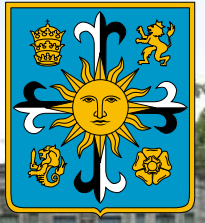




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## THE THOMASIAN IN YELLOW

“For her strong adherence to the principles of democracy and her faith in the capacity of the Filipino people to defend their democratic rights and individual freedom...” for “her sincere efforts in bringing about the full realization of peace and prosperity for the Filipinos through non-violent and humane means...” for “her exceptional gift of making politics and humanity companionable in contemporary Philippine society through her program of reconciliation and peaceful negotiations...” for “her personal example of dedication to the Christian universal ideals of love and faith in God,”; for her “determination to impose by example, the highest measure of honesty and integrity in the discharge of both private and public office.” These were the words read during the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Laws, “Honoris Causa”, to President Corazon C. Aquino last February 19, 1987 at the UST Chapel. On the same occasion, President Aquino was also given the UST Golden Cross Award. The Golden Cross is the highest award given by the University to persons who “excel in the promotion of the arts, humanities and the sciences, or who have distinguished themselves by their total commitment to the service of mankind.”

Cory, as she was popularly called, united the opposition, won the 1986 presidential election, and led the people to the streets when then Pres. Marcos fraudently declared himself the winner. The people rallied and Cory was peacefully installed as a democratically legitimate president. She crushed several coup attempts and, in 1992, at the end of her term, voluntarily left office.

Last August 1, 2009, the former President passed away at the age of 76. During her wake at the Manila Cathedral, around 400 Thomasian students, administrators, employees, faculty members and Dominican priests attended the requiem mass. On the way to her interment at the Manila Memorial Park last August 5, 2009, two recognized alumni associations, the Thomasian Alumni Leaders Association (TALA) and the Thomasian Scholars Alumni Association Inc. (TSAAI), joined the nation



Doctor of Laws, honoris causa for Pres. Cory Aquino (*kneeling*), Fr. Norberto Castillo, O.P., Rector of UST in 1987 (*left*); Mrs Aurora Aquino, mother of Ninoy Aquino (*right*)



Pres. Aquino delivers her speech of acceptance during the conferment ceremonies



The hood is placed on Pres. Aquino by Fr. Castillo assisted by Mrs. Aurora Aquino



The TALA and TSAAI at the Manila Memorial Park during Cory's funeral

in the funeral of Cory. Angeline S. Tuazon, Founding Chair of TALA and Dennis Arapeles, Member of the TSAAI Board of Trustees, led the group. TALA and TSAAI distributed a hundred yellow umbrellas to the people who patiently waited for the arrival of the remains of the late President inside the Manila Memorial Park despite the rain. Witnessing the burial rites at a very close range, the two alumni groups were overwhelmed with great sorrow.

In her acceptance speech during the degree conferment in UST, Cory Aquino touched on “reconciliation,” on peaceful and non-violent resolution of conflicts, and on an abiding faith in the love of God. These were her principles which the Filipinos admired. Hence, Cory was truly an icon of peace and democracy to the Filipino people.

Cory Aquino’s yellow trademark symbolizes the return of democracy in the country. Cory is a Thomasian and the University will always be proud of her.

*Photo in background:* The yellow umbrella distributed by TALA and TSAAI

# NEWS





onwards  
**2011**  
**UST 400**  
 ENDURING GRACE  
*Dreaming Beyond  
 Our Seeing*

**Grand Alumni Homecoming 2009**  
 Saturday | December 19, 2009 | 4:00 p.m | UST, Plaza Mayor

**ARTISTANG TOMASINO AKO.** In preparation for the University of Santo Tomas 400th year celebration in 2011. The University of Santo Tomas Atelier Alumni Association (USTAAA) launched its kick off activity called "ARTISTANG TOMASINO AKO!" exhibit in cooperation with the Shangri-la Plaza Mall and Coby's.



(L-R): UST AAA Ex Officio Rhoda Recto , UST AAA President Johnny Hubilla, Shangri-la Plaza Mall's EVP and General Manager, Lala Fojas, UST Office for Alumni Relations Director Dr. Evelyn Songco, UST Alumni Association's VP Judge Oscar Herrera and UST AAA VP Lilia de Jesus.

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*The Alumni Center is the Quadricentennial legacy of all Thomasian alumni.  
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# NEWS

## Board Examinations Topnotchers

### Physician Licensure Examination (August 2009)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Melissa Paulita V. Mariano
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Erick S. Mendoza
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Katrina Mae S. Gamponia
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place - Joseph B. Villanueva
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place - Ricky H. Hipolito
- 9<sup>th</sup> Place - Herbert Z. Manaois

UST passing rate: 99%  
National passing rate: 71%

### Pharmacist Licensure Examination (June 2009)

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Cheryl Lynn C. Tan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Paolo Mariz Angelie R. San Roque
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Ma. Antonia C. Pantalla
- 5<sup>th</sup> place - Madinah B. Corpuz
- 6<sup>th</sup> place - Clairefrancis S. de Guzman
- 8<sup>th</sup> place - Charmaine Maika G. Ong
- 9<sup>th</sup> place - Patricia Rose A. Abalos

UST passing rate: 78%  
National passing rate: 59%

### Nutritionist-Dietitian Licensure Examination (June 2009)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Paola Tandongco Suarez
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place - Robby Carlo Adesas Tan
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place - Generose Mallanao Rosario

UST passing rate: 89%  
National passing rate: 67%



**WORLD CHAMPION.** Rubilen D. Amit (2002 BS Accountancy) emerged as the 2009 Women's World 10-Ball champion after dispatching Liu Shin-Mei of Chinese Taipei, 10-4. Amit earned \$20,000 with the victory. The 27-year old Amit, whose early rose to fame was a three-time Southeast Asian Games gold medalist, bested other 48 women pool players in home soil.

