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# EAGLE'S HORIZON

*Testimonies of scholars accomplishments  
and their journey ahead*

# *Against All Odds: A Nursing Dream*



***“You will be a scholar of the College of Nursing and you will not pay even a single peso until you finish your nursing degree and pass the licensure examination.”***

These were the words of the Dean of the College of Nursing, Ms. Cheryl JM Gumabay, while I was teary eyed listening to the surprising news. I was taken back and couldn't believe the words I heard.

Last week, I was just struggling, trying to create a way in order for me to join the Manila Affiliation where the required amount is eight times the salary of my parents. I was on the verge of giving up and calling it quits.

I was a native of Palanan, a hidden paradise in the province of Isabela. It was one of the most beautiful places you will ever see with the green Sierra Madre mountain range, rich natural resources and white sand beaches. However, life is very much simple. And it also equates challenges like poverty and health care issues. My parents decided to leave my hometown in 2001 and move to Tuguegarao City where all of us started to chase our dreams.

Taking up nursing is a crucial decision for my family because of the financial constraints. However, I have a huge faith in God that He will send someone to make my dreams a reality. When I entered the portal of Medical Colleges of Northern Philippines as a freshman student, I vowed that I will make my parents proud and they will



not regret sending me to college. And true to that commitment is my heart and soul. I have given my very best, my absolute best. I studied day and night, learned the knowledge and skills that I needed to acquire.

And then one day, poverty hit hard. Because of severe financial problems, I decided to give up. However, the school heard my story as a native of Palanan who was sent to school by a father who is construction worker and a mother who is a maid and is doing an excellent job in his academics. When my story was heard, the College of Nursing decided to adopt me as their scholar through the support of the administration, **Dr. Wilma Roa Guzman and Dr. Ronald P. Guzman**.

Graduating in nursing with academic excellence award and a regional 5th placer in the nursing licensure examination is the beginning of an amazing journey that I would soon embark. I became a clinical instructor for three years and moved to Sultanate of Oman as a staff nurse last 2014. After 2 years of working as a bedside nurse, I was promoted to the Regional Nursing Office in one of the regions in Oman and worked as a Nursing research coordinator. At present, I am still giving my very best because when I was a student I was taught a culture of excellence that I will carry wherever I go. To date, I had a master degree in public health, master of nursing administration and I am currently accomplishing my Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing. Because of the blessings that God has given me, I was able to help my family and my community. Finally, one of the biggest things I am proud of is becoming a lay preacher of The Feast Oman, a catholic community by the light of Jesus Family headed by Bro. Bo Sanchez.

***I believe that God is not yet finish with His plan in my life and I am excited for the bigger blessings that will soon manifest.*** One of the secrets in life in order to achieve contentment and peace is to exercise gratitude wherever you go. And most importantly, above all things, I developed a strong faith to God, that I am nothing without Him. That in whatever I do, I need to seek Him first. Cliché as it may sound, but as long as you couple prayer with hard work, all your dreams will come true.

Sending prayers of blessings to you all and to my forever love, my alma mater, Medical Colleges of Northern Philippines and International School of Asia and the Pacific. ***“Deo Et Patriam Serviam. To our beloved God and country.”***

***Jonas Dupo, RN, MSN***

Nursing Scholar Grantee  
BS Nursing Batch 2011



## Princess A. Baquiran, RRT

**Resourcefulness. Reliability. Compassion.**

These are the three values that this institution has taught me which brought me to the exact place I wanted to be, doing the job that I love most. The school taught me to be resourceful through various retreats and camps we got to experience. I can honestly say that through difficult situations since I am working in a multinational company and dealing with diverse cultures. Reliability, which I mirrored from our clinical instructors as they are very supportive and very much solicitous about the welfare of their students. They were there from laying all the groundwork up until the end of the tunnel. MCNP served as my second home not only because the staff and administration were very kind but also the healthy environment it provides. This inspired me as a healthcare provider to deliver service to my patients with compassionate care whilst providing them quality healthcare they deserve from a mighty eagle. Indeed, MCNP provides high-quality education. I am forever grateful to this institution and will be praying that they produce more globally competitive professionals.



**PRINCESS A. BAQUIRAN**  
BSRT BATCH 2014  
NATIONAL TOP 8 BATCH 2014  
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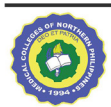


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### Princess A. Baquiran

Academic Scholar  
BSRT Batch 2014  
National Top 8 Batch 2014  
MRI Technologist-Hamad Medical Corporation



**ORIENTO C. GALINGANA JR.**  
BSN BATCH 2005  
STAFF NURSE  
SUNDERLAND ROYAL HOSPITAL

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Student Grantee Scholar  
BSN Batch 2005  
Staff Nurse  
Sunderland Royal Hospital, United Kingdom

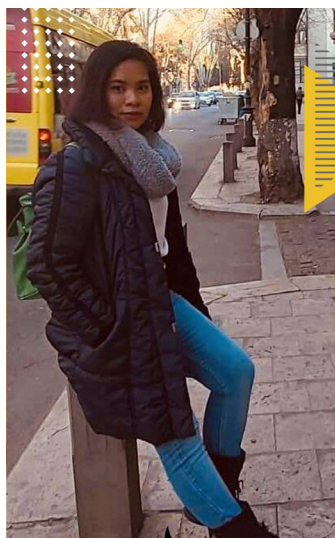
## Oriento C. Galingana Jr., RN, MSN

### "Study, Study, Study, and Pray"

These are the motivating and powerful words from our late Father Eagle, Dr. Ronald P. Guzman, which are being shared in our most significant events in the school like Tuesday Forum, General Assembly, and Commencement Exercises. These immortal words remind every mighty eagle that praying and studying are two of the most effective ways to be successful.

