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DISSEMINATION OF TUITION-FREE DOCTOR OF MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY PHYSICIANS

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In line with the commitment to support learners and graduates in pursuing higher education and meaningful careers, this Office respectfully informs all School Division Superintendents of a scholarship opportunity for qualified high school alumni.

2. The Security Bank Foundation, Inc., in partnership with St. Luke's Medical Center College of Medicine – William H. Quasha Memorial and St. Luke's Medical Center Foundation, Inc., is offering a **Tuition-Free Doctor of Medicine Scholarship Program for Community Physicians**.

3. This scholarship provides **five (5) years of full support**, and in return the scholars are expected to:
   - Complete the program on time
   - Pass the Physician Licensure Examination
   - Serve in designated primary care clinics in underserved communities for five (5) years

4. During the return service period, scholars will receive competitive salaries and benefits while contributing to strengthening community health systems.

5. For other details of the scholarship program, please refer to the attached letter of Security Bank and St Luke's Medical Center College.

6. **Application deadline** is on May 8, 2026. In this regard, all Schools Division Offices are requested to:

- Disseminate this scholarship opportunity to all secondary schools by:
    a. Posting on school bulletin boards
    b. Sharing on official social media platforms (e.g., Facebook pages)
    c. Circulating within alumni networks

- Encourage school heads and principals to directly inform and endorse qualified alumni who:
    a. Have completed a pre-medicine bachelor's degree
    b. Are interested in pursuing a Doctor of Medicine degree

7. The scholarship brochure may be accessed through the following link: https://bit.ly/SLMCFIMDScholarship

8. For additional information, reference may be made to the article ***Doctors for Every Juan*** at https://bit.ly/DoctorsForEveryJuan

9. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is hereby directed.

CARLITO D. ROCAFORT
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SECURITY BANK FOUNDATION, INC.

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April 6, 2026

DR. CARLITO D. ROCAFORT
Regional Director
Department of Education – Region IV-A

Dear Dr. Rocafort,

Security Bank Foundation, Inc. believes in supporting students' dreams and helping them reach their full potential through education. In line with this mission, we are pleased to share an opportunity for high school alumni across your region who have completed a pre-medicine program and aspire to become community medical doctors.

St. Luke's Medical Center College of Medicine – William H. Quasha Memorial, in partnership with **St. Luke's Medical Center Foundation, Inc.**, is offering a **Tuition-Free Doctor of Medicine Scholarship Program for Community Physicians.**

The scholarship provides five years of full support including tuition, books, living stipend, laptop and internet, rent and utilities, clothing, transportation and allowance for home visits, and licensure exam costs.

In return, scholars commit to graduate on time, pass the Physician Licensure Examination, and serve as *Doctors for Every Juan* in St. Luke's Foundation-developed primary care clinics in underserved areas for five years. During this service period, they will receive competitive salaries and benefits, enabling them to focus on delivering quality health care while strengthening community health systems.

Scholarship applications are due on May 8, 2026.

We respectfully request your support by:

- Issuing a memorandum to all schools in your region to disseminate this scholarship opportunity by posting the program brochure on school bulletin boards, school Facebook pages, and school alumni groups. (Download at: https://bit.ly/SLMCFIMDScholarship)
- Encouraging principals to share directly with alumni who have completed a pre-medicine bachelor's degree and are interested in pursuing a doctor of medicine degree.

For more details, you may also read the Philippine Star article *"Doctors for Every Juan"* (https://bit.ly/DoctorsForEveryJuan).

For inquiries and application submissions, please contact:
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Sincerely,

LOUIE BOY G. DE REAL
Executive Director

St. Luke's Medical Center
Foundation, Inc.

16 March 2026

Dear ,

Warmest greetings from St. Luke's Medical Center Foundation!

Our Foundation, in partnership with the St. Luke's Medical Center College of Medicine – William H. Quasha Memorial (SLMCCM-WHQM), is pioneering a novel Tuition-free Scholarship (TFS) for community physicians. This novel scholarship program addresses one of the most persistent challenges in the Philippine healthcare system: the shortage and inequitable distribution of primary care physicians, particularly in underserved provinces and geographically isolated communities.

Through this initiative, the Foundation aims to expand the pipeline of community-oriented physicians by removing financial barriers and supporting medical school scholars from physician-scarce provinces. The TFS program will provide full financial support throughout their five (5) years of study at the College, enabling deserving students with strong academic potential and commitment to community service to pursue a Doctor of Medicine degree. The scholarship package covers:

- 100% Tuition and School Fees
- Monthly living stipend
- Housing support for rent and utilities
- Clothing allowance
- Laptop and communication support
- Two (2) annual round trip transportation allowances for home visits
- Physician licensure examination review and examination financial support, among others.

In return, scholars shall commit to serve as Doctors for Every Juan (D4Es) for five (5) years in underserved areas in the Philippines. During this service period, they will continue to be supported by the Foundation with competitive salaries and benefits, allowing them to focus on providing quality healthcare to underserved fellow Filipinos while strengthening community health systems.

Through this endeavour, we seek to contribute meaningfully to the national effort to improve equitable access to primary care, strengthen primary care networks, and advance the goals of the country's universal health coverage. **In connection to this, we are asking for your help in referring potential student applicants from**

underserved areas in the Philippines who are studying in your university who would most likely benefit from this Scholarship.

For further information, please refer to the attached Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Scholarship Program.

Thank you very much and we look forward to your support in this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

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Full Scholarship Opportunity: Help Your Alumni Become Community Doctors

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