



HIGHLIGHTS

Internal Newsletter of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies 04/23/2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 23 [Biblical Studies Colloquium Series 16 \(5:30\)](#)
- Apr 24 [LIBRARY Workshop: Power BI Session 3 \(8AM\)](#)
- Apr 24 [PhD in Education Dissertation Oral Defense \(Virtual via Zoom 10AM\)](#) [Maureen Marinas](#)
- Apr 26 AIIAS Academy Film Showing: [The Solitary Cyclist \(4PM\)](#)
- Apr 27 [DMin Project Oral Defense \(2PM\): Carmie F. Lendio](#)
- Apr 27 [Last day to defend for May Graduation](#)
- Apr 27 Seminary Chapel: Pastor Luther Bendanillo
Graduate School: Dr. Bienvenido Mergal
- Apr 29-May 11 Rescheduled: Biblical Studies Tour to Turkey
- May 1 **Labor Day**
- May 7 AIIAS Board Banquet
- May 15 Last Day of Class
- May 18-20 [10th AQRA International Conference](#)
- May 22-24 Graduation Weekend

May 16- June 7 - Term Break

Blue: Dissertation / Thesis Defense Schedules.
Red: No Class / No Work

PUBLIC HEALTH - Nutrition at Every Life Stage

The PHHP/PHNU 640 Public Health Nutrition class under Dr. Chirlynor Calbayan held a "Public Health Nutrition in Every Life Stage" seminar and cooking demonstration on April 20 and 22, 2026 at the Amphitheater. The program highlighted the importance of proper nutrition across different stages of life. Topics included Nutrition in Pregnancy, Lactation, Infancy, Childhood, Adolescence, Adulthood, and the Elderly.



CHAPEL PERIOD - OneVoice27 Family Council

A "family council" was held during the chapel period on April 20 to discuss how the AIIAS family would tackle the next phase of OneVoice27. Dr. Ginger opened the meeting by sharing some statistics from the General Conference Spring Meeting about the Adventist presence around the world. She also shared the elements of the OneVoice27 Project:

- 2027 is 2000 years since Jesus began His ministry; this project is all about Jesus
- Our message: Jesus came as our Messiah (Savior)
- Read Desire of Ages and study Daniel and Revelation
- Reach out via digital and print means to spread the word to people who are unreached, whom we can't physically reach
- Share "in your own skin"
- Integrate/Collaborate (in twos, teams, alone- whatever works for you)

The floor was then opened for the AIIAS family to share ideas about what they could do to share Jesus within their own sphere of influence. Dr. Ginger encouraged everyone to be in prayer about what their personal project would be, and encouraged participants to launch their projects soon.



Note: Alex Ott, Associate Secretary of the General Conference and AIIAS OneVoice27 liaison with the GC, is going to be our Week of Prayer speaker on September 7-12, 2026.

AQRA - Virtual Colloquium Series

The AQRA held the 5th session of their Virtual Colloquium Series on April 20, 2026 about the topic *"AI-Assisted Qualitative Research: Exploring Tools from a Librarian's Perspective."* Lyra Hazel Ilagan shared how artificial intelligence tools can support and enhance qualitative research. Drawing from her experience as a librarian, she highlighted practical applications, emerging trends, and the role of information professionals in navigating AI-assisted research.

PUBLIC HEALTH - Community Wellness Program

The PHHP/PHNU/PHHM 691 Field Learning Internship class under Dr. Grace Luntungan partnered with Cavite Grand Lions Club and OROHEALTH Inc. to hold a Community Wellness Program with the theme "Sugar and Mental Health Matters" on April 21, 2026 at the Lalaan 1 Covered Court. This partnership allowed them to offer free health screening, circumcision, and vegetable plants to the community members.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAM
 Collaboration Project of Cavite Grand Lions Club, OROHEALTH, Inc., Adventist International School Advanced Studies and Barangay Lalaan 1.

Theme: Sugar and Mental Health Matters

Topic: Protect the Body, Nurture the Mind, And Honor God
 Venue: Barangay Lalaan 1 Covered Court, Lalaan 1 Silang, Cavite
 Date: April 21, 2026
 Time: 9:00 A.M.

**Free: Health Screening
 Free Circumcision (TULI)
 Free Snack Foods
 Free Vegetable Plants Distribution**

"If You Stop Learning, You Start Dying" - Albert Einstein

RETIREMENT - Honoring a Life of Service

On April 21, 2026, the AIIAS faculty and staff took a moment to honor and appreciate Cecil Salamante and Annabelle Musico for their years of faithful service and dedication to AIIAS. Their commitment, hard work, and passion have made a lasting impact on the community and the lives of many. As they enter a new chapter in their lives—retirement—we extend our heartfelt gratitude and warmest wishes. May this season bring them rest, joy, and new opportunities to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

BUSINESS - Outreach Program

The AIIAS Business Club went to Barangay Litlit on April 18, 2026 for their community outreach program. They held a short program at the Litlit SDA Church for over 60 children from the surrounding community where they sang Bible songs, played games, gave food, and distributed school supplies.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SUCCESSFUL ORAL DEFENSE!

- Yanan Huang, a MAEd candidate from the China.
- Rina Molina, a MAEd candidate from the Philippines.
- John Deck Salinas, a MAEd candidate from the Philippines

FROM THE QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICE

We at AIIAS believe that Feedback is a gift. Students are to give it with care and your feedback will be:

- Received with grace
- Reflected upon with heavenly wisdom
- Responded to - with love and mercy
- Resolved with - intentionality

Because we desire our students to have quality experiences at AIIAS.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **PICKLEBALL GAMES** - new adjusted schedule
 - Tuesday and Thursday - 4:30 PM to 6:45 PM
 - Sundays - 7:00 AM to 11:30 AM
 Badminton games will now start at 7:00 PM.
- **COUNSELING CENTER RELOCATION** - the center has been moved to the corner of AIIAS Academy closest to Apt J. For appointments, email mihyang@aaias.edu
- **SA YEARBOOK PHOTOSHOOT SCHEDULE**
 - Apr 22 (Wed): 6-7PM at the SA Lounge
 - Apr 23: 6-9PM at the SA Lounge
- **I LOVE AIIAS BECAUSE** - This week's testimony features **Noreen Sumalpong**, an SSD PhD in Education Co-hort student. | We welcome entries from our current and former students. Contact pr@aaias.edu

FUNNY BONE

(Alumni Contributor: [Dr. G. T. Ng](#))

"Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are."

Will Ferrell