FDMS Earns Highest Accreditation from W.A.S.C.

“The Western Association of Schools and Colleges [WASC] is happy to announce the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Schools wherein Father Duenas Memorial School was granted a six-year term of accreditation. This action was taken after a careful study of the Visiting Committee report which outlined the stellar aspects of the school.”

This announcement by WASC, the regional accrediting commission for Guam’s private and public schools, comes as a positive testimony that the FDMS tradition of excellence is alive and well today.

FDMS’ previous visit from WASC was in March 1992 at which time they reported the achievements of the school and the challenges it faces. Since that time FDMS succeeded in implementing all of the 1992 report’s recommendations which has earned the school a six-year accreditation, the highest accreditation offered by WASC.

In preparation for WASC’s most recent visit, Mr. William Roth, Principal, tapped Mr. Bob Bonifacio to serve as Chairperson of the Self-Study Steering Committee. The Steering Committee was responsible for directing the work of several other committees (continued on page 4).

First Issue of The Phoenix Tradition Mailed to Over 1600 Alumni

Congratulations on receiving the first issue of The Phoenix Tradition, a quarterly newsletter published by Father Duenas Memorial School. The idea of organizing this newsletter began back in February 1995 as a way the broader FDMS community, namely the alumni, could be able to keep in touch with each other and up-to-date with the advancement of their alma mater.

At that time, the principal, Mr. William Roth, asked Jeffrey San Nicolas (’84) to take charge of designing the newsletter and organizing a mailing list for its distribution. After several months of work and not without the help of many individuals, FDMS is now ready to provide its community with an informative and engaging newsletter: The Phoenix Tradition. This first issue is expected to reach over 1600 alumni which is close to 2/3 of all FDMS graduates. An additional 500 copies will be sent to parents and friends of FDMS.

This newsletter will be providing information about reunion events, alumni sports tournaments as well as an “Achievements” section and a “Passages” section where alumni can find the latest news about their classmates. In this first issue, over 120 alumni and affiliates have already put the “Achievements” and “Passages” sections into good use. If you have news to share for the next issue due out in February 1996 just fill out the enclosed card and mail it in to FDMS.

In addition to covering alumni news, The Phoenix Tradition will also focus on providing up-to-date news about what is happening on the FDMS campus today. Entitled “Campus Life”, this section will highlight the activities and accomplishments of some of the newest members of the FDMS family, our students. It will also feature past and present faculty, administrators and staff who have dedicated themselves to furthering our school’s ongoing goal of excellence.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter. Please write to us and let us know what you think. We’d love to hear your comments and suggestions.
Dear Alumni and Supports,

It is a real pleasure to address you in the first publication of *The Phoenix Tradition*. This newsletter, this communicaition, is a first step in keeping you abreast of what is going on at your *Alma Mater*. It is an attepct to keep you informed not only with the school but with classmates and old friends.

As I’ve said this is a “first step,” and I’ll begin by asking your help. We want this publication to go out to as many of our alums as possi-bile. If you know someone who has not be reached, encourage them to drop us a line or give us a call.

Correspondence must be two way. Let us here at school know what news interests you most. What news would you like passed on to your friends and classmates. Has there been any new additions to the fam-ily or new job positions which other alums should know about?

I encourage you to help the school increase the community spirit among the alums. The pride felt by a Duenas grads must bring us together to support the Alma Mater and see that Duenas continues to offer the best in Catholic Education.

We here at FDMS send our best wishes and blessings to you and your family in the coming Christmas season.

Fortes in Fide,

Bill Roth
Principal

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**Editor’s Note**

Dear Fellow Alumni,

This first issue of *The Phoenix Tradition* has truly been a collaba-tion of the time and talent of many individuals. To all of these people I offer my thanks.

It is my hope that this publication will not only provide informative news stories but also serve as a tool to organize and strengthen our alumni association. Please send in your ideas on how the school and specifcely this newsletter can be of support to all FDMS alumni.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. San Nicolas ‘84
Citibank Awards Four-Year Scholarships to Two Catholic School Students
by Lou Sablan

Two Catholic School students are recent recipients of partial Scholarships granted by Citibank. The scholarships, valued at $1800 for each student are renewed yearly for four years.

In August, Mr. Patrick Kehres, Citibank Assistant Vice-President of Marketing and Sales, and Mr. Joe Soriano, Citibank Vice-President of Operations met with parents, students and the Director of Catholic Schools, Sr. Regina Paulino, SSND, to confirm their intent and to discuss details of the award.

The deserving students are Denise Caasi, a freshman at Notre Dame High School and Ian Wyatt, a freshman at FDMS.

Citibank sees their role as partners in the giving of these funds. The student’s progress will be reviewed yearly and they will be guaranteed summer employment with the bank as part of their scholarship benefits.

FDMS offers its appreciation to Citibank for their support of Catholic education and the youth of our island.

FDMS Awarded for High Team Score in 1995 Mathematics Examination

In February 1995, one hundred FDMS students successfully competed in the American High School Mathematics Examination (AHSME) to earn FDMS its third Certificate of Merit from this national competition in the past three years.

While this honor comes as a result of the overall high scores of all the FDMS participants, several of our school’s top scorers deserve recognition.

Among the Class of 95’s high scorers are: John Zialcita, Lingkai Huang, Stanley Ting, Kendrick DeCastro, Dennis Gagaoin, Jose Santz, Jerome Aguon, Hisatsugu Ichikawa, Donald De Leon and Joon Shin. The Class of ‘96 high scorers are: Stephen Ting, Roy Raqueno, Chang Yi, Kristopher Deleon, Ling Chi Huang, Andrew Sun, Deok Song, and Shihfu Huang.

The Class of ‘98 high scorers include: Arata Ichikawa, Jeff Espiritu, Joseph Hu, and Albert Wan.

