



CSU SENDS OFF 7,959 GRADUATES DURING ITS 41ST ACADEMIC CONVOCATIONS

With the theme: “Moving Resolutely Forward”, Cagayan State University held its series of 41st Academic Convocations, as it proudly sent off the 2019 graduates from its eight satellite campuses.

The ceremonies that were conducted during the first two weeks of June 2019 marked the end of the academic journey for a total of 7,959 graduates.


Andrews Campus had the most number of graduates with 2,165, followed by Carig Campus with 2,125 and Aparri with 1,142. Moreover, 410 came from Gonzaga Campus, 420 from Lal-lo Campus, 206 from Lasam Campus, 595 from Piat Campus, and 896 from Sanchez Mira Campus.

Stellar students were also given recognition for their academic excellence. Among the graduates, 440 were honor

students. The list includes 10 graduates holding a Magna Cum Laude title, 90 graduates with a Cum Laude title, 80 graduates with Academic Distinction, and 260 graduates with Merit.

All of the graduates took their pledge of loyalty and were inducted and welcomed into CSU's Alumni Association.

In her charge to the graduates, University President Urdujah A. Tejada prompted the

new set of young professionals to move forward boldly, steadily, and purposively as they strive to become their best versions of excellence. She also encouraged them to live a life with a purpose by sharing in the principal vision of the University which is to “transform the lives of people and communities” through the future opportunities that they shall take outside the University.  -UIO



Andrews Campus



Aparri Campus



Carig Campus



Gonzaga Campus



Lal-lo Campus



Lasam Campus



Piat Campus




Sanchez Mira Campus

CSU OFFICIALS CONDUCT ACADEMIC INTERNATIONALIZATION AND STUDY MISSION VISIT IN CANADA

In the efforts to establish and strengthen the global relations of the University, Vice President for Partnership and Resource Mobilization Lina M. Garan, Vice President for Academic Affairs Mariden V. Cauilan and CSU Lal-lo Campus Executive Officer Ricardo B. Casauay visited Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Canada last May 16-23, 2019 to conduct an Academic Internationalization and Study Mission Visit.

The trip was facilitated by the Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO) through Mr. Kevin Quinlan, CSU's CESO Advisor. The different academic institutions that were visited included Nova Scotia Community

College-Truro Campus, Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture, Holland College, Atlantic Veterinary College, and St. Mary's University which brought into light different opportunities for partnership in the form of capacity building, faculty and student exchanges, curriculum development and enhancement, e-learning, and collaborative research in the future.

The observed best-case practices of the different institutions that were visited during the trip will be considered for implementation and letters of intent for future institutional partnerships were also sent out to solidify the collaboration.  -UIO



CTED-ANDREWS BREEDS FIVE REGIONAL TOPNOTCHERS

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The College of Teacher Education of Cagayan State University, Andrews Campus produced five regional topnotchers, aside from its commendable overall rating in the recently concluded March 2019 Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (BLEPT).

For the BSSED program, Janica Ann Onate ranked 7th, Melanie Quilang ranked 8th, and Lhaika Rivera ranked 9th.

Meanwhile, the BEED program produced two topnotchers namely: Rose Mary Quinagoran and Jomely Lamer as 9th placers.

Furthermore, both Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSSED) and Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED)

programs surpassed the national passing rates. Significantly, CTED-Andrews registered an institutional passing rates of 47.06% in BEED and 70.48% in BSSED, surpassing the national passing rates of 27.28% and 25.95%, respectively.

"It is a joy beyond compare to think that in just one year, CTED has achieved a number of historical milestones. Aside from being ISO 9001:2015 certified and AACUP Level 3 accredited, the college continues its relentless bid to improve from its previous best as manifested in commendable and consistent performances in the licensure examination over the years", says Dr. Marie Claudette M. Calanoga, College Dean of CTED Andrews.



Regional Topnotchers for the
March 2019 Board Licensure Examination



CHED R02 RECOGNIZES CSU AS A TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL IN THE REGION

The Commission on Higher Education - Region 02 recognized Cagayan State University as a Top Performing School in Medical Technology, Respiratory Therapy, and Engineering.

