

If the child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn. - **Ignacio Estrada**

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A Year of Meaningful Triumphs

New Year is about looking back to look forward. We need to go over our past so we can gain perspective.

For ISA, 2010 was a significant year as both learners and their mentors embarked on a tough road to glory. High points of last year included bagging awards in the cultural-literary event of the PRISAA. It was also a major breakthrough to win first place in the current events. For the sports competition, the players brought home 23 awards. ISA was also considered a high performing school as two of its learners got a 100% in Math Evaluation. An ISAer also got the second highest honor in the Filipino category of the ABS-CBN's annual news casting competition finals. During the PRISAAP contests, ISA contestants also got major awards.

These are just some of the occasions that show how ISAers can thrive really well in the academics and sports arena. The commitment that the learners and facilitators had in their effort to succeed is in itself a triumph. The past year may not have been smooth and may have its shares of disappointments but the consistency in everyone's desire overpowered the negative things.

As we embrace the New Year, new challenges and opportunities may arise. And when they do come, let's face them with enthusiasm and let's make the year 2011 of ISA the best.

AH-SHIN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION Search for 10 Outstanding Chi-Fil Students Krisha Wee One of 20 Finalists



Krisha Wee

In the congratulatory letter sent by Ah-Shin Educational Foundation dated 27 November, ISA is informed that Krisha Wee, a Fourth Year ISAer, was chosen as one of the 20 finalists in the 18th annual nation-wide search for ten outstanding Chinese-Filipino students in school year 2010-2011. The final interview will be on 29 January 2011, 9 a.m. at the Philippine Chinese Education Research Center in Manila.

Krisha Wee's achievements in the past twelve months include the following: a consistent Most Outstanding ISAer in both English and Chinese classes (general average not lower than 95 with no grade lower than 90); Vice-President of the ISA Student Council SY 2010-2011; a Rotary Club Boys and Girls Week Junior-judge (September 2010); badminton champion in IloPRISAA and Integrated meet (November 2010); winner in IloPRISAA math competition (November 2010); winner in the U.P. Inter-school Statistics Quiz (November 2010); winner in MetroBank-MTAP-DepED Math Challenge (February 2010); passer of four major college entrance test, namely, the U.P. College Admission Test, Ateneo College Entrance Test, De la Salle University Entrance Test, and University of Santo Tomas Entrance Test.

This is the first time ISA joins in the search.



JSAers top 5th PRISAAP contests

ISAers won awards at the 5th English Language Festival for Private Schools-Academic, Literary competitions with its theme: *"English Language Festival Paving the Way to the International Year of the Youth"*.

On 7 January 2011, High School ISAers who made it to the top three were: Colyn Faith Beatingo-1st Place, Declamation; Trisha Henriette Chavez-2nd Place, Character Impersonation; Mary Christine Valderrama-2nd Place, Oral Interpretation; Jean Claire Agudo-3rd Place, Spelling; Krisha Wee-2nd Place, Editorial Writing. In the elementary, Matthew Baylen-2nd Place, Character Impersonation; Karl Heinrich Serra-3rd Place, Interpretative Reading; Hannah Labrador-3rd Place, News Writing; Camille Billiones-1st Place, Essay Writing; Zeth Bebit-1st Place, Feature Writing; and Mary Danielle Ricaforte-1st Place, Editorial Writing.

The Provincial Level contests took place on 14 January 2011. The following were in the top three: Colyn Faith Beatingo - 1st Place, Declamation; Camille Billiones - 1st Place, Essay Writing; Zeth Bebit - 1st Place, Feature Writing; and Mary Danielle Ricaforte - 2nd Place, Editorial Writing. (FI)

ISA 3rd Place in U.P. Stat Quiz

ISAers placed third among the contestants from seven schools who participated in the 7th Inter-Secondary School Statistical Quiz held on 1 December 2010 at the UPV Auditorium, University of the Philippines in the Visayas.

ISAers who represented ISA were Jan Jemi Gerwayne Tiu and Krisha Wee with their coach Ms. Marichu Figuracion. They received P1000 cash prize, a trophy and a medal.

One Step Closer to My Dream

Ever since I was a little girl, I already knew what I wanted. To be a doctor was and still is my biggest dream. And to be a good doctor, one must have a good school. Who knew that that little girl would end up passing the entrance exams of the best universities in the country? All I'm saying is that everything was just so unexpected because I can still remember how difficult the entrance exams were. So when I found out I passed the UPCAT, I felt that all the nights I spent studying late had finally paid off and that my worries are over because my future is settled. With just passing the UPCAT, I feel like I've brought honor not only to ISA but also to my family. Even though my high school life is about to come to an end, I can still smile because I have something to look forward to and I can't wait to go to college!

Goodbye ISA and hello U.P.! (Krisha Wee, 4th Year Learner)

ISAer 2nd in Rotary Oratorical

John Earvin Salcedo, a fourth year ISAer, won 2nd place in Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Rotary Club of Iloilo South on 26 November 2010 at the Western Institute of Technology Auditorium.

Seven private and public schools in Iloilo City participated in the said contest. Contest pieces are curbed to the theme: The Four-Way Test: Rising up to the Challenge of a Government in Transition.

MetroBank - MTAP Math Challenge ISAers bagged honors in HS & Elem

ALL grade and year levels successfully hurdled the team elimination round in the of Metrobank - Mathematics Teachers Association of the Philippines - Department of Education (Metrobank-MTAP-DepEd) Math Challenge Division Level last January 13-14, 2011 held at the Social Hall of the DepED Division of Iloilo City. It was participated by 36 elementary and 25 high school public and private schools.

In the individual category, four ISAers bagged home awards. Alvin Lyndon Sy got 2nd place and 2nd honors, Luke Kenneth Gurrea got 3rd honors from the elementary department; and Dionysius Valeen Chiu 3rd place and third honors and Kevinn Friedrich Chan 3rd honors from high school department.

Honors are given to participants who got the following scores: first honors 45-50, second honors 40-44, and 3rd honors 35-39. Placers are given as an overall performance to the participants, for the top 3 students in each level. The final round will take place in February 2011 at Iloilo Central Elementary School. (MT)

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CEBU-BOHOL TRIP: for Fun and Bonding

A moment they cannot forget in their lifetime, a moment of freedom, fun bonding with friends and educational are the common answers you can hear if one gets to ask the 3rd year and 4th year learners on their feelings about their Cebu-Bohol trip last October 23-26, 2010.

The 4-day tour made them realize so many things. As they visited historical and beautiful places like the Blood Compact site, the Magellan's Cross, the Lapu-Lapu Shrine, the Loboc River and the Chocolate Hills. Learners were able to appreciate their country more and realize that they should be proud of being a Filipino. The trip also made them more aware on how to take care of the environment as well, as they visited the eco house.

For some, it may just be an educational trip yet, for the ISAers, the trip is more than just a trip. "The trip served as our graduation trip and we are all proud to say that this trip made us all realize that we should value every moment together," added Krisha Wee, 4th year learner when asked about the trip. (GB)

