

Filipino community's response in the midst of Covid-19 spike in Arizona

By Leonardo Aromin

Phoenix, Az – The Filipino community in Arizona has responded in 'unity and cooperation' in the midst of the an increased 115 percent of Covid-19 cases in Arizona.

Reports have it that Covid-19 cases in Arizona have "quadrupled" since the time when Arizona has ended its 'stay at home order'.

The state's stay-at-home order ended on May 15, and its cases have increased 115 percent since then, leading a former state health chief to warn Arizona may need new social distancing measures or field hospitals.

As a response, the Filipino community, upon the initiative and recommendation of the Philippine Nurses Association of Arizona (PNA-AZ) with the firm support and approval of the leadership of the Council of Filipino Organizations of Arizona (CFO-AZ), has decided to 'distribute' face masks to members of the Filipino community.

Even before this 'initiative' different organizations have already distributed face masks to their members and other private persons who needed it.

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'Talk of the Town'

Phoenix, Az- Ryan Siazon graduated Summa Cum Laude Class 2020 from the Arizona State University (ASU) with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

Ryan's parents: Reagan Siazon and Dara Villanueva Siazon are both from the Philippines. Reagan is an accountant while Dara is a Registered Nurse at St Joseph Hospital in Phoenix.

Ryan has a sister, Dayna, who is also in college taking up a nursing degree.

Ryan belong to Ira Fulton School of Engineering of the Arizona State University with its main campus in Tempe Arizona.

Ryan told *The Filipino American Journal*, "I accepted a job offer of a software engineering firm in New York starting this month of August."

He said that his father introduced him to computers when he was just 3 years old and thus propelled him his attentiveness and like for computers.

Beginning in the middle school, he started to write "code to automate functions and likewise do some form of computer scripts."

FilAm student is Summa Cum Laude at ASU



Ryan Siazon, Summa Cum Laude Class 2020 Arizona State University (ASU)

"By the time I was in high school, developed a few large projects: one of them being a video streaming live application," he said.

He also said that "apart from tinkering with electronics, I like to travel, read, play video games and a foodie in my free time."

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U.S. Politics

Trump vs. Biden: Americans split on who's better for their wallets, survey finds



Joe Biden Donald Trump

By Lorie Konish (CNBC)

A Bankrate.com survey finds that 36% of Americans believe President Donald Trump would be better for their personal finances, versus 35% who lean toward former Vice President Joe Biden.

The results come as many Americans are feeling financially strained due to the coronavirus, with many not expecting their financial situations to improve by November.

Still, other issues, such as the economy or the coronavirus could take priority.

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Duterte to Filipino people: Move forward with courage, hope, and optimism

President Rodrigo Duterte on Friday urged the Filipino people to move forward with cour-



President Rodrigo Duterte

age, hope, and optimism as the country battles with the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

In a video message aired for the country's

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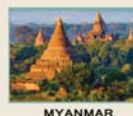
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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C., together with the Philippine Consulates General in Agana, Chicago, Honolulu, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, and San Francisco, and the Philippine Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, commemorated the 122nd year of Philippine Independence through a Facebook Live event on 12 June 2020.

"We are marking this special occasion amidst a global health crisis that has taken more than 370,000 lives all over the world. COVID-19 has changed life as we know it, destroying livelihoods and economies, exposing deep-seated social inequalities, and stretching government resources to the point that it may take years before governments, businesses, and societies can attain full recovery,"

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Ryan Siazon and his family: Reagan and Dara Siazon (parents) and his sister, Dayna Siazon.

When asked who or what inspired him to pursue with vigor his academic pursuits in life, Ryan told *The Filipino American Journal*: “My parents are both bachelor’s degree holders. Their work ethic inspired me to pursue higher education. When I was younger, my parents encouraged the concept of working hard for what you want. My parents both studied at universities for 4 years and then worked hard to pass their US board exams, despite studying in the Philippines. From this, I knew I would be able to achieve anything if I give it my all.”

During his college years at ASU, Ryan just enjoyed his college life by saying: “ASU and the surrounding community offered unique experiences both academically and socially. Being one of the largest universities there were plenty of academic resources. I attended career fairs, industry events, and was a member of the Software Developers Association. Outside of academics, I spent time with friends around campus and in downtown Tempe. The area is rapidly developing so there was always something new to try. Right before exams I’d often go with friends for boba to calm our nerves, and then after exams celebrate by playing board games or video games together.”

He also said, “In addition to the basic advice of keeping a study schedule, getting a good night’s rest, and holding yourself accountable, there needs to be a work-life balance when in school. I had to make sure I was giving myself enough time to do my best, but also giving myself enough time to relax, spend time with friends and family, and enjoy my time. Forming a study group with other motivated students helps greatly with studying for exams. It is also a great way to get to know more about fellow classmates, and potentially becoming friends with some of them.”

When asked what advice can he give to other Filipino and Filipino American students, Ryan said: “Always make sure the decisions you make in college are the best options for yourself. There are many pathways to achievement, so one path may be ideal for one person while it may be different for another.”

He also said “ In my case, I attended Glendale Community College for the first two years of college, transferring to ASU for the remaining two. In addition to some scholarships, starting at a community college was very cost effective for me while still being able to receive a quality education. It could be worth looking into when applying for colleges or if you’re unsure what you want to major in. If you’re still in high school, consider taking as many dual/concurrent enrollment courses as you can to get a head start on college.”

“ If you’re currently in college, get to know your professors, and attend career fairs. Professors are always there to help, and career fairs are helpful in landing an interview for an internship or full time position,” Ryan said.

Meanwhile, Enrique Villanueva, the grandfather of Ryan, who also resides in the Metro Phoenix area said, “ I am a proud grandfather of Ryan Siazon. He is a very hardworking boy when Ryan was growing up. He helps in household works and likewise a very respectful kid.”

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One of those organizations is the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (PACCA) under the leadership of Edward Lago. PACCA has distributed some 200 face masks last month.

ABAKA Foundation under Marcy Goma has likewise distributed face masks.

Alma De Garriz, president and chairperson of CFO-AZ has thanked the leadership of PNA-AZ under the newly-elected president Erlinda Singarajah and the initiative of Emma Rosales, an officer of the PNA-AZ.

In her recommendation, Emma Rosales, said “It is not too late to have more than one or two facial masks, especially that the infection here in AZ continues to escalate. It is at this time more than ever that we continue to keep SAFETY as the top priority.”

She also said, “ We all heard it, frequently heard it, amid Covid-19, “We are all in this together. We’re all gonna get through this”.

On that note, PNAAZ is sharing to all the community Leaders about a campaign- “Facial Mask Initiative” which will be an effort by ONE COMMUNITY. Through the leader-

ship of CFO, shift your PIDC energy to “Facial Mask Initiative.” At the same time, it will serve as another alternative way of giving back.

The ‘Face Mask Initiative’ has already received a positive response from CFO-Az members as well as members of the community

and Filipino-owned businesses.

One of them is Fleur Magbanua of Grace Home Health who donated \$500.00 for the project.

It is recommended that distribution of face masks will be done from June 27 to July 4th in several specific ‘distribution places’ yet to be identified and approved by the community leadership.

From the Filipino community in Tucson: Happy Independence Day Everyone !

