

Mission Matters

September 2022 Philippines



Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines Sees 10 College Graduates

Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines, whose primary mission focuses on education and keeping children in school to better their lives and lift themselves and their families out of poverty, saw 10 sponsored children graduate from college in 2022. These successful graduates started as sponsored children while in elementary school. Throughout their more than a decade of sponsorship, each of them has chased their dreams to pursue and finish a college degree, knowing that this is a path that will truly change their lives. In a country where children and teens are often tempted by the false promises of money and freedom from the sex industry, keeping these at-risk young people in school is the first step on the path to a better life; continuing on to and graduating from college sets up young adults for an even brighter future. All the graduates have been able to realize their hopes and dreams of a college degree thanks to the generosity of their sponsors, who saw their potential and chose to continue to support them past high school.

Half of this year's college graduates earned Bachelor of Science in Education degrees in English, Filipino, General Science, and Elementary Education. The rest of the graduates earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Information Technology, Tourism Management, Hospitality Management, Entrepreneurial Management and Financial Management. They came from all the areas served by Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines—Bulacan, Pampanga, Zambales and Ormoc City, Leyte.

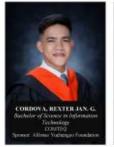
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TEN SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE GRADUATES: BATCH 2022



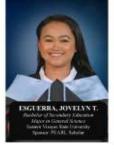






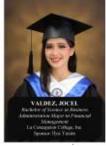












In addition, Danica A. Literato graduated Cum Laude with a BS in Entrepreneurial Management, and Cherrie Ann A. Montes graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Tourism Management. Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines is proud of all of these graduates and know their sponsors from Pearl S. Buck International who contributed to their wonderful achievements share in their joy.

These graduates will automatically become new Pearl S. Buck

Foundation members of PSBP-Alumni Association that will launch when Philippines celebrates its 20th anniversary as an independent affiliate of Pearl S. Buck International in August 2023.

Pearl S. Buck Foundation and this year's graduates extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to their sponsors for supporting their dreams—thank you to all our child sponsors and donors for helping children, families, and communities lift themselves out of poverty and build a better future for generations to come.



PSBI Fall Event



Pearl S. Buck International Celebrates Octoberfest

Pearl S. Buck International will be hosting its inaugural Octoberfest celebration on the grounds of the Pearl S. Buck Estate on **Sunday, October 23, 2022** from 1-5 pm. In keeping with recent efforts to get out into and interact with the community more, Pearl S. Buck International is inviting its neighbors, family, and friends to join us for a funfilled afternoon on our beautiful 67 acres among some colorful fall foliage.

The Octoberfest celebration is a family-friendly community event, and will feature live music, food trucks, beer and wine, vendors, and children's activities. Participating businesses, organizations, and individuals include Cousin's Maine Lobster, The Tot Rod, Local Harvest Pizza, Stateside Vodka, Neshaminy Creek Brewing, Saint Rocco's Treats, Lucky You Candle Company, Frank's Fine Swine & Beef, Ella G. Boutique, Sage & Oak, Keller Williams, Univest Bank, Visit Bucks County, Merge Travel, county and local EMS, and the Hilltown Police Department.

The Pearl S. Buck Volunteer Association has planned various fun and educational activities for the kids, including an archaeology project, learning how to write Chinese characters, building a Pearl S. Buck Estate statue, and learning how to draw a tree.

In addition, visitors to Octoberfest will have the chance to tour the Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark museum for free. We look forward to inviting everyone to this celebration—admission is \$20 per carload, so bring all your family and friends! More information and updates are available at www.pearlsbuck.org/octoberfest/

