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**94.44%**

Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.'s Overall Passing Rate



2017 ACCREDITATION AND EQUIVALENCY TEST RESULT IS OUT!

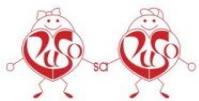
According to the report of Bureau of Educational Assessment (BEA), the number of passers overall (national) in Secondary level is 69.49% while in elementary, 57.21%. The result is a bit higher compare to the November 2017 result.

Also, according to DepEd Order No. 27, series of 2018 which entitled "Amendment to DepEd Order No. 42, S. 2015 (High School Graduates Who are Eligible to Enroll in Higher Education Institutions in School Year 2016-2017) In relation to the Alternative Learning System (ALS), ALS completers who passed the A&E Test last November 2017 and March 2018 exam are under the old basic curriculum prior to the implementation of SHS in the K to 12 Program and are considered HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

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## “Peer Educator’s Trainings on Adolescence Reproductive Health”

(April 3 and 4, 2018)



The Reproductive Health is the state of the complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, in all matters relating to the reproductive system and to its functions and processes. Reproductive health therefore implies that people are able to have a satisfying and safe sex life and that they have the capability to reproduce and the freedom to decide if, when and how often to do so.

Learners of ALSA BUHAY Parola Center and other private organization participated in two days seminar organized by International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI) entitled "Peer Educator's Training on Adolescence Reproductive Health" last April 3 - 4, 2018 at Golf Course Intramuros Port Area Manila. It is a free seminar and attended by different students from other private organizations.

The seminar run from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Various video presentation were shown to the participants about Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), HIV/AIDS and Teenage pregnancy, the current situation of Adolescence Reproductive Health and how we can help in the challenges and difficulties of this poor communities as a citizen.

To make the seminar more interesting and informative, competent speakers help the participants to understand more of the Adolescence Reproductive Health. Mr. Arjay Tallod, Manila Social Hygiene of United Nation talks about the details on Change and Transitions Reproduction and responsibility in Sexual relationships, Changing Bodies, like Changes in Puberty for boys and girls, Myths and Facts, How are babies made? Bata,bata Pa'no ka ginawa, HIV /AIDS and their symptoms ,How is HIV transmitted, HIV/AIDS treatment , Five ways of HIV Prevention and Early Teenage pregnancy.

The two days activity were indeed very interesting, informative, and interactive. After the activity, participants were given time to further discuss what they had learned and ask questions regarding about Adolescence Reproductive Health. Before the seminar ends, all participants were given certificates and HIV/AIDS booklet. We think that, after this seminar they can share what they have learned about the topic and to become one of the best peer educator in the communities.

Truly a “Beautiful, Interesting, Educational” day!



Group Activities during the Peer Educators Training



Mr. Arjay Tallado, Manila Social Hygiene of United Nation sharing his knowledge to the participants



*The Peer Educators of ALSA Buhay Parola*



*Distribution of Certificates for Peer Educators*

**Outreach Activity: Free Dental Service 2018**  
(April 23-27, 2018)



Annually, Dr. Anthony Foli, a licensed dentist from Australia visits the Philippines to do volunteerism and give free dental services to the ALSA BUHAY learners.

Last April 23-27, Doc Tony was able to give free dental services to the thirty three (33) ALSA BUHAY learners in Payatas. The said activity happened in Salvatorian Brother's House at 11<sup>th</sup> St., New Manila with the accompany of the social worker of Payatas, Ms. Joceline Basconcillo, RSW and the program coordinator, Sr. Frances R. Mangabat, SDS.

Doc Tony encountered learners with the rampant cases of tooth decay and those who hadn't seen a dentist ever since because of poverty and lack of education on oral health. He was able to do intervention such as cleaning, filling, and extraction of their decayed tooth. He also gave advice on how to properly take care of our teeth.

Free dental care is vital in the overall well-being of a person and everyone deserves to have a healthy smile. ALSA BUHAY learners were very grateful to the organization, especially to the person who really became God's instrument to bring back their beautiful smile. Simple token were given as a sign of gratitude to him after the 5 days of dental check-up.

Other photos:



**Thanksgiving Mass and Recollection**  
(April 24, 2018)



In giving gratitude with all the blessings we receive especially to the learners who had passed the Accreditation and Equivalency test last November 19, 2017, we gathered ourselves for a thanks giving mass last April 24, 2018 at 9:00 in the morning at Dela Solidad Parish, Binondo Manila. Fr. Artur Chrzanowski, SDS was the mass celebrant.

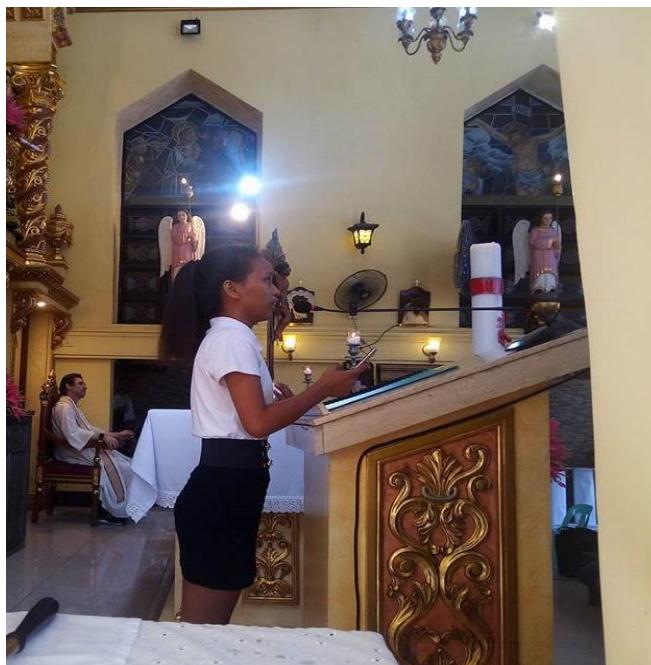
In the homily Fr. Artur, emphasizes the trials faced by the learners before passing the A&E test. He remembered how long the learners wait for day of examination and when it comes the test was so difficult and not parallel to the given lessons from the ALS Modules. In this experience everyone must celebrate and give thanks to God for His divine favor and blessings has given to us, especially to the learners who had passed in the said examination. Fr Artur also encourages and challenges everyone that we are the salt on this earth that able to bring change and difference for the common good of our community. The passers should not stay on what they achieve today but they have to dream big and never give up achieving this dream for this is the plan of or God to us.

