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MISSION

The mission of SUCNAAI is to be a uniting force for overseas SUCN alumni who are committed to support the delivery of high-quality nursing education at Silliman University, and the development of nursing leaders who can make a difference in health at national and global levels.

VISION

The vision of SUCNAAI is to create a global community of SUCN alumni who are actively engaged in Silliman University's utilization of knowledge, competence, and faith to improve the health of people at home and worldwide.

VALUES

Courage Competence
Character Faith Excellence

Membership application

<http://sucnaai.org/>

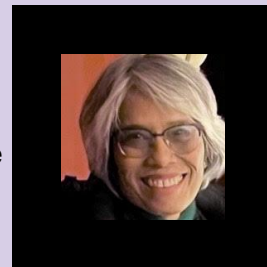


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A Message from the SUCNAAI President

Dear colleagues,



The SUCNAAI Governing Board believes that the Newsletter is an important tool to keep us members engaged and informed. Therefore, after being in hiatus for 2 years, the SUCNAAI's Newsletter is back.

Despite the onset of the pandemic, SUCNAAI continued to meet virtually. At the end of past president Melba Quial's term in 2021, the Interim Board of eight was in place in 2022. With the leadership of Dr. Anabelle Locsin and the Governing Board, several objectives were achieved such as the approval by the SU Board of Trustees for the Program on Leadership Excellence in Nursing (PoLEN) to the Center on Leadership in Nursing (CoLEN).

May 20, 2022, the first Global Connection was virtually conducted and spearheaded by Rebecca Jabel, with members from USA, Canada, Australia, and Europe in attendance. Thank you to the Governing Board of 2017-2021 and the Interim Governing Board of 2022-2023 for all the great work that you have done.

In the last 10 months, the new Governing Board have conducted a SWOT Analysis and developed a strategic plan to guide us as we continue to move forward with SUCNAA's mission and vision. We look forward for more engagement with all our members, encourage more alumni to join SUCNAAI and to connect with SUCN alumni from around the globe. We also welcome ideas on how we can make SUCNAAI better for you.

Sincerely,

Betsy

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NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT:

THE DR. LUZ SOBONG PORTER CENTER OF LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE IN NURSING INAUGURATION

On August 29, 2023, Silliman University College of Nursing inaugurated the Dr. Luz Sobong Porter Center of Leadership Excellence in Nursing. SUCN in collaboration with SUCNAAI has worked hard to elevate the Program of Leadership Excellence in Nursing (PoLEN) to becoming a Center of Leadership Excellence in Nursing (CoLEN). The inauguration included dedication ceremony and memorabilia display of Dr. Luz Sobong-Porter's Life. Dr. Brian Porter (son of the late Dr. Luz Sobong Porter) donated a sizable amount to assist with CoLEN initiative. The Novartis Pharmaceutical, Dr. Brian Porter's employer also donated. Donations will be made in two years, the end of 2023 and 2024.

PoLEN was designated as the focal program at SU in advancing nursing education, research, and policy development for improved health outcomes in the Philippines and ASEAN region (MOU 2015). Educational programs were organized to promote leadership and advancement in nursing education and clinical practice. PoLEN contributed to:

- **SU's Level IV Accreditation status** - highest accreditation recognition awarded to an academic institution.
- **Designation of SUCN as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education** by the Philippine Commission on Higher Education.
- **Acquisition of substantial USAID grant** to support innovative learning strategies for academic institutions in the **Visayas and Mindanao areas**.
- **Staffing of all city health clinics with registered nurses** to enhance accessibility to quality health care.
- **Life-long-learning** - Baliktalent program provided by SUCN alumni from around the globe.
- Establishment of the **Simulation Laboratory and Resource Center and consultancy**.

The above achievements positioned POLEN at the "heart" of nursing and healthcare development at the local, regional, and national levels.

The Center will work on promoting CoLEN's initiative with financial support from the University, work on streamlining, and generating income for future endeavors with the guidance of the Program Coordinator and his/her assistant. The programs will continue to expand soon and CoLEN will work towards finally becoming an

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Institute of Leadership Excellence in Nursing. The inauguration was attended by the President of the University, Dr. Betty A. McCaan who also serves as the Chairperson of the CoLEN Advisory Group. In attendance were members of the Advisory Group: Dr. Glenda Arquiza (community), Dr. Anabelle Locsin (SUCNAAI Vice-President and Chair of CoLEN SUCNAAI), and Rosario F. Flores (SUCNAAI Liaison). Dean Theresa Guinoo had organized the inauguration program. A powerpoint presentation depicting some aspects of the life of the late Dr. Luz Sobong Poter and former Dean Dalisay Dumalag delivered a speech. The family of Dr. Porter was represented by her children Dr. Brian Porter and Carlene Sandella a Nurse Practitioner, both of whom came from the United States to attend this memorable occasion. Others in attendance were former Deans and faculty of SUCN, Deans of other Colleges, Nursing Leaders from the community, and alumni members.



