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Architecture

**ARCH. PABLO PANLILIO**

Visual Arts

**MR. RAUL ISIDRO**

Arts & Humanities

**DR. FLORENTINO HORNEDO**

Education

**FR. ROLANDO DELA ROSA, O.P.**

Law

**ATTY. SALVADOR LAO**

Business/Finance/Management

**MR. EUGENIO REYES**

Government Service

**AMB. FRANCISCO DEL ROSARIO**

Health-Allied

**MR. JOSELITO SAYSON**

Science and Technology

**MR. LEONARDO RIINGEN**

Sports

**DR. MANOLO GABRIEL**

Young Thomasian Achiever Award

**DR. ALLAN DE GUZMAN**



# PROGRAMME

**I. Entrance of Colors**

**II. Invocation**  
Coro Tomasino

**III. Philippine National Anthem**  
Coro Tomasino

**IV. Welcome Remarks**  
Ms. Laura Suarez Acuzar  
Vice-Chair  
UST Council of Alumni Presidents

**V. Opening Remarks**  
Fr. Isidro Abaño, O.P.  
Secretary General  
University of Santo Tomas

**VI. Audio Visual Presentation on past Outstanding Thomasian Alumni Awardees**  
**DINNER**

**VII. Overview of the Screening Process**  
Mr. Baltazar Endriga  
Chair, Screening Committee  
The Outstanding Thomasian Alumni Awards 2006

**VIII. Awarding Ceremony**

Young Thomasian Achiever -- *Dr. Allan de Guzman*  
Sports --- *Dr. Manolo Gabriel*  
Science and Technology -- *Mr. Leonardo Riingen*  
Health-Allied -- *Mr. Joselito Sayson*  
Government Service -- *Amb. Francis del Rosario*

**INTERMISSION NUMBER**

Business/Finance/Management -- *Mr. Eugenio Reyes*  
Law -- *Atty. Salvador Lao*  
Education -- *Fr. Rolando dela Rosa, O.P.*  
Arts and Humanities -- *Dr. Florentino Hornedo*  
Visual Arts -- *Mr. Raul Isidro*  
Architecture -- *Arch. Pablo Panlilio*

**IX. Awardee's Response (in behalf of the awardees)**  
*Arch. Pablo Panlilio*

**X. Rector's Inspirational Message**  
Rev. Fr. Tamerlane Lana, O.P.  
Rector  
University of Santo Tomas

**XI. Tribute to The Outstanding Thomasian Alumni for 2006**  
Coro Tomasino

**XII. UST Hymn**

**XIII. Exit of Colors**

Mr. Michael Angelo Mallosi  
Master of Ceremony



University of Santo Tomas  
OFFICE OF THE RECTOR  
España, Manila



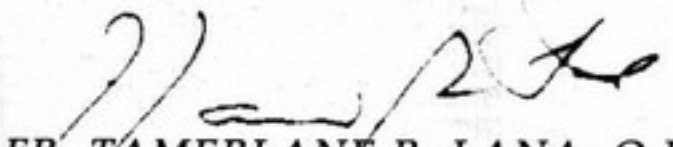
*I convey my warmest greetings to the UST Council of Alumni Presidents as together with our administrators, faculty, staff and students, we welcome back our beloved alumni to the University!*

*The Outstanding Thomasian Alumni Awards is a much-anticipated event that has over the years given recognition to the success that the many sons and daughters of the University have reaped in their chosen path in life. These are the men and women who have constantly shared in their alma mater's vision by their unwavering loyalty to her ideals and, who have become witnesses and contributors to the realization of her mission. They, too, are our partners in the unfolding of University events ranging from national to international significance.*

*As we celebrate this joyous occasion, I pray that the award our dear alumni would receive would be for them a torch that not only lights their path as they continue to pursue their life's work, but brightens the life of others who have been inspired by their example.*

*May this activity likewise keep the Thomasian bond ever strong and may this inspire all of us to continue supporting the endeavors of the University of Santo Tomas as we look forward to the celebration for her fourth centenary!*

*Congratulations!*

  
FR. TAMERLANE R. LANA, O.P.  
Rector

## OVERVIEW

For almost four centuries, the Pontifical and Royal, University of Santo Tomas, the Catholic University of the Philippines, has produced great men and women-saints, heroes, statesmen and government servants, doctors, engineers, educators, architects, visual artists, literary masters, and many others who have significantly contributed to the development of society.

The University's alumni are truly a great source of pride and inspiration in her mission of providing quality Catholic education, shaping men and women with Thomasian ideals, tenets, and principles.

Through the pioneering efforts of the late Concepcion Blaylock, former president of the UST Alumni Association, the conferral of The Outstanding Thomasian Alumni Awards has served as the University's avenue for recognizing the achievements of her alumni in various fields of endeavor.

This prestigious award, the highest recognition given to the alumni by the University, has since been strongly advocated. It has become an annual event that continues to draw inspiration for the all the stakeholders of the Thomasian community in their pursuit of greater excellence. Each year, outstanding Thomasian alumni professionals are awarded. Likewise, a Thomasian family and a young Thomasian achiever are also awarded.

