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July 2024



Member Spotlight - Jomar Batallones



Hi, this is “Joe” or sometimes, as my students call me, "Guru." Guru means teacher in the art of Arnis of Filipino Martial Arts.

I was born in Paco, Manila, Philippines. I have two siblings, my brother Oscar and Alvin, who is the youngest. My father Oscar Batallones, Sr., was the Regional Vice President of Metrobank Philippines in the late 1960s, and my mother Leonor was an elementary teacher in Subic, Zambales.

How did I start Martial Arts? Remember Bruce Lee in the movie, “Enter the Dragon?” I was inspired by

that movie, especially when Bruce Lee started to scream his famous sound, “Oooowataaa!”

Ohh that gave me excitement, then I myself started kicking and punching in the air. That’s how I passionately started my journey to Martial Arts, at the age 13.

After I graduated college in San Beda Manila with a Bachelor Science in Marketing, I never stopped my excitement of Martial Arts and became the Assistant Instructor at Jeet Kun Do Association Phils and Lighting Arnis Assoc. Phils., both in 1989.

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Prior to migrating to the US, I mastered FMA Arnis just to keep the culture and heritage and maybe adapt and teach in the US. Migrating to the US with my mother and with my other siblings, I never stopped training in Arnis, Jiu Jitsu, and Muay Thai. Especially having four seasons in the US, it is really a challenge. According to Bruce Lee, "Be like a water - empty your mind, be formless, shapeless." Adaptation to any angle of life is a challenge, especially in the US. And that somehow helped me to survive.

My passion for Martial Arts is a gift. I met Ryan Cordero who happened to be a member of FCDC, very competent and passionate in Martial Arts and FMA Arnis too. He invited me to be a member and to teach our FACES kids.

It's always fun to teach our kids in FCDC, and up to now I will always be available to share our FMA heritage. The excitement should never stop. That's why I teach private lessons both for kids and adults too.



With Guru in FMA Phils



Young Joe with Arnis sticks

fAmILy



My passion for Martial Arts is unconditional love. February of this year, my mother Leonor passed away, and I indeed really admired her unconditional love for her sons. She wouldn't start her meal without me coming from my 16-hour shift from work as Certified Nursing Aide (my job for 26 years up to now). And boy, how I miss her.

Ten months from now I'll be declaring my official year as a senior, I cannot wait for my free perks and discounts. As of now, I am enjoying short trips and travels, tasting fine wine and try interesting cuisines, visiting nature and parks ,and seeing concerts along with Christine, my significant. By the way, I have Videoke every Saturday with my very competent Filipino friends too. And of course my ritual is to mingle with nature while throwing Arnis sticks or gloves for Muay Thai.

I should say from Juliet Roberts what she said in her movie -- to embark on a quest for self-discovery, and take yourself somewhere out of your comfort zone -- is that to " Eat, Pray, Love."



love



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Jasmine Alcid



2024 FCDC FILIPINO SUMMER CAMP



What a toasty week! Over 60 kids participated in the recently concluded FCDC Filipino Summer Camp at the Winding River Park. Old and new members were welcomed at the camp which was now on its third year. It was hot but the heat didn't stop the participants from gaining more cultural knowledge and friends as new activities were introduced to the campers daily.

Congratulations to the 2024 team champion, Team Bughaw! The friendly competition made everyone alert and quick to answer questions, win "Pinoy Olympics," and research for their presentation during the last day. The winning team received a special prize.

As part of the team's research, each of them was assigned an ethnic group to present on the last day of camp. Congratulations to Team Dilaw for winning this task. They brought their A game by performing Singkil to represent the Maranao people of the Philippines.

Before the camp ended on the 4th day, guests and participants enjoyed Filipino food during the fiesta. After which, the children performed all the things they have learned during the whole week, which included Filipino songs, team cheer, Dahil sa Yo line dance and Subli. They also tested their knowledge and memory during the quiz bee. Til next year!

Thank you so much to the facilitators
and volunteers at the camp!!!

To become a member of FCDC, go to
www.fcdcnj.org
for more information.

