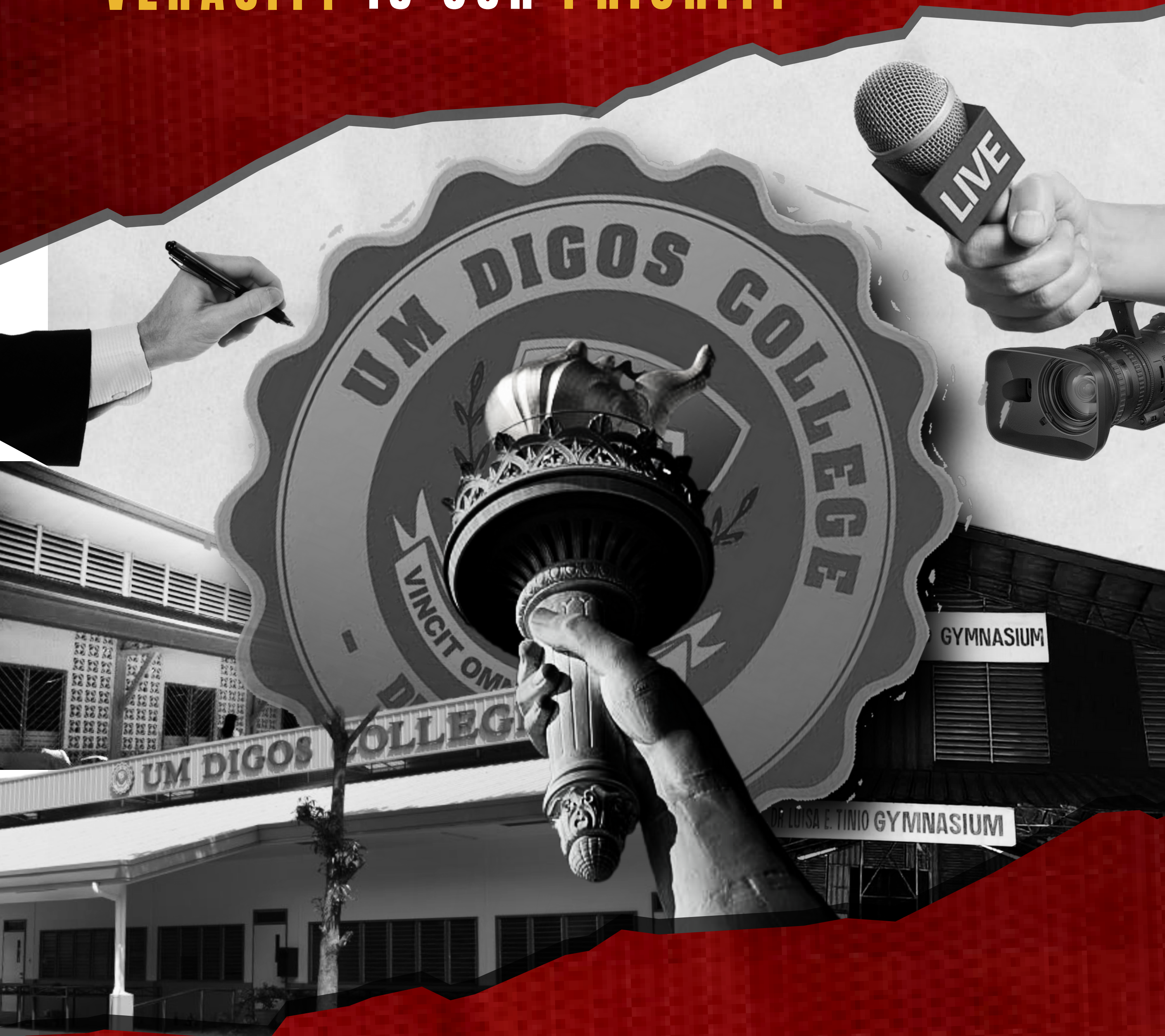


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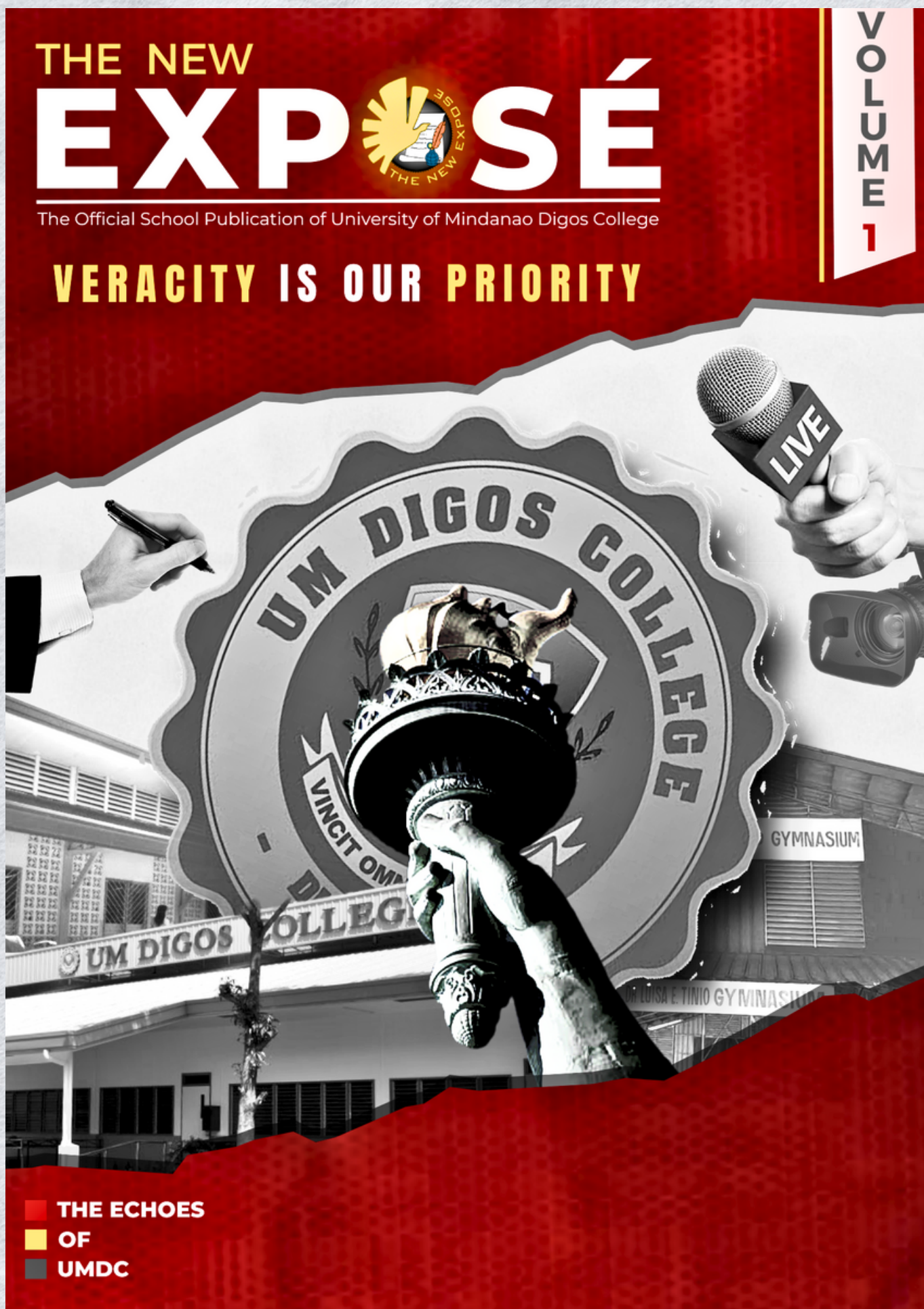


