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WELCOME

The Philippine Association of Medical Technologists (PAMET) USA Inc. is an association for Medical Laboratory Professionals of Philippine Ancestry working in the United States of America.

PAMET USA CENCAL'S 1ST CE WEBINAR & LAB MIXER SERIES

PAMET USA Central California held their first ever CE Webinar and Lab Mixer Series. Best thing, They Are Free!!!

BE A LAB MIXER!

Interact and exchange best lab practices, review your knowledge and lab skills with peers and an Expert.

JOIN and have FUN!

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THE UNSUNG HEROES BEHIND THE LABORATORY

An Celebration of

MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSION

APRIL 18-24, 2021

PAMET USA CELEBRATES LAB WEEK 2021

PAMET USA Inc celebrated Medical Laboratory Professionals Week with a Bang!!!



CALIFORNIA COALITION OF LABORATORY ORGANIZATIONS

PAMET USA Inc are joining forces with CAMLT and ASCLS – California to form the California Coalition of Laboratory Organizations (CCLO)



Coalition Creates Change

LAB Notes
By: Apollo F. Olaes IV, CLS

STAT is Life But Coffee is Forever

By: Roger Mark M. Lariosa, RMT, CLS

PAMET USA Central California Launches First Ever FREE CE Webinar and LAB Mixer Series


PAMET USA Central California welcomed the year 2021 with a BANG, hosting its first ever free CE Webinar “SOAR 2021” on January 30, 2021. The momentous event was held in partnership with LabMinds Staffing & Recruiting and PAMET USA San Diego.

Program speakers were Perry Daodao, CLS MT(ASCP) MT(AMT), VP PAMET USA Florida Topic: Immune Hemolytic Anemia”, Kumaran Ramanathan, PhD, MBA Topic: “nCOVID-19:Structure, Diagnostic, and Immunity”, Thomas K. Bane, PhD, PPM Topic: “Clinical Advancements in the Emergency Department: SARS-CoV2 Testing”, and Van Bonjoc, CLS, MT(ASCP), AMT and President/CEO of Lab Minds Staffing & Recruiting Topic: “Filipino Medical Technologist Journey in Augmenting US Labor Shortage”. The Webinar was offered free to our CLS Colleagues as a token of appreciation for their service and dedication during the pandemic.

The chapter also introduced a refreshing kind of coffee table talk series titled “Lab Mixer”. It is a unique way to interact and exchange best lab practices and refresh clinical knowledge and lab skills with peers and an expert.

The first episode on March 13, 2021 featured Ms Virginia Eugenio, CLS, MT(ASCP) SBB, CHT (ABHI) CHS. A retired assistant Director of Laboratory at Kaiser Permanente, she discussed about antibody ID skills in Blood Banking. The next episode held on May 8, 2021 featured Mr Mario Casupanan, a retired assistant Director of Laboratory Operations at Kaiser Permanente – LAMC. With the topic “Survival 101”, he shared his experiences living and working here in the United States. Of course, the web series were also offered free of charge.

Great way to start 2021 PAMET CenCal.



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- DO YOU WANT TO REHASH YOUR ANTIBODY ID SKILLS WITH AN EXPERT?
- ARE YOU IN A HOSPITAL SETTING OR MOVING BACK TO BLOOD BANK?

JOIN OUR LAB MIXER ON MARCH 13, 2021 @9AM. REGISTRATION IS FREE. Limited 20 registrants only



MS. VIRGINIA EUGENIO,
CLS, MT(ASCP) SBB, CHT(ABHI)CHS
RETIRED - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LABORATORY
KAISER PERMANENTE


