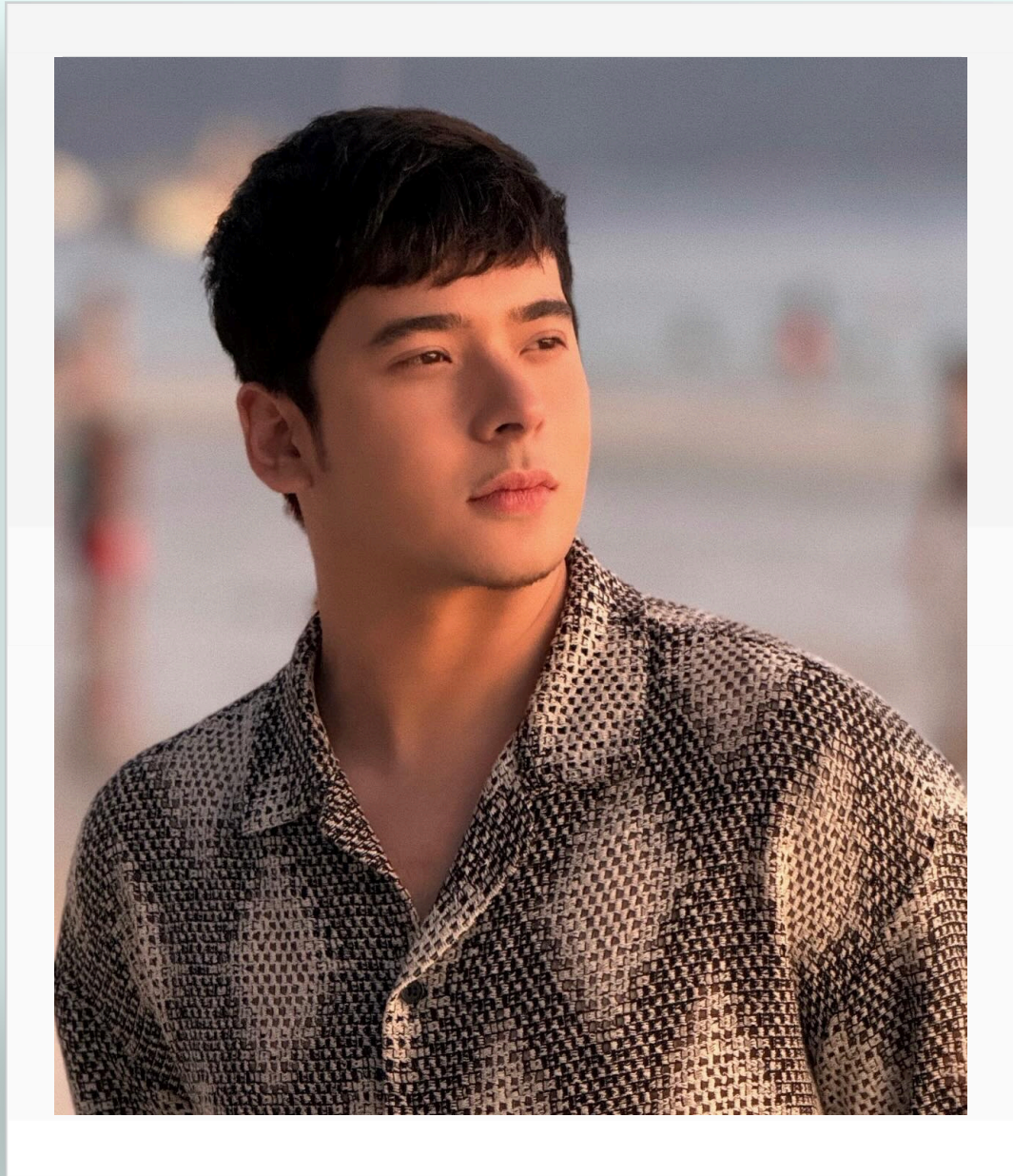




DLSU-D iCON

Inspiring Conversation with Alumni



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FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO CINEMATIC BRILLIANCE

Christian Mercurio Bables' journey in the entertainment industry is one of resilience, self-belief, and defying the odds. Despite facing numerous rejections and doubts, he held onto one powerful truth: believing in yourself is key.

