

## 7 more scholars for Night High School

We would like to extend our gratitude to a new sponsor for donating the budget for the entire five years of the Night High School program of 7 Scholars at Siena College, San Jose del Monte, under A Better Chance Foundation.

The Night High School Scholarship Program at Siena College is designed to provide quality education to students from low-income families. Student applying for the Night High School Scholarship Program undergo a rigorous selection process, including passing the standard high school entrance examination at Siena College, 2 sets of interviews and home visits. Applicants who pass all the requirements become Night High Scholars at Siena College and are taught the same lessons, by the same teachers as the regular, paying students.

The 7 scholars all reside in communities adjacent to Siena College, and graduated Grade 6 from public elementary schools in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan.

The 7 Night High Scholars come from low-income families where fathers are usually jeepney or tricycle drivers; vendors or carpenters and mothers are usually unemployed. Mothers who contribute to the family income do so by taking on laundry, ironing, or running small variety stores in their homes.

Night High School is a 5-year program with classes that start at 1:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm. Because of the extra year in high school, scholars who graduate from the Night High School Program are more mature and better prepared for entering college.

This generous donation will go a very long way giving these scholars the education they deserve and assuring good future income which will make sure that they can provide well for their children.



*In the photo are Sr. Rose Busilac, O.P. (far left) - Siena, San Jose High School Principal, Mr. Chae Kim (friend of ABC Foundation), Lewie Santos (right side, wearing black), Paolo Santos (both Mr. Edwards' grandsons) and Mr. Lew Edwards of ABC Foundation. The scholars are: (from left to right): Juno Morona, Neil Mallari, Jovelito Nool, Cassandra Calisang, Grace Zelyn Tia, Mary Rose de Guzman and Ailyn Centeno (right).*