MSEUF Alumni Association of Southern California holds Grand Reunion in Las Vegas; grants assistance for SHS

With the theme: Reach Out, Belong, Be Committed, the second Grand Reunion Homecoming of the officers and members of the MSEUF (formerly Luzonian Colleges and Enverga University) Alumni Association of Southern California kicked off at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada on Aug. 20-22, 2015.

MSEUF Lucena representatives Mrs. Evelyn S. Abeja, OIC Office of the Vice President for Administration and Mr. Celso D. Jaballa, OIC Office of the Vice President for External Relations attended the three-day affair. Alumni President Nonato Palomar, founding member Mr. Butch Villarama and other officers namely: Ms. Merci Bueno, Ms. Mercedita Catalla Mallare, Ms. Malou Almadrones, Ms. Mayvel Zoleta and Ms. Ester de Castro Palad welcomed them with a bang.

MSEUF message

Delivering both the introduction and message of Madame Naila E. Leveriza, Mrs. Evelyn S. Abeja, OIC, Office of the Vice President for Administration pointed out the gist of the message on the theme: “Reach out, Belong, be Committed”, by using the acronym of MSEUF, which explains our reason for existence.

M means MSEUF, established for God and Country. MSEUF serves and shares with the community. S stands for Scholarship and Service and where MSEUF has a vital role in education. It has a great role in the K to 12 program by giving scholarships to the Senior High School students particularly 1,950 graduates of public high school who would want to enroll in the Grades 11 and 12 program of the Department of Education. This is a call to members to extend their hands and reach out to the youth of Quezon through scholarships.

“Your $100 can help a student finish Grade 11,” Mrs. Abeja said.

E stands for Education, Empowerment and Excellence. MSEUF is now one of the few autonomous universities in the Philippines. Academic programs are accredited from Level II to IV, with the maritime programs ISO certified. MSEUF has three centers of development – Teacher Education, Criminology and Information Technology and from being a Higher Education Regional Research Center for Region IV-A (Calabarzon).

U stands for Unity, the call of times with the grand reunion’s theme: “Reach Out, Belong, be Committed”. There is a need to reach out to other graduates so we will expand and extend our blessings to others. We belong and we are committed to MSEUF’s Mission of serving God and Country.

Meanwhile, Mr. Celso D. Jaballa rendered two song numbers which he dedicated to all those who remain loyal to MSEUF and to those with a generous heart in helping students reach their dreams. The songs were “Just The Way You Are” and “New York, New York”.

OIC-VP Administration Evelyn S. Abeja explains the MSEUF mission-vision to the MSEUF Alumni Association while OIC, OVP External Relations Celso D. Jaballa renders song numbers in the Grand Reunion at Gold Coast Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, August 22, 2015.
As scheduled, the first activity day at 1:30 p.m. (Aug. 21) was the bowling tournament where members in their sporting outfits spent time together to unwind, roll the ball, enjoy the game while others cheered for their bets, shared fun and ate sumptuous Filipino delicacies. Winners in this fun-filled game were presented trophies and cash prizes.
**Pledge**

As a commitment of the MSEUF Alumni Association of Southern California, spokesperson Mr. Butch Villarama announced to the attendees a scholarship grant amounting to PhP 450,000.00 will be allotted as initial payment for MSEUF students payable in ten years.

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**Global awardees**

With their passion and distinction in various global disciplines, four of the five internationally acclaimed individuals were honored as this year’s Enverga Forever Alumni Global Awardees during the thanksgiving and awards ceremony held at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino as part of the Grand Reunion Homecoming.

Among them were Ms. Jasmine F. Viray for Special Education accompanied by her husband and only son; posthumous awardee Ms. Letecia R. Aranilla for Women Empowerment, represented by her sister Erlinda Aranilla-Solano together with her husband Atty. Solano; Dr. Romulo F. Magsino for Educational Administration and Ethnocultural Advocacy represented by his wife, Patria Enverga-Magsino and Betty Baronia-Duhaylongsod for Human Development represented by her brother Dr. Benedicto Baronia who came all the way from Texas. He later joined his batchmates in high school led by Apolinar Quinto who was also present to celebrate their 40th Anniversary celebration.

The other awardee who was not present but would be honored during the Commencement Exercises in April 2016 is Maria Pureza-Escaño for Multidisciplinary Arts.
Dinner-dance reunion

As some members and guests all the way from New York, New Jersey and Canada register, the program started at seven in the evening with Mr. Al Palomar delivering his speech with much enthusiasm.

He proudly informed the members that the association has attained its non-profit organization status granted by the Internal Revenue Service as a public charity or private foundation exempt under 501© (3) dated June 25, 2014. With this, he sounded off his vision of helping and supporting deserving students of Enverga University to attain and reach their goals through providing them scholarships and the likes.

Stressing that the association’s work should not end in passivity, Mr. Palomar said that we must seek significant ways and means to be more proactive in upgrading the networking and social media skills to our advantage in order to assist our fellow members procure job availabilities and placements.

Asking for commitment, Mr. Palomar is reaching out to all MSEUF Alumni not only in California but also those in North America to belong. “Our aspirations and goals should be motivated and guided by our University’s tenets and principles geared towards professionalism,” he said.

Calling for unity, the president said, “our strength lies in our unity for it propels us to succeed in the accomplishment of our commitment to our school and to our organization.”

Alumni from various parts of North America glammed up and danced the night away in Las Vegas.