



THE ELIAHU CEDARS FOUNDATION

THE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Eliahu Cedars Foundation, Inc. (ECFI) is a non-profit organization whose primary motivation is to see deserving yet underprivileged individuals in the country achieve quality education. At this time when tertiary education is mostly for the privilege, it is the foundation's self-imposed duty to provide full grants that covers the needs that a struggling Filipino student might have. This report lists and briefly discusses the accomplishments of the foundation for the year 2017.

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ECFI Scholars say...



"I believe my education will grant me my dreams to the professional world, a very promising future, allowing me to discover my life's purpose without stressing too much on how I will afford the high cost of quality education."

- Arth Noe
Pagtalunan

Overview

The Eliahu Cedars Foundation provided a wide range of services to scholars and their families in 2016-17, including:

Offering an academic and life mentorship program to students who are currently completing their tertiary education

Providing scholars with seminars and workshops that will help them deal with issues of national and international interests

Arranging fieldtrips and educational tours to places that will provide learning to scholars

Partnering with local government offices and NGO's in outreach and other community service programs

Organizing sets of activities like family day events, learning programs and experiential trips that will help the scholars motivated in life

Providing internship programs, service projects and opportunities for growth

Encouraging scholars to achieve academically and excel in activities that will provide them leadership skills.

Message from the CEO, Eliahu Cedars Foundation



Mark L. Bechara
CEO, Eliahu Cedars Foundation, Inc.

This year has been a truly inspiring year. I cannot emphasize enough how the passion and dedication of the ECFI scholars touches and motivates all of us who are honored enough to support them. This year, especially, we focused on building the family and mentor support structures around our scholars. From the families we met and worked with, we learned not only of their challenges, but of their successes in bringing their child this far in life. In developing our mentorship program, we discovered the incredible hearts of our scholars and alumni in wanting to give back and share. One thing we've discovered this year on the journey with our scholars is that we are not just supporting the education of future teachers, lawyers, accountants or entrepreneurs; we are participating in the lives of wonderfully inspiring young people. And through this experience, we, too, have been blessed.

Message from the Chairwoman, Board of Director



Filomena DC. Bito
Chairwoman, Board of Directors

Our mission is simple here in Eliahu Cedars Foundation: inspire our scholars to achieve, build meaningful relationships and transform the lives of these children. Our commitment is to invest in the future of our country, as we continue this mission we encourage the pursuit of academic excellence at all levels of education.

Each year as we hear about our scholar's accomplishments, aspirations and goals in the future it is our happiness to share some of their stories and to witness their exciting growth as they journey towards their college studies, or some of them having finished their education and plan out their career and graduate studies.

The 2016 ECFI Annual Report is not just your ordinary report, but this is all about our hardworking scholars who serve as models through their unwavering leadership, love and dedication to excellence!

Message from the Executive Director



Marcelina T. Velasco
Executive Director

It has been a pleasure to be part of the wonderful journey that our scholars in ECFI have experienced for the past years. ECFI has dramatically impacted the lives of these bright children. The opportunities endowed to them have created a lasting legacy to their lives and the lives of their families. Today and in the coming years, our scholars will enjoy unparalleled studying experiences, as we created new scholarship opportunities, new learning activities and upgraded facilities for their needs and we would not be able to achieve all of these goals without the contributions from our benefactors, the ECFI and our Aven family and the scholars whom we share these blessings with!

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Our 2017 Activities



The ECFl 7th Annual Scholarship Awarding Ceremony

"I couldn't believe it when I heard I'd been awarded a scholarship. The candidates were all really good and worked as much to get accepted- I felt like it was such a great blessing to be chosen as ECFl's scholar. It is such an honor for me and my family."

-Bernadette T. De Guzman

The new batch of ECFl scholars for the year 2017 has been announced during the second quarter of the year. Members of the BOT and ECFl personnel took the initiative in awarding these selected students who were chosen through their outstanding merits and achievements.