Congratulations to all our AHSME participants and to their math teachers Jane Aguon, Tony Aguon (‘59), and Dan Boeding. Keep up the good work!
tees ranging from Physical Plant to Philosophy, Student Services to Social Studies, and Community Relations to Counseling. All of the faculty and staff were also involved in the process as well as many parents and students. Through their work, FDMS provided the visiting WASC representatives a thorough 174 page report describing the school’s goals and educational endeavors.

Parents & Community Surveyed

Part of the preparation for the self-evaluation report included surveying parents and the broader community. These surveys helped provide an objective perspective on how well FDMS was fulfilling its educational goals. We are pleased to share with you the following responses:

When parents were asked which of the following influenced your decision to send their son to Father Duenas Memorial School, their answers were: (Parents could select more than one answer to this question.)

- 94% Good Education
- 77% Discipline/Moral Education
- 66% Healthy/Safe Environment
- 51% Religious Training
- 20% Athletics

89% of our parents regarded the academics offered at FDMS as moderately or highly challenging and interesting.

Other comments were:

“MY opinion may not be very important, but [FDMS] remains as one of the best, if not the very best, places to send our children to learn.”

“Teachers go beyond their duties like offering tutorial services. Kudos to them!”

“[FDMS] is well managed and focused on preparing students for college. Past graduates have gone on to college and have returned with great success in private and public sectors.”

“You are doing a great job now. Stay the course.”

Major Commendations and Recommendations

Based upon WASC’s evaluation of the school’s self-study report and based on their personal visits with many parents, students, and faculty members, the Visiting Committee commended FDMS on several accounts and also offered recommendations for improvement. The report stated:

“The Committee commends:

1. the administration and staff for the excellent quality of the Self-Study document.
2. the FDMS students for their academic achievements, and their positive representation of the school.
3. the Archdiocese, the administration, the staff, and the Parent Advisory Board for their success in reconstructing the facilities after Typhoon Omar.
4. the administration for developing a thorough interviewing process that stress es the philosophy and mission of the school.
5. the administration, librarian, and Parent Advisory Board for rebuilding the library lost through the typhoon in such timely manner.
6. the administration and staff for their high level of academic expectations for student achievement.
7. the administration for bringing about stability and a harmonious climate among the staff, students, and parents.
8. the administration, staff and booster clubs for their success in obtaining funds to assist the athletic programs.”

The recommendations offered by the WASC visiting committee focused on continuing the good work that is taking place at FDMS. They included the following:

1. to continue improving the school’s facilities and library resources.
2. to continue recruiting teachers who share the philosophy and mission of FDMS.
3. to invite a broad representation of the community in the development of FDMS’ master plan.
4. to offer four years in each of the foreign languages to better prepare students for college admissions.
5. to create a long term staff development program that will foster greater success in student learning.

The entire school community owes its appreciation to the administration, faculty, and staff as well as the parents, students, alumni, and many friends of FDMS. These many individuals have blessed and continue to bless Father Duenas Memorial School with its rich tradition of excellence.

Si Yu’os Ma’ase.
National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists Announced

Congratulations to Marcelo N. Illarmo (’96) and Deok Y. Song (’96) for advancing to the National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finals. Illarmo and Song are among the top one-half percent of more than one million college-bound seniors who took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) in the fall of 1995. While the National Merit Scholarship Program recognizes approximately 50,000 academically outstanding students each year, only about 15,000 received the honor of advancing to the Semi-Finals.

As Semi-Finalists, the Merit Scholarship Program will be sending Illarmo’s and Song’s name to four-year U.S. higher education institutions so that college officials can contact them about admission and scholarship opportunities that may be available to them.

Deleon Earns First-Place in Oration and Essay Contests

Congratulation to Kris Deleon (’96) for taking first place for Original Oratory in the National Forensic League’s debate competition on Guam and also for taking first place in the Guam Humanities Council’s national essay contest on “American Pluralism.” In both of these events Deleon competed against other high schools throughout Guam.

For his original oratory, Deleon earned the honor of representing Guam at national level debate competitions this past June 1995. The competitions took place in Fort Lauderdale, Florida with more than 1500 high school debaters from throughout the nation present.

When ask to what does he attribute his skills in oration and essay composition, Deleon spoke of his teachers at FDMS, especially Mr. Richard Amesbury (’90) and Mrs. Karen Kranz.

Sauget Named “Athlete of the Month”

Congratulation to Paul Sauget (’96) for being named September 1995’s “Athlete of the Month” by the Guam National Olympic Committee. The honor comes after capturing a silver medal at the South Pacific World Ranking Championships this past summer in Tonga and Western Samoa.

Sauget’s interest in tennis began as a freshman in high school and since his sophomore year, he has contributed to the Friar’s uncontested dominance of the tennis court. Other members of the Friar tennis team include Mark Arakawa, Richard Smithers, and John Agozzino. Together they look forward to another undefeated season in 1996 to capture FDMS’ sixth straight tennis championship.
Second Annual FDMS Alumni Golf Tournament

This year's FDMS Alumni Golf Tournament held on July 3rd and 4th marks the tournament's second year of support for our alma mater, and according to the tournament organizer, Frank Arriola '79, plans for the third FDMS golf tournament are already on their way!

As an opportunity for many alumni and friends of FDMS to contribute to the school, this year's two-day event raised $10,630 which will support the athletic program and the capital improvement of FDMS.

In addition to the financial benefit, this year's tournament held at the Hatsuho International Country Club in Dededo proved to be a great time for camaraderie, reunion, and a whole lot of fun.

The FDMS community extends its gratitude to the organizing committee, the corporate sponsors, and the more than 220 golfers who participate in this year's FDMS Alumni Golf Tournament.