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Upscaling from PoLEN to CoLEN

SUCN/SUCNAAI Partnership

Center of
Leadership (COL)
Conceptualized

SUCNAAI
Incorporated

Planning CoLEN
Initiatives by SUCN
& SUCNAAI

2007

2011

2012

2013

2015

2021

2023

SUCNAAI founded
& Launched

SUCNAAI Conference:
PoLen coined by SU
President Malayang

SU & SUCNAAI
signed MOU:
PoLen Launched

CoLEN approved by
BOT, Inauguration of
Dr. Luz Sobong
Porter CoLEN

AUGUST 15, 2023, GENERAL MEETING



September 26, 2023, Globalization Meeting



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MEET THE 2023/2026 GOVERNING BOARD

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SUCN 1971

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Committee
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Awards Committee



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SUCN 1995
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Research Committee



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FAAN, FASPAN, RN
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Retired, Nurse Scientist,
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BSN, RN
SUCN 1957
Retired



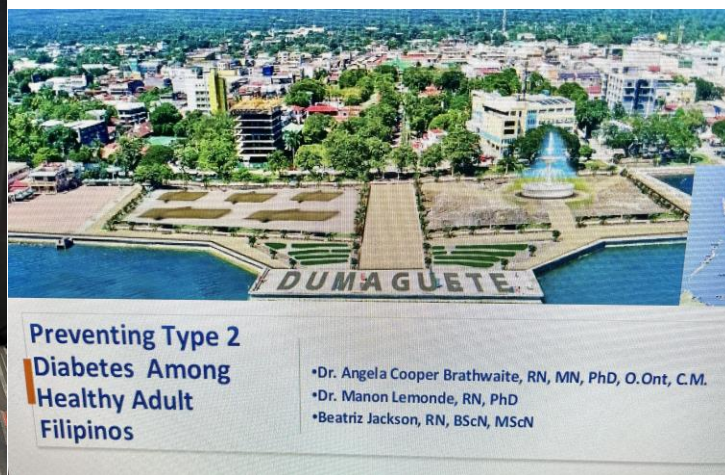
Rosario Fuentes Flores,
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SUCNAAI President, Beatriz Betsy Aya-ay Jackson and SUCNAAI Adviser, Dr. Maria Christina Roble Esperat were at ICN Congress 2023 in Montreal, Canada, July 1-5, 2023 as presentors on their respective research studies.



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Summary of SUCNAAI Events January to September 2023

January : Last meeting of the Interim Board led by Dr. Anabelle Locsin to welcome the newly elected Governing Board for 2023-2026.

February 15: Induction of Officers, Updates and handover from Interim Governing Board to the New Governing Board. Strategic Planning.

March 1: Orientation of new Governing Board, Review of By-Laws and Governance Manual, Appointment of Committee Chairs, SWOT Analysis Conducted.

April 12: Introduction of New Governing Board, Brief History of SUCNAAI and Committee Updates.

May 16: Approval by the GB SUCNAAI Values- Courage, Competence, Character, Faith, Excellence. Approval of Yearly Calendar and Strategic Plan.

June 20: Started to search for website maintenance support. Ways and Means Committee added to lead the fundraising projects, clarification of Liaison Officer role, plan more social media presence. Initial timeline for newsletter.

July 18: Still looking for website company. Committee plans and reports.

August 16: Second General meeting: Plans on how to put SUCNAAI in the map in Education such as International Symposiums, Student Leaders Mentorship; Fundraising, Grant Writing. Found a website company DUTech Website Graphics & Design from Siquijor- all SU alumni. SUCNAAI Website redesigned (sucnaai.org) launched on August 25, 2023.

August 29: Inauguration of the Dr. Luz Sobong Porter Center of Leadership Excellence in Nursing. SUCNAAI VP President, Dr. Anabelle Locsin and Rosario Flores, Liaison Officer were present. Other SUCNAAI GB members attended virtually.

Upcoming Meetings: October 17 & November 14, 2023 GOVERNING Board meeting. December 19, 2023, General Meeting and Christmas Cheers!