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Dr Nicanor Reyes Jr School of Medicine Alumni Foundation

# ECTOPIC MURMURS

*FEUDNRSMAF, a non-profit organization duly incorporated on October 20, 1971, in New Jersey, USA, proudly celebrates its 55th Anniversary!*

**This Special Edition of *Ectopic Murmurs* proudly highlights the outstanding PLE Achievement of the FEU-NRMF School of Medicine as Top #1.**



**TOGETHER, WE CONTINUE TO SHAPE  
COMPASSIONATE, COMPETENT, AND WORLD-CLASS PHYSICIANS.**



**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
for deserving students  
facing economic  
hardship



**FACULTY SUPPORT  
& INCENTIVES**  
to nurture teaching  
excellence



**AWARDS**  
that recognize the brilliance  
of our students & faculty



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FEU NICANOR REYES MEDICAL FOUNDATION  
Mr. Juan Enrique J. Reyes, MHM**



### *Inspirational Message*

PLE Testimonial Ceremony

April 14, 2026

Two years ago, I stood on this very stage to address an inconvenient truth. Our flagship program was in the midst of a clear and steady decline, with our PLE passing rate falling to a historic low of 69.6%. Ultimately, you get what you tolerate, and I refused to be a spectator to our own demise. Leadership is having the courage to admit when the status quo is broken, and having the resolve to do something about it. So we made the hard decisions, navigated a difficult transition, and now, we stand together, to reap the rewards of a school reborn.

For the past five years, we faced challenges that tested our mettle. We watched our hard-earned academic reputation falter. We heard the whispers of those who wondered if our best days were behind us. Those whispers grew into negative chatter and the hunt was on for a scape goat. Our confidence was shaken and we began to question ourselves. Some blamed the students and our admission policy. Some attributed our fall from grace to high hospital prices. And when we regained our 'Top Performing' status, some called it a fluke. We needed a repeat performance to prove otherwise.

Today, the results are in—and the debate is over.

Being the Only Top Performing School in the Philippines is not a stroke of luck. It is the definitive proof that our resurgence is real, that our resilience is second to none, and that excellence is once again the standard, not the exception. This performance confirms that last year was no fluke. FEU-NRMF is back, and I couldn't be more proud.

To our newly licensed physicians: You have made history. You helped me believe that we can be the pre-eminent medical and allied health school in South East Asia. As Peter Drucker said "*No institution can outperform the level of belief inside it.*" You are living proof that an FEU-NRMF education is not just transformative—it is pre-eminent. No one can take that away from you.

**To Dean Pio Esguerra, Vice Dean Mari-Ann Bringas, our department chairs and of course our beloved faculty: This triumph belongs to you. In the face of overwhelming adversity, you persevered and brought your alma mater back to life. Hindi kayo sumuko. Lumaban**



**kayo. Pinakita nyo yung Malasakit ninyo, at binalik nyo yung Karangalan ng FEU-NRMF. Maraming salamat po.**

Ladies and gentlemen, we are no longer a school in decline. The resurgence is real. Let us use this achievement to propel us toward our lofty ambition, knowing that perception begets performance.

Congratulations once again. May God bless you all in the pursuit of your noble profession. Ad Astra Per Aspera!

**Mr. Juan Enrique J. Reyes, MHM**  
**President/COO, FEU-NRMF**



**DEAN, FEU NICANOR REYES MEDICAL FOUNDATION  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

**Pio T. Esguerra II, M.D., FPCP, FPCCP, FACCP, DIH Class '96**



### *Dean's Message*

Dear Members of the US Alumni,

Warm greetings!

Academic Year 2025–2026 marks a truly historic milestone for FEUNRMF School of Medicine. In the October 2025 Physician Licensure Examination (PLE), our graduates delivered an outstanding performance, achieving a 91.87% overall passing rate. This accomplishment placed FEUNRMF among the Top 6 performing medical schools in the country, further highlighted by the achievement of a Top 5 placer. Notably, this represented a remarkable 28% increase from the April 2025 PLE performance of 63%.

Building on this momentum, our graduates reached even greater heights in the **March 2026 PLE, attaining an exceptional 94.83% overall passing rate.** This achievement proudly positions FEUNRMF as the Top 1 performing medical school in the Philippines. First-time takers achieved an impressive 98.36% passing rate, while our retakers demonstrated resilience and determination with an 86.54% passing rate.

These accomplishments are even more meaningful when viewed against the backdrop of the past five years (2021–2025), during which the institution experienced a gradual decline across eight consecutive PLE cycles, culminating in the 63% performance in April 2025. The dramatic



turnaround we now celebrate is a testament to the power of unity, shared purpose, and sustained commitment to excellence.

**This success was made possible through the collective efforts of the School of Medicine, the FEUNRMF administration, the Medical Alumni Society, and most especially, the unwavering support of FEUDNRSMA Alumni Foundation.** The Board Review Council’s PLE Crash Course—known as the Brain Boost Camp—has been instrumental in strengthening our graduates’ preparation. Generously supported by FEUNRMF and our US-based alumni foundation, this initiative provides structured guidance and valuable resources for both first-time takers and repeat examinees, effectively complementing their formal review programs.

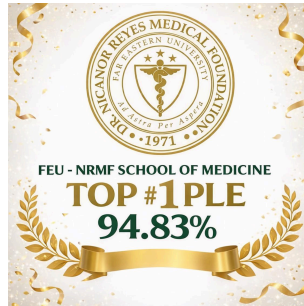
Equally meaningful is the send-off ceremony held prior to the examinations, which serves as a powerful reminder to our graduates of the community that stands behind them—offering prayers, encouragement, and confidence in their success.

On behalf of the faculty, our board passers, and their families, we extend our deepest gratitude to the US Alumni (FEUDNRSMAF) for your continued generosity and steadfast support. Your contributions have played a vital role in shaping this achievement and in inspiring our students to strive for excellence.

We look forward to sustaining this momentum together as we continue to uphold the proud tradition of FEUNRMF.

Congratulations to us all!  
Ad Astra per Aspera.