First Day, July 3, 1995
Top 10 Finishers of the Modified Callaway Competition

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Special Thanks to the Corporate Sponsors of the 2nd Annual FDMS Alumni Golf Tournament

- KUAM (Jon Denight '73)
- Northwest Airlines (Joe Cruz '82)
- DFS (Ron Schnabel '75)
- Calvo's Insurance (Ray Schnabel '79 & Paul Calvo, Jr. '78)
- MidPac Liquor (John Calvo '75)
- East-West Rental (Jim Adkins)
- FHP (Vince Amiola '74)
- Pepsi Cola (Eddie Calvo '79 & Gus Sablan '87)
- Bank of Hawaii (Frank Camacho '85)
- BHP Gas Express (James Martinez '78)
- BIC's (Bic Singh '80)
- California Golf (Joe Cruz '82)
- Hyatt Regency (David Ying)
- MCI International (Roland Franquez)
- New Wave Video (Sonny Ada '79)
- Nissan Motors (Brian Downey & Frank Flores)
- Tag Heuer (Galen Lujan '80)
- Triple J (Jeff Jones '81)

The organizing committee finds time to relax at the end of the two-day tournament. (L to R) Tony Rapadas '79, Fred Granillo, Frank Arriola '79, Sharon Lujan, Ray Schnabel '79, Rick Sablan '79, Dan Tydingco '79, Noby Flores, John Benito '79, Galen Lujan '80, and Jon Iriarte '80.
Stigmatine Era Remembered and Honored

Through a series of events held between July 14 and July 24, 1995, many FDMS alumni, students and dignitaries on Guam remembered and honored the Stigmatine priests who founded FDMS in 1948.

The idea for organizing the events came after many alumni of the 50’s and 60’s received the sad news of the passing of Father Joseph R. Morgan, C.S.S., one of the founding Stigmatine priests of our Alma Mater. The honored guests of the events were Fathers Charles Egan, C.S.S. and Gerald Goggin, C.S.S., two of the companions of Father Morgan who also taught at FDMS during its founding years.

FDMS offers its special thanks to Joe R. San Agustin ’54 (coordinator) and the Executive Planning Committee who took the leadership in planning the program of events.

Reflections on the Stigmatine Years

The Phoenix Tradition contacted Joe R. San Agustin ‘54 last month for an interview regarding his remembrance of the Stigmatines at FDMS. Joe was instrumental in organizing the program of events honoring the Stigmatine priests this past summer. What follows are some of San Agustin’s reflections on the Stigmatine era:

What years did you attend FDMS?
I was 14 years old when I started my freshman year at FDMS in September of 1950. I was the third year that the school had opened so it is pretty accurate to say that I was among FDMS’ pioneer classes.

What are the names of the Stigmatine priests who taught at FDMS during your studies there?
I’ll go a step further in answering this question, and tell you who the original pioneer Stigmatine priests were who came out to Guam at the invitation of Bishop Baumgartner in 1948 to start FDMS. They were: Fathers Gerald Goggin, Charles Egan, Joseph Morgan, Ellsworth Fortman, and Leo Geraci. Of these five, only Fathers Goggin, Egan and Geraci are alive. They are all now staying at their Stigmatine retirement home in Waltham, Massachusetts.

When I entered FD in September 1950, Fathers Ellsworth Fortman, and Leo Geraci had already returned to the States. In their place, Father Paul Daly and Father Henry Linse had arrived in 1949, and Fathers James Flanagan and Edwin Kelly had joined the staff. There were 7 Stigmatines on board when I came in 1950.

Father Daly, incidentally, was the Stigmatines’ religious superior in 1948 when he was contacted by Bishop Baumgartner to staff FDMS, and he was the superior who sent out the original five priests. He joined them the following year.

Over the years that I was at FD (1950-1954), Father Charles Egan returned to the States in 1951, and other priests came to join the staff at FD from that time to 1959 when the Stigmatines finally left the school. Other priest who subsequently joined the staff included Fathers Charles Sinesi, Louis Antonelli, Arthur Cerino, Nicolas Spagnolo, Joseph Mantia, Daniel Cernauskas, Robert Kenniston, and John Ford.

Overall, how would you characterize the atmosphere at FDMS created by the Stigmatine? (Tense? Strict? Close community?)
The atmosphere at FDMS created by the Stigmatines was neither tense nor strict, at least according to our standards. Perhaps, compared to today’s generation, things were very strict and tense then. But to us who lived through it, it was part of our formation.

There was discipline which was instilled in us as the way in which to achieve greatness, that unless a student is disciplined to do what he has to do to succeed in life, he will not. With discipline, of course, came rules which were imposed on us to follow. Viewed in today’s standards, these rules were strict, but to us in was part of our lives.

As seminarians we followed a regular routine of prayer, work, study and physical activities. There was a time to play, a time to work, a time to recreate, and a time to pray—and each segment of our routine was geared toward the development of a full man.

There was definitely a community and a family spirit developed within our group. We cared for each others successes and failures. We rejoiced when some of us succeeded; we were sad when others failed.

How would you characterize the academic and spiritual atmosphere at FDMS?
The academic atmosphere at FD during my (continued on back cover)
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50’s

Felix K. Yaoch (’54) was ordained a priest in 1967 and is currently the Local Superior of the Jesuits in Belau and Yap; the Vicar of Belau; and the pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Koror, Belau.

Estanislao Arriola Benavente (’55) retired from the U.S. Army in February 1988 after 27 years of service and is presently an investigator for the CNMI. While in the military service he was stationed in Germany, Korea, Vietnam, Japan, Colombia and NATO-Italy.

60’s

Frederico Weilbacker Mendiola (’60) retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Chief Master Sergeant in 1987 and is presently a Supply Administrator at the Port Authority on Guam.

Patrick S. Leddy (’61) was enrolled in the “Who’s Who of Teacher’s in America” in 1994.

Daniel Enrique Sablan (’61) is currently the Vice-Mayor of Sinajana and has held the elected position since 1981.

70’s

Alfredo Garrido Quinones (’67) retired from the United States Marine Corps GYSGT in 1988, accepted the position of Assistant, Project Manager for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, and is presently the Project Manager for the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Public Sales Division.