LET'S TALK ABOUT SURVIVAL 101
MAY 8, 2021, SATURDAY @ 9AM



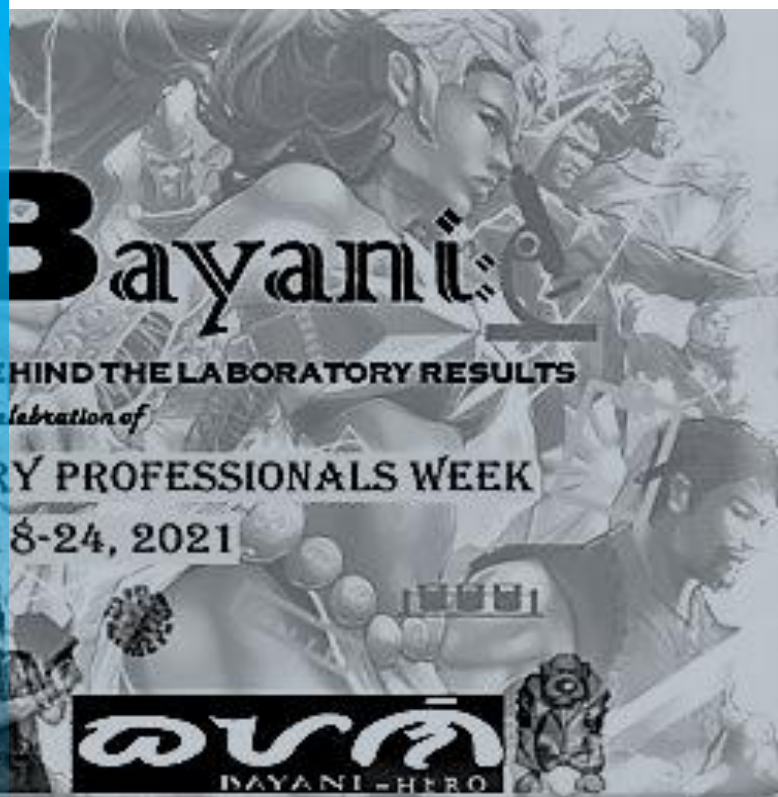
WITH MR. MARIO CASUPANAN
RETIRED, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LABORATORY OPERATIONS
KAISER PERMANENTE- LAMC

Mr. Mario will share his experiences living and working in the good of USA for 44 years.

What is your story to share?
An opportunity to hear, learn and share.



“Not All
Heroes Wear
Capes,
Some Wear
Lab Coats”



PAMET USA Celebrates Lab Week

A Salute To Our Lab Superheroes

PAMET USA joined the nationwide celebration of Medical Laboratory Professionals Week on April 18-24, 2021. The Public Relations Committee was tasked to organize the week long festivities with a wide array of contests to celebrate our Laboratory Frontliner Heroes while raising awareness to our beloved profession.

The theme for this year's Lab Week was "LABayani". A mashup of the words "Lab" and "Bayani" (tagalog version of Hero). The Public Relations Committee was able to raise \$1,200 for prizes for the weeklong contests. The amount was raised from donations from PAMET USA officers and colleagues.

Different contests were assigned daily during the week. Lab Week kicked off with "Dress your lab coat" on Monday. It was followed by "Wacky Photo Tuesday", "Jersey Day Wednesday", "Throwback Photo Thursday" and "Tiktok Video Friday". There was also a weeklong contest, "Why Am I Proud to Be a Lab Professional" video contest, where our colleagues created

a short video explaining why are they proud to be in the lab profession. PAMET USA local chapters nationwide and their members participated on the daily contests and displayed their creativity, unity and dedication to our chosen field. Entries were posted on Facebook with the hashtag "#pametusainc".

The PRO Committee was overwhelmed by the rousing reception to our week long festivities. Proving once again that we laboratory professionals can also have fun while saving lives. The PRO Committee would like to extend our gratitude to all of our Lab Hero members and colleagues. A week is not enough to celebrate each and everyone of you. Thank you for all your service and sacrifice for our patients and community. MABUHAY kayong mga LABayani!





Lab Week 2021

#pametusainc



LABayani: THE UNSUNG HEROES BEHIND THE LABORATORY RESULTS
In Celebration of MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK
APRIL 18-24, 2021
Celebrating the Pinoy Lab Superheroes Around the Globe
Happy Lab Week Heroes!
Med Tech Ka! LABayani Ka!
#LABayani #pametusainc



Coalition of Lab Orgs Formed in California

Within California there persists a dire shortage of qualified personnel in our field that necessitates a renewed commitment to increasing our numbers and ensuring that high quality laboratory testing is occurring.

CAMLT, PAMET-USA, Inc., and ASCLS-California, are joining forces to form the “California Coalition of Laboratory Organizations” and with a universal message. We ask that all concerned parties, including laboratorians, persons in industry and academia join to demand an increase and expansion of Clinical Laboratory Science Training programs within California.

