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# STUDENTS AND PARENTS' BULLETIN

SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND COLLEGES

## CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE: SISC IB PROGRAMME

This year, Southville International School and Colleges proudly marks the 20th anniversary of its International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme—two decades of shaping learners who embody the IB Learner Profile and Southville's 5Cs: Character, Competence, Commitment to Achieve, Collaboration, and Creativity & Innovation.



From the beginning, the SISC IB Programme has consistently delivered results above the world average. This achievement reflects not just academic excellence but also the character and commitment of our Monarchs, who approach challenges with resilience, integrity, and a passion for lifelong learning.

In the last academic year, our students reached new heights as two Monarchs distinguished themselves among the top IB achievers worldwide, scoring 44/45 and 43/45—outcomes that highlight their competence and intellectual discipline.

### *Vision*

Southville International School and Colleges is recognized nationally and globally in the delivery of international education to develop lifelong learners, excellent in academics and values, and movers of society who will make a difference in the 21st century.



### *Mission*

SISC is committed to develop lifelong learners who are equipped with the 5Cs (Competence, Character, Commitment to Achieve, Collaboration, Creativity/Innovation) through data-driven and technology-enhanced educational programs to ensure student success in the 21st century.





But more than grades, our IB graduates carry with them the hallmarks of inquiring minds, principled leadership, and open-minded collaboration—qualities central to the IB Learner Profile. Their readiness to embrace multiple perspectives and

act with compassion equips them to thrive in diverse communities and global institutions.

Indeed, our alumni are living proof of this vision. From the classrooms of SISC, they have gone on to pursue higher learning at some of the world's most prestigious universities, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Monash University, Imperial College London, King's College London, University of British Columbia, Seoul National University, Yonsei University, and the National University of Singapore. These pathways affirm the creativity, innovation, and global-mindedness of our Monarchs as they prepare to make meaningful contributions to society.

As we celebrate this milestone, we honor not only the achievements of our students but also the mission that drives our IB Programme—to develop globally engaged citizens who balance academic rigor with empathy, innovation with responsibility, and achievement with service.

Here's to 20 years of IB excellence—and to many more years of empowering Monarchs to rise above and lead with purpose.



# 2018-2025

## *IB Top Scorers*

2018



Yunji Choi  
40 points

2019



Hyosang Kwak  
43 points

2022



Junyeong  
Park  
43 points



Beatriz Lucia  
Rodriguez  
43 points



Gwyneth Margaux  
Tangog  
41 points



Samantha Tricia  
Lobien  
40 points

2023



Tyrulf Constantine  
Ekberg  
43 points



Makayla Louise  
Bell  
40 points



Minsuk Kim  
40 points



Finn Witter  
Mead  
40 points

2025



Liam Daniel Mead  
43 points



Brielle Victoria  
Rodriguez  
**44 points**

*"The legacy continues—higher, stronger, brighter."*



# *The Beginning Years*

**The first cohort of IB students had Ms. Judy Arguelles as their adviser. She now serves as the Head of the Mathematics Department.**



**The pioneering IB teachers were led by Mr. Anthony Paul Calado, the first IB Coordinator, who now serves as the Principal of Stonyhurst Southville International School, Batangas.**

*"A bold beginning—planting the seeds of inquiry, service, and excellence."*







*Thank you for being with us in our IB journey*





# STAY CONNECTED, MONARCHS!

Want to stay updated on the latest student activities, events, and announcements? The SISC Student Affairs Facebook Page is your go-to hub for everything that keeps our Monarch spirit alive!

From campus events like 5S Day, to student-led initiatives, leadership opportunities, and community engagements—you'll find all the highlights and important updates right here.

Don't miss out! Follow the SISC Student Affairs FB Page today and be in the loop with what's happening in our vibrant Southville community.

Let's continue to celebrate our achievements, build stronger connections, and live out the true Monarch values together.

**#SISCStudentAffairs**      **#WeAreMonarchs**      **#MonarchUpdates**  
**#SISCPrize**

Connect to **SISC Student Affairs Facebook Page** through this link or QR Code



# SURVEY RESULTS: HOW OUR MONARCHS ARE GROWING

Nearly 1,000 Southville Monarchs from Grades 7–12 shared their thoughts in a recent survey on school life, covering grit, growth mindset, safety, belonging, and more.