Gerald Andrew Taitano (’67) is the Vice President of the Human Resources Management and Development Department at the Bank of Guam and the Board of Directors President for the Guam Mass Transit Authority.

John Flores Pangelinan (’68) retired from the Navy Ship Repair Facility on June 1, 1994.

Anthony W. D. Perez (’68) is the Electrical Systems Inspector Foreman (WS-12) at Mare Island Naval Shipyard (specializing in nuclear submarines). He started apprenticeship on Guam at SRF after high school, served in US Army from 1971 to 1974, and continued federal service from 1974 to the present.

Peter Charles Siguenza (’69) is a Superior Court Justice on Guam. He served as the Chairman of the FDMS Board of Trustees from 1991 to 1992 and also notes that his class’ float, “FD ‘69 Mechanized Battalion”, won best overall Float in the 50th Anniversary of Liberation Parade. He also wants to know: “Anyone else have an FD Tattoo?”

Noel Leonardo Concepcion (’70) is a cardiovascular surgeon with the Valley Heart Association in Modesto, CA.

Oscar M. Sablan (’70) is in private medical practice with his wife Marcia Eckelman, M.D. at Firebaugh, CA. He received his BA degree from Saint Louis University in Missouri and than went on to earn his medical degree from the University of Hawaii in 1980.
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Frank Cruz San Nicolas (*’70) has served 25 years in the field of law enforcement and is currently a Ranger Superintendent for the Department of Parks and Recreation. He is also a Naui SCUBA Instructor, paratrooper and a Vietnam veteran.

Victor Martin Perez (*’74) is currently in private practice as a Psychiatrist. He received his BS degree from Yale University in 1978 and his MD degree from Yale University in 1983.

Joseph Flores Artero-Cameron (*’75) is currently the Director of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Executive Director of the Governor’s Commission. Previously, Joseph was Chief of Staff of Ways and Means; Director of Education at Pacific College; and Director of Mental Health for the Government of Guam.

Benny Arceo Fegurgur (*’75) is currently Executive Officer for regional Naval Exchange Services in San Diego, CA. He graduated with a masters degree from the Navy Postgraduate School in 1991 and also served with the ComNav Supplies Staff.

Dana Joseph Gumataotao (*’75) recently opened a Guam branch office for Clarke Home Nursing and was promoted to Administrator/Director of Home Health Aides. Previously, Dana was a flight attendant for Pan American. “It’s great to be back and able to do something for our community.”

Michael Dwight Gunn (*’75) embarks on a new career in law enforcement as a Deputy Sheriff of the San Francisco Sheriff’s Department after fourteen years with South Pacific Railroad. (Claims to be “constantly looking out for green mangoes.”)

Antonio Villagomez De Leon Guerrero (*’76) recently accepted the position of Dean of Professional Programs at the Northern Marianas College, Saipan. At the college Antonio was the Director of Business and Hospitality, the Director of Tourism Program, and a tourism instructor. Antonio also held various management positions at the Hyatt Regency in Saipan.

Gil Gofigan Quinata (*’76) is pursuing a degree in Law. He received his BS degree in Criminal Justice Sociology in 1983 and has done extensive graduate studies in Public Administration. In addition, Gil is a SCUBA instructor and is pursuing a pilots license.

Felino Anthony Amistad (*’78) is now the top loan officer with Great Western Bank. He is also a real estate broker and was formerly a mortgage broker.

Joseph Milton English (*’78) is currently pastor of Santa Teresita Church, Mangilao. After his ordination to the priesthood on April 28, 1990 he was also assigned to parishes in Yona, Agana Heights, Santa Rita, and Piti.

Gerard Calvo Perez (*’78) has recently moved to Utah to pursue a new career. Previously, Gerard worked as Assistant Manager with Wal-Mart, Assistant to the Central Manager with the U.S. Hotline, Assistant to the President of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, and Program Coordinator for the Guam Department of Commerce.

Francis Bernard Guerrero (*’79) is currently the Power Systems Controller for the Guam Power Authority and he also owns and manages several small businesses. His other accomplishments include: membership in the Coast Guard reserve, graduate of the U.S. Navy Apprenticeship Program, certified small arms instructor, Range Master, and anti-terrorist instructor.

Anthony John Perez Megofna (*’79) is an instructor in the Department of Physics at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. He is currently doing research with lasers.

Richard Patrick Sablan (*’79) is currently the vice-president of JR’s Micro Pacific Ent. Ltd. and owns a shipping agency and a marine equipment sales and leasing company. Richard also assists in coordinating the annual FDMS Alumni Golf tournament.

Brian J. San Nicolas (*’79) recently received his MBA in Telecommunications Management in August 1995 from the Golden Gate University, CA and returned to Guam October 1995 to offer his expertise to the island.
Adrian F. Cristobal (’80) was ordained a priest on September 30, 1989 and is currently the pastor of San Vicente Church, Barrigada; Chancellor for the Archdiocese of Guam; Co-director of Vocation; and Co-chairman of the Catholic Charities Appeal.

Joseph A. Delgado (’80) was ordained a priest on May 20, 1995 (his birthday) for the Diocese of San Jose, CA. He is currently the Associate Pastor of Saint John Vianney Church in San Jose.

Roger J. Kaneshiro (’80) is currently an orthodontist in private practice in Harmon. He received his BS degree in chemical engineering from the University of Southern California (’85), his DDS degree from Marquette University (’89), and his MS degree in orthodontics from State Univ. of NY at Buffalo (’92).

Mark Ivan Paulino (’80) graduated from the University of Hawaii with a BA degree in anthropology and is pursuing his master’s degree. After completing his studies, he desires to contribute to the research being done at the Micronesian Area Research Center at the University of Guam.

Ronald J. San Nicolas (’80) is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Social Work; Lecturer of Social Work at the University of Hawaii; University of Guam Doctoral Fellow; and a National Institute of Mental Health Research Fellow.