This is following the recent 100% passing rate performance of Cagayan State University in the board examinations of the said programs.

The conferment of the recognition was done during CHED's 25th Founding Anniversary Celebration last March 10, 2019, with a theme, "Celebrating 25 Years towards Access, Equity, and Global Excellence in Higher Education".

The plaques of recognition were received by University President Urdujah A. Tejada and is awarded by Regional Director Julieta M. Paras. -UIO

FROM PH BOARD TOPPER TO WORLDWIDE TOPPER

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Former Certified Public Accountant (CPA) board topnotcher is currently a worldwide topnotcher bagging Certified Management Accountant (CMA) gold medal for achieving the highest exam score offered by the Institute of Management Accountant (IMA).

Reynald Tomas, a College of Business, Entrepreneurship, and Accountancy (CBEA) alumnus, took the first phase of the exam last January and the second phase on February this year.

The exam is facilitated by the IMA, a US-based organization of financial professionals with more than 70,000 members globally.

Moreover, the exam is online based and can only be taken in an IMA accredited testing center which is the Prometric Testing Center in Ateneo Graduate School.

He shared that he struggled a lot in managing his multiple workloads while preparing for the exam.

"I actually hoped to pass the exam only since I am also currently taking my master's degree in UP and it's really difficult and taxing to take both simultaneously, plus I am a full time employee in a bank. But I still took the challenge, with the end in mind that I can make it. I had to juggle between work, study for my masters, review of the CMA exam and my personal life for almost 8 months," Tomas said.

He added that discipline, focus, and faith are his weapons to achieve his dream.

"It's just so flattering that I survived those months. I think I just did it because I held onto my dream of adding the CMA suffix in my name, and into holding that dream, I used discipline, focus, and faith as my weapons."

CMA is a professional certification credential in the management accounting and financial management fields. The certification signifies that the person possesses knowledge in the areas of financial planning, analysis, control, decision support, and professional ethics.



CSU APPARRI'S FACULTY MEMBERS EARN Ph.D DEGREES

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The University, which loyally commits to its mission of providing quality education at its best, sent nine faculty members of the Cagayan State University - Aparri Campus to scholarship programs to enhance their professional competencies. Now, the campus prides itself of having boosted its human resources as four of them already completed their degrees in their respective areas of specialization in level II and level III CHED accredited programs.

Dr. Billy Javier and Dr. Estela Dirain, both faculty members of the College of Information and Computing Science (CICS) completed their degree, Doctor in Information Technology at St. Paul University Philippines last June 22, 2019 as grantees of the CHED K to 12 Scholarship for Graduate School

Studies - National Level. It could be noted that this is the second PhD degree of Mr. Javier as he also graduated with the degree in Doctor of Philosophy in Education major in Educational Management.

Meanwhile, Helen Bangi, a faculty of the College of Fisheries and Marine Science who studied at University of the Philippines-Diliman likewise completed the requirement for her degree, Doctor in Marine Science as a scholarship grantee of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)'s Accelerated Science & Technology Human Resources Development Program (ASTHRDP).

Completing the list is Daryl Don Taguba, the returning Dean of the College of Criminal Justice Administration, who graduated last May 25, 2019

at University of Baguio in his degree, Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice Education with specialization in Criminology.

According to Dr. Kathlyn A. Mata, the Campus Training and Scholarship Program coordinator, based on their scholarship timelines, the remaining scholars of CHED will also finish their degrees this 2021-2022.



Dr. Billy Javier



Dr. Daryl Taguba



Dr. Estela Dirain



Dr. Helen Bangi



CSU OFFICIALS RECEIVE 2019 EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARD

University President Urdujah A. Tejada and Dr. Conchita M. Temporal, the University Quality Assurance Officer, were recipients of the 2019 Education Leadership Award. The awards were personally received by Dr. Conchita M. Temporal during the Philippines Education Leadership Awards 2019 Awarding Ceremony last June 7, 2019 at Dusit Thani, Manila.

The Philippines Education Leadership Awards are presented by the Asian Confederation of Businesses with CMO Asia and Stars of the Industry Group. The awards are also endorsed by World Education Congress and World Federation of Academic and Educational Institutions.

