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OVERVIEW

Passionate MD-PhD in Molecular Medicine student with a keen interest in Parasitology and Immunology research. Committed to leveraging public speaking as a powerful tool for fostering discourse and advancing health education initiatives.

EDUCATION

MD-PhD in Molecular Medicine
University of the Philippines Manila
Since 2023

Bachelor of Science in Public Health
Medical Laboratory Sciences Track
University of the Philippines Manila
2019-2023
Magna Cum Laude
(Batch Rank 8 out of 80)

**Sustainable Urban Development
Program Short Course**
Yokohama City University
July 2021

**Genetics, Immunology, Physiology
HMX Fundamentals Program**
Harvard Medical School
(online learning platform)
January - March 2022
Scholarship Grant Awardee

STEM (Pre-Science)
Ateneo de Davao University
June 2017 - April 2019
Rank 1 out of 2224 in academics,
honorable mention, & scholar

STEM JHS Program
Digos City National High School
June 2013 - March 2017
Batch Rank 2 out of 1131

AFFILIATIONS & LEADERSHIP ROLES

National Communications Officer
Philippine Debate Union
Since 2022

Prime Minister (President)
UP Manila Debate Circle
2022-2023

Editor-in-Chief
The Public Herald - UP College of Public
Health
2022-2023

Vice President for Advocacies & Academics
UP Manila DOST Scholars' Union
2022-2023

Debate Teacher & Curriculum Developer
Miriam College HS Debate Varsity
2021-2023

Debate Teacher
Outspoken Philippines
2022-2023

Campaign Development Officer
AIESEC in UPM
2021 - 2023

**Founding Officer
and Executive Committee Member**
League of Engineering and Science Students
2013-2017

AFFILIATIONS & LEADERSHIP ROLES *(cont.)*

Writer

UP College of Medicine Inspire
Since 2023

Features Editor

The Public Herald - UP College of Public Health
2019 - 2022

Minister of Training & Research

UP Manila Debate Circle
2019 - 2022

National Treasurer

(Kabataang Sektor ng Pambansang Samahan sa Edukasyon sa Pagpapahalaga
2015-2016

DOST Merit Scholar

Gerry Roxas Leadership Awardee

Campus Journalism Awardee

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Neglected Tropical Diseases Study Group

Fieldwork Intern in Tagum City
2022

- Evaluating a Machine Learning Algorithm to Identify and Classify Soil-Transmitted Helminth and Schistosoma Eggs as Part of a Mobile App

Philippine Heart Center

Medical Laboratory Science Intern
April - June 2023

Philippine General Hospital

Medical Laboratory Science Intern
November 2022

Poblacion Singko, Magallanes, Cavite

Public Health Fieldwork Intern
December 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

3rd Placer

DOST - National Research Council of the Philippines Research Conference
2023

- Evaluation of Olive Oil and Pifithrin- μ as Supplements to Beeswax for *Schistosoma japonicum* Cercarial Trapping
 - Funded by DOST and National Institute of Health
 - Published

Presenter

50th Philippine Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Annual Convention

- Purification and Characterization of Anti-Zika Non-structural 1 (NS1) Immunoglobulin Y (IgY) from Commercial Chicken Eggs

Presenter

11th International Public Health and Bioethics Ambassador Conference
2020

- Online Medical Advice Videos in the Philippines: An Analysis on Their Unethical Nature as Indirect Contributors of Inaccessible Healthcare

Best STEM Pre-Science Research Awardee

Ateneo de Davao University SHS
2019

- Harvesting Energy from Local Agricultural Wastes: Biochar Feasibility of Mindanao's Commercially Discarded Cacao (*Theobroma cacao*) Pods

Presenter

League of Engineering and Science Students Research Conference
2017

Champion (Best Research Award)

University of Mindanao Digos Regional Research Fair - Open Category
2017

Champion (Best Research Award)

Digos City Division Mathematics Investigatory Project Research Fair
2016

SPEAKERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS

National Pharmacy Debate Workshop 2023

[How to Debate Medical Topics](#)

Federation of Junior Chapters of the Philippine Pharmacists Association

Health Exploration Summit 2024

[Experiences as a Student Researcher](#)

