



FAIRPLAY SCHOLARS

Quarterly Newsletter

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Celebrating the Graduates Batch '23

July is graduation season and this year, we have many graduates to celebrate!

First, we congratulate Fairplay's Co-Founder and Executive Director, Roy Moore (photo 1 below), for completing his thesis, "The Power to Keep People Poor: A Case-Study in the Political Framework of Poverty in Payatas," early this year after years of research and revisions, and thus finally earning his Master of Arts Degree in Political Science at the University of the Philippines Diliman.

We also celebrate the Fairplay Scholars who have graduated from college after years of hardwork. Congratulations to Pia, Piolo, Kevin and Carlos for a job well done!

Piolo (2) earned his Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, while Kevin (3) received his Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology. Both graduated at Quezon City University. Carlos (4) completed his Bachelor of Science degree Criminology at Bestlink College of the Philippines, while Pia graduated from the National College of Business and Arts with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, major in Marketing Management.

We are so proud of their achievement and celebrate their accomplishment of this major milestone. We look forward to seeing their continued growth as they move forward in their chosen careers.~



Meet the Fairplay Team

MEET COACH RONALYN, HEAD OF SPORTS

From Fairplay Scholar to Youth Coach to Sports Program Manager, Ronalyn has come a long way. After earning her degree in sports management from a prestigious university in the Philippines, she came back to her beloved Payatas community to inspire and nurture the new generation of Payatas FC football players. Meanwhile, outside of work and football, Rona enjoys a quiet evening watching movies.~





IN PHOTOS

Fairplay Scholars in Action

1 Tutor AJ (right) facilitating a group study session.

6 The EQ Club Group 3 session with Roy focus on research & debate.

2 Fairplay Scholar Ian working on his Brain Quest book.

7 Fairplay Scholars' outing to celebrate a successful year.

3 Fairplay Scholars busy with a math activity during tutorials.

8 Fairplay Scholars went to Germany to play in World Fairplay Soccer.

4 Fairplay Scholars Bern, Kim, Garibo graduate from SHS with honors.

9 Fairplay facilitates the Fairplay Coaching Course in Germany .

5 The EQ Club Group 4 session with Mau focus on college prep.

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Let the Numbers Tell the Story

A QUICK GLANCE AT OUR NUMBERS

63

Total no. of Fairplay Scholars and Applicants in SY 2022-2023

College
12
K-Gr 6
11

 43%

Senior HS
15
Gr 7-Gr 10
25

Percentage of Fairplay Scholars who are female



GRAPH 1: Total weekly visits of Fairplay Scholars to the Youth Center for academic support from April to June 2023.

Numbers ranged from 38-114/week.
Average for the quarter: 93/week



GRAPH 2: Total weekly attendance to the EQ Club from April to June 2023.
Numbers ranged from 17-43/week.
Average for the quarter: 31/week

School Lunch



Breakfast



Club Meals



Our Fairplay Cafe provides school meals 5 days a week to Fairplay Scholars to help fight hunger and malnutrition. From March 27 to June 25, 2023, we served a total of 3,004 school meals. This is an average of 250 meals per week.

We also provided a total of [] meals for participants of youth clubs at the Youth Center within the second quarter of 2023.

20

Average no. of football training sessions per week at our Payatas Sports Center during the 2nd Quarter of 2023.

363

Average no. of visits to the Payatas Sports Center to participate in sports per week in the 2nd Quarter of 2023.



Photo courtesy FEU Tamaraws

More Game Time to Develop Kids

PAYATAS FC HOSTS FAIRPLAY FUTSAL LEAGUE AND CUP

Last May 28, 2023, Fairplay concluded the 1st Season of the Fairplay Futsal League 2023. The league duration was 3 weeks with both U11s and U13s having 7 teams in each group. Double round robin was used, and each team had 4 games each week equivalent to 40 minutes.

The Fairplay Futsal League is designed with development in mind, so that means everyone can join and have fun. It is a good opportunity for the other teams as well as Payatas to see the kids' development each week; the coaches and the players can see their own progress and assess which area to improve on. According to Fairplay's Sports Manager, Coach Ronalyn Lagata, "It's good to see the level of everyone there, and also to reward the kids with a fun and friendly league for their efforts in the training sessions."

