Angeles, Pauline Therese

Looks can be deceiving. This is certainly the case with Pau. At first glance, deception begins with her age. Pau looks closer to 12 than she does 20. She takes things easily but still makes sure that everything will turn out right. Size doesn’t matter for Pau. She might be small but she has a stomach big enough for 2 double cheeseburgers meals and 4 bowls of Mongolian. The senior of the whole team and the ultimate transformer, Pau texts day in and day out and still has the energy to run fast and kick hard. She can be as crazy as you can get which makes training fun and something to look forward to every morning. Stranger turned buddy. Teammate turned coach. She might not grow in terms of height, but she’ll definitely grow in spirit as she touches everyone’s hearts and lives. Soar high Pau! Dream big!

Aquino, Thomas Philip

Those are from the friends who helped fill this write-up.

The best gifts may come in small packages. He never fails to put a smile on your face with his one-liner greetings. He is someone who, better than any of us, understands what it means to be brave. Even just the slightest change in your facial expression will have him put his hand on your shoulder and ask whether you’re ok. There are three types of people in the world: those who watch, allow, and those who make things happen. He has succeeded in creating a fourth type; the kind who still has the graces to laugh at himself.

If there is anything I have gained in college, it is the friends that, despite the hardships, made everything worthwhile.

Encarnacion, Paolo Luis

Paolo likes to make the world think that he doesn’t care about anything. He purposely gets himself into some sort of mischief to make people believe that he is a rebel. It is unsurprising then that he fools no one but himself because even a stranger could see that his days are shaped so much by the people he cares for. Some days he cares for his sport and so would passionately spend his mornings rowing along Pasig River; other days he cares for his literature and would engage in extended conversations about Hemingway or Frye. But though he may not admit it, all he really cares for are relationships. He shows how much he cares for people in a variety of unorthodox ways from teasing his baby sister to pulling pranks on his friends. So pretend that you are fooled by his silence and intensity; nothing would please him more.

Francisco, Isobel Angeli

Iso is something of a contradiction. Her eyeliner, chains and boots often give people the impression that she is confident and rebellious when she actually is very dense (it took her three years to figure out where Cubao was and even longer to learn that diarrhea was not a good thing) and as socially awkward as the rest of us. (The high-heeled boots, on the other hand, are to compensate for her height issues.) She believes she does not have a creative bone in her body yet she strives to draw worlds of her own. She is very feminine even when people mistake her for a boy. She laughs carelessly like a child yet stares at the world with the earnest of a scholar. She is curious—oftentimes still innocent—but in turn offers meaningful advice. She shows people that the first look should never be the last.

Laguesma, Anna Belinda

Bel is certainly one of those you will not find elsewhere. She is one of the truest friends one can ever have. She makes sure that she is always there for her friends even if it means inconvenience on her part. She embodies the saying, ‘What doesn’t kill you only makes you stronger.’ She has been through a lot in her life and yet, she still stands strong. She smiles even in her hardest days, simply showing that nothing is too difficult or too painful for her. Hope is something she firmly believes in. She doesn’t give up easily even when there is almost nothing left to hold on to. She is a fighter and most certainly not a quitter. She is a source of strength for others yet she also finds strength in the people she loves. Bel is a woman with a big heart, one she’s willing to give just to see you smile.
Lewis, Abigail Loren
Abby is amiable, down-to-earth and at the same time high in the clouds. She’s warmth, kindness, compassion and generosity personified. It’s not just pheromones that endeared her to her family, friends, and fluffy four-legged creatures; she has an aura of affability and goodness that evokes a deep sense of loyalty and friendship. She always greets you with a warm, infectious smile. She has the innocence of an open heart that complements her depth and sparkling wit. Wisdom beyond her years and an unwavering sense of justice have given her a deep understanding of what it means to be human. Random madness is the norm in Abby’s world, and philosophy is her motherland. A lover of knowledge, a keeper of funny yet inspirational quotes, and Nietzsche’s Destiny, Abby lives in a realm of art, colour and thought—a perfect place for a gentle soul.

Liwaq, Manuel

Ortega, Michaella Angeli
It is not everyday one meets somebody like Mika. A rarity in her own right, for not everybody has that enviable combination of gifts she is blessed with. Not everybody has such a big heart that voluntarily breaks itself to make room for all the people she meets. Not everybody has that wise mind that humbly knows its limitations yet never allows them to stop her in her quest for what’s true and right. Definitely not everybody is gifted with a deep sense of humility. Mika is not afraid of showing her true self, weaknesses and vulnerabilities included, even to people she just met. But more than these gifts she is blessed with, what makes Mika truly exceptional is her profound commitment to serve her God by serving God’s people. When all’s been said and done, her pure and sincere love for her God is what makes Mika truly admirable and uniquely, Mika.

Paras, Anna Fatima

Tiu, Dianne Katrine
Dianne was born with a name implying and granting the privilege of a multitude of things most people only dream of. Always the easy favorite and the pretty face that stands out in a crowd, even how she looks is a product of her genes. Beyond the name, Dianne is someone gifted with a critical mind and an outspoken heart, burdened with the passion to care, bother and question what most just accept to be. With an easy smile and shallow tears, her depth as a person is revealed only to a few. To those few who see beyond, Dianne gladly reveals herself a normal person—like all of us—nameless. To Dianne, those few who see beyond show in turn, that even nameless, she is Dianne, their friend.

Villanueva, Carissa Dawn
Issa has grown from a not-ugly duckling into a beautiful swan—a certainly unforgettable with her strong but cheerful personality. She has achieved so much due to her unbelievable ability to manage time well. She is one of the most indispensable Managers of AMA; an active Executive in the Sanggunian; a fashion model in between. Her effort is a glimpse of perfection for she always gives 110 per cent. Thoughtful friend. Intellectual. Loving daughter. Wide reader. Fantastic baker. Art lover. Handy cheerleader. Artist. Someone you can truly rely on. With Issa, there’s a rainbow after the storm.
Villareal, Justine Marie

Busy as a bee, yet a rosebud among thorns, Jun has always been someone who readily stands out; not only because of her beautiful features, but the beauty within her that simply emanates in everything she does for herself and for the people she loves. Passion – a word that epitomizes who she is, as she puts her whole heart into the things she does. She’ll single-handedly go the extra mile to be the shoulder to cry on, and the contagious laughter that makes you want to go on saying silly things, just to crack a smile on her face. She always sees the best side of people and although it may take her a while to process certain things, she’ll run extra fast to be by your side in time of need. She’s an angel in every sense of the word, that she silently and subtly makes you happy and watches over you. A loved person, who never fails to make others feel just as loved.

Virata, Daniella

“There are moments in our lives when we find ourselves at a crossroads. Afraid. Confused. Without a roadmap. The choices we make in those moments can define the rest of our days. Of course, when faced with the unknown, most of us would rather turn around and go back. But once in awhile people push on to something bigger – something found just beyond the pain of going alone and just beyond the bravery and courage it takes to let someone in. Something beyond the quiet persistence of a dream. Because it’s only when you’re tested that you discover who you truly are. And it’s only when you’re tested that you discover who you can be. The person you want to be does exist, somewhere on the other side of hard work, faith and belief, and beyond heartache and fear of what lies ahead.”

- Lucas Scott, One Tree Hill