Recognizing the importance of Education in shaping the destiny of the world, this award is granted to

individuals who behind their organization were instrumental in “building their institution through Leadership, Innovation, Academic and Industry Interface” as they support the goal of building future leaders.

Awardees of this prestigious award goes through an intense selection process where a research cell shortlists outstanding individuals as nominees. Then, a jury, comprising of senior professionals from across the globe, review their extraordinary work and track the record of their achievements.

The concernment of the award “indicates excellence in application of leadership principles to business situations” that in turn made a positive difference in the lives of others.

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CSU OPENS NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS FOR S.Y. 2019-2020



Cagayan State University, in its mission to “educate for the best”, widens its avenue in catering to the improvement of every Cagayano youth’s skill set as it announces the opening of new specialized curricular offerings for the School Year 2019-2020.

After the meticulous creation of syllabi and the process of getting the approval of the University Academic Council last May 29, 2019 and the Board of Regents last June 28, 2019, CSU proudly offers new seven curricular offerings.

Andrews Campus is now set to offer Bachelor of Culture and Arts Education major in Music. In addition, Carig Campus will also be ready to welcome enrollees for Master in Industrial Technology, Bachelor of Science in Architecture, Bachelor of Science in Information Systems, Bachelor of Science in Information and Learning Resource Management, Bachelor of Science in Social Work, and Certificate in Social Work.

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CSU Celebrates its 41st FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

Cagayan State University celebrated its 41st Founding Anniversary on June 11, 2019 at CSU Carig Campus' Red Eagle Gymnasium as a series of activities took place to commemorate the humble beginnings and the great achievements of the institution.

The event brought together members of its constituting campuses to collectively celebrate the foundation of CSU. The program began with the invocation of the Almighty Father through a Eucharistic Celebration that was presided by Fr. Ranhilio C. Aquino.

With the theme, "Making Dreams Happen", University President Urdujah A. Tejada presented her State of the University Address through an audiovisual presentation that features the accomplishments of CSU in 2018 across its arm in Academic Affairs, Research, Development and Extension, Administration and Finance, and Partnership and Resource

Mobilization.

The celebration also became an avenue to recognize the 42 faculty members and 30 employees whose years of service in CSU is worthy of a loyalty award.

At the same time, distinguished faculty researchers were also recognized for their work. Dr. Lenimfa P. Molina was awarded with the Distinguished Faculty Researcher Award for the Natural Science Category, while Dr. Gilbert C. Mangulod, Jr. received the same award for the Social Science Category.

Campuses who have excelled in the research and extension department were also awarded. CSU-Lasam received the award for the Highest Percentage of Faculty Members with Research Publication in Reputable Journals. On the other hand, CSU-Andrews had the Highest Number of Research Publication in Reputable Journals. For the Extension division, CSU-

Carig carried the Highest External Fund for Research and Extension Programs/Projects while CSU-Aparri bagged the Best Extension Project for their One Barangay, One Livelihood Program (OBOL) Rangtay ti Panagdur-as.

The fun continued as members from the campuses of Carig, Andrews, Gonzaga, Lasam, Lal-lo, and Piat delivered special performances that featured their talents in dancing, singing, and playing instruments during the Solidarity Lunch. This is followed by playing the game of luck, as Bingo Socials had everyone's ears on the numbers being drawn.

As the day grew close to its end, the celebration continued with the conduct of the Alumni Night where everyone invited arrived in their most glamorous evening attire. In recognition of the fact that the graduates of the University are one of its best assets, the elected officers for each of the campuses' alumni associations were presented to the

function and the distinguished alumni of the University were recognized and awarded for their exemplary contribution in their own chosen field.

