



Meet GMA's female board of directors and wonder women—brave and beautiful, at the top but always rooted to the ground

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COVER: (L-R) GMA'S FEMALE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LAURIE JIMENEZ-WESTFALL, JUDITH DUAVIT-VAZQUEZ, AND ANNA TERESA GOZON-VALDES



WOMEN'S EDITION

March is Women's Month!

Within the halls of GMA are stories of industry firsts, ably led by women. In the 1970S, when broadcast journalism was largely a man's world, GMA defied the norm by fielding Tina Monzon-Palma as one of the co-anchors of News at Seven—an industry first. The late Helen Vela anchored GMA Balita—she was the first woman to anchor a news program in Filipino. GMA News pillar Mel Tiangco was the first solo anchor for Frontpage, the first late-night news program in Filipino. News pillar Jessica Soho holds the distinction of being the first Filipino recipient of the highly acclaimed George Foster Peabody Award and also the first Filipino to win in the New York Film Festival.

Did you know that the call letters GMA's FM radio station, LS, in DWLS FM, stands for Loreto Stewart? She was the Filipina wife of Channel 7's founder, Bob Stewart and she held the position of president held the position of president when GMA was then known as the Republic Broadcasting Station.

On our cover are GMA's female board of directors—all accomplished leaders in various fields. These power-women tell a range of stories that show exceptional creativity and entrepreneurship. Within these pages are stories that celebrate the diversity of women—fighting for justice in Artikulo 247, seeking the truth in Widow's Web, chasing dreams in Mano Po Legacy: Her Big Boss, among others.

As you meet the women in the pages that follow, think of your own experience, the women you look up to, and what you can do to make the world more inclusive—a world that gives importance to talent, capability, character, and integrity, regardless of gender.

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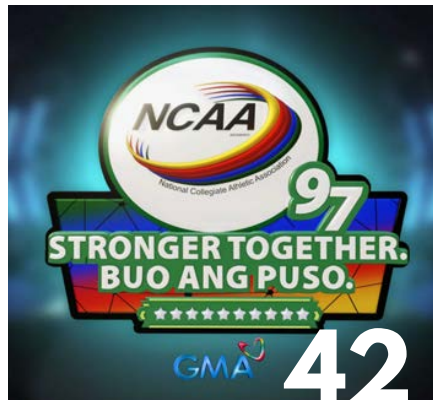
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GMA Network CEO Felipe Gozon receives honorary doctorate degree

GMA Network Chairman and CEO Atty. Felipe L. Gozon received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) from the Wesleyan University Philippines (WUP).

Gozon was joined by Mrs. Teresa Gozon and his family during the academic convocation held on March 18 at the Central United Methodist Church in Manila. The conferment rites were led by WUP President Judge Benjamin D. Turgano along with OIC-Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. John Mark F. Bondoc, Board of Trustees Secretary Atty. Gideon C. Salatan, Legal Education Board Chairperson Atty. Marie Melanie B. Trinidad, and Board of Trustees Member Renato G. Simbulan.

“I am deeply humbled by the degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa you have conferred on me. This recognition speaks of the many things that I stand for, the things that give my life meaning, and the values I live by. For all of that, I am most grateful, especially to our Lord,” said Gozon in his speech.



GMA Network Chairman and CEO Atty. Felipe L. Gozon (center) with his immediate family and WUP President Judge Benjamin D. Turgano (3rd from left). Also present were GMA Independent Directors Dr. Jaime Laya and Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban and GMA executives.



And so we gather today in the hallowed halls of the historic Central United Methodist Church to honor a man who was born and raised in the best traditions and discipline of protestant Christianity which - immensely shaped his vocational ethics both as a lawyer and a business leader... We celebrate the qualities that define him as a person and which became the foundation of his selfless contributions for his country and people.”

Judge Benjamin Turgano
President | Wesleyan University
of the Philippines

A noted legal scholar, Gozon graduated in the top ten of UP Law Class of 1962 and placed 13th in the 1962 Bar Examinations. He pursued graduate studies at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, USA and finished the degree of Master of Laws in 1965. He had opportunities to pursue a lucrative law practice in the United States but he chose to return and serve in his own country, the Philippines. His visionary leadership provided the framework for the rise of GMA Network to become the Number 1 TV network in the country.

Gozon joins former president Fidel V. Ramos, Chief Justice Reynato S. Puno, Bishop Emerito P. Nacpil, and other accomplished persons in government, academe, religion, and business as WUP’s honorary degree recipients.❤️



DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA
CITATION

Atty. Felipe L. Gozon
 Lawyer, Scholar, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist,
 Social Innovator, and Civic Leader

Your selfless contributions to nation-building as a distinguished law practitioner and as a business leader and entrepreneur deserve the grateful recognition of your country and people.

Your commitment to legal scholarship and to lifelong learning is remarkable and inspirational. Your prodigious studies led you to become one of the nation's leading experts on aviation and taxation laws. You presented papers and lectures at local and international conferences on various legal issues. You have published the first book written about civil aviation law and procedure in the Philippines, *The Civil Aeronautics Board: Powers, Procedures, and Regulations*, a work that will be long remembered by law practitioners as it sets the foundational framework of aviation law practice in our country.

The magnitude of your legal scholarship is paralleled by the triumphs you have achieved as an business entrepreneur and industry leader. Under your visionary

leadership, the broadcasting network made its phenomenal rise to become the Number 1 TV Network in the country. Your empowering leadership fostered a culture of innovation, encouraged creativity, and developed zealous commitment to the mission, and vision of the network. Your clear mandate for the network to remain responsible, impartial, objective and to avoid sensationalism in its news reportage has distinguished GMA from other television networks in the country and elevated its level of professionalism. GMA's tagline of "Walang Kinikilingan, Walang Pinoprotektahan, Walang Kasinungalingan, Serbisyon Totoo Lamang" reveals your commitment to justice, truth, and fairness in the performance of your responsibilities as a media provider.

Under your creative directions and empowering leadership, GMA has become the only Philippine TV Network to win the prestigious Peabody Award four times and named "The Best



Terrestrial TV Station in Asia" by the Asian Television Awards in 2005. This can be attributed to your exemplary leadership and sense of accountability which kept the people who work with you motivated and inspired.

The GMA Kapuso Foundation, Inc., which was established under your watch as Chairman & CEO has become one of the leading charitable institutions in the country delivering welfare assistance to families displaced by natural calamities, conducting health, nutrition, and medical projects for women, youth, and other underserved sectors of society. As one



Atty. Felipe L. Gozon (3rd from left) receives the Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) from WUP President Judge Benjamin Turgano. Witnessing the rites are Legal Education Board Chairperson Marie Melanie B. Trinidad, Atty. Annette Gozon-Valdes, Wesleyan Board of Trustees Atty. Gideon Salatan and Rev. Dr. Igmedio Domingo.

of the most prominent philanthropists in the country, you have found a way to make this world a better place to live through your goal of giving back. That none of your generous engagements are included in your autobiography is a testament to your Christ-like humility and selflessness. You led a life of accomplishments and recognitions, triumphs, and blessings and your life was one expended on inspiring individuals and communities.

The life that you lived has exhibited the nurturing qualities of a mentor who continue to share his wisdom to

the youth. A fitting culmination to a lifetime of blessings and achievements, you were honored with the Ulirang Ama Award in 2014, a testament to your legacy as a model parent. Your life and works exemplified noblesse oblige, a genuine spirit to reach out, do things and help others who are not in any position to give back. Truly, people can see Christ in you, and they become inspired and transformed because your faith has made you a better person and a blessing for others.

