



Adventist International Institute
of Advanced Studies
Graduate School and Seminary

106th
GRADUATION
CEREMONY

May 20–22, 2022

Siew Huy Auditorium
AIIAS, Lalaan I, Silang,
Cavite, Philippines

www.aiias.edu

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) is to develop leaders through distinctively Seventh-day Adventist graduate education, excelling in spirituality, scholarship, and service.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of AIAS is to be a Christ-centered community of leaders with a heart for mission.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

AIAS was established by the Seventh-day Adventist Church because of its commitment to meet the growing needs of the church for college teachers, church leaders, educators, health professionals, and treasurers with international-level graduate education. In the late 1960s, the church began post-baccalaureate education for pastors in the Asia-Pacific region. The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Far East, held the first graduation ceremony in April of 1972. The Theological Seminary prospered and grew to emerge as AIAS in 1986. A second element, the School of Graduate Studies, began in 1988 and produced its first graduates in March 1991. When the Asia-Pacific Division divided in 1996, AIAS came under the administration of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. AIAS became the first General Conference educational institution outside of North America.

Full recognition has been extended to AIAS by the Commission on Higher Education of the Philippine government, and AIAS is a member of the International Association of Universities (IAU). AIAS programs are accredited by the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA). The Seminary degree programs are also accredited by the Association for Theological Education in South East Asia (ATESEA). In addition, Graduate School programs are accredited by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities (PAASCU).

Through its central campus, online learning programs, and extension sites throughout the world, AIAS serves increasing numbers of Adventist pastors, educators, health professionals, administrators, and church leaders in many countries.

WELCOME

Welcome to the AIIAS graduation events of 2022, culminating in the institution's Commencement Exercises. The theme of this graduating class: "Resilience: Thriving in Adversity," is certainly apropos. Even as we planned this event, we kept in mind that anything can happen as AIIAS and the country of the Philippines are still emerging from a time of pandemic.

Resilience means being willing to pivot with little warning, finding other ways to thrive in a changing environment, and "bounce back" when disappointments come our way and detours require us to reroute our plans. Resilience can refer to short-term retooling and redirection or it can refer to the long-term determination it takes to achieve one's goals. It calls for the choice to live with an attitude of gratitude, joy, and hope amid situations that require endurance. Not only has this graduating class demonstrated those characteristics, but we have seen them grow and harvest the beautiful fruit of spirituality, scholarship, and service specifically from these circumstances. Resilience. Praise God!

We are glad that you are joining us for this celebration. Many of our students never imagined in their early lives that they would complete graduate degrees, take up responsibilities of leadership, learn new languages, travel to other countries, and develop cross-cultural skills. Our God is a God who helps big dreams emerge where there were none. This weekend we celebrate another step in seeing His dreams come to fruition in the lives of His children, our graduates.

The journey of our AIIAS graduates in reaching this milestone has been intense, demanding, and sometimes dramatic. As they receive their diplomas, they are different from the day they entered their first class at AIIAS. Learning transforms a person. Faith and persistence have gotten our students through, along with the help of faculty, staff, and classmates who have come alongside them to support. They have also depended on the prayers of friends and family. Additionally, generous donors have made scholarships possible where gaps could not be filled. We thank all who have been part of the support team for those who are graduating this weekend.

The mission of AIIAS is to "develop leaders through distinctively Seventh-day Adventist graduate education, excelling in spirituality, scholarship, and service." As our 2022 graduates receive their diplomas, they exemplify the accomplishment of the institution's mission. They have been developed for leadership, they have shown their commitment to their Church, and they have already developed in those three aspects of AIIAS's mission: spirituality, scholarship, and service. They are ready for the next step.

We celebrate the commencement of the next stage of service in the lives of our 2022 AIIAS graduates. We mark the commencement of their next contributions to the mission as they use what they have learned to go forth to serve.