With sincere appreciation,  
**Pio T. Esguerra II, M.D.**  
Dean, School of Medicine



**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD & IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**  
Editor in Chief/Chairman, Ectopic Murmurs  
**FEU DR. NICANOR REYES SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ALUMNI**  
**FOUNDATION (FEUDNRSMAF)**  
**Nida Blankas-Hernaez, M.D., FAAP, Class '84**



### *Chairman’s Message*

*“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”*

**FEU-NRMF Top 1 PLE March 2026: A Victory of Excellence, A Call to Give Back**



With hearts overflowing with pride and gratitude, we celebrate a defining milestone in our history—**Far Eastern University Dr. Nicanor Reyes School of Medicine** achieving **#1 in the March 2026 Physician Licensure Examination (PLE)**.

**This triumph is far more than a ranking. It is a powerful tribute to dreams realized, sacrifices honored, and a steadfast commitment to excellence. It reflects the sleepless nights of our students, the tireless dedication of our faculty, and the visionary leadership that continues to guide our institution toward greatness.**

As Chairman of the FEU Dr. Nicanor Reyes School of Medicine Alumni Foundation (FEUDNRSMAF), I, together with the entire Alumni Foundation, am deeply honored that our alumni community has played a meaningful role in this success. Through the PLE Review Program, we have helped equip our future physicians with the confidence, competence, and courage to excel—under the inspiring leadership of **Dean Dr. Pio Esguerra, Vice Dean Dr. Mari-Ann Bringas, President/COO Mr. Juan Enrique Reyes, the Medical Alumni Society led by Dr. Maria Quevedo, and the steadfast support of our FEUDNRSMAF.**

I recall January 2024, when Dr. Ligaya Marasigan and I encouraged our PGIs to prepare wholeheartedly, aim high, and take the boards only when truly ready. Today, we witness the fruits of that shared vision. What began as a simple moment of encouragement has become a powerful source of inspiration—reminding us to continue uplifting, mentoring, and striving for even greater heights.

Over the past three years—first as President and now as Chairman of the Board—our priority has been clear: **to strengthen our PLE performance and**



Dr. Ligaya Marasigan & Dr. Blankas-Hernaez encouraged the PGIs to prepare for their boards & boost the passing rate.



On January 18, 2024, a collaborative meeting convened with stakeholders to enhance board passing



elevate our standing. This goal has remained at the forefront of our annual Stakeholders Meetings for 3 years, culminating in the January 2026 Stakeholders' Leadership Meeting. We did it!

## Stakeholders' Meeting

Elevating Excellence through Strategies Boosting Board Exam Success  
and Achieving Top Medical School Status



**January 2025 Stakeholders Meeting**



**January 2026 Stakeholders Meeting: Aligning Leadership for Greater PLE Success!**

**March 2026, WE DID IT! FEU-NRMF is Top 1 in the PLE!!!**

Yet, as we celebrate this remarkable achievement, we are called to something even greater.



**We are called to remember where we came from—and to extend our hands to lift others up.**

Today, we humbly invite each of you, our dear alumni, to help sustain this legacy of excellence:

- **Support scholarships for deserving students and those facing financial challenges**
- **Invest in faculty development and incentives, ensuring continued mentorship and academic excellence**
- **Recognize brilliance through student and faculty achievement awards**
- **Advance our Simulation Laboratory, strengthening world-class, hands-on medical training**

This victory belongs to all of us! And so does the responsibility to ensure that the future generations of FEU physicians continue to rise, excel, and serve.

Let this milestone inspire us—not only to celebrate—but to give back, to uplift, and to invest in the future of our alma mater. **Together, let us keep the FEU legacy of excellence alive.**

And as we honor this milestone, we warmly invite you—to reconnect, to celebrate, and to be inspired once more.

**Join us for the 45th FEUDNRSMAF Alumni Reunion and Convention, in celebration of our 55th Anniversary, on July 19–21, 2026, in the vibrant Motor City of Detroit.**

Look forward to an unforgettable gathering filled with fellowship and pride:

- **A lively Motown-Themed Welcome Night**
- **A graceful and proud Filipiniana Night, honoring our heritage and jubilarians**
- **A dazzling Grand Ball, celebrating our jubilarians and shared legacy**

We are also pleased to offer **complimentary 8 units of Continuing Medical Education (CME)**—an opportunity to continue learning, growing, and excelling in our profession while reconnecting with fellow alumni.

*Our Alma Mater has given us so much. Now, it is our turn to give back—not only in celebration, but in commitment. Let this achievement ignite within us a renewed sense of purpose, unity, and pride. Together, we are not merely witnesses to excellence—we are its stewards.*

As Mother Teresa so beautifully said, *“It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.”*

**May we continue to give with love, with purpose, and with pride—for FEU-NRMF School of Medicine, for our future physicians, and for generations yet to come.**

We look forward to celebrating with you in Detroit. Please plan to attend.

With deepest gratitude and hope,

**Nida Blankas- Hernaez, M.D., FAAP**

Chairman, FEUDNRSMAF



# FEU-NRMF Ranks #1 in PLE — Voices from the FEUDNRSMAF BOT

## *A Celebration of Excellence, Unity, and Faith*

FEUDNRSMAF Board of Trustees share their heartfelt congratulations, reflections, and renewed commitment to excellence.



**Nida Blankas-Hernaiz, MD '84, Chairman of the Board**

*"Our hearts are full of pride as Far Eastern University Dr. Nicanor Reyes Medical Foundation School of MEDICINE rises to #1 in the Physician Licensure Examination! The future of our Alma Mater will not be shaped by chance— it will be shaped by commitment, courage, and collective action. Congratulations to all"*



**Grace Averilla-Obena, MD '85, President FEUDNRSMAF & Nevada Chapter President**

*"Amazing! We are back on top! Congratulations to our students, Dean, Vice Dean, faculty, and our very supportive FEUDNRSMAF. May we continue this level of achievement for years to come. Mabuhay!"*



**Vincent Santangelo, MD '82, Vice-President**

*"Wow! Great news! Congratulations, Nida—👏👏👏 ...and kudos to our MAS-MAF joint effort!"*



**Richard L. Mon, MD '70, Treasurer & Leilanie Narcelles-Mon, MD '72, Secretary**

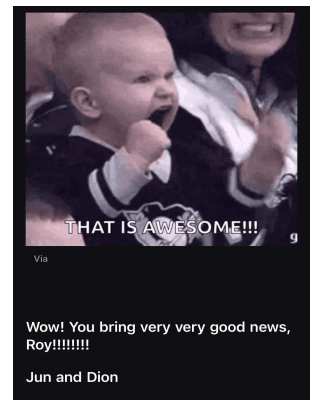
*"Our prayers for the PLE takers were answered. All achievements are for the greater glory of God. May He continue to bless our Alma Mater, our alumni organizations, benefactors, and especially our PLE passers who brought FEU to #1. Let us continue strengthening our PLE review and mock examinations to sustain this success. Thanks be to God."*



