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2020 Annual Report

SCHOOL YEAR: 2019-2020

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Academy Prayer

O God Thank You for the many blessings of my life.

Thank You for the opportunity at the Academy to develop my gifts further, to expand my knowledge,

to mature in my beliefs and values, and to become more sensitive to Your presence.

During my years on campus, may I know the joys of friendship as well as have the courage at times to stand alone.

May I respect and respond to the needs of those around me.

May I approach my studies with intensity but keep my perspective and sense of humor. May the Academy of Our Lady be a better place because I am here. Amen.

Alma Mater

Academy, Beloved, shrine of Our Lady dear,
Behold! We gather 'round thee, we've come
from far and near

To learn from thee those Truths divine,
That on us they may ever shine,
Our Lady, sweetest Mother
Watch o'er these children thine.

Academy, Beloved, e'er faithful we will be,
Although the years before us may find us far
from thee:

Far from thy halls and friends so dear.
O Mother! Be thou ever near!

Academy, Beloved, our love we pledge thee
here.

Academy, Beloved, the parting hour is near.
Thy blessings show'r upon us and banish doubt
and fear.

Our Lady dear, may thou e'er be
With us through life's tempestuous sea
Academy, Beloved, farewell, farewell to thee!



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From the desk of the

President



Sister Mary Angela Perez, RSM '64

Dear Alumnae, Parents, Friends and Benefactors,

We experienced a quite different school year at Academy. It started with our wonderful 70th Anniversary Mass Celebration in September, followed by our very successful *1st Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament* in October, then the continued emulation of our students as "the Body of Christ" in November with the burial of our brothers "Joseph" and "Leonardo." The Christmas season then came around with our annual 2K/5K starting the new year and the unforgettable annual Song Fest Family Night 2020 in February.

With tremendous gratitude, we thank all those who contributed to our successful Accreditation Visit from March 4 to 6, 2020. We were blessed to complete the review with our Visiting Team prior to the "stay at home" Government of Guam mandate imposed due to the presence of COVID-19 on island. Third quarter ended in March, and we were caught off guard with this growing pandemic. In the blink of an eye, compulsory home quarantine was the new norm. In spite of this unforeseen impediment, we continued to forge on with distance learning and even managed to give the Class of 2020 an unforgettable graduation experience no other Academy class has experienced. Virtual classrooms and offices completely dominated the traditional school campus.

Regardless of the challenges we faced and continue to face with the pandemic, we will treasure the many fun-filled and exciting traditional and non-traditional activities for School Year 2019-2020. We moved from our traditional school hallways to virtual learning from home with our laptops. From pep rally gatherings in the gym to virtual meetings. We will cherish the many "footprints" we kept and stored along the way on our electronic platforms as we progressed into the virtual means of surviving.

Thank you to the many benefactors, alumnae, parents, Advisory Board, and Finance Council who have generously donated their time, goods, and money for another successful and exciting school year. Your hard work and dedicated efforts shone through the success of these events and the many accomplishments and achievements of our students. The Academy students never cease to amaze me with many unforgettable experiences and memories as our school continues to progress into the "new normal."

I pray for God's continued blessings and guidance on you and our Academy family as we grow the Academy legacy into a new unknown territory. Santa Marian Kamalen, pray for us. As we look forward to the new school year, I am eager for the many adventures our future holds, and I look forward to the many changes we will adapt to as we face a new world.

In mercy,

Sister Mary Angela Perez, RSM

Sister Mary Angela Perez, RSM '64
President

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF GUAM

“...dedicated to excellence”

Welcome to the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. We are pleased to present our Annual Report for School Year 2019 - 2020. We hope that you will find our report informative as well as inspiring.

The Academy of Our Lady of Guam is a Catholic high school for young women centrally located in the capital city of Hagåtña, Guam. The school community promotes secondary education in a college preparatory environment in the center of a governmental, religious, and business locale. The school philosophy focuses on learning in a Catholic environment. Working together with the local and business communities, the Academy of Our Lady of Guam provides for the overall development of each and every student.

Since its foundation in 1949 and for the past 70 years, the Academy has been dedicated to nurturing and mentoring young women and empowering them to make significant contributions in Church, society, and the world at large. Over 99% of the graduating class go on to higher education and receive acceptance at top colleges and universities. Today, alumnae are found in leadership positions as doctors, judges, lawyers, corporate executives, educators, Church leaders, foreign relation officers, public officials, and many more. The hallmark of the Academy is excellence, and we are proud of the many young women who have been part of the Academy family experience.

SCHOOL PROFILE SCHOOL YEAR 2019—2020

SCHOOL STATISTICS:

Type of School: Four-year Archdiocesan College Preparatory School for girls.

Enrollment for SY 2019-2020: 356

Tuition for SY 2019-2020: \$530.00 per month

Accreditation: Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC); and,
Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA)

Student body ethnicity: Chamorro, Filipino, Asian-Pacific, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Caucasian, Micronesian, Hispanic, African American

Faculty ethnicity: Chamorro, Caucasian, Filipino, Japanese, Hispanic, Russian

Facilities: The campus is comprised of a 2-story multi-faceted building with spacious, air-conditioned classrooms, state-of-the-art computer and learning laboratories in the school's Science, Technology, and Resource (STaR) Wing and throughout the school, a Cafeteria and an Auditorium in the Ysrael Auditorium of Fine Arts Building, and a school Gymnasium.

TECHNOLOGY:

The Academy continuously strives to upgrade its institutional technology to enhance the teaching and learning process at the school. The school also engages in distance learning for its students. Through fundraising efforts and the contributions of generous supporters, the Academy has been able to continue to provide and maintain the following:

- Four technology laboratories: a 16-station computer classroom equipped with advanced software for graphics and artwork, a MAC lab consisting of 19-MAC Book Pros and 10-IPads, a 35-station computer classroom fully equipped to perform simulated Science experiments and also equipped with Geometer's Sketchpad, and a 23-station resource computer lab in the school library; and 3 media carts each equipped with 30 portable laptops.
- Multi-media cart systems for instructional use equipped with laptop, projector, and speakers;
- Internet ready classrooms and campus wide;
- Access to the use of Interactive Boards throughout the campus;
- Secured wireless access on campus; and,
- TeacherEase that serves as a means of communications between home and school as well as a grade book system.



