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*The inner light shines,
the spirit lives in us.*

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Dear Fellow Alumnae, Family, and Friends,

Welcome to the College of the Holy Spirit North America Foundation (CHSNAF) Grand Reunion and Homecoming celebration! A heartfelt thank you to the Southern California Chapter for their tireless efforts in organizing this beautiful, unique, and unforgettable weekend in sunny San Diego, California.



Our vision for this special event is to bring alumnae together to reconnect and celebrate in a festive outdoor Hawaiian luau setting—where the strum of ukuleles or guitars fills the air, watching the entertaining attempts of some CHSNAF “wannabes” learn the hula dance, and a magnificent roasted Kahlua Pig takes center stage on the buffet table. The Luau begins with appetizers, finger foods, fresh fruit platters, and vibrant salads, leading up to a lavish 10-course feast and all the dessert one could ever want. As the sweet melodies of “Aloha ‘Oe” or the upbeat “Hawaii Five-O” theme play in the background, the fun continues with hula hoops, limbo dance contests, and laughter—all against the backdrop of San Diego’s perfect weather.

Our formal Gala Night offers a more elegant yet relaxed celebration, reflecting the chic and laid-back California lifestyle. From the Grand Ballroom of the Bahia Hotel, guests will enjoy breathtaking views of San Diego’s golden sunset and sparkling city lights along Mission Bay. The evening promises elegant fine-dining, ballroom and hula dancing, and fun-filled moments with friends. The highlight of Gala Night is the presentation of the Alumna Exemplary Award (AXA) to seven CHSNAF alumnae in recognition of their outstanding contributions to their school, work, and communities. We will also honor individuals with Lifetime Service and Meritorious Service Awards. The night will include a silent auction, line-dancing, and delightful surprises. This Gala Night is for you, our beloved Alumnae and friends.

I pray that everyone attending our Grand Reunion and Homecoming enjoys a delightful and meaningful weekend getaway. To all who traveled near and far—may you return to your homes safely, carrying wonderful memories of San Diego in your hearts.

Once again, heartfelt thanks to our donors, supporters of our fundraising activities, and the many volunteers who generously gave their time and energy. Special thanks to the CHSNAF Board of Directors, Executive Officers, and our dedicated planning teams for their steadfast commitment and service to the CHSNAF mission.

With pride and humility, Mabuhay to all CHS alumnae in the United States, Canada, and beyond!! May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with love and peace. May He shine His light upon us and remain with us always. *Veritas In Caritate.*

ELOISA MESINA-CABANAYAN

President

College of the Holy Spirit North America Foundation (CHSNAF)

*Warmest greetings of peace and joy
To all my beloved sisters in the CHSNAF!*

On behalf of the College of the Holy Spirit Alumni Foundation (CHSAF) here in the Philippines, I send you my love and my sincerest congratulations as you come together for this long-awaited grand reunion in beautiful San Diego. While I cannot be with you in person, please know that my heart is truly with you and I am deeply honored to be invited to take part in this milestone.



Since its founding, CHSNAF has stood as a shining example of what it means to live out the Spartan values of veritas et caritas. Through your tireless outreach programs and projects, you have enriched communities spiritually, educationally, socially, and culturally. From school support to social upliftment and faith formation, you continue to be a vital force for good, radiating the light of the Spirit far beyond your localities.

I especially thank you for your continued support of CHSAF's mission here in the Philippines—particularly your help in sustaining our scholarship programs and outreach efforts for our indigenous communities. Your generosity has opened doors, changed lives, and brought hope where it is most needed.

Let us continue to strengthen the ties between CHSAF and CHSNAF so that our alumni—both in the Philippines and North America—may stand united, bridging distance with purpose, and building a future anchored in faith, truth, and love. When we are joined in spirit and service, there is no limit to what we can accomplish together.

It is our hope and prayer that your CHSNAF Grand Homecoming and Reunion will not only rekindle old friendships but also inspire a renewed commitment to our shared mission. May it encourage more of our CHS alumnae across the U.S. and Canada to join CHSNAF and be part of this beautiful movement of service. May they find in your sisterhood the same joy and fulfillment that have carried us all through the years.

Thank you for all that you do—for our school, for one another, and for the communities we continue to serve. May the Spirit live on in each of you.