For your selfless contributions to kingdom building and nation-building, for your unwavering passion for excellence and integrity, for your transformative leadership, you have made this world a better place to live. Thus, Wesleyan University-Philippines in the year of its Diamond Jubilee, is proud to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa.❤

6th GEMS Awards

The GEMS - Hiyas ng Sining Awards honors different shows and personalities for their contribution in the fields of writing, theater, radio, television, and music.♥

GMA Network
TV Station of the Year

Michael V.
Natatanging Hiyas ng Sining sa Telebisyon

Mel Tiangco
Best Newscaster (Male or Female)

24 Oras
Best News Program

Alden Richards
The World Between Us
Best Performance in a Lead Role (Male or Female - TV Series)

The Atom Arullo Specials
Best TV Program-Opinion/Documentary

Atom Arullo
Best TV Program Host (Male or Female - Opinion/Documentary)

The Clash
Best TV Program - Reality/Talent Search

Aiko Melendez Tadhana: Dalawang Aking Ina
Best Performance in a Lead Role (Male or Female - TV Series)

Dingdong Dantes
A Hard Day
Best Performance in a Lead Role (Male)

Jaclyn Jose
The Housemaid
Best Performance in a Supporting



2022 Lasallian Scholarum Awards

The Lasallian Scholarum Awards recognizes outstanding coverage of youth and education stories. It aims to inspire members of the media to put youth and education in the front and center of national consciousness.♥

The Atom Arullo Specials (Munting Bisig)
Outstanding Video Feature on Youth and Education in the 2022 Lasallian Scholarum Awards

Special Commendation
Pandemic Teachers
Kara David
I-Witness



Taste Buddies

Sundays | GTV
5:30 PM

Brand-new episodes and a special lineup of celebrity guests await Kapuso viewers as GMA Network's lifestyle show *Taste Buddies* moved to a new timeslot.

The adventure never ends as resident hosts Solenn Heussaff and Gil Cuerva explore more great food, trendy restaurants, and unique places for the whole family to enjoy every weekend.

The multitalented celebrity mom and actress, who has been the host of the program for more than nine

years, teases viewers on why they should watch the upcoming fresh episodes, "Good food, amazing locations, and fun times with Gil."

Gil, in turn, shares "Our show is very light, very fun. And we give you a lot of good ideas that you could probably use whether it just be to have food delivered at home or maybe you see something I'll be doing in *Taste Buddies* or different places we go to or a different activity that you probably want to do. And since it's Sunday, it's a family day, you'll be with your family members."♥



Israeli Ambassador Ilan Fluss together with GMA Network officers

GMA Network meets with Israeli Ambassador Ilan Fluss

Israeli Ambassador to the Philippines Ilan Fluss paid a courtesy call on GMA Network Chairman and CEO Felipe L. Gozon.

Some of the topics discussed during the virtual meeting held last March 10 were the Embassy's events and activities, Israel's humanitarian assistance to typhoon-stricken areas and during the pandemic, and a possible partnership with GMA Network as well as the Kapuso Foundation. Additionally, Gozon assured the Network's willingness to cooperate with the Israeli government to deliver its message to the Filipinos.

Also in attendance were the following GMA Network executives and news personalities: Chief Marketing Officer Lizelle Maralag, Senior Vice President for Entertainment Group Lilybeth G. Rasonable; GMA New Media, Inc. President and COO Dennis Augusto Caharian; and GMA Vice President for Corporate Affairs and Communications Angela Javier-Cruz; as well as award-winning broadcast journalists Vicky Morales, Pia Arcangel, and Mel Tiangco.

In the virtual meeting as well were Press Officer Danica Mae Marollano and GMA Kapuso Foundation EVP and COO Rikki Escudero-Catibog.❤️



TOP-NOTCH CONTENT

GMA kicks
off 2022 on
a high note

Following the first slew of Kapuso shows and election special successfully unveiled during the first two months of the year, GMA keeps the ball rolling with more exciting shows in the pipeline.

But this is just the beginning.





L-R: Rhian Ramos, Kris Bernal, Benjamin Alves, and Mark Herras

Artikulo 247

Weekdays | After Little Princess
Directed by: Jorron Lee Monroy and associate director Ralph Manuel Malabungan

A repealed law under the Revised Penal Code, Article 247 states that “any legally married person who having surprised his spouse in the act of committing sexual intercourse with another person, shall kill any of them or both of them in the act or immediately thereafter, or shall inflict upon them any serious physical injury, shall suffer the penalty of destierro (banishment).”

This riveting legal drama is top-billed by Rhian Ramos, Kris Bernal, Benjamin Alves, and Mark Herras, the series powerfully portrays a woman’s journey as she fearfully moves on from the consequences of her past entanglement with her boss and his wife.❤️



First Lady

Weeknights | 8:10 PM
Directed by: L.A. Madridejos

GMA recently launched the much-awaited sequel to the Philippines’ No. 1 show for 2021, *First Yaya*. Gabby Concepcion and Sanya Lopez headline the primetime series as they make viewers fall in love anew with the characters of President Glenn Acosta and First Lady Melody Reyes.❤️

L-R: Gabby Concepcion and Sanya Lopez

Widows' Web

Weeknights | 8:50 PM

Directed by: Direk Jerry Lopez
Sineng with associate director
Philip Lazaro

GMA's first suspenserye is headlined by Ms. Carmina Villarroel, Vaness Del Moral, Ashley Ortega, Pauline Mendoza. The four women are caught up in a twisted murder case that will entangle them in a web of secrets, mysteries, and lies.

Esteemed director Jerry Lopez Sineng is very proud of his first project as a Kapuso and expresses his gratitude to GMA for entrusting him this series, "This is one of the best scripts I have ever directed. Gustong-gusto ko talaga itong materyal na 'to. This is really one of the best written shows I have ever directed and I am so happy and proud talaga. Lahat sila sa cast, mahuhusay. I'd like to thank GMA for giving me this cast kasi sobrang sarap katrabaho, sobrang gaan at sobrang gagaling. Makikita niyo naman po pag napanuod niyo na yung mga shows, ang galing galing nila." 🍷

L-R: Carmina Villarroel, Vaness Del Moral, Ashley Ortega, and Pauline Mendoza





Mano Po Legacy: Her Big Boss

Weeknights | 9:35 PM

Directed by: Easy Ferrer with 2nd

Unit Director Jen De los Santos

Creative Head and Head Writer:

Jose Javier Reyes

The next installment of GMA Network and Regal Entertainment's hit *Mano Po Legacy* franchise features sought-after Kapuso stars Ken Chan, Bianca Umali, and Kelvin Miranda.

This rom-com series tells the story of a headstrong woman who tries to balance her career and her romantic life. Irene (Bianca) has her life planned out. In two years, she will marry her longtime perfect boyfriend Nestor (Kelvin) and move to Australia to join the rest of his family.

But life takes a turn when Irene finds a job as assistant to Richard (Ken), a geeky Filipino Chinese businessman who needs to earn the trust of his father to head the family business. As the boss and his bubbly assistant work together, feelings change, and this causes confusion in Irene's heart.💕





L-R: Ken Chan, Bianca Umali, and Kelvin Miranda



“As a person who acquires (titles) and who seeks partnerships, we get to become more creative... And marami na rin lumalapit. Here in GMA, we’re open to anything.”

Joey R. Abacan
 First Vice President
 Program Management

Quote taken from an interview with The Philippine Star





Family Feud

Weekdays | 5:45 PM

Directed by: Treb Monteras

The Network also promises to deliver fun with the world's favorite game show and the best family bonding experience. All set to bring his A-game to this well-loved program is no less than Kapuso Primetime King Dingdong Dantes.

The battle is on once more for two families of four as they try to outsmart each other in guessing the most popular answers to survey questions. The winning team will take home P100,000 plus another P100,000 if they win in the jackpot round. The losing team will receive P50,000. Viewers will also get a chance to win cash prizes while watching and enjoying the show in the comforts of their homes with the *Guess To Win* promo.♥

“Our ratings are even stronger, we have a very exciting line-up of shows currently airing now and marami pang ginagawang programs that will be launched in the near future...It has been a good start, a good first quarter for GMA.”

Lilybeth R. Rasonable

Senior Vice President
Entertainment Group

*Quote taken from an
interview with PEP*



L-R: Direk Mark Reyes with the Boazanian cast

False Positive

New Kapuso actor Xian Lim joins Glaiza De Castro in the primetime series. The romance-comedy showcases a neglected wife, who is made to feel inferior by her husband's utter disregard of her feelings and sense of value as an expectant mother. In her frustration, she malevolently wishes in front of a magical fountain, resulting in the husband developing a fetus in his tummy.