*Ginger Ketting-Weller, PhD
AIIAS President*

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Jasmin Tuapin
Secretary	Jisty Dana Frias
Treasurer	Alberto Ocaranza
Class Pastor	Watland François
Music Coordinators	Jeremia Tarek Stephanie Tauran
Decoration Coordinator	Charity Ilagan
Photography Coordinator	Jonathan Lumingkewas
Sponsors	Raimond Luntungan Grace Mang Luntungan

Class Name: Resilience 2022

Motto: *Resilience: Thriving in Adversity*

Class Colors: Red and Gold

CLASS SONG

Resilient Through the Ages

Words by *Jesame von Tronchin & Alesis Joy Madrio*

Music by *Ulysses Madrio*

There's a long road ahead
In the journey of a disciple.
Trials and adversity
Face all God's people.
The future's uncertain,
We must remain bright.
Christ is here before us,
Paving the way in light.

Chorus

Resilient through the ages,
Through the tears and pain.
Pushing through each struggle,
For the mission's gain.
Resilient through the ages,
Our mission stays the same.
Going forth in waiting,
For Christ's holy name.

There's no need of fear,
For the suffering up ahead
Lo the day draws nigh,
Lift up your bowed down head.
This world will not remain;
We'll soon meet Him in the sky.
A crown awaits each saint,
Let each thrive on in might.

With Christ leading the way,
We'll keep moving on!

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lupang Hinirang

Julian Felipe

Bayang magiliw, perlas ng silanganan;
Alab ng puso, sa dibdib mo'y buhay,
Lupang hinirang, duyan ka ng magiting;
Sa manlulupig di ka pasisiil.

Sa dagat at bundok, sa simoy
at sa langit mong bughaw;
May dilag ang tula at awit,
sa paglayang minamahal;
Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y tagumpay
na nagniningning;
Ang bituin at araw niya,
kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim.

Lupa ng araw, ng l'walhati't pagsinta,
Buhay ay langit sa piling mo;
Aming ligaya, na 'pag may mang-aapi,
Ang mamatay ng dahil sa 'yo!

Land of the Morning

Camilo Osias and Julian Felipe

Land of the morning, child of the sun returning,
With fervor burning, thee do our souls adore.
Land dear and holy, cradle of noble heroes,
Ne'er shall invaders trample thy sacred shore.

Ever within thy skies and through thy clouds
And o'er the hills and seas,
Do we behold the radiance, feel the throb
of glorious liberty.
Thy banner, dear to all our hearts,
its sun and stars alight,
Oh, never shall its shining field
be dimmed by tyrants' might.

Beautiful land of love, o land of light,
in thine embrace 'tis rapture to lie,
But it is glory ever, when thou art wronged,
for us, thy sons, to suffer and die.

AIIAS SONG

AIIAS Press On

Lyrics by Stephen Guptill

Music by Cedric Lachenal

Arranged by Amber and Fredrick Murillo

AIIAS press on, you're always in our hearts.
Striving for truth, to raise the standard high.
Telling the world of Jesus Christ's return,
touching lives with hope and love.

How we love your peaceful campus,
tree-lined lanes.
Evening walks with friends and family,
sharing hope and dreams.

AIIAS press on, you have taught us to be leaders for the Lord.
Inspiring us for service to the world.
AIIAS press on, we pledge to you our love.
God bless you, our dear AIIAS!

FACULTY

Godwin Aja, DrPH	Public Health
Victoria Aja, DMin	Applied Theology
Evelyn Almocera, MD/MPH	Public Health
Reuel Almocera, DPS	Director, E. G. White Estate Branch/Applied Theology
Robert Benjamin, DDiv cand.	Vice President for Student Services
Kenneth Bergland, PhD	Biblical Studies
Chirlynor Calbayan, DrPH/RND	Public Health
Leni Casimiro, PhD	Director, AIIAS Online
Donny Chrissutianto, PhD	Theological-Historical Studies
Teófilo Correa, PhD	Chair, Biblical Studies
Diói Cruz, DMin	Applied Theology
Hesell Delfin, MEM	Library
Ermela Dizon, DMiss cand.	Applied Theology
Gabriela Alina Dumitrescu, PhD	Education
Cristian Dumitrescu, PhD	Applied Theology
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Olaotse Gabasiane, PhD	Applied Theology
Ricardo González, PhD	Dean, Seminary/Theological-Historical Studies/Interim VP Academic
Lyra Jazel Ilagan, MLIS	Library
Ginger Ketting-Weller, PhD	AIIAS President
Chuanshan Liang, PhD	Applied Theology
David Lumowa, PhD	Business
Raimond Luntungan, PhD cand.	Business/Education
Hector Martin, PhD	Biblical Studies
Eike Mueller, ThD	Assistant Dean, Seminary/Biblical Studies
Richard Nelson, MD/MS	Interim Chair, Public Health
Aivars Ozolins, PhD	Chair, Applied Theology
Kepha Pondi, PhD	Director, APRC/Research/Business
Diana Razmerita, DLitt et Phil cand.	Biblical Studies
Gheorghe Razmerita, PhD	Theological-Historical Studies
Arceli Rosario, PhD	Chair, Education
LeRoy Ruhupatty, PhD	Chair, Business
Gracel Saban, PhD	Education
Kyung Ho Song, PhD	Chair, Theological-Historical Studies
Kenneth Swansi, PhD	Dean, Graduate School/Business
Remwil Tornalejo, DTheol	Theological-Historical Studies
Jasmin Tuapin, PhD	Business
James Weller, PhD	Education
Pavel Zubkov, PhD	Applied Theology

