



# Terrapi**NOISE!**

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## FCA Adventure Time!

By Junelle Rivera, Publication Editor

**W**elcome everyone and thank you for coming out to our first GBM! I hope you're excited to see what we've got in store for you this year! Like your favorite starter Pokémon or handy-dandy side-kick, what every adventurer needs is a companion. So if you haven't already, say hi to someone new! Make a new friend, study buddy, or someone to go on food runs with, and you'll be off to a great start as you explore the wonderful world of FCA.

FCA has everything you can think of! From singing to dancing, drawing to writing, acting to playing sports, and learning about Filipino culture to serving our community, FCA's got it all! We even have a League of Legends group! Plus, the best thing about all of this is that you don't need to have any prior sport/dance/singing/etc. experience, AND you don't even have to be Filipino!

The journey you will embark on this semester is jam-packed with lots of fun events just for you! We have a district-wide football tournament, modern dance workshops, a cultural retreat, the Filipino Intercollegiate Networking Dialogue (FIND Inc.) and an end-of-the-year Semi-Formal Dance—just to name a few. And for all you returning members, forget everything you once knew about general body meetings... Eboard is feeling adventurous!

Hopefully, you've gotten a small taste of what FCA has to offer after today—and I'm not just talking about our free meal we served. All of Eboard has awesome events planned, and if you feel like going on an adventure, trying something new, and experiencing Filipino culture, then come out to our events! Adventures are always more fun when there's more people along for the ride!

## Diary of a District 6 Representative: Intro

By Rafael Bains



As District Six Representatives (D6 Reps for short) my partner, Pamela Tarectecan, and I serve as liaisons to the other schools within District Six. Our purpose is to promote and preserve Filipino culture while creating unity and cooperation amongst the 10 member schools.

Some of our responsibilities include attending D6 Executive Board meetings, helping coordinate fundraisers for D6, and raising awareness of D6 in general. While being a D6 Rep can get pretty busy, I love being a D6 Rep for the simple fact that I have the ability to network with, and learn about other Filipino organizations while meeting new and interesting people. For example, last week I attended the Filipino Organization of Catholic University Student's (FOCUS) first general body meeting. I had a great time meeting the members of FOCUS's executive board, socializing with their general body members, learning more about their organization, and eating their delicious lumpia. CUA will not be my only visit this semester as I plan on visiting every D6 school this year. I hope those of you who are reading this will be able to join me in my adventures!

## Upcoming Events

### Turkey Bowl Practices

Sun. 9/20 & 9/27,  
10am – 1pm  
@ Chapel Fields

### TERRAPINOY DAY

Sat. 9/26, 12pm-5pm  
@ Art-Sociology

### D6 T-shirt Contest Closes

Thur. 10/1, 11:59pm

### Next GBM

Thur. 10/1, 7pm  
@ Art-Soc 2309

## What is Terrapinoy Day?

Terrapinoy Day is an annual event dedicated to helping the middle school and high school students within our community. The day will feature a series of workshops including a Mental Health Workshop, Choosing a College/Financial Aid Workshop, and a Filipino Cultural



Workshop. Peter Cheung, a junior who volunteered last year says, "my favorite part was teaching the kids how to prepare and survive the first years of college. Plus the kids are actually really awesome!" So come out and support our local youth by volunteering and sharing your ate/kuya wisdom! For more information, contact Eric Flores or any Eboard member!

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"Today?" he asks, startled. // "Yes, Abel!" I reply. "The doctor will be here any minute now! We have to get Serena ready." // "How is she?" Have her bruises gotten better?" // "Looks like it, but..." I examine every inch of Serena's tiny stomach. "They healed too fast— he might get suspicious. Oh, hon, what'll we do if he finds out what's wrong with our Serena? What if he takes our baby from us! She's going to grow up a living test subject—" Abel grasps my shoulder and makes me look at him square in the eyes. // "Stop, Faith! It'll be fine. Fast-healing injuries just means good treatment. If anything, the only thing that man will notice is how well we take care of our daughter. Understand? Just be glad she isn't crying." And as if on cue, Serena's crying wails hit us like a death sentence.