Congratulations

TO OUR CAMP TEAMS



1st Place
Team Bughaw (Blue)



2nd Place
Team Puti (White)



3rd Place
Team Dilaw (Yellow)



4th Place
Team Pula (Red)

Photos from the 2024 Filipino Summer Camp



more photos
on our
Facebook
account



facilitators



adobo



Arnis



arts and crafts



storytelling



Filipino language



planting



"Pinoy Olympics"



volleyball

Photos from the 2024 Filipino Summer Camp



National Guard



team chant



halo-halo



subli



pabitin



alphabets



Filipino language



fiesta



songs



Singkil

Joint FCDC and PNA Summer Picnic



We know that Filipinos love to come together anytime to partake of delicious food prepared by our kababayans. Here at FCDC, we hold a picnic for members every summer and we bring our specialties whether it be lumpia, pancit, turon or bibingka. This year was no exception as a lot of our members came to Winding River Park on July 27 to bring a dish at the table and celebrate. Additionally, we collaborated with PNA of Ocean County to have some fun. Thank you to PNA-OC President Jessica Bue for joining forces with us. It was an amazing togetherness of our community here in Ocean County.

Special activities during the picnic were line dancing (it's not a Filipino party if there's no line dancing), games, raffle prizes and Pinoy Quiz Bee. Our gratitude to all those who helped this picnic happen. See you again next year!

More photos available at our FCDC Facebook site.





LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

by Jamie Mariano



Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

As you continue on your educational and personal journeys, remember that learning is lifelong. You will learn from books. You will learn from jobs. You will learn from friends, family, and strangers. You will learn from yourself. What you choose to do with what you learn will determine the many paths of life that you will be taking. I say many, because life is not just one straight road. You will reach decision-making forks in the road. You will build bridges, and you might burn some. No matter how you get there, you will end up on the path to your God-given destiny.

Some of you are going onto college, and from the schools you have all decided to attend, I think it is safe to assume you will all be moving away from home. Residence life is a new and exciting experience, another avenue for learning. Embrace the cultural differences of your peers. I am speaking to the choir, but I will say it anyway: get involved. Become leaders. Try new things. Experiment with your learning. But never forget to live according to your core values because your experiences are going to mold you, but you should not let them change who you truly are. You will grow but also remain true to yourself. This makes sense, trust me.

For those of you who have been promoted to a higher grade level, and for some of you going to new schools, remember that every step you take is one step closer to completing your formative educational years. Take advantage of the opportunities teachers present to you. Have fun with learning, but at the same time, take it seriously. Explore your career and post-secondary options. These school years only come once in a lifetime. You will never be where you are right now again.

To the parents: congratulations for the years of enduring late-night study sessions, messy rooms, and petty arguments about curfews, playing music or video games too loudly, and when your child is allowed to drive and with whom. It will all become so quiet someday. Most of the arguments do not matter. What matters is that you succeeded alongside your kids, and many of your were their motivation and inspiration. Remember that the next time they slam a door, stomp away, or ignore your phone call. You will always matter to them, so don't let their little temper tantrums and testing you get to you too much. It comes with the package of parenting; handle it with care and with grace, and the right amount of, "Who do you think you're speaking to that way?"

Class of 2024: God bless you all. Keep up the great work. We are all so proud of you!





ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

by Ferlie Almonte

Speaker. Author. Life Coach.

Pearls of Wisdom from METAMORPHOSIS

Our Stories of Success often stem from struggles, sacrifices and soul-searching. Our incredible emergence into our purpose and greatness is our reward. Much like a caterpillar in a cocoon. Metamorphosis is a painful and challenging phase it needs to go through so it can build structure and strength to be able to soar!

There are so many metaphors that we can think of in facing our life evolutions and transformations.



In a lovely empowerment discussion I was a part of recently, these were the life lessons we shared with one another on how we struggled to get out of our cocoons, and how our mindsets, behaviors and beliefs were changed.

As you can see, our many layers of adversities, life complexities and who we've become affect the different areas of our lives. Personal, business, relationships, our advocacy and attitude towards our mortality. Which one speaks to you the most?

