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From Hong Kong to Graduation Stage

Congratulations to the first batch of Full Phils scholars to graduate from the Philippine Women's University!

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From Hong Kong to the Graduation Stage

On July 28, 2026, the Philippine Women's University held its 103rd Commencement Exercises and Baccalaureate Mass at The Theatre at Solaire, Parañaque City. Under the theme "Honoring our Heritage, Celebrating Harmony, and Soaring to New Horizons," Full Phils proudly celebrated its first batch of graduates:

Rosalie Ancheta,
Gelanie Aguilario,
Febie Batiller,
Rodelyn Denosta,
Jonalyn Sumayang,
Alma Boco Cerdon,
Dyan Agonoy, and
Rhagine Carbonell



A milestone years in the making, these scholars balanced caring for families in Hong Kong by day and studying by night. This week, they returned home not just as OFWs, but as university graduates—proof that with perseverance and opportunity, dreams do come true. Their courage and determination inspire the community and affirm the power of education to transform lives.









Celebrating Freedom, Defending Digital Futures





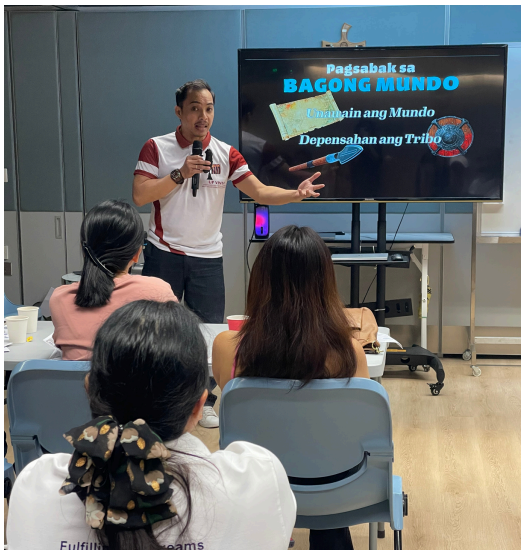
On June 14, scholars and volunteers proudly joined the Philippine Independence Day parade organised by the Philippine Consulate. Despite sudden schedule changes and unpredictable weather, the group showed resilience, teamwork, and adaptability—supporting one another and staying focused throughout the day.

The highlight came when the announcer called them to the front, giving the community a chance to represent their values with pride. The experience not only brought joy and recognition but also taught valuable lessons in responsibility and unity, leaving everyone inspired and grateful to be part of such a meaningful celebration.

Defending Digital Futures with University of the Philippines Open University

Last July 26, even Typhoon Signal No. 8 couldn't stop our scholars and participants from showing up. Despite the storm, we were thrilled to welcome a full house for "Level Up Si Marites: Joining the Fight Against Fake News, Scams, and Malicious AI." Because when it comes to protecting ourselves online, learning can't wait.







A heartfelt thank you to UP VINTA of the University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU), Asst. Prof. Raz De La Torre, and everyone who joined us for an engaging afternoon of learning. Together, we strengthened digital literacy and took another step toward building a more informed community.

Meet our Graduates

BS Hotel and Restaurant Management from Philippine Women's University



Jonalyn began her journey studying Agricultural Education but had to put her studies on hold due to financial challenges. She went on to work in domestic service, sales, and property management, and later spent two years working abroad as a domestic helper in search of better opportunities.

Despite health struggles and the challenge of balancing work with her studies, Jonalyn persevered. Her faith, her mother's encouragement, and the stories of fellow Full Phils scholars kept her going. Today, earning her degree is a testament to her hard work and resilience. She dreams of returning to the Philippines one day to start her own business.



After working in data analytics in the Philippines, **Gelanie** moved to Hong Kong, where she has spent nearly 12 years working as a domestic helper. As a single mother, she chose to work abroad to provide for her son and help support her siblings' education. Along the way, she found the inspiration to pursue her own studies.

Balancing two full-time jobs with the demands of college was never easy. But through discipline, determination, and the encouragement of her family and fellow scholars, Gelanie persevered. Her degree brings her one step closer to her dreams of becoming a teacher, starting her own business, and building a future where she can finally be with her son and loved ones.

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