### Architecture Licensure Examination (June 2009)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Ramil Belleza Tibayan
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place - Joanna Jane Ngo Comsti

UST passing rate: 55%  
National passing rate: 33%

### Occupational Therapist Licensure Examination (July 2009)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Lorraine Venice Chua Ocampo Tan
- Elouise Jane Buenaventura Timbang
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Sheena Flor Blancaflor Astilla
- Jenniveth Natasha Agutaya Hamili
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place - Crismae Mangahas Olay
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place - Aaron de Vera Ramos
- 8<sup>th</sup> Place - Miguel de Castro Maraňaga

UST passing rate: 70%  
National passing rate: 44.6%

### Physical Therapist Licensure Examination (July 2009)

- 8<sup>th</sup> Place - Linelle Stacy Tan Lao

UST passing rate: 97%  
National passing rate: 44.6%

### Nurse Licensure Examination (June 2009)

- 5<sup>th</sup> Place - Marco M. Dometita
- Margaret C. Encarnacion
- Marc B. Marzan
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place - Lisa Angelica V. Evangelista
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place - Adiran Patrick P. Calimag
- Aasron M. Esporlas
- 8<sup>th</sup> Place - Mary Joy S. Crisostomo
- David John Gabriel E. Cristobal
- Libby Joy R. Evangelista
- Ginelle Marie G. Visaya
- 9<sup>th</sup> Place - Helene Marie M. Calderon
- Abigail Ann B. Candelario
- Jan Benson T. Chan
- Anna Melissa S. Lo
- Johanna Thomas Yu
- 10<sup>th</sup> Place - Angela Carmela F. Agbay
- Pheelyp Edward Aytona
- Julienne Katrina B. Beltran
- Maria Rosario A. Brillante
- Jasper Q. Castillo
- Jose Mari Nino L. Cuarto
- Abigail Joanna U. Doluntap
- Jana F. Fragante
- Divina Viktoria P. La Torre
- Rachelle Ranola Milante
- Christelle Miracle-An Q. Santiago

UST passing rate: 99%  
National passing rate: 41%

## MediSining: The Art of Toribio Herrera, MD

In his lifetime, he never exhibited his works for the public to see. He did not want monetary rewards for his art and he never sold a painting. His very first exhibition was held in 1972, four years after his death. Born in Tondo, Toribio Herrera (1892 -1968) first graduated in Medicine at the University of Santo Tomas in 1912. Later, he took a second course in Fine Arts at the University of the Philippines, and was eventually accepted to teach there. He was part of the Amorsolo, Castaneda Miranda Group of Filipino Genre Masters who set the tone of Philippine Painting, particularly during the twenties.

37 years after his first exhibition, his available works and memorabilia were given importance at the GSIS Museum of Art mounted "MediSining: The Art of Toribio Herrera, MD." The exhibit opened last July 24, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the GSIS Museum of Art Upper Gallery in Pasay City. Dr. Ma. Graciela G. Gonzaga, Dean of the UST Faculty of Medicine & Surgery, delivered a message as well as Dr. Abdulmari Asia Imao, national artist and student of Dr. Herrera. The exhibit runs until November 30, 2009.



The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) has appointed RONALDO G. VERIAN (1992 BS Nursing) to serve as member of the NCLEX item development panel of subject matter experts last May 12-15, 2009 in Chicago, Illinois. NCSBN is responsible for developing and administering the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN licensing examinations for nurses who want to practice their profession the US. Verian was one of the six nurses (the only Asian) from across the US to be selected for this assignment. He was nominated on the basis of clinical specialty and nursing expertise.

*As a Thomasian, you've already  
been part of history...  
Now, be part of a noble mission.*



True to its mission to live, love and embrace the Thomasian legacy in the present day, the University of Santo Tomas Visa Credit Card was born in September 2003 through the pioneering spirit of Mr. Manuel G. Santiago Jr., a Thomasian alumnus.

In partnership with UnionBank of the Philippines, The UST Visa Card envisioned to support the Asia Mission Frontiers Foundation, Inc. (AMFFI) in establishing more formation houses, convents and youth centers. Furthermore, The UST Visa Card took on the noble mission of sustaining scholarship grants for clerical vocation. These are made possible through the automatic donation a UST alumnus makes by simply availing of and using the credit card. A portion of their spending and other fees is set aside by UnionBank which is then donated to the mission.

Aside from the regular features and benefits of a UnionBank Credit Card, the UST Visa Card also opens exclusive privileges to its members through the following:

- 5% discount on UST Hospital services
- 5% discount on books sold at the UST Publishing House Bookstore
- P 1,000 discount on wedding fee at the UST Chapel

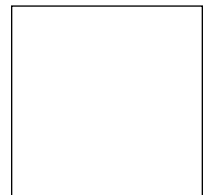


At the card launch in 2003, Manuel Santiago Jr. Senior Vice President and UnionBank Credit Cards Business Head, with Rev. Fr. Tamerlane R. Lana, O.P. and Jose Antonio Romulo.

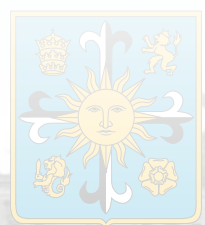
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