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# ABOUT THE COVER



How true are the rumors about breakups in social media? How believable are these infidelity issues circulating? How can people see both sides of the coin when they do not even know who tossed it? These questions have arisen in the techno-savvy generation in which humans are bound to be radically exposed to diverse platforms that transmit information, may it be the truth or a mere hoax. While the media is

believed to be biased and liberal, it is still the very right of individuals to ignore or get click baited.

To battle this stumbling block, The New Exposé student publication has given precedence to terminate the period of fraudulence and dishonesty by opening the doors of journalism and honing young writers to fight deception, urge critical thinking, and flourish in the literary world using mighty pens as swords. With the University's support, the proficient writers became the outlet for authentic news, where the distorted truth will never be famed, and veracity would be the trending personality. This priority is the benchmark to move the diamonds away from tarnishing in the influence of tainted speech.



## Mindanao hosted the first inauguration of a VP

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The outgoing Davao City Mayor Inday Sara Duterte-Carpio has already taken her oath as the 15th Vice President of the Philippines on June 19, 2022 at San Pedro Square, Davao City.

Associate Justice Ramon Paul Hernando spearheaded the undertaking of the oath and signature. Vice President Sara Duterte-Carpio's parents, President Rodrigo Duterte and Elizabeth Zimmerman, were with her on stage to officially witness her oath-taking ceremony.

In her inaugural address, she highlighted the challenges that youths are facing nowadays, such as drugs, poverty, criminality, sexually transmitted diseases, and other endless lists of issues. She also pointed out that it is the duty of each Filipino family to emphasize that education begins at home. Lastly, she encouraged every Filipino citizen to be more united as a nation, and to continue showing love and patriotism towards our country, the Philippines.

President-elect Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, together with his wife Liza Araneta-Marcos, 1st District Representative of Iloilo Sandro Marcos, and Senator Imee Marcos, attended the said inauguration. Former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and other politicians were also present at the said inauguration.

It can be recalled that Sara Duterte-Carpio received 87% of the votes in a conducted university-wide campus survey from May 2 to 4, 2022. This is to determine the students' preference for key national positions the 2022 election among all UM college students who are registered voters and enrolled in the second semester of A.Y. 2021-2022.

It is a record-breaking that Mindanao hosted the first-ever inauguration of a vice president of the Philippines. On June 30, 2022, the Vice President will formally take office.



## UMDC hails "Model Branch" award over COVID-19 halt

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Anchoring on the philosophy of "polishing diamonds in the rough," the University of Mindanao Digos College (UMDC) bagged the "Model Branch" title amidst pandemic in line with the celebration of UM 76th Founding Anniversary 2022 on July 29 via Zoom Conference.

The event coincided with the 73rd fruitful and meaningful existence of UMDC, the first branch established in 1949. With the top management's all-encompassing assistance and bedrock of support, UMDC stands committed to the realization of its Vision, Mission, Goals, Core Values, and Student Outcomes.

In all the recognitions given, the UMDC employees triumphed and stood out among the rest. Winners of the awards were the following: Vice President for Branch Operations Dr. Tessie G. Miralles garnered as the Golden Harvest Awardee;

Mr. Alex M. Tanguenca, Jr. of Quality Management Office was declared as the Model Employee; Ms. Riza P. Muyco, who overhauled thirty-five consecutive years as Registrar; and for the MTV Competition, UMDC got a Consolation Prize.

The UM Main Campus organized the commemoration, which aimed to congregate all employees steering an astronomical rise in pursuit and commitment to quality, affordable, and open education across the Mindanao region.

Dean of College Eduard L. Pulvera praised the organizers saying that they had been shaken by the earthquakes and challenged by the pandemic, yet the employees from his branch remained resilient and adaptive. "We, on the Digos team, are extremely grateful of the school's recognition, and we pledge to persist in pushing hard to ensure that the institution's ideals are fully internalized," the Dean of College said.

The Model Branch recognition of UMDC was the 7th time attaining it in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2021, and 2022. Last 2020, there was no celebration of the founding anniversary due to the strict adherence to health protocols.

"All of us at UMDC are devoted in executing the luxury of time and immense efforts in line with the University's vigorous Quality Assurance pursuits," Vice President for Branch Operations Dr. Miralles claimed.

Four thousand six hundred viewer attendees from the main private university and different branches of colleges joined the virtual conference with the theme: "Overcoming Uncertainty, Strengthening Resiliency."

# T N E



## Team Journey triumphs Cheers and Yells

BY: JAYDIONE M. MAKIWAY

"Ga, ali diri, acad scholars ni. Palihug daplini, Team Journey dasmagi".

With their deafening voices, top-notch choreography, entertaining cheers, and upbeat yells, Team Journey has lived up to a line in their yells "intimidate and dominate, team Journey number 1."

Showing beyond doubt that they got the pride and the spirit, Team Journey was hailed as champions of the Cheers and Yells competition during the first UM Digos Honor Society Acquaintance Party.

Despite individual hectic schedules, team Journey was still able to put on a show to impress the crowd and amaze the judges with their astounding performance on October 1, 2022 at the UMDC campus.

"I am very proud of my members because we only had little to no time to practice and prepare our props, but everything has paid off because of everyone's cooperation," said by Team Journey's leader, Dianne Grazielle U. Carillo.

On the first day of their practice, Carillo added that only one member has showed up for their rehearsals.

