

“THESIS DEFENDED!” GRADE 12 STUDENTS WENT THROUGH THEIR FINAL RESEARCH DEFENSE

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Sam Juntado presenting her research (Photo credits: Ryan Tipon)

At some point in an aspiring professional’s life, one would have to experience the thrill — or terror, from another perspective — of being in a room facing a plethora of panelists, eager to interrogate you for just about everything. This is exactly what happened last March 25, 2024, when the 12th grade students of Montessori Integrated School of Antipolo presented their research papers as part of their requirements under the subject Inquiries, Investigation, and Immersion. Hosted by the head teacher of the subject, Ms. Mauren Amata, the research defense lasted from 8 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon. Six groups had the privilege to present their paper, one they each had spent time and resources for.



Some of the research panelists present (Photo credits: Ryan Tipon)



Ms Mauren Amata introducing the research presenters (Photo credits: Ryan Tipon)

Starting off as a requirement back for Practical Research, each paper began as an incomplete idea that was successfully defended at the concept defense held last year. In a duration of one year, their formulated research problem was carefully planned and executed by each group. Patience and determination was what led each group to collectively and efficiently gather the data in order to come up with a study that would prove to be useful to future studies, and other beneficiaries.

In an effort to promote knowledge and understanding, each group came up with topics that tackled various gaps and issues with relevance to modern society. Ranging from (but not limited to) health, family, and socio-economic issues — the research groups had brought to light new findings through their hard work. All of these efforts led up to *and* culminated in this fruitful research congress. And it actually paid off!

At the end of the day, there's simply no better statement than to hear "Your thesis has been defended".



Grade 12 students with the SHS teachers (Photo courtesy of Ryan Tipon)