The core values and the culture of excellence imbibed by my dearest Alma Mater had helped me effectively coped and survived in dealing with COVID and non-COVID patients in the United Kingdom. As a Filipino nurse, I was able to display my professionalism and commitment to my profession especially amidst difficult times like the COVID-19 pandemic. The values that I am carrying not only as a Filipino but as a Mighty Eagle warrior and proud MCNPian are my potent weapon to continuously serve and fight in the frontline.





**VENUS S. PARDUA, PTRP**  
TOP 4  
BATCH 2012  
Physiotherapist  
Head, Rehabilitation Department  
Mouwasat Hospital, Saudi Arabia

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## Venus S. Pardua, PTRP

There were times that I faced difficulties in my career but as a mighty eagle, I was molded into being a resilient and competent professional who does not back down whatever it takes. My alma mater taught and raised me that way. In this crisis, as an in-patient physical therapist who rehabilitates patients with different cases and areas, I make sure that they get the best quality of care. I will forever be grateful for everything that this institution taught me and for building my professional character and skills.

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## Ria Elrica P. Dayag, RMT

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the support I have received as a TES grantee since my first year of college. This scholarship has been a tremendous blessing, allowing me to focus on my studies without the added worry of financial difficulties. Because of this, I was able to complete my degree and become a registered medical technologist—something that would have been much harder without this assistance.

Now, as a second-year medical student, I remain deeply grateful. The scholarship not only helped me but also eased the burden on my parents, giving them the chance to prepare for the challenges of medical school instead of worrying about tuition fees. Your support has made a real difference in my life, and I will always carry this gratitude with me as I continue my journey toward becoming a doctor.

I sincerely hope that many more students will have the same opportunity that I was given. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of students like me. I will always be grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely

yours,

### RIA ELRICA P. DAYAG

Tertiary Education Subsidy Scholar

BS Medical Laboratory Science Batch 2022



## Oscar Ngayan Jr., RN

My beloved alma mater had already produced thousands of successful professionals and I'm lucky and grateful that I'm one of them. As a proud mighty eagle and MCNPian, I have acquired necessary skills, knowledge, and attitude which helped me survive and shine in my workplace as a Staff Nurse in Germany. As a Filipino nurse, I always execute the tasks given to me with compassion, respect, and care without reservation and hesitation especially during these difficult times like the Covid19 pandemic. It is an honor to be a Filipino and a great blessing to be of service to the global arena.

### Oscar Ngayan Jr., RN

BSN Batch 2005  
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## Camila Bassig Tamaray, RN

I am **Camila Bassig Tamaray**, former student of Medical Colleges of Northern Philippines writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the scholarship that you have so generously awarded me during my college days. Your support has had a profound impact on my life and academic journey, and I am truly grateful for the opportunities it has provided me.

As a student with financial constraints, receiving this scholarship has been a tremendous blessing. It has not only alleviated the burden of tuition fees but has also allowed me to pursue my educational goals without the constant worry of financial limitations. Your generosity has given me the chance to focus on my studies, engage in extracurricular activities, and explore new opportunities that I may not have otherwise been able to consider. Beyond the financial assistance, your belief in my potential and investment in my education have served as a source of inspiration and motivation for me. Your support has not only helped me academically but has also bolstered my confidence and determination to succeed in all aspects of my life. Now because of the opportunity you've given to me, I finish what you've given to me, I finish my degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing without a big financial burden. And I'm already a Registered Nurse because of your financial help, I thought that the scholarship ended when I was in college but you extended your help until the board exam.



Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support and for believing in the power of education to transform lives. Your generosity has touched me deeply, and I will always carry your kindness with me as I continue on my academic journey.

### Camila Bassig Tamaray

Tertiary Education Subsidy Scholar  
BS Nursing Batch 2023



## ***Elbert Tacpag Baluan, RN***



I am deeply grateful for the opportunity and support provided by Tertiary Education Subsidy or TES under Commission on higher education. This scholarship has been a life-changing blessing, allowing me to pursue my education without the burden of financial hardship.

Throughout my academic journey, I have grown not only in knowledge but also in character, and this would not have been possible without the generosity and kindness of the sponsors, donors, and everyone behind this program.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Medical Colleges of Northern Philippines for believing in my potential and investing in my future. As I step into the next chapter of my life, I carry with me the lessons and values instilled in me through this scholarship. I am committed to using my education to give back to my community and make a meaningful impact in the world.

Once again, thank you for this incredible opportunity. I will forever be grateful.

### ***ELBERT TACPAG BALUAN, RN***

Tertiary Education Subsidy Scholar  
BS Nursing Batch 2023



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