

## Tribute to Hecky

*William Longacre, University of Arizona*

Hecky was such an inspiration to all who knew him. He was so interested in helping people, especially his countrymen who were less fortunate than he was. He devoted himself to their assistance through an NGO called Gawad Kalinga. Their mission was similar to Habitat for Humanity and was the focus of his dissertation. He also was on an ecological mission and was promoting the bamboo bike! After receiving his PhD last May, he was so excited to begin his career back home in the Philippines. We have lost a budding leader in our field, a great friend to all, and a person who unselfishly gave of himself. We will all miss his incredible smile and his wonderful humor. I am personally so sad as he was poised to make a real difference to the people in his country, my second home.

~ Dr. Bill Longacre, friend and mentor to Hecky.