The following are the awardees for the different categories:

Education and Academe – Dr. Marivic A. Somejo
Arts, Culture and Sports – Hon. Edna A. Urnos
Health and Science – Dr. Harold V. Jamorabon
Law, Politics and Governance – Hon. Morse C. Flores
Fisheries and Agriculture – Dr. Eunice A. Layugan
Engineering, Architecture and Technology – Mr. Michael Angelo P. Burac
Business, Entrepreneurship and Economics – Mr. Roderick C. Abad

The night was also a witness to the different special numbers that were performed by campus officials and staff as they danced the night away. -UIO



REALITY BITES: MEET THE NEW STUDENT REGENT

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While some people perceive student leaders as debilitated, or just to be less theatrical, someone who has been exhausted from doing a bunch of paperwork and preparations for activities, they might whirl into an unexpected odd if they get to meet this student leader.

Abducted with such profound spiels, where she seemingly bites the microphone when talking, people may just project her as an indisputable sharp image and no one would ever think that she's also the kind of person that is gentle and affectionate. But sorry, she can be both.

She's Raedell Atamina Reial Tejada Taguinod, the new Student Regent or

Student Representative to the Board of Regents. Bearing quite a long name, she has just a short mission to fulfill - to make CSU better.

Reial entered CSU with only one goal, to complete a degree - nothing else. She never thought of being in a student government and to extravagantly splurge her time to serve her peers. In fact, in her early years at CSU, she is that very typical student who limits her time to activities that she thinks will provide her benefits and rejects such that will not.

However, it seemed like an epiphany appeared when she came to know the Athena Debate Society (ADS) which has helped her open a discernment in life.

"Gustung-gusto kong makapasok sa Athena Debate Society, kasi nga andami kong hanash, andami kong say. Ang

gusto ko, naririnig yung boses ko,' she said.

She then realized that just like her, students also wanted their voices to be heard and that if they are afraid to address it, they need someone who will do it for them. She thought she could be that someone, and now, she's really the one.

Drifts in her life may be grinding and difficult because amidst her academic commitments, and she, being a solicitous mother already, another duty has been capped again on her towering responsibilities. This reality has bitten her limitlessly. However, beyond all these demanding accountabilities, is her unflappable spirit of courage.

A rigid path is waiting for her. It is not easy but there is only one certainty to feel good about - there can be no real tough problem for a tougher Reial. 🍀



PIAT'S MAYOR BLACK IS THE NEWLY ELECTED ALUMNI REGENT

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A lawyer, a politician, an agriculturist and now, the newest member of the Cagayan State University's Board of Regents. He is respected, praised, and loved. But when asked as to how he would describe himself in three words, this was his response: "A simple man". Mayor Carmelo "Black" Villacete proves that a great man does not think great of himself; he simply does great things.

Prior to even entering into the spotlight of public service, the Honorable Carmelo O. Villacete was a man who was gradually shaped by time and experience. Black, as how he is more popularly known, was raised in a clan of public servants. However, never did he thought of becoming one. When he was young, he wanted to become an agricultural engineer. At such a young age, he already manifested an endearing passion towards the pursuit of knowledge, as he was conferred as Valedictorian in his class (1974) in Maguiling Elementary School. He then went to the Northern Luzon State College of Agriculture (NORLUSCA), now known at present as the Cagayan State University-Piat Campus, for his secondary studies. It is in this school, he declares, that his interest for agriculture was imprinted. Such influence was very extensive that he actually considers himself "a farmer by heart."

In his quest to broaden his knowledge, he took a course in Liberal Arts at the University of Manila. He further took up Bachelor of Laws in San Beda College and in the following year, he successfully passed the Bar Examination. Apart from having worked in distinguished private institutions, it is worth mentioning that he was a Legal Officer and an agent of the National Bureau of Investigation. But because of his desire to uplift the lives of the people of Piat, he went home and ran for political office. He felt the need to realize Piat's need of having a strong leader - someone who is determined and principled.

During his stint as Vice Mayor of Piat, Black was recognized as one of the Outstanding Vice Mayor in the Philippines. He also served as the president of the Vice Mayors' League of the Philippines, both in the Cagayan and Region II Chapters, and many others.

Given such track record, Black knew he is ready to lead the municipality. Truly, the Mayor's professional stint had been a significant asset in efficiently governing the municipality.

