



THE PROUD ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DEC '17 TO APR '18

PHOTOS FROM THE CEREMONY

## End of another School Year

Another school year has been completed and we could not be prouder of the scholars. This year, as with previous years, the students have worked hard with their studies. Also there were hardly any school absences during the year, which is impressive in itself.

Three of the scholars completed grade 10 in April, and A Million Voices was present at their Moving Up Ceremony. The ceremony, which lasted from 6 am to 9 am, was a recognition of all the students for completing 10 years in school. Furthermore, it served as a motivational booster for them all as they now head up to senior high school. The three scholars are now a step closer in completing their high school education.

For the rest of the scholars, the end of the school year marked another hard, yet successful academic accomplishment.

One scholar made top 9 of his class; another made top 4. Four scholars received academic honors and several were awarded best in TLE-home economics, social studies and commendable performance in English.

A Million Voices honors all scholars' progress, may it be special recognitions, an increase in grades, improved school attendance rates, or extra curriculum activity accomplishments. What we truly treasure is the drive to move forward and the desire to reach a dream. Something which all the scholars have!





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PHOTOS FROM THE MENTORSHIP

## Mentorship Program

Last September 9 of 2017, AMV launched the mentorship program in partnership with the company Boldr.

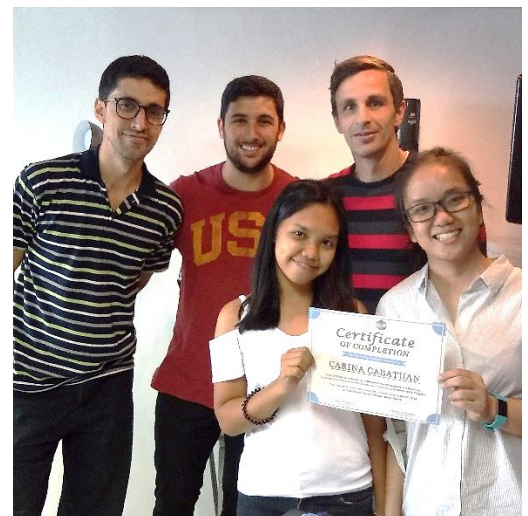
The program was a collaboration between Boldr and AMV to ensure projects that lead to the empowerment of the scholars. The aim of the mentorship program was that it would encourage the scholars to remain engaged in both curricular and extracurricular activities.

Every other Saturday between September and March, a total of eight mentors and eight scholars met at the Boldr headquarters. Through a structured curriculum, the mentors taught English and Basic Computer skills.

The program concluded in March and for the final session, the scholars held presentations on their learning outcomes. Present at the session was also Mr David Sudolsky and Mr Erlend Johannesen, respectively President and Vice President of A Million Voices Philippines' board.

The mentorship program improved the scholars' computer skills, but it also did more than that. The scholars have come a long way since September; from being reserved teenagers, they are now more outgoing and confident.

None of this would have been possible without such committed mentors and a great initiative from Boldr!






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PHOTOS FROM THE OUTING

## Nothing Says Fun like Water

At AMV, we believe in bringing our scholars together for both educational and fun-filled activities. If we are able to include their parents as well, we are more than thrilled.

Earlier this year, we realized it had been some years since the scholars and parents had been on a joint activity together. This we figured we ought to do something about!

Enabling scholars and parents to enjoy a worry-free day together is important, as it can strengthen the bond between them. Not only that, but who does not gain benefits from having massive amounts of fun together?

With the help from generous donors in

Norway, the US, the Philippines and Brazil such a fun and engaging activity became a reality on March 25. A total of 52 AMV scholars and parents travelled all the way to Klir Waterpark in Bulacan to celebrate another completed school year.

The day was filled with smiles and laughter as both scholars and parents enjoyed water games, waves from the wave pool and relaxingly floating at the poolside.

Altogether, it was a day for everyone to beat the heat and have fun while building camaraderie among their friends and family.

We thank all those who contributed in making this day so fantastic!





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PHOTOS FROM THE CELEBRATION

## Year End Celebration

The school year has officially ended in the Philippines and it is now summer vacation until June!

In the beginning of April, all scholars and parents were invited to celebrate the completion a year of hard work and great results. We were also fortunate to have three American volunteers to assist in the fun-filled event!

On the agenda was the celebration of the scholars who had just completed their Moving up Ceremony that very morning - and of course, to congratulate all of our scholars on their great results and school attendance.

We all gathered at a local restaurant chain near the vicinity of the high school where everyone shared stories and

viewed photos from the outing over a meal. The participating volunteers, Derricho, Jhoven and Justin gathered the scholars for various games. The scholars themselves even got a game of charades going!

A Million Voices would like to thank everyone who ensures the continuation and success of the scholarship program.

It would not be possible without the continuous support from donors and sponsors, as well as partners and collaborators. We also appreciate the commitment of all the staff and volunteers, as well as the hard work of our scholars and parents!