SPEAKERS' PROFILE

Elizabeth Viera Talbot, PhD, is the speaker/director for the Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, a media ministry of the North American Division designed to offer in-depth Christ-centered biblical studies resources. She is regularly featured on TV channels, radio stations, and social media venues worldwide. For ministry info, visit www.Jesus101.tv.

Kim Si Young, DMin, is currently the president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. He received his bachelor's degree from Sahmyook University in Korea and his master's and Doctor of Ministry from AIIAS. He served as a local church pastor, conference, and union youth director in Korea, director of the 1000 Missionary Movement in the Philippines, director of the SDA Language School in Korea, and president of the Korean Publishing House. His leadership and mission experience bring depth and understanding to his work.

Erton Carlos Köhler, MPTh, was born in Brazil and is the third generation of church workers in his family. He graduated in Theology from Brazil Adventist University, holds a master's degree in Pastoral Theology from the same institution, received an Honoris Causa doctorate from Peruvian Adventist University, and is working on his Doctor of Ministry degree at Andrews University. The major part of his ministry was dedicated to youth ministries, as youth director in a local field, union level, and South American Division for a total of 12 years. He was the president of the South American Division for almost 15 years. In April 2021, he was elected as secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

CONSECRATION

7:00–8:30 p.m., May 20, 2022

Siew Huy Auditorium

Processional		AIHAS Church Orchestra
	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	
Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Welcome		Michelin Guy
Opening Hymn		SDA Hymn # 100
	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	
Opening Prayer		Alberto Ocaranza
Testimonies of Praise		Philip Achoki Miguel Quiñones Nadezhda Sevriukova
Special Music		Himig
	<i>This Day</i>	
Introduction of the Speaker		Charity Ilagan
Message		Elizabeth Talbot
	<i>Speaker/Director, Jesus 101 Biblical Institute</i>	
Response in Word		Watland François
Dedicatory Song		Jasmin Tuapin
	<i>To Serve You Forever</i>	
Consecration Ceremony		Sponsors & Graduates
Consecration Song		Graduates
	<i>Resilient Through the Ages</i>	
Closing Hymn		SDA Hymn # 183
	<i>I Will Sing of Jesus' Love</i>	
Commitment Prayer		Aivars Ozolins
Recessional		AIHAS Church Orchestra
	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	
	Ivonne Szamko and Emalen Anilao	
	<i>Praise Team</i>	
	Zandritiana Lovanomena	
	<i>Pianist</i>	

SABBATH SCHOOL

8:30–9:45 a.m., May 21, 2022

Siew Huy Auditorium

Prelude		Ingrid Dumitrescu
	<i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>	
Welcome		Gabriella Baureh
Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Opening Hymn		SDA Hymn #321
	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>	
Opening Prayer		Roland Gadela
Testimonies of Praise		Jesame von Tronchin
		Ivonne Szamko
Special Music		Selected Graduates
Special Feature		Anasa Tabua and Michelin Guy
	<i>A Journey of Faith</i>	
Intermission Song		Zaira Mariel Tuapin
	<i>In the Garden/What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	
Sabbath School Lesson Review		Panel Discussion
	<i>The Promise</i>	
	Mary Grace De Guzman, Mandhla Khanye, Carlito Quidet Jr., Eldyn Toledo	
Closing Song		SDA Hymn #462
	<i>Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!</i>	
Closing Prayer		Fe Magpusao
	Naomi Javier and Marjorie Sarona	
	<i>Praise Team</i>	
	Laura Missah Sumendap	
	<i>Pianist</i>	

