



The University of the Philippines Alumni Association in America Grand Reunion and Convention (GRC) is a biennial event designed to bring together UP alumni in North America to work towards the common goal of supporting our beloved Alma Mater in her mission to provide excellent and affordable public education to the best and the brightest minds in the Philippines.

It is also an occasion for UP alumni to honor their achievers and loyal members, recapture memories of campus life at UP, renew old friendships and forge new ones. As such, the UPAAA exists to explore possibilities of strengthening the relationship between US-based alumni and UP in their mutual quest for academic excellence and national development.

A TIMELINE of the GRC | 1982 -2021

1982	1 st Grand Reunion Philadelphia	President: Arsenio P. Talingdan AA'51 MPA “55 Presidential Reception for UP President Edgardo Angara Host: UPAA Philadelphia
1985	2 nd Grand Reunion New Jersey	First Tri-State Reunion in honor of visiting UP President Edgardo J. Angara, organized by UPAAA New York, President Luz Sapin (Gonzalez) Micabalo, with UPAAA New Jersey President Phoebe Andes, UPAAA Philadelphia President Virginia Olivar Luz and co-sponsored by UPMASA President Dr. Constanca Uy and Dr. Vicente Limcaoco, Friends of UP Foundation in America Inc. Hosts: UPAA New York, UPAA New Jersey
1986	3 rd Grand Reunion New Jersey	President: Constanca Somera Uy, M.D. '67 Host: UPAA New Jersey Theme: <i>Strengthen the Linkage of Various Chapters to the National UPAAA</i>
1987	4 th Grand Reunion New Jersey	President: Constanca Somera Uy, M.D. '67 Host: UPAA New Jersey
1988	5 th Grand Reunion New Jersey	President: Luzviminda S. (Gonzalez) Micabalo, BSN, MPS/ HCA, Joint Reunion/ Induction with UPAA- NJ Chapter Host: UPAA New Jersey Theme: <i>Success in Pursuit of Excellence and Preservation of Filipino Cultural Heritage and Identity</i>
1989	6 th Grand Reunion New York	President: Luzviminda S. (Gonzalez) Micabalo, BSN, MPS/ HCA, Host: UPAA New York Theme: <i>Excellence Breeds Success</i>

1991	7 th Grand Reunion New York	President: Reuben Seguritan, AB'66, LLB'70, Host: UPAA New York Theme: <i>Excellence, Honor, Country</i>
1995*	8 th Grand Reunion Convention (GRC)* Florida	President: Enrique Araneta, M.D. Beginning of first three-day Convention* Host: UPAA Florida
1997	9 th Grand Reunion Convention New Jersey	President: Carmencita Quesada Fulgado, Ph.D, AA'60, AB'61 Host: UPAA New Jersey
1999	10 th Grand Reunion Convention Las Vegas	President: Carmencita Quesada Fulgado, Ph.D, AA'60, AB'61 Host: UPAA Nevada Theme: <i>Linking for the New Millennium</i>
2001	11 th Grand Reunion Convention Chicago	Benjamin Marte, M.D.AA'52, BS'53, MD '59 Host: UP Club of America (Chicago) Theme: <i>Balik-Lingkod sa UP</i>
2003	12 th Grand Reunion Convention Texas	President: Josefina Abaya Wee Sit, BSE'54, Med'67 Host: UPAA Houston Theme: <i>Balik-Lingkod sa UP</i>
2005	13 th Grand Reunion Convention San Diego	President: Fel Tabangay Jr., AB'69, LLB'74 Host: UPAA San Diego Theme: <i>Upholding the UP Spirit with a Great Purpose for All Seasons</i>
2007	14 th Grand Reunion Convention San Francisco	President: Theodore Aquino, BSCE '71 Host: UPAA San Francisco Theme: <i>Celebrating the UP Legacy, Forging the Next UP Century</i>
2009	15 th Grand Reunion Convention Washington DC	President: Francis Sy, M.D., Dr.PH, S'79, MD'75 Host: UPAA Maryland and DC Theme: <i>Building Bridges to the Future: Uniting Alumni for Excellence and Service</i>
2011	16 th Grand Reunion Convention Florida	President: Belinda Aquino, Ph.D. AB'57 Host: UPAA Florida Theme: <i>Renewing the UP Spirit of Excellence to Meet Global Challenges</i>
2013	17 th Grand Reunion Convention Las Vegas	President: Romulo Aquino, BS Hygiene, M.S. Ph.D Host: UPAA Nevada Theme: <i>Making U.P. A Great World-Class University</i>

2015	18 th Grand Reunion Convention San Diego	President: Juanita Santos Nacu, Ph.D. Host: UPAA San Diego Theme: <i>Kung Hindi Tayo Kikilos, Sino Ang Kikilos? Kung Hindi Tayo Kikibo, Sino Ang Kikibo? Kung Hindi Ngayon, Kailan Pa?</i>
2017	19 th Grand Reunion Convention New Jersey	President: Nelsie T. Parrado, CPH, CLTC Host: UPAA New Jersey Theme: <i>Renew, Reflect, Rejoice</i>
2019	20 th Grand Reunion and Convention San Francisco	President Nelsie T. Parrado, CPH, CLTC Host: UPAA San Francisco Theme: <i>Lead. Elevate. Advance. Participate</i>
2021	21 st Grand Reunion and Convention Virtual, Global	President: Daisy M Rodriguez, RN, MN, MPA Co-Host: UPAA Nevada Theme: <i>ARISE: Pagbangon at Parangal</i>

* *Beginning of First UPAAA Inc. GRC (Three-Day Convention) in Florida. UPAAA Inc. started with a one day annual/biennial general reunion in 1982 until 1991.*

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