**Guat Sy Jr., MD '74, Parliamentarian, CBL Committee Chairman and**

*"Wow! You bring very very good news!!!"*

**Dionisia Sy, MD '75, Auditor & Fundraising Chairman**



**Amethyst Cureg, MD '73, BOT, Asst. Treasurer**

*"Congratulations to all PLE passers, as well as the dedicated faculty and administrative leadership who made this success possible!"*



**Rosemary Aquiler-Angeles, MD '86 Executive Director & Overall Convention Chairman**

*"Awesome!" 👏👏👏*





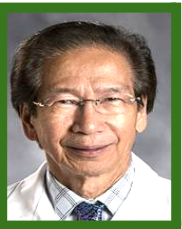
**Hernani Tansuche, MD '68, Asst. Executive Director, BOT Chairman Emeritus**

*“Congratulations to Drs. Esguerra and Bringas and our current leadership. Our next goal is the October–November 2026 PLE. I look forward to providing an analysis of the March 2026 exams. Ad Astra Per Aspera!”*



**Manuel Malicay, MD '70, BOT Immediate Past Chairman**

*“Great News! Our heartfelt commitment and determination to improve the FEUDNRMF passing grade throughout meetings with the administration and heads of all the basic and clinical departments from 2024 and 2025 came to realization and accomplishment. I am very pleased that my recommendation for a review book, either print or online transcended. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our faculty. Let's continue our dedicated support for the Faculty.”*



**Renato Ramos, MD '63, BOT Chairman Emeritus**

*” Congratulations to our graduates who passed the board examination. Your outstanding performance has placed our Alma Mater **No. 1**, a truly proud achievement. To those who did not pass this time, continue to persevere—you will succeed. We also commend President Ritchie Reyes, Dean Pio Esguerra, and the entire administration and faculty for their invaluable role in this success. The Alumni Foundation remains committed to supporting your efforts in sustaining excellence in medical education, as we have done for over five decades.*



**Philip Chua, MD '61, BOT Chairman Emeritus**

*“Congratulations to FEUNRMF for a historic ranking as Number One in the PLE! This brings back memories from 65 years ago, about a different category of academic achievement for FEU. In 1961, our Class of '61 garnered first place and seven other places in the medical board licensing examination, almost a clean sweep, leaving only the 4th and 8th places to UST. All the newspapers were hailing FEU. It was an amazing feat never repeated or equaled to this day! We should all be very proud of our Alma Mater.”*



**Pedro Florescia, MD '75, BOT Chairman Emeritus**

*“Congratulations to our Alma mater, examiners, BOT and to all who in their own way contributed to this amazing achievement. It's proof that if we work together we can win. Contribution big or small matters. God bless us all and let's continue this wonderful collaboration. I am very proud of our Alma Mater and to be an alumnus!!”*



**Licerio Castro Jr., MD '73, BOT Chairman Emeritus**

*“THE WINNER TAKES IT ALL. The laudable accomplishment clearly showcases the undeniable quality of our recent graduates. We must acknowledge the utmost guidance and tremendous support from everyone involved in advancing quality education. Congratulations to all, and stay humble.”*



**Oscar Tuazon, MD '73, BOT Past Chairman**

*“Congratulations to all on this remarkable achievement—we are incredibly proud of you!”*





**Noli Guinigundo, MD '62, BOT Past Chairman**

*“Congratulations on reaching this pinnacle of success. Be grateful for this important milestone in your professional journey. May you continue to find fulfillment in your profession, serve your fellowmen with compassion, and remain steadfast in your commitment to the Hippocratic Oath. We wish you even greater success as you bring honor to our beloved school, FEU-NRMF. May you be blessed always.”*



**Cesar Jimenez, MD '75, BOT, Past President, California Chapter President**

*“Congrats to Nida and all members of the BOT for a job well done!”*



**Rey Abejuela, MD '79, BOT**

*“Awesome news! Congratulations 🎉 “*



**Edgar Altares, MD '79, BOT, Adhoc Committee Chairman**

*“Way to go! Congratulations on a truly outstanding achievement. I am confident that this is just the beginning of many more good things coming our way. Thanks to the hard work, dedication and commitment of our leadership in their unwavering support of our Alma Mater led by our able Chairperson, Dr Nida Blankas-Hernaez.”*



**Felipe Ambas, MD '73, BOT**

*“Congratulations and kudos to everyone who made this happen. Let’s keep it going.”*



**Roy Cabrera, MD '65, BOT, Principal Scholarship Donor**

*“Congratulations to everyone who made this happen, especially to our Dean, to Nida Hernaez and our alumni who were involved in making this an unforgettable achievement. To the examinees, please accept our heartfelt appreciation. I would like to specially mention Mr. Juan Enrique J. Reyes who is very much involved with the success of our medical school. “*



**Macario Corpuz, MD '88, BOT, Membership Committee Chairman**

*“It is with deep pride and joy that we acknowledge the remarkable achievements of FEU-NRMF School of Medicine. This milestone underscores the institution’s commitment to excellence as a premier medical school and a leading source of top health professionals. The strong collaboration between the school and its alumni is key to maintaining this status. The FEUDNR School of Medicine Alumni Foundation will continue to be a steadfast partner, offering ongoing support to its graduates. Congratulations to all!”*





**Virgilio Jonson, MD '65, BOT, Nomination & Election Committee Chairman**

*"Congratulations to the hard working students, faculty, administration of the FEU-NRMF and our Alumni Foundation !"*



**Ligaya Marasigan, MD '74, BOT**

*"Good job! Continue the good work and more!"*



**Wilson Morales, MD '73, BOT**

*"I'm proud of our Medical School and yes, Congratulations to Nida for taking lots of time and responsibilities for our Foundation. Thanks a million 🙏🌈"*



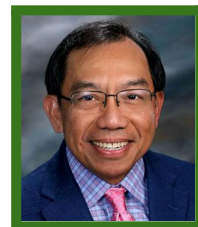
**Guadalupe Pedrano-Florescio, MD '75, BOT**