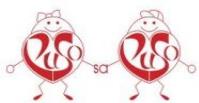
After the mass, ALSA BUHAY staff again gathered our passers for a recollection. The activity held at Puso sa Puso Livelihood Parola Center, Delpan St. Tondo Manila. It was started at 1:30 pm and facilitated by the Instructional Managers. The sharing focused on four questions: What was the most significant experienced you had in ALSA BUHAY Center, Who are the people helping you in achieving your success in ALSA BUHAY, In what way do you think you can give your gratitude to Puso sa Puso, and lastly, what do you think you will be after five years. Learners and staff shared their insights they have in ALSA BUHAY.

The event became a very meaningful experience not only for the staff but to the passers as well. They were able to share their feelings, gratitude and even their plans for the coming years. It also became the avenue to reflect on their own life and see where are they now.

The recollection ends with the concluding statement of Sr. Mila Singap, FLP and a circle of prayers headed by one of the passer.

Photos:





## **Thanksgiving Mass and Blessing of Payatas Center (April 25, 2018)**



As we are nearing to the most-awaited event for our learners/passers of ALS Accreditation and Equivalency Test, a thanksgiving mass was held last April 25, 2018 at Sagrada Familia Chapel in Payatas, Quezon City.

Present during the event were the successful passers of the said exam with their guardians/parents, previous and current staff and administrator of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. (PSPEI), volunteers, guest, partners, and friends of the organization. Fr. Artur Chrzanowski, SDS, president of PSPEI presided the Holy Mass at exactly 10 in the morning with co-celebrant – Fr. Adam Janus, SDS and Fr. Joseph Githinji, MCSPA.

Fr. Artur shared as well a heartfelt homily that feels like he is not only the president of the institution and a priest but also like a father expressing his love to his kids. As he looked back the first time he met the learners and looking them right now, he is really proud of what they achieved. Don't regret any single moment dedicated to you and things should not be rush, he added. Also, he told the passers that it is now the right time to give back. Like the apostles, learners were taught and prepared for this very moment. That they should not settle for little accomplishment as they might miss the greatest opportunity in life.

Fr. Artur also reiterate that ALS graduates have the same potential, same skills and intelligent heart as any other students outside only if they believe, only if they want. It is now the time to build their future, to achieve more, dream more and to not stop here. Finally, he advised the passers to treat others with respect, spread love, and goodness, and Jesus will always be with them,

Right after the mass, Fr. Adam Janus, SDS (Superior of Southeast Asian Vicariate) led the blessing of the newly renovated center. Present during the event are: SDS Sisters, MCSPA Brother with Fr. Joseph, previous Instructional Managers, Dr. Toni (resident dentist), San Beda University intern students, previous and current international volunteers, and staff and administrator of PSPEI.

A simple get together over lunch took place after the blessing.

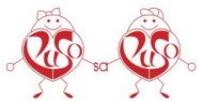
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Thanksgiving Mass at Sagrada Familia Chapel



Blessing of the center facilitated by Fr. Adam Janus, SDS



## **Skills Training: Native Kakanin Making (Native Delicacies)**

(April 27, 2018)



Last April 27 at Barangay 275 Multipurpose Hall held the first skills training for this year 2018 under the Parola Inter-Agency Network (PIAN) funded by ICTSI (International Container Terminal Services, Inc.). It was attended by different NGO and four of the participants are parents of our beneficiaries under Home-Based Tutorial Program from Gate 1.

The training started with the opening prayer and was facilitated by Mrs. Emilia Jasmin Pascual under Ultima Entrepinoy Forum Center. This training is repeated due to the request of other parents that did not yet attended this skills training previously. This time it was more on hands on for the participants. This is based on the result of Focus Group Discussion held last February 7, 2018. The training focused only on the four kinds of kakanin namely Kutsinta, PutoPao, Puto and Suman-Malagkit that was commonly sold in Parola and Tondo area.

After the training, evaluation questionnaire was distributed to file up by the participants followed by the memorandum of agreement signing that every participant will actively participate in all PIAN livelihood cluster activity.

The training ends up by distribution of Certificate of Attendance headed by ICTSI and Mrs. Emilia Jasmin Pascual.