Voltes V: Legacy

Preparing to volt in is the much-awaited live-action adaptation of the hit Japanese anime series. The groundbreaking project stars Miguel

Tanfelix as Steve Armstrong, Ysabel Ortega as Jamie Robinson, Radson Flores as Mark Gordon, Matt Lozano as Big Bert, Raphael Landicho as Little John, and Martin del Rosario as the Boazanian Prince Zardoz.

Running Man Philippines

The much-awaited Philippine franchise of the SBS Korea Original also airs this 2022.

Sing for Hearts

A new breed of talented artists who can make beautiful music together is also set to be discovered in the innovative singing contest.

What We Could Be

GMA and Quantum Films bring forth the heartwarming drama headlined by Miguel Tanfelix, Yasser Marta, and Ysabel Ortega. It tells the story of a hopeful young woman who dreams of rebuilding their family's bakery.

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

Also happening this March is the much-awaited return of live collegiate sports events as the NCAA kicks off its 97th Season with GMA Synergy's six-episode daily show *Game On!* that's sure to prime us up for the Season 97 Opening Ceremony and the start of Men's Basketball Games on March 26.

Alden Richards
and Bea Alonzo



**MORE SHOWS ARE
IN FOR KAPUSO
VIEWERS THIS 2022**

Start-Up

GMA recently announced that it is producing a local adaptation of the hit Korean drama series. In partnership with leading entertainment company CJ ENM, the remake is headlined by two of the country’s highly-acclaimed and bankable actors: Asia’s Multimedia Star Alden Richards and New Generation Movie Queen Bea Alonzo in her first soap project as a Kapuso.

Created and produced by Studio Dragon, *Start-Up* delves into one of the world’s most advanced tech sectors and gives a glimpse into the struggles and challenges one goes through in order to build a successful business from the ground up. Starring Korean celebrities Bae Suzy, Nam Joo-hyuk, Kim Seon-ho, and Kang Han-na, the series takes place in the fictional Sandbox Company where the journey of these young entrepreneurs, all eager to start their own businesses, begins.

Start-Up not only became a massive hit in Korea, but it also took other Asian countries by storm and was one of the most talked-about series in the country last 2020.❤️

Raising Mamay

This family drama is about a teenager who takes care of her mother, who is stricken with brain regression after an unfortunate shooting incident. However, she soon discovers her identity that led to her mother’s assassin. It stars seasoned actress and Comedy Concert Queen Aiai Delas Alas and Sparkle Loveteam Shayne Sava and Abdul Raman.

Bolera

This original series serves as the much-awaited TV comeback of multitalented Kapuso actress Kylie Padilla. Joining her are hot leading men Rayver Cruz and Jak Roberto.

Love You Stranger

Top-billed by real-life Kapuso couple Gabbi Garcia and Khalil Ramos, the mystery romance series is set to air this May. It revolves

around LJ—a film designer searching for the truth behind a shadow monster from folklore feared by her reclusive mother—and the charming young director Ben, whose next movie is about the same shadow creature. Their filmmaking journey leads them to discover truths about the shadow creature, the mind of LJ’s mother, and each other.

Lolong

The highly-anticipated and biggest action-adventure series to date is bannered by Kapuso Action-Drama Prince Ruru Madrid. Lolong is inspired by the world’s largest crocodile in captivity of the same name. Joining Ruru in the series are Arra San Agustin, Shaira Diaz, and some of the biggest names in the local entertainment industry. Viewers should also look forward to Dakila, Lolong’s crocodile friend.

THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE ELECTION COVERAGE

Powered by its award-winning News and Public Affairs team, GMA is all set to deliver the most comprehensive election coverage across all platforms through Eleksyon 2022.



Dapat Totoo

Its election advocacy campaign promotes the very core value that voters, political aspirants, and news organizations must embody as the Philippines embarks on a life-changing decision: truthfulness.

#eLeksyonSerye

This month, GMA News and Public Affairs Digital Media has taken electoral literacy to another level after it rolled out its voters' education campaign.

With more than 172 million followers across popular social media platforms, GMA News and Public Affairs utilizes a multimedia approach to equip voters with the right information for the upcoming elections.

For its maiden season, *#eLeksyonSerye* kicks off with the '*#eLeksyon2022 Quiz*.' Using Facebook and IG filters powered by

GMA New Media, Inc. and fun duets on TikTok, the *#eLeksyon2022 Quiz* challenges netizens about their actual knowledge on elections.

The largest news creator on TikTok Philippines, GMA Public Affairs leverages its huge following to deliver facts in a fun, digestible manner. Partnering with one of the fastest-growing social media platforms, TikTok, the *#eLeksyonSerye: Voters' Education Series* puts the spotlight on misinformation and disinformation, spotting fake news, and responsible social media usage.

Debate 2022: The GMA Presidential Face-Off

Presidential candidates are set to face each other and argue on their stand on various issues and on how they will solve some of the country's pressing problems. Hosted by Vicky Morales and Pia Arcangel with



“GMA News and Public Affairs is gearing up for ‘Debate 2022: The GMA Presidential Face-Off’... the voters’ final compass in deciding who is deserving of their vote for the highest position in the land.”

Nessa Valdellon

First Vice President
Public Affairs



Mike Enriquez and Mel Tiangco as panelists, Debate 2022: *The GMA Presidential Face-Off* aims to serve as the voters’ final compass in deciding who is deserving of their vote for the highest position in the land.

Eleksyon 2022: The GMA News and Public Affairs’ Election Coverage and on Election Day, May 9, as Filipinos choose the country’s next set of leaders, the country’s leading

broadcast station with the widest reach brings led by GMA News pillars Mel Tiangco, Mike Enriquez, Vicky Morales, Arnold Clavio, Howie Severino, and Jessica Soho.

GMA Masterclass Series

GMA Regional TV brings back the “GMA Masterclass Series” which aims to inspire young voters and future leaders across the country.

STRONG START

For the first months of 2022, the Kapuso Network posted a solid start with both GMA and its second free-to-air channel, GTV, reigning supreme.

From Nielsen’s January and February official data, GMA and GTV tallied a combined average of 52.1 percent total day people audience share in Total Philippines. Notably, GMA and GTV’s dominance is more pronounced in the primetime block (6 pm to 10:30 pm), with a combined average of 54.7 percent people audience share.

Kapuso shows *24 Oras, Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho, First Lady, Happy Together, The World Between Us, I Left My Heart in Sorsogon, Magpakailanman, Agimat ng Agila, and Daig Kayo ng Lola Ko* dominated the list of top programs for the said period. ❤️





THE MANY HATS WE WEAR

GMA's history shows how much the Network believes in the power of women. When it was then known as the Republic Broadcasting System, its president was a woman—Loreto Stewart. She is considered the first top female executive of the network.

From News and Public Affairs to Entertainment to the backbone operations of the Network, you will see women at its core. In this feature, we listen to expert advice and wise words from the Network's female board directors. These are some of GMA's wonder women—brave and beautiful, at the top but always rooted to the ground.



Judith Duavit-Vazquez

Meet the acknowledged visionary and power-mover in Philippine ICT.

At 27 years old, she led and financed the laying of the nation's first fiber at the Central Business District of Makati City.

At the young age of 32, she established the 45-floor The Peak building in Makati—considered the country's first ICT-ready building. She crowned The Peak with a 15-story telecommunications tower believing then that if broadcast could telecast images and sound, why not data and voice.

Apart from gracing the board of various GMA companies, she is also the founder and Chairman of PHCOLO Inc. the Philippines telecommunications cross-connection site.

Her philanthropy is entrepreneurship-focused: donor of the Asian Institute of Management Professorial Chair for Entrepreneurship, and a benefactor of the University of the Philippines School of Economics. When her schedule permits, Judith runs a popular Entrepreneurship Boot Camp at the University of the Philippines – College of Business Administration.

You are referred to as the “Godmother of the Philippine Internet”, one of the ‘Philippines’ Most Powerful in ICT”, and the first female Asian elected to ICANN, among other achievements. How was your journey into the technology industry?