"One of our motivation is just to enjoy the show and give our 100," added by Carillo when asked about what were their motivations during their practice and preparation.

Placing second is the Team Carpenters followed by Team Shamrock at third.

During the post-celebration interview, Team Carpenters' Leader, Angelica Relano, emphasized that they were not aiming to win but to just get to know each other and enjoy the moment.

"It was really a struggle for us to gather every members, but we still made it and we have overcome these struggles through good communication," added by Relano.

The assistant leader of team Shamrock was also overwhelmed and grateful when asked about how they felt that their team placed third.

"We were really not expecting to place third, but I'm very happy and proud of everyone," said by Kenneth Alicante.

These teams' triumph have proved that the UM Honor Society is full of talented and passionate academic scholars.



## Team Starship shoot for the stars in Lip-Sync Battle Parody

BY: MARIA BONITA C. BAUTISTA AND ROGER F. MANGUBAT

As part of the first-ever celebration effectuated by the Honor Society of UM Digos College, five of the eight teams stepped up to the plate to win the Lip-Sync Battle Parody, October 1, 2022 at the UMDC Gymnasium.

The Lip Sync Battle Parody aims to showcase confidence, humor, and creativity among scholars while pretending to sing simultaneously with a recorded sound, which the contenders of Team Starship have given justice as they wrapped up first place.

The four representatives from Team Shamrock entertained the crowd with their nostalgic funny vibes whilst impersonating old couples. The songs "Pasayawa ko Day!" and "Ang Tigulang" prompted their act. A male acting as a granddaughter, and a female dressing as an old grandpa was the highlight of their show.

Team Journey made the crowd go wild by executing extreme emotions and humorous choreography. The concept was all about family drama and siblings' rivalries, causing rock showdown energy along with the songs "We Will Rock You" by Queen and "Beat It" by Michael Jackson. A mother figure played by Jebb Gubalane flabbergasted the audience as he abruptly appeared on stage to resolve the chaos, lip syncing the songs "Hit Me Baby One More Time" by Britney Spears and "Wrecking Ball" by Miley Cyrus.

"Trust yourself because that is the first step to achieving something great," Gubalane said.

The three outstanding performers from team ABBA unveil their hidden acting skills as they intensify the crowd with their love-affair themed performance of the local Cebuano song "Kinsa Siya." In the latter part of their performance, they succeeded in making it more exciting and dramatic by incorporating a plot twist with the song "Ako ay Isang Model" by Black Jack, in which the male performer contested for love by the two women turned into a softy gay man.

Meanwhile, a solo act from team Starship outnumbered the performers from other teams as Mr. Jayrald Caro delivered a highly amusing rendition of the song "Let It Go" from the 2013 Disney film, Frozen. With the help of his two back-ups, the crowd burst out laughing when he used baby powder to supplement Queen Elsa's ice power; by exaggerating his performance, he deserved a standing ovation and a great round of applause.

"My performance was an impromptu act and I only gave instructions to my two back-ups when and where to enter during the performance," Caro said. "I voluntarily accepted the challenge because no one else had the guts to represent my team."

Team Guns N' Roses rocked the entire gymnasium with their hyping performance of classic rock band songs from the 90's. Their team was composed of four performers who gave a concert-vibe performance.

Only three teams have made it to the top as a result of their performances. The team Guns N' Roses earned third place, while team Journey landed in the second spot. Moreover, the solo act from team Starship won the title for the Lip Sync Battle Parody competition.

The main thrust of the competition intends scholars to broaden their horizons by participating in events that showcased the talents and skills as it allows them to be more confident and encourages reaching their greatest potential.



## UMDC Honor Society grants Vocal Solo victors

BY: TRISHALLY MITCH T. GERALDINO

Committed to one of the university's values which is excellence, the UM Digos College Honor Society – the organization for the university's academic scholars, held an acquaintance party last October 1, 2022, at Dr. Luisa E. Tinio gymnasium where students were given the opportunity to showcase their talents and skills in different event categories critiqued by an expert board of judges.

One of the highlighted events is the Vocal Solo. Entrants from disparate teams: Team Bee Gees, Team Shamrock, Team Journey, Team Abba, Team Aegis, Team Starship, Team Guns 'n Roses, and Team Carpenters serenade the crowd through their euphonious voices. Winners of this competition were the following: Team Shamrock hailed 1st place, Team Abba declared as the 2nd placer, and Team Guns 'n Roses secured 3rd place.

In an interview, Ms. Airah Escalona from Team Shamrock said, "I feel overwhelmed as I bagged 1st place since I only joined this event to get a certificate for the signing of clearance but unexpectedly, I won 1st place, and I'm grateful."

