

21Z01 Welcome Students

Hello my friends. I to welcome you to the PUNLA College Program today. I very excited to see what God will do during this school year.

I want to start by greeting all our returning students. All of us at PUNLA Christian Ministries have been praying for you. I personally have watched how hard you worked last year. Despite all the troubles, COVID lockdowns, internet connection issues, strange new ways of going to class or I should say not going to class for classes. I know it's been hard. But I'm very very proud of each of you for your perseverance. You did your best and by God's grace you made it this far. I'm so proud of you. Welcome back.

And to our new students, welcome to our family. This program is not just about money for your college. We really care about you and your futures. Again, welcome to the PUNLA family.

First order of business, please read the SY2021-22 Requirements submission guidelines. Joy developed this document to help you under what, how and when to submit your requirements and documents to qualify for stipends.

Word of warning. If your requirements are not submitted before the deadlines, then you will not qualify for that portion of your stipend. If you miss a deadline, still submit your requirements before next deadline so we will keep your file active. Failure to submit requirements can result in suspension from our program or loss of one of the monthly stipends.

Now hear this. If you know you will not be able to submit all your requirements by a deadline, you must contact me prior to the deadline to get an extension.

What this means. If you don't get an official extension prior to a deadline, you can lose your stipend for the semester or even lose your slot in the program. There are many students on our waiting list who want your slot. It is up to you to be responsible for deadlines and submissions. If you are having internet problems, contact your Pastor sponsor. They will let us know of your situation.

Letters and typical communications should be via email to admn@punla-cm.org. Please be specific with your subject title for the emails. Generic subject titles or no titles may be filtered out and not seen. Example Subject Title. John White Letter #1 or John White Semester 1 letter #1

If you want to communicate with either Judy or myself via facebook or messenger you can, but these are not official communications. Your letters still must be submitted via the email above.

Remember I'm very proud of each of you. Your stories are very inspiring.

I know you are each going to face challenges this year. I'll be praying for you and there are lots of pastors and friends of PUNLA praying for you.

Philippians 4:6-7 (ICB) *Do not worry about anything. But pray and ask God for everything you need. And when you pray, always give thanks. And God's peace will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. The peace that God gives is so great that we cannot understand it.*

Paul is reminding us God knows what we are going through. Trust Jesus. No matter what you are facing thank God for it and for the outcome you don't know yet. Trust in Jesus and He will give you peace even in the middle of the storms of life.

God loves you. Don't forget that. Nothing will ever take away the love He has for you. You don't have to care what other people say. You only need to satisfy one, your Lord and Savior Jesus.

One final thing. If you are one of our PUNLA College Students, you are required to subscribe to this channel and turn on notifications, so you know when we post new messages. I will be using this to send you messages instead of emails this year, so it is up to you to check for messages. I will post at least one message every month, usually on the last Friday of each month (Houston time) as an update. Also, I will be posting a weekly bible study specifically for you on Wednesday Houston time or Thursday morning in the Philippines. Please watch these, they are specifically for you. For those of you with bad internet, I will post a MP3 and PDF of each message as an alternative. When you get the YOUTUBE notification, then you can access the alternative message formats on our website. www.punla.org under the media ministry tab. Please get familiar with these services. I will not send email reminders only via these messages.

I look forward to getting to know each of you this year.

Let's Pray.

Father God, Thank You for these amazing students. I love them dearly. I'm so proud of them. Thank you for the help you give them to overcome the trials and troubles.

I pray each of them thank You for everything. I pray that they become a pleasing aroma to the world that leads back to You, my God.

I pray that You guide them in the paths You want them to take. I know You have an amazing purpose for each of them. I can't wait to see You work in their lives and through them to reach and teach others about You

I pray this in your name, Jesus Amen

Again, Students I'm excited for this new school year and all the possibilities it brings. No matter what we face this year, I know our God is Bigger and Stronger, so we don't have to fear anything in this world. I Love you all. God's Blessings for you.

Until next time. God bless.