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METROBANK FOUNDATION NAMES NATIONAL FINALISTS FOR THE 2009 SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

Metrobank Foundation, Inc. proudly announces the 20 national finalists who were chosen by the preliminary board of judges for the 2009 Search for Outstanding Teachers or SOT.

Out of the 173 nominations generated nationwide, 20 have been selected as national finalists consisting of 4 teachers from the tertiary, 8 from the secondary, and 8 from the elementary levels. For the higher education category, they are: Dr. Alvin Culaba of De La Salle University-Manila; Dr. Ramon Del Fierro of the University of San Carlos in Cebu City; Dr. Dina Joana Ocampo of the University of the Philippines-Diliman; and Dr. Emma Porio of Ateneo de Manila University. The national finalists for the secondary level are: Shena Faith Ganela of Philippine Science High School-Western Visayas in Iloilo City; Manuel Magno of Bernardo D. Carpio National High School in Davao City; Estrella Pacis of Mariano Marcos State University-Laboratory High School in Laoag City; Rochelle Papsin of Philippine Science High School-Southern Mindanao Campus in Davao City; Zoilo Pinongcos, Jr. of Leganes National High School in Leganes, Iloilo; Ma. Petra Romualdo of Minapan High School in Tulunan, Cotabato; Susan Unde of Iligan City East High School in Iligan City; and Esmeralda Ugaddan of Cagayan National High School in Tuguegarao City. The national finalists for the elementary level are: Nancy Aquino of Mlang Pilot Elementary School in Mlang, Cotabato; Gemma Cortez of Dasmariñas Elementary School in Dasmariñas, Cavite; Jonathan Glorial of West Visayas State University Integrated Laboratory School in Iloilo City; Jocelyn Hedriana of Pres. Manuel A. Roxas Memorial School South in Roxas City; Eva Imingan of Nellie E. Brown Elementary School in Olongapo City; Benjamin Martinez of San Sebastian Elementary School in Tarlac City; Lourdes Matan of Mag-Ubay Elementary School in Calbayog City; and Salve Romero of Calabanga West Central in Calabanga, Camarines Sur.

They have advanced to the final judging phase of the Search scheduled from July 22 to 24, 2009 at the Metrobank Plaza in Makati City. The national finalists will be interviewed by the final board of judges who come from different sectors such as the congress, judiciary,

constitutional office, academe, local government unit, media, and business. From the 20 national finalists, ten (10) will be selected as this year's awardees.

"We are privileged to have come across the lives of this year's national finalists," said Metrobank Foundation president Aniceto M. Sobrepeña. "They exemplify the ideals of being a Filipino teacher through their dedication to the highest standards of professionalism, competence, integrity, and community service," he continued.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo will confer gold medallions to this year's awardees at Malacañan Palace in September. They will also be presented with plaques and cash amounting to Php 300,000 each during the formal awarding ceremonies at Metrobank Plaza in Makati, which will serve as the highlight of the 47th anniversary celebration of the Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company on September 4, 2009.

Now on its 25th year, the Search bestows honor upon the teaching profession by according special recognition to teachers who manifest profound commitment to the development of the youth through exemplary competence, remarkable dedication to their work, and an effective educational leadership. The Search is supported by the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). Since the awarding of the 1st batch in 1985, a total of 276 outstanding teachers from elementary, secondary, technical-vocational, and higher education levels have already been recognized.

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The Metrobank Foundation is the corporate social responsibility arm of the Metrobank Group of Companies chaired by Dr. George S.K. Ty. Over the last 30 years, it has promoted a culture of excellence among Filipinos through its various programs notably the Search for Outstanding Teachers, the Metrobank Art and Design Excellence, The Outstanding Philippine Soldier, Country's Outstanding Policemen in Service, the Metrobank Math Challenge, and College Scholarship Program. The Foundation also has a grants program that assists NGOs and government in the fields of education, healthcare, and the arts. Metrobank Foundation celebrates Filipino excellence and presents wellsprings of hope in the future of our nation.