So today, I celebrate with you. I give thanks for your presence, your participation, and your passion. To the organizing team—I commend you for making this celebration possible. May these days be filled with laughter, meaningful connections, and moments that remind you of the Spirit who continues to guide and bless us all.

From all of us here at CHSAF, *maraming salamat po*.

Mabuhay ang CHSNAF! Mabuhay tayong lahat!

GUILLERMINA M. ONG

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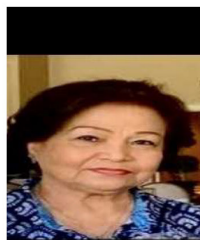
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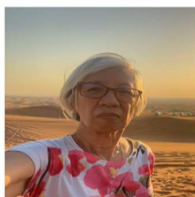


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CHSNAF Presidents Throughout the Years

1991-1998: Building the Network - Maria Luisa “Ilo” Echevarria-Wallenstein, HS-65, AB/BSC-70

Ilo spearheaded the effort, joined by thirteen members of HS-65, to form the nucleus of the nascent association of alumnae in the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

1999-2002: Structuring the Organization - Lenore Raquel-Santos Lim, HS-63

Under Lenore’s leadership, the association was established as a corporation and registered as an educational foundation under the name CHS/HGC USA/Canada Foundation, Inc. The plan was to create nine chapters covering the continental United States, Hawaii and Canada.

2003-2005: Becoming CHSNAF – Francisca M. Tayag, HS-65

Under Francis’ leadership, the association was incorporated as CHS North America Foundation, Inc. (CHSNAF) in New York City. In 2005, its tax-exempt status was granted under the 501c3 section of the IRS Code. CHSNAF held its first Grand Reunion/Conference in New York City in the same year.

2006-2007: Working as CHSNAF - Ma. Luisa “Ilo” Echevarria-Wallenstein, HS-65, AB/BSC-70

Ilo was elected the first CHSNAF President. Her focus was on building the infrastructure to support the operation of a tax-exempt foundation in full compliance of the IRS code. Another priority was building membership and consolidating limited resources of the foundation to help CHSM and establish CHSNAF as the center of North America-based alumnae to reach out to one another.

2008-2010: Forging a Role for CHSNAF in CHSM’s Future – Deanna Go Bio, AB-58, BSC-59

Deanna forged a role for CHSNAF in rebuilding CHSM to the level of excellence it once exemplified. She established relationships with the CHSM Administration, the SSps leadership and CHSAF. Many joint class projects were completed during her term, e.g., the HS-68 Caritas Hall, HS-73 Bubong Project among others, including fund-raising for the Scholarship Fund and the Faculty Development Fund.

2011-2013: Affirming CHSNAF’s Commitment to CHSM – Ellen Young-Gomez, HS-68

Ellen started the use of social media and other electronic means to communicate with alumnae to develop and maintain interest in and commitment to the association. CHSNAF-sponsored projects during her term included refurbishing and air-conditioning of the Paraclete Auditorium. CHSNAF’s commitment to CHSM in the areas of scholarship, technology, faculty development and facilities improvement were affirmed.

2014-2016: Celebrating CHSNAF’s turning Silver – Mary Anne Tinio-Fadul, HS-72

During Mary Anne’s term, deliberations started on the going concern of CHSM. It was also a time of catastrophic disasters hitting the Philippines which led Mary Anne to shift focus from CHSM to disaster relief. CHSNAF rebuilt livelihood projects for pedicab drivers and fishermen in Leyte, built classrooms in partnership with Feed the Hungry Inc and provided water filtration units in Capiz.

2017-2019: Empowering CHSNAF for the Future – Eleanor “Butchie” Dimalanta-Reyes, HS-80

Butchie renewed CHSNAF’s commitment to support CHSM’s Scholarship and Faculty Development Programs and to strengthen the infrastructure of CHSNAF by enhancing communications among members, CHSAF and CHSM. CHSNAF participated more actively in CHSAF’s projects such as the Sagip Aral project and the Laudate Si Garden.

2020-2022: Keeping the Spirit Alive through Turbulent Times – Yolanda Reyes-Lim, HS-68

Undaunted by the turbulence created by the pandemic and the closing of CHSM, Yoly continued to pursue the CHS mission of Veritas in Caritate. Amid this uncertain time, CHSNAF initiated the Poinsettia Feeding Program, the Indigenous Peoples Missions, the SSps Unified Scholarship Program and the One-Tree Planted Program. A stronger partnership with CHSAF and the SSps Congregation was forged. Updated By-laws and standard operating procedures.