## What's Strong:

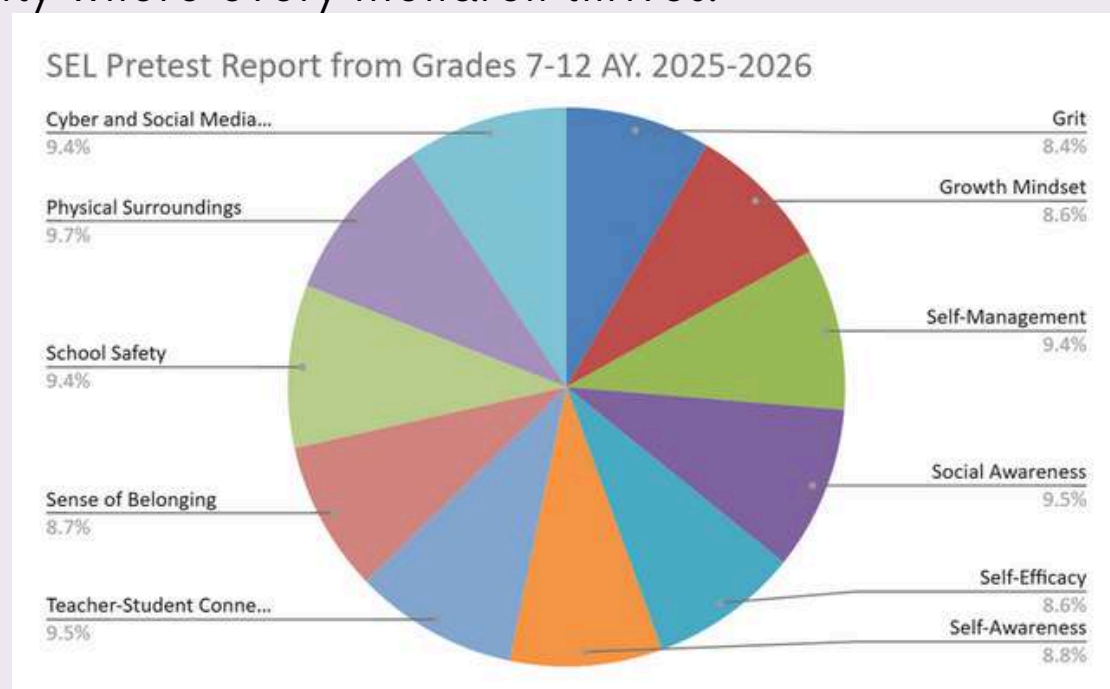
- Students feel safe and secure in school.
- A strong sense of belonging and positive peer relationships.
- Good self-management and social awareness skills.

## What Needs Work:

- Building grit (perseverance through challenges).
- Developing a stronger growth mindset (believing effort leads to improvement).
- Strengthening student–teacher connections in some grade levels, especially in Grade 7 and Grade 10.

## Call to Action:

Together, let's nurture resilience and a growth mindset in our Monarchs. Parents can encourage persistence at home, teachers can keep inspiring through connection, and students can embrace challenges as opportunities to grow. By working hand-in-hand, we will continue to build a safe, supportive, and empowering community where every Monarch thrives.



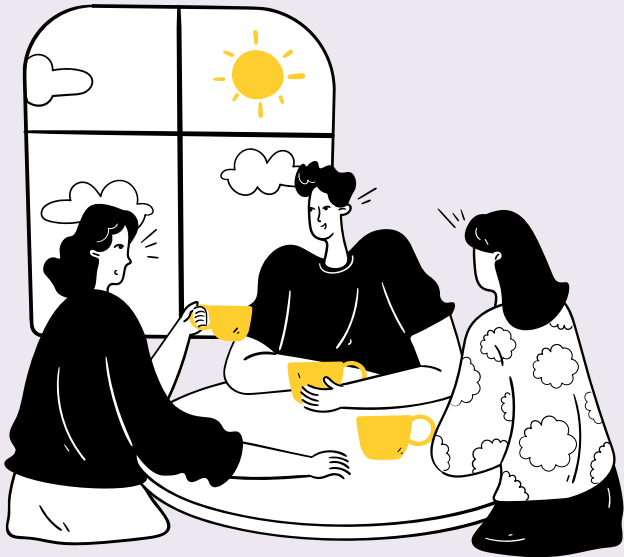
# COFFEE CHAT AND ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS SET

SISC views the relationship it has with its students’ parents and families as a partnership - a partnership created to help the students be successful. We also know that when parents and guardians are informed, students benefit. Therefore, all parents and guardians are invited to the Coffee Chat and Orientation in Luxembourg Hall to know more how your children will learn, and to meet your children’s teachers.

