

PRESIDENT'S Report

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Article 7 section 3 of the bylaws of the alumni foundation states that the president shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall have supervision of the business of the corporation.

The president shall have the power to sign for the corporation, all deeds and other agreements and formal instruments and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. This means I have to be involved in all committees of AF USA.

In February 17, 2025, we received acknowledgment from the UERM medical Center for Dr Norbert Lingling Uy the donation of \$46,092 to the college of Medicine. This is for student scholarship and recognition awards, community medicine, service award, doctor, Fernando Sanchez, research and publication award, faculty development, best teacher, awards, memorial, lectures, administrative fee for committee and scholarships and awards for 2025– 2026.

As of September 30, 2025, the FBI committee Finance Budget Investment has determined that our investment with OLV Mr. Joel Lagore has noted about \$100,000 income. This will come a long way in our future financial aid to the College of Medicine.

The FBI committee has per findings of Dr Edna Solitario also determined that funds that have previously been given to the college of medicine in the past has been accumulating in the Philippines, as it has not been used during Covid years. Examples would be the memorial lectures that have not been held and the best teacher awards that were not handed out due to the Covid situation. Dean of the College of medicine doctor Ampil has requested that the funds be used for other projects like research funding. this will be discussed by the FBI committee and in all likelihood will utilize the unused funds for use in the next school year 20 26–20 27.

In July of this year, Dr. Ortega and I were able to visit the former trustee of the AF USA, Dr. Victoria Tan Camacho UERM class of 1963 in her hometown of Jetafe in Bohol province. She donated \$25,000 years ago and now it's worth about \$48,000. She has written a note to the effect. That AF USA will be able to use the \$23,000 for scholarship program. The remaining \$25,000 will be kept in the restricted fund.

Also in July of this year, Dr. Ortega and I were able to visit UERM college of medicine to talk with Dean Ampil and President Norbert Uy about a temporary location for the Legacy wall that AF USA plans to put in the college of medicine library. This legacy wall was suggested by Dr. Lydia Jacinto Cohan. This will hopefully be set up by February 2026 in time for the annual alumni homecoming in the Philippines. This legacy wall will have the names of donors to the UERM AF USA through the year based on the amount of donations. This will show our appreciation to our alumni donors and will encourage other future alumni donors to support our projects to benefit the college of medicine.

This year we were also able to come up with a memorandum of agreement with UERM Medicine class of 1984 represented by Dr. Elwin Bustos of the MarVaDC chapter. The initial donation of their class of about \$3000 will be used to fund the clinical skills laboratory, mannequins, of the College of medicine and computer and Internet based learning out of medical students. More funding will be forthcoming from class 1984, according to Dr. Elwin Bustos.

Lastly, AFUSA signed an MOA with Drs. Rene and Susan Raymundo of Class 1967, donors to the Anna Lisa Raymundo Fund. The Fund will award \$1,800 a year for the next 5 years to the Valedictorian of the First Year Class. It has been named the Anna Lisa Raymundo Merit Award in memory of their academically gifted daughter.