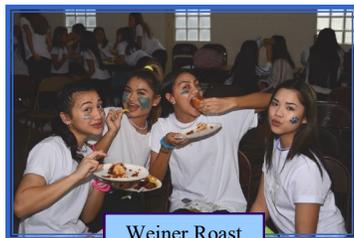
Year In

The Academy of Our Lady of Guam High School opened School Year 2019-2020 with tremendous excitement and in celebration of its 70th anniversary. Prior to the actual start, new students entering the Academy were treated to a school picnic in the summer and two days of orientation prior to the first day of school. The staff and faculty launched the beginning of the year on



Faculty & Staff

August 1 to 6, 2019 with the first Faculty Meeting of the school year. An array of meetings and workshops then filled the school calendar for the faculty and staff until the first official day of classes, August 7, 2019. On the first day of school, the traditional Mass of the Holy Spirit was celebrated and followed by a general assembly of the entire school signifying that the school year was in full swing with faculty and students on board.



Weiner Roast

First semester opened with a special Mass held on September 24, 2019 in celebration of the school's 70th Anniversary. The school celebrated its anniversary in a non-traditional manner. In lieu of a traditional celebration feast, the focus was on the students' Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in the community. The first annual AOLG President's Golf Tournament along with the traditional Weiner Roast celebration were held in October. Both successful events kept the Academy family and school spirit alive and on fire! Students shared their talents and enjoyed an evening of camaraderie, fun, food, and games at the fun-themed Weiner Roast, "Lights Out."



The Body of Christ

Also, in the Fall and keeping in line with the 70th Anniversary theme of "We are the Body of Christ," the Academy family held a special Mass in honor of the school's deceased loved ones. At the Mass, the school helped lay to rest two unclaimed bodies from the morgue, "Joseph" and "Leonardo." It was a very touching prayerful and solemn celebration for all those present both at the church and at the cemetery.



December 8 Procession

As fall continued, Academy students participated in IIAAG High School Girls' Volleyball, Cross Country, Golf, Basketball, and Wrestling. GO COUGARS! was a constant chant that echoed throughout the school grounds. Congratulations to our golf team who garnered overall first place. The holiday season soon approached, and students embarked on their seasonal holiday giving to the many organizations and people in need on island. The students entered the Advent season with the traditional Advent retreat held on November 22, 2019. In addition, since the establishment of the school, the



"Lord of Glory"

Academy school community joined once again in the island celebration of the annual December 8 procession in honor of the Academy's patron saint, Our Lady of Camarin. As 2019 ended, preparations were on the way for the traditional gift to the Academy parents and families, the school's annual Christmas program. A cantata, entitled, "Lord of Glory," by Dan Forrest, was held December 13, 2019. In spite of the hectic time of the year, everyone was able to relax and enjoy an evening of glorious entertainment and reflect on the true meaning of the season.



17th Annual 2K/5K

Happy 2020! With the new year and third quarter in play, the Cougars garnered the following in IIAAG sports: 2nd place overall in Softball, 2nd place in Tennis, 6th place in Rugby, and 3rd place Beach Volleyball. In addition, island wide competitions included Academy's Academic Challenge Bowl (ACB), National Forensic League (NFL) and Mock Trial teams. The annual 5K "Fund" Run/Walk was held on January 18, 2020 and over 1,000 supporters came out to walk, run, and have fun. This year, the school expanded its race to include a 2K for children, inclusive of future "Cougars." Alumnae gathered and reminisced of their days at the Academy, members of the community joined in the camaraderie, and family members took in the beautiful morning as participants made it to the finish line. On January 24, 2020, the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held in which outstanding students in Character, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service were tapped into this highly acclaimed organization.



National Honor Society



CSW Liturgy 2020

Also celebrated in January was the traditional Catholic Schools Week (CSW). *Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed* was the theme and students were excited to participate in the fun-filled events during this week. Academy participated in the Archdiocese of Agaña "March for Life" Walk, a pro-life event protesting abortion, held on January 24, 2020.

As the first signs of second semester came around, so did the harmonious and melodious songs of the various classes. Hints of the upcoming 53rd Annual Family Night Songfest filled the halls as students were dancing, singing, and even acting their class songs. This year's theme was "Celebrating a Legacy of Sisterhood." Finally, as February came to an end and in preparation for the Easter celebration, students began the Lenten season with receiving ashes on their foreheads the first day of Lent at the school's Ash Wednesday Mass on February 26, 2020.



Annual Family Night Songfest

The entire world then changed and came to a halt on Guam on March 16, 2020 as the final quarter of the school year started. The world-wide pandemic, COVID-19, affected every nation and forced people into home quarantine. The school was challenged to continue the school year with distance learning. Administration, faculty, staff, and students championed the challenge and managed to continue learning online. Break and lunch in the cafeteria were now the past, and Google Classroom, Google Meet, and Zoom were the new meeting grounds. As fourth quarter continued, students adjusted to the new way of learning and teachers adapted to their virtual classrooms.



Ash Wednesday

School Year 2019-2020 finally drew to a close. A year that ramped up with tremendous energy-filled events then came to a sudden standstill in order to restart with a new normal in March. The Juniors were not able to have their long-awaited prom or their traditional Ring Ceremony pronouncing them as "almost Seniors." The Class of 2020 held a virtual countdown with many tears flowing online as they recollected their time at the Academy over the past four years. As they counted down virtually and bade farewell to the school, they were proclaimed Academy's newest alumnae. A drive through graduation photo op was held over the course of two



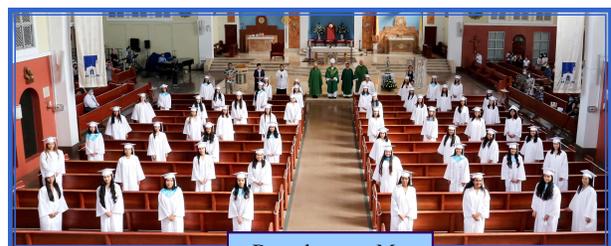
Class of 2020



Distant Learning

(2) days for the sixty-seven (67) graduates to give each of them the opportunity to take a picture receiving her diploma and turning her tassel. May Crowning and Baccalaureate were held on June 4, 2020 with Elizabeth Justine Camacho as *May Queen* and Cassidy M. Murphy as *Queen's Attendant*. The Class of 2020 will be remembered in Academy's history with the many challenges they faced from birth after 9-11 in 2001 to graduation during a worldwide pandemic. They are the "chosen ones" to face and conquer today's uncertain world.