*"Congratulations! A very well deserved accomplishment of our school and professors! Keep up the excellent work. Hard work really pays off. May we gather more of this accolade in the future! He blesses us all. Thanks to all who work hard to produce excellent MDs!!! 👍 👍 👍 🌈 🌈"*



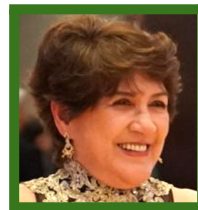
**Grace Rabadam, MD '63, BOT & Awards Committee Chairman**

*"That's wonderful! Let's keep it going. Congratulations to all!"*



**Larry Rabang, MD '89, BOT, PGME Committee Chairman**

*"Ang galing! Congratulations"*



**Mildred Rey, MD '74, BOT**

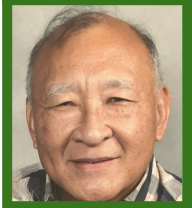
*"Congratulations to all—well deserved and truly outstanding!"*





### Araceli Sweeney, MD '77, BOT

"It makes me very proud to be an FEU alumnus. As a Scholarship Committee member and BOT member of FEUNRMSAF, I am honored to have contributed—through the approval of funding for the PLE review classes—to the success of our alma mater and our young alumni. Congratulations to the FEUNRMSAF BOT officers and members, the FEU-NRMF School of Medicine Dean and Vice Dean, faculty and staff, and most especially, our PLE passers."



### Ted Tolentino, MD '77, BOT & Website Committee Chairman

"Very satisfying to see what we are capable of achieving with team effort. We all can aspire to contribute, no matter how small, when we see results such as this at our alma mater."



### Lourdes Malicay, MD '70, BOT, Illinois Chapter President

"Congratulations! We are proud of all the accomplishments and extend our admiration to the new PLE passers!"



### Arnel Clarin, MD '86, BOT, Michigan Chapter President



Together, we celebrate this milestone—and together, we move forward to sustain excellence and inspire future generations of FEU-NRMF physicians.

## A Milestone of Excellence Recognized by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), March 2026

**PRC Board** 9h · 🌐

**TOP SCHOOLS: March 2026 PLE Results**  
 ✓ See here: <https://www.prcboard.com/top-schools-march-2026-p...> See more

The top performing schools in the March 2026 Physicians Licensure Examination as per Commission Resolution No. 1814 series of 2024:

**A. WITH 100 OR MORE EXAMINEES AND WITH AT LEAST 85% PASSING PERCENTAGE**

RANK	SCHOOL	TOTAL NO. OF EXAM.	TOTAL NO. PASSED	PERCENTAGE PASSED
1	FAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY-NICANOR REYES MED.FOUND.	174	165	94.83%

NOTHING FOLLOWS.....

Republic of the Philippines  
 Professional Regulation Commission  
 Manila

**PHYSICIANS LICENSURE EXAMINATION  
 RESULTS RELEASED IN FOUR (4) WORKING DAYS**

The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) announces that 1,954 out of 2,781 passed the Physicians Licensure Examination given by the Board of Medicine in N. C. R., Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Legazpi, Lucena, Pampanga, Rosales, Tacloban, Tuguegarao and Zamboanga last March 2026. The results of examination with respect to five (5) examinees were withheld pending final determination of their liabilities under the rules and regulations governing licensure examinations; and one (1) was withheld for further verification.

The members of the Board of Medicine who gave the licensure examination are Dr. Efen C. Laxamana, Chairman; Dr. Martha O. Nucum, Dr. Joanna V. Remo, Dr. Prudencio Z. Sta. Lucia, Jr., Dr. Joselito R. Chavez and Dr. Policarpio B. Joves, Jr., Members.

The results were released in four (4) working days from the last day of examination.

Starting April 22, 2026, registration for the issuance of Professional Identification Card (ID) and Certificate of Registration will be done on-line. Please go to [www.prc.gov.ph](http://www.prc.gov.ph) and follow instructions for initial registration. Those who will register are required to bring the following: downloaded duly accomplished Oath Form or Panunumpa ng Propesyonal, notice of admission (for identification only), 2 pieces passport sized pictures (colored with white background and complete name tag), 2 sets of documentary stamps and 1 piece short brown envelope. Successful examinees should personally register and sign in the Roster of Registered Professionals.

The date and venue for the oath-taking ceremony of the new successful examinees in the said examination WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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NOTHING FOLLOWS.....

**B. WITH 50 TO 99 EXAMINEES AND WITH AT LEAST 85% PASSING PERCENTAGE**

RANK	SCHOOL	TOTAL NO. OF EXAM.	TOTAL NO. PASSED	PERCENTAGE PASSED
1	DAVAO MEDICAL SCHOOL FOUNDATION	82	72	87.80%

NOTHING FOLLOWS.....



## FEU-NRMF is # 1 in the March 2026 PLE



**Hernani S. Tansuche, MD '68**  
 Chairman, Scholarship Committee  
 Chairman Emeritus, FEUDNRSMAF



Among the 6 schools with 100 or more examinees and at least 85% passing rate percentage, **FEU-NRMF ranked first, achieving a 94.83 % passing rate** (165 out of 174 passers). **The national passing average was 70.41%** while FEU-NRMF recorded **98. 86% for first takers and 86.54% for repeaters.**

In the **Oct 2025 PLE**, our **Alma Mater ranked 6th among the top performing schools** with a **91.32% passing rate** compared to the **national average of 77.46%.**

Below is a summary of FEU-NRMF performance in the Physician Licensure Examinations from September 2019 to October 2025.

Month of Exam	No. of Examinees	No. of Passers	Passing Rate	FEU
Sept. 2019	4715	4006	84.96 %	98.34%
March-Sept 2020*	1410	800	56.74%	91.6%
March 2021	1927	1234	64.04%	91.76%
Sept.2021	1540	1084	70.12%	93.33%
Nov. 2021	2302	1677	72.85 %	85.42%
March 2022	2837	1427	54.30%	74.67%
Oct 2022	5940	3826	64.22%	81.69%
March 2023	2886	1573	54.49%	77.42%
Oct. 2023**	6456	4083	63.24%	73.21%
April 2024	3431	1906	55.56%	70.94%
Oct 2024**	6600	3845	58.26%	69.64%
April 2025	3825	1901	49.67%	63.16%
Oct 2025	5900	4570	77.46%	91.32%

### Summary Highlights:

- \* March-Sept. 2020 results were released together with no explanation from the PRC
- \* From September 2019 to October 2025, FEU-NRMF consistently posted passing rates **higher than the national average.**
- \* Even in the lowest national performance period of March 2025 (49.67%), FEU-NRMF still recorded a **63.16% passing rate.**



\* For six consecutive March PLE cycles, FEU-NRMF ranked first among the **top performing schools**.

