## **BACKGROUND**

#### THE SPACE AGE

The very first Philippine-made microsatellite, Diwata-1, was launched into space last March 2016. This is a tremendous feat that brings us one step closer to the stars, yet there is still so much to discover.

It is unfortunate that the Philippine education system often fails to focus on outer space and space exploration. Students are often taught rather basic facts; unable to go in-depth into the intriguing mysteries space has to offer.

It is our goal to share and educate others, especially the youth, regarding outer space, as well as provide updates about ongoing projects related to the Philippine space program. We want to be able to show everyone the wonders of space exploration, and its many contributions to society and its development. Understanding the universe may seem daunting, but it is full of interesting, impactful things that can help us better understand ourselves and the world we live in.

We hope to offer special, in-depth information from scientists, engineers, and all those involved in the space exploration industry. We hope that, through our posts, you will be inspired to reach for the stars. We hope that, through education, you may continue to chase the curiosity that lives within you.

### **ABOUT**

When I was younger, I wasn't exposed to many career paths. Most of what I knew was limited to what was taught to me in school, and from my family, which wasn't much. The things I learned in school were not very in-depth, as we simply grazed over certain topics that seemed interesting. It was only when I went abroad on a special trip when I learned more about space exploration, and I found myself drawn to it. Now, I realize that not many people would have the same opportunities as I did.

I was often told that becoming a space scientist, an astronaut, and the like were unreachable dreams. They were "too big" of a dream. However, I do believe that everyone has the right to reach for those dreams, no matter how big and far they may be.

# **FACEBOOK BIO**

Kallisto hopes to educate the youth regarding astronomy, space exploration, and our country's very own space program, with hopes to empower and inspire them to reach for the stars.

## **INSTAGRAM BIO**

A youth-led initiative that hopes to inspire the youth to reach for the stars, as well as learn more about the Philippine Space Program!

## **VISION AND MISSION**

Kallisto aims to educate the youth about the endless possibilities posed by space exploration, with hopes of inspiring them to reach for the stars. We hope that, through education, they may continue to chase the curiosity that lives within them.