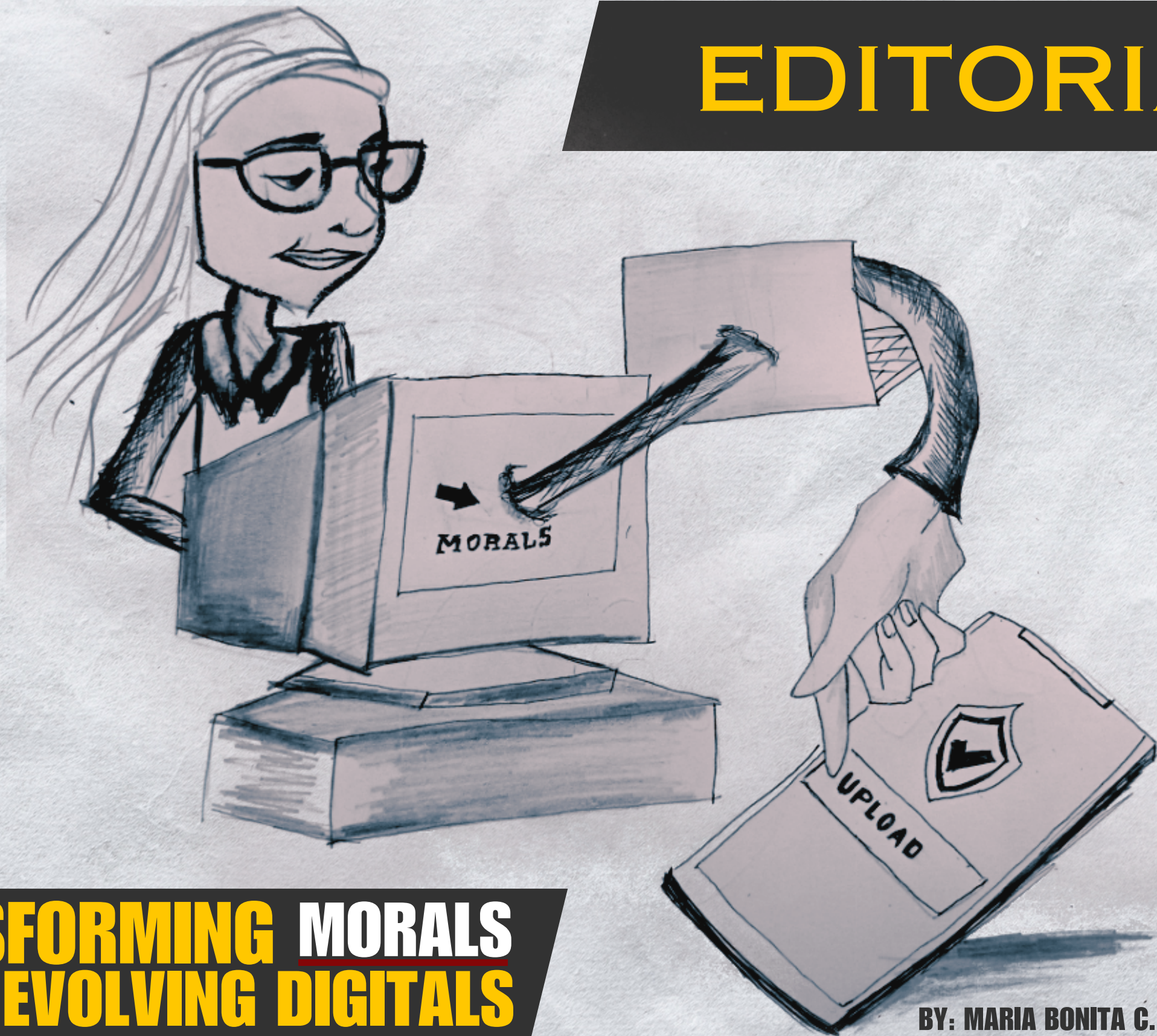
Furthermore, she added that she prepared herself mentally and physically for the vocal solo contest. And as a member of the Honor Society, she wished to remind her fellow scholars to excel not just in academics, but also in showcasing their respective gifts.

On the other hand, Ms. Essa Agbon from Guns 'n Roses who won 3rd place expressed, "I'm shocked that I was declared the 3rd placer since, for me, my voice doesn't suit the song choice."

Moreover, she uttered, "The wisdom I can impart as a member of this organization, the Honor Society is to be yourself and not hesitate to display your talents."

Throughout the years since the Honor Society was established, this is the first time it facilitated a grandiose event like this where the academic scholars were able to exhibit the gems hidden within their selves in non-academic events.

There are over 700 members of this student organization from UM Digos College, and they showed positive feedback towards this memorable gathering.



BY: MARIA BONITA C. BAUTISTA

## TRANSFORMING MORALS ABOVE EVOLVING DIGITALS

BY: DAVE FLORENZ PAUL J. SANTOS ■ ■ ■

Social media-savvy individuals have recently proliferated a meteoric rise in population. To confront the glitches of dwelling in a global village, people of all ages have transformed into highly literate as they navigate the routes of internet-connected devices such as cellular phones, iPads, laptops, and tablets. If mainly for this thrust alone, social media is of premium and paramount necessity.

As a natural byproduct of the vast multitude of applications for electronic media, such as the online superhighway and other peripherals, we are keen to accumulate gigabytes of information with just the click of a mouse button. This serves as a sensor that collates through every bit of content we seek in a relatively short span of time.

Journalism is a cornerstone in elevating social media without compromising the integrity of the field. There is an automatic assumption that journalists, whether they are still students or already professionals, will uphold the scrupulous standards of morality. They are, first and foremost, adept when it comes to wielding digital technology. Anent to

this, it requires precision, coherence, proficiency, and a moral compass. With these fundamental building blocks of modern literacy, one can converse in a substantial manner while also shouldering the intellectual and moral responsibilities associated with such communication.

Truthfulness is directly proportional to precision in the communication process, and this imposes to both the utilization of social media platforms like Facebook and emails. Even a minimal quantity of erroneous information can have grave repercussions. Everything that contradicts itself constitutes an outright fabrication. Being credible mandates consistency. Only information that can be shown to be congruent with an indisputable truth can be considered reliable. Each lie, irrespective of how trivial it may seem on the surface, is still a false claim.

Likewise, one must exercise extreme caution while relying over truthfulness.



