

JULITA V. SOTEJO MEDALLION of HONOR

Medallium Honoris Servitium Pro Patriae et Humanitate

(For Service to Country and Humanity)



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2015 JULITA V. SOTEJO MEDALLION OF HONOR AWARDEE

For his involvement as a volunteer with the Nurses House and his advocacy for integrating Nursing Informatics into baccalaureate programs and its application to patient care.

The Nurses House is a nonprofit national service program providing short-term financial assistance to nurses in need as a result of illness, injury or disability. Established in 1922, the Nurses House has a history of helping many nurses over the years. In 2004, Edmund J.Y. Pajarillo, this year's Julita V. Sotejo Medallion of Honor recipient got involved with the Nurses House. Since then and up to the present he worked as a volunteer in various capacities: member of the board, vice president, and member of the Finance Committee where, with his financial acumen endeavoured to remedy and maintain the institution's solvency. Edmund Pajarillo's volunteerism, his dedication and deep concern for this institution's stability significantly met the major criterion for the medallion of honor --- truly a selfless service to country and humanity.

Edmund Pajarillo is an expert in nursing informatics. His work at the School of Nursing, Excelsior College, New York for his MSN degree and his dissertation towards his PhD, both focused on nursing informatics. A prolific writer, speaker, presenter, and lecturer, he travelled the world espousing the crucial relevance of informatics to present day nursing practice and its critical role in patient care. He advocates the integration of Nursing Informatics into baccalaureate programs. To this end, he collaborated with the dean and faculty of the U.P. College of Nursing to include informatics in their nursing curriculum. The UPCN model is adopted by other schools and colleges of nursing in the Philippines --- a profound and monumental legacy of a U.P. nurse and an UPNAAI member. This is a great contribution to the profession and generations of nurses, and most important, the lasting benefits to healthcare patients.

Dr. Edmund Pajarillo manifested leadership qualities even during his student days. An active member

of the U.P. Student Council, he propounded issues relevant and important to UPCN students concerns. Graduating in 1979 with his Bachelor of Science in Nursing, his stints as research assistant, staff nurse at the emergency room and other units like medical, surgical, pediatrics, orthopedics, and others made him well-rounded on many aspects of his profession. In 1990, he obtained his Master of Public Administration degree from the U.P. College of Public Administration. He received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Long Island University, College of Information and Computer Science, Brookville, New York in 2005.

For Dr. Edmund Pajarillo's humanitarian effort and his unrelenting drive to enhance academic standards and proficient nursing care, he received many grants, scholarships, and awards, namely: grant from the Nigerian Institute of Virology and the Kirby Grant for Professional Development and Research, and the Center for Healthcare Quality. He is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. He was a recipient of the Most Outstanding Alumnus in Informatics and Administration, UPCN (2014); The UPAAA Most Distinguished Alumnus Award for Nursing Education (2009); Informatics Nurse of the Year, PNA-NY (2010), to name a few.

Dr. Edmund Pajarillo's student life and professional career are profuse with hard work and notable accomplishments that a two-page tribute would be less than sufficient to chronicle all he has achieved. But UPNAAI peered into his humanitarian service and contribution to the nursing profession that the organization found worthy of the U.P. tradition of excellence, and the values espoused by Dean Sotejo. Therefore on recommendation of the Awards and Citations Committee, chaired by Lyvia M. Villegas, the UPNAAI Board, chaired by Jesusa Czach, unanimously approved the choice of Dr. Edmund Pajarillo as the 2015 Julita V. Sotejo Medallion of Honor Awardee for his service to country and humanity (*Servitium Pro Patriae et Humanitate*).

Congratulations!

By Nelson C. Borrero
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*“As a servant leader,
you have to identify which changes
are necessary to implement your vision
and then help people move in that direction.
Change is rarely easy, but understanding the
reactions people have to change will make
implementation less difficult on everyone.”*

--- KEN BLANCHARD and PHIL HODGES
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