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2009 Metrobank Foundation Search for Outstanding Teachers NATIONAL FINALISTS

(arranged

alphabetically)

HIGHER EDUCATION CATEGORY

1. DR. ALVIN B. CULABA, De La Salle University-Manila, Taft Ave. Manila
2. DR. RAMON S. DEL FIERRO, University of San Carlos, Cebu City
3. DR. DINA JOANA S. OCAMPO, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Quezon City
4. DR. EMMA E. PORIO, Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, Quezon City

SECONDARY CATEGORY

5. MS. SHENA FAITH M. GANELA, Philippine Science High School-Western Visayas, Iloilo City
6. MR. MANUEL A. MAGNO, Bernardo D. Carpio National High School, Davao City
7. MRS. ESTRELLA R. PACIS, Mariano Marcos State University-Laboratory High School, Laoag City
8. MRS. ROCHELLE D. PAPASIN, Philippine Science High School-Southern Mindanao Campus, Davao City
9. MR. ZOILO J. PINONGCOS, JR, Leganes National High School, Leganes, Iloilo
10. MRS. MA. PETRA A. ROMUALDO, Minapan High School, Tulunan, Cotabato
11. MRS. ESMERALDA B. UGADDAN, Cagayan National High School, Tuguegarao City
12. MRS. SUSAN C. UNDE, Iligan City East High School, Iligan City

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

13. MRS. NANCY S. AQUINO, Mlang Pilot Elementary School, Mlang, Cotabato
 14. MRS. GEMMA G. CORTEZ, Dasmariñas Elementary School, Dasmariñas, Cavite
 15. MR. JONATHAN C. GLORIAL, West Visayas State University Integrated Lab. School, Iloilo City
 16. MS. JOCELYN E. HEDRIANA, Pres. Manuel A. Roxas Memorial School South, Roxas City
 17. MRS. EVA B. IMINGAN, Nellie E. Brown Elementary School, Olongapo City
 18. MR. BENJAMIN M. MARTINEZ, San Sebastian Elementary School, Tarlac City
 19. MRS. LOURDES L. MATAN, Mag-Ubay Elementary School, Calbayog City
 20. MRS. SALVE F. ROMERO, Calabanga West Central, Calabanga, Camarines Sur
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NATIONAL FINALISTS**



National finalists for the higher education category: (*seated from left*) Dr. Emma Porio of Ateneo de Manila University and Dr. Dina Joana Ocampo of the University of the Philippines-Diliman; (*standing from left*) Dr. Alvin Culaba of De La Salle University-Manila and Dr. Ramon Del Fierro of the University of the San Carlos



National finalists for the secondary category: (*seated from left*): Mrs. Rochelle Papsin of Philippine Science High School-Southern Mindanao; Mrs. Ma. Petra Romualdo of Minapan High School; Mrs. Esmeralda Ugaddan of Cagayan National High School; Mrs. Estrella Pacis of Mariano Marcos State University-Laboratory High School; (*standing from left*) Mr. Manuel Magno of Bernardo D. Carpio National High School; Ms. Shena Faith Ganela of Philippine Science High School-Western Visayas; Mrs. Susan Unde of Iligan City East High School; and Mr. Zoilo Pinongcos, Jr. of Leganes National High School



National finalists for the elementary category: (*seated from left*): Mrs. Eva Imingan of Nellie E. Brown Elementary School; Mrs. Salve Romero of Calabanga West Central School; Mrs. Gemma Cortez of Dasmariñas Elementary School; (*standing from left*) Mrs. Lourdes Matan of Mag-Ubay Elementary School; Mr. Jonathan Glorial of West Visayas State University-Integrated Laboratory School; Mrs. Nancy Aquino of Mlang Pilot Elementary School; Mr. Benjamin Martinez of San Sebastian Elementary School; and Ms. Jocelyn Hedriana of Pres. Manuel A. Roxas Memorial School-South