Below are the dates for the orientations scheduled this month:

LEVEL	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Grades 7 & 8 Parents	Sep 26, 2025	8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Lux Hall
Grades 9 & 10 Parents	Sep 26, 2025	12:00 NN - 2:00 PM	Lux Hall
Grades 11 & 12 Parents	Sep 26, 2025	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Lux Hall
IB 1 & IB 2 Parents	Oct 3, 2025	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Tropical MPH

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet each other and to meet their children’s teachers. They will also be oriented to the school’s academic goals, important policies, classroom environment & daily activities, and may ask questions or share their concerns. We hope to see you there!





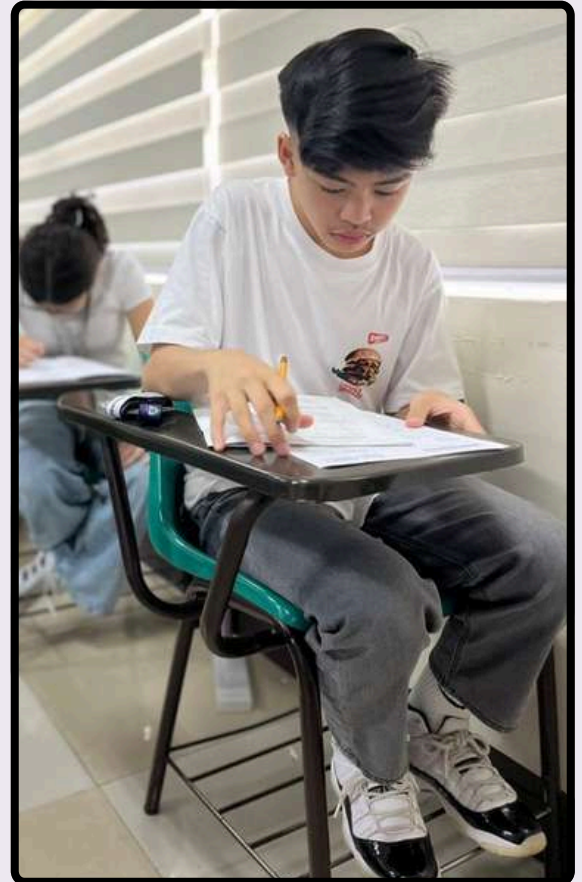
# STUDENTS TO TAKE SBA PRETEST

Students from preschool to high school will take the Standards-Based Assessment (SBA) Pre-Test from September 22-23, 2025 to get a profile of where they are in English, Science and Math. The tests will also show to the school the specific areas to work on to ensure that all learners will meet the standards for success.

Developed by the Asian Psychological Services and Assessment, the SBA test measures student achievement and competencies in the core subject areas: English Language Arts (Reading, Writing, and Media) Mathematics (Numbers and Number Sense Operations, Measurement, Patterns and Algebra, Geometry, Statistics and Probability) and Science (Earth and Space, Life Science, Physical Science, and Nature of Science).

With standards-based assessment, students, teachers, parents, and school administrators will get the following BENEFITS:

- The SBA provides good feedback to the student on how well he/she has learned and the degree of his/her readiness to move to a higher educational level.
- The SBA pinpoints competencies of students and learning gaps which serve as bases for learning reinforcement or remediation.







- The SBA will determine the performance of SISC students against school, national and international norms.

Results of the assessment can also aid teachers and the school to identify the areas of strengths and developmental areas which consequently can provide information for improvement of the institution's curriculum. Furthermore, the SBA provides an objective and relevant feedback to the school in terms of its quality and effectiveness of instruction against national norms and international standards.





# HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERS WITH JAPANESE TECH FIRM TO STRENGTHEN STEM PROGRAM

SISC has entered into an agreement with Focus Systems Corporation of Japan, aimed at elevating its High School STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and



Mathematics) program through cutting-edge technology and expert collaboration.

This strategic alliance will empower Southville students with advanced tools, innovative learning opportunities, and mentorship from global technology experts, preparing them to excel in the fast-evolving fields of science, research, and innovation.

Through the partnership, SISC high school students will gain access to real-world applications of STEM, including hands-on training in emerging technologies, research-based projects, and collaborative learning experiences with Japanese professionals. The initiative also supports SISC's mission to nurture globally competitive learners who are future-ready and capable of addressing challenges through creativity, critical thinking, and innovation.

**"This partnership is a bold step toward strengthening our STEM program,"** said our High School Deputy Principal and Academic Technology & Special Programs Officer Ms. Nessie Lumbres. **"By working with Focus Systems Corporation, we are giving our students the chance to learn from industry leaders and engage with cutting-edge technology, ensuring they are well-prepared for future careers in science and innovation."**

The partnership underscores Southville's continued efforts to expand its international network and provide meaningful opportunities for its students, aligning with its 35-year tradition of academic excellence and global education.

# MONARCHS EXCEL IN THE INTERNATIONAL MATH OLYMPIAD!

The Monarchs continue to shine in both academics and the arts, bringing home honors from prestigious international competitions.

At the Hong Kong International Mathematical Olympiad (HKIMO) 2025 – Final Round held last August 23–24, 2025, our young math whizzes proved their analytical skills on the global stage:



**Alexandra Estevez**  
Grade 5  
**Silver**



**Elijah Labrador**  
Grade 2  
**Bronze**



**Andres Maigne**  
Grade 5  
**Merit**

**These remarkable achievements embody the Monarch spirit of excellence, passion, and perseverance—in solving complex equations.**

*Congratulations!*



# SWIMMING TO VICTORY, DANCING TO GOLD



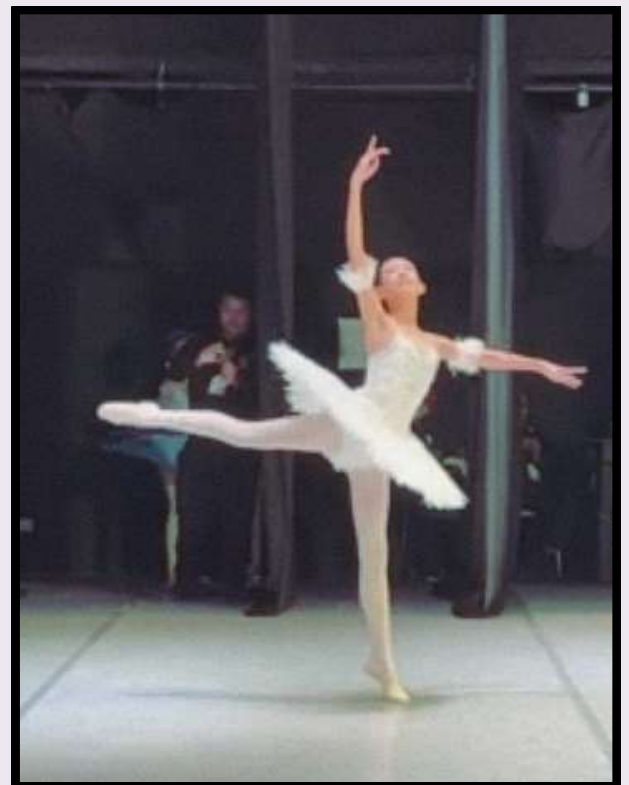
Making waves once again, **Joshua Brakmore-Canterbury** showcased his talent and determination at the **6th TYR Warriors League Swim Battle** held on **August 30, 2025** at the **Muntinlupa Aquatic Center**.

Joshua brought pride to the Monarchs with an impressive medal haul:

- **2nd Place** – 50m Butterfly
- **2nd Place** – 50m Freestyle
- **3rd Place** – 50m Backstroke
- **3rd Place** – 50m Breaststroke
- **3rd Place** – 100m Individual Medley

Meanwhile, in the field of performing arts, grace and discipline took center stage as **Summer Mendiola** (Grade 6) captured the **Gold Medal in Classical Ballet** at the **MNL Dance Prix 2025**.