We want to ensure adequate numbers of qualified personnel to perform accurate laboratory testing now and into the future. Our profession is vital to the public’s health and safety and a vibrant economy.

Join us now in our effort to raise awareness of the shortage of qualified laboratory professionals. We advocate for the following:

- 1.Allied Health Care Professional Shortage Act
- 2.Federal funding to increase the number of clinical lab scientists
 - Expand clinical science programs and increase training facilities
 - Provide financial aid, grants and/or scholarships to students
 - Student loan repayment assistance programs

Let us serve as a model to the rest of the nation, as this problem is not just a California problem. It is a challenge across the country. level of standard practice through education, training, research, and technological innovation.



Coalition Creates Change



OUR MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

Mission: To be a unified voice for clinical laboratory professionals in the state of California.

Vision: To increase visibility and appreciation of clinical laboratory services as a key component to the delivery of quality patient care.

Values: As clinical laboratories play a critical role in diagnosis and treatment related decisions, we believe it is vital to uphold a high level of standard practice through education, training, research, and technological innovation.

The coalition will be hosting the inaugural California Coalition of Laboratory Organizations meeting virtually on November 5 - 6, 2021. The live event will include opportunities for continuing education, professional networking, vendor exhibits, and social hours. The coalition will also be discussing current issues for clinical laboratories in California to formally advise the state legislature on behalf of our professional workforce. Details for the event to follow.

National Position Statement On Shortage of Clinical Laboratory Professionals



PAMET-USA, Inc. is an organization, composed of Filipino-American Medical Laboratory Scientists spread out into 23 different States of America, who play a particularly important role in your healthcare and are responsible for conducting tests that provide crucial information for detecting, diagnosing, treating, and monitoring disease

Despite changes in the field, including technological advances that can automate some tasks, the need for laboratory professionals, is expected to grow much faster than the average employment by 13% between 2016 to 2026. It is estimated about 110, 000 job openings will face shortage by 2025 due to supply of the average 5,000 students graduating from different programs. Declining academic programs and inadequate training Facilities, compounded by the increasing number of baby boomers' retirement, the crisis to meet the growing demand for certified and licensed Medical Laboratory Professionals have intensified the challenge to address the shortage.

The COVID-19 pandemic had created a bigger dent to this challenge. Although, this pandemic highlighted the importance of our profession in the overall patient care, there is not enough workforce to supply the demand to perform COVID-19 testing. This shortage resulted to laboratories being manned by staff who are not competent to perform high complexity testing, such as those used for COVID-19. This greatly compromises patient care.

Medical conditions (ie., Cancer, Diabetes, And Kidney Failure) require regular laboratory procedures to diagnose and treat them. New and more complex laboratory tests, (e.g., Molecular Testing, Gene Sequencing & Mass Spectrometry) are being developed that will assist in diagnosing existing and new medical conditions, but require specialized knowledge, training, and experience to perform the testing.

The long standing and growing shortage for competent Medical Laboratory Scientists must be addressed now. We cannot afford to have unlicensed or incompetent laboratory personnel running the laboratory. It is not right; it is against the law, and it puts our patients at great risk.

Sincerely,

Elma Kamar Bidkorpeh, MLS (ASCP)^{CM}
PAMET-USA, Inc. Board of Director & Legislative Chair

Dan Dominguez, CLS
PAMET-USA, Inc. President

LAB Notes

By: Apollo F. Olaes IV, CLS

EMBRACING THE NEW NORMAL: HOW LIFE HAS CHANGED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC



We all know that adjusting to change can be challenging, be it planned or unplanned, gradual, or sudden, change is inevitable and very much part of being human.

We have experienced an unprecedented shift in our way of life due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Pre-pandemic, who would have thought that toilet paper, Clorox wipes and 70% isopropyl alcohol could become as precious as gold! And now, a trip to a store or shop seems like an adventure of its own! Before we know it, we have let go of our old normal and now settle into what seems to be our new normal.

The way we live is different. We do a double take when we hear someone cough, sneeze, or sniffle. Masks and gloves may be commonplace, depending on where in the world you live. Queuing is now the norm, be it when visiting health professionals, going to the shops, or even getting in a lift. Public transport looks hugely different, with social distancing in place and commuters wearing masks and gloves. We will start to holiday more in our own backyards due to travel restrictions.