Edward F. Ulloa (’80) is the Producer & President of Crystal Sands Production, Inc., a San Francisco based audio production company with offices on Guam and SF, and studio facilities in SF, featuring album production, audio/video production, concert promotion & project management.

Clavero, Jr. (’81) has completed 14 yrs of service in the US Navy and is currently the recruiter in charge of NRS Vallejo, CA. Previously, he served two tours onboard Nuclear Powered Fast Attack Submarines and one tour with the Navy “Brig” in San Diego, CA.

Johnny A. Fegurgur (’81) graduated from New York University medical school and is currently in fourth year resident for surgery in Honolulu.

John W. Payne (’81) received his masters degree in ELEC/ELEX Engineering in January 1995 and his thesis was published in the Canadian Journal of Engineering. In August 1995 he accepted a position with Air Touch Cellular in CA as RF Design Engineer. In addition, John is submitting two articles for Technical Journal of Engineering

Phillip P. Santos (’81) plans a career transition to Matson Navigation this year and is currently an Account Exec. at American President Lines; board member of the Guam Contractors Assoc.; board sec. of Crimestoppers; member of the Chinese Merchants Assoc.; and Dale Carnegie graduate

Pedro Bacalangco

Joseph M. Diego (’82) recently accepted the position of Dededo Area Supervisor for Farmer’s Home Admin., USDA. Previously, Joseph was the Director of Customs & Quarantine Agency; Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce; and Bank of Guam Operations Assistant and Commercial/Loan Officer.

Myung Hwan Oh (’82) is currently the vice-president of Marketing and Sales for Hudson International Conductors, a Phelps Dodge Company. He received his BS degree from Columbia University.

Stefan Marcel Wusstig (’82) will soon be transferring to sea command after his current assignment as training officer at the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Readiness Center in Phoenix Arizona.

Hernan T. Santos (’83) finished college in ’87 as an engineer, worked in the disk drive industry for three years, “got tired of engineering,” and then went back to school to earn an MBA degree from the Univ. of California, Berkeley. He is now working in the San Jose, CA area as a production manager.

Donald V. Calvo (’84) is currently an Attorney-at-Law licensed to practice in Guam and California.

Francis P. Camacho (’84) was recently promoted to Assistant Vice-President/ Business Banking Officer of the Bank of Hawaii’s regional banking center on Guam.

James C. Diaz (’84) is currently a U.S. Army Officer at Fort Hood, Texas, Commissioned Second Lieutenant in May 1986, James was deployed to Desert Shield/Storm in September 1990 to April 1991 and from June to October 1992 he served as Air Defense Officer.
Achievements

Daniel C. Drilon (’84) is the President of Cosmos Corp. and the owner of a nationally acclaimed restaurant. He is currently writing a novel and recently wrote a collection of short stories, some of which were submitted by request to PBS for possible collaboration.

John Rivera Onedera (’84) is the Senior Accountant for Deloitte & Touche and is a Certified Public Accountant. He received his MBA degree from San Diego State University and his BBA degree from the University of Guam.

Jeffrey C. San Nicolas (’84) earned his master’s degree in private school administration from the University of San Francisco in July 1995. He plans to continue his theology studies at Saint Patrick’s Seminary in January 1996.

John Hien Truong (’84) received a fellowship for specialized medical training at Yale Medical School in the field of infectious diseases. Troung received his B.S. degree in chemistry from the University of San Francisco and then went on to Temple University School of Medicine where he received his M.D. He completed his residency this summer at the University of California, Irvine.

Noel Peter Delgado (’85) graduated from Rutgers University School of Law on May 26, 1995.

Everard Quintanilla (’85) is taking off on a new career in the U.S. Air Force and plans to pursue his master’s degree in Human Resource Management. Previously, Everard was a teacher at Bishop Baumgartner Memorial School as well as various other private and public schools.

Felix Flores Ungacta (’85) is an intern at Barnes Hospital, University of Washington. Felix received his medical degree from Georgetown University Medical School and earned several distinctions while there, including: Cum Laude honors, Alpha Omega Alpha Inductee, and recipient of the Gregory M. Chirikjian Award in Biomedical Research. Felix received his BS degree in Biology with honors from the University of Hawaii and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

Vincent Cristobal Camacho (’86) is currently a management consultant at Deloitte & Touche. Previously he served four years in the U.S. Army. Vincent received his BS degree in accounting from San Diego State University.

Joseph (Sang) Hui Lee (’86) is the Investment Manager for American International Group and will be traveling to Korea to head the investment portfolio for AIG office, Seoul.

Antonio B. Pendon (’86) is currently a respiratory therapist at Cedars Sinai Medical Center and specializes in the Neonatal Respiratory Therapy.

Anthony Wayne Cruz Taijeron (’86) is currently a police officer for the Guam Police Department and plans to pursue a degree in criminal justice. Previously Anthony served in the military for five years.

Melvin Aranzamendez Jose (’87) is currently the media planner for J. Walter Thompson and is working on the “Sprint” account, an advertising campaign that features Candace Bergen and he’s “loving every minute of it!”

Paul Gerard Terlaje (’87) graduated from the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD in May 1991 and completed officer school at Newport, RI. He is currently a lieutenant in the US Navy serving aboard the U.S.S. Tortuga stationed at Norfolk, VA and has completed two Mediterranean cruises, each lasting six months in Bosnia, Mogadiscio, and other Mediterranean ports.

Wally Tsui (’87) is beginning a new career in law enforcement as an F/T code enforcement officer and P/T Police Officer (Reserve) for the city of Alhambra, CA. Previously, Wally worked in the occupational health and safety field.

David Sablan Duenas (’88) accepted the position of Engineer II at the Guam Telephone Authority. Previously, David was employed with Puget Sound Power and Light, ABB Phoenix Controls, and General Electric.

Gerard Gedalanga Estoy (’88) celebrated his first year of work at FHP in Guam on June 10, 1995 as a laboratory assistant/phlebotomist.