After the successful Fairplay Futsal League, and in preparation of the World Fairplay Soccer Championship the Sports Department organized the 3 V 3 Payatas Cup in June. The fun tournament was for Payatas-based players and was held every Sunday. As per Coach Ronalyn, "It's good to end their week with something like a tournament set-up, so every week they have something they can look forward." Small-sided games like 2 vs 2 or 3 vs 3 are good for players' development because there is a smaller number of people inside the court and the small spaces challenge them to play smart, be creative, and improve their technical skills such as dribbling, ball control, passing, and shooting.

"It is nice to see the kids grow and see them having their best time playing the sport and just being kids having fun with their friends," continued Coach Ronalyn. "This is something that we can regularly implement in our sports center."~

Fairplay Scholar is Rookie of the Year

REGINE IS AWARDED ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AND BEST MIDFIELDER

In her first season playing in the University League in the Philippines, the UAAP, Regine took home the 'Rookie of the Year' and 'Best Midfielder' Awards for the season. Her two goals in the final meant Far Eastern University beat La Salle 2-1 in extra-time while Regine also ended the season as the 2nd top goalscorer. Well done, Regine! We're proud of you!

Regine has worked hard to transition from her futsal background with Payatas FC to the 11 aside game at FEU. After her first year adjusting with the academic load at College, she is also improving in the classroom too. This school year, her younger sister, Althea, is also joining her at FEU.

It all goes to show that talent can come from anywhere, provided you're doing the right thing.~

Some Bite-Sized Updates



June 7, 2023: Decathlon Ph celebrated their Foundation Day with us. We hosted them in Payatas, while also sending some to their Masinag branch.



July 7, 2023: Beiersdorf Philippines spent their Community Day with Fairplay, doing community cleanup activities.

Payatas FC Women Win Bronze in Germany

PAYATAS FC REPRESENTED THE PHILIPPINES IN THE WORLD FAIRPLAY SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

This year we were so fortunate to be invited to represent the Philippines at the 2023 World Fairplay Soccer Championship. The 3v3 tournament is designed to encourage Fairplay, with special rules that challenge players to balance their competitiveness with self-regulation.

The week-long football event included men and women's teams from Germany, Austria, Canada, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Italy, Latvia, USA, and the Philippines. Our team was among the youngest, and the boys among the shortest! Meeting new people from other countries and making friends was a highlight for our players.

For many of our players, it was the first time they've ever been on the plane, on a large train, and being abroad, especially in a European country. The team was unused to the cold climate and weather despite it being summer in Europe, while the language can be rather challenging to navigate. But probably the most culturally shocking for the kids was the food--where is the rice?! Nevertheless, everyone had an amazing time!

At the event, the Philippines performed a mash up of several cultural dances for the cultural performance as well as hosted the Level 1 Fairplay Coaching Course for all participants. With over 50 people joining the course, it was the largest one we have hosted so far. With the introduction of Fairplay Coaching focusing on ensuring the kids have fun, make friends, feel cared for, and see their improvement, the overlap was encouraging and several teams expressed they got a lot out of that.

On the pitch, the girls finished the group stage with 10 wins, 2 draws, and 2 losses, finishing at 2nd seed behind Mongolia, while the boys managed 2 draws and 12 losses against the men's teams. A win over the USA in the Quarter Finals set up a Semi Final match for the girls against Latvia. An upset 2-1 loss meant a battle for bronze with Mongolia, who likewise suffered a surprise defeat to Italy. It took penalties to separate the two Asian countries, with Aicele, Ronalyn, and Althea scoring to win 3-2 and win the bronze medals.

More than the results on the pitch, the inspiration these girls provide in the local community is far more encouraging. Ronalyn is the Sports Manager at Fairplay, helping to ensure roughly 200 kids have somewhere to play every week. Loren and Althea are Level 2 Fairplay Coaches, coaching the age groups each day, while they now leave this school year for Varsity Scholarships at PUP and FEU respectively. Aicele is a Level 1 Coach and soon to be tutor as she improved her grades from near failing to become the top in her class over the last year two years.

This tournament was an excellent time to reward and enjoy this progress on and off the field. The medals and trophies are nice to have, but the change that our young people keep making in our community is the real reward.