	<b>Passing Rate</b>
March 2016–	91 out of 113 passed 80.53%
March 2017–	157 out of 178 passed 88.20%
March 2018–	150 out of 168 passed 89.29%
March 2019–	144 out of 147 passed 97.9%
March/Sept 2020–	109 out of 119 passed 91.6%
March 2021–	167 out of 182 passed 91.76%

From **March 2022- March 2025**, FEU-NRMF was not included among the top performing schools under PRC criteria ( 50-100 examinees or more and at least a passing percentage of 85% ).

**March 2025 PLE takers** graduated in 2024-admitted in SY 2020-21 at the start of the COVID pandemic. Some of the students were reapplicants of the previous year. The current administration at that time were in a quandary on how to conduct the classes which eventually was delivered online. Clinical clerkship was conducted hybrid and internship started with more face to face exposure. Graduation exercises were done via Zoom. The national passing average of the March 2025 PLE was **49.7%** while FEU- NRMF passing rate was **63.16%**. This was the lowest national passing rate since March 2016 (**46.26%**).

We remain confident that given our strong historical performance in past March-April PLE examinations we will continue to be among the top performing schools.

As of this writing, Dean Esguerra, Vice Dean Dr. Bringas and their team have already organized an early support program for the October PLE takers to strengthen preparation and performance. The October PLE remains the most competitive examination cycle with participation from nearly all medical schools nationwide.

**As reflected in our long term data, FEU-NRMF has consistently performed above the national passing average.** Variations in ranking are largely influenced by the exceptional performance of other institutions in certain examination cycles.

The task ahead remains challenging but with the collaborative efforts of our PLE takers, FEUNRMF administration, the Medical Dean leadership team, Faculty staff, Medical Alumni Society and our Alumni Foundation we will continue to move forward -just as demonstrated in the improvements seen in recent PLE cycles. With our shared commitment to improve and support our Alma Mater, success will not merely be a possibility-it will be the **outcome**.

Ad Astra per Aspera.

*Building on today's success will sustain excellence in the Future PLE outcomes....*





**VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, FEU NRMF**  
**Magdalena F. Natividad, PhD**



*“Previous poor performances were really due to the pandemic. Online classes were not really effective then. And now students are clamoring for online classes because of the severe impact of the oil crisis. Though we are inclined to grant their request, we have to monitor these classes to ensure effective delivery of instruction.”*

**Dr. Natividad shared the outstanding PRC results and graciously acknowledged the invaluable support of the US Alumni Foundation.**



**VICE DEAN, FEU NICANOR REYES MEDICAL FOUNDATION**  
**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

**Mari-Ann B. Bringas, MD, MPH, FPAAB, Class '97**



*Vice Dean’s Message*

The release of the March 2026 Physician Licensure Examination results brings immense pride and joy as FEU-NRMF emerges as the only Top Performing School. This remarkable achievement reflects not only academic excellence but also the unwavering dedication, resilience, and perseverance of our graduates.

It is truly a wonderful and nostalgic experience to celebrate this milestone with individuals we have mentored from admissions to graduation. We have witnessed their journeys—struggles, sacrifices, small victories, and defining moments that led to this success.

**To our new physicians, we are incredibly proud of you.** You have proven that every challenge was worth overcoming and that your commitment to your dreams has paid off. Your success is a testament to your hard work and determination.

It has been an honor to be part of this journey, along with the dedicated faculty of the School of Medicine. We look forward to seeing our new colleagues continue to excel and make meaningful contributions in their chosen fields.

**Mari-Ann B. Bringas, MD '97, MPH, FPAAB**  
Vice Dean, FEU-NRMF School of Medicine

*“Every challenge was worth overcoming...”*





**VICE PRESIDENT, FEU-NRMF MAS**  
**Cerelyn Evangelista Dacula, MD, Class '2002**



**Warmest congratulations to the newest licensed members of the FEU-NRMF Medical Alumni Society!**

Batch 2024 has delivered nothing short of excellence—dominating the recent board examinations and standing unrivaled at the top. Indeed, this achievement reflects your hard work as students, the guidance of us, your mentors, and the enduring legacy of those who came before you.

As a full-blooded Tamaraw, it is deeply moving to witness the outpouring of pride across our community, with fellow alumni proudly sharing this milestone across platforms. **FEU-NRMF is clearly back where it belongs—the country’s leading medical school!**

We are incredibly proud of you, fellow alumni. May you continue to serve with excellence and compassion into the noble practice of medicine. Ad Astra Per Aspera.

With pride and admiration,  
**Cerelyn Evangelista Dacula, MD '2002**  
Vice-President, FEU-NRMF MAS



**Mari-ann Bringas, MD**  
Vice Dean, FEU-NRMF SOM

Hello Doc Nida 😊  
Happy to share in behalf of our School of Medicine.

**Good evening Mam good news**

A. WITH 100 OR MORE EXAMINEES AND WITH AT LEAST 85% PASSING PERCENTAGE				
RANK	SCHOOL	TOTAL NO. OF EXAM.	TOTAL NO. PASSED	PERCENTAGE PASSED
1	FAIR EASTERN UNIVERSITY-NICANOR REYES MED. FOUND.	174	165	94.83%
NOTHING FOLLOWS				
B. WITH 50 TO 99 EXAMINEES AND WITH AT LEAST 85% PASSING PERCENTAGE				
RANK	SCHOOL	TOTAL NO. OF EXAM.	TOTAL NO. PASSED	PERCENTAGE PASSED
1	DAVAO MEDICAL SCHOOL FOUNDATION	82	72	87.80%
NOTHING FOLLOWS				