The way we work, or study has changed. Education as we know it has change. Schools and universities have moved online, some blending face-to-face with online lectures.

Most work industries have also change due to social distancing. So many shifted to working from home to minimize travelling on public transport and gathering in groups at the office. Zoom meetings even became our New Normal. With restrictions easing, we may cautiously rotate back into working at the office in shifts, or embrace working from home on a more regular basis.

The way we socialize and connect looks vastly different. No more packing in large crowds when we all must have a personal bubble of over a meter. Not seeing loved ones...for their benefit. Elderly parents and grandparents, pregnant friends, or new parents, or those with health conditions that render them more vulnerable to coronavirus - we are staying away to keep them safe. In a time when it is more important than ever to stay connected, this can be particularly challenging for all. Social greetings have morphed. Gone are the days of greeting friends and extended relatives with handshakes, hugs, and cheek-kisses. Friendly gestures like these are now being curbed, to be replaced by elbow bumps and foot-shakes, or waves from a distance. The way we dine out has changed. Many restaurants and cafes may only be serving takeaways for now, but even when they reopen for us to dine-in there will likely be restrictions around how many are able to dine-in, social distancing will be in place, and shared plates may disappear for quite some time.

Even when society starts up again, there will still be restrictions and we are facing fundamental shifts to our way of life. We need to embrace the new norms and adjust accordingly to keep up with our everyday life. On a positive note, despite the changes, this Pandemic taught us that Family matters more than we realized, we have unleashed a revolution in medicine and self-care is not self-indulgence. We stand together and appreciate LIFE in a different perspective.



STAT is Life But Coffee is Forever

By: Roger Mark M. Lariosa, RMT, CLS



The Dining Table

Someone is not in a good mood at the dining table today. The youngest little brother of three siblings is complaining about the small portion of pizza he got compared to the larger portions his older brother and sister got. Mom said to let it go. Besides, his brother and sister are older than him. "They are bigger thus they eat more", the mom added. What's this got to do with us in the lab profession? I will get back to this later.

Lab week is over. No more free food, fun games and freebie giveaways. Even the leftovers are long gone in the breakroom fridge. Back to normal for us working at the lab. Well, remember the old and tiring phrase we hear every lab week? "The Heroes Behind The Scenes." "We Work Behind The Scenes". We Save Lives Behind The Scenes." Any phrase with "Behind The Scenes" whatever. It's a little bit overused over the years. Well, theoretically it's true. We laboratory professionals work behind the spotlight. Our profession is not as eye popping or head turning as it sounds to the general population compared to, well, other health professions like Nurses and Physicians. Whenever a patient becomes well and discharged from the hospital, who gets the "Thank You" donuts, cupcakes, balloons and social media attention? Well, your guess is as good as mine. Most of the time, it is not the Laboratory. But it's okay. We do not need the accolades. As long as we contributed to saving a life, we're all good.

So that's it. Let's move on, right? Well, not so fast. Let me put down my coffee first. I think it is time to change our "Behind the Scenes" mentality approach and throw it out of the window (*if your lab is lucky enough to have one*). Right now, we are facing an uphill challenge to address the manpower shortage of CLS's nationwide. As there are more techs retiring than young techs entering the workforce. As a result, state legislations are being passed (*Hello California*) to provide "band aid" solutions to address the shortages. Delegating the work to non CLS licensed personnel. Point of Care is slowly being taken away from the laboratory (*Thank you glucometer*). We should start advocating and promoting the profession so that more students will be enticed to take up laboratory medicine. It should start with our mentality. No more "behind the scenes" approach. 70% of medical decisions are based on LAB RESULTS. So it is okay to tell yourself, "Yes, the patient got well because of the accurate test result I released in a timely manner." "Yes, the patient's life was saved because of the blood product I accurately crossmatched and processed". Yes it is OKAY to take the credit my colleagues. It was more evident during this pandemic that WE ARE AT THE FRONTLINES and were never behind the scenes. And just like the little brother who was complaining about his small portion of pizza. He, like us, deserve his equal share because he is part of the family. We as lab professionals should also demand our "fair" share of credit and acknowledgement at the healthcare dining table. Ok?

