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Thursday, September 29, 2016



FCA's Cultural Retreat was created to provide an opportunity for students to learn more about Filipino and Filipino American culture. This annual event is fittingly held in October to celebrate Filipino American History Month. Every year, FCA members load up into a car and set out for an overnight trip away from the stresses of campus. The hour-ish long car ride is only just the beginning of the bonding you'll experience that weekend.

So why should you go? Well, it's a great chance to really get to know people in FCA. The retreat

allows you to bond with people you may not be close with yet, and it takes you away from the context of your school, work, or personal schedule into an environment where you can focus on learning about Filipino/Filipino American culture and strengthening friendships.



For a few days, your only "responsibilities" are spending time with your friends and enjoy-

ing all of the activities without worrying about work.

Cultural Retreat holds a special place in my heart. It was during the retreat of my freshman year when I first felt like I found a home away from home. Whether you were a new freshman, transfer student, or a non-UMD student, FCA made the effort to make you feel like family. My favorite Cultural Retreat moment was hearing someone say, "Cultural Retreat was the one event that made me stay in FCA".

The Cultural Community Crew - CCC You There! By AJ Rivera

FCA's Hey, FCA! The Cultural Community Crew has started up! This year in community service, we'll be working to reach out to other organizations on and outside our campus, and to increase the representation of



our own general body. Think of us as a door to all sorts of amazing things—but better. Now you're thinking with portals. If you're looking to get involved, the CCC will work with you to make your community ideas a reality. The Community will speak, and what better for it to start than with your voice.

Upcoming Events

FCA Apparel Design Contest Deadline

Fri. 9/30
Ask Eboard!

First Fall Writing Committee Meeting

Thur. 10/6, 5:30pm
Location TBA

Terrapinoy Day 2016

Sat. 10/8, 11am-4pm
@ Reckord Armory

Next GBM

Thur. 10/13, 7pm
@ Susquehanna 1120

Cultural Retreat

Fri. 10/14 - Sun. 10/16

Discover Pop Culture in FCA

By Andrew Hahm

Being the Filipino CULTURAL Association, you already know that FCA has its knees deep in culture. Whether you're looking to get engaged in music, film, television, or even literature, I can't even count on one hand all the different ways that you can find us participating in pop culture, both Filipino and Filipino American. When it comes to music, you've probably already heard about our dance groups and a capella group, the MezzoPinoy. Film and television? Try peeping a look at our Pinoy Popcorn Time movies or FCAanime. And if you're into books or writing, don't be afraid to ask me about the Fall Writing Committee!

Don't know what constitutes as Filipino or Fil-Am pop culture? Well then you've come to the right place, and I hope you're ready to soak up some knowledge this GBM!

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How can FCA help me get in touch with pop culture?

Well, FCA's already taken its first steps, which is by having this GBM. However, there are many more ways in which we can continue to get in touch with pop culture, more specifically Filipino Pop Culture. There are several youtube channels as well as buzzfeed articles that feature Filipino American Pop Culture. We also took a big step by hosting Pinoy Popcorn Time, and be on the lookout for Filipino Pop Music to make an appearance also in the future.

I've been looking for a good show to get into. Got any recommendations?

That depends on what type of stuff you want to watch. I personally like watching a lot of stuff. For Anime lovers, we do have our own anime subgroup called FCAnime that you could join. If you're looking for comedic stuff, shows I love are Community and Silicon Valley. If you're into some more serious stuff, you can always check out Game of Thrones, Stranger Things, Breaking Bad, etc. However, because this is Filipino Pop Culture GBM, I'd like to recommend one of our many amazing Teleserye. Ask Katie and Nessa for recommendations on these Teleserye, because I personally haven't seen any...but I will!

Keeping up with Pop Culture just isn't my thing, but I feel

embarrassed that I'm not up to date with everything. Am I really missing out?

Hey, no worries!! I'm not really too caught up in Pop Culture. I mean, there may be things that we may miss out on, but that's not too bad! It just means it's another conversation starter you can have with someone. "Hey, what's dabbing?" could be the first words that kick start a wonderful friendship. "I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship." -Casablanca.

My friend insists that literature isn't a part of pop culture, and it's really getting on my nerves. What should I tell him?