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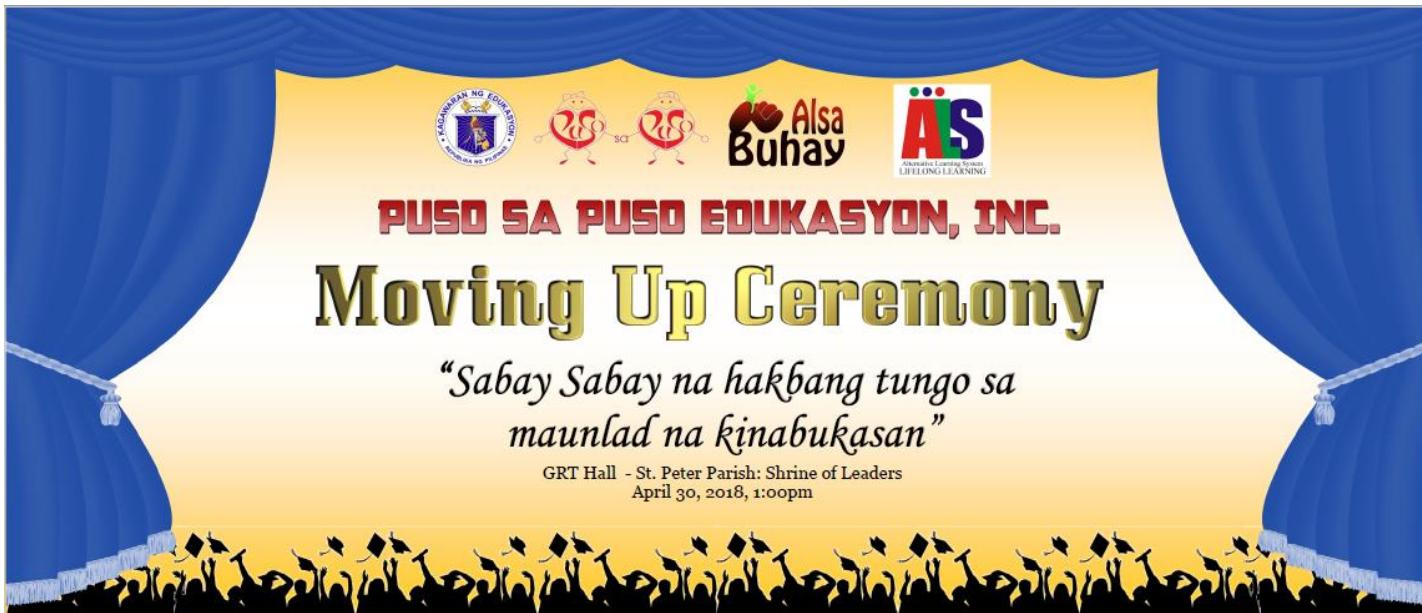
Hands on training of participant



Awarding of Certificate of Attendance



**Moving Up Ceremony 2018**  
(April 30, 2018)



The ALSA BUHAY Program of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. (PSPEI) held its biggest event this year as the new sets of passers from Parola and Payatas centers gathered. The culmination of their years of hard work, patience, and perseverance is about to unfold and be recognized by the significant people in their lives.

The Moving Up Ceremony for Batch 2016 ALS Accreditation and Equivalency passers for 4<sup>th</sup> batch A (Payatas) and 6<sup>th</sup> batch A (Parola) of the organization took place at GRT Hall, St. Peter Parish: Shrine of the Leaders in Commonwealth, Quezon City. The program commenced at 2 in the afternoon with the procession of passers together with their parents, staff, and guest of honors.

After which, the main program follows.

Mr. Darren Illarina, Parola Instructional Manager conducted the Philippine National Anthem.

Meanwhile, St. Benedict Choir from Payatas, with their angelic voices, set the tone for the invocation. Mr. Christian Robert Bering, one of the passers, welcomed every one of the said event.

For the inspirational message, former Puso Sa Puso Parola passer and now, a graduate of education and currently working as a teacher, Mr. Julius Christopher Libarios shared his valuable story to the attendees. Following that, Fr. Artur Chrzanowski, SDS, PSPEI President gave his commencement address to the passers which definitely encourage and motivate the passers to dream more.

Awarding of honors, certificates, special awards such as Loyalty Award, Peer Facilitator Award, APICIUS scholar awardee took place and basically as one of the highlight of this ceremonial event. For the honorary speech, Ms. Erika Shaina Renee Dizon, one of the passers with honors expressed her gratitude and appreciation towards the people behind the ALSA BUHAY Program.

One of the heartfelt moment of this event happened when the passers sang their tribute song for their parents/guardians. With the song of "You" by Karen Carpenters, they conveyed their personal message through the melody and lyrics. It was followed by a moving thanksgiving message from one of the parent – Mrs. Myrna B. Callo.

The song "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus, as passers' moving up song sums up their experiences while staying in the program for almost two years. As the song implies, as we are reaching our dreams

and aspirations in life, we also encounter obstacles and trials that may weaken our faith. But the most important thing is not about the destination or end goal but more of how we learn from our experiences, the journey, and the climb.

Sr. Mila Singap, FLP, Parola Supervisor conclude the event with a grateful message and a prayer. As most guest and parents didn't know, a surprise flash mob number was prepared by the learners that put a high note towards the end of ceremony. A successful event truly transpired this 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

Present also in the event are the distinguished guests such as the SDS community headed by Fr. Adam Janus, SDS (Superior of Southeast Asian Vicariate), SDS sisters and brothers, Franciscan representative, MCSPA priest and brothers, ICTSI and PIAN representative, EDM representative, barangay officials, international volunteers, ELDP Teachers, former teachers, previous passers, and scholars of the institution.

Photos:



Group photo after the event



Passers singing the Philippine National Anthem



Mr. Julius Christopher Libarios delivering his insightful message to the passers



Fr. Artur Chrzanowski, SDS, PSPEI President giving his commencement address



Awarding of certificates and medals to the passers



One of the crowning moment, learners with honors



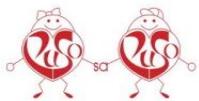
Hardworking staff of PSPEI posed before the event concludes



Passers joyful dancing with their surprised flash mob at the end of the program



The passers (graduates)



**2018 New Set of APICIUS Scholars**  
(May 4, 2018)



Last May 4, five (5) ALSA BUHAY passers namely John David Abe, Erman Belches, Juycy Chua, William Deguito and Paul Jhon Jimenez underwent enrollment procedure in APICIUS School of Culinary Arts. Its procedure are, first, filling out the enrolment forms and secondly, submitting the following requirements: photocopy of NSO Birth Certificate, photocopy of Certificate of Rating and passport/1x1 photos to the APICIUS staff.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, they started to attend class under Cookery NClI. Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. provide the transportation allowance, house to stay, food allowance and school supplies such as notebooks, pens, etc. to the selected scholars. They just need to finish the 40 days of Cookery class in Parañaque.

