

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
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UPAAA, Inc.



As the year 2019 drew to a close, ending another chapter in the history of UPAAA, Inc, another chapter begins under my term and that of the new board for the next two years. We look back at the past two terms of our most energetic and dedicated outgoing president, Nelsie Parrado, with pride at what we have accomplished as a board under her leadership. She has also carved out a template and a vision we had inscribed in our revised Constitution and Bylaws. Thank you to our host chapter UPAA San Francisco and its outstanding leaders for organizing a very successful Grand Reunion and Convention.

LEAP- Lead, Elevate, Advance, and Participate - our theme during our last Grand Reunion will guide our path to move forward to make the next two years of UPAAA and beyond a shining star in the firmament of all UP alumni in this country. It will serve as a beacon of hope for those in the Philippines we have helped during our previous term – the deserving scholars in each of the constituent campuses of the University, the athletes who are in need of better nutrition to win those national championships, the students who received financial assistance for their projects from the Agapay Project in UP Mindanao, the young children and their families living in an isolated island community helped by the students of UP Visayas in Iloilo prepare better for disasters and increase their chance of survival in natural calamities. Those are the projects that make a difference in the lives of our students, their families, faculty, UP alumni, and our communities.

Under the UPAAA banner, we have demonstrated what our leadership can do, and what more can we do in the future. We have board members who opted to stay on knowing that their work is not done and there's much more to be done. But we also have newcomers on the board who will provide their skills, experience and expertise in their own fields to contribute to the task of helping the University in nation building of our beloved homeland.

My agenda for the next two years will be based on **Values, Action and Outcomes**

Values will be defined in the acronym : **UNITE**

- U - Unity among all UP alumni
- N - Networking
- I - Integrity
- T - Teamwork
- E - Excellence

Acton through **LEAP** Programs:

- **Lead** through developing leadership skills, capacities and education
- **Elevate** through positive image-building and excellence
- **Advance** through programs that benefit the university, students and community.
- **Participate** by joining UPAAA as a regular member or chapter member

Outcomes will be measured by our accomplishments to increase our human capital, finances, networks and projects.

I invite all our UP alumni in the United States and around the world to join us in our path towards making UPAA in America, Inc. an organization that makes a difference. Together, we shall face the future with commitment, dedication, and passion, all for the love of our alma mater and country!

Thank you.