We will also be looking at implementing the Fairplay system within our youth leagues too. This can include waiting for teams to call their own fouls and stop play when needed, docking Fairplay points if teams do not call their fouls and stop at possible injuries, while also looking at setting up the Fairplay table for the teams to discuss what happened with our youth referees after the game.~



Photo courtesy Alex Hein



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Summer Outing '23

IT'S SWIM TIME AS SCHOLARS CELEBRATE END OF SCHOOL YEAR

Just in time for the end of SY 2022-2023, the Youth Center hosted one of the largest recreational activities Fairplay has seen since the pandemic began. The swimming outing was an incentive program developed by the YC to encourage the scholars to maintain their high attendance rates in the tutorials and EQ Clubs. Scholars who had at least a 90% attendance rate in their tutorials and EQ Club the previous quarter were eligible to join the outing.

On July 8, 27 scholars went to Costa Abril Resort in Montalban, Rizal to enjoy a whole day of fun filled with swimming, singing, eating, and laughter. The scholars were rewarded for their efforts with a well-deserved trip to round off their accomplishments in their academics and the YC programs. They swam at the resort's several pools, rode the waves in the famous wave pool, tried out the slides, took pictures and captured memories, and sang their hearts out at the karaoke.



College Varsity

MORE FAIRPLAY SCHOLARS TRY OUT FOR VARSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

It's an exciting time as we hit that time of year when Senior High School and University Tryouts takeover preparations for the new School Year. This is our biggest batch ever with 7 of Payatas FC's girls looking to secure Varsity Scholarships for College, and 9 boys and girls look to secure Senior High School Scholarships.

With free tuition, dormitory, and food allowances on the line, it's a big moment for many of our Fairplay Scholars. The culmination of years of hard-work, dedication, and care and support with our Scholars.

Fairplay is assisting in driving our Scholars and players to as many tryouts as possible with extra training sessions available for players looking to sharpen certain skills before heading to the Colleges for the tryouts.

This is by far our biggest batch of prospects in the history of Fairplay. While not everyone will get Scholarships this time around, it shows how many of our kids are on the right track and are working hard towards their dreams.

We are extremely happy to get the first batch of offers through and will announce which Senior High Schools and Universities our Scholars choose from the offers they receive on our social media and of course the Quarter 3 Newsletter.~



The outing was a huge success thanks to the help of the YC personnel and admin with arrangements and the cafe's nutritious and delicious food. It was a fun and exciting opportunity for the scholars to socialize and play with their Ates, Kuyas, and the younger kids. Seeing the kids enjoy themselves while looking after each other was a delight - a manifestation of their sense of community and belongingness. As things return to normal, we look forward to additional adventures, learning opportunities, and times of connection among the Fairplay scholars in and out of Payatas.~

A Winning Summer!

PAYATAS FC FINISH 3RD PLACE IN HIGH 5 FUTSAL LEAGUE, 3 PAYATAS PLAYERS CALLED UP FOR NATIONAL FUTSAL TEAM

The High 5 Futsal League was founded and kicked off this year to begin scouting and developing the National Futsal Team. For the Women's game, this was the first season played at Tuloy's full size futsal court and the first time Payatas FC joined. Full length futsal games on a full size futsal court was a fantastic experience for our team. The players had a goal to train for, with games every weekend, and they worked hard to reach those goals.

As the highest level of competitive futsal in the country, there were 4 foundation teams and 4 clubs. In the league portion of the season, Payatas FC had 6 wins and 2 losses to finish 2nd in the table. It was no secret that on the pitch we relied on several special talents. Agot was MVP of the League scoring 15 goals in the 9 games of the entire season (league plus playoffs). Althea scored 10 goals while playing as primarily a defender, to be joint 2nd top scorer. This gave the platform for many younger players to get more game time than they would have elsewhere. Indeed, we had the youngest player in the entire competition – 12 year old Ashely – who grabbed herself several goals and assists across several games.

Following the league, three of our players, in Althea, Agot, and our goalkeeper Jas, were invited to the National pool for the four nation tournament scheduled this year. The four-nation tournament will see the Philippines host New Zealand, Guam, and either Taiwan or the Northern Mariana Islands. Having several National Football Youth players, this would be the first time Payatas FC players will represent the country at Senior level if they make the final cut.

We are excited to announce next time round just how many of the players earned Varsity Scholarships to Senior High School and to College. But for now, the younger kids know there is an end goal and our older players know they will pay it forward – coaching the next generation of players, tutoring the next generation of students, and leading the next generation of leaders.~



Thank you for leveling the playing field with us!

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