

RESOLUTION: SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GETS THEIR BREAK

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Trophies for the Docufest Awarding hosted by Sir Ellis (Photo credits: Matthieu Casiño)

The final two months of the first semester have been hectic. The Senior High School Department scrambled to get things done, from research papers to documentary production. To add to the tension, each grade level had its unique fish to fry. For Grade 11, it was their Oral Communication endterm: a self-produced rendition of children's theater presented to the elementary students. Meanwhile, Grade 12 sold food and novelties for their endterm in Entrepreneurship. Using the enjoyment of the younger students as a metric, it has been confidently said that all went well and the students of grades 11 and 12 could rest easy. The two days of written tests went by quickly and were nothing noteworthy.

And finally, a moment of calm as weeks of anxiety and sleepless nights have paid off. A sigh of relief is collectively heaved, as the students of Senior High now come together to plan their semester-closing Christmas parties — each with their own themes and party games. The 'cartoon character' theme of Grade 11 and the 'old money' theme of Grade 12 both added a unique and even humorous twist to the attire and festivities of a Christmas party but kept the

age-old tradition of ‘salu-salo’, sharing food and drinks in the company of classmates and teachers. To slow down the party and put an end to the day, the very first ‘Senior High School Department Docufest’ was organized and hosted by none other than Sir Ellis.



The documentaries of the SHS students were presented (Photo credits: Matthieu Casiño)



SHS students supporting the works of their peers (Photo credits: Matthieu Casiño)

Ten documentaries have been presented, all shedding light on unique issues within our Antipoleño bubble. Student personalities and styles were shown by the documentaries that were written, reported, and edited. The best of these were awarded, and those eight awards have their respective titles: Best Picture, Best Director, Best Editor, Best Reporter, Best Screenplay, Best Poster, Best Cinematography, and Best Musical Scorer. All results have been hidden in black envelopes that Sir Dox has been invited to present. The anticipation would rise and fall with every black envelope Sir Dox opened and with each announcement — a violent uproar of applause is shared amongst the class. To the surprise of the majority of the audience, 5 of these awards were won by Grade 11, whereas the Grade 12 students received 3 of them.



*Joaquin Evangelista, Miguel Marabut, and Veronica Claro were some of the awardees.
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It was a highly respectful affair, though it was clear that mixed emotions were prevalent during the awarding. Above all, of course, there was relief. Nearly all was over after weeks of hard work; these students could come home with nothing left to do. Weeks of work, and finally, a break to celebrate the festivities of Christmas. After which, comes a new semester. Once the New Year has passed, the new semester brings new opportunities and challenges that the students must be ready to face. It can surely be expected that the students of Senior High School, ever eager, will strive to give their best in all that they do.



*An emotional speech from their leader as the group with the most awards
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