With their grit, passion, and commitment to excellence, Joshua and Summer continue to inspire fellow Monarchs to strive for greatness—whether in the pool or on stage.



# MONARCH PRIDE IN THE POOL!

Southville proudly congratulates **Xander Joseph dela Torre** of Grade 4-Humility for making waves at the Nike Swim Take Your Mark Sprint Meet 2025 held last August 30, 2025 at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, Malate, Manila.

Xander's dedication and hard work paid off as he brought home the following achievements:

- **Gold Medal** – Mixed 12 & Under 200M Freestyle Relay – STAIRSTEP
- **Silver Medal** – Mixed 12 & Under 200M Medley Relay
- **6th Place – Class A:** Boys 9–10 Years Old, 100M Freestyle (Recorded time: 1 minute 23 seconds)



Your Southville family is proud of your perseverance, sportsmanship, and Monarch spirit, Xander! Keep swimming towards greater victories.

## ERRATUM:

In the Students and Parents Bulletin SPB #4 AY 2025-2026, the headline read:

**"SISC KICKS OF 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION"**

It should be correctly written as:

**"SISC KICKS OFF 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION"**

We apologize for the oversight and thank you for your kind understanding.

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER

Fostering Sense of Inclusion and  
Belongingness



## VALUE OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 15–19, 2025

Fostering Feelings of Acceptance  
and Belonging in the Community





**SOUTHVILLE**  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND COLLEGES

**You're Invited!**

**Join us for Raising Monarchs: Southville's  
Parenting Series # 1 with the theme:**

# **HELPING STUDENTS DEVELOP GRIT AND GROWTH MINDSET**

**Date/Time:** September 26, 2025 | 3:00 – 4:30 PM

**Platform:** Zoom (**Meeting ID:** 812 7546 3438 | **Passcode:** 145283)

**Target Audience:** Parents of Preschool to Grade 6 (Munich and  
STAR)

**Speaker:** Ms. Merricka Santos (Preschool Teacher and Advocate  
of Growth Mindset and Grit)

To help us prepare for the session, we kindly ask you to confirm  
your attendance by accomplishing the Confirmation Form  
through this link:

**[Confirmation of Attendance](#)**



# STARS, HEARTS, AND LAURELS: ALUMNI ACHIEVERS SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to our "Alumni Achievers Spotlight" – a dedicated corner where we celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of our former students. Our alumni have gone on to achieve great success in various fields, serving as a source of inspiration for current students and parents alike. In this space, we will share their inspiring stories, achievements, and the valuable lessons they've learned on their journey from our school to their dreams. Join us in celebrating the excellence of our alumni and discover the limitless possibilities that await our current students.



**It's because of this school's curriculum and wonderful teachers that I've enjoyed learning and studying to get to where I am right now.**

I did not finish with the highest academic average, but I was studious and diligent. I was a consistent medalist and perseverant at that. Silver awardee all my elementary years and Bronze awardee all my high school years. Being a Doctor is not for everyone. Unlike others, I was not forced into being one. But because I loved being a caretaker, goes to say I loved helping out, I knew this was my path. The amicable competition in school instilled in me the attitude to want to excel all the time. You don't need Einstein IQ, in fact EQ is more important in being a Doctor to empathize and sympathize for your patients. Values that helped me when I graduated from Southville, thru Nursing then Medical School. I'm so glad that I've stayed in Southville thru my formative years. It's because of this school's curriculum and wonderful teachers that I've enjoyed learning and studying to get to where I am right now.



**KEIZHA TAMARGO**

K12 Alumna | Batch 2006  
Lufthansa Technik Philippines  
Head Doctor



# MONARCHS MOMENTS

**STAR CAMPUS**  
“Southville’s legacy lives on! STAR Campus students  
leading the 35th Foundation Day Kick-Off where it all  
started.”





# MONARCHS MOMENTS

## MUNICH CAMPUS

“Books came to life today! Our little readers turned into their favorite characters—spreading love for reading and sparks of creativity.”





# MONARCHS MOMENTS

## LUX CAMPUS

“Focused minds, quiet moments. Our students are fully engaged in Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading—nurturing the love for books, one page at a time.”