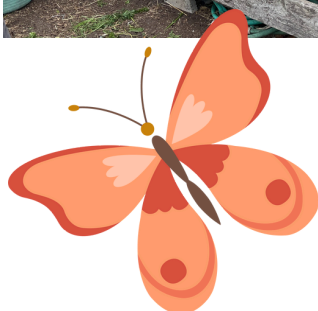
- ♥ 1. You cannot stop a diamond from shining. Don't dim your light to make other people comfortable with your brilliance.
- ♥ 2. The ones who are purpose-driven, not ego-driven, are the ones who make an impact.
- ♥ 3. The Power of Exposure is crucial to one's future. You have to be present to be seen and to receive your blessings.
- ♥ 4. Success is measured by the number of people you helped to achieve their dreams
- ♥ 5. You are a blessing or a warning to other people. Choose your role wisely.
- ♥ 6. Follow your bliss.
- ♥ 7. You will be Divinely guided to where you need to be in life. Trust the process.
- ♥ 8. Do not hesitate to ask for help. And be gracious and grateful to receive offers of help from others.
- ♥ 9. You work harder at making your marriage blissful when you decide that divorce is not an option.
- ♥ 10. Tomorrow is not promised. Act on your dreams. Do what your heart desires while you still can.

For more inspiring messages, follow @FerlieAlmonte in social media





We are grateful for the commitment and dedication of our Garden Club headed by our Chairwoman of the Board Lorna Tejada and Board Member Maryann Payumo. We donated 27 lbs. of carrots between Hope Center and St. Joseph's food pantry. The carrots were also distributed during the summer camp! If you wish to volunteer, kindly email us at fcdcteam@gmail.com. Community Service hours will be given to youth volunteers.





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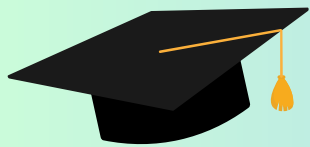
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New Members:

- Glenda Dar Juan & Family
- Rhoda Macli-ing & family
- Pam Zafra & family

Find us on Facebook.





CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2024!

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JULIANNA BATIN Toms River High School East Biomedical Program

Parents: Anna and Jojo Batin

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- STEAM Graduate in Biomedical Program
- High Honor Roll Awardee
- Presidential Awardee for Academic Excellence
- National Honor Society Member
- Waksman Summer Scholar Program Representative at Rutgers University
- Growing Beyond Earth Representative
- Member of the Kean Preparatory Orchestra
- 3rd Team State All Division in Lacrosse
- Defensive Player in 3Point Lacrosse Club
- Coach in Toms River Girls Lacrosse Program for 3rd-4th Grades
- High School East Ambassadors Club
- Toms River East Rotary Club member
- Alliance Club Member
- French Club President



Future Plans: Stevens Institute of Technology Chemical Engineering Program

I cannot believe we are already celebrating your high school graduation!

I have seen you work hard for everything that you are a part of and now enjoy the fruits of your labor. We are so proud of you! Enjoy college! We will truly miss you but at the same time we are so happy for you!

You deserve it all! God bless you and keep you safe!

Love, Daddy, Mama, Jason and Jaeda

CHRISTOPHER “CJ” CASTANEDA Grunin Performing Arts Academy

Parents: James Castaneda and Cris Benter

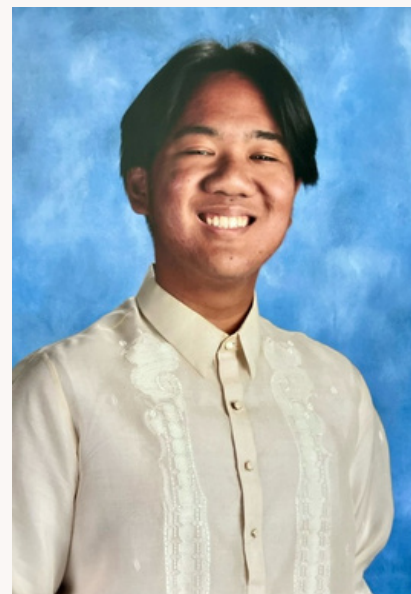
Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- *Thespian Honor Society, Musical Director, Composer, Musician, Spotify artist, Performer, Vocalist*
- *High School Shows: A Chorus Line, Sweeney Todd, Bring it On, The Prom*
- *Foundation for Technical Education Outstanding Award*
- *Black Box Players Scholarship Recipient*

Future Plans: *The College of New Jersey - Childhood Education and Psychology*

Congratulations, CJ! We are so proud of you for reaching this milestone. Here's to all the hard work. We've seen you go to rehearsal day after day staying late and still getting amazing grades all throughout high school and you never cease to impress and amaze us. Your future is just as bright as we've watched you be on stage.