2023-2025: Establishing CHSNAF as a SSps Mission Partner – Eloisa “Ellie” Mesina-Cabanayan, AB67/BSC-68

Under Ellie’s leadership, CHSNAF was acknowledged as a mission-partner by the SSps Provincial Leadership and a full partner of CHSAF in keeping Truth in Love alive. The Unified SSps Scholarship Program, the SSps IP Missions and the SSps IP College Program are set at full throttle and a project to bring clean water to the Aeta community in the mountain village of Yangka in Capas, Tarlac will break ground by early 2026. The One-Tree Planted, a global save-the-planet reforestation program is now a beneficiary of our fund-raising efforts as well.

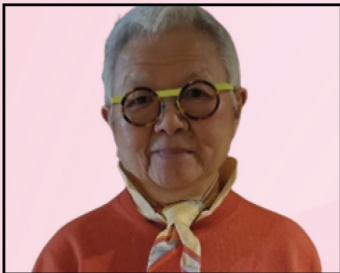
CHSNAF Lifetime Service Awards

Maria Luisa Echevarria-Wallenstein



"Ilo" spearheaded the creation of the first CHS alumnae association, starting in the Tri-State area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. In 1991, the first local alumnae reunion of 85 alumnae took place with a simple potluck lawn picnic. This was the humble beginning of what CHSNAF is today, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable foundation. During the COVID lockdown in 2020, she learned the new face-to-face platform of Zoom meetings and continued to teach the Word of God through Zoom and herself as Facilitator. Her Bible class has grown to more than 30 participants on Fridays. She leads the Mother Josepha Prayer Weavers, a rosary group that prays daily for the recovery of those with illnesses or death in the CHS family. Ilo dedicates her life by sharing God's love and gifts of the Holy Spirit through her profound knowledge of the Bible to alumnae across the United States, Canada, and the Philippines. Ilo's lifelong service to CHSNAF as one of its pioneers, president, officer, Adviser, and a faithful steward of the Holy Spirit deserves recognition.

Deanna Go Bio



Deanna was invited to join the group of alumnae in June 2004 that later became CHSNAF, a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation of alumnae of the College of the Holy Spirit, Manila. Deanna spent the last 20 years of her life as a gift sparked by the Holy Spirit that propelled her to be fully engaged in the pursuit of a purposeful life. She was one of CHSNAF's pioneer officers, adviser, consultant, and a great contributor to the CHSNAF mission. Deanna is engaged as a Mission Partner in various ministries of the SSsS congregation and the College of the Holy Spirit Alumnae Foundation CHSAF). Partnering with CHSAF enabled CHSNAF to participate in joint projects to help the Indigenous People (IP). Through Deana's significant efforts, CHSNAF contributed to fund a Two Million Water Project of CHSAF in Yangka, Capas, Tarlac, Philippines, and the complete renovation of a primitive kitchen of the Paidyanan Mission School. She travels to remote sites of our Mission Schools to visit students and nuns. Her strong commitment to education and upliftment of the quality of life of our IP is a lifetime labor of love.

Lenore Raquel Santos Lim



Lenore served as President of the College of the Holy Spirit/Holy Ghost College (CHS/HGC)-USA Canada Foundation, Inc. from 1999 through 2001. She led the organization through a pivotal transition to becoming a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt foundation and what is now known as College of the Holy Spirit North America Foundation, Inc. Under her leadership, the first official alumni directory was published during Las Vegas Reunion, cataloging over 2,000 alumni across North America. That same reunion also sparked the idea of forming regional chapters, laying the groundwork for deeper community engagements. Lenore continues to serve CHSNAF as a former President, and in an advisory capacity to current and former presidents. Although Leonor's artistic excellence has earned widespread successes as a gifted artist that has earned her the title of Artist Emeritus with the Society of Philippine American Artist, she remains faithful to her legacy as an active officer and alumna member, and a servant of the Holy Spirit.