Milestones

Student Accomplishments

Bernice Joyce Oliveros was named one of the outstanding graduates of ECFI. She took up Bachelor of Public Administration in the University of the Philippines, Diliman and graduated Cum Laude with a final grade of (GWA) 1.5. She is now currently pursuing a degree in Juris Law at San Beda College.



Jedidiah Delos Santos finished her Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSEd) and is now a teacher at The Little Campus North Bend School in Bulacan.

Raelene Marnelle Miranda who took up Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (BSA) graduated Cum Laude with a final grade (GPA) of 1.38 (95%). Raelene also passed the CPA Licensure examination held on October 7, released on November 2. She is now employed at Deloitte Philippines Auditing firm.



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Featured Scholar



Jedidiah Delos Santos, LET Passer 2017

It was an exciting experience when the school where I spent my collegiate Internship hired me just before graduation. It was an enriching experience to teach third graders at The Little Campus North Bend School. Becoming a teacher to these talented children gave me the opportunity to share my knowledge and creativity to them. It also gave me an opportunity to be part of their lives and to impart them valuable lessons that can help them be a better student and friend to their classmates.

I know I will have to find my career path after this experience. I am an English Secondary Teacher by profession and I intend to teach in the higher level, but experiencing this one of a kind teaching experience and sharing my life with these amazing kids gave me a sense of achievement and happiness.

Being a teacher is more than a vocation, it is a calling to serve! I am happy I chose this path and I am very much in gratitude that I was chosen to be an ECFI Scholar! To Sir Mark Bechara and to my ECFI Family, Thank You So Much!

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Stories that Inspired Us

I was in fourth grade when my father abandoned us.

I could still remember the exact words my mom told us the day he left; "your Dad abandoned us, just the three of us now with your little sister Annette." Then I remembered telling her "moms don't worry, we can survive even just the three of us". From then on, she promised never to cry again because of my dad and indeed, she never cried again because of him; she started being the mom and the dad of our little family.



My mom did everything just to make ends meet. She would borrow money everywhere, even clothes and slippers she would sell just to provide us with what we need. She did all kinds of work to support us. I remember her going home every day exhausted and tired but I never heard her complain or getting angry at us. During those times that we did not have enough she will just tell us to pray and remains positive that we will survive those trials.

We went into different kinds of difficulties and she was there for us, we were there for each other as family. My mother never missed any school rehearsals or programs, from the smallest to the biggest achievements we received in school. She attended all of them, always happy to see us perform or received our awards, she made everything perfect for our small family even without a father.

Our family is perfect, even without a father we are complete.

After all those years of hardship, I realized how much my family meant to me. My mom and my sister are the most important persons to me. They are my everything, they are the reason why I am studying hard and determined to be a lawyer.

I am proud to be raised by a single parent; I don't think my sister and I would be where we are today if not for my mother.

Bernice Joyce V. Oliveros

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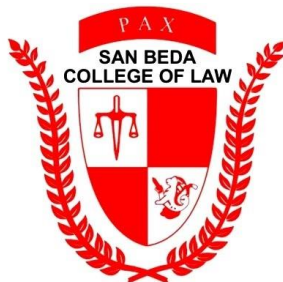
Our List of Scholars



Angela Jerica A. Fernando
University of Sto. Tomas
BS Accountancy
3rd Year College



Bernadette T. De Guzman
Baliuag University
BS Business Administration
2nd Year College



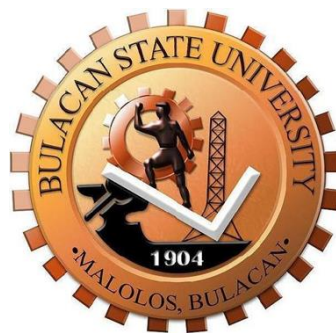
Bernice Joyce V. Oliveros San
Beda College, Manila
Juris Law
4th Year College



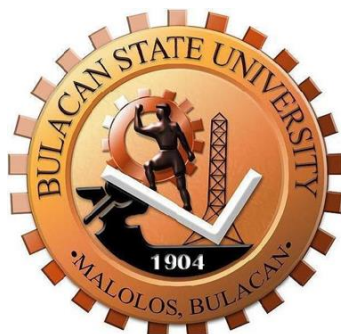
Claire Ann S. Sidayen
Baliuag University
BS Information Technology
2nd Year College



