



ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

1990 AlumKnight Dr. Dora Borja Miura Receives Presidential Award for Teaching

by Jon Perez for Saipan Tribune



The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching recognized the efforts made by Saipan Southern High School's Dora Borja Miura as an educator. She won the award representing the U.S. territories.

Miura was among the more than 100 Mathematics and Science teachers that were given the PAEMST award, which is administered by the National Science Foundation through the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Miura, according to the PAEMST website, has been part of the CNMI Public School System for more than 20 years where she also taught at the then San Antonio Elementary School and for the last seven as an advanced algebra and geometry teacher at SSHA.

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School Prepares to Commemorate 15th Anniversary of 9/11



Although weeks away, Mount Carmel School students have already begun preparing to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. The students are joining forces with other community organizations participating in "We Will Never Forget—Field of Heroes" activities coordinated by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

Catherine Attao-Toves, a parent of MCS students, reached out to the school on behalf of the foundation, to join the activities. As she said about the activities planned, this will allow everyone "to come together in solidarity to remember those who perished, and to honor our heroes that responded to save many lives during the 9/11 attack and who are still involved in our fight against terrorism."



Student Council Vice President, Jaqueline P. Doctor, prepares order forms for "We Will Never Forget—Field of Heroes" flags.

For the school's Student Council officers, who are taking the lead in coordinating student participation in activities, the anniversary hits close to home as all of them were born right before 9/11. As Council President, Zeno

Deleon Guerrero, put it, "This is near and dear to my heart because I have so many family and friends that have served and are currently serving." He added, "Given how much they've sacrificed, we need to show them our support."

According to Council Moderator, You Jin Jun, students will be conducting awareness

activities on campus and preparing appreciation gifts and messages for men and women serving in the armed forces. Students will also help set up for and run the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport field.

Announcements

Field of Heroes

Please join members of the community in showing appreciation and support for the men and women who have made the decision to serve in our military, police force, fire department, and other agencies that make our island a better place:

September 5 - Field Setup (Community Volunteers needed)

September 6 - Opening ceremony

September 11 - 9/11 Memorial Ceremony and Freedom Walk

September 13 - Closing Ceremony

For more information, please see Zeno Deleon Guerrero, Jr. (z.dlgjr@gmail.com).

Parent Ed Night: Roadmap to Finance College

Need to learn more about funding your child's college education? Then join us for Parent Ed Night: Roadmap to Finance College. Financial Aid experts will be on hand to explain more about financial aid, scholarships, and college loans.

Wednesday, September 7, at 5:30 p. m. in the MCS Faculty Lounge. For more information, contact Vice Principal, Helene Manning.

After School Extended Care

Mount Carmel School is happy to announce the launch of its after school extended care program for K-6th grade students. \$6.00/day. Register at the Business Office.

In the Future

Student Leadership Retreat

TOMORROW, Saturday, August 27

Faculty/Staff Retreat

Friday, September 2 (no classes)

Parent Ed Night: Roadmap to Finance College

Wednesday, September 7

at 5:30 pm

Faculty Lounge

ESLR of the Week

#4: Show leadership by being active participants within the community.

Dr. Dora Borja Miura

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She was also a CNMI distance education high school geometry instructor and a Math methods adjunct instructor at the Northern Marianas College. She is one of the outgoing officers of SSHS' Parent-Teacher-Student Association where she served as secretary.

"I am honored to represent the many exceptional teachers in mathematics. I believe this award promotes the teaching profession and encourages our best and brightest to consider this career," Miura was quoted on the PAEMST website.

Her job as an educator goes beyond the classroom as she holds daily lunch and afterschool peer tutoring groups that help struggling students to improve on their Math skills and understanding of the subject. Top students help her in the afterschool program.

Miura is also one of the movers in having a CNMI-wide mathematics competition that aims to have all students in the Commonwealth

to appreciate math more. She shared her research about ethnomathematics, which studies the relationship between Math and culture especially CNMI students, to other PSS instructors.

Miura is part of a legacy at Mount Carmel School, with she and her father both having been recognized as AlumKnights of the Year and all her siblings having graduated from the school. She graduated from Mount Carmel School as her class salutatorian in 1990.

Afterwards, she went on to earn a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration at Georgetown University and earned her Masters in Education Administration at University of Hawaii at Manoa, the same institution where she finished her Doctorate in Education.

She is a certified CNMI elementary and high school teacher and was named the 2016 CNMI State Teacher of the Year.

Thank You Class of 1976



This year, Mount Carmel School's 1976 AlumKnights held joint 40th class reunion activities with their friends from the Marianas High School Class of 1976, in which they raised funds to donate to their alma maters. Representatives from the Class of 1976 recently dropped by to present their donation to Mount Carmel School. From left: Principal Frances Taimanao, Absalon Waki, Maggie Villagomez, Nita San Nicolas, Dianalyn Tesiro, Juan Borja, Prescilla Dela Cruz, and President Galvin Deleon Guerrero.