



Terrapi**NOISE!**

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Discover FCA & PCN!

By Junelle Rivera, Design & Publication Editor

Welcome to the first GBM of the Spring Semester! Whether you are a new or returning member, FCA always has something exciting going on, that even alumni keep coming back for more. If you thought last semester was fun, wait until you see what this semester has in store for you. In fact, our biggest event of the year is coming right up: Philippine Culture Night, otherwise known as PCN! But what is PCN you might ask? Well that's what this GBM is for.

Here are some words that a '15 Alumnus and former Cultural

Chair, Christian Flores, has to say on PCN: "PCN is where a majority of my best memories come from. PCN isn't just one night, but it's a journey you take every year. From the endless practices, to the sleepless nights, to cramming homework with friends, and to lots of laughs and shenanigans—that's what makes PCN so great. My first PCN, "Pang Pamilya", was probably the most memorable for me because it was the first year where I completely immersed myself in FCA and PCN. I was in the writing committee, I sang in the ensemble, I danced modern and cultural, and

also helped as a stage manager. That was also the first year I choreographed cultural dances for PCN. Through PCN, I was able to tap into my different talents, creativity, and leadership. But above all that, that's where I built and nurtured friendships that (I hope!) will last a life time. The night of PCN itself is just the product of all the love and hard work everyone has put into together for FCA—for family. So come join in on the fun, the memories, and the family you all will be creating in all the future PCNs to come!"

Cultural Community Crew? C-C-See You There!

By Eric Flores, Community Service Chair

What is the CCC you ask? Well the acronym CCC stands for Cultural Community Crew! This newly founded committee not only aims to give FCA members a chance to give back to their community, but it also gives FCA members to learn about Filipino Culture at the same time! We have many events planned out for this semester such as a Typhoon Haiyan Relief Packaging event, a DC trip, and a Terrapinoy Day part 2 (Name will change)! We will hold meetings every Thursday from 6-7pm in the Chem Atrium. If you are free and would like to help the community and also learn about Filipino Culture, then please attend one of our meetings! Pssst, there will be brownies!



Upcoming Events

Intramural Basketball

Thur. 2/4, 10pm
@ Armory

PCN Writing Committee

Tues. 2/9, 5-8pm
@ JMZ 2123

CCC Meeting

Thur. 2/11, 6-7pm
@ Chem Atrium

Next GBM

Thurs. 2/18, 7pm
@ University Career Center

Discover Passions

Wondering how you can get involved this semester? Well you're in luck because FCA has almost everything you can imagine:

Sports — FCA has our very own Intramural basketball team that you can join or support that plays Thursdays at 10pm. Contact our sport coords, Ryan or Karina, for more information, or for other sports you'd like to play!

Writing — Like what you're reading? You can help write right here in the TerrapiNoise! Or join our PCN Writing Committee! Every play needs a script and we can't have a script if we don't have writers like you! We meet Tuesdays and Fridays from 5-8pm at JMZ 2123. Talk to Khaleed or Junelle for more info!

Dancing — Not a dancer? It's okay, most of us aren't either, but it's always fun to try something new. Who knows, you might even find yourself choreographing your own dance one day! We have cultural and modern dances, so contact our Cultural Chairs Gabby and Rochielle, or Modern Directors, Meeko and Leo, if interested!

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Just Ask Josh! Advice Column

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Hey Josh! As you yourself know, you mainly came out to FCA more in the Spring, what was it like, as opposed to joining in the Fall?

To be honest, it was really intimidating! Everyone already knew each other, and I really was only known as that one dude who dressed as Pikachu for the Halloween GBM. But, I found a place that I love, and I stayed. Why did I stay? (Look below for answer)

What made you stay in FCA when you initially joined?

I stayed mostly because of PCN. The last week of PCN rehearsal just made me realize that this was an amazing group of people, and I wanted to get to know them more, which is why I decided to stay. Best decision ever! :D

What is Philippine Culture Night (PCN) to you and what was your role when you first became involved?

Philippine Culture Night to me is an opportunity to show all of our friends and family what we do in our organization as well as show them various parts of Filipino-American culture. I was proudly made the



"Awkward Husband" in the play, along with my "Awkward Wife", Ronelle Bautista! We never did get our food, did we? :(

What are some of the things that people can do if they want to become involved in

PCN? Well that's the great part about PCN, there's so many things you can be involved in: Writing Committee, directing, acting, singing, dancing, helping out with props, stage-crew, and more!

Question from Joel Vazquez: What has been your favorite moment with your FCA friends?

Well there's just too many good moments for me to choose from. I'll choose a recent memory from last semester. It was the night before the Star Wars premiere, and I was finishing a take-home exam. Right before it was due, I was called and asked if I wanted to see Star Wars at that moment. Time froze. I didn't know what to do. Ultimately, I looked at Kim and Leo and said, "Hey, if I finish this in the next 15 minutes, do you guys wanna watch Star Wars with me?" It was a night of YOLO that I'll never forget!



Debutant Nominations 2016

Spring Semester isn't just about PCN, we also host a Debut! A Filipino Debut is a coming-of-age party, similar to a Quinceañera or Sweet 16, to celebrate a young woman's 18th birthday. FCA holds this annual event in order to highlight members and show how much the FCA family appreciates them. Help us choose a debutant by nominating someone in FCA, male or female, who you believe deserves a special day all about them. We will then celebrate 4 nominated individuals at the debut on Saturday, March 5th at 5:30pm in the Stamp Colony Ballroom!



Member Spotlights!

Get to know your Eboard and General Body Members!

Margaret Magnaye
Vice President

Major: Hearing & Speech Sciences
How did you first get into FCA?

I got into FCA because my two kuyas would bring me out to events like Turkey Bowl and PCN when they were in undergrad. I was really shy and nervous to meet FCA my freshman year because my brother, Matt, was a legend and I was worried they would have high expectations of me. Honestly, even though my brothers brought me to the events, I didn't fully understand FCA until I came here. I discovered what everyone here tends to discover: the family. My first thoughts were, "Whoa. Who are these people and why am I so comfortable with them already? It's only been like 5 minutes." They really made me feel like I belonged and so I ran for Freshman Rep. The story tells itself from there lol.

What is PCN Magic? PCN Magic is really something you just have to experience to understand, but I would describe it as the moment we all come together to make something out of nothing. It's when all the hard work and late nights of rehearsal pay off and we get to see our FCA family members shine bright.

What is your favorite pick-up line?

Hey, feel my shirt. You know what it's made of? GIRLFRIEND MATERIAL ;)



Jason Liu

Year: Sophomore

Major: Comp Sci w/ a minor in Math

What are you most looking forward to this semester?

I'm looking forward to PCN because it's the biggest event of the year, in my opinion, and it really just showcases what FCA is all about. This is my first year at UMD, so I've never been to a PCN before, but I hear that it's a ton of fun and that there'll be many great performances.

What was your favorite memory from FCA? My fondest memory of FCA so far has been meeting everybody for the first time. I've made so many new friends in the span of one short semester, and that's something I will always treasure. I was pretty skeptical about joining a new club at first, but I quickly found out that everybody here in FCA is very welcoming and down to earth.

What is an interesting fact about you? I am extremely injury-prone. People have joked that I'll probably end up in a wheelchair by the time I graduate, but honestly, I think that's very possible. My nickname used to be "Forever In Pain" because I get injured so frequently that there is literally not a day that goes by where I am not in pain. In fact, I'm currently doing this interview with a recently injured shoulder and scrapes on my knuckles from speed-bagging.