Scholars were very grateful for the scholarship grant that APICIUS and Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. given to them.

## OTHER PHOTOS:

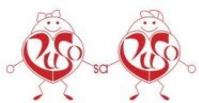


Enrollment procedures

Scholars wearing their uniforms



Scholars' cooked dishes



**Payatas Learners' and Parents' Orientation (5<sup>th</sup> Batch)**  
(May 8, 2018)



The new batch of learners of ALSA BUHAY Program undergone an orientation about the organization last May 8, 2018 at Payatas Center. Joining the learners are their respective guardians/parents in this new path that they will take. A total of 38 participants joined the activity.

Staff prepared a presentation comprised of the following topic: Alternative Learning System curriculum under Department of Education, History of Organization, Programs, General Guidelines, and Contract Information. After the presentation, an open forum was initiated for clarifications and other additional information and details of the process.

The presentation also includes photos and videos of the usual activities taken place from previous batches. Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS, Payatas Supervisor, thru her closing remarks, encouraged everyone to get involved to the institution and hoping for a strong relationship with the new batch that will eventually develop for the betterment of each and every one.

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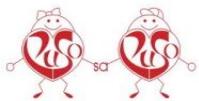
Ms. Joceline Basconcillo, Social Worker, explaining the contract to the new enrollees.



Attendees of the orientation



Ms. Rika Estabillo, Instructional Manager, presenting the background of the institution



**Opening Mass for 5<sup>th</sup> Batch Learners  
(May 11, 2018)**



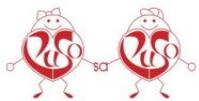
Gracing the opening of ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center for 5<sup>th</sup> batch learners, Fr. Roland Jaluag, Parish Priest of Kristong Hari shared his time and officiated the Holy Mass for this event. A better way to start to form the spiritual aspect of the new beneficiaries is highly regarded as essential tool in deepening their faith and realizing their spiritual necessities. The Holy Mass was attended by learners from all levels (BLP, elementary, and secondary) together with the San Beda College student-interns, volunteers, and staff of Puso. It was held at Payatas Center last May 11<sup>th</sup> at exactly 10:00am.

The Homily is inspired by the Holy Gospel of the Lord John 16: 20-23. Fr. Roland enthusiastically welcomed everyone as he also one of the witnesses of how previous batch grow and develop during their stay in the institution. Three points has been uttered and discussed by him and these include: (1) In everything, love and serve the Lord, (2) In every trials, praise and thanks the Lord, and lastly, (3) In every opportunity, share Jesus. These points truly struck the attendees and gave insightful realization of how God works in every phase of our lives.

The holy celebration ended with a blessing from Fr. Roland following with a community that sings and praises for our loving God.

Other photos:





**San Beda College Community Outreach Integration Day  
(May 11, 2018)**

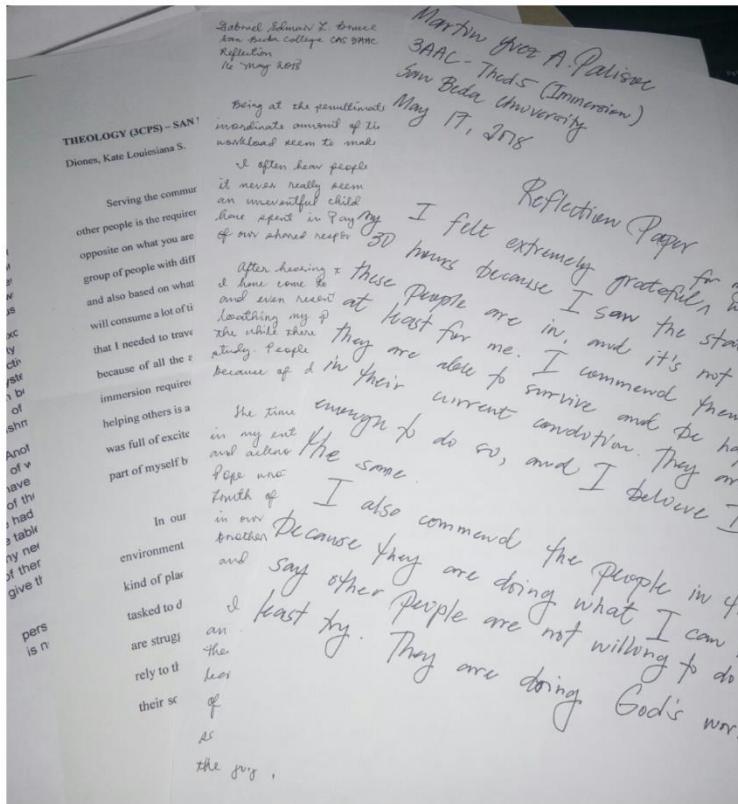


On the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, Community Outreach Integration Day happened. It was held at Payatas ALS Center. San Beda students prepared a short program for the said activity. It started with a prayer. Some of them shared their realizations on the community outreach exposure.

They expressed their gratefulness on the life that they have because as they encountered people in Payatas they were able to have a glimpse on the injustice in terms of socio economic condition in the area. They realized how lucky they are to have a parent who are very responsible to provide their needs, to have a daily sufficient food, to have a good roof to rest on, to be enrolled in one among the prestigious school, and many more. They even expressed that they also want to help them in a simple way maybe not now but in the future. Dance and song number were also presented by them as part of the entertainment in the program.

