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"Maybe it was the heavy cream in her coffee or the sufficient amount of sleep her 11PM bedtime had to offer—but Ella had entered Ateneo bronze, not too loud, but shined every time she fell in love with life. Now she's entering a new chapter of her life golden, a few cracks running down from the times she'd sleep past 12, amongst other things, and yet, she is still absolutely phenomenal. Maybe the world won't be good to her, but Ella remains good to everyone, and herself." (G. Morales)



Clarissa D. Illustrisimo

As my favorite line from 100 na Tula para kay Stella goes, "then a pebble, now a boulder." I can say that I came to Ateneo as a pebble and now leaving as a boulder. I was a sixteen year old girl who had little faith in herself. Compared to everyone else, I felt small as a pebble, but Ateneo taught me to believe in myself and that comparing myself to others will lead me nowhere. From there, I grew into a boulder. I'm leaving as a better person, a work-in-progress, but still better nonetheless.