Francis Malonzo Tayag



Francis, HS-65 and BSC-69 is one of the founders and early presidents of CHSNAF. It was through the relentless pursuit of her vision that CHSNAF became an alumnae association with non-profit status as defined under the 501c3 section of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax code. When Francis was President, CHSNAF's motto, "Kindle the Spirit, take on the Challenge" stirred up nostalgia and spurred the spirit to action. Francis' casual leadership style belies a dogged commitment to the values of Veritas in Caritate and in CHSNAF as a place for female camaraderie and women empowerment. This inspired a non-alumna friend to bequeath a Legacy Fund to CHSNAF with Francis as Executor for the purpose of expanding and sustaining the organization "where one could truly feel the love and care the members for one another." Francis continues to search, mentor, and build up the ranks of alumnae membership for the next generation of leaders. Her dedication to the CHSNAF mission deserves commendation.

CHSNAF Mission: *Accomplished*



- SUPPORTED THE SSPS UNIFIED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WITH ANNUAL GRANTS TO FIVE (5) SSPS SCHOOLS: (1) SHS-QC (2) HSS-QC (3) HSA-MALOLOS (4) CHS-TARLAC (5) HSA-IROSIN, SORSOGON

SY 2023-2024 - 14 SCHOLARS (ACTUAL)

SY 2024-2025 - 18 SCHOLARS (ACTUAL)

SY 2025-2026 - 20 SCHOLARS (ACTUAL)

SY 2026-2027 - 23 SCHOLARS (BUDGET)

SY 2027-2028 - 26 SCHOLARS (BUDGET)

SY 2028-2029 - 30 SCHOLARS (BUDGET)

- PROVIDED THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE SSPS MISSIONS FOR AETAS IN TARLAC, AND MANGYANS IN MINDORO

2022 - P663,000

2023 – P310,000

2024 – P427,000

- CONSTRUCTED NEW KITCHEN & MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM FOR THE SSPS AETA MISSION IN PAIDYANAN, CAPAS, TARLAC USED BY SSPS NUNS AND AETA STUDENTS.
- INSTALLED NEW WATER SYSTEM IN SSPS MISSION IN PAIDYANAN, CAPAS, TARLAC USED BY SSPS NUNS AND STUDENTS.
- RAISED APPROX. 1 MILLION PESOS OF P2.5MILLION-PESO WATER PROJECT IN YANGKA, CAPAS, TARLAC FOR CLEAN AND CONTINUOUS WATER SUPPLY TO THE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY OF 70 AETA FAMILIES.
- AWARDED FINANCIAL GRANTS FOR COLLEGE TUITION FOR THREE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (IP) SCHOLARS – 1 AETA AND 2 MANGYANS. SUPPORT STARTED IN 2022 TO PRESENT
- SUPPORTED THE “ONE TREE PLANTED” PROJECT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM. RAISED APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 TO PLANT 5,000 SAPLINGS IN THE PHILIPPINES

2025 CHSNAF AXA Alumna Exemplar Awardees

Myrna (Ming) Mariano-Almendral



"Thank you CHSNAF! I feel blessed that the values and education CHS instilled in me shaped my success in my career and life. I became successful in Interior Design Management, coaching and mentoring- built 8 design teams throughout my career. Professionalism, experience, hard work, and resilience became the pillars of my foundation".

Maria Regina (Gina) Nepomuceno-Gueco



"Advocating inclusion through parish ministries and disability organizations, I've helped shift perceptions about the value of people with disabilities. As treasurer and board member, I've strengthened nonprofit operations. In alumnae groups, I reconnect classmates to boost engagement, enhance communication, and foster lasting community driven by purpose, personal commitment and keeping the school spirit alive".

Rosalinda (Roz) Luis MacDougall



"Thank you for this award, which I proudly accept on behalf of the Spirit of HS'74 officers. This honor reflects our shared efforts and the steadfast support of our batch mates. With God's guidance, we've overcome challenges, spreading love and joy within the SSpS community. Mabuhay! Let the Spirit live on!"

Maria Rosario (Chars) Pejoro



"Whether managing the operations of a five-star hotel or serving as a trusted personal assistant to distinguished figures in politics and entertainment, I have always strived to uphold the CHS values of truth and charity. Today, I lead CHSNAF SoCal with deep commitment to carry forward the spirit of our Alma Mater".

Evangeline (Gene) Robes



Gene, HS '73 Lead for ROW (Rest of the World) , is a key force behind the 2025 CHSNAF Grand Reunion and Gala. A retired U.S. Postal Service Operations Supervisor, she is now General Manager of an accounting office, whose owner calls her the 'soul' of the office. She is our HS '73's KC—ka-close to all !

