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# QUARTERLY REPORT

March 2019 - June 2019



# Coastal Clean up



As a response to the call to clean the shoreline of Manila, San Beda University in coordination with Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) had scheduled several Saturdays to participate in the clean-up in Roxas Boulevard and Baseco. The clean-up started from February until April of the second semester and participated by CEC, faculty and NSTP students.



# Medical Mission

Last April 13, 2019, SAMA – San Beda in collaboration with the Community Engagement Center conducted their Medical Mission at Brgy. 843, Pandacan Manila. The medical mission is an annual activity of SAMA-SanBeda as their way of giving back to the community.

For this year's medical mission the chosen beneficiaries are members of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) of DSWD. More than 200 patients was medically checked and was given medicines. The medical mission team was composed of 14 medical students, one senior clerk, two medical interns and one consultant, all coming from the College of Medicine. The DSWD Social Worker assigned in the barangay together with two of his social welfare assistants were also there to monitor and assist in the activity.



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# Gabi ng Parangal

The outstanding community engagement programs and activities of the students of the College of Arts and Sciences were given recognition by the Community Engagement Center during the Gabi ng Parangal held last May 10, 2019 at the ABS-CBN Vertis Tent. Prof. Joselito J. Tablang, CEC Director, together with the two social workers, Ms. Angie Balance and Ms. Melani Morales, handed the awards to student organizations with the most sustainable, relevant, and positive influence or impact to the target beneficiaries of their program.

Five student organizations were given recognition: SBJMA – San Beda Junior Marketing Association, JBLC – Junior Bedan Law Circle, BITS – Bedan Information and Technology Society, KASB – Kapisanang Agham ng San Beda, and San Beda Sports and Wellness Association.



# WATER SAFETY AND SURVIVAL TRAINING

As part of the Disaster Preparedness Program of the Community Engagement Center, a Water Safety and Survival Training for NSTP students of the College of Arts and Sciences was held last March 13, 2019 at the SBU swimming pool. The training is in partnership with the Department of Human Kinetics faculty and Sports Management students, particularly the student-athletes of our swimming team.

Selected students from the different NSTP sections took part in the training which aims to prepare students to become resourceful, creative, and skilled in times of emergencies, most especially in the event of flood, tsunami or other dangerous events caused by water.

# Mushroom Visit

The CEC team led by Prof. Joselito J. Tablang together with Prof. Zernan De Ramos – faculty of CAS Entrepreneurship visited a mushroom farm and mushroom processing site in Silang, Cavite to look for experts in mushroom processing within or near NCR that could possibly transfer the skills to our nearby communities in Manila, Taytay or Silang and train our partner community in Mountain Province with existing mushroom livelihood. The Mushroom Farm is owned by Ms. Joyce and is located at Balubad II, Silang, Cavite.

Upon learning that we are from San Beda University, Ms. Joyce enthusiastically showed us her mushroom growing site. The mushroom site is made up of nipa and is protected from insects by net. She shared that she was once visited by Umagang kay Ganda and was featured in one of their segments. Ms. Joyce is also processing mushroom and their products are already available at Acienda Mall in Silang, Cavite. Some of their products are: crispy mushroom in different flavors, mushroom bagoong, mushroom chili sauce, mushroom pesto sauce and mushroom polvoron. Ms. Joyce shared that she can provide training on mushroom growing and processing.



# SERVANT LEADERSHIP



Part of the capability training for the leaders and members of Sikap Angat, last June 22 a spirituality seminar about servant leadership was conducted. The facilitator/resource person came from the Theology Department of College of Arts and Sciences.



Prof. Mari Gabatbat the Chair of the Department of Theology, CAS discussed the true meaning of Servant Leadership and how one can become a servant leader. The 15 participants, mostly women, actively participated during the seminar and was moved with the discussion.



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# PAWICARE

An ecological tour and outreach was conducted by the Community Engagement Center Staff, NSTP faculty and Human Biology students in Hiyas ng Kalikasan and Pawicare, in the small town of San Narciso, Zambales last March 23, 2019. Hiyas ng Kalikasan is a mini forest developed by Atty. Rene Sarmiento and his family from a barren piece of land after the Mt. Pinatubo eruption. Today, it is a home to several species of trees, and a sanctuary to different kinds of birds and other animals. A walk in this forest gave the group a relaxing bond with nature and spiritual tranquility as several structures for prayer and reflection were also placed in the area.

In the afternoon, the group had a dialogue with Pawicare volunteers, who are actually fishermen who organized themselves to protect the eggs of Pawican until they are hatched and released to the sea. Our Human Biology students listened with interest to the stories of the volunteers, and explored the Pawican sanctuary and hatchery to see the possibility of helping the Pawicare through research and community engagement.

The CEC donated rice, canned goods, personal care products, flashlights and cash to the Pawicare volunteers to help them sustain their activities.

the final activity of the ecotour is the opportunity to experience releasing newly hatched pawicans to the sea to the delight of everybody. Young turtles were taken from the hatchery, and each one of us were given the chance to hold the young pawicans in our hands, carefully put them in the sand, and watched the young pawicans race to the sea.







