



Office of the President

Ateneo de Zamboanga University

The Jesuit University in Western Mindanao, Philippines
Since 1912

In Consortium with:
Ateneo de Davao University
Xavier University - Ateneo de Cagayan

Fr. Eusebio G. Salvador, S.J., Campus,
La Purisima Street, 7000 Zamboanga City, Philippines
Web Site: <http://www.adzu.edu.ph>

Tel: (+63) (062) 991-0871 loc 1002
(+63) (062) 991-1151
Fax: (+63) (062) 991-0870
E-mail: president@adzu.edu.ph

UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 25-26:29
DATE : December 15, 2025
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : **Alumni Homecoming and Ateneo Fiesta 2025 Acknowledgments**

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the entire Ateneo de Zamboanga University community for the successful conduct of our two major university events: the **Alumni Homecoming** held from **December 5 to 7, 2025**, and **Ateneo Fiesta 2025** from **December 7 to 12, 2025**.

These celebrations reminded us of what it means to be Atenean. They were not simply events on a calendar, but moments of shared effort, companionship, and mission. Despite challenges along the way, the community responded with flexibility, generosity, and calm resolve. When heavy rains and flooding required the alumni gathering to be transferred from the backfield to MPCC 1 and 2, many offices and volunteers adjusted quickly to ensure everyone's safety and comfort. That spirit of cooperation deserves recognition.

The Alumni Homecoming was a meaningful gathering of generations of Ateneans. It strengthened old ties and renewed our shared commitment to the values that continue to shape us. I thank the alumni leaders, jubilarians, organizers, and volunteers whose careful preparation and generous service made the celebration warm and memorable. In a special way, I acknowledge the **Alumni and Career Excellence (ACE) Office** led by **Mr. Conrado Z. Balatbat**; the **AdZU Alumni Association** under its President; and the **HS Silver Jubilarians (Animo MM)** led by their Batch Representative, all under the leadership of **Mr. John Frederick "JF" P. Ruiz**.

Ateneo Fiesta 2025, guided by the theme "*Compañerismo: Man Compañero Kita Todo*," was a strong expression of our shared life as a university. The activities throughout the week reflected not only creativity and energy, but also care for one another. I thank the **AtFest 2025 Steering Committee** led by the **Overall Chair, Mr. Rogin Christ J. Eribal**, together with the working committees, faculty, staff, student organizations, and support units who carried much of the work, often without being seen. Your teamwork reflected the best of *compañerismo*.

I extend my appreciation to the following offices and support units for their steady and dependable support:

- **University Communications Office (UCO)**, headed by **Ms. Leah M. Panaguiton**
- **Physical Plant Office (PPO)**, headed by **Engr. Rommel A. Idris**
- **University Security Office**, headed by **Mr. Marven R. Gallego**
- **Formation Unit**, headed by **Mr. Honey Rod T. Alfaro**

- **University Infirmary** headed by **Mr. Michael L. Lladones**
- **Project SUGA Team** headed by **Mr. Kevin Roy P. Jimera**
- **Solid Waste Management Team** headed by **Mr. Emir V. Epino**
- **Office of the Vice President for Administration**, headed by **Fr. Richard V. Ella, SJ**, in coordination with our campus concessionaires

During the festivities, we were also reminded of how quickly celebration can turn into concern. We continue to keep in our prayers a member of our AdZU community who experienced a medical episode during the Blue Run, and we remain hopeful for his continued recovery.

I also wish to note the simple but meaningful *salu-salo* on the final day of the Fiesta. It was not about the food, but about presence and friendship. Faculty, staff, students, and partners came together without hurry. It is a small practice worth keeping, and one we hope to make a yearly habit.

Most of all, I thank our **students**, who remain at the heart of the Ateneo Fiesta. Your energy, talents, and sense of community give meaning to these celebrations. **AtFest exists because of you and for you, and you remind us why our mission as a university matters.**

As we close this season of celebrations, may the coming holidays grant each of you time for rest, renewal, and gratitude. May we return refreshed and ready to continue serving with faith, care, and generosity.

Thank you for your commitment and for your love for Ateneo de Zamboanga University.

Pro Deo et Patria.

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)

Fr. Ernald M. Andal, SJ
University President