With the close of school year, both teachers and students were thankful they survived the over night change to 100% distance learning and gladly went off-line for the summer break. Teachers wrapped up the school year with a week of professional development classes for advanced distance learning techniques to prepare for the next school year. Finally, on June 30, 2020 as the doors of the school "closed," masks and face shields, hand sanitizers and social distancing were already in place. School Year 2019-2020 will always be remembered as the year when learning changed, not only for the Academy, but worldwide. May the Academy family continue to receive God's blessings as we venture into more changes next school year and adjust to the new normal.



Baccalaureate Mass

Mission Advancement Financial Report



Endowment

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Pledged</u>	<u>Total Net Revenue Received</u>
Endowment Donors	\$ 1,440,832	\$ 1,349,682
SY 2019 - 2020 Donations	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
TOTAL	\$ 1,440,832	\$ 1,349,682

Restricted Donations

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Restricted as indicated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Monica Ada Salas '87	School Bus	\$ 300
Class of 1963	Internment	\$ 875
Atty. Cynthia Ecube '80, Tricia Lynn Tenorio, Lourdes Perez '67, Belen DeFant	70th Anniversary	\$ 520
Dr. Judith Gutherz '64	Gym sound system	\$ 3,833
Anonymous	Chamorro studies	\$ 5,000
Anonymous	Library	\$ 5,000
Anonymous	Archives	\$ 7,000
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 22,528

Fundraisers

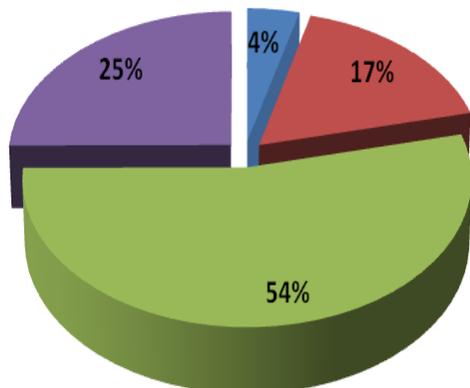
<u>Description</u>	<u>Net Cash Rev</u>
AOLG Presidents Golf Tournament	\$ 62,444
2019 Christmas Cantata	\$ 438
2020 2K/5K "Fund" Run/Walk	\$ 10,482
2020 Songfest Family Night	\$ 19,743
PayPal donations	\$ 1,171
Total	\$ 94,278

Grants

<u>Description</u>	<u>Cash Revenue</u>	<u>Goods & Services Received*</u>	<u>Total Grant</u>
Consolidated Grants FFY 2020 / Title V-A RLIS (Year 1 of 3)	\$ 0	\$ 288,589	\$ 288,589
E-Rate	\$ 0	\$ 4,903	\$ 4,903
TOTAL	\$ 0	\$ 293,492	\$ 293,492

*Amount allocated from federal funds.

Other Revenue Sources School Year 2019 - 2020



- Endowment / Restricted Donations
- Fundraisers
- Grants
- Scholarships/Tuition Asst.

<u>SUMMARY: Other Revenue Sources</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment/Restricted Donations	\$ 22,528
Fundraisers	\$ 94,278
Grants	\$ 293,492
Scholarships/Tuition Asst. (Private Donors & AOLG)	\$ 137,216
TOTAL	\$ 547,514

With Much Gratitude ...



The Academy of Our Lady is grateful for the generous donors who have made it possible for some of our students to obtain a college preparatory Catholic secondary education. We also thank those alumnae who help with our other needs. These donors are truly exemplary of Catherine McAuley's mission to help educate women and children.



Scholarships/ Tuition Assistance

<u>Description/Donor</u>	<u>Total</u>
In Memory of Jane Wha Young	\$ 5,035
Arriola Law Office, Atty. Anita Arriola '75	\$ 2,000
Anders E. Andersen	\$ 5,000
Rosario Ferguson	\$ 6,015
Rebecca and +Dominador Ecube	\$ 2,000
+Pilar Poblacion Malilay	\$ 2,000
Class of 1969/Anonymous	\$ 900
Teofila Perez Guerrero '57	\$ 2,000
Alumnae Donations	\$ 900
In Memory of Dr. James Stadler	\$ 650
DLR	\$ 2,031
Charles Jung	\$ 500
In Memory of Mercedes Jose	\$ 5,000
Helen L. G. Carriveau	\$ 5,300
Tricia Dobbertin	\$ 100
SUB-TOTAL (Private Donors)	\$ 39,431
AOLG Excellence Scholarship Award (20 students)	\$ 79,500
AOLG Tuition Assistance (21 students)	\$ 18,285
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 137,216

The Academy of Our Lady is especially grateful for the generous in-kind donors who helped provide much needed items for the school and for the Accreditation Visit in March 2020.

<u>Donor</u>	<u>In-Kind Donation</u>
Rosario Ferguson	New Stand-Up Hot/Cold Water Dispenser for Faculty Lounge
Patterson Enterprise/Edith V. Alvarez '76	Gifts for Accreditation Visiting Team
Cup N'Saucer/Veronica Calvo Perez '84	Daily Breakfast for Accreditation Visiting Team
Guam Bakery/Christine O. Rosario '90	Pastries for Accreditation Visiting Team
Chode's/Tula San Agustin '05	Snacks for Accreditation Visiting Team
Regina Murphy '80	Pastries for Accreditation Visiting Team

Capital Improvement Projects



Replacement of Gymnasium & Auditorium A/C	\$10,978.00
Fire Hose Cabinet for Outside School Bldg.	\$1,670.00
New Intercom System	\$8,400.00
Replacement of Gathering Room & Faculty Room Tiles	\$6,300.00
Sewer Line Repair for Main Restroom	\$2,585.00
New Sewer Line Installation for New Restroom Facility	\$3,095.00
Materials & Labor for New Restroom	\$3,124.15
Replacement of Library A/C	\$5,203.00
Furniture for Mercy Conference Room	\$800.00
TOTAL	\$42,155.15

Capital projects continued to take place in SY 2019-2020 in order to maintain and upgrade school facilities and to continue to address technology needs. The school upgraded its internet service and installed a new Wi-Fi system operating at 100 Mbps. Maintenance of air conditioners continued campus wide to ensure they were operating efficiently and effectively. The final stages of retrofitting LED lights to be more energy efficient were also done. Added to capital projects in response to security concerns was the completion of the installation of the security doors/system and the new intercom system campus wide. General maintenance projects also continued. Finally, with the onset of the pandemic, COVID-19, the school had to quickly ensure the sanitizing of the campus while it remained closed during the Governor's Executive Order mandating everyone to stay-at-home as distance learning became the new normal way of learning and brought the school year to a close.

