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UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 25-26:28
DATE : December 11, 2025
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : **Fiesta Finale: Ateneo Fiesta 2025 Closing Ceremony and
Community Gathering**

As we bring Ateneo Fiesta 2025 to a close, I warmly invite all of you to come together in celebration for our **Fiesta Finale** on **December 12, 2025 (Friday)**, from **4:30 PM to 5:30 PM** at the **University Backfield**.

We are concluding our AtFest journey not with a bang of fireworks, but with a simple gathering of hearts, a *merienda cena*, and a moment to be together as one community. In keeping with our theme this year, "*Compañerismo: Man Compañero Kita Todo*", we wish to highlight our greatest win, our relationships.

We are not here to outshine one another. We are here to lift and accompany each other up. The truest meaning of this celebration is found not in competition but in *connection, companionship, and mission* – the mission of being men and women for others.

The Fiesta Finale begins with a *Merienda Cena*, shared meal at the Backfield, with food lovingly offered by our units (Basic Education, Higher Education, Central Services, the Graduate School, College of Law, the School of Medicine, and the Jesuit Community). Please bring your own food container, utensils, and tumblers as part of our Zero Waste practice. Units are reminded to use non-plastic serving spoons and to label the food items with printed tags.

After the *Salu-salo*, let us enjoy simple but heartfelt performances from our talented students, faculty, and alumni during the *Banda Batalia*.

As your University President, it brings me deep joy to see our community walk hand in hand, despite the challenges, despite the differences, despite the storms. Let this *Fiesta Finale* be a testament that in *Compañerismo*, we are always stronger together.

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