In his first acting stint as an extra with no lines, he took every opportunity to shine, driven by a desire to be noticed. He endured a grueling 27-hour shoot, earning a modest Php 2,500. Despite the long hours and challenges, his determination never wavered. His goal was clear, “kailangang mapansin ako ni Ma’am Charo Santos - Concio,” (to catch the attention of Ma’am Charo Santos-Concio), a key figure in Philippine entertainment.

And as they say, the rest is history.

Pain as Fuel

A key to his success is his ability to use pain as fuel. For Christian, pain is not something to avoid but rather something to channel into every scene he portrays. “Walang sinuman na katulad ng puso ko,” he says, as he recalls how he focused on his goal, turning the challenges and heartaches into strength and motivation. In doing so, he carved out a space for himself in the industry—one built on passion, persistence, and the courage to keep going.

He recalls a time when he could have listened to those who told him he wouldn't make it. Instead, he chose to trust his capabilities and pursue his passion relentlessly. For him, no one can dictate someone else's limits. "Walang pwedeng magsabi na hanggang dito ka lang," he emphasizes, reflecting on how belief in his potential carried him through challenging times. Despite facing numerous rejections and doubts, he held onto one powerful truth: believing in yourself is key. He recalls a time when he could have listened to those who told him he wouldn't make it. Instead, he chose to trust his capabilities and pursue his passion relentlessly. He recalls how he focused on his goal, turning the challenges and heartaches into strength and motivation.

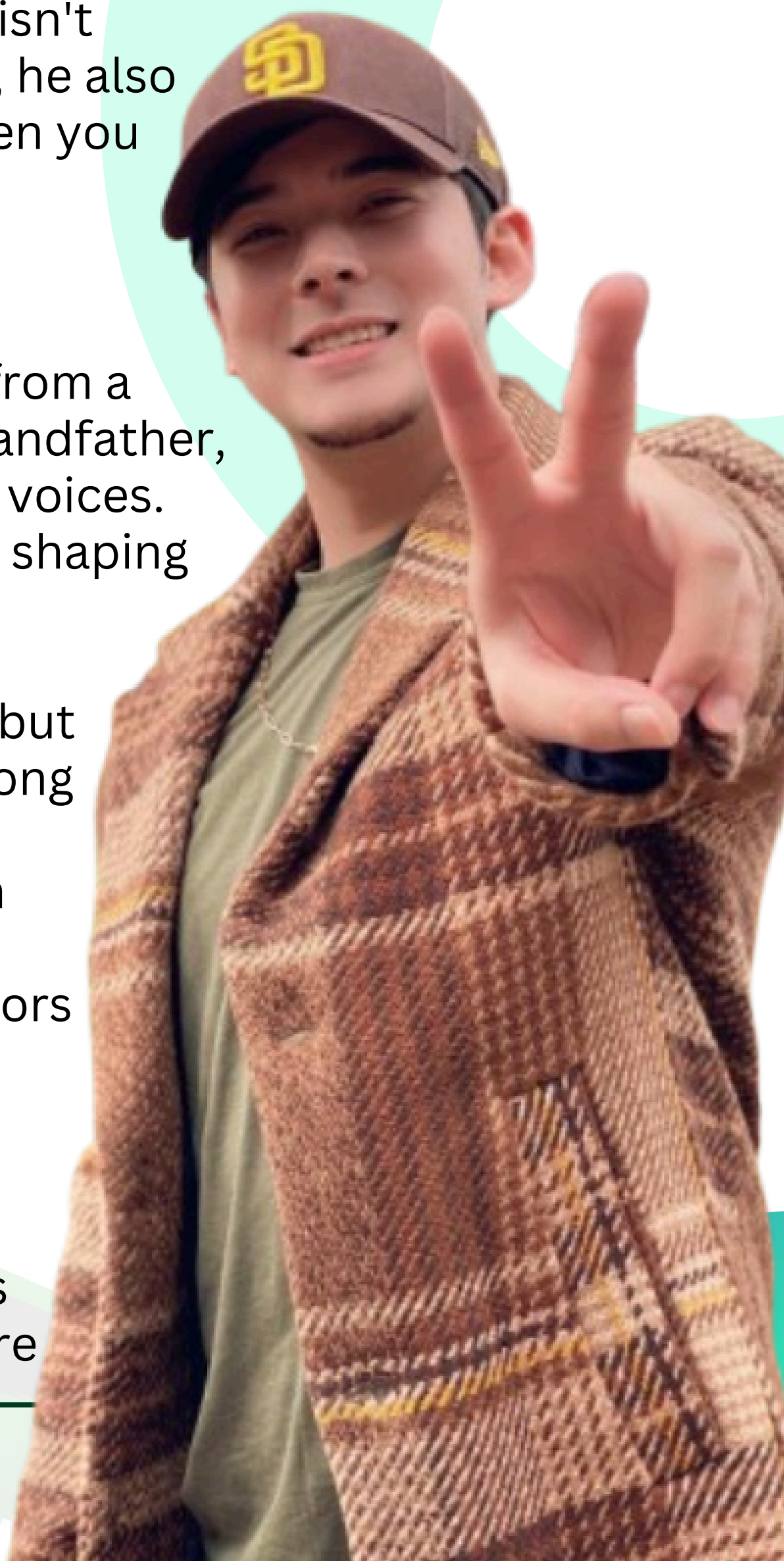
His message is simple yet profound: Believe in yourself, and eventually, someone will say yes to your dreams. But this belief isn't just about lofty ideals—it's about facing reality head-on. Christian describes a conscious awareness of knowing when something isn't right or when you're not in the right place. However, he also emphasizes the importance of being open, even when you feel shattered: "Maging basag, pero maging bukas."