ABOVE AND BEYOND



ADLG Interact Club

ADLG Interact Club members prepare raffle prizes at the VARO Duck Race Event L-R: Lizalette Basa, Kyrsten Cruz, Kohana Fejeran, and Raemier Javelosa



Academy plants 100 trees

L- R: Amara Sulla, Andrea Cruz, and Trisha Marquez

On September 28, 2019, students of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam reached out to the community by participating in the VARO Duck Race Event and the Mannell Watershed Tree Planting Event. Held at Hilton Resort and Spa, the Interact Club of ADLG served as facilitators for the VARO Duck Race, an event that would go toward the VARO non-profit organization that reaches out to victims and families of domestic violence, sexual assault, and abuse.

Meanwhile in Merizo, the senior class of Academy went out to improve Guam's environment by planting trees to protect the southern part of Guam from erosion and wildfires. This day provided enriching opportunities for the students of the Academy to adequately serve the community. Participating in these community service projects served as a way for them to be aware of the issues that our island faces. By being aware of these issues, we can all strive for the nourishment and the enhancement of our island.



Check presentation for winning the Toys for Tots Small/Medium High school Challenge. Students present are Kohana Fejeran, Raemier Javelosa, Madison Eclavea, Keisha Orpilla, and Alyssa Dela Cruz.



Robotics club in preparation to participate in competition. Competition encourages students to gain experience in STEM related fields. Cancel due to Pandemic.



ACCOLADES



Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Alliance for Young Artists & Writers

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers

We are pleased to present this

Honorable Mention

TO
Jasmine Sun
Internal Maintenance
Painting

2020 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest



2nd Place - Raemier Javelosa



3rd Place - Lian Tsiao

"The Right to Vote: Milestone Anniversaries" was the theme of the contest

2020 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest

"In the wake of the 15th and 19th Amendments, barriers remained to prevent United States citizens from voting. Do formal or informal barriers remain today? What additional change would you make, if any, to Americans' voting rights?"

Congratulations to Raemier Javelosa and Lian Tsias for their placements.



ADLG once again participated in the UOG Chemistry Titration Competition

(L-R) Raemier Javelosa, Rachel Sun, Brianna Cabrera, Andrea Cruz, and ADLG Chemistry Teacher Mrs. Yvette Camisura

"Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100" AOLG student participated in the **Law Day Essay Competition**. This year, the United States will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Congratulations to the Academy winner of the Law Day Essay Competition.



Law Day Essay Competition

1st Place - Angelica Gomez
3rd Place - Kylie McDonald
4th Place - Jessica Jin

IN Appreciation



A warm despidida to Mary A.T. Meeks as principal of her alma mater. As a long time educator on the island, Mrs. Meeks' experience in the field ranges from teacher to counselor and even from assistant principal to principal at various public and private schools on Guam. Her commitment to the field and public service is evident in the many organizations she is affiliated with such as the National Catholic Education Association, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Association for Secondary School Principals, Member of Blueprint for Excellence, Christian Mothers, Mercy Associates, and Catholic Daughters of America to name a few. Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' for your commitment and dedication in public service and your many contributions in the field of education for more than forty-five (45) years, and especially to your contributions and commitment as an alumna and member of the Academy family.

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase!



RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS
Meeks Appointed As New Principal
 Mrs. Mary Meeks has been appointed as the new principal of the Academy of St. Elizabeth's School, a Catholic school in the Marianas region of the Northern Mariana Islands. She is the first woman to be appointed as principal of the school. Mrs. Meeks has been a member of the faculty for over 40 years and has served in various capacities including teacher, counselor, and assistant principal. She is a member of the National Catholic Education Association, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the National Association for Secondary School Principals. She is also a member of the Academy family.



A Timeless Circle of Mercy at the Academy: We Are the Body of Christ:

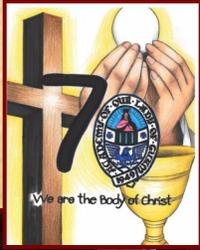
Commemorating its 70th Anniversary as the only all-girls college preparatory high school in Guam, the Academy of Our Lady of Guam celebrated Mass on September 24, 2019 at the Cathedral-Basilica. The Academy family present at the Mass consisted of many supporters along with its students, faculty and staff, administration, and Sisters of Mercy. Fr. Tom McGrath, S.J., presided over the Mass and spoke during his homily of God's mercy towards the Academy and its students. In turn, as alumnae, they share their mercy, character, and gifts learned not only in Guam, but also in different parts of the world to be inspiring to others with their faith and love expressed in their merciful deeds. After the Eucharistic liturgy, a commemorative photo of the historic celebration of everyone present encapsulated this historical moment for the school.

The school chose to celebrate this milestone anniversary in a non-traditional manner starting with the Mass and throughout the school year by focusing on nurturing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Emphasis placed on helping those in need in lieu of a traditional celebration feast was key to the anniversary celebration. Resources which would have been used for a gala event were dedicated to help the students engage in their acts of mercy year-round to help feed the hungry, care for the homeless, and provide for the less fortunate in the community.

In the words of Sr. Mary Angela Perez, RSM, school president:

Our resources are limited. However, throughout the 70 years of Academy, there have been many miracles of abundance through the grace of God! In gratitude, we want to share this abundance of blessings with those in need through our spiritual and corporal works of Mercy for we are the Body of Christ. In this spirit, we share our plate with you in gratitude for your presence with us and ask for your prayers and support in our mission. Thank you so much for 70 years of sharing mercy and providing a table of plenty for those in need. Si Yu 'os ma'ase!





WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST



We Are the Body of Christ

In keeping with the 70th Anniversary theme of “We are the Body of Christ,” the Academy family held a special Mass in honor of the Academy Resurrection held on November 6, 2019 was especially dedicated to our brothers, who were unclaimed at the Guam Memorial Hospital Morgue,



of “We are the Body of Christ,” the Academy families’ departed loved ones. The special Mass of the especially dedicated to our brothers, who were “Joseph” and “Leonardo.”

As part of the Academy’s mercy mission during the 70th Anniversary year, the AOLG Class of 1963 along with the help of the Arimathea Society, helped the students lay our two brothers to rest. It was a very touching prayerful and solemn celebration for all those present both at the church and at the cemetery.