Love, Papa, Mama, and Ate Kaye





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JACOB ALAN CHONG

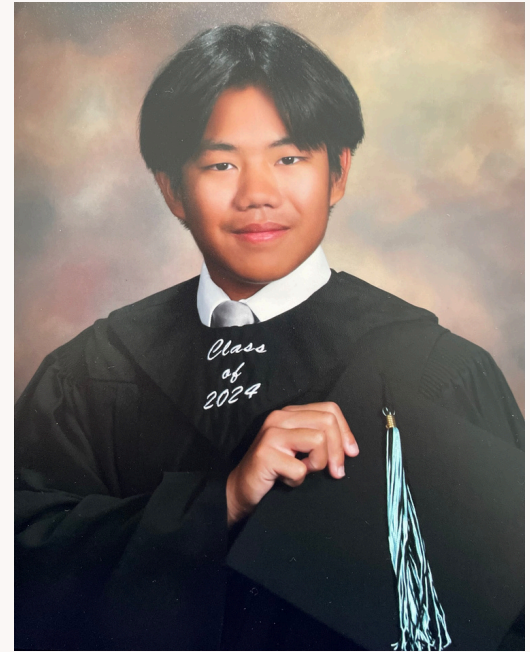
**Toms River H.S. East Steam
Academy - Engineering**

Parents: Alan and Maria “Jona” Tejada-Chong

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- FCDC/FACES
- National Honor Society member
- HOPE Center Volunteer
- St. Joseph Altar Serving ministry
- Highschool Varsity Tennis
- Highschool Varsity swimming
- Unsung Hero Award
- Dennis Miranda Memorial Award
- Perfect attendance for 4 years award
- Community service award
- Academic Excellence Award
- Top 3% of the graduating class

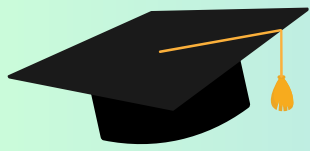
Future Plans: Stevens Institute of Technology Pinnacle Honors Scholar
to pursue Electrical Engineering



You have the power to determine your journey. Chase your dreams and capture the moments that take your breath away. Be brave enough to travel to the unknown, to open yourself to something new. Strive to see extraordinary places and meet extraordinary people. Dream with the dreamers and do not settle for anything less, trust yourself and know your worth. Find your passion and pursue what sets your soul on fire. Always remember who you are and what you can do. Discover what sets a spark in you, follow its flames and light a fire so big that nothing can extinguish it. There is enough fire inside you to burn brighter than the sun.

We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments!

Mom, Dad, Jayden, Mama & family



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JON JOSHUA FIDEL N. GAPILANGO Central Regional High School

Parents: Jonathan and Rowena Gapilango

Extracurricular Activities / Achievements:

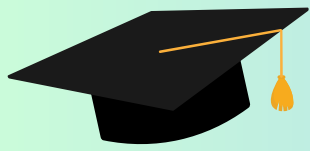
- Dual Enrollment in Ocean County College - Early College Program
- Presidential Awardee for Academic Excellence
- Golden Eagle Award Recipient
- Top 3% of Graduating Class
- Joseph & Grace Mazarella Education Foundation Award Recipient
- CRHS National Honor Society Award Recipient
- Stockton University Presidential Scholarship Award Recipient
- High Honor Roll (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade)
- Senior of the Month (November 2023)
- Academic Award Recipient for Biology Honors
- Student of the Marking Period for Physics Honors
- Student of the Marking Period for Biology Honors Lab
- Student of the Marking Period for Financial Literacy
- AP and Honors Program
- National Honor Society Member
- Mu Alpha Theta - Mathematics National Honor Society
- Science National Honor Society
- Rho Kappa - Social Studies National Honor Society
- Key Club
- Spirit Club
- Ocean Club
- Filipino American Cultural Enrichment Studies (FACES)
- Toms River Basketball Association (TRBA)
- Community Medical Center Junior Volunteer



Future Plans: Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Stockton University - "I want to be a Registered Nurse someday who can provide patients with comfort while maintaining the highest standard of care."

