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THE MILES PROGRAM

A Whole New Individualized Learning Experience

A new school year has finally commenced in FEU Tech, FEU Alabang, and FEU Diliman, but students are not going online just to achieve a passing grade this time. Thanks to MILES, learners can still receive quality education in the comfort of their own homes. They also now have more opportunities to deeply master their subjects through assessments, tutorials, and academic consultations with their professors, even in a digital setting.

However, there's more to MILES that meets the eye. In the previous newsletter issues, we discussed the anatomy of MILES—its benefits, basic functions, and other amazing features. So this September, let's dig deeper into what makes MILES an efficient individualized learning system for students.

Academic Assistance

With MILES, nobody gets left behind. Even now that classes are being done online in place of the traditional classroom setting, students from FEU Tech, FEU Alabang, and FEU Diliman can still approach their teachers through online consultations.

In Canvas, students can select the Conferences tab and join an ongoing conference to raise their concerns for any of the virtual offices on the platform. After clicking the Join button at the right side of the conference, students will be led to the BigBlueButton interface. Here, learners can use the Public Chat feature to post comments, questions, suggestions, and recommendations. For concerns that they need to express privately, they can simply right click on a person's name on the system and select Start a Private Chat option to send them a personal message.

Meanwhile, if students need real-time visual guidance, they can either simultaneously use a virtual whiteboard with their teachers or share their screen. However, the screen sharing feature is limited to one user at a time.

To check the availability of their teachers or any virtual office associate, students can go to the Shared Notes feature in BBB and check if there are announcements from faculty members.

Aside from BBB, students are also free to use Microsoft Teams or Google Meet to consult with their teachers. In this case, they may simply use their own web browser such as Safari, Google Chrome, Firefox, or Microsoft Edge without installing anything. Specifically for Microsoft Teams, students may also use their Office 365 account to start an online consultation with their teacher on the platform.

For both platforms, the teachers will provide the meeting room link to students as well as record the session. They may give the recording once the virtual consultation is over.

For academic or course-related concerns, the students' first line of support will be the schools' faculty members. However, for other technical support and account-related concerns, they may email the following:

FEU Tech: miles@feutech.edu.ph
FEU Alabang: miles@feualabang.edu.ph
FEU Diliman: miles@feudiliman.edu.ph

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Student Services

On another hand, students can forward their inquiries to any of the virtual offices available on the FEU Canvas website or mobile app. For safety and practical reasons, FEU Tech, FEU Alabang, and FEU Diliman have put their administrative offices online so that students won't have to go to any of the campuses for their non-academic concerns. Below are some of the available virtual offices in Canvas:

Students can reach out to any of the VOs in the Canvas Dashboard by clicking on the card of the specific office that they want to access. They also have the option to access the VOs through the Courses tab and find the VO they would like to virtually visit.

Upon clicking a specific VO, students can click on the Click to Enter button to enter a conference or simply go to the Conferences tab as well and follow the same process for online consultations. To check announcements or submission links posted by the VOs, students can check the To Do tab on the right side of the interface. They will also see there the VO's operating hours and list of available services.

They can also go to the Files tab if they want to download certain forms from a certain VO.

Lastly, for direct inquiries, students can use the Help feature on the main navigation and send their concerns to any VO.

Aside from the academic and student assistance services, FEU Tech, FEU Alabang, and FEU Diliman uploaded their online support directory on Canvas through the BigBlueButton, as well as on their official Facebook pages. These platforms can easily be accessed by students and even parents alike.

With MILES, nothing is impossible. Now that everyone is limited to studying online and at the comfort of their own homes, FEU Tech, FEU Alabang, and FEU Diliman will continue to provide quality education to students from different walks of life with technology.



Admission and External Relations



Community Extension Services Unit



Computer Services & Management Information System



Discipline Unit



Finance



Guidance & Counseling Unit



Health Services Unit



IALAP (Industry-Academe Linkage, Alumni, and Placement)



iCare



Library



Registrar



Student Activities Development Unit



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THE FEU SPOTLIGHT

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has confined students and educators to their homes, there is still no reason for life to grind to a complete standstill.