Imelda (Mimi) Jacobo-Samson



With thirty-four years of experience in dental hygiene served in private practice and faculty in Baccalaureate Dental Hygiene program. As Secretary for six years then President of the CHSNAF NorthEast Chapter involved in fundraising initiatives for the Aetas and Mangyans in the Philippines, coordinated Pentecost Sunday and organize yearly yuletide festivities.

Victoria (Vicky) Rodriguez-Tempongko



"Veritas et Caritate" is my driving force. As a single mom, I made sure that my 4 kids got their catholic education. I have helped/participated in workshops that equipped teachers/principals in tackling diversity, stereotypes, prejudices, cultural identity, raised funds for United Way which funded programs addressing essential services and community building".

Cheers

CHSNAF SoCAL Chapter



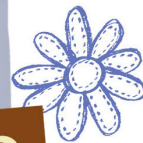
Alumna 1: Haaay, ang sakit ng tuhod ko!

Alumna 2: Naku, ako naman ang balikat.

*Alumna 3: Nag-aaya si Alumna 4
mag-ballroom dancing
mamayang gabi.*

1 & 2: Tara!

When we ache, we shake it up. Through
the years, our (holy) esprit de corps has
kept us going.



HS Class '73





HS Class '73 congratulates **EVANGELINE ROBES**



2025 Alumna Exemplar Awardee



Good genes,
good Gene
... is there
a difference?

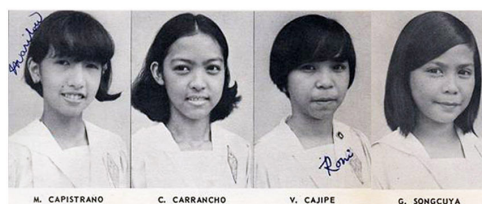
When you ask
her to help you
with anything,
consider the
job done even
before she gets
started.

With Ms. Robes,
expect efficiency.
And infectious
humor. And warm,
comfortable
friendship.



School wove our lives tightly together.
Now, more than half a century
later, after going through all forms of
ups and downs and turnarounds, the
fabric hasn't lost its youth.

Put differently: We worry more about
the creases in our clothes than the
lines in our faces.



HS Class '73





Congrats to Gene, HS73 Lead
for ROW (Rest of the World)





Thank You!

**TO THE HOST CHAPTER OF THE
2025 CHSNAF GALA REUNION &
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**FROM THE
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Gene Robes



Chars Pejoro



**Vicky
Tempongko**

**Congratulations to the
Southern California 2025
AXA Awardees!**

From the SoCal Chapter

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MARIA DEL CARMEN "MARICAR"
GUTIERREZ TORRES HS' 73

MARIA CONCEPCION "CHITIN"
GUTIERREZ BEN DAVID HS' 76

MARIA TERESA
GUTIERREZ CASTRO HS' 80



*Through the years and the different
paths, we may have taken... It's the
bonds of Family that endure.*

CONGRATULATIONS GENE ROBES HS '73
CHSNAF 2025 AXA AWARDEE

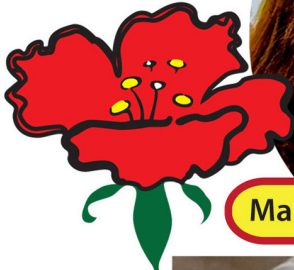




CONGRATULATIONS CHSNAF FROM HIGH SCHOOL '68



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Mabel Perez de Tagle



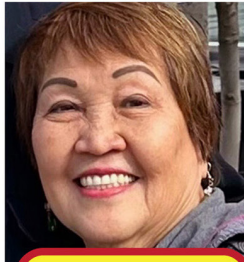
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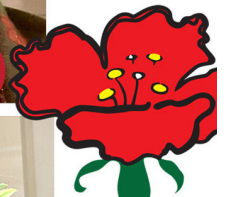


Agnes del Rosario

Aloha
from
Class '62



Felee Velasquez





HS CLASS '62



Charl de Vera



Fe Glaspy



Mabel Perez de Tagle

ALUMNA EXEMPLAR AWARDEES

Congratulations!!