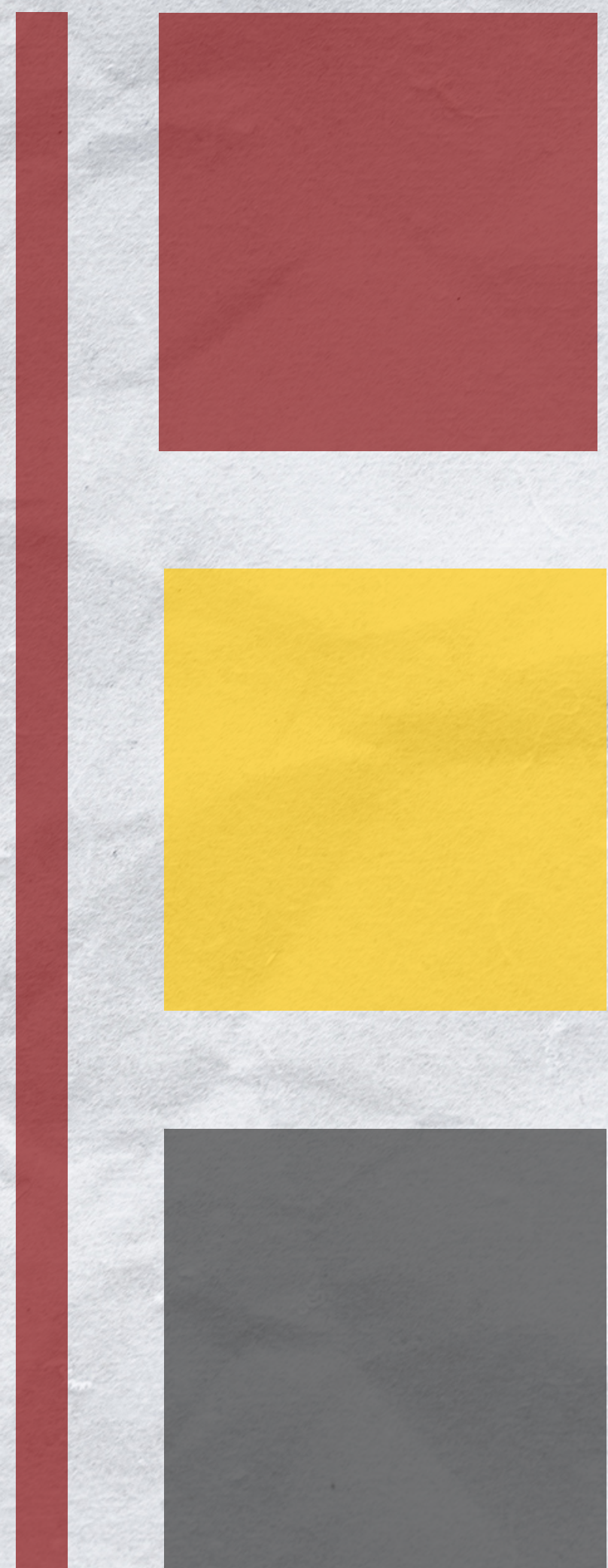
# EDITORIAL

For instance, the atrocity of someone's conduct, even if it can be justified with absolute conviction, must not be dispersed around without first being viewed through the lens of introspective contemplation and ethical scrutiny. To be proficient towards the handling of digitals does not imply that one must generate these digitals at any moment or in any format. Today, what we crave most is communication, but with a healthy dose of caution. The pervasiveness of hostility and rage across the web's social networks is indicative of a fraying moral fabric in the realm of verbal exchange. It is imperative, both for reasons of morality and intellectual accountability, that chatterbox be shut down.

Individuals still have the ultimate option to ignore or fall prey to click bait in spite of the notion that the media is often deemed to be liberally biased. To surmount this impediment, we have prioritized dumping a halt to the period of dishonesty and fraud by democratizing the landscape of journalism. We perform this by upskilling and equipping young writers to combat deception, stimulate epistemological curiosity, and thrive in the literature industry by leveraging mighty pens as swords. The skilled writers evolved into a channel for authentic news, one in which the twisted version of the truth would never earn renown and veracity would be the in-demand mindset. This first priority will serve as the benchmark for shifting the gems away from the effect of the tainted speech, which could induce distortion.

Making strides to safeguard one's integrity in the wake of interwoven system of information is a perpetual virtuous task. Nevertheless, it is imperative to match this with a phenomenal dedication not to alter the deeply ingrained ethics that emerge inside this global village. Whatever

progress is attained, the evolution of staying on the cutting edge of discipline should not be taken for granted. The mastery of technological skills by themselves will never be sufficient to usher forth the development. In forging ahead toward progress, it is pertinent to boost a wide threshold of refinement in all dimensions of human communication and behavior. If an individual's intent upon incorporating their right to free speech is to defend this purity in the eye of threats posed by cybercriminals and dishonesty on the internet, then that prerogative is being exploited.



This present pandemic's ramifications are revealing at a speeding up pace. As a new dawn arises, a sense of uncertainty exists, and we gradually lose the ability to perceive how each day anticipates. Perhaps, this new world taught us that deciphering the core of excellence became elusive. Hence, due to COVID-19, we ought to be thrust into the realm of a new normal world where fear of not measuring up truly poses a gigantic challenge in our everyday lives, especially for students. Thereupon, questions may unfold - Will the coming dawn guarantee a new beginning of hope as we chase excellence considering that we thrive each day amid uncertainty? Is there any path that still leads our way to excellence?

The impacts undulating from the COVID-19 crisis create changes in the different spectrums of life. A tough and challenging situation, but those individuals who became part of the academic community perceive excellence as a process rather than a product. A colossal number of students like us may discover this new circumstance somewhat difficult to push forward, thinking that we cannot see what life's ahead. Some may have encountered a feeling of anxiety, vulnerability, and, surprisingly, fear at the indication of the near future. Thus, a truth slaps - this is the great time to understand that pressure is genuinely overpowering and that the present-day situation hinders the way towards our individual excellence.

Notwithstanding the uncertain situation, a remarkable character that builds a new world for excellence rises from dawn. A symbol of new beginning, we gradually deliver ourselves into the undaunted hardship that the society had established. This is a significant step so that with every delayed success, it will eventually turns out to become a progress. As students in this new normal education, we tend to unveil a new page of the book and be able to take account that excellence is also the condition of surpassing some standards of expectations.

Even in the comfort of our homes, we have faced so much from it - from how other people perceive us to judging our worth as a student. But because of our unwavering determination, this crisis's negativity was not difficult to handle. With the guidance of the people within the institution and those behind our every endeavor, we learn to shed in a place that taught us that every tomorrow is an attempt towards excellence. We, students in this generation, keep on embracing the challenge that this new normal in education has made and had never been before. As Les Brown eloquently stated, "In order to accomplish something that we never accomplished, we should become somebody that goes out from the cocoon."

Generally speaking, we as a human consistently dream of excellence. We battle in our day-to-day routines and experience to our most extraordinary potential. We are attempting to accomplish development and greatness on the personal and academic levels. Thus, large numbers of us know about the stuff to develop and succeed while the vast majority of us don't know about how one can be effective and can accomplish greatness on all levels. Coupled with bravery, it is a heart full of passion and mind use for an important mission that will pave the way for excellence.

Indeed, the coming dawn will surely guarantee a new beginning of hope as we chase excellence despite the challenges that this new normal had planted. The dawn that leads to excellence is the same dawn that arises, where challenges are at stake and is what truly matters, because to a much greater extent, excellence truly awaits. Just like diamonds, we, students are polished in the rough.

# SHE WHO SILENCED THE ODDS

It was a sporadic event of a student's life, the moment when the surfaces of the Coliseum were filled with loud claps, cheers, and exchanging of "congratulations". Like any other student, their graduation was the repercussion of their hard work, but for Sydney, it was the fruit of her efforts in keeping up with the hearing world.

Deafness is regarded as the state of lacking the ability to hear. Traditionally, due to the biased attitude of hearing people, the deaf community developed a sense of distrust because they are viewed as handicapped, sick, and people needing medication. Sydney Merry Nhey Pantojan, 25 years old, and has a hearing impairment, proved the world wrong about people with disabilities and stood firm amidst these prejudices and barriers, and became the 1st PWD in Digos City who graduated college with a Bachelor's Degree in Technical-Vocational Teacher Education, Major in Food and Service Management.

The learning process for deaf people may be slower and more challenging to learn. According to Sydney, "hearing people are fast," but she never gives up and is patient all the way. One of her achievements is becoming the 1st runner-up during Miss Digos 2019, changing her sign name from "pretty" to "beauty queen". She's also an active majorette at the University of Mindanao-Digos College. For decades, deaf individuals have struggled to find their place in a hearing world, but Sydney made herself her inspiration; that's why she remained strong and gained success. She aspires to work as a teacher in the future.