Alfred Flores Leon Guerrero (’88) recently accepted the position of Assistant General Manager at PACTOURS. Previously, Alfred was a Planner (II) for the Guam Airport Authority.

Franz L. Loriega (’88) graduated Magna Cum Laude from Georgetown University in 1992.

Jonathan Dehe Sakovich (’88) is currently training for the Olympic trials in March 1996.

David Michael Torre (’88) is planning to enter graduate school in the Fall of 1996. He is currently a member of the technical support staff at State of the Art.
Achievements

**Michael Loreto Cahinhinan (‘90)** accepted the position of Financial Controller for Gerber Systems Inc. in Honolulu.

**Gabriel Aflague Jugo (‘90)** graduated from Santa Clara University with a BS degree in civil engineering and accepted the position of Structural Designer for GK2 Inc. “Para Yu’os Yan Para Guahan”

**Jay Alberto Medina (‘90)** is pursuing a master’s degree in International Business. As a member of the Barangay Dance Company of SF, CA and through personal studies he is working to preserve and promote traditional Filipino folk dances and indigenous Filipino martial arts.

**Joseph Lujan Rojas (‘90)** graduated with honors from Portland State University with a BS degree in Administration of Justice. He is currently an Assistant Manager at Electronics Boutique in Oregon.

**Sidney Corcino Sison (‘90)** is the owner and general manager of Sign-A-Rama, USA, a full service sign franchise company located in Harmon. Sign work includes banners, window lettering, car/truck lettering, and lighted indoor and outdoor signs.

**Carlo Reyes Dela Cruz (‘91)** will be transferring to the University of Hawaii from Kapiolani Community College in January 1996.

**John Sablan Duenas (‘91)** was selected to serve in the Midshipman Leadership program during his senior year at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and will be going on to flight school in February 1996. He also lettered in varsity crew and represented the USA in France for the D-Day 50th anniversary.

**Karl Frederic Loriega (‘91)** earned a BA degree in philosophy (Summa Cum Laude) from Yale University in May 1995 and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa society. Karl was also honored as a Edward Bouchet Research Fellow and as a 1991 Presidential Scholar.

**Bernardo Abano Solidum (‘93)** is currently attending the University of Hawaii in the pre-medical technology program and was recently enrolled on the Dean’s List for academic achievement.

**Alvin De Los Reyes Alvarez (‘94)** is currently attending the University of Guam and was enrolled on the Dean’s List for academic achievement the 1994 Fall semester.

**Dennis Ilustrer Eucogco (‘94)** completed his Freshman year (‘94-’95) at James Madison University in Virginia where he made the President’s List for academic achievement during the second semester.

**Jesse Niecales Nasis (‘94)** is currently studying at the University of San Diego.

**Robert Felipe Pangilinan (‘94)** was included in the National Dean’s List for academic achievement at his college. (“...other than that my college is still pretty much not as exciting as my high school achievements were—yet!”)

**Joshua John Paulino (‘94)** is currently attending the University of San Francisco.

**Frank Peter Perez (‘94)** is presently attending the University of Notre Dame.

**Ismael C. Perez (‘94)** is currently attending Tufts University.

**James Sablan Duenas (‘95)** is currently working part-time as a travel consultant at his family’s newly opened travel agency, Leilani World Travel. He is also attending college part-time.

**Berndt F. Bittlingmaier (‘95)** is currently attending Western Washington University.

**Jonathan Blas Diaz (‘95)** is currently attending Saint John’s Seminary College in California.

**Joseph G. Camacho Muna (‘95)** is currently attending Washington State University.
Alumni News

Passages

60’s


Andriano Eustaquio Balajadia (‘66) is raising a family of five children, two of whom are FDMS Alumni!

Jose Santos Dela Cruz (‘67) married Rita T. Sablan and they have three children: Roxanne, Renee, and Rica Ann.

Alfredo Garrido Quinones (‘67) married Santa Buenrostro from the Dominican Republic and they now have five children and three grandchildren.

Gerald Andrew Taitano (‘67) married Fances Untalan Taitano (AOLG ’68) and they have two daughters: Aulii Lynette (AOLG ’68) and Kiele Jael (AOLG 2000?).

Anthony W. D. Perez (‘68) has two children, Mark and Valorie, and one grandchild, Mari.

Johnny Fred Quinata (‘68) married Angie Yamashita (AOLG ’67). Together they have two boys, Nick (14 years old) and Matt (11 years old).

Peter Charles Siguenza (‘69) celebrates 25 years of marriage to Joleen (AOLG ’69) on December 6, 1995.

70’s

Noel Leonardo Concepcion (‘70) celebrated 20 years of marriage to Beatrice Benito this year. They now have three children: Ian (15), Joshua (12), and Banks (11).

Jesse Flores Pangelinan (‘70) married Elaine M. Pangelinan and they have two children, Hannah and Jessica.

Walter Chris Perez (‘70) married Debra Eruson and they have two children, Kallen Marie (6) and Matthew Gregory (3).

Frank Cruz San Nicolas (‘70) has one son, Christopher James San Nicolas.

Joseph Lujan Edquilane (‘71) is married and has two children: Joseph(13) and Kayla(3).

Antonio Artero Sablan (‘71) married Patti Untalan Sablan and they have three sons Michael (22), Patrick (17), and Paul (10).

Andrew Brownlee Eusebio (‘74) married Cheryl Elliott and they now have two boys Andrew Jr. and Cameron.

80’s

Roger J. Kaneshiro (‘80) married Suzanne Sison and they have two children: Kimberly and Paul.

Ronald J. San Nicolas (‘80) married Melissa Sablan and together they are expecting their second child in Oct. 1995.


Pedro B. Clavero, Jr. (‘81) married Lynette J. Jayobo of Agat in 1991 and they have one son, Christopher Ryan (2 yrs. old).

John W. Payne (‘81) married Agnes A. Payne and together they have a daughter named Ashley and a second child who was due in August 1995.