I graduated with an economics honors degree in 1985, the Philippine economy then decimated from Martial Law and Aquino assassination, the independence of GMA Network was imperiled. It was in 1988 that I envisioned a 24x7x365 environment plugged into the rest of the world, which evolved into the laying of Makati's first fiber and development of The Peak Tower, a building that houses the Philippines' many Internet-Firsts.



Peak Tower

Interestingly, I don't see myself as a technology maven, but as an economist first and developer second. Technology simply underpins our ability to communicate and build better.

I continue to be mesmerized by technology's ability to empower individual and economic prosperity, and in this, engaged and in a state of continuous learning.

Judith
Vazquez at
the ICANN



What was the most challenging part of your career?

To be candid, technology remains the most challenging part of my career and it continues to be so. Challenging because of the chasm between its creators and users, its acquisition cost and cost-effective/profitable application, and its educational transfer, adoption, and practice.

What are you proudest of?

I am deeply proud of GMA Network. It was a tiny, independent broadcast company when I joined its Board

of Directors in 1988, and have had a front-row seat in its evolution into a culturally rich, value-based, globally trusted, publicly owned large corporation. At a personal level and mirror: My employees recently celebrated 30 years of employment and are still going. My son, Jose, now leads my 22-year old start-up, PHCOLO, the Philippines' neutral telecommunications cross-connection site. Reflecting on the question, I am proudest of the trust, patience, and resilience of our team; our ability to execute on a long-term vision with meager financial resources, and today, debt-free with remarkable 99.9999% uptime –at its early beginnings.





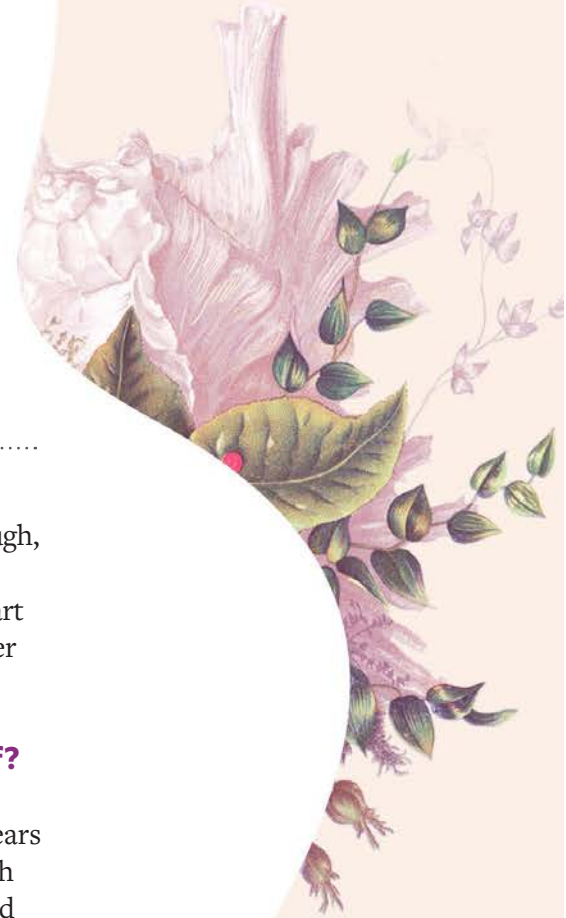
*PHCOLO, the
Philippines' neutral
telecommunications
cross-connection site*



*Angela Merkel,
Germany's
Chancellor*



Estee Lauder



Who are the global female leaders you look up to and why?

Angela Merkel, Germany's Chancellor from 2005-2021, awes me. Gender aside, she was a global leader of many firsts in marked historical political pivots of our century. The life that I am intrigued to have lived is Estee Lauder's, who revolutionized the business of beauty: creating, branding, and selling products that have withstood market taste gyrations for over 100 years. Estee Lauder built a multi-generational family business that continues today.

How do you stay grounded and take care of yourself?

Belief in the power of the greater good grounds me, so does the power of data. I stay grounded by a clearly defined set of priorities and realistically achieve them via baby steps, truth to the saying- "What we do today creates tomorrow."

I value a good night's sleep, a good laugh, a good meal, a good read, and family. These aside, I'm rewarded by being part of and contributing to a 'picture' bigger than me.

Your advice to your younger self?

I am a 2x cancer survivor and at 59 years old have admittedly pushed my health hard. My advice: Pace your energy and ambition over a longer time frame.

What advice would you like to pass on to the women in the Kapuso Network?

The women of GMA Network are an astonishingly impressive lot! So much so I sit in perpetual wonderment at how they do it, how they manage family and professional responsibilities with such sterling results. This shared, no advice but encouragement comes to mind- to continue as they do- knowing that their efforts are recognized and admired. They make me proud, Kapuso! ❤️

“Belief in the power
of the greater good
grounds me...

**so does
the power
of data.”**



Atty. Annette Gozon- Valdes

It is often said that the legal world is operated by the left brain: accurate, analytical, and strategic. On the other hand, the media world is a terrain of the right brain: creative, passionate, imaginative. Atty. Annette straddles the best of both worlds.

Before joining GMA, Annette was a Junior Partner at the Belo Gozon Elma Parel Asuncion and Lucila law Offices, having graduated from law school at the University of the Philippines. After taking Masters of Law at Harvard University, she joined the Network's Board of Directors in 1999.

At GMA, she is part of the team that led the Network's phenomenal rise to the top. Atty. Annette was among the creative group that conceptualized Encantadia and Mulawin. She was instrumental in bringing some of the best foreign shows to the Filipino such as Full House, Stairway to Heaven, and Jewel in the Palace; led the team that distributed GMA's shows across the world, and produced blockbuster movies.

“There is one secret to always stay grounded... to take care of our spiritual growth”



Does your background in law have any influence on your decisions and leadership style in your career in the entertainment industry?

Yes, I believe so. Especially in movies, when we enter into partnerships with other producers, my background in law comes in handy in negotiating the terms of the contract. In the creative aspect, knowledge of copyright law is also very useful.

If you didn't join the entertainment industry, what kind of law practice would you be involved in?

I would probably be in corporate law and taxation.

What management and/or leadership styles of your parents do you/would you like to emulate?

For my dad, I would like to emulate his strong competitive nature and

Anna Teresa Gozon-Valdes with Alden Richards and GMA President and COO Gilberto R. Duavit, Jr.



his drive for excellence. Of course, his strong emphasis on business ethics is also something everyone should emulate.

For my mom, her tender nature and caring way of relating to people is also a good asset to have in terms of fostering camaraderie and friendships with co-workers.

What for you are the traits of a successful woman leader?

She should be strong but at the same time be caring and approachable. Women also are more in touch with their emotions than men and this is an asset in the media industry where emotions are important in the entertainment shows we produce especially drama programs.

What was the most challenging part of your career?

The most challenging part of my career was in the early part during my transition from my law career to being in the entertainment industry

and focusing on programming and creative content. GMA was also a far number 2 to ABS during that time. So when GMA became number 1 after about 5 years from the time I joined GMA, that was a great triumph for the whole station and everyone who worked so hard to make GMA number 1.

How do you stay grounded and take care of yourself?

