

# Dreams come true for Belle scholars

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*Proud Belle scholars (from left): Berna Lyn Tumagay, Daryl Jayson Zaldivia and Jovean Faye Tria are all smiles during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Presentation of SM Scholar-Graduates. Belle Corporation sponsored their studies and also helped John Christian Arcena and King Paulo Vasquez (not in photo but present during the ceremonies) graduate from college.*

Taking to heart the values espoused by and life lessons from the late Tatang Henry Sy, Sr., John Christian Arcena, Jovean Faye Tria, Berna Lyn Tumagay, King Paulo Vasquez and Daryl Jayson Zaldivia, scholars backed by Belle Corporation, recently realized their life-long aspirations – finish their studies and become equipped for the future.

They were among the 270 SM scholar-graduates in attendance during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Presentation of SM Scholar-Graduates held last June 26, 2019 at the SMX Convention Center Manila.

During the ceremonies, the Belle-sponsored scholar-graduates took their pledge of loyalty and became members of the SM Foundation, Inc., College Scholarship Program and Alumni Association.

The theme of this year's presentation is *Celebrating Tatang's Legacy*. The annual activity is part of the SM Foundation's College Scholarship Program, which started in 1993. To date, the program has produced 3,261 college graduates.

Belle Corporation remains a solid partner of the SM Foundation in helping achieve the dreams of many more underprivileged yet deserving and promising students in the country.

## About Belle Corporation

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South of Metro Manila, Belle owns significant real estate assets and develops premium residential resort projects around Tagaytay City. Among its exclusive destinations are the club and golf facilities and residential communities of Tagaytay Highlands and Tagaytay Midlands, as well as a further 800 hectares intended for future development.