# PCNC APPROVES SBCBEFI PROGRAMS



Last March 8, 2019, the much awaited PCNC visit to SBCBEFI happened. There were three evaluators who came for the visit, Ms. Doris M. Espinosa – Team Chair, and her two members Ms. Ellen de Guzman and Ms. Louie Gabasan.

Ms. Espinosa was the team chair and was assigned to evaluate SBCBEFI's program operation, vision, mission & goals, governance and networking, while Ms. De Guzman was assigned to evaluate the administration and financial management, and Ms. Gabasan served as the PCNC Secretariat during the visit.

The evaluation has two parts, the first one is the review of reports and other pertinent documents and the second part is the interview of the members of the BOT, Executive Director( Fr. Bede S. Hechanova, OSB), volunteer comptroller, accounting staff, CEC social workers, the CEC Director and beneficiaries.

For the BOT, the evaluation team interviewed Mr. James Sy, SBCBEFI Vice President and Dom Clement Roque, OSB, SBCBEFI Treasurer then the SBCBEFI Executive Director. After the officers of the Foundation the next that was interviewed was the beneficiaries, two came from Sitio Pactil, Ms. May Ann Besley and Ms. Michelle Omaney, and four scholars namely Mr. Jemar Bantillo, BS. Marine Engineer, Mr. Emmanuel Sarmiento, BS Accountancy, Jan Reside, Doctor of Medicine and Lea Soria, BSEd Major in English.

The evaluation was a success with minimal recommendations to further improve the service delivery of the Foundation.

As of May 21, 2019 the application for registration of the foundation with DSWD was approved and is valid for three years. While the PCNC accreditation as of June 30, 2019 is technically approved and awaiting the release of the certificate.



# Seminar on Phytoremediation

The Kapisanan ng Agham ng San Beda organized a Seminar on Phytoremediation in coordination with the Community Engagement Center. Dr. Liwayway Acero served as the resource person where she discussed the result of her research on Azolla plant as phytoremediation for polluted waters. Aside from cleaning water, azolla plant can also be used as fertilizer and food for animals such as chicken, goats, etc. She shared how to propagate azolla plant that can also be a source of livelihood for azolla plant growers. At the end of the seminars, Dr. Acero distributed samples of azolla plant that the community members can start to grow. The seminars were conducted in Sitio San Gabriel, Dolores, Taytay, Rizal and barangay Tenejero, Pulilan, Bulacan dated April 3 and April 10 respectively.



## *Celebrating St. Bede's Day in the Community*

As part of the continuous effort of the Community Engagement Center of San Beda University to disseminate the good works of St. Bede the Venerable, to whom the school was named, last year during the feast day of St. Bede, CEC launched a school supply distribution program. It aims to provide basic school supplies to the least privileged members of the community.

For this year's celebration of St. Bede's feast day and school supplies distribution, CEC partnered with the College of Arts and Sciences National Service Training Program. Students who donated school supplies for elementary students. A total of 180 sets were collected and distributed to five partner communities of SBU-CEC namely Sitio San Gabriel, Brgy. Dolores, Taytay Rizal, Barangay Anahaw II, Silang Cavite, Brgy. 843 & 868, Pandacan, Manila and St. John of God, Quiapo, Manila.





# Pulang Kariton

Upcycling II is a continuation of the Upcycling initiative of San Beda Junior Marketing Association in partnership with Community Engagement Center. In the phase two of upcycling, NSTP students were asked to make a push-cart out of the scrap materials of San Beda Carpentry office that can be donated to our partner communities and be used as their negosyo cart.

A total of six (6) pulang kariton (negosyo cart) were distributed to our partner communities in Paco, Manila, Barangay 868, Pandacan, Manila and San Juan City.



# TINDOG: MARAWI CONCERT

After more than a year of preparation, the Tindog Marawi Concert was finally staged last March 29, 2019 at the auditorium of College of the Holy Spirit. The concert was a fundraising project of the Outreach Committee of the Mendiola Consortium to help fund the rehabilitation of Marawi. It will be recalled that the City of Marawi was heavily damaged by war which lasted for several months last year, and the reconstruction of the damaged infrastructure will cost millions of pesos.

To show our solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters in Marawi, students, faculty and non-teaching personnel of the Mendiola Consortium member schools bought tickets to show their support to the project. Homegrown talents from the different member schools performed through songs and dances to the delight of the audience.



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# A Special Meeting on Livelihood and Self Reliance

Last March 12, 2019, a meeting was set by UNHCR with the different civil society organizations and had a discussion on strategies and good practices for the improvement of integration program for refugees in the Philippines. This was attended by CEC, Guidance Counseling Office and College of Law Legal Aid Bureau of San Beda.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is the UN Refugee Agency that has been a partner of San Beda University through the Community Engagement Center in providing assistance to refugees in the Philippines. In the past, San Beda has assisted refugees on career assessment and counseling session through the expertise of our Guidance Counseling Office. This time, the partnership is looking for the possibility to include Legal Aid Clinic and College of Arts and Sciences in providing assistance to the refugees.