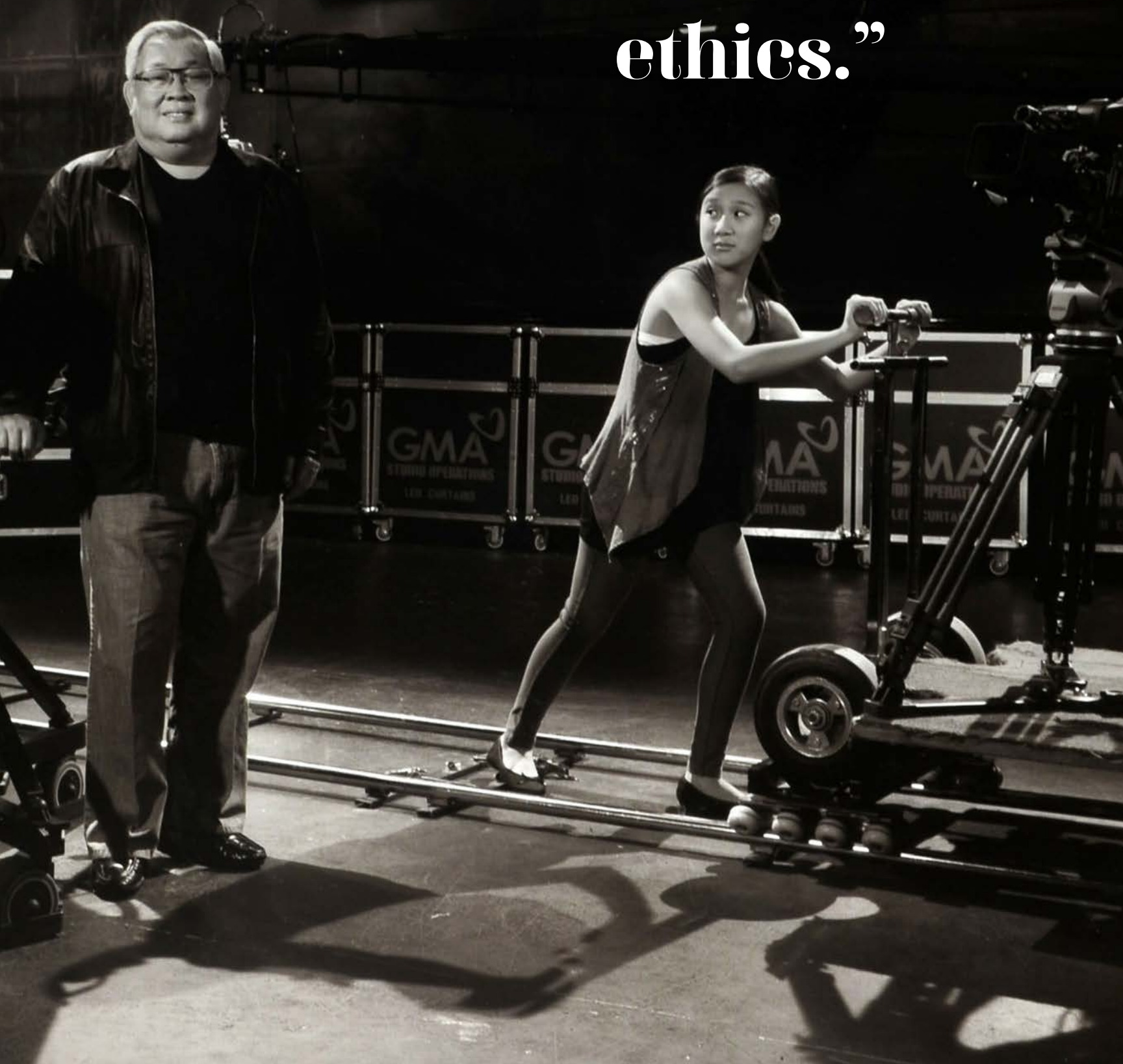
There is one secret to always stay grounded. The most important thing in caring for oneself is making sure to take care of our spiritual growth. I attribute everything to the Lord. All my talents and all that I am come from Him. In everything I do, especially the good things that I achieve, I give to Him the glory.❤️



Full House, Stairway to Heaven, and Jewel in the Palace—some of the best Korean dramas acquired and brought to the Philippines.

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Three generations—
GMA Network Chairman
and CEO Atty.
Felipe L. Gozon with
granddaughter Anja
and daughter Annette

Laurie Jimenez-Westfall

She was a financial maven who joined GMA at a critical time, as the Network was facing a crossroad.

It was completely unexpected. At that time, I was living in Connecticut, finishing my Masters in Public and Private Management at Yale University. While visiting my dad, Menardo R. Jimenez or MRJ, asked me to meet with the GMA Board of Directors... I was asked if I would consider taking on the challenge. The rest, as they say, is history.”

Laurie is a financial maven. A Certified Public Accountant in the State of California and worked for BDO Seidman–Los Angeles, an international audit and management consulting firm.

In GMA’s Finance Department, Laurie developed and oversaw a program to modernize systems and build a foundation for growth and expansion.

Cognizant of the media industry revolution, she pioneered the creation of Corporate and Strategic Planning Group and GMA New Media. “Those were very exciting times. The industry was in the midst of a transformation, and Corp Plan was tasked to shape our future.”

Today, Laurie is the CEO of the Menarco Group of Companies, a director of various companies including Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf Philippines and Museo Pambata among others.

Laurie J. Westfall and Mrs. Carolina Jimenez



(L-R) Laurie (2nd from right) with her siblings GMA Executive Committee Vice Chairman Joel Jimenez, Carmen, parents Nards and Kay, and Butch



You are an accomplished leader in various organizations. How do you balance being a leader, entrepreneur, advocate, and mother?

I think females are innately multi-taskers. We know how to juggle multiple things at the same time. What is hard is that you are being pulled in all directions and you want to excel in all. At times you may end up focusing on things that you don't value the most because they need the most attention. In order to balance your life, you need to identify what is important to you - family, faith, career, advocacy etc. Prioritize and set goals for each area. Have periodic checks, see where you are at, and rebalance. Be kind to yourself and know you cannot excel in all, but focus on what you value most.

What for you are the traits of a successful woman leader?

At work, confidence and focus is important. Due diligence and understanding the area you are

handling are critical. Always contributing meaningfully, quality and not quantity, will make you a valuable player in any team and will allow you to gain respect among your peers. Of course, being decisive, analytical yet having empathy, and being nurturing are traits in female leaders that make us an important contributor in any work setting.

What was the most challenging part of your career?

When I was starting out, I was meeting with high-level executives, who I felt didn't initially take me

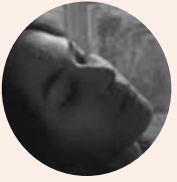


seriously since I was young and a female. I used that to my advantage, so they never saw what was coming. Being female in a corporate setting gives you that upper hand. So, use it.

What are you proudest of?

Raising three very independent and successful daughters charting their own paths. Alex who graduated from Brown University, just released an internationally awarded short film "Rose of Manila" and is now working on another full-length feature. Sammy just started at the foreign desk of the Washington Post and was Editor in Chief of the Yale University paper - the first Filipina, I think even the first International EIC in a previously male-dominated space. And Nicki is a thriving junior at Yale University paving her own way.

They are all very independent thinkers. I could not be prouder.



Rose of Manila, an internationally awarded short film directed by daughter Alex Westfall



Yale University—the academic home of daughters Sammy and Nicki



Are there any leadership or management styles that you emulate or wish to emulate from your parents?

There are two traits I wish to emulate from my father, Menardo Jimenez or MRJ, who ran GMA for many years.

The first is making people feel like they are part of a family within a corporation. I saw how he valued each person in the organization, from the janitor to his one downs. It was never about the position but he made everyone feel important and made each person feel that they contributed to the success of the network. He built a strong foundation for the network - one of family - and that is one of the strengths of GMA we can feel even until today.

Second - is his entrepreneurial and risk-taking spirit. I am more of an analytical person and I need a lot of

information before I decide. MRJ looks at information quickly and then goes with his gut. I have yet to develop that.

How do you stay grounded and take care of yourself?

Humility is something that was ingrained in us by my parents. One day you may be on top and the next day, you may be down, so stay grounded. We were also taught that all our talents are God-given, so be thankful and use them for good and for others. My faith keeps me grounded and listening to sermons is critical and counts as “me” time.

“Me” time is so important for us working mothers. With all the roles we play, we forget to take care of ourselves. Having a hobby, my dogs and plants kept me sane during this pandemic.

What advice would you like to pass on to the women in the Kapuso Network?

Be your worst critic, compete with yourself and not with others. Always do your best in anything you do, and always deliver more than what is asked of you, because at the end of the day, all that knowledge and experience is yours and will propel you to your next endeavor. ❤️



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BIANCA UMALI

BRAVE, BEAUTIFUL, BREATHTAKING

Text By Aedrienne Acar
Photos By: GMA Artist Center and Bianca Umali Instagram



Bianca Umali's life is a perpetual reminder that no storm can break us and that love, while it may not shield us from sadness, can help us go on with life with hope in our hearts.