BY:  
**SHAINA ELLA RAGANAS AND MARIA BONITA BAUTISTA**

During her interview, she noted that her parents taught her to be patient and humble; even though she belongs to the deaf community, she always lives by excellent ideals. "Grateful that my parents are always there to support me, even though I'm deaf, my values are good because that's what my parents taught me," according to Sydney, as translated by her interpreter. Sydney advises never to be afraid to ask for assistance and never be afraid to approach the teacher for direction.

In the learning environment, as confirmed by the World Federation of the Deaf, approximately 80% of the world's 70 million Deaf people do not get any education in developing countries. It's a breakthrough for Sydney to accomplish her studies in a prestigious and inclusive school. In addition to providing excellent education, the University of Mindanao - Digos College is extremely accommodating to learners like her.

Attempting to grasp and sort out the world with all five senses can seem challenging and overwhelming at times, but living in a world where people don't require their ears to understand the uproar of this crazy society is beautiful. Indeed, Sydney proves that not being able to speak is not the same as not having anything to say.

# **HORIZON:**

## **JOURNEY OF THE POLISHED DIAMONDS**



Throughout life, individuals recognize that they have encountered many life-changing events that have had an impact on their identity, whether it was involving their religion, culture, or other personal events. July 26, 2022, marks the 72nd College Commencement of the University of Mindanao-Digos College awarding 9 Summa Cum Laude, 37 Magna Cum Laude, and 26 Cum Laude, this day celebrates the ending of all the trembles students have felt in a school where they polish diamonds in the rough.

A number of emotions can be seen in the graduates' faces as they bid goodbye to their colleagues and friends. It was a huge post-COVID celebration held at Davao Del Sur Coliseum and the most awaited moment of the estimated total of 500 graduates. It was indeed the exciting part after years of hardships, stress, and scariest events.

The ceremony started with the singing of the National Anthem followed by a prayer led by the school choir. One of the emotional moments was the reading of dedication to the parents which was delivered by Mr. Jeriel Tero, Summa Cum Laude, graduate of BSED-English, the scenario became more heartfelt as the parents give their "response of parents" speech to their big achievers. For the graduates, stepping upon a grand stage was the best thing they could have ever done, wearing their dream black toga and cap, paired with their glamorous outfits, and completed with a fancy gift from the people who supported their backs throughout their journey.



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It was an amazing way to highlight the end of their amazing chapter in their lives. Graduation is not something that people can't get every day. It isn't even something that everyone gets to do in their lifetime. It becomes a landmark of memory from the graduates' perspective. To make a milestone memorable, the graduates sang "We're All in This Together" by High School Musical, as a dedication to their Alma Matter. It was a lively song and was the highlight of the ceremony. The theme of the song also relates to the graduates' friends which reminded them that it was a moment dedicated to celebrating with the people who were with them during their sail towards success.

For the students who have graduated, the invocation served as the symbolization that things are changing and that individuals' life will soon be different yet success isn't just found only at graduation, it can also be attained in the process, from waking up early in the morning to attend online classes, to make the best-tasting coffee, completing all the Quipper to-do lists, and surviving the pandemic is already an achievement. Quoted by Shonda Rhimes "Dreams are lovely. But they are just dreams. Fleeting, ephemeral, pretty. But dreams do not come true just because you dream them. It's hard work that creates change".

**DOMINATING THE SPOTLIGHT**

It's the time of the year when students gather in their most fabulous outfits that fit their theme. Many wore glittery dresses and flexed their aesthetics that fit into the retro vintage style. Still, only two individuals could make the crowd turn their heads: Jahzeel Ligtas and John Mycho Hernan.

Sheathed in an elegant white dress, the fourth-year BSED Science student Jahzeel Ligtas managed to bag along with her was John Mycho Hernan, a first-year BS Accountancy student dressed in a classic 90's men's outfit who brought the title of Mr. Head Turner of the Night. Indeed, they both slayed the night during the UMDC Honor Society Acquaintance Party with the theme "Fostering Camaraderie in the Academic Society," held at Dr. Luisa E. Tinio Gymnasium on October 1, 2022.

The Mr. and Ms. Head Turners contestants had an opportunity to ramp onto the stage and speak on behalf of their respective groups during the event. The pasarela was a piece of cake for Jahzeel, who represented Team Journey. She has already won other beauty pageants, including Mutya ng UMDC, where she finished third runner-up. Regarding Team Bee Gees member John Myco, the moment he was declared the winner didn't seem real. He was overwhelmed and hadn't anticipated becoming the top pick as it was his first time competing in a beauty pageant, and he hadn't even adequately prepared for it.

The two also emphasized how pleased they are with the organizers' accommodations and how much they enjoy the retro theme since, in their opinion, it enables students to reflect on the past and appreciate its fashion.



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**BY:  
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They also claimed that being an Honor Society member puts too much pressure on maintaining your grades. Yet, they insisted on navigating their utmost academically despite the strain.

In every walk of life, there will be someone who stands out for something, and these two, Ms. Ligtas and Mr. Hernan, gave their teams pride and made themselves feel accomplished. They establish themselves as a wonderful duo that the Honor Society will never forget.



**CONQUERING THE GREAT WALL OF UM:  
A BRIGHT HORIZON LIES WITHIN**



**Choose UM, Ga!**

Without a doubt, Mindanao schools have long been at the forefront of providing learners with the best possible learning environment, and choosing to study in Mindanao could be an excellent idea with strong board test rankings, student-friendly spaces, and economic universities. It's not a secret that Mindanao universities continue to excel in terms of providing top-notch education to the region's youth. These institutions teach their stakeholders high academic standards and encourage them to share their talents internationally, which is evident in the achievements of each student that has experienced excellence. Therefore, I do not have second thoughts about enrolling at the University of Mindanao and gaining access to the highest-quality education available. You will believe that UM is "the first in leadership education," as its motto states.

There are several reasons why you should join the University of Mindanao's community of excellent educators, accomplished administration, and learning-friendly environment:

**■ Most affordable private university in the region but still provide high-quality education**

UM is the most economical private institution in the region, with a much lower price per subject unit and tuition charge than its competitors. This was determined by Atty. Guillermo E. Torres, UM's founding father, who envisioned a university that would embrace students from all areas of life, allowing everyone who aspired to a college degree to do so on an equal footing.



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Nonetheless, undeniably give its stakeholders the best quality experience in education.

