

## **Annual Report - September 2024**

### **SER Committee**

This Annual Report covers the period from August 2023 to September 2024 which encompasses activities during School Year 2023-24.

#### **I. CLSU IAA Scholarship Program**

The Central Luzon State University International Alumni Association, Inc. (CLSUIAA) Scholarship Program was initially established in 2011. The scholarship is offered to CLSU undergraduate students who are academically qualified and financially needy. There are three types of scholarship grants offered by the association, namely: a) CLSU IAA General Scholarship (GSP), b) Member-sponsored CLSU IAA Scholarship (MSSP), and c) Member-sponsored CLSU IAA Special Talent Grant-non merit based.

The association started offering General Scholarship Program in 2012, while the Member-sponsored Scholarship (MSSP) and the Special Talent grants were offered in 2015. The source of funds to support the General Scholarship Program is from the association's general funds specifically allocated to support the program and from the earnings allocated from our Endowment Fund. The Member-Sponsored Scholarship Program and Special Talent Grants are funded specifically by donors who are either regular or honorary members of CLSU IAA.

Currently, the amount of the scholarship is \$450 for GSP and \$500 per year during the initial award under the MSSP depending on the sponsor. This award continues until graduation if all requirements are met including the minimum required GPA/GWA. Actually, when the program was started in 2012, the award was \$350 and has been adjusted over the years for inflation.

Since the Scholarship Program was started in 2011, a total of 54 students have been supported, 24 under the General Scholarship Program and another 30 students under the Member-sponsored Scholarship Program with various majors including agriculture, engineering, accounting, education, tourism, etc. A total grant of **\$46,800** have been awarded to students to date; \$22,350 under the GSP and \$24,450 under the MSSP. This is equivalent to approximately **P2.6 million pesos** assuming a \$ to Peso exchange of P56 pesos per US\$.

#### **II. Member-Sponsored Scholarship Program (MSSP) During the SY2023-24**

##### **MSSP coordination at CLSU**

The MSSP was initially implemented in partnership with CLSU Alumni Relations Office under a Memorandum of Agreement formally signed between CLSU and CLSU IAA, Inc. The MOA was signed then by CLSU President Dr. Edgar Orden. The designated coordinator was CLSU ARO Chief, Dr. Jayson Marzan, who has been coordinating the MSSP Program since 2021. However, early in 2024 Dr. Evaristo Abella was appointed as the new CLSU President and, in turn appointed Henrison Sanchez as the new ARO Chief.

SER reviewed various options and it was decided that it would be better to have Dr. Marzan continue as our coordinator even though he is no longer the ARO Chief. A select members of the committee scheduled a Zoom meeting with Dr. Marzan to ask him if he would be interested to continue. He expressed his interest and desire to continue while currently assigned at the Office of Student Affairs. We also got confirmation that the Dean of the Student Affairs, Dr. Irene Bustos, that she supports the continuity of having Dr. Marzan function as coordinator while being a faculty of OSA. A minor amendment can be made with the existing MOA and the amended document can be signed by both parties when CLSU IAA officers visit CLSU during the Grand Alumni Homecoming in February 2025. A formal letter jointly signed by President Leo Abenes and Gerry Galinato SER Chair was sent to Pres. E. Abella to this effect on August 9, 2024.

### **Highlights of the MSSP during the SY2023-24**

- No MSSP scholar graduated with a BS degree during the end of the SY2023-24. However, one scholar, Cristina Miranda (Gutierrez scholar), now a senior pursuing BS Agriculture with Animal Science major was awarded a Certificate in Agricultural Sciences (with honors) during the Mid-Term Graduation on February 2024.
- 8 students were awarded new scholarships during of the SY2023-24 with an award of \$500/yr. See attached list.
- 6 current scholars under the MSSP met all requirement after completing the school year and were eligible to continue receiving the grants for the ensuing semester.
- One scholar, Zayra Conception (Galinato scholar), now senior pursuing BS in Civil Engineering obtained a critical point of receiving a GWA of 2.58 during the 2nd Semester of SY 23-24. However, calculation of her rolling GWA produced 1.94 thus making her eligible to continue.
- One scholar, Rina Apawan, pursuing BS in Food Technology (N Cabacungan scholar) was supposed to be enrolled as junior decided to drop out at CLSU. It appears that she transferred to another university.
- We are currently looking for 3 new scholars to start this SY24-25 under the MSSP.
- There are 12 sponsors currently supporting 16 MSSP scholars (current and new):
  - Annette Segura (3 scholars)
  - Engr. Gerry and Leticia Galinato (1)
  - Ret. LCMR Leonora and Sam Bagalso (1)
  - Ms. Annie Arcinue (1)
  - Mr./Mrs. Floro and Zenaida Gutierrez (1)
  - Engrs. Norma and Joselito Viray (1)
  - Engr. Johnny and Vicky Raniel (1)
  - Dr. Edison Cabacungan (in his memory) (2)
  - Dr. Nenita Cabacungan (2)
  - Prof. Juanito Campos (1)
  - Engr. Gloria and Larry de Vera (1)
  - Engr. Luzviminda and Manuel Magno (1)