BACCALAUREATE

10:00–11:30 a.m., May 21, 2022

Siew Huy Auditorium

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISING

Prelude

The Philippine Meistersingers

And Can It Be

Welcome, Announcements, & Call to Worship

Mandhla Khanye

Processional

AIAS Church Orchestra

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Introit

SDA Hymn # 73

Holy, Holy, Holy

Invocation

Petronio Genebago

*Hymn of Adoration

SDA Hymn # 618

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!

Hymn of Preparation

SDA Hymn # 671

As We Come to You in Prayer

**Pastoral Prayer

Watland François

Children's Homily

Nermalyn Monsanto

Special Music

AIAS International Children's Choir

I'm Gonna Sing

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Thoughts on Stewardship

Jisty Dana Frias

Offertory Music

Riena Joy Mahinay

Abide With Me

*Hymn of Gratitude

SDA Hymn # 694

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

Offertory Blessings

Carly Sepang

WORSHIP MESSAGE

Scripture Reading

Yue Yang

Special Song

The Philippine Meistersingers

Dare to Stand

Introduction of the Speaker

Jasmin Tuapin

Spoken Word

Kim Si Young

President, Northern Asia-Pacific Division

WORSHIP CONSECRATION

*Hymn of Consecration

SDA Hymn # 534

Will Your Anchor Hold?

Benediction

Devimer Lapinid

*Anthem of Hope

Congregation

We Have This Hope

*Recessional

The Philippine Meistersingers

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Jeremia Tarek and Stephanie Tauran

Praise Team

Charmaine Gayle Ang

Pianist

*Congregation, please stand.

**Congregation, please kneel.

TRIBUTE AND THANKSGIVING

3:00–4:00 p.m., May 21, 2022

Siew Huy Auditorium

Song of Praise

Opening Song

Praise Team

SDA Hymn #341

To God Be the Glory

Opening Prayer

Welcome and Introduction

Special Music

Goldelyn Sumagaysay

Mary Grace De Guzman

MAED Cohort

The Cause of Christ

Tribute to God

Special Music

Vivian Caramarcu

The Seasons

Sometimes It Takes a Mountain

Tribute to Parents

Tribute to Spouses

Jisty Dana Frias

Maryvic Siega

Benedicto Borja

Tribute to Sponsors

Special Music

June Clyde Murillo

The Fishers of Men

God Wants to Hear You Sing

Tribute to Administrators, Faculty, and Staff

Special Music

Petronio Genebago

The Asidors

Faithful Friend

Closing Remarks

Closing Prayer

Jeremia Tarek

Luda Dichos

Anasa and Koini Tabua

Praise Team

Laura Missah Sumendap

Pianist

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

7:00–8:00 p.m., May 21, 2022

Function Hall, Siew Huy Auditorium

Graduates and their spouses are cordially invited to a formal reception with the AIIAS president, officers, faculty, and their spouses.

Light refreshments will be served.

Formal attire is expected.

AIIAS Administrators

Ginger Ketting-Weller

Ricardo González

Jorge Montero

Robert Benjamin

Richard Nelson

Kenneth Swansi

President

Interim Vice President for Academic Administration
and Dean, Seminary

Vice President for Finance

Vice President for Student Services

Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Dean, Graduate School

COMMENCEMENT

7:00–9:30 a.m., May 22, 2022

Siew Huy Auditorium

Prelude
Opening
Processional

Sekela Mwamakamba
Grand Marshal/The Herald
AIAS Orchestra & Choir

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Posting of Colors
*National Anthem

Flag Marshals
Julna Alcantara

Lupang Hinirang

AIAS Song

Aldwin Tapeceria

AIAS Press On

*Litany of Wisdom

Bryan Sumendap,
Associate Education Director, Southern Asia-Pacific Division

Leader: **Worship the Lord, worship our God, who is wisdom
and understanding.**

Graduates: O Lord, our God, we worship You.