"The nation should be led by professionals, not by politicians", the Mayor would often say in his speech. By being professional, one becomes result and goal-oriented whereas acting as mere politician, one

sometimes acts only on the basis of pleasing the masses." By virtue of his professional and legal expertise, he was imbued with the wisdom and leadership into leading the municipality to its crowning glory and as he is set to be awarded as an outstanding mayor in the Philippines for 2019.

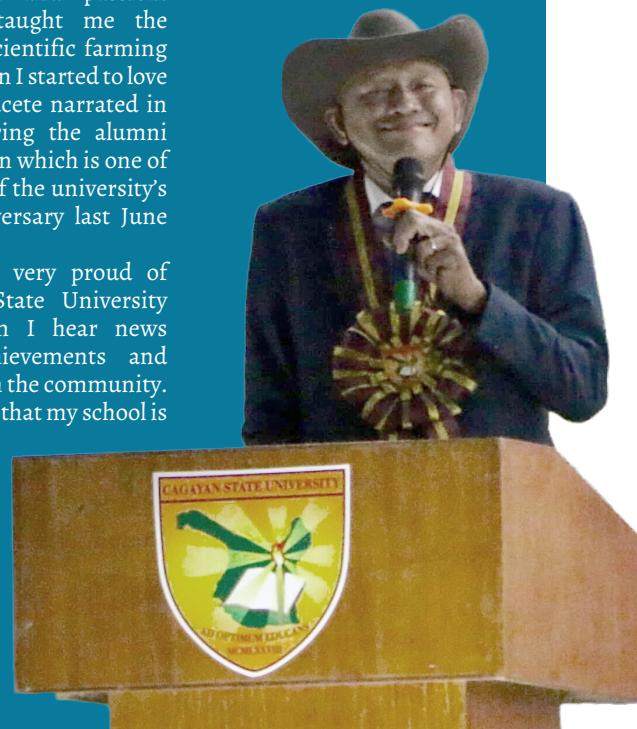
Given all these accomplishments, it is right to say that Cagayan State University is lucky to have him as a regent.

"It is in this humble school that I learned the virtues of hard work and passion. My teachers taught me the rudiments of scientific farming and from then on I started to love it," Regent Villacete narrated in his speech during the alumni night celebration which is one of the highlights of the university's founding anniversary last June 11, 2019.

"I am very proud of the Cagayan State University especially when I hear news about its achievements and contributions in the community. I am very happy that my school is making a name not only in the region but also in the whole Philippines especially in terms of board examination performance," he added.

"I enjoy serving my people. And now that I am given the chance to serve my alma Mater and my fellow CSUans, I promise to support the programs of the university," assured Black. "There is no greater feeling than serving my fellow CSUans," he said

Closing his speech was his pledge to become an instrument in intensifying partnership between the alumni office and the administration in achieving the Vision and Mission of the university. 🍀



“Rising from humble beginnings and serving our very own Alma Mater, the Cagayan State University, is such an honor” begins Dr. Urdujah Alvarado-Tejada, the University President and an alumna of CSU-Sanchez Mira herself, as she inspired the Alumni Fiesta 2019 which was held last June 22, 2019 at CSU Sanchez Mira’s mini-gymnasium and Mini Forest Park.

The alumni festivity was attended by the past graduates of the then, Sanchez Mira (ARRANZ) High School and the Sanchez Mira Rural and Vocational School, the previous names of CSU-Sanchez Mira. The event was spearheaded by CSU-Sanchez Mira’s Alumni Association in cooperation with the campus administration and the CSU Federation of Alumni Associations.

Dr. Narcitas Biado-Ouano, CSU Sanchez Mira Campus Executive Officer highlighted in her welcome remarks the very strong partnership and support of the Alumni Association as one of the pillars of the development of the campus in particular and the

university in general. She enjoined the alumni to make the most of their short visit to their alma mater and to not forget what they can do for the campus.

Corollary to the opening discourse of CEO Ouano, was the talk shared by the President of the CSU Federation of Alumni Associations, Hon. Carmelo O. Villacete who challenged every alumnus to always look back and acknowledge the need to reconnect with their alma mater.

The fanfare became an avenue for worthwhile reminiscing as the alumni body shared the spirit of pride and joy on the successes that they achieved and rekindled their loyalty to the University.