GROWING-UP IN SHOWBIZ

Bianca started her career in showbiz at the tender age of 2. "I started doing commercials when I was two years old and then I started doing TV when I was nine...I actually grew up doing what I love doing—acting, being in front of the camera, and being on set."

As she matured, Bianca realized that becoming an entertainer was her true calling. Her first regular TV project was doing the children's

“Tropang Potchi was my childhood in every way.”



show *Tropang Potchi*, which ran from 2009 to 2013. Bianca's eyes glow as a wave of nostalgia sweeps over her. "*Tropang Potchi* is where I discovered so many things, doon ako lumaki. *Tropang Potchi* was my childhood in every way."

From then on, Bianca Umali began stretching her wings further and polishing her craft as she took on different projects. She was cast in such soaps as *Mga Basang Sisiw* (2013) and *Niño* (2014). Bianca was also given the opportunity to hone her comedy skills via *Ismol Family* (2014) and was chosen to be part of the big-budget telefantasya series *Mulawin VS. Ravena* in 2017.



She was the lead star in the shows *Once Upon A Kiss* (2015), *Kambal*, *Karibal* (2017), and the primetime series *Sahaya* (2019). Another icing on the cake were her roles in the family drama movie *Family History* and the horror-suspense thriller *Banal* which were shown in 2019.

With all of these projects under her belt, Bianca has nothing but gratitude for her home network, which gave the opportunities that helped her improve as an actress. “And after all the years siguro naman I have worked hard enough to say that I have improved in my craft.

Of all the roles that she’s done, it was *Sahaya* that left an indelible mark on Bianca. For one, it was a complete departure from her usual teeny-bopper roles. The primetime series, which was directed by Zig Dulay, presented a unique test for Bianca since she needed to immerse herself in the Badjaw culture.

“Isang malaking challenge din for me is to study ’yung culture of the

badjaws or ’yung the children of the sea, kung paano sila mag-dasal, kung paano ’yung sayaw nila, kung paano ’yung pananalita or kung paano ’yung pronunciation ng ibang salita nila that was also one of the challenging things that I have to go through para sa *Sahaya*.”

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Her hard work did pay off.

With her convincing turn, the teamwork of the whole cast, and the show’s solid storyline, *Sahaya* won the Best Drama Series at the 41st Catholic Mass Media awards in November 2019.

STRENGTH AMID PERSONAL LOSS

It might come as a surprise to some that beyond her smile, confidence, and maturity that she projects on and off-screen, Bianca Umali had gone through the unbearable pain of losing both her parents when she was a little girl.

She opened up about this grim chapter in her life when she penned a tribute to her late mom and dad on her Instagram.

On May 8, a day which brings her joy and sadness, Bianca commemorated the 59th birthday of her mom, which also coincided with the 10th death anniversary of her father.

While time taught her to deal with the pain, it has not healed



Bianca Umali's parents: She both lost both of them when she was a little girl.



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all her wounds. As the actress herself puts it, her life suddenly felt “incomplete” without her two angels by her side.

In a somber tone, she says, “Yung pain hindi mawawala, well at least for me, hindi ‘yun mawawala sa akin. Parang I will always feel I’m incomplete.

“I think hindi ko masasabi na nalagpasan ko na siya. Yes, I have been going through it, but up until today and I think hanggang sa tumanda ako or I don’t know until when, maybe until I die, I will never get to move on from not having my mommy and my daddy beside me.”

Through this misfortune, it was her Lola Victorina “Vicky” Umali, her paternal grandmother, who became her pillar of strength through it all. As she talks about her lola, one can sense Bianca’s profound gratitude to the woman who took care of her.

“My Lola (Vicky), I call her my superhero. She is my superhero, kasi ‘yun nga noong ako po ay naulila sa mga magulang, tinanggap niya ako with her arms open, wholeheartedly,

inampon niya ako sa kanila nang walang pag-aalinlangan, when I had nothing and nothing at all. As to who and how I am today, this, I believe is all her doing.”

“Napalaki niya ako into a strong person and I’m very thankful for that and kung wala siya hindi ko alam kung nasaan ako ngayon.”

What made the pain a little more bearable was the love she received from the people who also deeply cared for her. That love served as a beacon of hope for Bianca, giving her reason to get up and go on with her life, no matter how painful the journey.

“Kahit papaano, e, nakakalimutan ko ‘yung lungkot. You don’t focus on the negativity and that’s what I always advise din sa mga tao na kapag nadapa ka or when something bad happens you don’t sit in a corner and cry. But what you do is cry, when you’re okay na, pag hindi ka na makaiyak, pag naubos mo na ‘yung luha mo, tumayo ka and you go on with life.”❤️

Bianca landed a coveted spot in Sparkle’s Next Brightest Stars for 2022. From her career-defining role as Farrah in ‘Legal Wives’ to her international stint in HBO’s ‘Halfworlds,’ Bianca has undoubtedly cemented her sparkling name in the entertainment industry.

Her weekly performances in ‘All-Out Sundays’ and long-awaited participation in ‘Mano Po 2’ are merely scratching the surface of what’s in store for the young star as the year unfolds.

DIGITAL DIGEST

LATEST PODCAST, ONLINE NEWS, AND MUSIC

SADLY FALLING

Performed by: Hannah Precillas
Composed by: Niel de Mesa

Kapuso OST Princess Hannah Precillas has just released her latest single under GMA Music. Released on March 25, the single debuted at the fifth spot on iTunes Philippines and was included in Spotify Philippines New Music Friday playlist.

SANA SABIHIN MO NA LANG

Performed by: Faith Da Silva
Composed by: Rina Mercado

Multi-talented Kapuso actress Faith Da Silva expresses the pain of letting go and telling what you really feel in her latest single under GMA Playlist.

This new song is Faith's first single as an official recording artist of GMA Playlist. Her previous singles with GMA

Network, "Pabalik-balik," Stay, and Wag Na Lang, were selected as official soundtracks of GMA dramas *The Good Daughter*, *I Can See You Season 2*, and *Las Hermanas*, respectively.

HIHINTAYIN KITA

Performed by: Jeric Gonzales
Composed by: Louie Ignacio

Versatile Kapuso actor Jeric Gonzales bares his tender heart in his latest single that talks about the magic of how unconditional love overpowers the hardships of waiting.

The song was also the theme song for *Broken Blooms*, the only Filipino film selected to screen at the 41st Oporto International Film Festival in Portugal. It is also directed by Louie Ignacio and stars Jeric, Therese Malvar, and Royce Cabrera.



GMA Music officially welcomes The Clash Season 4 Champion Mariane Osabel and Finalist Vilmark Viray

The stars are shining bright for The Clash Season 4 champion Mariane Osabel and finalist Vilmark Viray as they officially signed contracts with GMA Music.

Osabel is the Season 4 champion of GMA Network's singing competition with her rendition of the pop-ballad song *Bakit Mahal Pa Rin Kita*, which is now available for streaming worldwide under the album *The Clash 4 Finalists Sing Originals*. In addition to an exclusive management contract with GMA, Osabel also took home P1 million cash and a house and lot.

Viray also captured the hearts of the audiences with his *Umuwi Ka Na* performance, also now available for streaming on digital platforms worldwide under the same album. ❤️



Surprise Guest



with **PIA**
ARCANGEL

Award-winning broadcast journalist Pia Arcangel takes us to the world of podcasts but with a twist—here she talks to personalities without knowing who her guest will be beforehand!