**■ Consistent certification with local and international quality assurance certifying bodies.**

PACUCOA, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and, most crucially, the International Organization for Standardization have all worked with the University of Mindanao in the past. PACUCOA recognizes it as the institution with the most accredited programs in the Davao region and second nationwide. Moreover, it is recognized by CHED as the Centers of Excellence in Teacher Education, Business Administration, and Criminology; and as the Centers of Development in Accountancy, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Information Technology, and Mechanical Engineering; it is only one of two PACUCOA-accredited institutions in the Philippines.

The local government has also recognized the university for its contributions to developing Davao's workforce and for producing top performers in national licensure exams. Meanwhile, the ISO 9001:2015 accreditation ensures that UM's academic programs are recognized internationally, transferring students' academic records to other schools and businesses worldwide.

■ **It is the largest private university in Mindanao, with the most number of progress accredited by PACUGOA.**

While you may need to know what course to study when you come to college, the University of Mindanao is accredited by the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUGOA), which offers the most academic programs in the country.

Do you live on the outskirts of the main campus? Worry no more! UM offers branch campuses in Ilang, Panabo City, Tagum City, Peñaplata, Bansalan, and Digos City, allowing you various options depending on where you are and what degrees you choose to pursue..

■ **Flexible schedule through its term system.**

Are you a working student or have difficulty in time management? Worry less, Ga!

The UM term system, which is based on efficiency, focus, and quality, allows students to schedule their classes in one of three sessions: morning, afternoon, or evening. Students at UM must take four to five course loads per term (equal to two and a half months), which allows them to better focus on each subject, manage their extracurricular activities and personal time, and yet have quality study time. This is in contrast to completing nearly ten courses in a semester, which may be exhausting for both students and teachers.

■ **The University of Mindanao has more than 600 industry partners ready to accommodate immersion, externship, and on-the-job pieces of training.**

The university is proud of its partnerships with various corporate and governmental organizations in the city, which allow students, even in senior high school, to get a taste of what it's like to work. Students are exposed to the appropriate industries that align with their academic courses. Through early exposure programs like the externship for freshmen and sophomores, they can decide early on whether their chosen path suits them. It was designed to encourage students to change courses mid-way through their academic careers.

■ **Internationalization Programs**

The University of Mindanao understands the value of broadening students' perspectives regarding learning and life experiences and that other cultures have much to contribute to improving our own. As a result, students in college can apply for the AIMS (ASEAN International Mobility for Students) and UMAP (University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific) programs, which allow them to spend a semester studying abroad at partner institutions in Malaysia, Indonesia, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Japan. Isn't that thrilling? However, it depends upon the branches.

Overall, conquer the great wall that the University of Mindanao has established through the years of its service. Indeed, expect a bright horizon that awaits you in the real world as the institution will polish and train you incredibly in your chosen field.

Take a step towards a secure future! So, be part of UM, where it polishes a rock to be a diamond: stunning with excellence and brilliance.

## **GEARING UP THE NEWIES**

It is apocalyptic to enter a new vicinity when you are inexperienced with the system. It will pique your curiosity and motivate you to ask questions.

The University of Mindanao Digos College held a Freshmen and Transfeere Orientation today, August 17, 2022, at precisely eight in the morning to assist students in learning more about the services provided by the university. The Dean's Office is the first to identify their office and commit to providing services relating to grades and Quipper. The Records and Admission Center, the second office, lets students know that their records and papers are safe in its custody and that there is a student portal for quick access to any updates made by various offices. The student accounting office, which is the third office, informs students of the many scholarship programs and explains the purpose of their tuition fees. The Office of Student Affairs, whose responsibilities include student engagement, behavior, development, and awareness, was the fourth office to describe its roles. The Community Extension Center, the fifth office, displayed the institution's various programs and community extension activities. At noon, when the stomach needs to be filled with food, the orientation comes to an end.

At 1:30 pm, the orientation resumed, and a new group of offices discussed their offerings. The Office of External Relations and Alumni Affairs is the first to speak during the afternoon session. The presentation's primary focus is on university students who took advantage of the exchange course program and had international exposure. The second is the Guidance and Testing Center, which primarily supports students' mental and emotional well-being.

The Learning Information Center is the third office, where students can access various books, academic articles, and

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even fiction and non-fiction material that can further their understanding of the lessons they are learning in class. The Center for Health Services, which offers assistance to students at the university with health-related issues, was the last office to deliver its services.

There is an intermission number in the orientation between each office's presentation. The Performing Arts Guild demonstrated their skills by moving in time with the music and showing off their expressive faces. The University of Mindanao Digos Band also exhibits proficiency with a variety of musical instruments and tones. They also have some very clever baton and flag tricks. The university chorale's veteran and new members both demonstrate their impeccable hearing and singing.

The initial phase of the orientation also included introductions of the various department officers and a call to pledge allegiance to them as leaders and authority. Doctor Tessie Miralles, the university's vice president for operations, administered the oath. The introduction of the departments, led by several department heads, and covered their purpose, accomplishments, history, and objectives, marked the completion of the orientation. The one-day orientation was successfully held, and now that a new group of students is on campus, the university's only hope is that they will be able to continue choosing to enroll in the institution, stay for their whole academic career, and graduate with dignity.



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## A METAMORPHIC SPECTACLE OF TRANSFORMATION

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Intense... Exciting... Nerve-wracking... These are just few words that described the feelings of everyone, especially the participants of “Your Voice Sounds Familiar” during the first ever Acquaintance Party of the UM Digos Honor Society with a theme “Fostering Camaraderie in the Academic Society” held at Dr. Luisa E. Tinio Gymnasium.

Fueled by the students' entertaining vocal ability and fervent excitement, each team ignites its own flames in an effort to triumph, creating the searing spectacle. The live audiences were riveted as eight competing teams started to display their entries in the non-academic rivalry for the first ever, yet long anticipated UMDC Honor Society Acquaintance Party.

Each competing team has undeniably demonstrated their participants' skill in impersonating some of the iconic stars in the Philippine music industry by clamoring with humor, confidence, and vivacious stage presence.

The gymnasium continuously ablaze as the energetic yells and cheers makes a roaring sound that echoed the whole area giving their favorite participants the full support they needed. Equipped with applauses, shouts are reinforced to support their incredibly competitive representatives. As the participants perform, the audience are amazed and can truly sense that the brave participants are preparing, practicing a lot, and taking serious efforts just to showcase their astounding talent in copying the voice, actions, and the overall performance of their chosen artist that they are impersonating.