Leader: **Cry out for insight, cry out for understanding, look for it as
for silver, search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will
understand the fear of the Lord and ind the knowledge
of God.**

Graduates: O Lord, our God, we cry out to You.

Leader: **The Lord gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge
and understanding. He holds victory for the upright and
delivers the righteous.**

Graduates: O Lord, our God, we thank You.

Leader: **Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.
Wisdom will save you from the crooked path.**

Graduates: O Lord, our God, we honor You.

Leader: **Blessed are you who find wisdom, blessed are you who gain
under standing, for wisdom is more profitable than silver and
more precious than rubies.**

Graduates: O Lord, our God, we bless You.

All: **Glory and honor be to Him, who is wisdom and understan-
ding, now and forevermore.**

*Congregation, please stand.

*Opening Prayer
Musical Selection

Bryan Sumendap
Corals

Tell the Mountain

Welcome/Introduction of the Speaker

Ginger Ketting-Weller, *President*

Commencement Address

Erton Carlos Köhler

Secretary, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Class Response

Jasmin Tuapin, *Class President*

Presentation of the Class

Ricardo González,

Interim VP for Academic Administration

Conferral of Degrees

Ginger Ketting-Weller

Presentation of Diplomas

Cherille Espina, *Acting Director, Admissions & Records*

Iris Ho, Melody Javier, Joiedevie Sumendap, assisting

Biographical Sketches

Seminary

Diói Cruz

Graduate School

Gracel Ann Saban

Hooding

Deans/Program Directors

Presentation of Class Gift

Alberto Ocaranza, *Class Treasurer*

Acceptance of Gift

Jorge Montero, *VP for Finance*

Welcome to Alumni Association

Richard Nelson, *VP for Institutional Advancement*

*Prayer of Sending

Raimond and Grace Luntungan, *Class Sponsors*

Sponsors: O Lord, our God, we praise Your name. You are our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer.

Graduates: You are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Sponsors: Here stand Your graduates, Your chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession.

Graduates: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Sponsors: As they walked through the valley of their education journey at AIHAS, You were with them all the way; Your rod and staff comforted them. Now that they are ready to face the world; May You always be with them.

Graduates: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Sponsors, Faculty, and Administrators: As God had molded you and prepared you for this world, now we send you. Our love and support will always be with you.

Graduates: Here I am, Lord, send me!

Sponsors: Like Job, bless them with faithfulness as they face trials and hardship in life; like Esther, bless them with courage as they make hard decisions; like the apostles, bless them with focus for mission as they serve You and with humility and passion as they serve others. May the life of Jesus be their guide and example.

Graduates: May the Lord help us to fight the good fight.

Sponsor, Faculty, and Administrators: Exalt God in your life. Continue to excel in spirituality, scholarship, and service. Love your God with all your life and love your neighbor as long as you live.

Graduates: May the Lord help us to finish the race.

Sponsors: Be resilient in Christ, graduates. As the Lord guided you in the past, you shall have no fear for the future.

Graduates: May the Lord help us to keep the faith.

Congregation: As God is our witness, we will keep you in our prayer.

All Ministers: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: May the Lord's name be praised forever and ever. Amen.

Class Song		Graduates
	<i>Resilient Through the Ages</i>	
*Prayer of Dedication		Raimond Luntungan
*Dismissal		Ginger Ketting-Weller
Recessional		AIIAS Orchestra & Choir
	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	
Picture Taking		Christian Rodelas, coordinating

Only official photographers are allowed near the platform.

