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UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 25-26:44
DATE : April 22, 2026
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : **New Grade School Principal**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Ms. Mary Grace S. Forniza, LPT, MAEd** as **Grade School Principal**, effective **June 1, 2026**, for an **initial term of one (1) year**. This appointment follows the endorsement of the Vice President for Basic Education to the University President and the approval of the AdZU Board of Trustees.

Ms. Forniza brings to this role a distinguished record of teaching, leadership, and service. She currently serves as Math Department Chairperson and has been a dedicated member of the Ateneo community since 2002. She earned her **Master of Arts in Education, major in Early Childhood Education**, from Ateneo de Zamboanga University in 2011, and her **Bachelor of Elementary Education, major in Science and Health**, from Western Mindanao State University in 2001. With over two decades of teaching experience across Kindergarten to Grade 6 and significant leadership experience in academic coordination and faculty development, she has contributed meaningfully to the strengthening of the Grade School's academic programs.



Her work extends beyond the classroom through her involvement in the Rank and Promotion Committee and in quality assurance initiatives, including her role in PAASCU-related processes. She has also been actively engaged in teacher training and curriculum development, particularly in the implementation of the MATATAG Curriculum, and has contributed to research and innovation as a University Research Chair recipient and proponent of the SMART Program.

We also express our appreciation to the members of the **Search Committee**, chaired by **Fr. Roberto M. Boholst, SJ**, for their time, discernment, and valuable contribution to the selection process.

We likewise express our profound gratitude to **Ms. Elena B. Segurigan**, who has served as Grade School Principal from 2023 to 2026. Through her leadership, the Grade School strengthened its commitment to academic excellence and holistic formation, fostering a nurturing and disciplined learning environment for our young learners. The University community is deeply grateful for her dedicated service and for her contributions to the growth and development of the Grade School.

Please join me in warmly welcoming Ms. Forniza as she assumes her new role as Grade School Principal. We look forward to her leadership in continuing to strengthen the academic and formative mission of the Grade School and in advancing the mission of Ateneo de Zamboanga University.

Pro Deo et Patria.

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Fr. Ernard M. Andal, SJ
University President