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Stronger Together.
Buo ang Pusong

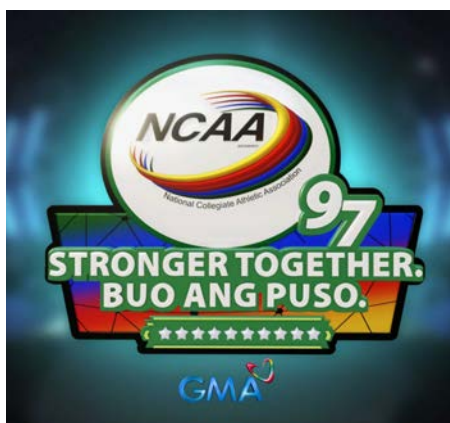
NCAA Season 97 officially kicks off

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) returns stronger than ever as it ushers in Season 97 with the grand opening ceremonies last Saturday, March 26, 2022 simulcast on GMA and GTV, and the return of face-to-face contact sports on GTV.

Hosted by the De La Salle-College of St. Benilde, this season marks the much-awaited return of the Men's Basketball and Women's Volleyball tournaments, as well as the online chess and taekwondo matches.

NCAA Season 97 Management Committee Chairman Manuel Raymund Castellano, Jr. of De La Salle-College of St. Benilde shared, "For two years, we've been waiting for contact sports to return, and we're excited to have basketball and volleyball games back. And for this year, we continue to hold online chess and online taekwondo tournaments. The preparations are still very challenging with the pandemic situation, but with the support of GMA, I know this will be a successful season."

Joining Castellano in the opening ceremonies were the members of the NCAA Management Committee: Pedro Cayco (Arellano University); Fr. Victor Calvo, Jr., OP (Colegio de San Juan de Letran); Estefanio Boquiron, Jr. (Emilio Aguinaldo College); Efren Jose Supan (José Rizal University); Hercules Callanta (Lyceum of the Philippines University); Melchor Divina (Mapúa University); Atty. Jonas Cabochan (San Beda University); Fr. Glynn Ortega, OAR (San Sebastian College-Recoletos); and Francisco Gusi, Jr. (University of Perpetual Help System DALTA).



"We are more than excited to bring the new season of the NCAA to our Kapuso viewers here and abroad," said GMA Network Chairman and CEO Atty. Felipe L. Gozon in his message. "Despite the challenges brought about by the global pandemic, the NCAA, in close coordination with GMA Synergy, soldiered on and successfully staged a unique season of sporting events last year. We also would like to extend our warm welcome to the hard-working student-athletes and wish them well in all their competitions. As home to the country's first athletic league, GMA Network fully supports the NCAA in showcasing their world-class talent. This NCAA Season 97, we are indeed 'Stronger Together. Buo ang Pusong.'"

In 2021, together with its official broadcast partner GMA Network, NCAA made history as the first collegiate athletic league in the Philippines to safely hold a sports tournament in the time of the pandemic, showing the remarkable resilience of Filipinos, especially of the student-athletes during Season 96.

"Following a very good synergy between the NCAA's Mancom and Policy Board and GMA, represented by the Synergy group, we were able to come up with an unprecedented Season 96 which allowed us to highlight what the NCAA is all about – the athletes and the people behind the league," said GMA Regional TV and Synergy First Vice President and Head Oliver Victor Amoroso.

"For sure, viewers will be very excited for Season 97 with the return of the face-to-face physical games. We've already seen the athletes on bubble training at nakita natin 'yung commitment and passion nila to return inside the court and to be seen by a wider audience through GMA and GTV. That's something that we all should look forward to. GMA has the widest reach in the country both on free TV and digital, so this is the best way to showcase their world-class talents. We are also seeing this season as an all-Filipino tournament. Walang imports. Dito makikita ang mga atleta who are not just from Manila, but from the different parts of the Philippines as well. That's what makes this season different," he added.

Priming Kapuso viewers here and abroad for the action-packed Season 97 is the GMA Synergy-produced Game On! --a six-episode daily show. Hosted by Martin Javier and Sophia Senoron, 'Game On' features



(From left) Hercules Callanta of Lyceum of the Philippines University; GMA Regional TV and Synergy First Vice President and Head Oliver Victor Amoroso; Atty. Jonas Cabochan of San Beda University; Estefanio Boquiron, Jr. of Emilio Aguinaldo College; Fr. Victor Calvo, Jr., OP of Colegio de San Juan de Letran; NCAA Season 97 Management Committee Chairman Manuel Raymund Castellano, Jr. of De La Salle-College of St. Benilde; Efren Jose Supan of José Rizal University; Fr. Glynn Ortega, OAR of San Sebastian College-Recoletos; Francisco Gusi, Jr. University of Perpetual Help System DALTA; and Pedro Cayco of Arellano University.

NCAA athletes, coaches, and sports analysts' expectations and forecasts in Season 97.

Opening day match ups featured NCAA Season 95 Men's Basketball Champions the Letran Knights against the CSB Blazers and the San Beda Red Lions clashing with the LPU Pirates.

The "Stronger Together. Buo ang Puso: NCAA Season 97 Opening Ceremonies," which aired on GMA after Eat Bulaga, was hosted by Ms. Universe Philippines 2020 and new Kapuso Rabiya Mateo, Manolo Pedrosa, and NCAA hosts Martin Javier and Sophia Senoron. Joining them are NCAA anchorman Anton

Roxas and Season 97 courtside reporters Ann Gabriel, Avia Zunic, Chantal Laude, Aya De Quiroz, Chloe Carillo, Chase Orozco, Christiana Dimaunahan, Eden Hernandez, Lance Santiago, Michelle Naldo, Sofia Rodelas, Christian Sebastian, and Baileys Acot.

The Opening Ceremonies shone even brighter with performance from some of the biggest Kapuso stars led by Asia's Limitless Star Julie Anne San Jose, Garrett Bolden, Thea Astley, Jessica Villarubin, Mariane Osabel, Jeremiah Tiangco, Nef Medina, Vilmark Viray, and Anthony Rosaldo.

Further displaying world-class Filipino talent was Asia's Got Talent first season winner and male shadow play group El Gamma Penumbra. Rallying behind the student-athletes are the NCAA Season 97 Cheerleaders.

The Season 97 Opening Ceremonies also honored some of the country's sports legends who are proud products

of the NCAA. These include CJ Perez (LPU); Marvin Hayes (JRU); Caloy Loyzaga (posthumous, SBU); Francis Munsayac (EAC); Maria Aresa Lipat (CSB); Michael Saguguit (UPHSD); Freddie Webb (CSJL); Coach Roger Gorayeb (SSCR); Jiovani Jalalon (AU); and Chito Victolero (MU).

The NCAA Season 97 live games air every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday to Sunday at 12:00 NN on GTV with replays every Monday and Thursday at 3:00 PM on GTV. It will also be streamed on the NCAA Philippines website (www.gmanetwork.com/ncaa), NCAA Philippines Facebook page and YouTube channel, and GMA Sports' Facebook and Twitter pages. Kapuso abroad can catch all the action via GMA Pinoy TV.

For more updates on NCAA, visit its official website www.ncaa.com.ph. Follow @ncaaphilippines, @gmasynergy, and @gmasportspn on social media.♥

GMA Regional TV and Synergy aim to inspire young voters and future leaders with 'GMA Masterclass Series'

Thousands of students and other onsite and online participants attended the first leg of GMA Regional TV and Synergy's "GMA Masterclass Series" last February.



Launched in 2018, the "GMA Masterclass Series" aims to provide students and professors another venue for new learning and discourse on various local and national issues.

"We are proud to bring you this year's impressive line-up of GMA Masterclass Series—composed of some of the best from the country's leading network, GMA," shares GMA Regional TV and Synergy First Vice President and Head Oliver Victor Amoroso. "In a few months, we will once again choose our next set of leaders. Through this Masterclass Series, we hope that we can inspire our young voting population from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao to dream not only for themselves but also for our country by harnessing their critical thinking skills and helping them make informed choices," he adds.

The first leg of the "GMA Masterclass Series" commenced in Western Visayas last February 21 at the Central Philippine University in Jaro, Iloilo.

Panelists for the first leg included Miss Universe Philippines 2020 and proud Ilongga Rabiya Mateo, celebrity chef and entrepreneur Jose Sarasola, broadcast journalist Sandra Aguinaldo, GMA News Social Media Assistant Manager Audrey Domasian, and *GMA Regional TV One Western Visayas'* Darylle Marie Sarmiento.