- New Potential Sponsors: There are two new potential sponsors who initially indicated to participate in the MSSP:
  - Dr. Diana Jantakad (1) of Chiang Mai
  - Dr. Thep of Chiang Mai (1) of Chiang Mai
- Communication with scholars. Our MSSP scholars regularly communicate with the association and their sponsors to report update of the academic studies and special training received or attended. Such information is normally shared with the members of the Executive Committee for their information. The SER Chairman responds to some of the communication or emails from the scholars if appropriate.

### **III. General Scholarship Program (GSP) During the SY23-24**

#### **GSP coordination at CLSU**

The GSP is currently being implemented in partnership with CLSU Alumni Association, Inc. (CLSUAAI) under a Memorandum of Agreement formally signed between CLSUAAI and CLSUAAA, Inc. The MOA was signed by the previous CLSUAAI President Dr. Romeo Padilla. The designated coordinator was Dr. Redel Gutierrez, Chairman of the Scholarship. Dr. Gutierrez has been coordinating the GSP Program since 2022. However, in February 2024, there was an election for new Board of Directors. Dr. Gutierrez ran for the Board. Unfortunately, he did not win. Per communication with the CLSUAAI staff, we were informed that the newly elected CLSUAAI President, Dr. Danila Vargas appointed Dr. Jovita Agliam as the new Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Because of the potential challenges of dealing with the new administration of CLSUAAI, the SER reviewed various options. One option was to transfer the coordination to Dr. Marzan of OSA. However, it was decided that it would be better to maintain the coordination with the CLSUAAI for now since they have not told us of their desire to withdraw from the MOA. A formal letter was sent by SER Chair to Dr. Agliam on August 1, 2024, congratulating her for the appointment and explained the current MOA, the designation of the Chair of their Scholarship Committee as the local coordinator of our GSP and other relevant information. It was also suggested to her that additional information can be obtained from Ms. Annabelle Corpuz, CLSUAAA Staff and/or Dr. Gutierrez, past Chair of the Scholarship Committee. to this effect on August 9, 2024. However, it was learned later that the new Chair of the Scholarship Committee was Dr. Pamela Roguel.

#### **Highlights of the GSP in SY2023-24**

- 4 GSP scholars graduated in 2024. They are as follows:
  - Carbonel, Carmelo A., graduated in July 2024, BS Information Technology
  - Gaspar, Redelyn Y., graduated in July 2024, Bachelor of Technology & Livelihood Education
  - Flores, Renelyn M., graduated in July 2024, BS Development Communication
  - Pesigan, Angielyn, graduated in February 2024 (mid-year), BS Agriculture major in Crop Protection (*cum laude*).

- 4 scholars met all requirement after completing the SY2023-24 and henceforth eligible to continue receiving grants during the upcoming SY2024-25 with an award of \$450/yr. The list of these scholars is attached.
- Currently looking for 3 new scholars to start this SY24-25 under the GSP. The CLSUAAI has started the process by advertizing the open scholarships in its FB account. See attached announcement. The CLSUAAI was requested to give priority in selecting applicants preferably with majors in other Colleges not being covered by current scholars. This request was part of the letter sent to CLSUAAI on August 1, 2024.

#### **IV. Recognition of CLSU IAA Scholars at CLSU in 2024**

- Sponsored a brief “Meet and Greet CLSU IAA and Scholar Recognition” Program on February 4, 2024 during the CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming at RET.
- Participants included CLSU and CLSUAAI officials, alumni, guests and CLSU IAA past and present scholars.
- Provided Certificate of Recognition as CLSU IAA scholars to the new grantees.
- Highlight was the “open mike” part of the program where current and past CLSU IAA scholars offered some comments being recipients of the program. All comments were very positive and complimentary.
- A “Merienda Ciená” followed the program hosted by the CLSU IAA.
- All MSSP and GSP scholars were given complimentary shirts with the CLSU IAA/scholar logo donated by Directors Annie Arcinue and Gloria de Vera.
- This event provided an opportunity for the CLSU IAA officers and members to meet our past and current scholars.
- It was another successful CLSU IAA event which was attended by approximately 80 participants.

#### **V. Recommendations:**

- Increase the target number of GSP scholars to a total of 8 when GSP funds become available. Per Treasurer's Report, we have sufficient funds to support 7 scholars for 2 academic years.
- Sponsor a "Meet and Greet CLSU IAA and Scholars' Recognition” Program in February 2025 similar to the event held during the CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming this year.

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