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WSR announces top 4 students

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WILLIAM S. Reyes Elementary School yesterday honored its four top students during a promotional ceremony held at the multi-purpose center.

School principal Lynnette Villagomez said the names of these students were announced they were called on stage.

The school promoted to junior high school 93 sixth graders this school year.

Eleven-year-old Christine Maebelle Roque received the Commissioner's Award — the highest academic honor; Neil Francisco is this year's recipient of the Principal's Award; Anthony C. Dela Cruz got the Peace Builders Award; and Suzanne Jetnil was named this year's Kingfisher awardee.

The rest of the top 10 students are Jane Nicole Cotin, Yeu Jin Kim, Chelsea Marie Bartolo, Ignesia Dela Cruz, Cassandra Camacho and Kenneth V. Domingo, Michael Yap and Dermang Ngiralmuut.

Roque, the recipients of 11 other special awards, is the eldest daughter of Maribel and Ronald Roque.

"I was so surprised! But I am happy and excited," Maebelle Roque said, adding that she's now looking forward to more challenging and fruitful days in junior high.

She plans to enroll at Hopwood Junior High and focus on her educational goals.

Yesterday, she dedicated her achievements to her family for their unconditional love and support.

"I will never be here and be this proud without them on my side — these awards are for them," she said.

The son of Elenita and Wilfredo Francisco, Neil Francisco also received other special awards during yesterday's ceremony.

"It's a good feeling," he told Variety. Like the other graduates, he is also enrolling at Hopwood Junior High.

WSR's athletes of the year are Ray Tenorio, Anna Marie P. Canico, and Jacklynn SN Saralu.

School principal Lynne Villagomez said it is her hope that the promoted students will continue to strive for the best.

"I would like congratulate them for the hard work and dedication in making sure that they achieve their goals," she said. "I just want them to remember that each one of them has their own individual strengths and some weaknesses...but they must not to dwell on these weaknesses – they should further develop their strengths so that they can achieve their goals."

Villagomez bestowed the Distinguished Service Award to the school's Parents-Teachers Association for its consistent support for the students.