John T. Meno (‘82) “and Kelley Jewell Meno had a beautiful bouncing baby girl weighing 7.7lbs. at 7:00pm on Halloween night Oct. 31, 1993 - Tiana Jewell Meno is now 19 months and full of bubbly energy”.

Myung Hwan Oh (‘82) married Jodi Lynn Wu (a graduate of Columbia University along with Myung) in October 1993.

Hernan T. Santos (‘83) and Julia White celebrated three years of marriage this year. “No kids yet.”


Mark D. Evangelista (‘84) married Michelle M. Quinata on December 17, 1988 at St. Joseph’s Church in Inarajan, Guam. Together they have three children: Mark Vincent (02-24-85), Maelani Lynn (02-15-89), and Mason Joseph (03-16-95).

John Rivera Onedera (‘84) married Arlene Aquino (AOLG ’84) in 1991 and they had their first child, Jonathan Edward, on May 21, 1995.

Ronald D. Reyes (‘84) is engaged to marry Michelle Palmaro on December 29, 1995 in Manila, Philippines.
Joseph (Sang) Hui Lee ('86) married Seung Ah Wi on October 29, 1995 and they have a new born child, Kyu-Bin.

Peter C. Muna ('86) married Cynthia.

Antonio B. Pendon ('86) is engaged to be married soon.

Anthony Wayne Cruz Taijeron ('86) married Marcella, whom he met while in the military. They have one daughter and have plans to build their second home in the near future.

Kenneth Louis Carriveau ('87) married Lloland G. Williams at Ft. Worth Texas in June 1993 and they had their first daughter, Katherine Luisa, in September 1994.

Melvin Avanzamanfez Jose ('87) is not married yet—Soon!

David Sablan Duenas ('88) married Lisa Gordon at Saint James Cathedral on July 10, 1993. They have a son, James Edward, born on May 1, 1995, 7 lbs-7 oz, 19 inches.

Gerard Gedalanga Estoy ('88) celebrated 3 years of marriage to Malou on April 26, 1995. They have twin sons, Stephen John and Calvin James.

Edward R. Chan ('89) married Eloisa Albano on January 30, 1994. They are the proud parents of Edrienne Louise Chan (one year old).

Condolences to...

John Flores Pangelinan ('68) on the death of his son, John Charles Pangelinan, on November 1, 1994.

Godfrey A. Macaraeg ('69*) on the death of his son, Godfrey Arthur Macaraeg ('87*), on October 10, 1995.

Everand Eric Quintanilla ('85) on the death of his brother, Ron August Santos Quintanilla, on September 23, 1995.

Jonathan Quan ('89), James Quan ('96), Derek Wegner ('97), and Joseph Pereira ('99) on the death of their grandmother, Manuela Quan, on October 30, 1995.

Carlo Reyes Dela Cruz ('91) on the death of his grandmother, Carmen Romualdez Dela Cruz, on June 9, 1995.

Shawn Leon Guerrero ('97) on the death of his grandfather, Juan Siguienza Leon Guerrero, on October 17, 1995.

In Memorium

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We’ve Seem to Have Lost Some Friends.

Do you know the whereabouts of any of the reunion class members below? If you do please let us know. We would love to keep in touch with them and assist in any way we can in their upcoming reunions.

1951
Jesus Crisostomo Agonan

1956
Mariano R. Aquiningoc
Cayetano Arrelano
Paulino Cruz Borja
Baldovino Estillon Castro
Jesus Quituquiu Charfauros
Juan Duenas Leon Guerrero
Jose Lieto Norita
Francisco Torres Perez
Frank Guevara Perez
Peter Pangelinan Perez
Vicente Torres Perez
Alfred Joseph Suauz
James Thomas Zeien

1961
Franklin George Anderson
Pedro Sablan Anderson
Henry Flores Blas
Peter Esteban Blaz
Tomas Leon Guerrero Borja
Alfred Tenorio Camacho
Gregorio Garido Camacho
Tito Ignacio Castro
Francisco Gogue Cruz
Jesus Esteban Cruz
Francisco Romualdez De la Cruz
Michael Jerome Determin
Francisco Blas Diaz
Marvin Michael Dodge
David Guzman Duenas
Luis Lujan Duenas
Joaquin Finona Guerrero
Rafael S. Guerrero
Antonio Sablan Gumataotao
Thomas Blas Guzman
Clarence M. Harris
David Santos Ignacio
Francisco Cruz Lizama
Joaquin C. Lujan
Jesus P. Mafnas
John Martin Mahaffey
Joaquin T. Meno
Jose Borja Meno
Edward Lee Morgan
William Agonan Nauta
Ron Martinez Oliva
Edmond Pangelinan
Enrique Baza Pociego
Cristobal Reyes
Daniel Mesa Sablan
Frederick Karl Santos
John Perez Santos
Robert Garrido Sgambelluri
Norbert Blas Tydingco
Antonio Reyes Unipingo
Joaquin Villagomez
Antonio Cruz White
William White

1966
Pedro Tomas Agonan
Leonard R. Baza
Joseph Garrio Borja
Vicente J. Cabrera
Vicente Martinez Camacho
Richard Cassidy
Jesus Manalisay Castro
Thomas B. Charfauros
Timothy J. Collins
John Copeda Crisostomo
Anthony Cruz
Frankie Cruz
Joseph L. Cruz
Lawrence Diaz Cruz
William Cundiff
Michael Czlonka
John Douglas
Ignacio Duenas
John Duenas
Derwood Duncan
Ruben Eliana
Timothy Evans
Benjamin Garrido
Joseph Eustaquio Garrido
Amon Leon Guerrero Guerrero
George Hartley
Ronald Harry Peter Iaela
Russell Jenkins
Richard George Le Francis
Anthony Leon Guerrero
Alan Lovell
Gabriel San Nicolas Mansapit
Jose Santos Martinez
David Mitchell
Michael Anthony Murray
Jesse Cruz Navarro
John Marshal Obenchain
Clinton James Odierno
Roderick Orson Ott
Richard Pablo
Benny Paulino
Jeffrey Pick
Edward Mata Quinene
Jesus Leon Guerrero Ramirez
Antonio Reyes
Tomas Cruz Reyes
James Ryland
Edward Sablan
John G. San Agustin
Paul Alexis Limliaco Santos
Joannes Taimanov
Jerry Torres
Blas Tydingco
Jose Untalain
Richardo Vergara
James Edward Violett