GRAND MARSHAL

Aivars Ozolins

THE HERALD

Anup Dominic

USHERS & USHERETTES

Ivy Ambat

Ednalen Barangan

Eric Ejercitado

Ronelda Ejercitado

Maribel Honor

Bohdan Koval

Naw Ei Phyu Sin Lay

Irene Rivera

PLATFORM PARTY

Raimond Luntungan

Grace Luntungan

Richard Nelson

Kenneth Swansi

Ginger Ketting-Weller

Erton Carlos Köhler

Ricardo González

Jorge Montero

Bryan Sumendap

Class Sponsor

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Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Dean, Graduate School

President

Secretary, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Interim Vice President for Academic Administration

and Dean, Seminary

Vice President for Finance

Associate Education Secretary, Southern Asia-Pacific Division

FLAG MARSHALS

Philippines – Jay Mae Tapia
Christian – Legesse Dana
AIAS – Richel Oñate
Adventist – Adrian Faina

Angola – Josiah Xirimbimbi	Indonesia – Istiarti Sarempaa
Argentina – Paula Munoz	Kenya – Mboneza Kabanda
Brazil – Gama de França Junior Eudalio	Madagascar – Charmaine Gayle Ang
Canada – William Szamko	Malaysia – Pratik Kamble
Chile – Felipe Gonzalez	Myanmar – Camellia Sharon Shwe
China – Weihua Cai	Netherlands – Yahmayah von Tronchin
Colombia – Yuly Tatiana Roa	Russian Federation – Andrey Sevryukov
Fiji – Koini Tabua	South Korea – Mihyang Song
Ghana – Osee Fumakwa	United Kingdom – Blessie Samarita
Haiti – Godwin Kato	United States – Zion Ilagan
Honduras – Sweeta Monica Maria Frans	Zimbabwe – Providence Chirima

ORDER OF PICTURE TAKING

1. Graduates with the platform party, grand marshal, flag marshals, and faculty
2. Graduates with their spouses and flag marshals
3. Graduates only
4. Graduates by school with faculty – Graduate School, Seminary
5. Graduates of Graduate School by department – Business, Education, Public Health
6. Graduates of Seminary by program – Master of Ministry, Master of Arts in Church Ministry, Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Religion, Doctor of Ministry, Doctor of Missiology, Doctor of Philosophy in Religion
7. Graduates and friends by nationalities (see flag marshals list by sequence)

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Seminary and Graduate School

Graduate Certificate in Education

***Ebenezer Danquah (in absentia)	Ghana
***Chipo Gwizo (in absentia)	Zimbabwe

Master of Ministry

***Robert Basit Dulay (in absentia)	Philippines
**Daniel Fritoli (in absentia)	Brazil
*Nuchin Masaga Gimena	Philippines
*Jupiter Aguaden Jacinto	Philippines
**Madhan Jacob (in absentia)	United Kingdom
*Liang Liang Ni (in absentia)	China
***Myunghoon Rha (in absentia)	South Korea
*Ao Sun (in absentia)	China
Khup Khen Thang (in absentia)	Myanmar
*Qingli Xie (in absentia)	China
***Lili Zhang (in absentia)	China

Master of Arts in Church Ministry

***Armando João Candumbo (in absentia)	Angola
Eddie Lyle Festejo Fajilagot (in absentia)	Philippines
Michelin Guy	Netherlands
Wilfred Benitez Quezon	Philippines

Master of Divinity

***Benedicto Ruelas Borja (in absentia)	Philippines
Yangneng Huang (in absentia)	China

***Byungju Kang (in absentia)	South Korea
***Leif Shelton Koester (in absentia)	United States
Jun-Ho Lim (in absentia)	South Korea
Jonathan Jeremy Lumingkewas	Indonesia
***Carly David Sepang	Indonesia
***Anasa Tamani Tabua	Fiji
Tianming Zhou (in absentia)	China

Master of Arts in Religion

Ariel Eliseo Alurralde – Church Leadership and Management (in absentia)	Argentina
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***Joseph Andrews – Church Ministry (in absentia)	Ghana
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Thesis Title: *A Model for Effective Ministerial Program in the Philippines and Ghana Union Conferences: A Multiple Case Study*

Advisor: Dr. Olaotse Gabasiane

***Nicoli Recentes Rivera – New Testament (in absentia)	Philippines
***Jesame Yirmeyah von Tronchin – Theological Studies	Netherlands

Master of Theology

Leroy Ferry Dixon Parluhutan (in absentia)	Indonesia
***Wame Rokodinono Sausau (in absentia)	Fiji

Master of Business Administration

***Philip Mong'are Achoki – Business Management (in absentia)	Kenya
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Thesis Title: *The Moderating Effect of Social Media Usage on Factors Influencing Workplace Knowledge Sharing: Towards a Predictive Model*

Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Swansi

Alberto Segundo Ocaranza Figueroa – Business Management	Chile
Ariel Sebastian Ibarrola – Information Technology (in absentia)	Argentina
Haryo Indra – Accounting (in absentia)	Indonesia
***Rachel Silva Montealto – Finance (in absentia)	Philippines
Lala Sereine Emmanuella Sharmina Randriamanjato – Business Management (in absentia)	Madagascar
Kung Thang – Business Management, Information Technology	Myanmar

Master of Arts in Education

Rebecca Benedicto Aligabo – Educational Administration	Philippines
Virgilyn Ando Andolero – Educational Administration	Philippines
Emalen Bautista Anilao – Educational Administration	Philippines
***Gabriella Alleid Dian Baureh – Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Indonesia
**Vivian Zausa Caramarcu – Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (in absentia)	Philippines
***Peisong Chen – Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (in absentia)	China
Luda Jayme Dichos – Educational Administration	Philippines
Irene Villanueva Edral – Educational Administration	Philippines
Samuel Villarez Flores – Educational Administration	Philippines
Jisty Dana Austero Frias – Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Philippines

Thesis Title: *Effect of Task-Based Language Teaching on the Use of Prepositions by Filipino High School Students*

Advisor: Dr. Gracel Ann Saban

Roland Valdepeña Gadela – Educational Administration	Philippines
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***Danilo Gabriel Goris – Curriculum and Instruction, Educational
Administration (in absentia) United States

Thesis Title: *Reflections From Experienced Adventist Educators on
Fostering a Relationship With Jesus Christ Through
the Hidden Curriculum: A Case Study*

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INTERPRETATION OF SYMBOLS

AIIAS Logo

In Adventist education, two symbols have long expressed the mission of the church. These are the circle representing the globe of the entire world to receive the “gospel of the kingdom” and the equilateral triangle representing the harmonious development of the threefold nature of humans as physical, mental, and spiritual beings.

Within the AIIAS logo, these two symbols, the circle and the triangle, are superimposed and recast as the Alpha and Omega, symbolizing Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith. In Him, the plan of salvation from the Creation to the Second Advent is actualized. As the Living Word, Christ comprises the divine medium of God’s communication with humanity. The rendering of the logo in an Asian calligraphic style accents the institutional context of the Asia-Pacific region.

The embracing branches of the palm tree, so much in evidence on the AIIAS campus, express the joy and victory of the believer’s life in Christ. The waving of the palm frond on festive occasions has long marked the religious celebrations of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

Ceremonial Mace

The AIIAS mace is a physical symbol of the institution. When displayed, it represents the authenticity and authority of the occasion. The history of the mace harks back to leaders who carried a scepter or staff who represented their position and the authority of their domain (see Numbers 17 and Esther 5). The AIIAS mace is made of Tanguile, a beautiful hard wood common in the Philippines. The carved vines winding up the staff are symbolic of the Adventist faith, which is fully interlaced throughout the institution. The vines are reflective of Christ’s analogy in John 5 where He says, “I am the vine, ye are the branches.” The trapezoidal cube near the top represents the four major curriculum areas of the institution—religion, business, public health, and education. The top is crowned with a carved wreath holding a double-sided medallion of the AIIAS logo.

Regalia

The symbols associated with academic regalia arise from the Middle Ages in Europe, when scholars and clerics wore the costume of their monastic order. Academic gowns are distinctive for each degree level. Each institution has its own design and color specifications for the gown and hood. Each hood has a velvet edging that indicates the field in which the degree was earned. All hoods have silk lining of the official color of the institution. The mortarboard cap is traditionally black and the tassel is worn to the left once a degree has been conferred. A PhD hat is often a velvet, floppy style, with a silver or gold cord and tassel.

The AIIAS academic regalia represents the status and achievement of an important academic accomplishment. There is dignity of position declared by wearing regalia that belongs only to those who have earned it. Regalia should only be worn by AIIAS graduates or those approved for graduation. Wearing academic regalia during non-academic meetings outside of graduation is generally not appropriate.

Following is a partial list of the colors that have been designated to represent the various fields of learning:

Business Administration.....	Drab
Education	Light Blue
Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Theology.....	Scarlet