

2021



Lilia Quindoza-Santiago

February 15
College of Arts and Letters

A prolific award-winning writer, anthologist, literary critic and a passionate educator, Quindoza-Santiago or LQS, was a fellow at the UP Institute of Creative Writing for many years. In 1989, LQS was chosen as the Makata ng Taon by the Surian ng Wikang Pambansa [now the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino] for her poem *Sa Ngalan ng Ina, ng Anak, ng Diwata't Paraluman*.

In Memoriam



Rene P. Felix

February 1
College of Science

Described as a “a beloved professor and mentor and an accomplished researcher,” Felix specialized in mathematical crystallography and group theory. He also holds the distinction of being the first PhD graduate in Mathematics from UPD in 1980. He then served as Chairman of the then Department of Mathematics from 1986 to 1990. He was also president of the Mathematical Society of the Philippines, editor of *Matimyas Matematika* and president of the UPD Mathematics Foundation, Inc. Upon his retirement in 2016, UP bestowed upon Felix the rank of Professor Emeritus for his “exceptional achievements and outstanding service.”



Lilia Arbues Torres

February 1
Office of Counseling
and Guidance (OCG)

Known affectionately as “Mam Lilia,” Torres was OCG Director from 1983 to 1991 and again from 1993 to 1996 — a total of 12 years — the longest of any OCG head. As director, she made the office known all over the campus by instituting relevant and responsive services to students. Described as “an epitome of a leader,” she served as president of the Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association from 1990 to 1991, in which she actively worked toward the professionalization of guidance and counseling in the Philippines.



Daisy B. Atienza

January 25
School of Labor
and Industrial Relations (SOLAIR)

Atienza was a pioneer faculty member and proponent of the ladderized Diploma / Master of Industrial Relations Program in the critical and challenging transition of the Asian Labor Education Center in the early 1980s into UP SOLAIR.

Instrumental in the establishment of the Industrial Relations academic program, she helped with the proposal for and defending the curriculum to the University Council, as well as the approval of the necessary budget and faculty items with top UP officials.



Celia D. Laguyo

January 18
Office of Counseling
and Guidance (OCG)

Laguyo served UPD for 33 years. A dedicated professional, Laguyo worked as an examiner for pre-employment and scholarship psychological testing and for qualifying examinations in graduate and certificate programs in different UP units. She also chaired the annual University Job Fair, an OCG major event, on several occasions. She chaired the event for the last time in 2016. She was resource speaker and facilitator in various training, seminars, and other student-related activities in different colleges in and out of UP, and held various administrative positions such as OCG Special Disbursement Officer and even as Vinzons Hall Building Administrator.

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Amelia Lapeña-Bonifacio

December 29
College of Arts and Letters

Known as the “Grand Dame of Southeast Asian Children’s Theater,” Lapeña-Bonifacio was conferred the title National Artist for Theatre on Oct. 24, 2018. National Artist is the country’s highest recognition for artists. A playwright, puppeteer and an educator, she was the founding artistic director of Teatrong Mulat ng Pilipinas, a children’s theater and puppet theater company established in 1977.



Eva Marie A. Ratilla

December 14
College of Science

Ratilla contributed in the early development of the Materials Science Program of the UPD College of Science and College of Engineering. Her areas of specialization are in Inorganic Chemistry, Chiral and Molecular Recognition and Discrimination, and Computational Chemistry. She had numerous researches published in ISI journals and presented in local and international conferences.



Aurora Roxas-Lim

November 16
Asian Center

She was Curator of the UP Vargas Museum from 1988 to 1994 and Deputy Director of the Special Project in Archaeology and Fine Arts of the Southeast Asia Ministries of Education from 1985 to 1986. She served as Dean of the Asian Center from 1994 to 1997 and retired from the University in 2000.



Leon M. Payawan Jr.

September 25
College of Science

His areas of specialization are in Inorganic Chemistry, Photochemistry and Electrochemistry. He had close to 30 researches published in ISI journals and over 500 citations, and numerous local and international conference papers.