# MONARCHS MOMENTS

## IB CAMPUS



*“Kicking off a milestone celebration! Southville International School and Colleges proudly launched the 20th Anniversary of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.”*

*Two decades of excellence, global-mindedness, and shaping future leaders!*





# SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) CORNER

## Fostering Feelings of Acceptance and Sense of Belonging

**SPREAD  
KIND  
NESS**

Express gratitude  
and kindness  
whenever possible.

Join a group or  
club to build  
friendships.

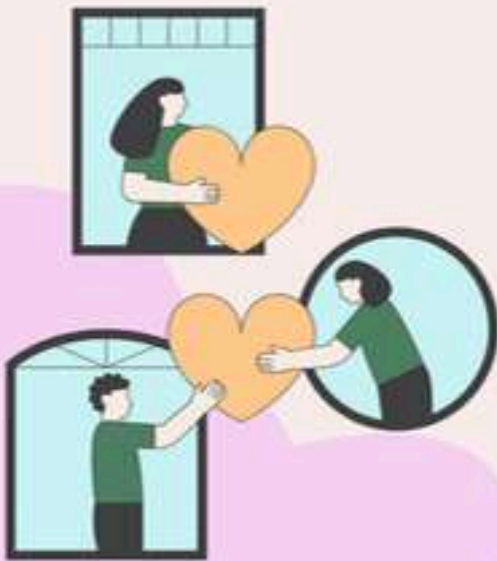


Encourage  
inclusivity by  
listening to diverse  
perspectives.

**Embrace  
technology in  
positive  
ways.**



**Get to know  
those around  
you.**



**Volunteer to  
serve the  
community.**



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Degrees with  
International  
Credentials



UK and  
Australian  
Degrees



College  
Degrees-  
Allied  
Medical  
Courses

STEM  
(Science,  
Technology,  
Engineering,  
and  
Mathematics)

- BS Nursing
- BS Psychology
- BS Information Technology
- BS Computer Engineering
- BS Industrial Engineering
- Bachelor of Elementary Education

- BTEC HND in Digital Technologies
- BTEC HND in Artificial Intelligence
- BTEC HND in Data Analytics
- BTEC HND in Cloud Computing
- BTEC HND Diploma in Cybersecurity

- BS Medical Technology
- BS Radiologic Technology
- BS Pharmacy

ABM  
(Accountancy,  
Business and  
Marketing)

- BSBA Accountancy
- BSBA Entrepreneurship
- BSBA Financial Management
- BSBA Marketing
- BS Real Estate Management
- BS Management Accounting
- BS Tourism Management

- De Montfort University, UK
- BA (Hons.) Business Management
- BA (Hons.) Business Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- BA (Hons.) Accounting with Business Management
- BA (Hons.) Business Management with Hospitality Management
- BA (Hons.) Business Entrepreneurship and Innovation with Culinary Arts

*Southville welcomes students from all senior high school strands, regardless of their background. STEM graduates can pursue Business or IT, ABM students can enter Health Sciences, and HUMSS or GAS students have a wide range of options.*

HUMSS  
(Humanities  
and Social  
Sciences)

- AB Multimedia Arts
- AB Communication
- BS Tourism
- BS Psychology
- Bachelor of Elementary Education

- BTEC HND in Marketing, Business Management,
- Entrepreneurship, Human Resource Management,
- Accounting and Finance

GAS (General  
Academic  
Strand)

All Southville Courses

*Whatever track you are in, you got a home at SOUTHVILLE.*



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SSLC



VENZIEL S. PEDROSA, CPA  
BS Accountancy, Batch 2024 &  
TOPS Awardee

**TOP 4** 90.67%  
Rating  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
LICENSURE EXAMINATION (CPALIC)

LEIGH NOSCHKIN

Started at SISFU,  
Continuing at  
De Montfort University  
Earning a 2-year  
Post-Study Work Visa





# AROUND SGEN

ENROLL  
NOW!



## WORTHWHILE WEEKEND

### Programs



Modern Dance



Voice



Ballet



Fencing



Arnis



Karate



Chess



Basketball



Soccer



Volleyball



Taekwondo



Archery



Arts: Painting



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