



HIGHLIGHTS

Internal Newsletter of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies 04/30/2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr29-May11 Rescheduled: Biblical Studies Tour to Turkey
 Apr30-May 1 AIIAS STORE: CLOSED
 Apr 30 [PhD in Education Dissertation Defense \(via Zoom\): Amita Kamsuon Jones](#)
[MAEd Thesis Defense \(via Zoom\): Rude Lyn D. Tundaan \(6:30PM\)](#)

May 1 **Labor Day**
 May 7 AIIAS Board Banquet
 May 15 Last Day of Class
 May 17 [SA Outing: Splash Island](#)
 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](#)

BIBLICAL STUDIES - Retreat

The students and faculty of the Biblical Studies department held their weekend socio-spiritual retreat on April 25-26, 2026. Organized by the Biblical Studies Student Association (BiSSA), the group spent the Sabbath worshipping together on campus at the Seminary chapel and then spent Sunday at La Sueña Brisa Beach Resort, Batangas playing and eating together.



STUDENT ASSOCIATION - Dialogue with Admin

On Monday, April 27, 2026, students and the AIIAS administrators gathered at the amphitheater for an hour of dialogue. The students voiced their perspectives on campus life, services, and expectations, while the administration provided clarifications, updates, and responses aimed at fostering transparency and trust. This dialogue highlighted a shared commitment to continuous improvement. The exchange of ideas brought forward practical suggestions and strengthened the sense of unity within the AIIAS community.

PUBLIC HEALTH - Women Empowerment

The PHFN 625 Maternal-Child Health & Family Planning class under Dr. Grace Luntungan conducted a Women Empowerment Seminar at the Lalaan 1 Covered Court on April 29, 2026. The main feature of their program was the EMPOWER Her lecture, which discusses the importance of Exercise, Moderation, Pure air, Outlook, Water, Eat smart, and Rest.



PUBLIC HEALTH - Interns in Valencia, Bukidnon

MPH students Ascend Jenson and Zhao Yujing are currently doing their 1-month internship in Adventist Medical Center Valencia, in Mindanao. On April 29, 2026, they "took part in local health initiatives, conducted community site visits, and engaged with the City Health Office and REACH (Research, External Affairs, and Community Health) Office to gain deeper insight into grassroots public health programs." (City Government of Valencia, Bukidnon).

APPLIED THEOLOGY - Organizing the student club

The Applied Theology faculty and students met on April 29 to talk about organizing the Applied Theology Club. A steering committee was selected to work on the its bylaws which will provide the foundation for the organization and its future leadership They hope to present the completed structure by July, in time for the new school year.

SINGLES CLUB - Assembly and Fellowship

The AIIAS Singles Club members met on April 26, 2026 at the function hall to listen to the report of the outgoing officers, elect their new officers, and fellowship together through a meal.

"The outgoing officers did a great job of learning and serving. May God bless them as they move on to greater responsibilities. Thank you to those who have accepted responsibilities for the coming year."

- Dr. Shanti Solomon

ACADEMY - Orphanage Visit and Film Showing

Jim Weller

The Grade 11 students visited the Mother Teresa Spinelli's Treasures orphanage in Tagaytay City on Sunday, April 26, 2026. They sang songs, passed out snacks, played volleyball, and just hung out with the children. The tone was joyful though the reality was sobering.

Also on the same day, the Grade 10 students held a film showing at the amphitheater for their self-written and self-produced movie "The Solitary Cyclist". It was homegrown, from the script, to the acting, to the filming, to the final editing; even the promotion and ticket sales... all student produced. The story was delightful and the filmmaking showed skill and humor.

The movie tickets were sold for P200 and part of the proceeds was donated to Adlai Wilfred Tornalejo for his hospital bills.

Underlined words are links.

AIIAS on EduRank

AIIAS was highlighted by CHED (Commission on Higher Education) Region IV as one of 9 institutions in its region that were included in the "List of 100 Best Universities in the Philippines" released by EduRank on March 16, 2026.



The schools "are evaluated based on research output, non-academic prominence, and alumni influence" (EduRank)

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SUCCESSFUL ORAL DEFENSE!

- Gina Lantoria Lucagbo, a PhD in Education candidate from the Philippines
- Sarah Frimpong , MPH candidate from the Ghana
- *Mandhla Khanye* a DMin candidate from the Zimbabwe
- *Kokilavani Sivakumar* a PhD in Education candidate from the Sri Lanka
- Aljin E. Nepomuceno, an MPH candidate from the Philippines
- Theingi, an MBA candidate from Myanmar
- Jale Navukitu Koroitubuna, an MBA candidate from Fiji

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **FLU VACCINE** - now available at the Clinic.
- **NEW BOOK** - Dr. Kenneth Bergland's new book "Rethinking the Composition of the Pentateuch" is now available at the Library.
- **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.

FUNNY BONE

(Alumni Contributor: Dr. G. T. Ng)

"To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone." Reba McEntire