There will always be a victor in a battle, just like in any other competition. The most astounding of them all is from Team Aegis, Clifford Jay Pardillo - a third year student taking up Bachelor of Science in Criminology who transformed to be the King of Pinoy Novelty Songs and the legendary “hitmaker” Yoyoy Villame.

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The ever multi-hyphenate Clifford Jay Pardillo emerged victorious after bravely accepting the challenge.

Numerous students at school have been influenced by the artistic talent of this aspiring policeman, but not even the pandemic could darken his brilliant light. His use of humor to engage in social interaction with peers is no longer novel to him. So it wasn't a surprise when, during his participation in the competition, he flawlessly executed his metamorphosis and earned the title as the ultimate winner. Clifford received accolades from the judges for his performance of "Magellan" in which he seamlessly impersonated the legendary King of Pinoy Novelty Songs. He truly impressed everyone with his melodic, funny, and hilarious performance. Yet, it actually brought the fascinating tale of a Portuguese explorer named Ferdinand Magellan from the history books to the UMDC arena during the Honor Society Acquaintance Party with his entertaining lines and comical delivery.

In essence, one of life's most enjoyable and unforgettable experiences is entertaining. The artistry, the effort, and the ingenuity are encapsulated to produce a compelling song delivery. A student just like Clifford, who impersonates another person, may do so by replicating their voice, mannerisms, and physical look in addition to their appearance. In the context of this undertaking, what everyone hear, see, or experience frequently reflects the ideals of appeal, talent, and competence held by many society. As a result, the environment where one had lived in influences how one see them. Some people may be aware of how entertainment culture frequently permeates the daily existence of an individual and affects one's own perspectives and attitudes.

Impersonating may be fraudulent to some, but from the perspective of a criminology student like Clifford, genuine personality matters and that there is no such crime that can be equated to entertaining the academic community.

The competition may have the appearance of a battle between each team, with impersonators eager to triumphantly clinch the title, but for students like Clifford and the rest of the impersonators it is actually a way for them to reveal the talent that students of their generation have been holding back after years of hiatus in the ever competitive academic community.



# TANIKALA

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Sa iyo'y nabighani,  
nahalina't narahuyo.  
Subalit bagwis ng pag-aalangan,  
nakaukit sa isipan.

Kung alam ko lang sana,  
iwawaglit ang maling sapantaha.  
Ramilyete ay ibibigay  
Subalit ako'y di sanay.

Bulong sa aking ulo,  
malinaw na naririnig lahat ng 'to  
Hanggang kailan aaminin?  
Hanggang kailan sasabihin?

Mahirap maging malaya,  
sa lahat ng salita  
Sa likod ako'y palaging hinihila,  
ng isang mahabang tanikala.

And with its maximum notion of  
boldness,  
The Eagles spread their wings-  
Bearing the glad tidings,  
Commemorating the fete of  
their greatness

Ceasing the yellow-belly from  
within-  
Divulging the Eagle's untold  
valor;  
For their core is the armor,  
And they themselves are the  
warrior

That neither a nire city,  
Nor a cruel humanity-  
Can ever restrict an Eagle's  
wings;  
To soar high and reach the  
clouds they always dreams

# SANSINUKOB

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Pinupukaw ng takipsilim,  
Damdaming mataimtim.  
Mapayapang patnubay,  
nagsilbing hiyas at gabay.

Nagniningning na mga bituin,  
ika'y pilit titingalain.

Dagitab sa kadiliman,  
alindog sa malayong kalawakan

Tadhana sa'ting pag-iibigan,  
nakaburda na tila walang hangganan.  
Kumikinang na kalangitan,  
nagsilbi nating tahanan.

Sa aking malawak na balintataw,  
ika'y aking natatanaw.  
Sa iyo'y walang makakalusob,  
mahal kong Sansinukob.

# THE EAGLE'S CORE

BY: FLORIEL MAE R. LIBRE

A hurricane of obstruction came along-  
A bittersweet taste of life and  
destruction;  
Can either be the Eagle's annihilation,  
Or an outright stimulation

Yet as fierce as a wildfire,  
That Eagles withstand the deadly dire;  
Unleash themselves from shadow,  
And give light to a dark meadow

This has been a long journey to the sky,  
But a matter of being captured by a  
whirlwind,  
Or to become the wind;  
For the future is theirs to hold

# WILL YOU STILL STAY?

BY: ROCELYN D. MODA ■ ■ ■

I hope my friends won't be sad each time I can't go to the gatherings planned weeks ago.

I hope family won't be hurt by the phone calls I had to end because I have school work to comprehend.

I hope people will be patient with the message they sent that I haven't replied to in a long time because sometimes I find conversations exhausting.

I hope all my "noes" to others will become "yeses" to my own growth.

And I hope I have something to look back on if I'm ready to go back.

I hope they will not leave me, despite me, setting them aside.

I hope.

## ANG AMOY NG TUNAY NA PANALO ■ ■ ■

NI: ROCELYN D. MODA

Pulang tinta,  
Mababang marka  
Nawawalang gana  
Mga tanong na nakalathala.

Ang takot na mabigo;  
Sistema ng kanyang mundo  
Nasusukat ang kanyang halaga  
Sa mga parangal na nakukuha niya.

Subalit hindi ito ang tama,  
Sarili ay lubusan ng pinuna  
Manatili sa kung saan ang kaya  
Hayaang huminga at magpahinga.

Ang madapa ay katanggap-tanggap;  
Ang tumindig ay dapat ilaganap  
Hindi papuri ng iba ang may mainit na yakap  
Pangangalaga sa sarili ang may mabangong langhap

# SA NGALAN NG KINABUKASAN

BY: ROCELYN D. MODA ■ ■ ■

Dati lamang, kami'y nakaharap sa kamera

Sa tuwing tinatawag nang maestra,

Walang tumbas ang kaba  
Minsan handang magsalita  
Subalit madalas nauutal ang dila.

Dati lamang, pagsusulit ay kaya pa  
Kwaderno ay laging nakahanda—  
Minsan google ang sandata  
Ayun, mataas naman ng marka.

Dati lamang, online ang plataporma  
Kalagayan ay matitiis pa;  
Pag-aayos at pagligo ay di na inalala  
Minsan nga ay tulog pang nakikinig sa kabilang banda

Subalit buhay ay pabago bago,  
Kaya kami ngayon ay nasa bagong anyo —  
Kaharap ay pisarang totoo  
Nakaayos, alerto at nakikinig sa guro.

Kami man ay maninibago  
Sa sistema na naman ng mundo,  
Pagsuko ay wala sa aming bokabularyo;  
Mananatiling nakatindig at desidido—  
Alang-alang sa pangarap at hinaharap na yugto.

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