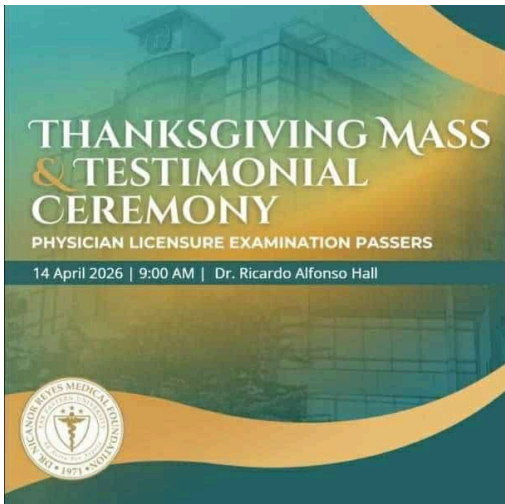


**Alvin Vibar, MD**  
BOT, FEU-NRMF MAS

**Thanks for the support**

**The FEU-NRMF Medical Alumni Society Officers and Board of Trustees**





**Thanksgiving Prayer of the New Physicians**

Heavenly Father,  
with grateful hearts, we stand before You today.  
We thank You for guiding us through our years of study,  
for granting us strength during times of difficulty,  
and for blessing us with success in the Physician Licensure Examination.

We are deeply grateful to our parents and families,  
who gave us love, sacrifice, and unending support;  
to our mentors, who shared their wisdom and example;  
to our friends and colleagues, who walked with us in this journey.

Lord, we dedicate this triumph to You.  
May we always remain humble in success,  
faithful in service, and compassionate in healing the sick.

As we begin our lives as physicians,  
grant us wisdom to make sound decisions, courage to face challenges,  
and a heart that always seeks to serve with integrity and love.

We entrust our vocation to Your care,  
that we may be true instruments of Your healing.  
All these we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.



**Singing the FEU HYMN**



**Opening Remarks**  
**Dr. Pio T. Esguerra II**  
Dean, School of Medicine



**Alumni Message**  
**Dr. Ma. Carmen Quevedo**  
President, Medical Alumni Society



**Inspirational Message**  
**Mr. Juan Enrique Reyes, MHM**  
President & Chief Operating Officer





Thanksgiving Prayer  
**Dr. Mari-Ann B. Bringas**  
Vice Dean, School of Medicine



Closing Message  
**Magdalena F. Natividad, PhD**  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

## The Journey to Success..... Stories of our PLE Passers



### DR. ANIZAMARA HILARIO'S SPEECH

President, MCCO 2025

#### *Testimonial Sharing*

Good day dean, vice dean and faculty. and batchmates, or may I say, fellow licensed doctors. I am Zam Hilario, batch president of MCCO 2025

I started med school in 2019 where one of the questions they would always ask was “Why do you want to be a doctor?” Honestly, I wasn’t entirely certain that becoming a doctor was the path I truly wanted to take. The subjects were difficult, and I definitely had my self doubts.

I ended up taking 5 and a half years to finish med school, encountering many failures along the way. But through each setback, I learned resilience. I learned to keep moving forward despite the uncertainty, and to find courage even in moments of doubt.

Today, I stand here a little more certain—not because the path became easier, but because I have grown into the person who can walk it.

**Studying for the boards with only 50 days was no easy task. I never felt ready. I prayed hard. But now, I wasn’t the only one praying. I had my friends and family’s unwavering support.**

On the last day of the boards, I felt a little hopeless, quite literally was the hardest exam I've ever taken.



I want to say *"I made it"*. But the better thing to say is *"We made it"*

Because it took a village to get us here. From our parents who made countless sacrifices, but always believed in us. To our professors who gave us knowledge and wisdom that we will carry for the rest of our journeys. To our friends who we cried to, leaned on and celebrated with. These little villagers shaped us, supported us and dreamed with us. Our success is as much theirs

At the end of the day, being a doctor is not just about what we know—it is about who we choose to become.

Lead your life with vision and intent.

May we choose to be doctors who serve with compassion, strive for excellence and lead with integrity. These are the values FEU NRMF has instilled in us...

**What an honor it was, to have graduated from this institution! Ad Astra per Aspera!**

.....Dr. Anizamara Hilario



## DR. ROMI ROSE TIBURCIO'S SPEECH MCC 2025 Prime Leader

### *Testimonial Sharing*

It is with immense honor and humility to be on this platform speaking about not only mine, but our triumphant journey which I proudly share with the people who nurtured and honed my knowledge and skills that helped not only me but also the people with me today as we've finished and passed our PLE.

Going into medicine was never my first choice but has always been a dream. It was not an easy decision, as my mom has said *"hindi madali mag medisina"*. Before diving head first into this, i have had 3 failed attempts on my NPTE and my college and high school friends said *"baka hindi ka para doon"* or *"baka pang medicine ka talaga"*, so when I was offered the opportunity to take up medicine, I took it. I self-studied for the NMAT and told myself *"if hindi ako papasa, baka hindi to para sa akin"* lo and behold I got accepted here.

Being from the batch that started purely online, and having an 8 year gap year, I was lost to how things are, everything was digital, and lessons were either synchronous or recorded, I needed to adapt quickly or else I'd be left behind. Every year that became my mantra *"if hindi ako papasa, Baka hindi to para sa akin"*, until the 4th year of medicine, kasi by then it would be too late to pull out and say *"i give up"*. I chose



to study here, because my mom graduated here, I chose the same institution for my internship because my mom did hers here. My mom was one of the foundations why I wanted to be a doctor, not because of her early mornings or late hours, but because I saw her interact with her patients and the 11 year old me thought and dreamed “*ay gusto ko maging katulad ni mama*”.

Fast forward to the months leading to our board exam, some were disheartened to proceed and I was honestly one of them. I thought “*ay baka hindi enough yung time ko na nagreview*” but I also thought I had no time nor room for hesitations, that I had to take this exam now. Our GC would be flooded with “*kaya ko ba to?*” “*Kaya natin to guys, push lang*” “*ang dami ko pa backlogs*” “*isa lang nasimulan ko*” and what stood out amongst all those messages were we had the support of each other, we were in the same sinking boat and we chose to paddle to shore instead of doing nothing. Those 4 days of the exam were exhausting, sabi nga nila “*marathon ang boards*” and I have felt that. It was not my first time experiencing a board exam but 4 days was different. During those 4 days, i’d be lying if i said i didn’t have doubts about my preparation as I knew deep down, *hindi naman ako confident sa sarili ko, pero sabi nga nila hindi din naman natin alam ano lalabas sa boards* and so I just did my best in answering and in testmanship, after that, **I surrendered all my worries and fears to Him, si Lord na ang bahala.**

From the day when the result was released, it felt surreal, *hindi pa nagsisink* in, but I am blessed to have seen my name there and together with my friends and colleagues here present. I couldn’t have done this without Him. Many have congratulated us as the hours passed after the release of the results, and now we are here, again this will not be possible without the continuous help and support from others.