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu’os Ma’ase! to all who helped make this sacred memorial possible. May the souls of “Joseph” and “Leonardo” and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



Our Journey ... A Look Inside



8-2019 Mass of the Holy Spirit



8-2019 Faculty & Staff



8-2019 Freshmen Breakfast



8-2019 Parent Orientation



8-2019 Assembly 8th Block



8-2019 Club Fair



9-2019 Mercy Day



9-2019 Prayer Service



10-2019 Pep Rally



9-2019 70th Anniversary



10-2019 Weiner Roast



10-2019 Halloween



10-2019 Thanksgiving



12-2019 Basketball Final



12-2019 "Lord of Glory"



1-2020 AOLG 2K/ 5K



1-2020 CSW Liturgy



1-2020 NHS



2-2020 Annual Family Night



2-2020 Ash Wednesday



Cancelled/Covid-19

3-2019 Mes Chamorro



Cancelled/Covid-19

3-2019 Feed 25



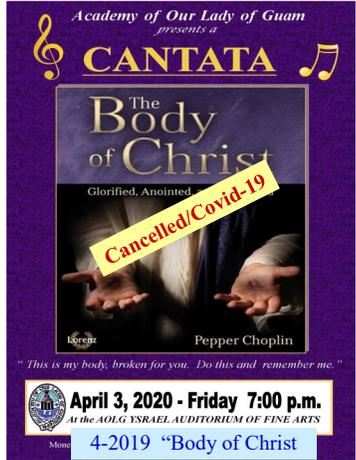
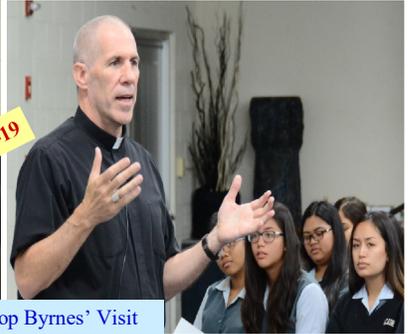
Cancelled/Covid-19

3-2019 Lenten Retreat



Cancelled/Covid-19

4-2019 Archbishop Byrnes' Visit



Cancelled/Covid-19

4-2019 "Body of Christ"



5-2019 Senior Countdown



6-2020 May Crowning



05-2020 Graduation - Drive By



06-2020 Baccalaureate Mass



Presidents Cup



GOLF TOURNAMENT



The inaugural AOLG President’s Annual Golf Tournament was held on October 12, 2019 at the Talofofo Onward Golf Course. The overwhelming tremendous support of the local community, families, alumnae, friends, and benefactors helped make this event truly outstanding and extremely successful. We are especially grateful to Frank Florig and Bill Reyes who led in the planning, organization, and execution of “tee off.” The event was “sold out” with 144 players! Over 20 volunteers assisted in the registration, preparation and serving of refreshments, and “hole” watching. The many supporters who participated in this exciting day received superb “ditty bags” filled with a wide array of “goodies”—from necessities such as mosquito repellent bracelets, AOLG Golf Caps, golf balls, and recyclable drink containers to fine luxury items such as *Kavalan Whisky*. Over \$5,000 in raffle prizes were given, which included fine jewelry, electronics, fine dining, and designer handbags to name a few. A wonderful and scrumptious banquet ended the day as top golfers were recognized. Congratulations and *kudos* to the planning committee under the guidance of the AOLG Advisory Board and Tournament Co-chairpersons JoAnn Tanaka Mafnas ‘85 and Terese Ada John ‘85 for such a spectacular job!

AOLG 2K/5K "Fund" Run/Walk 2020



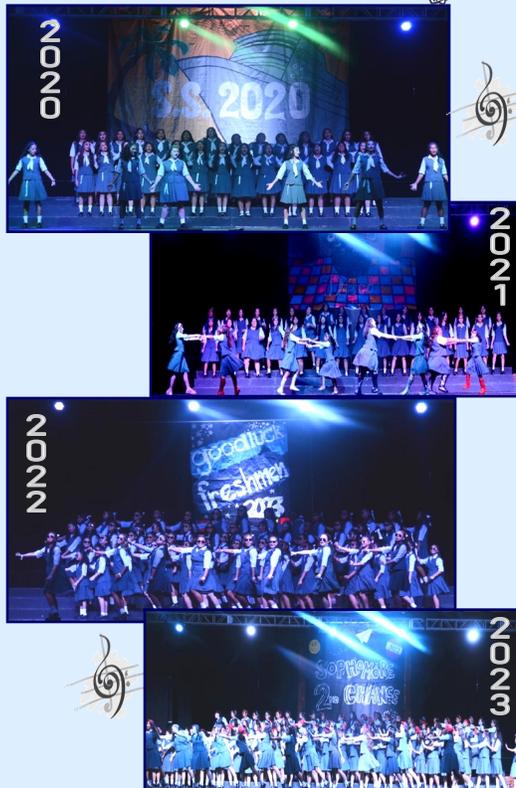
Golden Class of 1970



The passing of the torch kicked off the Academy of Our Lady of Guam's 18th Annual 2K/5K "Fund" Run/Walk held on January 18, 2020. Academy families, alumnae, friends, benefactors, and members of the local community celebrated another year of fun and fitness. The pre-race ceremony, which gives honor to our "Sisters" who have gone before us, makes Academy's 2K/5K unique. In addition, the passing of the ceremonial torch honoring members of the 50th Jubilee Class is a distinctive way of inviting our alumnae home. This year, we celebrated the Class of 1970. All in the spirit of raising funds for much needed scholarships and tuition assistance, the event records about 1,500 participants. The circuit course begins in front of the Academy and channels through the Hagatña Historic Trail with the finish line at the school gym. Top finishers in each division receives certificates and medals. A special recognition certificate is given to the top finishing alumna in each respective category. Energy was at an all-time high throughout the morning, especially when the first and last runners crossed the finish line. The success of this event is made possible through the support of the many participants, friends, family, alumnae and benefactors of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam.



Annual Songfest Family Night



Songfest, a memorable entertaining annual event, is an integral component of student life at the Academy. Students work diligently for months to create a show-stopping performance for family and friends. On February 15, 2020, a night of "sisterhood" reflected this year's theme, *Celebrate the Legacy of Sisterhood*. Family and friends were entertained by a spectacular show at the packed UOG Galvo Field. The evening began with a wonderful fiesta dinner followed by a beautiful prayer service.

