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Day School Alumni Homecoming

Agricola est poeta.

The Class of 1999 reminisced about their high school days during the event, recalling a time when beepers were the main form of communication. Before smartphones took over, beepers were the go-to for staying connected, eagerly anticipating messages from friends. It was a period dominated by iconic pop culture moments like the Spice Girls, Titanic, and Pokémon cards. The '90s were marked by innocence and exploration, filled with mixtapes, dial-up internet, and blockbuster movies, shaping the memories of the Class of 1999 and the traditions celebrated at Southridge alumni gatherings.

HOMECOMING WITH A CAUSE

The PAREF Southridge Alumni's long-awaited homecoming was hosted by the Class of 1999, celebrating their 25th year since graduation. The event, held on January 20, 2024, had a detailed schedule starting with a Mass at 4:00 PM, Registration and Cocktails at 5:00 PM, and ending with a Dinner Program at 6:00 PM. Despite planning to conclude by 10:00 PM, the festivities extended until 12:00 AM, reflecting the warmth and camaraderie shared among Southridge Admirals.



Not Only With a BANG! But With A BADA-BOOM!

Demonstrating their unwavering commitment to their alma mater, the Class of 1999 spearheaded a noble initiative during the alumni homecoming. Showing their ongoing dedication to their school, the '99 batch organized a raffle fundraiser called "The Teachers Fund" to assist Southridge teachers with Medical and Professional Aid. This heartfelt endeavor reflects not only their gratitude towards the educators who shaped their academic journey but also their enduring dedication to ensuring the well-being and support of the Southridge teaching staff. Through this selfless act of generosity, the class of 1999 fosters a legacy of compassion and care for the future homecoming batches to come.

Taking Charge.

Homecoming 2024 proved to be one of the biggest and most successful in Southridge's history, uniting alumni in a celebration of shared memories. The RSVP sheet initially showed a significant number of alumni committed to attending, but the turnout surpassed expectations on the day. Attendees included alumni, respected teachers, school staff, and sponsor representatives, all gathering to reconnect and celebrate. Alumni also invited guests, contributing to the larger turnout, while some alumni who couldn't register in advance still joined the festivities, highlighting the strong bonds and enduring connections forged at Southridge.





Afternoon School Alumni Homecoming

#KuyalsBack

Southridge Afternoon/Night School warmly welcomed back its alumni at the highly anticipated #KuyalsBack Homecoming event, held on January 27, 2024. This event brought together graduates from various batches, all eager to reconnect and reminisce about their cherished memories at Southridge. Sponsored by the esteemed batch of 2007 and 2008, the homecoming was a resounding success, marked by a vibrant atmosphere filled with laughter, camaraderie, and nostalgia.



The festivities kicked off with an array of activities, including sports competitions that began at 2pm, where alumni showcased their athletic prowess and team spirit. From friendly matches to intense showdowns, the sports segment provided a platform for old friends to bond over shared passions and relive their glory days on the field. As the afternoon transitioned into evening, the main program began at 6pm, featuring a delightful mix of entertainment, special performances, and heartfelt speeches that captured the essence of the Southridge spirit.



Amidst the jubilant atmosphere, attendees enjoyed delicious food and drinks while chatting with fellow alumni. The event also featured exciting raffles courtesy of GoSolar Philippines, offering participants the chance to win fantastic prizes and create lasting memories. Throughout the night, music filled the air, setting the stage for nostalgic sing-alongs. With a total of 175 registered attendees, the homecoming served as a testament to the enduring bond shared among Southridge alumni, spanning across generations and geographical distances. As the evening drew to a close, hearts were filled with gratitude for the cherished moments shared and the enduring friendships rekindled, leaving everyone eagerly awaiting the next reunion.



Featured Alumnus



Mr. Floyd C. Paguio
Southridge Night School Batch 2001



Floyd C. Paguio, a graduate of Southridge Night School in 2001, is currently Chairman of the PDAC Group of Companies, where he exhibits skill in financial accounting, reporting, and taxation. From humble beginnings to Chairman of the PDAC Group of Companies, his path demonstrates the power of perseverance and support. Despite enduring financial difficulties during his high school years, he excelled academically with the help of his family. He had an entrepreneurial spirit from an early age, assisting his peers and displaying a strong work ethic. With an accounting degree, he quickly advanced through the ranks of auditing. Now, as an author and mentor, he inspires and gives back to his community, stressing perseverance and support as essential to success.

His high school experience at Southridge greatly influenced his career, teaching him resilience, determination, and the need of community support. Overcoming financial problems and supporting peers fueled a desire to succeed. During high school, he discovered a passion for finances, which established the groundwork for his accounting profession, aided by the guidance and encouragement of his teachers. He stays closely involved with Southridge, attending alumni events and performing as a guest speaker to encourage students and alumni to follow their dreams relentlessly.

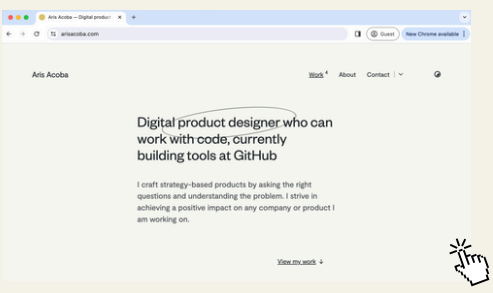
Mr. Paguio expresses his deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to his alma mater, Southridge, for playing a key role in shaping his life and career. He expresses gratitude to the faculty and staff for their effort to fostering young minds and influencing the future generation. He encourages current students to see challenges as opportunities for personal growth and emphasizes that their dreams are within reach with dedication and perseverance. He stresses the significance of providing adequate resources for all students to realize their ambitions by extending invitations to fellow alumni and potential sponsors to invest in the future of Southridge. He holds the belief that by working together, they can make a positive impact and inspire others to reach for the stars.

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