Welcome Home: Graduates Reunite During Alumni Weekend 2017

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Speaking at his first alumni event as DePaul’s new president, A. Gabriel Esteban, PhD, recounted his family’s journey from the Philippines to the United States and how that experience drew him to DePaul’s mission of community service and access to education for all.

At the 25th Reunion Dinner for the Class of 1992, Brian Schneider (BUS ’92) and guest Sylvia Muniz pose in front of an issue of The DePaulia from that reunion year. The dinner was held at The Metropolitan Club in Willis Tower.

At the 25th Reunion Luncheon, Carolyn (Schaefer) McClure (LAS ’67), Lydia (Kantorski) Piwowarczyk (LAS ’66), Marlene (Wojkowski) Kortekaas (CSH ’66) and Leonard Kortekaas (CSH ’66) were inducted into the Fifty Year Club.

William Ross (BUS ’67, MBA ’74), James Tadin (BUS ’67, MBA ’76), Kevin Grossman (BUS ’66) and Jerry Boubin (LAS ’65) show off their shiny new Fifty Year Club certificates.

Alberta Powell (SNL ’92) and Mary Mazurek (MUS ’92), both members of the 25th Reunion Committee, along with Sana’a Hussien (JD ’92), Paula Shreve (CSH ’92) and Timothy Tomask (LAS ’92), gained insight into how DePaul students live today from two student alumni ambassadors.
DePaul graduates from across the country rekindled and celebrated their lifelong connection to their alma mater at Alumni Weekend 2017, held Oct. 13–15. With events commemorating special reunions for the Class of 1967 and the Class of 1992, in addition to the signature Alumni Weekend Reception on Saturday night and more events throughout the weekend, alumni were reminded that they can always call DePaul home.

Mary Cummings (CSH ’67), chair of the 50th Reunion Committee, and committee member Barry Epstein (BUS ’67) joined the Fifty Year Club, which recognizes alumni who have been DePaul graduates for 50 or more years.

Velma Williams (CSH MS ’54) traveled from Houston to attend the Reunion Luncheon on Friday and the Alumni Weekend Reception on Saturday night. She was joined by her three children: Marcus Williams, Janet Williams Adderley and Yvonne Williams Boyd.

DIBS made a surprise visit to the Reunion Luncheon, where he brought some Blue Demon spirit to Joan Thiry (LAS ’66) and other alumni.

Alumni Moises Gamez (BUS ’10), Beatriz Vigil (LAS ’07), Elizabeth Paturzo (CMN ’07, LAS MA ’12) and Diana Alfaro (LAS ’07, MS ’09) reminisced about their DePaul days at the Alumni Weekend Reception, held at the Palmer House Hilton.

Alumni Board President Michael McKeon (EDU ’04), former President Valerie Ruiz (CMN ’09), Secretary Nicole Guiffra-McQuaid (SNL ’11) and Board Member Ahmadou Dramé (LAS ’11, MPA ’16) caught up with Dr. Esteban at the Palmer House Hilton on Saturday night.