Each class organized a 15-minute performance complete with choreography and five songs describing their class. Members from the island community served as a panel of judges, who judged each class based on performance, entrance and exit, stage design, and musical and choreography presentation.

Several themes emerged as the young ladies sang, clapped, and danced on stage adorned with themed pieces, captivating make up, and various hairstyles. The night came alive when the youngest "sisters" of the Academy family, the **Class of 2023**, the **'Goodluck Freshmen'** made their debut and blossomed on stage adorned with flowers. The Sophomores draped with leis, the **Class of 2022**, *"Sophomore 2nd Chance,"* surfed on stage with surfboards in hand. The **Class of 2021**, *"Juniors at The Disco,"* danced, swiveled, and showcased their hidden talents. Finally, the **Class of 2020**, *"S.S. 2020"* excitedly and jubilantly "boarded" on stage and presented their final song. As the "big sisters," they reflected and reminisced of their four years at the Academy. The audience along with the students were moved to tears as they bade their final farewell on stage. From start to finish, the audience was kept entertained with the brilliant musical arrangements, amazing choreography, and incredible stage designs.

As winners were announced in the different categories at the end of all performances, constant roaring claps and cheers resounded in the Fieldhouse. Finally, the evening climaxed as the **Class of 2020** was proclaimed the overall champions! *Kudos* to all the classes for a heart-warming performance, and especially for being part of the "sisterhood."



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Distance Learning

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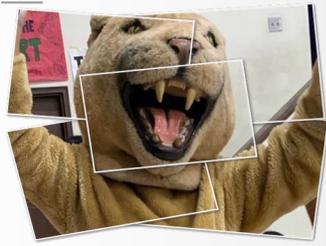


Overnight, a shift in learning occurred and the Academy family was thrown into a whole new world. The entire planet transformed into an arena for a growing perilous pandemic, COVID-19. Guam came to a halt on March 16, 2020 as the final quarter of the school year started and the Corona Virus forced everyone on island into home quarantine. With the local mandate to stay home, the school was challenged to stay the course and continue the school year with distance learning.

Administration, faculty, staff, and students undertook the challenge of virtual classrooms and championed the arduous task of learning and completing the school year online. Break and lunch in the cafeteria no longer existed. Students, faculty, and staff remained quarantined at home and relied solely on virtual access. Google Classroom, Google Meet, and Zoom were the new meeting grounds and homes turned into classrooms and offices. As fourth quarter continued, students adjusted to the new way of learning and teachers adapted to their virtual classrooms. A new norm was developing, which will eventually drive in the new school year.

Before the school year completely ended, teachers were asked to remain an additional month before taking their much-deserved summer break. The added time was needed to ensure the return of books, technology, and other school equipment in line with the new safety and health guidelines and protocols set forth by the CDC and government mandates. Teachers also needed more time to prepare their final quarter and semester grades considering the new learning means of distance learning.

Finally, at the end of June, teachers, staff, and even administration, participated in a one-week profession development involving teaching, communicating, and working online. All were refreshed and trained in detail with Google platform in preparation for a new way of learning and a new schedule to adhere to with the upcoming new school year.



Cougars



HIGHLIGHTS



The Academy of Our Lady of Guam's spacious gymnasium, equipped with a 50-ton air-conditioning system, is opened year-round for school sports, events, entertainment, and activities. The gym also boasts of a state-of-the-art scoreboard and volleyball net system. The school provides an arena where student athletes are guided towards excellence in physical performance and leadership through Christian principals and value.

The dedicated coaches and assistants guide and develop these student athletes in various sports, such as, Volleyball, Cross-Country, Golf, Basketball, Wrestling, Softball, Tennis, Rugby, Soccer, Paddling, and Track and Field. The pursuit of excellence at times take our young athletes on the road, to Japan, Korea, and the Philippines, many of which our student athletes have brought home numerous individual and team trophies.

The Academy of Our Lady of Guam is regarded throughout the island as a first-class program both in producing champions and champions for life. Go Cougars!



Sports/Awards

Volleyball-3rd PI Ind. Honors Kristen Serrano (Jr) 1st Team All-Island
 Golf-1st PI Ind. Honors Hannah Therrell(Sr) 1st All-Island Golf Tourn. "A"
 Basketball-3rd PI Ind. Honors Driana Sevilla(Soph) 1st Team All-Island
 Wrestling-2nd PI Ind. Honors Chloe Stanley(Jr) MVP Light Weight Div, Gold Medal
 Ind. Honors Makayla Atoigue(Soph) Gold Medal
 Ind. Honors Emma Gutierrez(Soph) Gold Medal

Softball-2nd PI Ind. Honors Jordan Limtiaco(Sr) 1st Team All-Island
 Ind. Honors Isabella Muna(Sr) 1st Team All-Island
 Tennis-2nd PI Ind. Honors Joycelin(Sr) MVP, 1st Team All-Island
 Ind. Honors Maria Gregoire(Jr) 1st Team All-Island
 Ind. Honors Andrea Cruz(Sr)/Cerila Rapadas(Sr) 1st Team All-Island(Doubles)
 Ind. Honors Maria Egguroala(Sr) /Lola Martin(Soph) 1st PI All-Island Tournament "B"



Academic Life



The Academy of Our Lady of Guam is fully accredited from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Educational Association. As a fully accredited college preparatory high school for young women, the school's curriculum provides for the complete development of any ambitious college or career-bound young woman. Classes are small with a student-teacher ratio of 17:1, which promotes a more individualized learning atmosphere.

Academy students excel in both academic and athletic endeavors. Students benefit from various teaching strategies that maximize student learning and address unique learning styles. The teachers facilitate learning by providing experiences which are motivating and challenging to the students. The school is equipped with numerous computer labs. Students have access to the use of technology throughout the school in order to nurture and enhance learning. The school's Science, Technology, and Resource (STaR) Wing gives students the added advantage for learning math and science in preparation for higher learning in these areas. STEM and Robotics are part of the school curriculum. Students actively participate in island wide competitions in these areas.



The minimum requirement for graduation from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam High School is 23.0 units of credit, plus the credit earned in Theology. Students must



complete all required courses as prescribed by the Territory of Guam, the Archdiocese of Agaña, and the school.

Honor courses are offered in all major subject areas. Advanced Placement (AP) Courses are also offered in various subject areas. The advanced Placement Program provides an opportunity for secondary students to pursue and receive credit for college-level course work at the secondary school level. Set units for either the "College Preparatory Program" or the "Business Program" are outlined for the students.