Eunice L. De Leon
Polytechnic University of
The Philippines
BS Economics
3rd Year College



Gerald Ian R. Villegas
Bulacan State University
BS Marketing Management
2nd Year College



Godfrey A. Bautista
Bulacan State University
BS Math major in Computer
Science
3rd Year College



Jedidiah V. Delos Santos
Baliuag University
BS Secondary Education major
in English
4th Year College



Niel Ria G. Gomez
Polytechnic University of
the Philippines
BS Accountancy
2nd Year College



Raelene Marnelle A. Miranda
Baliuag University
BS Accountancy
5th Year College



Raquel M. De Guzman
Bulacan State University
BS Mathematics major in
Applied Statistics
2nd Year College



Rica Camille S. Gabriel
Baliuag University
BS Accountancy
3rd Year College



Art Noe A. Pagtalunan
Baliuag University
BS. Information Technology
2nd Year College



Francisco B. Sablan Jr.
Polytechnic University of the
Philippines
BS. Business Teacher Education
3rd Year College



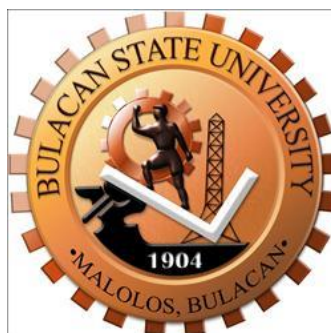
Camille Joy S. David
Baliuag University
BS. Library and Information Science
2nd Year College



Minerva Y. Valerio
Bulacan State University
BSBA. Financial Management
2nd Year College



John Kenneth Capulong
Lourdes College of Bulacan
BS. Business Administration
2nd Year College



Sharlene S. Rebuta
Bulacan State University
BSED major in Technology and
Livelihood Education
3rd Year College

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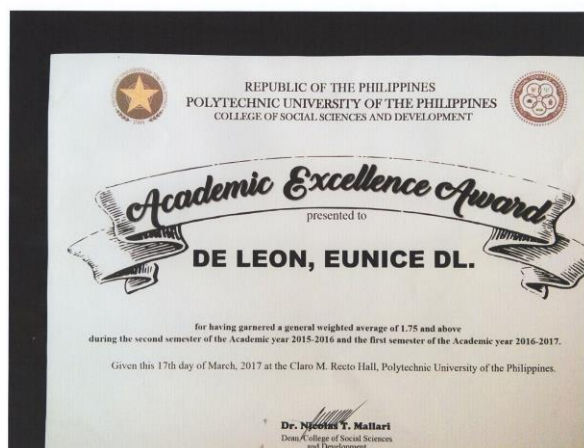
Making Us Proud!

Grade Point Average of the Scholars in the Past Two Semesters

SCHOLARS	GPA	PERCENTAGE	ADJECTIVAL EQUIVALENT
Raelene Marnelle Miranda	1.38	95%	Very Good
Jedidiah Delos Santos	1.50	93%	Very Good
Bernice Joyce Oliveros	1.54	92%	Very Good
Niel Ria Gomez	1.72	90%	Very Good
Eunice De Leon	1.70	90%	Very Good
Gerald Ian Villegas	1.70	90%	Very Good
Angela Jerica Fernando	2.57	85%	Good
Claire Ann Sidayen	1.48	95%	Very Good
Bernadette De Guzman	1.79	90%	Very Good
Rica Camille Gabriel	1.56	92%	Very Good
Godfrey Bautista	1.69	91%	Very Good
Raquel De Guzman	1.90	90%	Very Good

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Notable Awards and Academic Accomplishments