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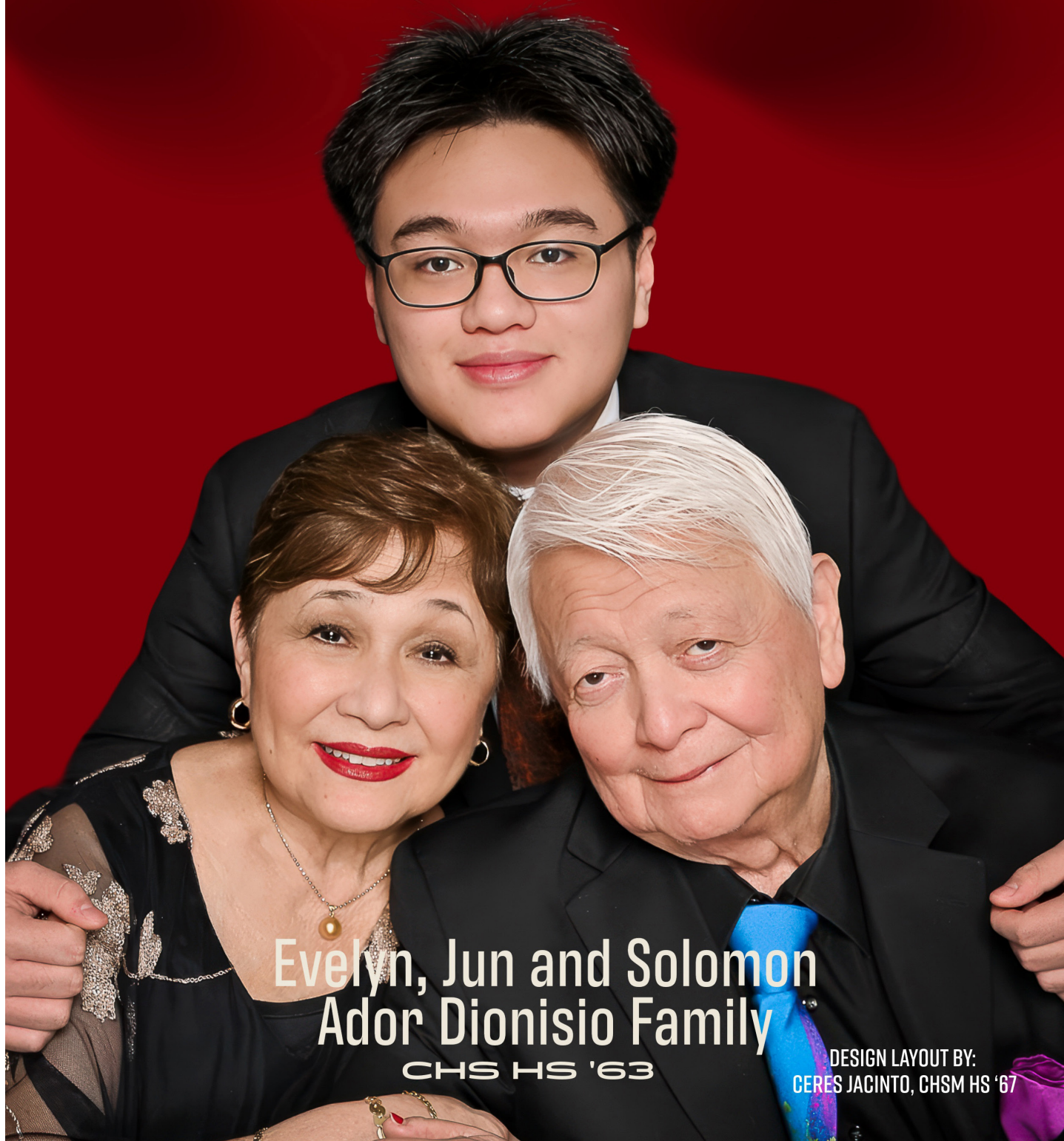


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Evelyn, Jun and Solomon
Ador Dionisio Family

CHS HS '63

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CHSNAF SAN DIEGO GRAND REUNION 2025

YOUR LOVE WAS OUR
FOUNDATION, AND YOUR
MEMORY WILL FOREVER GUIDE US.



MY HEROES WERE MY
PARENTS. MY GRATITUDE
TO YOU MAMA AND PAPA!
LOVE-CERES JACINTO, CHS HS '67

MAMA VILLING & PAPA DAVID
ALMENDRAL, SR.