In fact, students of FEU Alabang, Diliman, and Tech will surely enjoy the list of jam-packed online activities for the month of September. The FEU Tech Innovation & Entrepreneurship Office, in particular, promises to be especially busy as it gears up to launch its own unique program that is designed to create the next generation of innovation and technology entrepreneurs.

Furthermore, in partnership with the Asian Institute of Management - Dado Banatao Incubator, the FEU Tech Innovation & Entrepreneurship Office has launched 3 flagship programs.

The first is The FEU Tech Innovation Center Startup Academy, an academe-based venture building program that aims to give support to entrepreneurial-minded students and their business ventures. It is also divided into three parts: a 4-6 day bootcamp, the OJT startup incubation program, and the startup continuity acceleration program.

However, more than just getting into business, the Startup Academy encourages students to leverage their entrepreneurship, technology, and innovation skills to solve societal ills.

This is why from September 7 to 11, a pre-overture was held for the Startup Academy online to introduce the program to attendees as well as drive home the point of the program's mission and vision. In addition, the FEU Tech Startup Academy Innovation & Entrepreneurship Overture was held from September 14-18 to formally launch the initiative.

FEU Tech's Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Rolan Marco Garcia reiterates as well that this program is their way to mold the next generation of leaders who will soon contribute to nation-building.

Thus, the FEU Tech Innovation & Entrepreneurship Office's second flagship program comes in the form of TechX, a monthly event that raises awareness on global tech trends and advancements to keep the FEU family ahead of the curve when it comes to innovation.

Of course, lofty expectations need constant inspiration and that is where the third flagship program comes in: Unmasked, a series of talks uncovering stories of successful people who have managed to thrive despite the ongoing pandemic. Past guests have included Angkas owner Angeline Tham and serial entrepreneur Ralph Layco. Thanks to the success of past sessions too, another Unmasked webinar can be expected to take place near the end of September.

"The launch of these events and initiatives show that even with the difficulties of the pandemic, it's possible to continue moving forward," Garcia explains. "As long as we keep that spirit, it'll be easy to produce students who are innovative and contribute to nation-building. In the long term, we'll all be better for it."

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FEU ALABANG, FEU DILIMAN, AND FEU TECH ARE HERE FOR YOU

Calendar of Events for September

It's a new month of new activities for FEU Tech, FEU Alabang, and FEU Diliman. These three campuses continue to show that all the fun but insightful events aren't only limited to the outdoors.

The virtual events and activities for September are the following:



FEU Alabang, FEU Diliman, and FEU Tech Headline the News

The innovative nature of MILES has naturally landed in the media spotlight. Especially with August being the month when many private schools have decided to reopen classes (albeit virtually), the increase in media coverage could not have come at a better time.

In the Daily Tribune, an article by FEU Tech Senior Executive Director Dr. Benson Tan explored the arguments made for adopting a mastery-based system during the time of remote learning --- pointing out that although MILES is the first educational system here in the Philippines to utilize the concept of mastery-based learning, the idea is hardly new elsewhere in the world. Dr. Tan also stressed that mastery-based learning represents a fresh alternative to teaching methods dependent on rote memorization.

Overall, the article drew attention to how far the movement advocating for mastery-based education has gone, and why MILES is the best system to implement the concept in the Philippines. He concluded by saying that although the pandemic has certainly presented unprecedented challenges for education, there's no better time than now to revolutionize how things are done.

Moreover, the MILES program has been featured in a number of other media outlets as well. In BusinessMirror, the publication went over the special benefits of the MILES program such as being able to talk to faculty members on demand and request one-on-one tutorial sessions for difficult subjects via the Big Blue Button feature. The same topics were also published in Swirling Over Coffee, Marketech APAC, Newsbytes.PH, and Gadgets Magazine.