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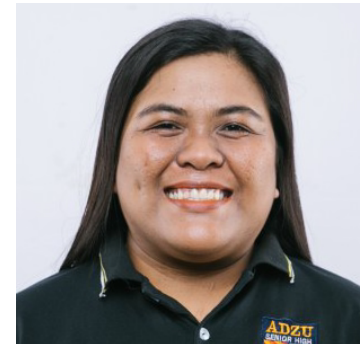
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UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 24-25:69
DATE : April 7, 2025
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : **New Senior High School Principal**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Ms. Diane S. Candido** as the New **Senior High School Principal** of Ateneo de Zamboanga University, effective **June 1, 2025**, for an **initial term of one (1) year**, subject to renewal to complete the three-year term after a performance evaluation.



This appointment was formally approved by the Board of Trustees through **Board Resolution No. 2025-16**, following a comprehensive and consultative search process led by the Search Committee chaired by Mr. Jeffrey O. Jalani, Vice President for Basic Education. The process included a comprehensive review of applications, interviews, and deliberations. Ms. Candido has demonstrated exceptional leadership and deep commitment to the mission and values of the University throughout her years of service in various roles, including Assistant Principal for Academics (2022-2025), Director of Student Services (2017-2021), and Instructor in both Senior High School and College units. She holds a Master of Arts in Mathematics, is a licensed professional teacher, and is currently pursuing doctoral studies in Science Education.

Throughout her tenure, Ms. Candido has demonstrated a collaborative and mission-driven leadership style. She brings with her a strong foundation in curriculum and instructional design, student formation, and faculty development. Ms. Candido is deeply respected by her peers for her clarity of communication, openness to growth, and professionalism—rooted in her commitment to the Ignatian ideals of *cura personalis* and *magis*. Ms. Candido brings to this role a solid academic foundation, extensive experience, and a passion for formation and academic excellence.

We also take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to **Br. Jeffrey U. Pioquinto, SJ**, who will be completing his term as Senior High School Principal at the end of this academic year. We thank Br. Jeff for his steadfast leadership, deep pastoral care, and invaluable contributions over the past three years.

Likewise, I wish to sincerely thank **Mr. Jeffrey O. Jalani** and the **members of the Search Committee** for their generous commitment of time, wisdom, and discernment in ensuring a thoughtful and mission-aligned selection process. Their work has been instrumental in identifying and affirming the next leader of our Senior High School.

Let us welcome Ms. Candido to her new role and offer our full support and prayers as she leads the Senior High School with faith, competence, and dedication.

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)
Fr. Ernard M. Andal, SJ
University President