



UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN AMERICA, INC.

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UPAAA HISTORY

*(Excerpts from Message of Arsenio Talingdan, Founder and 1st UPAAA National President 1981-1983.
By Luzviminda Sapin Micabalo 4th UPAAA President 1988-1991)*

The University of the Philippines Alumni Association in America (UPAAA) was founded on Memorial Day, May 25, 1981 during the organizational meeting of 13 UP Alumni at the residence of Arsenio Talingdan in New Jersey. He got the idea of organizing UPAA Chapters in the United States at the suggestion of the Director of UP Alumni Relations May Caballero Dumlao who wrote him a letter on January 21, 1980. After organizing the UPAA-New Jersey Chapter on April 12, 1980, UPAA New York and UPAA Philadelphia joined. Inquiries from other States about forming UPAA chapters prompted the UPAA New Jersey officers to file for incorporation papers with its first set of officers.

The goals of UPAAA were to: (1) Preserve the University of the Philippines as the national center for academic freedom (2) Open and maintain lines of communication between the University and its alumni in America and (3) Advance the intellectual, cultural and economic pursuits of UP Alumni in America.

To carry out those objectives, UPAAA was organized as tax-exempt, nonprofit, nonpartisan and non-sectarian organization, registered in the State of New Jersey on October 10, 1981.

On September 13, 1982, the US Internal Revenue Service granted its tax -exempt status under Section 501 (C) (3) as a non-profit organization. UPAAA is now registered in the State of Nevada and is in the process of reapplying for IRS tax-exempt status.

The incorporation purposes, goals and objectives of UPAAA then were: (1) to bind all UP Alumni in America into one unified and federated continental organization with chapters to be formed in cities, states and countries in North and South America. (2) To work for the preservation of the UP System as the national center for academic excellence, freedom and service. (3) To open and maintain the lines of communication between the University and its alumni in America. (4) To establish programs and projects to advance the intellectual, cultural and economic pursuits of UP Alumni in scholarship fund, philanthropic foundation, yearbook, directory and newsletter.

On September 12, 1992 delegates of UP Alumni groups led by Atty. Reuben Seguritan, UPAAA President 1991-1992 , convened at Anaheim California and formally adopted UPAAA as the official umbrella organization of all UP Alumni and groups in America.

UPAAA under its founding president and succeeding presidents laid the seed and foundation for what UPAAA is now. It has held a combination of general reunions, convention and assembly of UP Alumni from various parts of the United States and North America. It has honored and awarded distinguished alumni from as far as Paris, France. It has raised funds for Scholarship and Professorial chairs for UP Diliman. More challenges and opportunities await the future UPAAA leadership...more can be achieved for UP by being united in spirit and deed to make UP a great world class University of Excellence.



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SNAP SHOT HISTORY OF UPAAA INC.

*Part of history are excerpts from Messages of Dr. Arsenio Talingdan,
Founder & First UPAAA National President, 1981-1983*

By Luzviminda Sapin Gonzalez Micabalo
UPAAA Inc. Historian & Past President 1988-1990

May 25, 1981 - UPAAA was organized and founded by Dr. Arsenio Talingdan in New Jersey. He was elected as its First President.

The goals of UPAAA were to:

- (1) Preserve the University of the Philippines as the national center of academic freedom
- (2) Open and maintain lines of communication between the University and its alumni in America,
- (3) Advance the intellectual, cultural and economic pursuits of UP alumni in America.

May 25, 1981 - The first UPAAA Scholarship Trust Fund was launched in New Jersey with \$10,000 goal.

Sept. 28, 1981 - UPAAA Articles of Incorporation was filed and registered in New Jersey as a non-profit, non-partisan and non-sectarian organization.

Dr. Arse Talingdan thereafter initiated the formation and organization of the following UPAAA Chapters and their first sets of officers.

- UPAAA New Jersey - May 25, 1981
- UPAAA Florida September 16, 1981
- UPAAA New York -December 16, 1981
- UPAAA Pennsylvania - May 23, 1982

January 23, 1982: Dr. Arsenio Talingdan applied for IRS number and was issued EIN number 22-2382657

August 20, 1982 - UPAAA Inc. helped launch "Friends of UP Foundation" at the request of UP Pres. Ed. J Angara in a letter to UPAAA Inc. dated June 18, 1982. Reception held at the United Nation with UN Undersecretary Rafael Salas. Several UP alumni from New York were on the FUPFA board i.e Dr. Enteng Limcaoco, Loida Nicolas Lewis and Luz Sapin Gonzalez Micabalo and Dr. Archie Laano, among others.

September 13, 1982: Dr. Arsenio Talingdan applied for Federal Tax Exemption. IRS approved UPAAA Inc. as tax-exempt under section 501 (c)(3) of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and Foundation Status under Section 509 (a) (1) and 170 (b) (1) (v1) of the US Bureau of Internal Revenue Code

March 1991 - UPAAA Inc. led by Atty. Reuben Seguritan in cooperation with the New York Philippine Consulate, gave a reception to world famous Lea Salonga of Miss Saigon, at the former Penta Hotel, New York City.

September 12, 1992 - UPAAA Inc. reception for UP Pres. Jose V. Abueva soliciting funds for UP Reseach Endowment Fund.

Sept 12, 1992 - 50 delegates of UP Alumni organization in America led by UP AAA Inc. President Atty. Reuben Seguritan and Dr. Jaime Velasco, past president of UP AA Southern California, held a meeting at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim California. All delegates present voted to recognize UP AAA Inc. as the duly organized umbrella group of all UP Alumni organization in the US and Canada.

October 23, 1994 - Joint Reception for UP President Emil Javier and Chancelor Perla Santos Ocampos soliciting funds for "UP Faculty Development" at Army & Navy Club, New York City

May 15, 2011 - 501 (c) (3) revoked automatically by IRS for failure to file Federal Income Tax return for 3 years. Date of Notice March 12, 2012.

December 12, 2011 - UPAAA Inc. New Jersey State Registration was revoked.

May 22, 2012 - UPAAA Inc. President Romulo Aquino delegated Luz Sapin Micabalo to secure a new IRS EIN for UPAAA Inc. Bureau of Internal Revenue Service issued UP AAA Inc. a new Employer ID No.(EIN).

August 17, 2012: UP AAA Inc. was registered in the State of Nevada. Entity number E0431262012-9.

July 30, 2014 - UP AAA Inc received its Federal Income Tax Exemption Status as a 501(c) (3) according to the Bureau of Internal Revenue Code. Effective Date of Exemption is August 20, 2012.

UP AAA Inc. is classified as a public charity under the Bureau of Internal Code section 509(a) (2) .

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