



UNIVERSITY of the PHILIPPINES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION of GREATER CHICAGO

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Hello everyone and Maligayang Pasko!

This past year has been nothing short of extraordinary for the UPAAGC. Thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of our board, officers, and members, we continued to strengthen our association.

- **Revitalizing Our Structure:** I am proud to share that we successfully resurrected several key committees! This allowed us to pursue our mission with greater focus and efficiency.
- **Growing Our Family:** We also saw a significant increase in our membership with activities such as Piyesta Pinoy and member invitations.
- **Fun with a Purpose:** While we've worked hard, we also had a great time doing it! We created wonderful networking opportunities, fundraising and social events that remind us of the strong bond we share as UP alumni.



Our mission is to serve, and, like in past years, we ensured that your contributions translated into tangible support for our beneficiaries. I am thrilled to announce that we successfully disbursed fund allocations to several organizations. Our two main beneficiaries, consistent with our mission to support education and our community:

- **Rizal Center:** We contributed funds toward the renovation of a room in the Rizal Center here in Chicago. This space serves our community and is a testament to our commitment to enhancing awareness and appreciation of Filipino culture.
- **Lingap Iskolar Program:** We made a meaningful donation to the Lingap Iskolar program. This is a truly impactful initiative that provides crucial assistance to students from economically disadvantaged areas back in the Philippines, helping to ensure that the next generation of *iskolars ng bayan* can focus on their studies without financial burden. We would like to continue supporting this program, so we are hoping for your support in the coming year.

These achievements show UPAAGC's impact both locally and internationally.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our community. A special and sincere thank you to all our donors and our generous sponsors. Your belief in the UPAAGC's mission fuels everything we do. Thank you for making our goals—and the dreams of our beneficiaries—a reality.

As we look forward to the New Year, let us continue to work together, celebrate our shared heritage, and uphold the values of the University of the Philippines.

From all of us at the UPAAGC, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

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