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Outreach for Health



Taken on Oct. 20, 2021. The students of AMA receive their certificates. Flanked by: (left) MPT Jim Dear, Dr. Jenny L. Batongmalaque M.D., Mr. Jaime Raymundo, (Extreme Right) Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian Enciso III

ASK THE DOCTOR

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Given a scenario of a calamity, crisis, or disaster, we react by flight. We seek a haven and hide to survive until the storm passes. When things are calm we start to assess the damage and search for our valuables. Our loved ones are first, followed by things we possess that are more precious identifying us as having walked this earth. Then we reset our lives and rebuild upon what we have left. We carry on our activities of daily living: namely, we dress up, we look for food to sustain us, we search for the water closet, and a place to shower, and then start to walk around and see what's left in our neighborhood.

Thank God, we are alive. Thank God we can walk, and see, and touch and feel not only what we have left but what we have lost. Then realize we are not alone. That some are in a worse situation than us. Now, we are on our path to reach out and ask the most welcome query from another:

“Can I help?”

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The Erasto R. Batongmalaque Foundation thanks the following students for participating in our Summer Outreach Program. Team B: Carlos Banda, Jeyvie Andres, Cassandra Briones, Charlize Tolentino, Ryan Asistores. Team D: Lindsey Magarro, Sydney Higa, Grecia Hernandez, Angelyn Paino, Angela Dimaano. Team E: Zachary Carter, Anne Funk, Kenneth Kimbrough. Team G: Cathy Ochoa, Elissa Salas, Cassandra Olmos.

Thank you also to Principal Walter Rich and Mr. Jaime Raymundo for allowing these students the opportunity to support the community through our Foundation.



Ask The Doctor continued...

The E.R.B. Foundation is offering a mentoring program to anyone who wants to help. There are skills to be learned, and ways to achieve a better outcome. We start by letting our neighbors tell us WHAT they need right now. Then we identify the WHO, WHEN, WHERE. And more importantly, the WHY.

The HOW is what you go to class to achieve the DIY techniques. It's a simple formula as a 1-2-3. If you do it alone, it will take you three days. If there are 3 of you doing the same project and reaching your objectives, you do it in one day.

Get the idea? We have this pandemic which is in its 2nd year of disrupting our way of life and putting us at risk constantly. It doesn't seem to go away. The stats tell us 30% of the population has gotten the vaccine, first in line. The 2nd 30% are the wait-and-see. "Oh, nothing happened to little Billy so I might as well get the shot." The other 30% just doesn't want to get the shot, and that's why the surge keeps popping up and we continue to wear the mask, observe the safe distance and we can't do what we used to do like go to Europe or a bar. Or attend concerts, theaters, restaurants without the masks.

In the summer of 2021, from July to late August, 16 High School Students, led by the Academy of Medical Arts, Carson High School, and the Dominguez High School participated in a 6-week program of Outreach. Collectively they had delivered flyers, brochures, and information to the neighborhood regarding the resources available at the E.R.B. Foundation: for testing and tracking. Treatment and vaccination of Covid-19 are available at the Argent Medical Group by appointment. Seniors can avail of a food Kit and attend classes for Diabetes and Hypertension control at the E.R.B. Foundation premises by appointment. All these resources are free.



Walter Rich
Principal of The Academy
of Medical Arts

The Volunteer students, with encouragement from their Principal, Walter Rich, reached out to 299 homes and the phones have been busy. We are here to help because we CARE.

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From AMA to Bone and Marrow Transplant Manufacturer & Author

JEMIMAH BELTRAN



Jemimah Beltran was a fellow student of the Academy of Medical Arts class of 2014. She wasn't sure what she wanted to pursue at first, but in 2019 she graduated from CSUDH with a B.S. in Clinical Laboratory Science. Then in 2020, Jemimah landed a job in Kite Pharma as a Cell Therapy Specialist. She was a little nervous as she didn't know what a Cell Therapy Specialist did, but she took this as a learning opportunity and did well on it.

Today, she works at Stanford Health Care as part of the manufacturing team for the Bone and Marrow Transplant Department. After a year and a half working at Kite Pharma, she took that opportunity, even though she's leaving her family and home behind.

Jemimah also published her first book called, "Lost Letter", a fiction novel she worked on since her sophomore year in college.

The message Jemimah left for the future graduates is this: take risks. Explore and get out of your comfort zone because it's the only way you will grow. Don't be afraid to try new things. Don't be afraid to make mistakes, Don't let fear hold you back from your full potential. Be comfortable being uncomfortable because that's how you will know what you truly want.



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