Now let me finish my coffee.



MLS & MT REVIEW CLASSES

CLASS PROGRAM & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PAMET USA Illinois Chapter

CLS / MLS / MT Virtual Online Review Classes

PAMET USA Illinois Chapter offered the first ever Virtual Online Review for CLS, MLS, and MT program in PAMET USA history. This was open to all interested students from the Philippines and the United States. The online program was actually free. Attendees were charged a commitment fee of \$100 (for USA applicants) and P2,000 for Philippine (applicants). The fees are refundable upon presentation of proof of passing the ASCP/AMT examinations.

The online review was a milestone for PAMET USA Illinois Chapter, as we are continuing to face the challenges of offering in person classes because of the pandemic. The online review offered a great alternative and reaching far more deserving MT students from the Philippines and to the United States because of the accessibility of the internet.

The Faculty of the online review are as follows:

Mr Perry Daodao (VP PAMET USA Florida) for Chemistry, Ms Dollie Jacosalem (President, PAMET USA Michigan) for Microbiology, Ms Fergilynd Andres (Past President, PAMET USA Nebraska) for Immunology and Serology, PAMET USA Inc past presidents: Mr Ricky Martinez for Immunohematology and Transfusion Medicine, Ms Shirley Cruzada for Hematology and Coagulation and Mr Rex Famitangco for Lab Operations, UA/BF. The review started last May 8 and 9, 2021. It will be held for 10 consecutive weekends up to July 11, 2021.

Congratulations to PAMET USA Illinois Chapter for this pioneering milestone. Kudos to all the people behind the scenes that made this program possible. Good Luck to all reviewees. May you make us proud and become the best CLS, MLS and MT's in the future.



MEET THE FACULTY



1st Row (Left to right) Dollie Jacosalem, Fergilynd Andres & Perry Daodao.
2nd Row (Left to Right) Ricky Martinez, Shirley Cruzada and Rex Famitangco

PAMET USA Northern California Chapter Induction of Officers May 1, 2021

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Board Of Directors

Congratulations



Congratulations to the newly inducted officers of PAMET USA Northern California Chapter led by President Gina Sicat Crain. The induction was held at Fort McKinley restaurant Bar & Banquet in South San Francisco.





Wall of Honor

We Honor our PAMET USA Colleagues who received recognitions this year. Congratulations

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Leadership Category



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 President, PAMET USA Inc

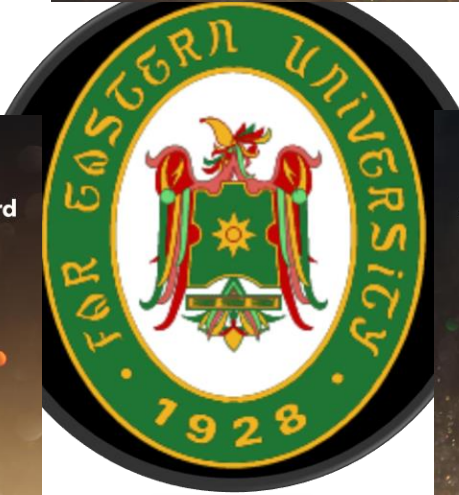
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 Quezon City, Philippines

Career Achievement Category




Rey Salta
 PAMET USA San Diego Chapter



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Far Eastern University
 Nicanor Reyes Medical Foundation
 Quezon City, Philippines

Career Achievement Category



Walter Bayubay
 PAMET USA Southern California Chapter

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2021

Far Eastern University
 Nicanor Reyes Medical Foundation
 Quezon City, Philippines


Education Category



Shirley Fabian Cruzada
 PAMET USA Nevada Chapter
 Past President, PAMET USA Inc
 Past President, PAMET Philippines



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Editha Geniza
 PAMET USA San Diego Chapter
 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award
 Education Category
 University of Santo Tomas
 Faculty of Pharmacy

CONGRATULATIONS




Elma Kamari Bidkorpeh
 PAMET USA Inc Board of Director
 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award
 Health and Community Service Category
 University of Santo Tomas
 Faculty of Pharmacy

CONGRATULATIONS



Marilou F. Cruz
 PAMET USA Southern California Chapter
 3rd Vice President (2017-2019)
 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award
 Health and Community Service Category
 University of Santo Tomas
 Faculty of Pharmacy