Our dearest Josh, your high school graduation marks a significant milestone in your life. Your achievements reflect your dedication and hard work. As your parents, we have always believed in you, and we celebrate your success. May God's blessings and favor be upon you as you embark on the new journey. Trust in HIS plan, seek HIS guidance, and let faith be your guiding light in all that you do. May you continue to grow in wisdom, shine with love and kindness, and make a positive impact on others. Keep walking by faith as you soar high and spread your wings. We are so proud of you!

TO GOD BE ALL PRAISES AND GLORY!!!



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LANCE KING

Central Regional High School

Parents: Ronald and Christina King

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- Tennis
- National Technical Honor Society
- Varsity Tennis Team 1st Doubles
- High Honor Roll – Rolling 4.75 GPA AP Scale
- Scholar Athlete Award - Tennis
- Father Julian Ruki Scholarship – St. Barnabas Church
- Knights of Columbus Scholarship - St. Barnabas Church

Future Plans: Rutgers University - New Brunswick to major in Computer Science and “to finish my studies and make my family proud”

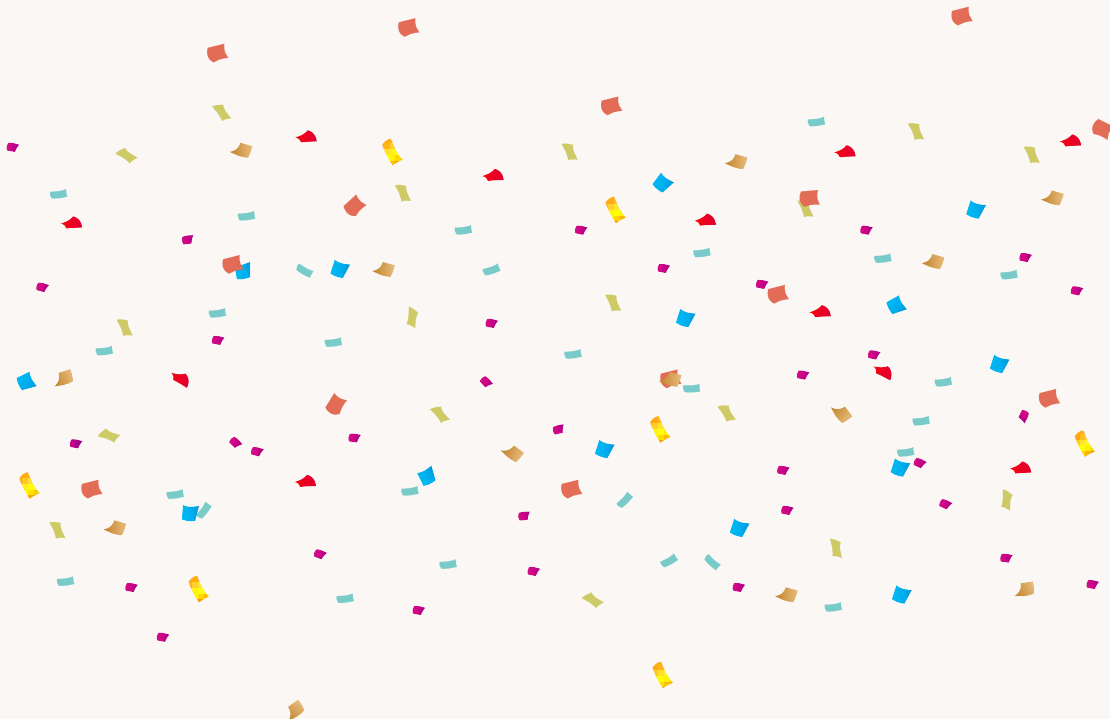


Congratulations on your graduation.

May God continue to bless you in this pursuit of knowledge and purpose.

We are proud of you and we love you very much.