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Roll of Successful Examinees in the
L.E.T. - SECONDARY - All Regions
Held on SEPTEMBER 24, 2017
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Seq. No.	Name
19051	ESPINOZA, JENNY ROSE CABANSAG
19052	ESPINEVA, ROCHELLE MARAVILLA
19053	ESPIQUE, EUNICE OROZCO
19054	ESPIRITU, ANNA MARIE RODA
19055	ESPIRITU, ARIES NEVADO
19056	ESPIRITU, CARLA ODESSA FRANCO
19057	ESPIRITU, CARH ESPERU
19058	ESPIRITU, CHARITY MAE DE GUIA
19059	ESPIRITU, CHRISTINE MAY PALASIN
19060	ESPIRITU, CLARICE JOY LISAY
19061	ESPIRITU, DAIANA JOY GOPIO
19062	ESPIRITU, DANICA JOY ARCOIREZ
19063	ESPIRITU, ERICKA PADA

Second Semester AY 2016-2017

BA(PA)	Quinn Denmark Flores BRAGA	
	Mary Grace Tan DELA CRUZ	
BPA	Adrienne Lois Malit ABARICO	cum laude
	Arianne Rose Salangsang AGUSTIN	cum laude
	Dominique Valencia BULANTE	
	Derrill Lachica CAPARAS	
	Eleangel Dawn Samiento CORTEL	cum laude
	Aura Jeune Flores CRUZ	
	Anna Ysabel Ontimare DE DIOS	
	Kevin John San Diego DOMINGO	
	Ma. Isabel Jillian Bernardino EALA	cum laude
	Miriam Roselle Opeña EDIG	
	Ivan Paolo Morillo EVANGELISTA	
	Merryl Kristie Muro FRANCIA	cum laude
	Marl Jinno Salandanan GOOC	cum laude
	James Joel Tengco ILISCUPIDEZ	
	Maylene Patron INTENGAN	
	Roland Paul Turingan JUNIO	
	Randel Rainer Atienza LEANDER	
	Rex Francis Natural LUPANGO	
	John Marco Macawile MALIGAYA	
	Anna Snowgale Rupa MALIK	cum laude
	Cyril Katherine Salazar MANONGDO	
	Angelo Gabriel Diaz MANTUANO	
	Angelo Gabriel Cañada MANUEL	
	Benjamin Joshua Arcadio MARIÑAS	
	Jill De Guzman MISA	
	Anne Clarice Lao NG	
	Jaya Abasolo NON	
	Bernice Joyce Valerio OLIVEROS	cum laude
	Justin Cordova PAGADUAN	cum laude
	Kemel Mercado ORTEGA	
	Precious Joy Dalumpines PACIONELA	cum laude
	Nicole Anne Kahn PARREÑO	cum laude
	Alyssa Vea Guiao PIÑANO	
	Mia Jezelle Mercado PINUELA	
	Arjuna Debi Uy ROXAS	
	Mark Spencer Bachine RAMOS	
	Sharmaine Clariz Delos Santos SALAZAR	magna cum laude
	Rose Lyn Agojo SANTIAGO	

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A Success Unparalleled!



Once more, an ECFI scholar has made it to the 2017 CPA Board Licensure examination!

We Congratulate Miss. Raelene Marnelle Miranda!

For being one of the brightest gems of ECFI! We are Proud of You!

STRATEGIES

Our Mentoring Program



Our mentoring programs existed to assist scholars in offering sound advice and assistance in academic matters. Peer mentors assists scholars in choosing the best course work for them, encourage them to ask difficult questions and providing an empathetic ear to professional and/or personal problems that they may encounter in their university studies.

ECFI Mentoring Program has a nurturing goal. It attempts to help students to the fullest- to achieve growth and development in which the mentor serves as a role model, encourager and teacher to them.

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Education plays an important role in every student's personal growth and development. But students should not forget why they are studying. The whole world tells us why college education is important: to learn, to get better paying jobs, to achieve academic excellence and recognition and many more. But to a simple Filipino student who has parents that make ends meet to support their children, these students are determined to study because their family inspires them and they want to make their lives better.