"Damn it..." Abel grunts. Immediately, he storms upstairs to our baby's crib. "Yell for me when the doctor gets here!" he calls. I move to the window and open the blinds. No sign of him yet. He's late. I hear Abel's frantic footsteps coming back down the stairs. One painful glance at my precious, stained gem in his hands, and I know we need a first aid kit. I rush to the kitchen, but he stops me: "Forget the bandages, they won't do anything. We don't have the time. We've got to cheer her up." He hands her to me in need of a mother's love. As Serena continues to sob, her bruises widen. I kiss them, desperate to subdue my princess's curse. Just then, the sound of a car door slamming shut outside signals our doom. "Make the wounds go away! Abel pleads, but no matter how much warmth I try to make Serena feel, she wails on, deepening her abrasions. The doorbell rings. I rush Serena upstairs while Abel lets in our guest.

"Good day, Mr. Feinhart. You know the drill, I'm here to check on the baby?" // "Of course, just a minute. She's been really fussy, as you can hear, so her mother is quieting her right now." // "Oh, I should take care of that. It could be a behavior related to her self-destructive tendencies. Wouldn't want her to keep hitting herself the way she does. May I go upstairs to see Serena?" I hear footsteps heading my way. Abel has gone silent. I embrace Serena, not knowing what will happen to her, and pray. The doctor knocks on the door. "Mrs. Feinhart? Is everything alright?" He opens the door, and gasps. "These..." He, himself, is at a loss for words. "These bruises are not self-inflicted." He glares at me. "Has anyone caused physical harm to this child?" No. No one. The bruises come and go with her emotional hurt. But I wouldn't dare disclose this to him. He asks again, "Who injured your baby? Are you aware that child physical abuse can result in a four year prison sentence?" I cannot answer. But someone else did. // "It was me," Abel confesses. "I am responsible for her wounds."

Hope you enjoyed this first installment written by the Charles Dickens of our time, Andrew Hahm! Follow Serena's story next time on our online TerrapiNoise. Anything else you want to see in the TerrapiNoise? Let Junelle know!

**The TerrapiNoise is FOR YOU, BY YOU!**

# Adventure Is Out There!

Check out what one of our members was up to this summer!

## Win-donesia? :D

This summer I went to Indonesia as part of the USINDO Summer Language Study Program. There, I got to do lots of cool activities, like going to a traditional Javanese wedding and visiting the Prambanan & Borobudur temples. For sure the coolest activity that I did was climb Mount Semeru, the tallest mountain on the island of Java at 12,060 ft! My favorite thing about the trip was getting to experience it with my new friends and family that I met in the program. We'd go to the mall, sing karaoke, and even ride on each other's motorbikes! Plus, it was always nice when I got to explain my own culture to them and even explore new things about it with them.



*Winona Zaky*  
Sophomore



## Member Spotlights!

Get to know your Eboard and General Body Members!

### Joel Vazquez President

#### How did you first get involved in FCA?

I became involved as a result of watching FCA's Philippine Culture Night - Fanning the Flames - during the end of my Freshman Year. After seeing the camaraderie and joy that everyone displayed in the organization. Then, I joined my Sophomore Year and have never looked back.

#### How has FCA changed your life?

FCA has allowed me to grow and become the best person that I envision for myself. From meeting different people, to breaking out of my comfort zone (I have never participated in a choreographed dance until FCA) to finding a place where I can just relax and be myself, FCA has become a defining aspect of me that I would never change.

#### Any advice for those in their 1<sup>st</sup> semester of college?

Don't be afraid to try new things! In order to find out what you like and what your interests are, don't be afraid to put yourself out there and try something new! However, also know yourself and what you want out of your experience. If you have a definite interest, pursue it!

**If you had to choose a starter Pokémon, which one would you be?** None of the above... Psyduck, always! He's my spirit animal.



### Amanda Wong

**Year:** Sophomore

**Major:** I haven't declared it yet, but

nursing, so technically I'm still letters and sciences?

#### What did you do this summer?

I went back to New Jersey and spent a lot of time with friends and family! Spent a lot of time on the beach (yay Jersey Shore!) and a lot of time hiking and exploring different parks. I also took a small road trip to New Hampshire with my family. We went sightseeing, zip lining, and hiking on the White Mountains. Also, this is random, but did you know that the longest candy counter is in New Hampshire? Yep, it's called Chutters, and we visited the store and came out lugging huge bags of candy with us.

#### What is your fondest memory of FCA?

My fondest memory would probably be cultural retreat. Even though it was really, really cold, everyone's energy and spirit there was super warm. Even though I was still new to college and FCA at the time, I still felt comfortable with everyone. Being able to spend time with and bond with everyone and my family (go family six!) during that weekend made me feel at home, even though I was miles and miles away from my actual home. Sorry for the cheesiness, but it really was one of my favorite FCA memories because it all truly made me feel like a part of the FCA family.