San Beda students were thankful to the organization for allowing them to be part of it in a small span of time and for letting them experienced those things.

## Other photos:



**PIAN First Team Building**  
(May 16-17, 2018)



May 16-17, 2018, the first Team Buiding of the Parola Inter-Agency Network (PIAN) held at Camp Benjamin, Recreation Center, Alfonso, Cavite. PIAN is a group composed of various Non-Government Organizations and Government Organizations operating in the community of Parola who are working together in formulating programs and services that will lead to the growth and development of the community.

This event was facilitated by the PIAN Convener the International Container Terminal Service, Inc. It was attended by its member organization such as Center for Community Transformation (CCT), Erda Foundation, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Likhaan Centers for Women's Health, Manila Department of Social Welfare (MDSW), Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. and Ugnayan ng Samahan ng Parola. The representatives from Puso sa Puso who attended the said event were Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS, Program Coordinator, Sr. Mila Singap, FLP, Parola Supervisor, Ms. Lucita Lachica, Livelihood Coordinator, and by two Parola Instructional Managers, Ms. Mylene Ballaran and Mr. Darren Ilarina.

In the first part of the event, several topics about Self Awareness and Building Effective Team had been discussed by Mr. Rosauro R. Luntayao, ICTSI Sustainability and Development Manager. Team Building activities like games were also done which enjoyed by every participant. The next part was the Scenario Building, Setting Directions and Program planning .Each program of PIAN which was handled by different agencies was asked to work as a team to create a one year plan in each program. Unity and collaboration has been observed during the planning. Presentation of output and Critiquing were also done at the latter part of the program. Each of PIAN members were looking forward about the success of its plan.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, members of PIAN were group together and visited the farm of Camp Benjamin that everyone enjoyed especially the beauty of nature. At the end of the event, PIAN objective for this Team Building had achieved for now, each members organizations are well known to each other and has one goal, to work together for the betterment of Parola.

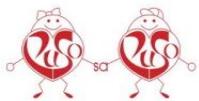
## Photos:



PIAN members were doing sociogram as part of their session in Building Effective Team.



Participants enjoyed the different activities for this Team Building.



**Career Orientation Seminar  
(May 22, 2018)**



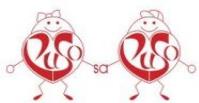
The new school year is coming so fast and as completers of Acceleration and Equivalency Program of ALS, our learners attended the career orientation last May 22 at ECJ building ICTSI foundation office Intarmuros Manila. It was attended by 42 learners from 6<sup>th</sup> batch (A and B sections). The event was sponsored by Parola Inter-agency Network (PIAN) and it aim to show to the participants what are the opportunities that they may get after finishing Junior High Level of ALS. PIAN invited Mr. Erick B. Atilano, LPT RPm a licensed teacher and registered psychometrician to conduct career pathing seminar. He also gave initial assessment on the possible priorities of the participants in choosing career.

In the afternoon, when the participants got ideas on what career they may choose, another sets of speakers who are also invited by PIAN came. The representative from the Division Office School of Manila – DepEd, MS. Lea V. Faa talked about the voucher system. There is also participants from Universidad de Manila who discussed the different programs of their university and the scholarships that the participants may avail. The UDM was followed by the representative of Manila Man Power where the skills training program of City of Manila offered. Manila man power also discussed what are the requirements to avail the programs and who are the persons allowed to avail. The last group who presented their program was the Don Bosco TVET Center. They presented the different programs of TESDA in their institution in a private perspective. They also discussed the scholarship and academic assistance they offer for the students who really want to study but find financial difficulties.

Puso Sa Puso Parola Center finds the event effective and very helpful to the learners. Numbers of students who wants to enroll in college and Senior High School rises up because of the said event. You can see the inspirations in their eyes and the motivation to enter to next stage of their study.

Photos during the event:





**Outreach Program of Various Local Donors**  
(May 22-23, 2018)



New batch of learners are now setting their feet in the center of hope where dreams become reality through the essence of education. Bridging these out of school learners and school leavers under ALS curriculum to higher level of learning is a continuous mission of the institution. With the help and support of international and local donors, sponsors, and benefactors, the program lives on its purpose.

For the month of May this year, various local donors visited ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center and conducted outreach activities to the institution's beneficiaries. Last May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Decipak, Inc. a steel fabrication company, with some of their employee and the owner, gave their monetary donation to the institution. Meanwhile, on the following day (May 23<sup>rd</sup>), Marriage Encounter: Alagad ng Diyos Catholic Charismatic Community shared their time also. They gave packed school supplies and at the same time, snacks composed of hotdog sandwich and fruit juice. They were welcomed by Home-based Tutorial Program kids. To understand more about the organization, staff presented to both groups the organization's historical background, missions, and programs.

Finally, the V. Mapa High School (VMHS) Batch '68 thru Ms. Annabelle Jerez and Ms. Josefina Webb donated another set of school supplies. All donations are very timely as the enrollment is still on-going and the class already resume for Calendar Year 2018-2019.

Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. deeply thanks all the people and group who put their time and effort in extending their blessings to us.

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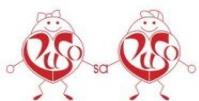
Group photo with Marriage Encounter group



Set of school supplies donated by VMHS Batch '68



A short program for Home-based Tutorial Program kids



**Earthquake Safety and Fire Prevention Awareness Seminar**  
(May 24, 2018)



It was a good beginning for the new batch of learners to attend the seminar that they will benefit. The seminar of the learners was all about earthquake safety and fire prevention awareness. It was conducted by our guest speakers from Bureau of Fire Protection, Quezon City namely: SFO3 Edwin Pasiliao and FO1 Jogie Blanche, and was held at Payatas center.