Academy students constantly excel in the area of academics. Each year, students are awarded recognition nationally for their achievements, such examples are the AP[®] Scholar Awards and the National Merit[®] Scholarship Program. Graduates are often given scholarships from various universities and organizations and are also given the opportunity to enroll in their selected university's honors program.





At the Academy, involvement in school activities and organizations increases student learning. Participation in co-curricular activities enables students to be more globally aware and allows them to practice responsible leadership as well as exemplify Christian moral values. Numerous clubs and a variety of social events are available at the Academy to



enhance a student's academic life.

Organizations and clubs are available for students to join;

such clubs and organizations include, but are not limited to, Math Club, Pacific Dance Club, Japanese, Spanish, and Chamorro Clubs, Soroptimist Club, Interact Club, Responding To the Spirit of Mercy (RSM)/Altar Servers, Green Club, Girls Scouts



Troop 487, Mock Trial Team, Academic Challenge Bowl (ACB) Team, National Forensic League (NFL), Academic Challenge Bowl, National Honor Society, and the Student Council. Annual events include, but are not



limited to the 5K "Fund" Run/Walk, Songfest Family Night, Junior-Senior Prom, Ring Ceremony, Christmas Show, and the Spring Production.

In addition to the academic life, the many student services and activities offered promote community service, school spirit, and camaraderie. Many of the students volunteer for worthwhile events such as the Special Olympics, Pro-Life activities, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Coastal Clean Up, and services sponsored by Island Girl Power.



Community Service has always been encouraged and has been part of being an Academian. Students participate in feeding

the homeless at Kamalen Kari-dad, participating in In-afa'Maolek Student Leaders Conferences, helping the *mana-mko* (elderly) at Saint Dominic's Nursing home, visiting the sick at the hospital, working with children at Erica's House and the Alee Shelter, and adopting bus shelters. This school year, students in RSM, under the supervision of Sr. Dorothy Lettiere, continued "The Walking Nuns" project. During the school year, "The Walking Nuns" take to the streets at lunch time to help feed and clothe the homeless along the surrounding streets of the school in Hagatña.

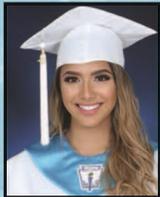


The opportunity and experiences offered are limitless. The Academy, which has been in existence for 70 years, has been home to our many students and families. Our parents and families are always welcome to participate in the life of the Academy and be an integral part of the community alongside their daughters.

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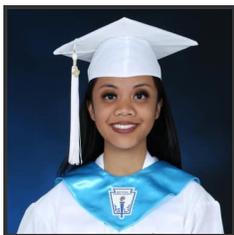
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Valedictorian
Raemier Ann M. Javelosa



Salutatorian
Rachel Yi-An Sun



WHO IS SHE ? ... She's prepared. .. She speaks up. .. She challenges herself. ..She thinks analytically. ..She nourishes her faith with worship, prayer, and service.
... SHE'S AN ACADEMIAN

Graduating With Honors

- Lian Tsiao
- Cerila Capulong Rapadas
- Brianna May L. Cabrera
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- Avelina Marie Matias Francisco
- Karin Inoue
- Stephanie Santos Fukuda
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Academy graduates Congrats CLASS OF 2020



COUGARS: Academy of Our Lady of Guam graduating seniors pose for a photo after the ceremony.



VALEDICTORIAN: Academy of Our Lady of Guam Valedictorian Raemier Ann M. Javelosa gives her address during the 2020 AGLG Baccalaureate Mass on Thursday at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica in Hagåtña. Photos by David Castro/The Guam Daily Post



WE DID IT! Academy of Our Lady of Guam graduating seniors Avelina Cruz and Joycelyn Tenzel hug after the ceremony.



TAKING THE NEXT STEP: Academy of Our Lady of Guam graduating senior Madison Torre celebrates.



SALUTATORIAN: Academy of Our Lady of Guam Salutatorian Rachel Yi-An Sun gives her address.



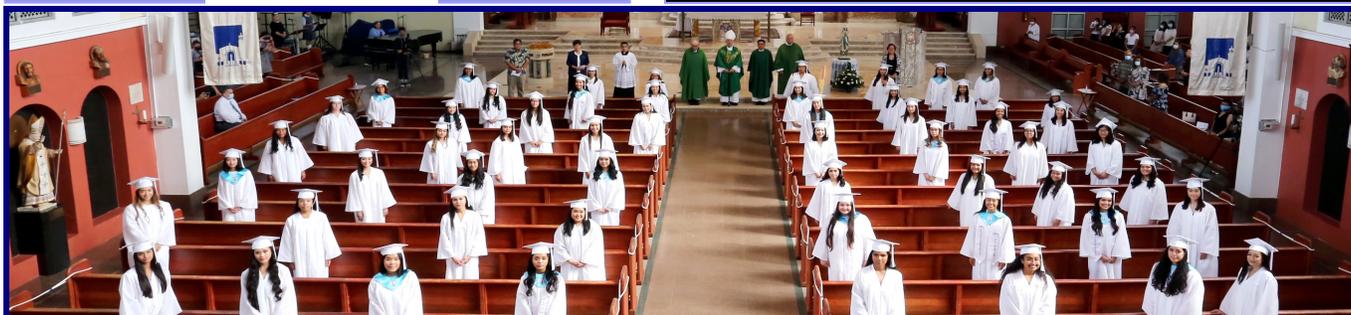
GRADUATING SENIORS: Academy of Our Lady of Guam graduating seniors listen during the 2020 AGLG Baccalaureate Mass at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica in Hagåtña.

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Senior Countdown!





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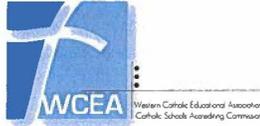
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June 2020

Academy of Our Lady of Guam
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Dear Sr. Angela,

Western Catholic Educational Association has granted your school accreditation through June 30, 2026. Included you will find more information on your school's status and a description of the actions that are required to maintain your accreditation status.

Please continue to work with your WCEA Commissioner on your schoolwide action plan and the areas addressed by the Visiting Committee. We look forward to your continued progress and commitment to student learning.

In recognition of the quality of Catholic education at your school and your dedication to the students, WCEA is pleased to present you with a certificate of accreditation.