The second session in the Visayas followed last February 22 at the University of St. La Salle Bacolod.

Joining panelists Mateo, Sarasola, Aguinaldo, and Domasian was *GMA Regional TV One Western Visayas* co-anchor and correspondent Adrian Prietos.

Kapuso star Manolo Pedrosa and *GMA Regional TV One Western Visayas'* Kaitlene Rivilla served as hosts for both Iloilo and Bacolod events, which also featured *The Clash Season 4* Champion Mariane Osabel.

The GMA Masterclass Series continued last February 24 in Central and Eastern Visayas. At the Silliman





(From left) Miss Universe Philippines 2020 and proud Ilongga Rabiya Mateo, Award-winning 'I-Witness' director Janus Victoria, GMA Network's screenwriter, series creator, and creative consultant Suzette Doctolero, GMA News anchor Raffy Tima, GMA News Senior Social Media Producer Audrey Domasian, and GMA Regional TV Balitang Bisdak's Nikko Sereno

University in Dumaguete, Mateo and Sarasola were joined by GMA News Anchor and Senior News Reporter Raffy Tima, GMA News Senior Social Media Producer Joselito Natividad, award-winning *I-Witness* director Janus Victoria, and *GMA Regional TV Balitang Bisdak's* Nikko Sereno.

The Kapuso Masterclass in Dumaguete was hosted by Pedrosa and Sillimanian Student Representative Sophia Garzon.

Cebu's University of San Carlos capped off the successful Visayas leg of GMA Masterclass. Last February 28, GMA's screenwriter, series creator, and creative consultant Suzette Doctolero and GMA News anchor Ivan Mayrina took the panelist seat with Sarasola and Natividad. *GMA Regional TV Balitang Bisdak's* Lou Anne Mae Rondina completed the speakers for this event.

Rain Matienzo hosted the event, while Denise Barbacena showcased her vocal prowess.

The GMA Masterclass continues this March.

Suzette Doctolero, *Farm to Table's* Chef JR Royol, *Born to be Wild's* Doc Nielsen Donato, GMA News' Julia Claire Medina, and GMA Regional TV One Mindanao's Cyril Chavez shared their knowledge last March 14 at Xavier University and at Central Mindanao University last March 15.

On March 16, Doctolero, GMA News' Mariz Umali, GMA Public Affairs Social Media's Alex Jemimah Castro, GMA Regional TV One Mindanao's Sarah Hilomen-Velasco, Chef Jose Sarasola, and Asia's Romantic Balladeer Christian Bautista will be at the Holy Cross Davao College.

The following day, March 17, Doctolero, Umali, Castro, Sarasola, and Bautista will join GMA Regional TV's Jandi Esteban at the Notre Dame of Dadiangas University in General Santos City.

On March 24, Doctolero, Kapuso actresses Bianca Umali and Rita Daniela joined GMA News Anchor and Senior Reporter Raffy Tima, GMA Entertainment Group's First Vice President for Business Development Department III Darling De Jesus-Bodegon, GMA Public Affairs Social Media's Theodore Jason Patrick Ortiz and Hilomen-Velasco at the Western Mindanao University.

In 2021, GMA Masterclass won an Excellence Award in the Communication Training and Education Division at the 18th Philippine Quill Awards. It also took home the 'Most Development Oriented TV Plug' at the 2020 Gandingan Multi-media Awards.

All the freshest news, events, and updates about GMA Regional TV are now available via GMA RTV's official website www.gmaregionaltv.com and @gmaregionaltv on YouTube. Follow GMA Regional TV on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram via @GMARegionalTV.

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Oliver Victor B. Amoroso
First Vice President and Head
GMA Regional TV and Synergy



GMA Pinoy TV's Stronger Together Dance Challenge hits more than 1.9 million views on social media



Stronger Together Dance Challenge has already amassed more than 1.9 million views on GMA Pinoy TV's social media accounts after its launch last February 1.

Pinoys abroad from varying ages and territories around the world participated in the dance challenge which was led by Asia's Limitless Star Julie Ann San Jose together with Sparkle's all-female vocal group, XOXO.

When GMA Pinoy TV dropped the dance challenge on Tiktok, several Filipinos from the U.S., Canada, Middle East, Asia, and Europe immediately grooved to the music.

Even Kapuso celebrities joined the #StrongerTogetherDanceChallenge including "Artikulo 247" stars Mark Herras, Kris Bernal, and Brent Valdez, "Prima Donnas" cast Althea Ablan, Elijah Alejo, Will Ashley, Allen

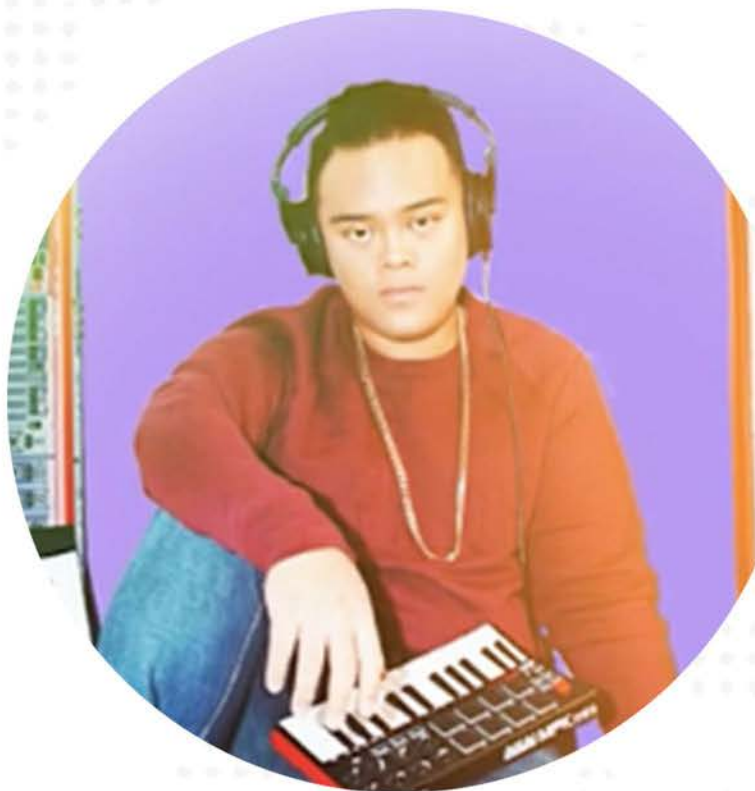
Ansay, Bruce Roeland, and Vince Cristomo, "Mars Pa More" hosts Camille Prats-Yambao, Iya Villania-Arellano and Pars Kim Atienza.

Rochelle Pangilinan of *Lolong*, Barbie Forteza of *Mano Po Legacy: The Family Fortune*, and Sparkle's Bryce Eusebio and Carlo San Juan also shared their dance moves on their TikTok accounts.

The dance challenge is part of GMA Pinoy TV's #StrongerTogether campaign that emphasizes on drawing strength from each other and uniting in facing the adversities in life.

To send in your entries, go to the Tiktok app, search for #StrongerTogetherDanceChallenge and "use the sound" or "duet" the videos and tag @gmapinoytv. ❤️

Global Pinoy Unlimited: Troy Laureta episode



With the success of his OPM compilation album “Kaibigan,” music producer and music artist Troy Laureta celebrates his follow up album with Giliw.

Troy Laureta has worked with the likes of David Foster and Ariana Grande. He recently had a successful album “Kaibigan Volume I,” which featured OPM music rearranged by Laureta and sang by various Filipino artist and non-pinoy artists such as Pia Toscano, Shelea and Matt Bloyd.

Catch more about the success of this Filipino-American and his pride for OPM music on the latest episode of *Global Pinoy Unlimited* on GMA Pinoy TV.♥



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Nalzaro, 58, was one of the anchors of GMA Regional TV’s Balitang Bisdak. He also served as Radio GMA Cebu’s Station Manager and hosted a daily commentary program at Super Radyo DYSS-AM.

A loyal Kapuso, his dedication to the industry will serve as an inspiration to all. We pray for his eternal repose.