Laura Samson

September 10
College of Social Sciences
and Philosophy



Maureen C. Pagaduan

August 11
College of Social Work
and Community Development

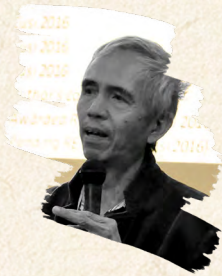
She was a co-founder of the UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies (CIDS) Program on Alternative Development (AltDev) in 2017. Pagaduan's involvement with AltDev "greatly expanded and cemented the Program's engagement and cooperation with local communities of grassroots women's organizations and indigenous peoples."



Felicia Delos Santos

May 24
UP Integrated School

Delos Santos served UPIS both as an academic and administrator. She was Assistant Principal for Academic Programs and Administration from 1990 to 1992 and Head of the Department of Communication Arts, English, Music and Arts from 1998 to 2000.



Roberto Verzola

May 6
College of Science

Father of Philippine email, Verzola is known for his detailed analysis of the 2004 presidential and 2007 senatorial elections, both of which he disclosed as having had massive cheating. He was the author of "Crossing Over: The Energy Transition to Renewable Electricity" (2015) and the "Towards a Political Economy of Information" (2004).



Cynthia Dionisio-Turingan

April 29
School of Urban
and Regional Planning

Among Dionisio-Turingan's expertise were regional development planning, social and environmental impact analysis, land use planning, regional growth and resettlement evaluation.



Randolf M. Bustamante

April 19
College of Arts and Letters

Bustamante was a writer, poet, editor and translator who taught writing and humanities courses at UPD. In 2017, he translated Francisco Balagtas's "Florante at Laura: Vicissitudes in the Life of Florante and Laura in the Kingdom of Albania" and Lourdes Montinola's award-winning non-fiction book "Breaking the Silence" ("Pagbasag sa Katahimikan: Isang Talang-Gunita ng Digma") both published by The Bookmark, Inc.



Noli N. Reyes

April 10
College of Science

A recipient of the NAST – Outstanding Young Scientist Award in 2002, his areas of specialization include Approximation Theory, Fourier Analysis, Wavelet Analysis and Mathematical Aspects of Signal Processing. In the Specialized Philippine Enterprise Reference of Experts and Scientists webpage, Reyes was recognized for his research on wavelet analysis which "has led to more efficient algorithms in numerical analysis, in particular to solutions of differential equations. The most important aspect of Reyes's research concerns the prediction of the growth of quantities obeying certain analytical conditions."



Primitivo C. Cal

April 8
School of Urban
and Regional Planning (SURP)

An urban and regional planning expert, Cal was SURP dean from 2004 to 2007, and envisioned the School as a Center of Excellence in urban and regional planning. He was an ASEAN engineer, a registered civil engineer, transportation engineer, environmental planner, and lawyer.



Renato S. Velasco

April 4
College of Social Sciences
and Philosophy

Velasco was an associate professor at the Department of Political Science at the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy. He was chief of the Presidential Management Staff (PMS) and Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Director General in 2006 under then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Both his posts as PMS and PIA Director General had the rank of Secretary.



Alonzo A. Gabriel

March 31
College of Home
Economics (CHE)

A UP Scientist III and a full professor at the CHE Department of Food Science and Nutrition, Gabriel generously shared his innovations and researches in food science and technology with micro- and small-scale enterprises. He was a noted and multi-awarded food scientist.



Aileen S.P. Baviera

March 21
Asian Center

Baviera, who was dean of the UP Asian Center from September 2003 to October 2009, was an expert in Chinese Studies. She was sought after for her knowledge on issues on China and on the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) disputes. She had given valuable inputs about the disputes particularly on historical, legal and security contexts.



Ajit Singh Rye

January 2
Asian Center (AC)

Rye served as AC dean from 1985 to 1991 where he was a professor of South Asian Studies, particularly Indian Studies. He served as Officer for Student Relations (1970-1971), Overseer of the Library Museum (1973), Program Development Associate (1978), Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Secretary (1980) and Director of the Asian Studies Program (1982).