May God continue to bless your school community.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Coonis
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cc: Dr. Juan Flores, WCEA Commissioner
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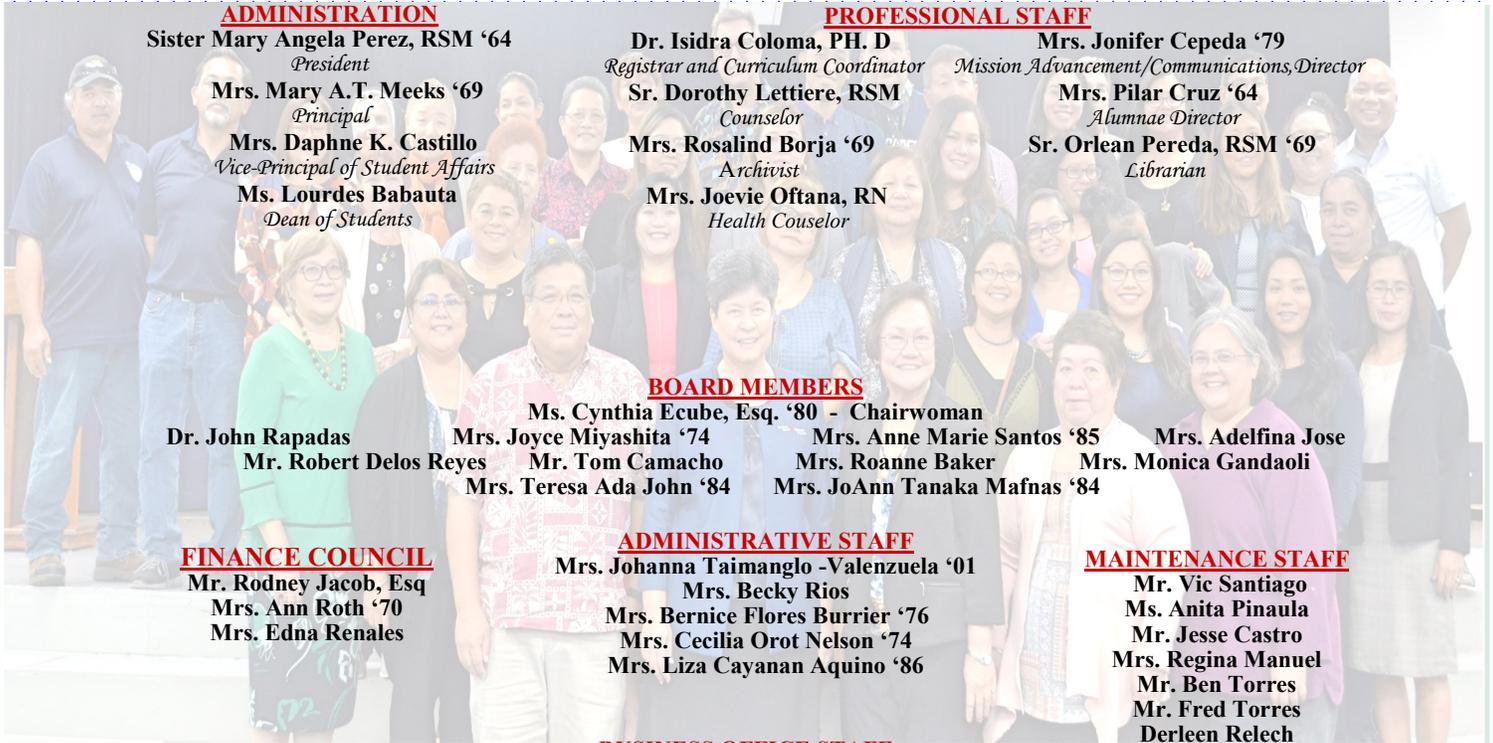
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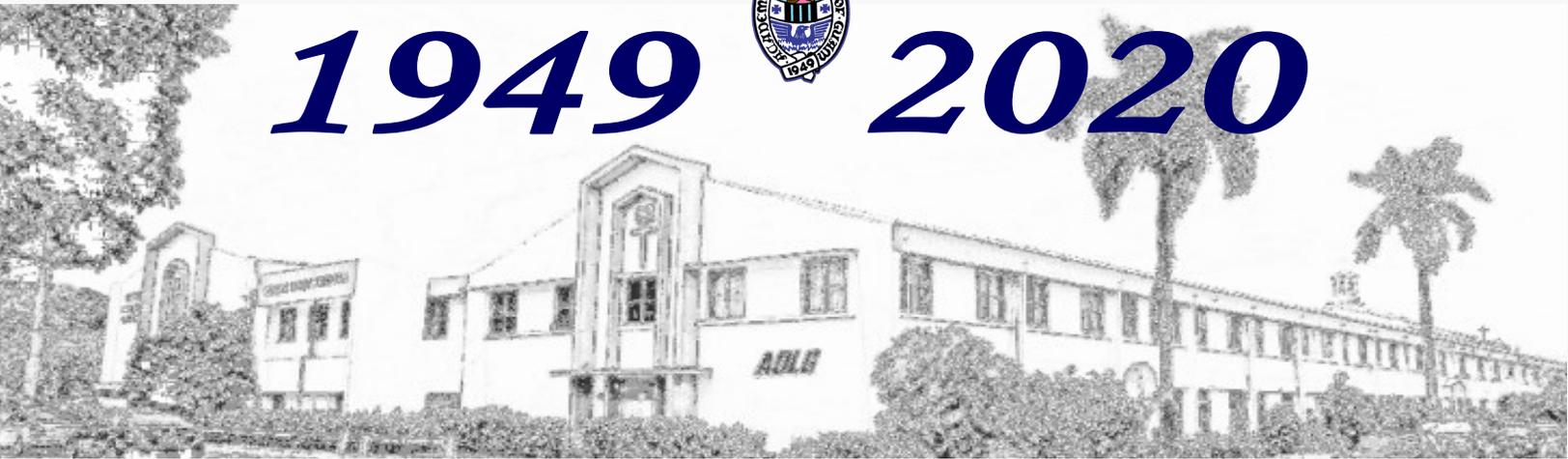
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is an Archdiocesan secondary school.
With a dedicated faculty and staff,
the school promotes the holistic development
of a diverse population of young women,
fostering academic
excellence, responsible leadership,
global awareness, social justice,
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for all in the tradition
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providing a holistic,
comprehensive and challenging
quality education in a
technologically advanced
environment maintaining a competitive
advantage through academic excellence, faith
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