Mr. Jean Claude Chang Wai Ling, always remind the scholars to give thanks to their parents and honor them always. Their parents, who have been with Aven for the longest time has been working hard to keep their family together and making it sure that their children grows up to be the best they can be. Taking inspiration from the humble beginnings of their families will help the scholars to keep track of their plans and to safeguard them from all the distractions in their environment.

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Community Outreach Program



Taking Action!

ECFI's initiative goes beyond the academe and university education. ECFI's mission is to bring communities together. As more Filipino children does not know where their next meal will come from or many not fortunately have access to nutritious food. Our outreach program strives to alleviate a portion of those suffering and to give joy and care to children whom we consider as part of our family.

"It was such a great opportunity to be with 55 children during our outdoor exploration activity, it does not only give us a valuable community experience but it gave us the opportunity to be big brothers and sisters to these children who gave their valuable time to us".

-Rica Camille S. Gabriel



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5 Love Languages Workshop



Inspired by the 1995 book by Gary Chapman, the ‘5 Love Languages Workshop’ conducted by the ECFI Family on November 12, 2017 aimed to make families grow closer together by discovering their love languages and expressing it to one another. The workshop’s aim is to teach the participants that every individual tends to naturally give love in the way they prefer to receive love and understanding those love languages through better communication can improve the family’s relationship.











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About Us

Eliahu is the given Lebanese-Hebrew name of Mark Bechara's father "Elias". Cedar, especially the Cedar of Lebanon (*Cedrus Libani*), is a hardwood which grows up to 40m tall and has the impressive lifespan of up to 2,000 years. It is a symbol of strength and resilience. In addition, it is a species known for its ability to produce high quality oil and timbers. Lastly, it is the wood which, in Biblical times, helped build strong ships and temples that endured time. With the inspiration of Elias Bechara and the enduring and giving nature of cedars, Mark Bechara, founder and CEO of ECFI, wishes the foundation to flourish and be able to provide for individuals in need for ages to come.

VISION

A society where, with the accessibility of quality education, the skillful individual is made able to achieve his/her full potential while also possessing a strong sense of service and love for learning, making for an intellectual community.

MISSION

- To devise a fool-proof selection process which improves the probability of choosing the individuals most deserving of assistance from Bulacan and the surrounding areas
- To design scholarship programs/packages tailor-made for the ever-changing needs of the less financially-capable Filipino youth
- To build an easier path towards the attainment of quality education, bringing closer solutions to problems that can be addressed by an academically-excellent nation
- To instill and reinforce the value of giving, sharing and giving back from the privileges and blessings that one has received.
- To prioritize areas that need fortifying, such as (1) the agriculture department, (2) studies on renewable energy, (3) disaster risk reduction and management, (4) public sector management, and (5) education, policy, and reform.
- To establish ECFI as a foundation built upon noble interests, with the underprivileged, talented youth as its beneficiary and an image of a future intelligent community as its anchor

Financial Summary

<i>Name of Donor</i>	<i>Address and Contact Numbers</i>	<i>Purpose/s of Donation/s</i>	<i>Nature of Donation</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Aven Manufacturing Inc.		Advances	Cash		1,100,000
<i>Sub-total</i>					<i>P 1,100,000</i>

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RCBC		Interest Income	Cash		P 581.00
<i>Sub-total</i>					<i>P 581.00</i>

Expenditures for the period covered

<i>Particulars</i>		
<i>Administrative Expenses</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>%</i>
Professional fees, salaries, taxes, transportations, rentals	<i>P 649,623</i>	36.78
Utilities, communications, repairs, bank charges etc	<i>74,135</i>	4.20
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>P 723,758</i>	40.98
<i>Program Expenses</i>	<i>Amount</i>	
Tuition Fees, Books, Allowances, Utilities, Rent Expense of	<i>P 910,327</i>	51.54
Uniforms, Workshop, Seminars, Miscellaneous	<i>132,231</i>	7.48
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>P 1,042,558</i>	59.02
Grand Total Expenditures	<i>P 1,766,316</i>	

Balance as fiscal/calendar year 2017:

P 172,317.00

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