They are the people who were with us when we needed help and who are now with us to celebrate this achievement.

**To my parents**, thank you for the gift of life and for raising me with unwavering love and care. You worked tirelessly to provide for my needs and to shape me into who I am today. Thank you for always standing by my side during difficult times, for your constant encouragement, and for reminding me that no challenge in life is too great to overcome. I am truly grateful for your guidance, your sacrifices, and your endless love. For all of this, I will forever be thankful.

**To our teachers and mentors**, who have helped us, shaped us and challenged us to grow, thank you. Thank you for all the lessons, prayers and inspiration you’ve imparted with us, most especially days before we took our boards and for believing in us that we can achieve more than we have ever hoped for.

**To my fellow passers**, We share the triumph of overcoming the challenges we had in our course and for passing the board exams. I appreciate our time being together, and thank you for being part of my life.

**Know that being a MD is just not a reward from our hard work**, but rather see it as a testament to the process that we all underwent when we devoted ourselves to study. It is a proof of the lessons that we have learned and will carry on for the rest of our lives. **.....Dr. Romi Rose Tiburcio**

*Rising to the Top through Dedication, Discipline, and Purpose.*





**PRESIDENT, FEU-NRMF MEDICAL ALUMNI SOCIETY**  
**Maria Carmen Quevedo, MD, Class 1983**



## *MESSAGE FOR PLE PASSERS*

*APRIL 14, 2026*

President and COO Mr. Juan Enrique Reyes, Chief of Staff Mr. Kevyn Reyes, VPAA Dr. Magdalena F. Natividad, Dean Dr. Pio Esguerra, Vice Dean Dr. Mari-Ann Bringas, colleagues and most especially to whom this message is addressed to – our new doctors, a pleasant morning!

It was just about a month ago when we were in this same hall and we were sending you off and wishing you the best of luck when you were about to take the Physician's Licensure examination. Here you are - you made it! Today, it is with great pride and heartfelt joy that I stand before you as the President of the Medical Alumni Society to congratulate each one of you on this remarkable achievement and I truly understand what this moment means. **Passing this exam is more than a personal victory, but a confirmation of what you have become.** It is the culmination of the years of your sacrifice, as well as that of your families.

As we are now celebrating this most important milestone, that dream of becoming a doctor, remember this is not the end but only the beginning of a new chapter of your lives. I have already said this last time. Medicine is not simply a career. It is a calling. **Being a "doctor" will carry an enormous responsibility.**

The letters M.D. which you will attach after your name is not a decoration but a promise. **A promise to study continuously, to act ethically, to treat each patient with dignity. A promise to serve even when it is inconvenient.**

The board exam is not the finish line, it is the beginning of a lifetime of healing, learning and leading. The practice of Medicine will test your patience, challenge your limits, and many times humble you. However, it is the most rewarding of all professions, that great privilege to heal and be trusted by patients and their families.

As alumni of FEU, you not only carry your personal name, but the name and legacy of this institution that mentored you and helped you become what you are now. I am reminded of the book *"All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten"* by Robert Feilghen. The book is a collection of short essays built around a single idea: The most important life lessons are the ones we learn as children.

**Carry the name and spirit of FEU with dignity and pride, carry with you the tradition of excellence and compassionate care.** Serve with excellence, lead with integrity and remain humble in all successes, challenges and adversities. Wherever you go, uphold these values in every patient you encounter, in every decision you make, and in every life you touch.



If you will recall the lyrics of the FEU Hymn: Though far from home, our feet may roam, our love will still be true. Our voices shall unite to praise thy name anew will treasure within our hearts the FEU.

Allow me to make you ponder on the following the way I did the last time:

Passing the board exam will give you a license.

Character will make you a physician.

Technical skill will allow you to diagnose.

Compassion will allow you to heal.

Knowledge will earn you respect.

Integrity will earn you trust.

On behalf of the FEU Medical Alumni Society, we, your alumni family, are proud of you and we are here to join you as you begin this new chapter. Let us all celebrate with gratitude. Congratulations and welcome to the profession!

.....**Dr. Ma. Carmen Quevedo**



**VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, FEU NRMF**  
**Magdalena F. Natividad, PhD**



### *Closing Message*

*April 14, 2026*

To our newly licensed physicians:

Today, we celebrate not just a result—but the fulfillment of a calling.

With a 94.83% passing rate, and as the only top performing school with more than 100 examinees recognized by the PRC, you have brought great honor not only to yourselves and your families, but to the entire academic community that stood beside you.

When I last spoke to you (that was, during The Send-off), you were on the threshold—filled with hope, preparation, and quiet determination.

Today, you have crossed that threshold. You are no longer future physicians. You are now doctors.

As your Vice President for Academic Affairs, I could not be prouder. This remarkable achievement reflects not only your intellect, but your perseverance, resilience, and unwavering commitment to your purpose. But beyond the numbers, beyond the recognition, what truly matters is this: You have become the kind of physicians the world needs.

Allow me once more to speak to you as a future patient: One day, I may sit across from you—not as your mentor, but as someone seeking care, reassurance, and healing. And now, I say this not with



anticipation, but with certainty: **I trust you. Because I know that behind your knowledge is compassion. Behind your competence is integrity. Behind your title is a heart that has been shaped by both science and service.**

As you move forward, remember: Medicine is not merely a profession—it is a lifelong commitment to learning, humility, and humanity. You will encounter moments of triumph, but also moments of uncertainty. There will be times when science has limits, and when what your patient needs most is not an answer—but your presence. Never lose that.

Continue to listen.

Continue to care.

Continue to grow.

And always remember where you began. **Carry with you the values your alma mater has instilled—excellence, compassion, and service above self.**

**Today, you celebrate. Tomorrow, you begin again—this time, not as students, but as stewards of life and health.**

Stand tall, doctors.