UP Health Sciences and Pre-Medicine Society

Public Speaking Seminar-Workshop 2021

UP Manila Pre-law Society

Debate Workshop 2021

League of Engineering and Science Students

Art of Communication Seminar 2021

AIESEC in the Philippines National Conference

Debating Like a Pro Workshop 2021

National Federation of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (Region VI)

Fundamentals of Debate

San Pedro College of Davao

Debate Strategies

University of Immaculate Conception

TOP EXTRACURRICULAR RECOGNITIONS

Regional Champion and National Placer

- Philippine Association of Water District (PAWD) Water Quiz (2017)
- Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Nuclear Science Quiz (2017)
- General Science Quest (2014)

Regional Placer

- Department of Trade & Industry (DTI) Consumer Quiz Bee (2016)
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Essay Writing Contest (2017)
- Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Essay Writing Contest (2016)
- Regional Festival of Talents Impromptu Speaking Contest (2016)
- Regional Festival of Talents PowerPoint Presentation Contest (2017)
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Quiz Bee (2016)

Division Champion

- Divisions Schools Press Conference (DSPC) Feature Writing Contest (2015)
- Philippine Association of Water District (PAWD) Water Conservation Essay Writing Contest (2016)
- Buwan ng Wika Talumpati Competition (2016)

TOP DEBATE ACHIEVEMENTS

International Tournaments

- **Grand Champion**, 6th Best Speaker, Seri Iskandar Debate Open 2022 (*Malaysia*)
 - **Australasian Partial Double Octofinalist**, Nepal Australian Debating Championship 2022
 - **Asian Partial Double Octofinalist**, United Asians Debating Championship 2021
 - **Asian Double Octofinalist**, United Asians Debating Championship 2022
 - **Grand Finalist**, 7th Best Speaker, and 5th Best ESL Speaker, Uhuru Worlds 2021
 - **Grand Finalist**, Top break, Bangabandhu-Dhaka International Debate Fest Pacific 2021 (*Bangladesh*)
 - **Semifinalist and 6th Best Novice Speaker**, UMSU International Debate Open 2020
 - **Semifinalist and 7th Best Speaker**, Odesa ESL Open 2021 (*Ukraine*)
 - **Quarterfinalist**, Wolce's The Pre-ABP Debate Open 2020
 - **Quarterfinalist**, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV) Debate Open 2020
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Philippine Tournaments

- **National Semifinalist**, Philippine Intercollegiate Debate Championship 2022
 - **National Quarterfinalist**, Philippine Intercollegiate Debate Championship 2021
 - **National Octofinalist**, National Debate Cup 2022
 - **Grand Finalist and 6th Best Speaker**, Cordillera Administrative Region Debate Open 2020
 - **Semifinalist and 9th Best Speaker**, Iloilo Intervarsity 2020
 - **Semifinalist**, Philippine Queer Open 2021
 - **Quarterfinalist and 2nd Best Speaker**, Xavier Debate Cup 2021
 - **Quarterfinalist and 3rd Best Speaker**, Bicol Intervarsity 2021
 - **Quarterfinalist, and 4th Best Speaker**, Mayon Open Debate Championship 2021
 - **Quarterfinalist**, Manila Intervarsity 2021
 - **Quarterfinalist**, Diliman Intervarsity 2022
 - **Quarterfinalist**, Luzon Intervarsity 2020
 - **9th Best Speaker**, Ilocos Norte Debate Open 2021
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TOP JUDGING ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Chief Adjudicator**, Manila Pro-Am (2024), and Association of Philippine Medical Colleges National Medical Debates (2023)
- **Overall Best Judge of Luzon, Open Grandfinals Judge, and Subsidized Judge**, Luzon Intervarsity 2021
- **Grand Finals Judge and Subsidized Judge**, National Asians High School Debating Championship 2021
- **Grand Finals Chair and 3rd Best Judge**, Visayas Universities Debating Championship 2021
- **Grand Finals Judge, and 3rd Best Judge**, Debatable Intervarsity 2021
- **Semifinals Judge, 3rd Best Judge, and Subsidized Judge**, Regatta Intervarsity 2021
- **Novice Grand Finals Judge and 4th Best Judge**, Horizon Debate Cup 2021
- **Grand Finals Judge and Subsidized Judge**, Ignatian Cup 2021

REFERENCES

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