

Dr. Romulo & Patria Magsino Prize of Excellence in Education

Dr. Romulo Magsino [B.A., B.Sc.Ed./Luzonian, M.Ed/Sydney, M.A. Ed., Ph.D./Wisconsin] is a Dean Emeritus in the Faculty of Education and the first Filipino-Canadian Dean in North America. Dr. Romulo Magsino, O.M., and his wife, Patria Magsino, have established an endowment fund at the University of Manitoba with an initial gift of \$10,000 in 2015. The Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative has made a matching contribution to the fund. The purpose of the fund is to recognize an outstanding student graduating from the Faculty of Education. Beginning in the 2016 – 2017 academic year, the available annual interest from the fund will be used to offer one prize to a graduating Bachelor of Education student who:

- (1) has successfully completed the degree requirements for any program leading to the Bachelor of Education degree offered by the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba;
- (2) has achieved a minimum degree grade point average of 3.5;
- (3) has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities and/or community involvement.

In order to demonstrate how they meet criterion (3), applicants for this prize will be required to submit a statement (maximum 250 words) describing the nature and significance of their leadership and/or community involvement by March 31. Candidates for consideration for this scholarship may also be nominated by teaching staff members of the Faculty of Education by March 31.

Students who have successfully completed the degree requirements for their program either on a full-time or part-time basis are eligible for this prize.

The Dr. Romulo & Patria Magsino Prize of Excellence in Education may not be held with any other prize with monetary value in the same year.

The recipient will receive recognition of his/her name on a plaque, which will be on display in the Faculty of Education. The plaque will be updated annually to include the names of the scholarship recipients. The Faculty of Education is responsible for the costs and duties associated with the ordering the plaque and nameplates, and updating the names on the plaque on an annual basis.

The Dean of the Faculty of Education (or designate) will name the selection committee for this award.

This agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the donor (or designate) and the University of Manitoba. All such amendments shall be in writing. In the absence of the donor (or designate), and providing all reasonable efforts have been made to consult, the Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba has the right to modify the terms of this award if, because of changed conditions, it becomes necessary to do so. Such modification shall conform as closely as possible to the expressed intention of the donor in establishing the award.

Biographical Information:

Dean Emeritus at the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba, Dr. Romulo Magsino was the first and only Filipino-Canadian to become the Dean of Education at a major university in Canada. He has a lifelong commitment to excellence in higher education, and has demonstrated leadership within the Filipino community which has raised awareness of the important role of immigrants in the cultural diversity of Manitoba. He is an expert in the areas of multiculturalism, immigration and intercultural education. He is a prolific scholar and a recognized authority in education, having authored and edited nine books and monographs; published more than 80 articles in various books and journals; authored

approximately 80 papers which were presented at international, national, regional, provincial and district conferences; and authored over 50 papers which were presented at seminars, workshops and lectures. His scholarship evolved over time, but he had a consistent preoccupation with diversity, democracy, multiculturalism, and later on, globalization and cosmopolitanism. In 2006, Dr. Magsino received the *Pamana ng Pilipino Award* from Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. This award is a Presidential Award conferred on overseas Filipinos who have brought the country honour and recognition. In 2008, Dr. Magsino was inducted into the Order of Manitoba, as an educator and leader in the Filipino-Canadian Community. He was awarded the Golden Jubilee Award (2002) and Diamond Jubilee Award (2012) by the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba. He served as president of the associations for Multicultural Education in Newfoundland and Manitoba, vice-president of the United Council of Filipino Associations in Canada and chair of the Manitoba Ethno-Cultural Advisory Council. He was instrumental to the development of the \$2.3 million Philippine-Canadian Centre of Manitoba and served as its first president. Some of his service included member of the Board of Directors of the Winnipeg Foundation and the Seven Oaks General Hospital Foundation, as well as Deputy Commander in Canada for the Order of the Knights of Rizal. Dr. Magsino is referred to by his colleagues as “a fine scholar, a community leader, and a caring institutional leader who exemplified the ideal collegial system and the role of the public intellectual.”

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