Philippines is one of the countries that belongs in the “Pacific Ring of Fire”, which means many earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur. Filipinos should have knowledge and awareness about earthquake safety and fire prevention awareness. With the help of our invited guest speakers, they selflessly discussed and shared their knowledge about the said topic.

SFO3 Edwin Pasiliao discussed the earthquake safety; the things that they must do during and after earthquake and the 3 most important words that we should remember: DUCK. COVER. HOLD while, FO1 Jogie Blanche discussed the fire safety awareness; things to do during the fire, parts of the fire extinguisher and how to use it. Just remember: **T** (twist the thread), **P** (pull the pin), **A** (aim the nozzle from the base), **S** (squeeze the lever), and **S** (sweep side to side)

Learners and staff learned a lot in the said seminar. We don't know when fire and earthquake will occur, but the ALSA BUHAY learners and staff are already prepare and aware for any eventuality.

## Photos from the seminar



Fo1 Jogie Blanche discussing the parts of fire extinguisher and fire prevention awareness



SFO3 Edwin Pasiliao discussing the earthquake safety



Group picture with the guest speakers



**Scholars' Outing 2018: Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up**  
(May 31, 2018)



"No trolls left behind!" as Ms. Chery Borbe started her talk she used the lines in a Disney movie known as Trolls. No one left behind! Altogether scholars will finish the race in reaching their dreams despite of the many adversity that will come in their way, she reminded them.

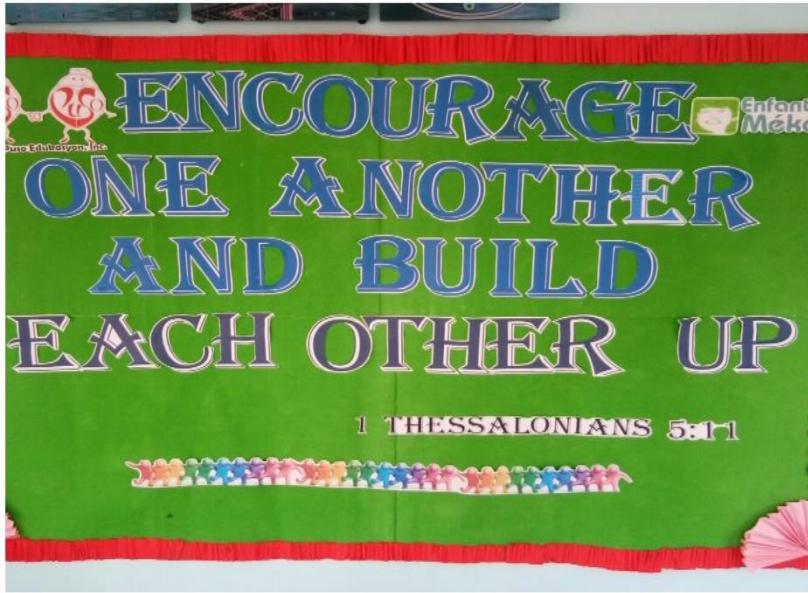
Last May 31, Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. and Enfants Du Mekong conducted scholars' outing at A&C Mountainview Pool which is located at Mt. Iglit St., Amityville, San Jose, Montalban Rizal. It was attended by 15 scholars from Parola and Payatas. The theme of the activity is based on the inspirational bible verse which is "Encourage one another and build each other up!" (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

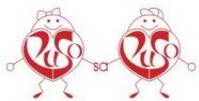
It started with a short prayer lead by Angel Sobsobrado, Parola scholar and a talk on Leadership and motivations given by Ms. Chery Borbe, an Educational Program Coordinator in ANCOP Foundation (Answering the Cry of the Poor). She aligned the given topics on the said bible verse and reminded everyone to become good member as it will lead to a good leader. She also reiterated everyone to have an empathy towards their co-scholars and she emphasized the importance of giving encouragement to one another. Scholars gained realizations with the knowledge imparted by the guest speaker.

After the talk, everyone enjoyed the boodle fight lunch prepared by the scholars. Then in the afternoon, they were given a time to get along with each other. Learning new things, chitchatting, swimming, engaging in some games, singing, eating fruits and sweet merienda really made their annual scholars outing a precious one.

Everyone was delighted on the said activity and they were looking forward on the future activity of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc., and Enfants Du Mekong.

## OTHER PHOTOS:





**Orientation for Parents and the ALSA BUHAY Learners Batch 7<sup>th</sup>**  
(June 4, 2018)



On the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.,(Parola branch) organized an orientation activity for ALSA- BUHAY beneficiaries school year 2018. It was held in ALSA BUHAY center (container van) located at San Nicolas St. Binondo Manila. The orientation was divided in two session (Morning and afternoon).

All new ALSA BUHAY learners and some parents participated in the orientation. At orientation, learner and parent learned how everything at the institution works and what they need to do to get in the program.

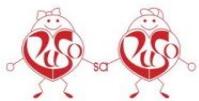
During orientation, participants were able to meet people who work at the institution; the three (3) Instructional managers; Mrs. Mylene Ballaran, LPT; Mr. Eljohn Isagunde, LPT, and Mr. Darren Ilarina, Livelihood coordinator, Mrs. Lucita Lachica, the undersigned social worker, Ms. Jennifer Basconcillo, RSW, and our beloved Supervisor Sr. Mila P. Singap, FLP.

Signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Election for Parent Teachers Association (PTA) was included in the activity.

Photos:



Photos were taken during the Orientation program of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.