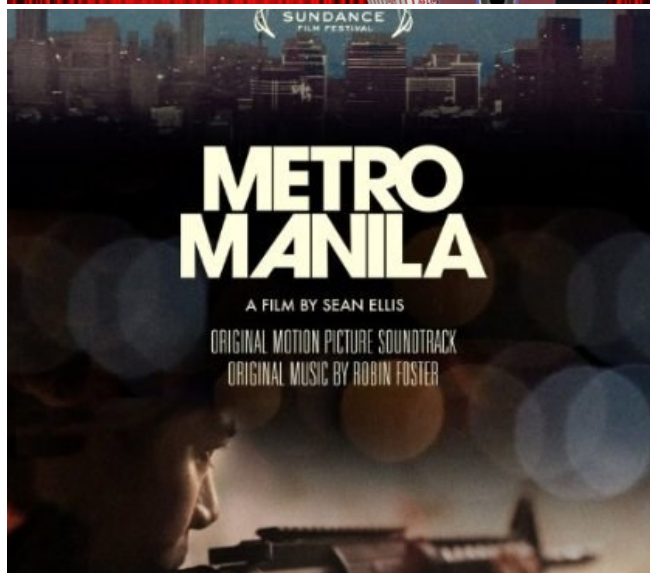
First off, take a deep breath. Maybe drink some water, it's been a long day. Okay, you feeling better now? Okay, good. So, I think you should tell him/her how pop culture is quite literally "Popular Culture". If it's popular, then of course it's part of pop culture. Just as video games, TV shows, and movies are a part of pop culture, literature is as well. Just tell your friend how you feel, then grab some bubble tea and together read some literature that you believe is part of pop culture. Maybe he/she can show you some things that they believe are part of pop culture too!

Lights! Camera! Pinoy Popcorn Time!

By Andrew Hahm

This past Monday, I had the pleasure of attending the very first Pinoy Popcorn Time of the year, featuring the action-packed dramatic film: *Metro Manila*. In the movie, an impoverished rice farmer named Oscar Ramirez and his family move to Manila to find work. While he and his wife, Mai, scrounge up a meager income working as a security officer and a bar hostess respectively, the jobs come with a slew of strings attached that will test their resolve to survive through the challenges that Manila has to offer...

This crime drama had me on the edge of my seat for the full two hours, and like all the other viewers who came, I can't wait for the next movie to show! If you missed out on this Pinoy Popcorn Time, don't worry; there'll be more every last Monday of the month!



Member Spotlights!

Get to know your Eboard and General Body Members!

Alexis Flores
Perezident

Year: Senior

Major: Information Systems & Supply Chain Management

Who is your biggest pop culture influence?

Growing up, my biggest pop culture influence was Jolina Magdangal. She was like the Filipina Britney Spears of the 90's and I wanted to be just like her. I even got to meet her in person when she had her US tour!

How has music played a role in your life?

Being a dancer, music is my life. Listening to the rhythm, the beats, the bass and more make it possible for me to express my emotions. Most of the time, I don't even know the names of songs, but I can tell you where all the beats go and how the melody sounds.

If you could make up one other question for this interview, what'd it be? Now answer it! [What's your favorite Filipino movie?]

Otso-otso Pamela-Mela-Wan! It's a hilarious comedy with Vhong Navarro and Bayani Agbayan, which was inspired by the otso-otso and pamela dance.

Marc Hipona

Year: Senior

Major: Computer Science

Major, Statistics Minor

Name your favorite video game. What do you suppose your answer says about you?

I always loved the Pokemon series. I played every Pokemon game since Pokemon Red/Blue. If I had to pick a specific game it would be the Emerald version; I think I spent the most time on that game when I was younger. What does that game say about me? I guess I just want to be the very best.

What's the most valuable life lesson you've learned?

How does it shape who you are today?

My most valuable life lesson I've learned was to try new things and to take a few more risks. It's better to try than to try none at all. Before college, I would've never thought of joining FCA or switching from engineering to computer science if I didn't take the initiative to try new things. In the words of Shia LaBeouf, "JUST DO IT!"

What's your proudest accomplishment?

Does being FCA's most adorable 3 years in a row count as an accomplishment? Haha my greatest accomplishment was being my varsity lacrosse team's captain.

Pancakes or waffles?

Neither, I'm a French toast kind of guy.

