

## **Milagros K. Moguel, Professor Emerita of Consumer and Family Science**

### **Personal Background**

Milagros K. Moguel was born in Manila, Philippines, a second child of nine daughters and one son. Her father is pure Chinese and her mother is Filipina. She studied for several years in a Chinese school and finished elementary school (Salutatorian) and high school (Second honor) both in one of the public schools in Manila. Professor Moguel was married for sixty-three years to her husband, Architect Hermenegildo C. Moguel Jr., who died last June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. She has four children. Her eldest son, Michael, has a Ph. D. in Chemistry, her daughter Abigail M. Urrutia is an accountant, her third child Noel is proficient in computers, and her youngest child Ariel works in automotive painting.

### **Academic Background**

Professor Moguel finished her Bachelor of Arts in Education (Magna Cum Laude) at the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines, where she was a four-year scholar. She took her Master of Arts in Home Economics at the San Francisco State University (SFSU). She taught at the Manila Public High Schools for twenty-five years before her family moved to Guam. She was one of the model and demonstration teachers at that time and was immediately hired to teach at Dededo Middle School in 1997.

### **Year of Employment at UOG and Highest Academic Rank**

SEPRS Emerita Moguel started working at the University of Guam in 1982 and retired in 1998 but continued to teach as an adjunct faculty until 2015. Prior to retirement, she was the Resident Instruction Coordinator for her College.

She was the unit chair of the Consumer & Family Sciences for several years and rose to Extension Agent IV (equivalent to Associate Professor). She handled community teaching as well as university teaching.

### **Recruitment**

One of her colleagues and fellow teacher at Dededo Middle School encouraged her to apply. Following an interview, she learned that she was considered a first choice but was not hired immediately until after she was interviewed by the UOG President at that time. She was the first applicant to be interviewed by the President.

Professor Moguel still remembers the university as “much smaller” during the 1980s and 1990s, having fewer faculty, fewer students, and fewer academic offerings.

### **Legacies**

As a unit chair, Professor Milagros Moguel was instrumental in the introduction and approval of a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences with an offering of two tracks: one in Nutrition and the other in Family Resources and Fashion. Among the first degree holders were a product employee of Duty Free, an assistant wedding gowns designer in a fashion shop in San Francisco, and the rest were high school teachers.

As an extension agent conducting workshops and teachings in the community, Moguel touched the lives and influenced numerous people—from teenagers to senior citizens. The subjects that she taught covered interior design, textiles (a science course), sewing, fashion design, quilting, and table etiquette.

### **Special Memories**

Professor Moguel enjoyed her stay at UOG, where she met and learned from other faculty and people from different ethnic groups both on-campus and other places where she went for conferences. She learned to adjust her methods of teaching to meet the needs of students from different ethnic groups.

### **Publications**

When she was still teaching, Moguel had written various articles on clothing which were published in the PDN. Her graduate thesis was published at SFSU entitled, “Evaluation of the Guam Beginning Sewing Workshops”. She did also a presentation of this study in one of the conferences of the National Association of Extension Economists in North Carolina. A speech was made about Guam in the National Conference in Hawaii. She also had a column in the “Manila Manila” magazine where she published articles about home and clothing. She wrote an article about “Business Etiquette” in the Directions magazine of December 2005.

### **Achievements, Accomplishments, Awards**

#### 1. Achievements and Accomplishments:

- Certified Home Economist
- Member: Professional Development Committee, National Association of Extension Home Economist
- President, University of Santo Tomas (UST) Alumni Organization of Guam for several years
- Board Member, UST Alumni Organization of Guam
- Past Secretary, Filipino Community of Guam
- Secretary, Metro Manila Association
- Principal, Eskwelahang Munti ng Guam (Tagalog School under the Filipino Cultural Center)
- Aside from her experience in years of teaching, she also indulges in different forms of art such as metal embossing, wearable art, quilting, applique, and recycled art objects.

#### 2. Awards:

- 2011 – Sampaguita Award for Outstanding Woman in Education, FLAG
- 2010 – Outstanding Alumni Award for Education, USTAOG
- 2004 – Excellence Award for Arts and Culture, FCG
- 2000 – Pamana Ng Pilipino Award from the President of the Philippines

- 1996-97 – Nominated for Excellence in College and University Teaching in the Food and Agriculture Sciences, USA
- 1995 – Distinguished Service Award, National Association of Extension Home Economists
- 1995 – Strengthening Our Capacity to Care Recognition Award, National 4-H Council and ES USDA
- 1994 – Dewitt-Wallace Reader’s Digest Fund Award for Earn While You Learn Program, UOG
- 1993 – Faculty Excellence Award for Community Service, UOG
- Several Legislative Resolutions for various achievements in the fields of teaching and community service
- Certificates of Appreciation from FCG, Guam Diabetis Association, Guam Association of Retired Persons, and St. Dominic Senior Care Facility