You have earned this moment.

We are proud of you.

We believe in you. And the world is better because of you.

And to the leadership, faculty and staff of the School of Medicine, a big Congratulations! You deserve the accolade for your determination to push our students to become successful examinees, thus bestowing on our institution a great honor.

I'd like to thank the FEU-NRMF Medical Alumni Society led by its president **Dr Maria Carmen Quevedo**, and the FEU-DNRSM Alumni Foundation of USA, led by its Chairman of the Board, **Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez**, for their unwavering support. I know you are equally ecstatic because of this feat.

Again, Congratulations, newly minted doctors, and may God always bless your journey ahead.

.....**Dr. Magdalena Natividad**

*FEU-NRMF Leaders, Faculty Team & MAS: One in Purpose. #One in Excellence!*



*PLE Passers, Faculty & Leaders: A moment of Gratitude, Pride and Triumph*

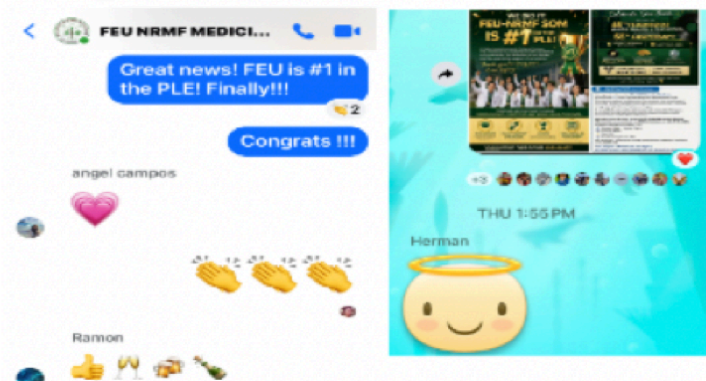
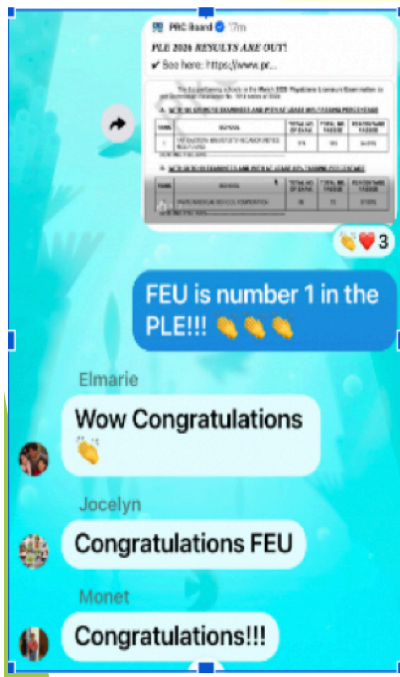


**Greetings from Class '84**

**Florence Wandisan-Rosete, MD '84**



Congrats I shared it to FB. I'm so happy. My Niece Dr Fiona Bal Pardo successfully passed !!! Bosing Gail Salamat sa great assistance during those trying times in her life! @Bosing Randy Urtula Salamat sa magaling na mentorship ( strict ka daw or terror ba yun?) she is now in Residency training sa FEU in Pediatrics! ❤️



**Franklin Montellano, MD '84**



**Cynthia Cabalfin, MD '79**  
Hi Nida  
Thank you for sharing good news about FEUNRMF  
I try to share your message to our 1979 messenger website.  
Please send me thru messenger and I'll forward to our group  
Salamat  
Cynthia



**Other Classes Greetings!**



**Charita Literato-Dagcuta, MD '69**

Wow!!! I'll forward the post .thnks

Leslie >

What a proud moment for FEU! Great job to the Foundation on the work, support and inspiration for the medical students!

**Leslie Ralleca-Farolan, MD '86**



*FEU-NRMF #1 in the March 2026 PLE! Excellence Achieved. Legacy Elevated.*

## An Inspiration and Motivation for Future PLE taker!



### **Kierson Brad Barbosa, Class '2025**

PGI Surgery, University of the Philippines  
Past FEUDNRSMAF Scholar

The recent achievement of FEU-NRMF School of Medicine in the Physician Licensure Examination (PLE) reflects the institution's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and the delivery of high quality medical education. Being recognized as a top performing school highlights the university's strong foundation in training competent physicians, further establishing its position as one of the leading medical schools in the Philippines.

This milestone is not only a testament to the dedication of the faculty and administration, but also to the perseverance and discipline of its students. As a FEUTURE physician, this accomplishment serves as a profound source of **inspiration and motivation**. It reinforces a sense of pride and responsibility among students to uphold the standards of excellence that the institution consistently demonstrates.

This achievement inspires me to further dedicate myself to my studies in preparation for the upcoming PLE this October 2026. In terms of my preparation, I try to manage my time effectively by balancing my internship duties with consistent study habits. I make it a point to utilize my available time efficiently, studying in between duties and reading as much as I can to reinforce my knowledge and clinical understanding. Ad astra per aspera, through hardships to the stars! ✨

.....**Kierson Brad Barbosa**

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

**Macario Corpuz, M.D. MBA, FAAFP, Class '88**



## An Invitation for the 45th Annual Reunion and Convention 2026

Greetings!

We're excited to invite all FEUNRMF medical alumni to our 45th Annual Reunion and Scientific Convention, July 19–21, 2026 at Motor City Casino Hotel, 2901 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI. Catch up with old friends, share stories, and celebrate our FEU roots together. Whether you became a doctor, nurse, or another healthcare professional, the FEU bond stays strong and true. Let's reminisce about medical school days and lift each other up as we look ahead. Hope to see you there—because tomorrow isn't guaranteed for any of us.

To avail the group hotel discount, please book your reservation early.

See you soon our dear friends...

.....**Macario Corpuz, M.D.**



Join us for the

# 45th FEUDNRSMF Alumni Reunion & Convention

55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



**Detroit – The Motor City**

July 19–21, 2026

## Highlights:

- **Motown-Themed Welcome Night**
- **Filipiniana Night**
- **Grand Ball**
- **FREE 8 Units CME**

Let's reconnect, celebrate our legacy, and continue uplifting future FEU physicians through scholarships, faculty support, and the development of our *Simulation Laboratory*.



*As Mother Teresa said: "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."*

**Be there. Be proud. Be part of the legacy.**