Love, Mom, Dad, Lana and Liah





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JOSEPH DEAUNA PAYUMO Donovan Catholic High School

Parents: Dr. Gene Louie and Mrs. Maryann Payumo

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- Recipient of the Principal's Award for Academic Excellence
- Recipient of the Revered John Wessel Memorial Award
- Earned an Academic Medal for Exemplary Work in Media Technology I
- Altar Server for St. Joseph, RCC in Toms River Since 2018
- Youth Camp Leader for FCDC Summer Camp Since Inception

Future Plans: Rutgers University - New Brunswick to major in Biological Sciences/Pre-Med Track



Our Dearest Joseph, words cannot express the pride we have for you. Continue to reach for the stars!
Never be afraid to face uncertainties! Celebrate your accomplishments with both pride and humility!

And above all, always believe in yourself! We love you infinitely!

From Mommy, Daddy, Ate Gabby, Emma, Apo, Lola Lina, Lolo Buddy & Lola Cely

ADRIAN PERONO Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science

Parents: Wilfred and Beverly Perono

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

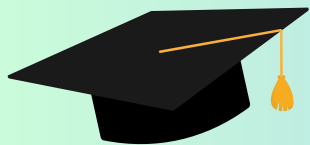
- Toms River High School North Track and Cross Country
- Saint Luke's Church Cantor
- 2nd Place at MATES Research Expo in Botany and Zoology Category
- Best Overall Award and Best Research Content Award at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University MEDacademy Research Expo
- 2nd Place New Jersey Oceanographic Sciences Bowl Team Award
- Americorps Presidential Service Award: Bronze
- Diocese of Trenton Saint Timothy Award
- Environmental Education Leadership Award

Future Plans: Rutgers University School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program



Congratulations Adrian! We are proud of your achievements and hard work!

We love you. Tatay, Nanay, Axl, Pax, Lolo, Lola and family



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ANGELA PONTIPIEDRA Toms River High School North

Parents: Alan and Elma Pontipiedra

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- National Honor Society (Secretary)
- Debate Club President
- TEAM (Together Everyone Achives More) Senior in Charge
- Varsity Swim
- Honors Orchestra
- FCDC (Filipino-American Community and Development Center/ FACES Member
- BLD (BukasLoob sa Diyos) Youth Member
- Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish Award
- Honorable Mention in Toms River Science Fair
- Honorable Mention in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Conference
- 4-Year High Honor Roll
- DJD Friedland Engineering Award
- TRN Exchange Student in American Exchange Program
- Valedictorian - Toms River Intermediate School (2020)



Future Plans: Rutgers University (Biomedical Engineering)

Congratulations Angela! We are so proud of your achievements and accomplishments!

Good luck in College! God bless!We love you!

From, Dad, Mom, Kuya Gabe and Kuya Josh

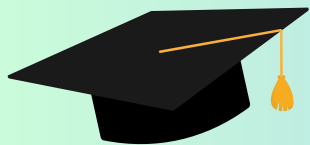
CHLOE JULIANO UY Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science

Parents: Dahlia and Rommel Uy

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- MATES Class Council Treasurer
- MATES National Honor Society Vice President
- MATES Project Terrapin Outreach Assistant and Leader
- Challenge Success Program Core Member
- MATES Project Terrapin Conservation & Hatchlings
- Spanish Club
- Research and Development
- Yearbook Club
- Delaware Valley Science Fairs
- Communications Team
- Hearts of Mercy Tutor and Mentor





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- FACES & FCDC Member
- 3rd Place | MATES Research Symposium
- 2nd Place Intermediate Chemistry | Jersey Shore Science Fair
- 3rd Place 10th Grade Chemistry | Delaware Valley Science Fair
- U.S.D.A Eastern Regional Research Center Award
- Kean Preparatory Symphony Orchestra
- New Jersey State Youth Orchestra Assistant Concertmaster
- All South Jersey Regional Orchestra
- MATES Academic Honor Roll
- Ocean County Mayors' Association Scholarship
- Soroptimist International of Long Beach Island Youth Service Award
- Dr. Renato Ynaya Memorial Scholarship

Future Plans: I plan to further my education as a Molecular Biology and Biochemistry major and Music minor. As a pre-medicine student, I want to explore different specialities and disciplines and hopefully pursue pediatric medicine.