The CSU-SM Alumni Association officials, in the leadership of President Von Ryan A. Que, were also presented during the gathering. The new set of officers’ three-year term will start from 2019 and end on 2021. President Que reassured that this is only the beginning of a more meaningful, fun-filled, and purposeful annual gathering to renew the

CSU-SM CONDUCTS ALUMNI FIESTA 2019

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commitment and support for their Alma Mater. He also expressed his wishes to gather more alumni and look for an even closer, stronger, and deeper partnerships with the University and Campus Administration.

The winners of the

Bingo Bonanza and talent show with the live band were awarded with prizes donated by generous alumni supporters and other benefactors of the campus. The fest concluded with strengthened relationships and new memories made. 🍌-UIO

CSU, MMSU, AND KSU CONVERGE FOR CHED ALIGN R&D INCEPTION MEETING



Cagayan State University hosted the Inception Meeting and Onboarding Workshop for the Academe, Local/National Government, and Industry Governance Network for Research and Development (ALIGN R&D) last May 23, 2019 at the CSU Andrews’ Conference Hall.

As a way of ensuring the smooth implementation of the ALIGN R&D Pilot Program, CHED gathered its partner Higher Education Institutions in the north (Cagayan State University, Mariano Marcos State University, & Kalunga State University) to orient program leaders and project leaders on the Memorandum of Agreement and Program Guidelines, give ample assistance on administrative and financial matters in compliance with CHED rules and regulations, and discuss the program

management procedures. CHED’s K to 12 Research and Creative Grants Team also gave one-on-one consultations with the program and project leaders to assist in the crafting of each of the project’s financial plan.

The Inception Meeting was also attended by the Presidents of the involved Universities who expressed their full support in the implementation of the projects.

The ALIGN R&D is a project of CHED’s Office of Planning, Research and Knowledge Management that provides financial grant to research projects that are aligned to the agro-industrialization and development agenda of the government. The Cagayan State University has put forward nine research projects for funding and has received a total amount of 58,928,750.00.

The Fully Funded Reserach Projects of CSU

CENTER FOR DATA ANALYTICS: RESEARCH CAPACITY BUILDING FROM PROTOCOL PREPARATION

A VERTICAL FARMING MODEL OF HIGH VALUE CROPS IN CAGAYAN

Project 1: Green House’s Vertical Agriculture Productivity Optimization Research

Project 2: Vertical Agriculture and Engineered Farm Structures Efficiency

Project 3: Organic Production Technology Development for High Value Crops

Project 4: Green Farming through Integration of Renewable/ Alternative Energy Farming System and Closed Loop Agriculture Practice

Project 5: Establishment of Soil Erosion Model

“KABUTEHAN SA NIYUGAN”: OPTIMIZED UTILIZATION OF COCONUT WASTE FOR THE PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING OF DIFFERENT MUSHROOM SPECIES

CACAO PRODUCTION, PRODUCT, AND BY-PRODUCTS TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION AND COMMERCIALIZATION: A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BASED STRATEGY FOR EMPLOYMENT GENERATION OF CSU GRADUATES AS AGRI-PRENEURS AND IN SUPPORT TO AMBISYON 2040

PILOT PROJECT ON BAMBOO MICROPROPAGATION, PRODUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION

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CHED OFFICIALS ARE AUDIENCE TO THE DARE TO K TO 12 RESEARCH PROJECT REPORT

CHED Commissioner Lilian De Las Llagas, CHED’s Office of Institutional Quality Assurance and Governance Director, Luisa S. Valencia and CHED Ro2’s Director Juliet M. Paras listened to CSU DARE TO K to 12 project team members, headed by Dr. Antonio I. Tamayao, as they presented a progress report on the K to 12 project last May 22-23, 2019 which was held at Country Inn Hotel, Santa Ana, Cagayan.

The presentation transpired during the Technical and Inter-agency Committee Meeting where an Orientation with the collaborators of the

CHED DARE TO K to 12 Project also took place.