CONGRATULATIONS



Mario Casupanan
 PAMET USA Central California Chapter
 Public Relations Officer
 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award
 Science and Technology Category
 University of Santo Tomas
 Faculty of Pharmacy

CONGRATULATIONS



Ricky Martinez
 PAMET USA Inc
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 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award
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 University of Santo Tomas
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PASMETH 50th Annual Convention Recognitions



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PASMETH 50K Trees at PASMETH@50

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for his invaluable support to the objectives of PASMETH during his term
as PAMET - USA President, 2018-2020

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MR. ARTHUR TRINIDAD

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for his invaluable support to the objectives of PASMETH during his term
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DR. SHIRLEY CRUZADA

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MRS. AIDA MAGUIGAD

Founding President of PAMET - USA

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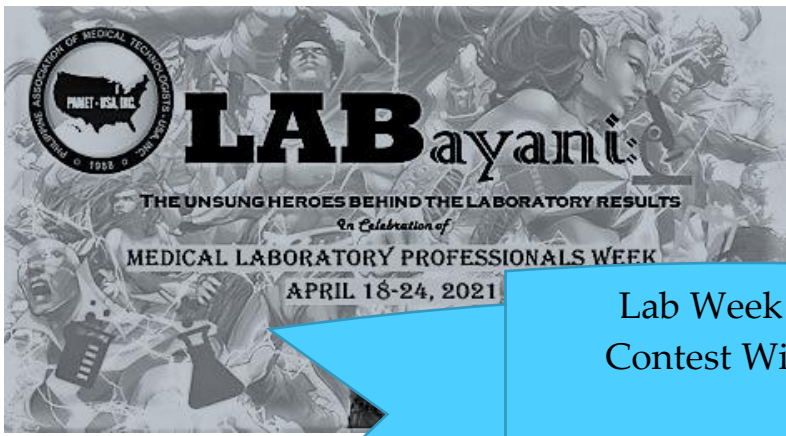
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President, PASMETH*



Lab Week 2021 Contest Winners

Congratulations "Dress Your Lab Coat Monday"

- 1st Prize** Mary Ann Bayalas (PAMET Sacramento)
- 2nd Prize** Lyka Lanuza (PAMET NorCal)
- 3rd Prize** PAMET Nevada
PAMET Sothern Colorado

Congratulations "Wacky Photo Tuesday"

- 1st Prize** PAMET NorCal
- 2nd Prize** Yvonne Cortez (PAMET Indiana)
- 3rd Prize** PAMET Central California

Congratulations "Jersey Day Wednesday"

- 1st Prize** Joy Relf (PAMET San Diego)
- 2nd Prize** Nile Alconcel (PAMET Michigan)
- 3rd Prize** PAMET Central California

Congratulations "Throwback Thursday"

*** Stories behind the posts were considered for judging

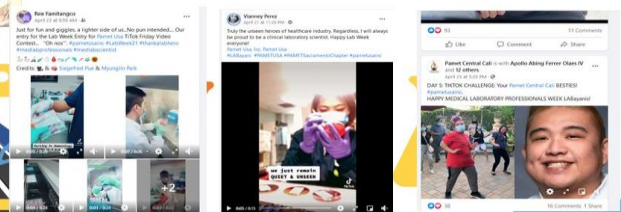
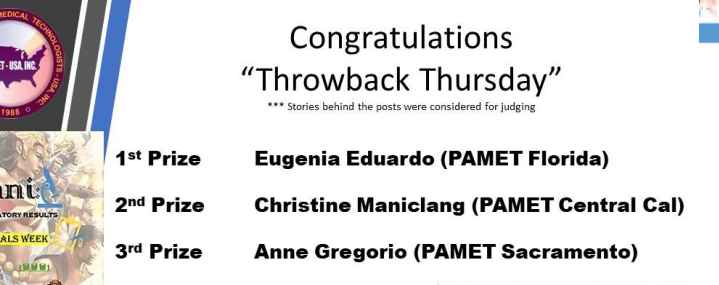
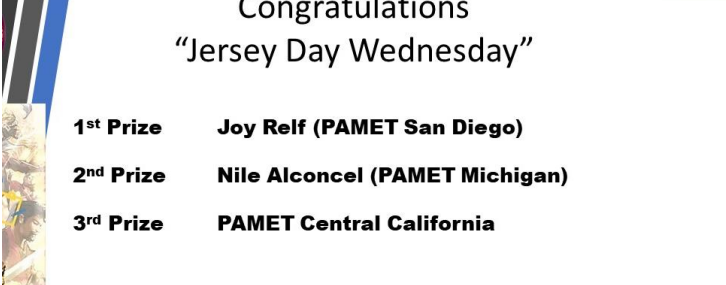
- 1st Prize** Eugenia Eduardo (PAMET Florida)
- 2nd Prize** Christine Maniclang (PAMET Central Cal)
- 3rd Prize** Anne Gregorio (PAMET Sacramento)