Doing everything with heart

Born and raised in Bacoar, Cavite, Christian comes from a family where artistic talent is deeply rooted—his grandfather, uncles, and aunts all possessing exceptional singing voices. This artistic environment played a significant role in shaping his passion for the performing arts.

Christian considered himself as an average student but admits that he was obedient respectful, and has strong interpersonal skills. He diligently complied with his academic requirements and was actively engaged in student life. He always made an effort to build good relationships with those around him, one of the factors to succeed, according to him.

Christian also credits much of his personal and professional growth to the values instilled in him during his time at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D). His passion for acting grew stronger, where





MAJOR AWARDS RECEIVED

***Big Night!* Best Actor**

5th Entertainment Editor's Choice (2022)
19th Asian Film Festival (2022)
47th Metro Manila Film Festival (2021)

***Signal Rock* Best Actor**

Bright Star Award

6th Urduja Heritage Film (2020)
Asian Pop-Up Cinema (2020)

BEST LEADING ACTOR

5th Hanoi International Film Festival (2018)

Special Jury Award, Pista ng Pelikulang Pilipino (2018)

BEST FILM DEBUT PERFORMER

11th Gawad Genio (2017)

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

35th FAP Luna Awards (2017)
40th Gawad Urian (2016)
42nd Metro Manila Film Festival (2016)

*photos grabbed from Christian Bables' Facebook Account

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he initially planned to take up Hotel and Restaurant Management (HRM). However, when he couldn't secure a slot, he enrolled to AB Communication, a choice that ultimately proved to be life-changing. His coursework and extracurricular activities, particularly his membership in Lasallian Pointes 'N Flexes, allowed him to hone his skills and nurtured his artistic expression.

During his second year of college, Christian's journey took a pivotal turn when he joined the Star Magic acting workshop. Determined to pay for the workshop fees, he sold slimming medicines online, demonstrating his resourcefulness and resolve. His time at DLSU-D shaped his values of excellence and compassion, lessons he carries with him to this day. "I do everything with heart," Christian shares, "To be excellent, you need to start right." This is a principle deeply ingrained in him by the university. Christian emphasizes the importance of doing everything with heart and starting it right, as these are the foundations of achieving excellence.

He emphasizes the importance of staying grounded in one's values, a lesson he learned during his time at DLSU-D. While his career continues to soar, Christian fondly looks back on his college years, especially missing the professors who helped shape him and the delicious "stromboli" bread from the university food square that became a personal favorite. Through all the ups and downs, Christian's journey serves as a reminder that with hard work, perseverance, and a belief in oneself, dreams are always within reach.