The Dare To K to 12 Research Project is a two-year research initiative of Cagayan State University that is externally funded by the Commission on Higher Education’s Discovery Applied Research and Extension for Trans/Interdisciplinary Opportunities (DARE TO) Research Grant, K to 12 Transition Unit. The project is entitled as the “Predictors of College Readiness of Senior High School Graduates: Input for Curriculum Alignment, Transition Interventions, and Admission Policy”. 🍌-UIO





DOST BALIK SCIENTIST TRAINS OFFICIALS ON GOOD AGRICULTURAL AND LABORATORY PRACTICES

In the cause of furthering the improvement of operations and enhance the capability of the manpower of the Central Analytical Laboratory, a Training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) was conducted last May 20-21 2019 at the Andrews' Campus Conference Room.

Tuklas Lunas Development Center (TLDC) and Central Analytical Laboratory personnel were given the chance

to learn from Dr. Annabelle P. Villalobos, a Department of Science and Technology Balik Scientist Awardee and a Johnson & Johnson Biopharmaceuticals consultant in the United States of America.

In her two-day lecture, Dr. Villalobos talked about Good Laboratory Practices by instilling the concept of data integrity where she highlighted the quality of results by yielding reliable, accurate, and reproducible data. She further mentioned that the

data must be planned, performed, recorded, reported, archived, and monitored to establish the practice of good science, good organization, and formation of an accepted knowledge.

She further emphasized the importance of protocols to develop international acceptance of tests and suggested the creation of a Quality Assurance Team for TLDC to promote the quality and validity of the tested data.

On the second day of the training, Dr. Villalobos

tackled Good Agricultural and Collection Practices (GACP) where she discussed a guided process on the collection, receiving, and processing procedure of handling samples to further equip the team in an effective and efficient laboratory system.

The Tuklas Lunas Development Center and the Central Analytical Laboratory are part of CSU's Emerging Centers of Innovation and are an active arm of the Research Development and Extension Office. UIO



PRESIDENT TEJADA GRACES BATCH '79's HOMECOMING



University President Urdujah A. Tejada delivered an inspirational message for the CSU High School Batch 1979's reunion festivities as they celebrate their 40 years as graduates of the University.

The ruby anniversary happened last May 25, 2019 at CSU Andrews' Gymnasium. The place was filled with smiles, hugs, and laughter as old friends, in their matching orange shirts, met again after 40 years.

In her message, President Tejada welcomed back the alumni in their beloved alma mater. She also encouraged the batch to continuously support the

development of CSU as it continuously aims to mark new milestones and achievements in the future.

"As the University President, I am more than willing to work hand-in-hand with you to re-ignite your special connection with Cagayan State University as you fulfill your wishes to look back at the opportunities that it provided and give back to its future stakeholders," she said.

CSU High School Batch 1979 is the first ever graduates of Cagayan State University High School. UIO

FIVE PROGRAMS FROM CSU APARRI PASS AACUP EVALUATION

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With the aim of promoting new heights of excellence as part of its committed effort to guarantee the Cagayan State University's mission and vision of bringing, ensuring, and testing the delivery of high quality instruction, five academic degree programs of the Cagayan State University at Aparri were subjected to evaluation to the twelve members of the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP) during the three-day evaluation which commenced on

April 29 to May 1, 2019.

Doctor of Philosophy in Education major in Educational Management, Master of Arts in Education both with specializations in Educational Management and English; and Master of Science in Teaching Mathematics were subjected to Level 1 accreditation status. Meanwhile, the Bachelor of Science in Fisheries was subjected to Level III accreditation status, while the Master of Science in Information Technology was subjected to the first preliminary survey visit.

CSU-Aparri rejoiced last June 13, 2019 after having received official

notification through the University Quality Assurance Office that the evaluated programs passed the levels they are subjected to during the formal visit.

CSU-Aparri CEO, Dr. Simeon R. Rabanal in his speech during the consultation meeting held on the same day thanked the faculty and staff especially the overall local task force chairs, Dr. Antonio A. Cabalbag and Dr. Eunice A. Layugan for the works of sacrifices before and during the heights of the accreditation phase. "Let us not seat on our laurels, instead continue to strive for the best and give the best" he said.