1971
Andrew Michael Aflague
Chris S. Alberta
John Patrick Brandenburg
John Thomas Camacho
Jose Muna Camacho
Raymond Cruz Camacho
Felipe Acafalle Candaso
David Blas Castro
Roque Raymond Castro
Frank James Cruz
Joseph Perez Cruz
Alvin J. Duenas
Jorge Agustin Orozo Emmanuel
John P. Flores
Walter Kung-wai Fung
Charles Castro Guerrero
Ernesto Ronaldo Guerrero
Louis E. Hauer
Charles G. Homfeld
David Blas Dress
Bruce Edward Kloppeburg
George Stephen Leong
Richard Vincent Leon
Edward Cruz Manibusan
Luis Koston Martinez
Anthony Geraldo Paredes
Anthony Perez Pangelinan
Abraham Mayores Paredes
Stephen N. Perry
Vincent Cruz Quaita
John Crisostomo Rivero
Michael Anthony Dwyre Robertson
Vincent Mafnas Rosario
Nicolas Diaz Sablan
Edilberto Servilia Salvador
Richard Cruz San Nicolas
Cassiano Ada Soram
Charles Leonard Thomas
Paul David Untalan

1976
Edgardo Azurin Bianca
Fred Blas
Felix Perez Camacho
Dennis Francis Charfauros
Jose Pascual Chuidian
Claudio Donato
Michael Dolan Flynn
Francis Leon Gill
Peter Edward Gill
Richard Charles Hardy
Allen Mikel Hosie
Frank M. Hultema
Roy Joseph Kaneshiro
Don Kenzo Kunitomo
Galo Dumanal Lizama
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1986
Arriz Cedado Anualdo
David Joseph Arquelles
Ronald G. Balajadia
Savatore Balsamo
Frank Thomas Santos Blaz
Rodney Agabda Chininhina
Alfred Bilanga Camacho
Raymond L. Castro
Francisco Rosario Diaz
Carlito George C. Estrada
Victor John Evangelista
Francis Nicanor Fisico
Ernest C. Grant
Protacio Paciente Juarez
Steven James Koski
Eloy Salas Lizama
Renato Maniego Mabesa
Eugene Juajidong Pro
Anthony Mesa Sablan
Richard Allen Salas
Howard Gustaf Trapp
Kenneth William Wagner

1991
Harry H. Chang
Craig Badar Coatiano
Dominic D. Cruz
Joseph Gerard Cruz
Leandro S. Dalisay
Kevin Carter Gaston
Ryan Gumataotao
Steven C. P. Hattori
Po Kyong Kim
Tae Chun Kwon
Chi Lun (Alan) Ng
Paul Anthony Perez
Francis John Reyes
Joel Perez Salas
Lawrence Candelaria Tanghal
Jim Marvin Z. Terbio
Richard Y. Ybanez

Class of 1966
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For more information Call
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years there was one of seriousness in our educational pursuit. It was instilled in us that we were there at FD to learn (and as seminarians to prepare for the priesthood), and unless we devoted ourselves to our educational pursuit, we have no business being there.

Our spiritual life was filled with prayer at different stages of the day: meditation and Mass in the morning; spiritual readings in the afternoons; rosary and Benedictions before dinner; readings during the first part of our meals; spiritual reading and evening prayers before we retired; Vespers on Sundays.

Despite our heavy prayer life, our schedule also incuded lots of time for study and recreation.

The scholastic courses we took were college preparatory courses, all geared toward preparing us for further studies in college. We were taught Gregorian chant on the side.

Basketball was the only popular sports at the time (not football), and baseball to a lesser degree. Almost everyone whose health could stand it was encouraged to participate in sports.

What do you appreciate most about your studies and life at FDMS with the Stigmatines?

• the fact that the Stigmatines took special interest in each of us, treating us as their own sons, and encouraging us (even in individual cases) to pursue our chosen careers;
• the fact that the Stigmatines didn’t seem to separate themselves apart from us like they lived in a different world than ours. We played basketball together; we went on picnics and outings together; we recreated together. They made themselves as accessible to us as possible, yet maintaining a distance so as not to lose the respect that they deserved from us;
• the fact that they made themselves available to us for counseling and advice, both scholastically and spiritually;

We knew we had friends in them.

What do you appreciate least about your studies and life at FDMS with the Stigmatines:

I really can’t think of any!

Are there elements of your experience of FDMS with the Stigmatines that you would hope has continued at FDMS even until this day?

I wish that the tradition of EXCELLENCE for which FDMS had always been known will become fully evident.

I don’t know what it is now, but I remember in my days that if a student fails any two subjects in any two successive quarters, he’s out! That might seem like a very harsh criterion, but we were always taught that “FDMS is a top-notch school whose scholastic standards are high, and where you come to learn,” and if you can’t handle it – sorry!

Many parents (in those days) sent their sons to FDMS because of the discipline that they knew will be instilled into their kids. I don’t know if that still exists today, but I sure wish that the element of DISCIPLINE is still foremost at FDMS.

I was always proud of being an FD student in my day because everybody talked about how high-caliber a standard is set there. Our professors (all priests) became not just our teachers, but our mentors as well. We looked up to them, and they inspired us to greatness.

Are you still proud to be graduate of FDMS?

Bet your bottom dollar, I am! I am extremely proud of my teachers, their credentials, their dedication, their friendship, and their moral influence on me.

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