Previous awardees include former President Diosdado Macapagal, National Artists Leandro Locsin, F. Sionil Jose, and Daisy Hontiveros-Avellana, journalists Teodoro Locsin, Sr., Eugenia Apostol, Jesus Sison, Ben Rodriguez, Ramon Francisco, and Jose Guevarra, stage actress Zenaida Amador, poet Ophelia Dimalanta, glass sculptor Ramon Orlina, ambassador Enrique Syquia, business executives Washington SyCip, Alfredo Velayo, Nina Aguas, Joey Bermudez, Peter Favila, Eric Cruz, Tony Tan Caktiong and a host of other distinguished Thomasian alumni.

As the University of Santo Tomas enters the threshold of her fourth centennial in 2011, she continues to rally the cause of her alumni and affirms her mission in producing competent, compassionate, and committed men and women in the service of the Church, the nation and the global community.

# AWARDEES' PROFILE

**Health-Allied**  
**MR. JOSELITO SAYSON**



**YES** Virginia, there is a (young) Thomasian therapist who is currently doing research at the NASA scientists to solve why astronauts experience low back pains, and also conducts lectures on Physical Therapy in the United States. He is Joselito Sayson, who graduated from the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences, and after moving to the United States, studied Manual Therapy to become the first Filipino doctor of Manual Therapy at the Ola Grimsby Institute Consortium at Salt Lake, Utah, USA.

Sayson's professional practice history speaks of many years of work in various hospitals in the United States, but primarily as director of Physical Therapy. He also has professional stints managing physical therapy centers and rehabilitation centers, including his own Jojo Sayson's Performance Physical Therapy Services L.L.C., in Illinois. He is a licensed physical therapist in the States of Texas and Illinois.

After graduating from UST, he worked as a Clinical Instructor of the Physical Therapy Internship Program of the University of Santo Tomas and the Cardinal Santos Memorial Hospital. At the United States, Sayson also found himself in the classroom as clinical instructor, but for the most part of his career, he has been teaching at the Ola Grimsby Institute Consortium.

He has received various awards and recognition for professional practice and his contribution to socio-civic groups as a physical therapist, as a body-builder, and as officer of the Lions Club International, both in Alpine Texas and Kankakee, Illinois.

Sayson was born on June 19, 1963. He graduated from the UST High School in 1980 and from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences in 1984. After earning a Master of Orthopedic Manual Therapy degree at the Ola Grimsby Institute Consortium in San Diego, California in 1966. His great interest in manual therapy lead him to finish a Doctor of Manual Therapy degree from the same institution in 2002. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists. Despite his heavy workload, he is yet able to write for various publications.

But this Thomasian is not just content with UST being able to produce good physical therapists. He is also bent on bringing to the Philippines a Master's degree program in Physical Therapy to make Filipino Physical Therapists qualified to practice in the U.S. His almost two decades of absence from the Philippines has not changed Sayson's love his alma mater, he is very much a Thomasian at heart, and probably, more.

# AWARDEES' PROFILE

## **Science and Technology** **MR. LEONARDO A. RIINGEN (UST High School, 1980)**



Leonardo Riingen is only 41 years old and has already contributed immensely to improving information technology (IT) training and education in the Philippines. When you think of Informatics, "the computer school in the mall", Riingen is the man behind it.

Leo graduated from the UST High School in 1980, and went to the University of the Philippines to pursue a degree in Economics, graduating Cum Laude in 1984. At that time, he was already interested in IT. To satisfy his growing interest for technology, he took up computer courses at the National Computer Institute. Desiring for more academic training, he went to the University of Wales in U.K. where he obtained his Master in Business Administration in 2003. Now that he was into the IT education and training business, he decided to enroll at the University of California-Berkeley, USA and took up Strategies and Technologies of e-Business.

Riingen came up with the idea that an Information Technology training should be made available to people. That is why you will find his school, Informatics Computer Institute, in the malls, which has now over 40 centers nationwide in a span of nine years and has trained more than 200,000 students. That is the innovative and creative, if not a proactive way of making business and fulfilling his dream of making IT accessible to the people.

Currently, he is President / CEO of Informatics Holdings, Phils., Inc., the Master Franchise Holder of Informatics Computer Institute, one of the well-known providers of IT training and education in Singapore. Another business that he runs is CAL Holdings, Phils., Inc., Master Franchise Holder of CAL Computer School, Cambridge Childcare Holdings, Phils., Inc., Master Franchise Holder of Cambridge Child Development Center.

His business interests do not stop there. He is President, Executive Director, General Manager, Chair, Director and Executive Director of various companies that are primarily on telecommunications and IT. With the growth of Informatics Computer Institute, the school has received the Top Computer Learning Center award from the National Consumers Quality Awards for 2002 and 2003 for his effort to improve the quality of IT training and education in the Philippines

Utilizing his education in U.K., he applied the ladderized program in IT, patterned after the British education system, to allow students to learn skills and make them immediately employable. Also, he designed and customized IT training programs and curriculum for companies and government offices to give learners a comprehensive, organization-wide IT training. To make the IT education and training that his schools offer at par with international standards, his schools boast of international courses validated by the world's leading IT qualification awarding bodies; and maintains affiliations with IT industry technology frontrunners.