Congratulations "TikTok Friday"

- 1st Prize** PAMET Nebraska
- 2nd Prize** Vianney Perez (PAMET Sacramento)
- 3rd Prize** PAMET Central California

Congratulations "Why Am I Proud To Be A Lab Professional?" Video Contest

Grand Prize Winner
Krisel Rosales (PAMET Sacramento)





Deployment cap review sought as PAMET cites promising job opportunities for Pinoy healthcare workers in US

Published by Manila Bulletin June 11, 2021, 8:49 PM

by [Ellson Quismorio](#)

The supposed abundance of job opportunities in the United States (US) has spurred the Philippine Association of Medical Technologists (PAMET) to seek a review of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases's (IATF) annual deployment cap on Filipino healthcare workers abroad.

This was relayed to the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Friday, June 11 by Labor Attaché in Washington, D.C. Angela Librado-Trinidad during a virtual press briefing. Manila-based reporters also took part in the briefing.

Trinidad said she was in possession of PAMET's position paper on the IATF deployment cap, which stands at 5,000 per year. "Recently we met with PAMET and [they say that] there's an estimated 110,000 demand for medical technologists (med techs) [in the US]," she told DOLE Information and Publication Service (IPS) Director Rolly Francia. "As far as our nurses are concerned, marami na kasing retiring sa US (a lot of people will retire soon in the US). [So they expect that] there are 2.5 million nurses that are needed in the next few years," said Trinidad, who works at the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in the American capital city. "In effect they are asking for a review, and eventually perhaps an exception from the cap that the IATF has imposed on [healthcare workers]?" Francia asked Trinidad.

"Yes in a while, that is there position: to review the cap in the light of the many opportunities daw at this point," she replied. "Sana ma-review daw kasi may ganitong demand ang US ngayon (They're hoping for a review because of the demand in the US right now)." The purpose of the deployment limit—which is imposed only on new hires—is to make sure that the Philippines doesn't run out of medical professionals—especially nurses—amid the persisting coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Incidentally, the 5,000-limit was already reached as of last week according to the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA). This means that no newly-hired healthcare worker will be deployed aboard for the rest of the year, unless he or she is going to the United Kingdom (UK). The UK was earlier granted an exception from the cap by the Philippine government. Trinidad made it clear during the presser that POLO's position was to "not encourage overseas employment as a matter of national strategy", given the purpose behind the IATF resolution that enforced the deployment cap.

"We reminded them of the basis of all these resolutions. In fact we gave them a copy of the governing board resolution na nirelease ng POEA even before the pandemic na nakikita nating medyo may shortage of our medical professionals (we gave them a copy of the governing board resolution that was released by the POEA, which said that there was a shortage of medical professionals even before the pandemic started)," she said.

"But then sinasabi nilang naiintidihan nila, baka lang ma-consider yung kanilang position (But they said they understand the situation, it's just that they want their position to at least be considered)," she added. It is the POLO that receives job orders for Filipinos from their host country.

Upcoming Events



Stand Strong Together



18TH
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Augusta, Georgia
Sheraton Hotel
August 7, 2021

Further details to follow



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November 5-6, 2021

Inaugural Virtual Meeting California Coalition of Laboratory Organizations (CCLO)



The live event will include opportunities for continuing education, professional networking, vendor exhibits, and social hours. The coalition will also be discussing current issues for clinical laboratories in California to formally advise the state legislature on behalf of our professional workforce. Details for the event to follow.

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