He then enjoined CSU Aparri's faculty and staff to work on the areas for improvement that were recommended by the accreditors in preparation for the Level III B accreditation of the College of Fisheries and Marine Science (COFMS).

Furthermore, the CEO conclude his interview by saying, "We already experienced topping the PBB, this time let's work more for SUC in a way that the campus could be able to help the president more in her vision for making CSU a sustainable university." UIO

CSU GONZAGA KICK STARTS ACTIVITIES ON NIPA STANDS FOR BIO-ETHANOL PRODUCTION PROJECT

CSU Gonzaga started the activities for the “Establishment, Restoration, Rehabilitation, Protection, and Maintenance of Nipa Stands for Bio-Ethanol Production” as it conducts a 2-day (May 8-9, 2019) capability building and consultation activity at CSU Gonzaga’s Conference Hall.

This undertaking gave way to the signing of the project’s Memorandum of Agreement where the roles and responsibilities of the participating organization were presented to the body. The


different stakeholders of the project also conducted a needs assessment survey and open forum discussions in order to unify the target goals and enhance the ability of all members in the management of the project.

In an effort to exhibit the benefits of Nipa, other uses of the mangrove specie were also presented to the members of the local communities. Project Leader Froilan A. Pacris, Jr, CSU Gonzaga’s Campus Executive Office, discussed other interesting ventures for upscaling nipa production such as the creation

of weaved baskets and nipa huts. The demonstration on fruit liquor making was also done by Maria Concepcion B. Birginias from MMSU as she showed the step-by-step process on how to create a fruit liquor with ethanol, a by-product of nipa.

Meanwhile, Engr. Jesza Mei F. Ganiron, also from MMSU, showed the process of making disinfectants and hand sanitizers. The activity was proven fruitful as it provided an avenue for the different representatives from the local government units of Aparri, Gonzaga, and Santa Ana to know

more about nipa, bioethanol, and how it can be utilized for climate change mitigation among others.

This project is a joint collaboration between Cagayan State University through CSU Gonzaga Campus, Mariano Marcos State University, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Science and Technology as it strives to combat climate change and at the same time produce livelihood ventures for Cagayanos.  -UIO



AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES CURRICULA GET REPACKAGED



The Office of the Director for Instruction in cooperation with the Training Office conducted the Seminar-Workshop on Research-Enhanced Curricula in Agriculture and Fisheries last May 2-3 2019 at the CTE Conference Room, Athena Building at CSU Andrews Campus.

With the aim of crafting a new and improved curriculum for Agriculture and Fisheries that shall cater to current trends in the field and shall feature technology-based researches, the seminar gathered University Officials, Coordinators, and faculty members from the College of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Veterinary Medicine to assess

the current challenges of the programs and address them.


In her message, University President Urdujah A. Tejada said that there is a need to repackage and rebrand the Agricultural programs of the University to combat the scarcity of enrollees. This is by introducing Agriculture as a gateway to entrepreneurship and the introduction of advancements in science and technology.

In order to give direction to the proposed curriculum revisions, Professor Maria Nilda M. Munoz talked about opportunities for Academia and Industry Collaboration through efficient and innovative applied

research for commercialization. Meanwhile, Dr. Florentina S. Dumlao, the University Technical Adviser, gave a lecture on Community Based Learning Systems in Agri-Fishery Research-Based Curricula that gave emphasis in introducing computer-based instruction, environment, and research-based aspects to the curriculum. Furthermore, Dr. Dumlao noted to consider human and financial factors in designing the new curricula.

This is followed by the workshop where the plenary was divided into groups to work on the revisions of the syllabi of the said programs. On the second

day, a panel of evaluators assessed the revised curriculum that were crafted during the workshop. The panel of evaluators included Dr. Urdujah A. Tejada, Dr. Florentina S. Dumlao, Dr. Cecilia P. Reyes, Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, and Dr. Lirio Gudina C. Mangawil. The discussions were related to which subjects must be added or omitted to secure maximum specialization of the program.

The two-day seminar-workshop ended with everyone agreeing to work on their specific tasks in improving the curriculum and its syllabus.  -UIO

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