

GOKONGWEI BROTHERS FOUNDATION

The Gokongwei Brothers Foundation (GBF) was established in 1992 by brothers John, Johnson, Henry, and James, with the goal of having a lasting impact on education in the Philippines.

The family Foundation works toward the advancement of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education, believing that this is the driving force for sustainable national development. By equipping learners with quality STEM education, GBF helps in enabling them to be digitally-adept workers, critical thinkers, and innovative problem-solvers who can contribute to the growth of their communities.

With its purpose to build the future through education, GBF endeavors to continuously reach underserved sectors. By working with centers of excellence and partner communities, the Foundation elevates the professional development of STEM educators, provides quality content for teachers and learners, supports the growth of STEM learners and professionals, and ensures that the underprivileged have better access to quality education.

Key Programs of GBF: SCHOLARSHIPS

With its long-standing commitment to increase access to quality education and support the growth of STEM learners and educators, GBF has grown to become one of the top scholarship-giving organizations and the biggest private sector provider of STEM-related scholarships in the country.

In 2021, GBF onboarded 633 scholars reaching a total of 1,780 or a 137% increase since 2016. Of these, 990 have already graduated. 82% of STEM-Scholarship for Excellence graduates have been employed by Gokongwei Group Companies while 88% of Iskolar ni Juan lifetime graduates also employed by Universal Robina Corporation.

Educators Scholarships

1. TeachSTEM College Scholarship

Supports bachelor's education of aspiring STEM teachers, who will later serve in public schools.

2. TeachSTEM Masters Scholarship

Develops public school and tertiary educators to become proficient educational leaders to strengthen STEM

Learners Scholarships

1. STEM Scholarship for Excellence

Given to underprivileged and deserving STEM college students from centers of excellence, in partnership with the Gokongwei Group business units

2. STEM Agri (SHS and College)

Scholarship to children of sugar cane planter farmers who are partners of URC-SURE in Negros.

3. Young Scientist Award Scholarship

Full STEM college scholarship granted to the top winners of Philippine-based STEM competitions

4. NextGen Scholarship for Excellence

College scholarship extended to children or siblings of Gokongwei Group employees.

5. DLSU Gokongwei College of Engineering Grant

For outstanding students taking any undergraduate degree program at DLSU Gokongwei College of Engineering.

6. Ateneo John L. Gokongwei Scholarship

A merit and need-based grant for students of the Ateneo John Gokongwei School of Management.

7. Go Family Association College Scholarship

A merit and need-based grant for members of the Go family

8. St. Stephen High School Scholarship

A merit and need-based grant for students enrolled in the Chinese high school.

9. Xavier-Zuloaga Scholarship Fund

A merit and need-based grant for students of Xavier High School

Technical-Vocational Scholarship

Iskolar ni Juan Tech-Voc

One-year tech-voc training and Universal Robina Corporation employment for underprivileged SHS graduates

TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER

GBF envisioned a continuing school where young engineers and technical professionals could train to help build an industrially strong Philippines. In 1999, the GBF Technical Training Center (TTC) was constructed in Rosario, Pasig. In 2019, TTC moved to a new location in Calamba, Laguna. The center houses the Iskolar ni Juan Tech-Voc Program, which provides a scholarship for underprivileged but talented youth. Upon graduation, scholars are offered jobs in various Universal Robina Corporation-Branded Consumer Foods Group plants.

JUAN COMMUNITIES

By developing strong and sustainable STEM communities in areas where business units serve, GBF contributes to building the nation, one community at a time. Through Juan Brigada Eskwela and Juan Kapatid Tutorial Programs, GBF responds to the learning needs of students. Equally important to GBF's mission is to respond to the needs of local communities to help them bounce back from crisis. Through Juan Community for Resilience, GBF provided support throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and conducted relief operations immediately after Typhoon Odette's devastation.

EDUCATORS COMMUNITIES

Believing in the power of communities to grow and build STEM champions amongst educators, GBF continues to strengthen its efforts on community building by providing social learning, capacity building and networking activities. GBF's partnership with the University of the Philippines National Institute for Science and Mathematics Development (UP NISMED) for its KaSaMa (Ka-Science at Ka-Math) Teachers Community in 2021 responded to the growing demand for quality content and training amongst K-12 teachers.

ENDOWMENTS

GBF forges partnerships with centers of excellence and reputable institutions to help elevate the quality of STEM education. These endowments consist of significant allocations for student scholarships, research and faculty development.

In July 2022, **GBF will celebrate its 30th year** in the quest to build a future through STEM education. With renewed commitment, GBF will continue to equip the STEM workforce with quality education so they can become digitally-adept workers, critical thinkers, and innovative problem-solvers who can contribute to the growth of our country. Through its programs, GBF's goal is to take part in the learning journey of 10,000 educators and 1,000,000 learners by 2025.

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