

The Psychology Program of Davao Doctors College, Inc. successfully held the second Virtual General Assembly and Election Day, and the first virtual Parent's Orientation, Students' Recognition, and Pinning Ceremony of Psychology Interns last Saturday, August 21, 2021. It was the first time that the Alliance of Psychology Students (AllPsychS) held these various events in one day. The program was attended by over 100 students of the Psychology Program, comprising all year levels of the said program along with the parents, Ms. Charisma Salutillo, Program Chair of Psychology, and Ms. Sheena Marione Gutierrez, the AllPsychS Moderator.

In the morning session, at exactly 8:30 am, the online attendance and registration was opened. The assembly that was hosted by Mr. Jeffrey Calo and Ms. Diosen May Penes started with preliminaries followed by the opening remarks given by the AllPsychS Moderator. Then the incumbent AllPsychS president, Mr. Al Siddel Gregorio, presented the Accomplishment Report and discussed the Upcoming Psych Activities. The Vision, Mission, and Goal of the Psychology Program were again presented by the Program Chair and discussed the major policies of the program for everyone's information. Some topics mentioned during the orientation were about the policies during online classes, enrollment, taking summer classes, guidelines for probationary status, scholarships, and criteria for dean's list. After which, the nominated candidates for the new set of AllPsychS officers were introduced and were given a time to introduce their platforms via video presentation on top of the two weeks campaign given to them prior to the election. With the AllPsychS president's consent, the election officially started at 11 AM and was conducted via Google forms. It was officially closed at exactly 11:25 AM. Games, raffle, and an intermission number were done while waiting for the results of the election. Moreover, the most awaited moment had finally come. There was a total of 17 newly elected officers for the new batch of AllPsychS Officers for Academic Year 2021-2022 and they were as follows:

Mr. Earl John Bergavera (President), Ms. Suzeth Joyce Guillen (Internal Vice President), Mr. John Mark Lomantas (External Vice President), Mr. Jeffrey Calo (Treasurer), Ms. Lyrhne Mae Lenon (Secretary), Ms. Cristina Charmane Valenzona (Auditor), Mr. Omar Kaliff Macabalang (Public Information Officer), Ms. Carylle Jane Jainar (Creative Team Head), Ms. Guia Vetrish Balisalisa, Ms. Nicolai Yosef Madera, Ms. Trisha May Menoy, Ms. Leila Rose Corporal, Ms. Hannah Ysabel Zarate (Creative Team Members), Ms. Kristina Paula Diomon (1st Year Representative), Ms. Caitlin Buzon (2nd Year Representative), Ms. Joulenne Heart Evaldez (3rd Year Representative), and Mr. Al Siddel Gregorio (4th Year Representative).

Furthermore, the program continued in the afternoon at exactly 1pm with the online attendance and registration hosted by Ms. Nicole Cipriano. The first part of the afternoon's program was the Parents' Orientation, where most parents were present and were able to attend the discussion about student's policies on synchronous and asynchronous classes, probationary status and cut-off grades of students, enrollment processes and concerns, summer subjects and overload, student wellness and affiliation fees for Internship. This was followed by the students' recognition with the awarding of academic excellence certificates to Psychology students who excelled in their professional subjects for the past three semesters. After this juncture, the program proceeded to the Oath-taking of the newly elected officers followed by the emotional turnover speech of the

former AllPsychS President, Al Siddel Gregorio. The message of acceptance speech was given afterwards by the newly elected AllPsychS president, Earl John Bergavera.

The most highlighted activity of all was the Pinning Ceremony which started at exactly 3pm. This event emphasized the successful completion of 4th year Psychology of their academic requirements and symbolized the student's readiness to embark on another journey as future Psychology practitioners through internship. The pinning ceremony was hosted by Ms. Sherry Montiveles, and the event was attended by the student interns with their parents, faculty, and other lower classmen of psychology students. It began with an invocation, and a welcome message from the College of General Education, Management, and Sciences (CGEMS) Dean, Ms. Eryn D. Dy. The Program Chair then presented the program objectives then the significance of the Pinning and Internship was explained by the Internship Coordinator, Ms. Sheena Marione Gutierrez. This was followed by the sharing of Student Expectation by Mr. Adrian Francis Emmanuel Gementiza, a student intern. After which, the 23 student interns were finally *pinned* by their guardians and parents. Then Ms. Kyle Carmelotes expressed the love and compassion on behalf of her batchmates through a heart-warming message addressed to the parents to pay tribute to them. This was followed by an inspirational message by the Guest Speaker, Ms. Laarni B. Jalinao-Funa, a DDC Psychology Alumnus. Lastly, the student interns presented a heart-melting presentation as they brought the audience back to their unforgettable journey in their college years, followed by the closing message of our dearest Moderator and Internship Coordinator, Ms. Sheena Marione Gutierrez. The program ended with the singing of the Davao Doctors College, Inc. Alma Mater Song. The Pinning Ceremony was memorable for both parents and students who looked forward to this ceremony as a step closer to graduation.

The value of education had been put to the test in the midst of a pandemic. Nonetheless, it did not stop the Psychology program from celebrating milestones and victories of their students. The creativity, passion, and perseverance of the former AllPsychS officers meant to inspire the newly elected officers. Also, the difficulties of the fourth-year students in which they have turned to lessons and have brought them one step closer to their dreams also inspired the younger batch of psychology students who have witnessed the ceremony.