**The Opening Eucharistic Celebration and Prayer Formation**  
(June 5, 2018)



As the school year opens in the calendar of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc., Parola center started it in with Eucharistic celebration as a preparation in a 10 months journey of staff, learners and the institution itself. The mass was held at Nuestra Seniora Dela Soledad Parish, Binondo Manila and the celebration was initiated by president of the organization, Fr. Artur Chzranowski, SDS. It was attended by the parents of the present batch, secondary and elementary and by the beneficiaries of Milk Program from gate 1 to gate 3 of brgy. 20 Tondo Manila.

In Fr. Artur's homily, he shows to the attendees the importance of life. He told the story of one of his ministry as clergy which is visiting the sick and initiating confessions in the hospitals. He shared his experience in dealing with the young people aging 15-19 years of age who are suffering and dying because of HIV. What really shocks him is not the person having HIV in a very young age but the condition of being left alone in their situation. He shared the clients are ready to face their consequences but what their last request is to have someone holding their hands or standing beside them in the time when they leave the world.

The Eucharistic celebration was followed by the prayer formation initiated by one of the Instructional Managers of Parola center, Ms. Mylene Ballaran, LPT. It was held at ALSA BUHAY learning center, Container van and attended by the new batch of learners both secondary and elementary. Ms. Mylene introduced the steps of worshiping God and its importance. She introduced the 4 basic and important steps in praying, the Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. Ms. Mylene let the participants of the formation express their way and thoughts about prayer. The formation became the avenue of love and expression of their self as a son and daughter of God.

Photos:



*Eucharistic celebration with Fr. Atur Chrzanowski, SDS*



*Learners on their prayer formation with Ms. Mylene Ballaran, LPT*

## **Livelihood Program: Entrepreneurship with Business Simulation Training**

(June 8, 2018)



Group picture of participant with ICTSI (Sir Roy Luntayao and Ms. Cyrah Albat, and Mr. Edwin C. Pasahol MDM of DTI)

Last June 8, 2018 at ECJ building in Intramuros, Manila, the capability training of selected parents that undergone skills training last 2017 was held.

The training topic was "Entrepreneurship with Business Simulation" and it was spearheaded by Parola Inter Agency Network (PIAN) funded by ICTSI, facilitated by Mr. Edwin Pasahol MDM of Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). The training started with a prayer prepared by the facilitator followed by expectation check headed by Ma'am Cyrah Albat of ICTSI. Participants expected to be learned on how to start the business, the right attitude of an entrepreneur and challenges in starting business.

The training was interactive, informative and challenging especially on business simulation where they learned the acronym of BEST. Best practice is B-business- E-expenses S-savings and T-training. The participant was divided into 3 grouped which they created their own company. The activity was designed as they are going to produce products and they will sell it to the market.

Last part of the activity was the evaluation of the three group that include: what group earned more, the quality of product that they sold and how they handle lost in their company. Awarding of certificate of attendance to all participant concluded the training.

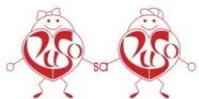
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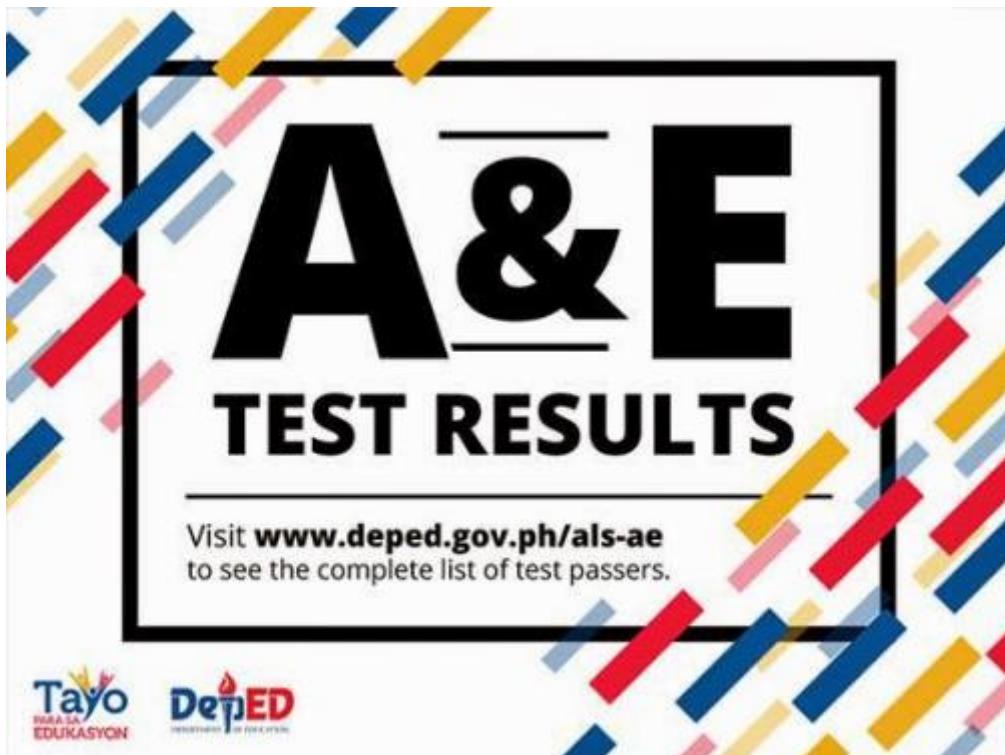
Group activities



Business simulation activity applying Best Practice



## Accreditation and Equivalency Test 2017 Result



(Photo taken from deped.gov.ph)

The Department of Education – Alternative Learning System with Bureau of Educational Assessment finally released the much-awaited result of 2017 Accreditation and Equivalency Test (A&E Test) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June 2018. The 4<sup>th</sup> Batch (Group B) of Payatas Center and 6<sup>th</sup> Batch (Group B) took the said exam last March 2018 in different site in Metro Manila.