DAVID VILLANUEVA

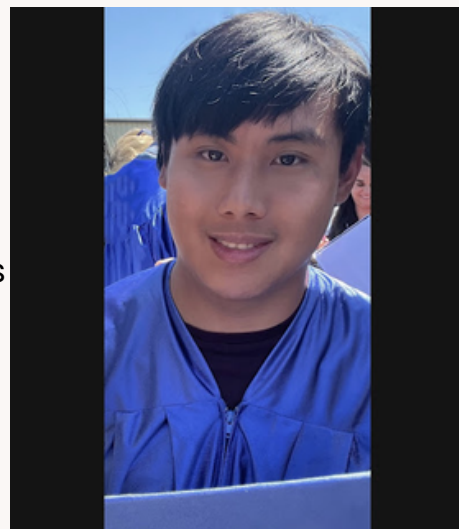
Children's Center of Monmouth

Parents: Ron and Celine Villanueva

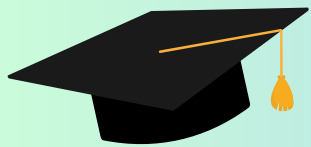
Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- Certificate of Excellence in Baseball
- Special Olympics
- Toms River Field of Dreams Day Camp Activities

Future Plans: David will continue on to the Adult Program at CCM



We are so proud of you, David! We know how hard you've worked to get to where you are today. May God guide you and bless you always! We love you so much!
Love, Mom, Dad, Bella, and Matthew



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GILLIAN ALCID

St. Joseph Grade School

Parents: Dr. Jess and Jasmine Alcid

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- Principal's Honors
- Excellence in Math
- Excellence in Art
- Sports Award in Cross Country
- Presidential Excellence Award
- William Kearney Award for High Academic and Athletic Ability
- SJGS Spelling Bee Champion - Represented the school in regional spelling bee (Ocean, Monmouth and Middlesex counties)
- First Place: NJ Math League, Catholic Math League, Science League and Brother Christian Jones Tournament
- President of National Junior Honor Society
- Member at Large - Student Council
- Junior Lector
- Track Athlete
- Band Member
- Artwork Won the SJGS Yearbook Cover
- OCYMCA Swim Team Member
- Incoming Freshman at MATES



Message from Family: We wish you the best in high school, Gillian. We love you so much. We are so proud of you!

JAEDA BATIN

Toms River Intermediate East

Parents: Anna and Jojo Batin

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- Valedictorian
- Presidential Awardee for Academic Excellence
- Toms River East High Honor Roll
- All-Star State Lacrosse Player
- Concert Master in East Orchestra
- Member of Kean Prep Orchestra
- Accepted and will be going to MATES Manahawkin



Way to go Jaeda! So proud of you! Challenging times ahead but we will always be here for you!

-Daddy, Mama, Ate Julianna and Kuya Jason



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PRINCESS CUNANAN

St. Mary's Academy

Parent: Elaine Cunanan

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- Volleyball, Painting, Digital Arts
- High Honors, St Mary Academy Scholarship Award
- Best in Arts
- Best in Social Studies
- Knight of Columbus
- 1st place Keep Christ in Christmas poster making contest
- Free throw champion

Future Plans:

As an incoming freshman at MATES, I am excited to learn and grow academically and personally. My goal is to excel in my studies and prepare myself for graduation, ensuring I am ready to attend the college or university of my choice. I am committed to working hard, staying focused, and making the most of every opportunity that comes my way. Additionally, I look forward to building new friendships and creating lasting memories throughout my high school journey.



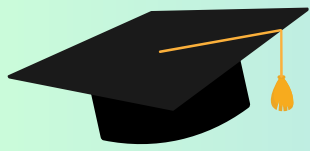
Dear Princess,

Congratulations on your 8th-grade graduation! As you step into high school, remember to keep striving hard and always do your best. Stay true to yourself, be kind to others, and embrace new opportunities with an open heart and mind. While we are excited to see the amazing things you will accomplish, don't forget to also enjoy life and make wonderful memories.

High school will bring new experiences and challenges, but we know you are ready to face them. Remember that it's okay to ask for help when you need it and to take breaks to recharge. Balancing hard work with fun is important for your well-being and happiness.

