

YOUTH MEETS SENIORS ON HALLOWEEN – An Intergenerational Experience

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Miami-Dade youth were pleasantly surprised when they met with the elders last Saturday, October 28 during NANAY's Halloween Celebration at the Asian Pacific American Community Center.

The youth group led by *Quan Ton* (President of the University of Miami Filipino Student Association), *James Pascual* (Senate member of the University of Miami Student Council) and *Brian Cui* (President of the Asian Student Association) had a great time eating, socializing and dancing with the elders. As an ice-breaker, the youth talked about themselves and their goals, while the elders shared their jokes and their sentiments about NANAY. Elders voted for "the most likeable youth" in the group, while youth voted for the best Halloween costume of the elders.



We really enjoyed their company, and we had fun," said *Quan Ton* about the elders. "We are definitely coming back. NANAY will be joining the Filipino Student Association in another intergenerational event at the Barrio Fiesta, which will be held at the Gusman Center for Performing Arts on January 31, 2001 and will feature folk-dances to be performed by youth and elders.

On the early morning of October 28, NANAY also held a memorial service for one of its elders, *Nancy Davis*, who recently died from a car accident. Nancy, an 89-year old retired teacher, was a frequent visitor at the Asian Pacific American Community Center. Having considered the Center as her "second home", she changed her living will and specifically stated that she wanted her ashes to be given to NANAY in the event of her death, so that she could be buried in sea. Her wishes were finally granted in time for All Souls Day. Her sister, *Hope Upright*, is also presently receiving supportive services from NANAY.