CELEBRATING WORLD TEACHERS' DAY AT FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY

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TEACHES AT: Wells International School-On Nut, Bangkok, Thailand

Wells International School-On Nut is a coeducational institution with a population of over 600 students. The school offers classes from G1 up to Senior High School. Students at Wells International School come from approximately 28 nationalities including Thai, Chinese, Taiwanese, Korean, Indian, Japanese, Burmese, Portuguese, Filipino, American, Canadian, Spanish, and Russian. The students speak a variety of languages including Thai, Mandarin, Korean, Nihonggo, Filipino, English, Spanish and other. Moscoso believes that "our school has a strong sense of community and a warmth that's indicative of a safe learning environment. What is unique is we advocate learning and 'changing the world, one student at a time."

SUBJECT AREAS TAUGHT: Grade 6 for Middle School Math and Grades 7, 8 and 9 for Algebra 1

HOW DID YOU DECIDE TO ENTER INTO TEACHING?

"I spent a good year in CPA practice in the Philippines before I decided to reexamine my career choice. One of my favorite university professors suggested trying out education and I did! That was one of the best decisions of my life. I went back to university to take units in education, took the teacher's licensure exam and started a masters in special education before I joined a progressive school."

MEMORABLE TEACHING MOMENT:

[During] my first year teaching at a progressive school...I taught a multi-age classroom...[of] 8 boys from 1st to 6th grade. I returned to school after a day of being sick to happy faces of my students, my principal and parents and excited stories of how well my students spent the day of learning without me. I wasn't sure it was a good thing at that time to be so dispensable since my students obviously can learn on their own. My principal said my class worked like a well-oiled machine with set routines and well-behaved students.I could not have been so proud of my boys! And they're all so grown-up now.

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World Teachers' Day is an event promoted by UNESCO and partners throughout the world. It represents a significant effort to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation for the vital contribution that teachers make to education and development across the globe.