Know that your family is here to support you every step of the way. We are always proud of you and believe in your abilities. Keep pushing forward, stay curious, and never stop dreaming big.

With all our love and support,
Mommy, Kuya Vince, and Kuya Edward



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JULIANNA KATE SUOBIRON Toms River Intermediate North

Parents: Jules and Cathrene Suobiron

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- President's Award for Academic Excellence
- MVP of the Year
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Violin (Orchestra)



Message from Family: We are so proud of all your accomplishments in school and being well rounded doing sports and orchestra at the same time maintaining your grades and being in the high honor roll list. We are so happy for all that you learned in life being a teenager. We are here to support you and we pray that you continue to grow up following the righteous path and making friends along the way. We wish for a successful and exciting high school life ahead of you. We love you always!

JAMARI VALMON Manchester Township Middle School

Parents: Jamie Mariano and Sirron Valmon

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- Honor Roll
- Perfect Attendance (6th, 7th, and 8th Grade)
- Manchester Township Middle School Band Member (Percussion)
- Boy Scouts - Troop 441



Jamari, you know how proud we all are, but you should also be proud of how hard you worked to maintain your grades throughout middle school. Continue to be inspired, to stay focused on what is most important in life, and to continue to make your education a priority as you move on to high school.

Remember to put God first and in the center of it all!

Love, Mommy





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MARIA ARABELLA PEREIRA Walnut Street Elementary School

Parents: Arlen and Anthony Pereira

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- Chorus
- Band
- Gymnastics
- STEMGirls
- Winner of STEM Girls Level 8 Coding Contest
- Selected to be Walnut Street Representative during Youth Art Month
- Student of the Month – January 2024



Inday, we are so proud of you! You're going to be awesome in middle school,
and continue to do great things!
Love, Nanay, Tatay, Adeline & Sida

JAROD SUOBIRON North Dover Elementary School

Parents: Jules and Cathrene Suobiron

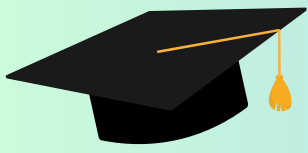
Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- Ambassador Award
- Excellent Attendance Award
- Basketball
- Football
- Drums (Band Member)



We are proud of all your achievement in school and life itself. As you embark on a new adventures in middle school remember to enjoy the ride and never stop learning. Make a lot of friends along the way and always remember to be kind, work hard, and never give up on your dreams. The world is waiting for your greatness. You live and learn from your mistakes. Remember we are always here for you.

We love you. - Daddy, Mama and Manang Yanna



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GABRIELLE CRUZ ZAFRA Berkeley Township Elementary School

Parent: Virnadeth Cruz

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- The Randolph Caldecott Medal Award
- Honor Roll Award (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Marking Periods)
- Gifted & Talented Enrichment Program Participant
- BTES Chorus
- School Play: The Wizard of Oz (Munchkin & Ozian Roles)
- Bulldog Ambassador



Message from Mom: Ate Gab, congratulations on your current school achievements. We know you are always giving your best in all that you do and we want you to know that we are always here to support you. We are proud of you. May God bless you in all your endeavors.
Enjoy middle school!

MIGUEL CRUZ ZAFRA H&M Potter Elementary School

Parent: Virnadeth Cruz

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- President Biden's Education Award - Gold Category
- Certificate of Achievement for Gifted & Talented Enrichment Program
- HMP News Announcer Recognition
- Battle of the Books Star Reader Award
- Honor Roll Award
- Promoted to higher elementary level (5th & 6th grade) to Berkeley Township Elementary School



Message from Mom: Kuya Mig, congratulations! We are always proud of you. You have lots of skills and talents to share. We admire your kindness and humility. May God bless you in all your endeavors. Have fun in BTES!



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MARIA ADELINE PEREIRA Love-A-Lot Learning Center

Parents: Arlen and Anthony Pereira

Extracurricular Activities /Achievements:

- Gymnastics
- Dance



Adeline, Congratulations on graduating Pre-K! You're going to rock Kindergarten.
We are proud of you Sunshine!
Love, Nanay, Tatay, Inday & Sida