In conjunction with the result, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) issued and released a memorandum. CHED Memo. No. 10 series of 2018 entitled Policy on Alternative Learning System Completers and Passers of the A&E Test in relation to the implementation of the K to 12 Basic Education Program was signed by Officer-in-Charge J. Prospero de Vera III, DPA on June 11, 2018.

According to the memo, all public and private higher education institutions (HEIs) are enjoined to accept as first year students under the new higher education curricula those passers of previous A&E Test High School level and the November 2017, March 2018 and upcoming 2019 A&E Tests High School beginning academic year 2018-2019 and for subsequent school years. Those passers are all high school graduates of old basic education curriculum for ALS, according to CHED.

Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. are pleased to share the result for the said exam. For Parola Center, out of 43 test takers, 39 learners successfully passed the exam (4 in elementary and 35 in secondary). For Payatas Center, out of 29 test takers, 29 passed the exam (9 in elementary and 20 in secondary). Overall, the institution got the highest passing rate since it is started – **94.44%**



**New Set of Social Work Interns from Universidad De Manila**  
(June 19, 2018)



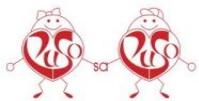
Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. Parola welcomes the new batch of interns; Eight (8) social work students from Universidad De Manila together with Ms. Augusta Altobar, RSW, MSW chairperson of College of Social work.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, Trialogue was conducted spearheaded by Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS with the presence of the chairperson of College of Social work, Ms. Augusta Altobar, RSW and the new interns namely Baloro, Flora Mae, Cantilang, Adaniel, Flores, Decy Jane, Frias, Cedric James, Miralles May Angelu, Pascua, Rafael, Reyes, Aila Daniela, and Salonga, Danchel. During the trialogue session, Sr. Frances, Program Coordinator was able to introduce the institution's mission and current programs.

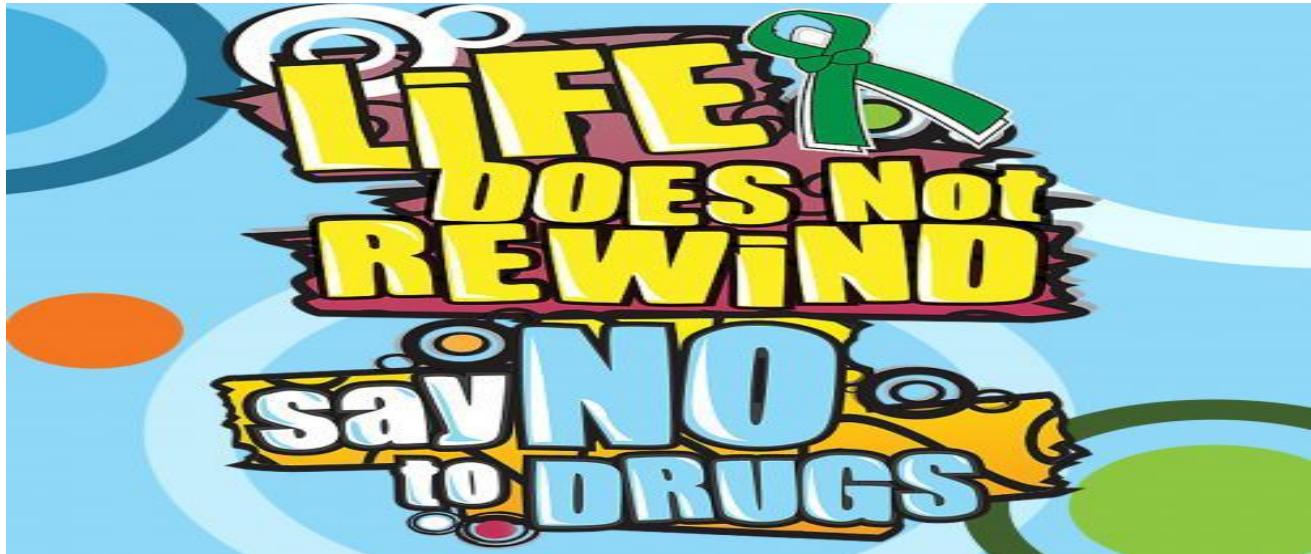
They will be practicing social work and simultaneously studying social work theory and skills. In fact, field education is the cornerstone of social work education. It also generates the most questions, the most apprehension and also the most excitement. They will be completing 500 hours in the placement agency wherein they are focusing on Case Management (one on one approach) and handling five cases each; two intensive cases, and three simple cases under the ALSA-BUHAY program of PSPEI. The internship program will end in October 2018.



Social work interns activities during first week of internship program in Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.



**Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign and Awareness Seminar**  
(June 21, 2018)



The new batch of learners underwent another seminar entitled "Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign and Awareness Seminar". It was conducted by our 2<sup>nd</sup> timer guest speaker from Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Mr. Paulo Dacula. He is the Regional Officer in the National Capital Region under Prevention Education and Community Involvement Section. It was attended by our learners from BLP, Elementary, Secondary, and even the previous learners.

Mr. Paulo Dacula introduced the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency to our learners. According to him they are different from Philippine National Police and they work under President's office. He discussed the different types of drugs that human usually used, the effects of using drugs to the health of users, and the different ingredients of drugs. Persons with Substance Use Disorders (PSUD) is the political term for the people who using drugs for their addiction.

Different people, different ages experienced to use drugs, but some became addicted because they did not use it in a proper way.

If you dream big, dream big. Say No to Drugs!  
Photos from the Seminar



Mr. Paulo Dacula starts his seminar about Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign



Ms. Joceline Basconcillo, RSW gave the certificate of appreciation to Mr. Dacula as his endlessly give his time to be the second timer speaker



Group photo with the guest speaker