Current Events (or General Information) contest had been ISA's most dreaded (read: hated) one among PRISAA's academic contests. Aside from the harrowing low scores even the top three winners would usually earn, the ‘triviality’ of the answers sought from the contestants was another reason which made ISA decide to place G.I. at the bottommost of its priority.

Not this time. The 4-man strong Social Studies Division under Mr. Rodgen Jabor seriously decided to test the water, and bet its fortune on Zeth Rodario Bebit and Alyssa Faith Rivero, grade 6 and first year ISAers respectively. Apparently, the team did chart its course just fine. Zeth did not only win the first ever award in the elementary category of this event held at Colegio del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus (CSCJ) on 18 November, he brought home the highest award, a gold medal. Alyssa, on her part, stretched the nerves of every spectator to the limits by engaging her third year opponent from Iloilo Central Commercial High School to the clincher round, just to give way on the fourth question (total of five). Alyssa finished second, a great feat by any measure. The high school category was held at CSCJ on 22 November.



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APSA: ISA is High Performing School 2 Learners 100% in Math Evaluation

ISA made it to the top in the annual evaluation administered by Asian Psychological Services and Assessment (APSA) for the SY 2009-2010. This was announced at CSB Hotel International Conference Center, Manila on 12 November. The citation, signed by APSA Chairman and CEO Dr. Leticia Asuzano, reads: “This plaque of recognition is presented to Iloilo Scholastic Academy for consistently attaining the highest level of performance in the standard-based assessment for English, Math and Science from Grade 1 to 4th Year high school for the school year 2009-2010.”

Furthermore, two elementary learners, Alvin Lyndon Sy and Reine Amabel Jaruda, grades III and IV respectively, were awarded during the same occasion for achieving the highest score possible (100%) in the standard Mathematics Assessment. Two years ago, the same award was given to Kevinn Friedrich Chan, now a sophomore.

ISA bags 3 awards in PRISAA Cultural-Literary

Last November 18–24, ISAers joined in Elementary English declamation, vocal solo pop, High School English oration, English declamation, and for the first time, sent contestants to the Philippine folk dance and dance sports competitions in the 45th IloPRISAA 2010 cultural-literary-musical events held at Colegio del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus campus. Francis Noel Chua, a 4th grade learner representing ISA both in English declamation and vocal solo pop contests, won third place in declamation. With his wonderful rendition of the song entitled “Ngayon”, Francis was ranked 4th out of 29 contenders in vocal solo pop.

John Earvin Salcedo, a senior, won first place in high school English Oration.

In the Dance Sports held at ICCHS-Ledesco last 23 November, John Matthew



Tan and Unna Isabelle Fernandez, joining the modern standard category, conquered the dance floor as they dance to the rhythm of the waltz, tango, foxtrot and quickstep and made it to the 3rd place.

Also novice to dance sports, Trisha Henriette Chavez and Christian Angelo Cabangbang competed in the Latin category, though failed to win an award, their energetic showing had left a trail as they



showed their awesome dance moves to the beat of cha cha, rumba, samba and jive.



An impressive debut. Thanks to the advice of ISA dance instructor Mr. Solomon Fernandez, ISA after six years of absence has been convinced to compete in the IloPRISAA Philippine folk dance event. Among many dance enthusiasts, four boys and four girls were chosen. The hard work of these dancers during rehearsals all paid off, ISA ranked 4th among many veteran schools which have been garnering awards for decades. The contest was held at the Our Lady's Hall of Colegio del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus on 24 November.



ISA Folk Dancers
From left:
Karll Denzel
Christelle May
Robert
Stacey Sophie
John Kirby
Myrelle Bea
Charles Francis
Erika Jill

ISA Celebrates International Literacy Month Literary Voices of the Youth 2010 Held

Last 16-17 September, ISA held its Literary Voices of the Youth 2010 at Monfort Hall, Division of Iloilo, with the theme: “THE YOUTH: I Can Change A Nation”.

It was a literary competition among the ISAers of different academic levels organized by the English Division. The contests were divided into three levels: Level 1 for Grades 1-3; Level 2 for Grades 4-6; and Level 3 for the high school. The events included were declamation, storytelling, and interpretative reading in the elementary; declamation, oration, and extemporaneous speech in high school.

“The winners in Levels 2 and 3 will represent ISA to compete in the IloPRISAA in November,” Mr. Peter M. Chan said.

The following is the list of the first placers in the different events:

Level 1: Declamation - Arwin Red de la Cruz (Gr. 1); Storytelling - Mark Alfred Casio (Gr. 3); Interpretative Reading - Joelian Marie Dolendo (Grade 2).

Level 2: Declamation - Francis Noel Chua (Gr. 4); Oration - Francis Noel Chua (Gr. 4); Extemporaneous Speaking- Norvan Ritz Jalipa (Gr. 6).

Level 3: Declamation - Colyn Faith Beatingco (4th Year); Oration - Earvin John Salcedo (4th Year); Extemporaneous Speaking- Kevinn Friedrich Chan (2nd Year).

“The program went perfectly well, except for the occasional power interruptions.” Concluded Mrs. Beulah Gerada-Villaruel, Head of the ISA English Division.