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The local government of Gerona unveiled its first mobile classroom for ALS learners, modeled and refurbished by Tarlac State University's Center for Solar and Emerging Technologies.

TSU, Department of Science and Technology Tarlac, Department of Education Tarlac Province, and LGU

Gerona officially launched the G-iRIDE (Gerona Innovative Roving Interactive Instructional Materials for Diverse Educational Needs) on October 2, 2023, at the Gerona municipal hall covered court.

TSU Solar Center Director Mr. Bryan Christopher Sico remodeled Gerona town's old ambulance into a

mobile classroom within two months.

The G-iRIDE features a 50-inch solar-powered television, which is shock-proof and waterproof. It also has speakers and a mini library where learners and teachers can access their modules.

Moreover, it is equipped with

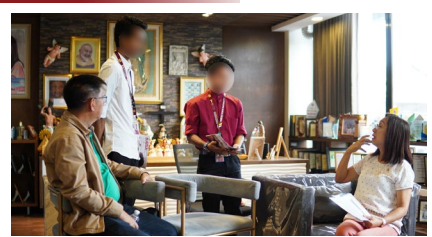
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Two TSUians ranked third in the October 2023 Electronics Engineers and Electronics Technicians Licensure Examinations per the results released by the Professional Regulation Commission on October 27, 2023.

Joshua R. Maniti and Nikkitta M. Collado, cum laude graduates of BS Electronics Engineering last July 2023, received a rating of 87.20% and 93.00% in the ECE and ECT boards, respectively.

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Tarlac kickstarts October with National SCUAA hosting; Central Luzon wins 2nd place overall

Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat



CAPAS, Tarlac – Around 52 delegates from Tarlac State University paraded at the New Clark City Athletics Stadium for the 2023 National SCUAA Games opening program on October 1, 2023.

TSUian champions and some selected athletes from the SCUAA III Olympics last February 2023 are among the 240 representatives of Central Luzon in the National State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SCUAA), wherein the region emerged as the second place overall.

Aside from sending athletes, TSU also prepared for the return of the in-person national sports meet by accommodating participants from nine regions on its three campuses.

"Sa preparation, nire-ready namin ang mga qualified athletes for the region, sa mga requirements, outside tournaments, and 'yung approved six-day rigid training.

Tapos ang PASUC nag-ocular, sinama kaming lahat, isa ang Tarlac sa mga ina-eye to host the activity. And they decided na dito na," TSU sports director Dr. Ligaya Gina Salangsang said in an interview.

"Wala talagang iho-host na regions ang TSU for accommodation. Pero dahil sister state university natin dito sa Tarlac Province ang TAU, nag-usap ng president to president, kaya tinulungan natin," Dr. Salangsang added.

She also thanked the university administration, from TSU President Dr. Arnold Velasco, vice presidents, and college deans to the utility personnel who supported the university's athletes and accommodated the delegations from various regions.

"Yung culture ng TSU pagdating sa mga athletes natin, all out support ang administration, (gaya ng) pagha-house sa kanila sa hotel, nandoon 'yung mga coaches

nila na laging nakaalalay, kaya all out ang support natin to make sure na ready tayo for the competition," Pres. Velasco said in an interview.

Moreover, as the main SUC host, Tarlac Agricultural University (TAU) tapped TSU and the Tarlac Province to use their facilities as additional sports venues.

"Ako po ay tuwang-tuwa ngayong umaga kasi napili niyo po ang Tarlac. Sa matagal na panahon, nag-iisip kami kung paano ang mga biyahero ay pahintuin sa aming probinsya," Tarlac Province Governor Susan Yap said during the opening ceremony.

"Noong lumapit po ang TAU President Max Guillermo na sabi niya plano dito gawin ang (national) SCUAA dahil five years na raw pong hindi naganap ito, hindi po ako nagdalawang isip. Full support po kami. Ako mas excited kaysa sa inyo just to



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Tarlac State University's first-time takers in the ECE board exam recorded an 85.71% rating. The institutional passing rate is 50% against the 33.36% national passing rate.

Meanwhile, in the ECT boards, TSU garnered a 100% passing rate among its first-time takers, while the institutional passing rate reached 90.91%. The ECT national passing rate is 73.52%.

Seven electronics engineers and ten electronics technicians have been added to the roster of licensed TSUian professionals.

Maniti, ECE Top 3

On the second day of the board exam, Joshua R. Maniti, 22, faced challenges in the Mathematics and Electronics Systems and Technologies (ESAT) areas, having fallen ill a week before the exam.

"I was really thinking that maybe I couldn't make it to the top 10. [What] adds to the frustration [is] the fact that those (Mathematics and ESAT) are my favorite areas where I was excelling the most in our review center... A week before the exam, I fell sick, so I wasn't really in my best health while taking the exam, kaya I was thinking about myself too at that time aside from my exams," Maniti told the Office of Public Affairs in an interview.

Initially, Maniti did not plan to top the boards. Yet his consistent ranking as first in two pre-board examinations and maintaining a spot in the top five of all his evaluation exams made him realize his potential and growth during the review process.

He attributed his success to maintaining an organized study plan and "studying smart."

"Knowing what study method works best for you and knowing what to study and not to study [is important] since the coverage of the whole exam is very broad and you can't study everything in just a short period of time... I make sure to stay on my planned routine for that day. Since every other day lang po yung klase namin sa review center, I have different study routines sa different days," Maniti said.

Furthermore, the ECE topnotcher from TSU recognized his professors from the Electrical and Electronics Department, thanking particularly Engr. Idris Jeffrey Manguera, his ECE professor, for checking up on them during their review.

"I am grateful po sa lahat ng

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teachers sa Electrical and Electronics Department. Talagang naging foundation ko 'yung turo nila sa amin nung undergrad pa lang. Malaking tulong din po talaga 'yung Correlation course namin, it made us more prepared and kumbaga it was like a preview before the actual review period," he said.

Despite topping the boards and graduating with Latin honors, Maniti and his friends faced uncertainty about graduating on time due to their struggle to complete academic requirements and the early start of their board examination review, which began before graduation.

"It's a roller coaster ride po talaga. Kaya sobrang saya na lang po namin nung nalaman namin na ga-graduate na kami lahat; wala na kaming iisipin while reviewing," Maniti said.

Maniti's family supported him emotionally and financially amid the struggles he faced. Despite having two brothers who are licensed mechanical engineers, his parents, a farmer and a housewife, never pressured him to excel in his studies.

Moreover, his friends, who are also registered ECEs and ECTs, played a big part in his journey as a support system.

Maniti completed his senior high school at the Central Luzon Doctors' Hospital Educational Institution, ranking at the top of their batch. He mentioned that ECE was not his first choice of program as he initially aspired to pursue a career in the medical field. However, his passion for Mathematics, curiosity and interest in technological advancements, and the influence of his brothers led him to choose engineering.

Throughout his college years, Maniti enjoyed the support of a Department

of Science and Technology (DOST) scholarship.

Currently, he is on a break and intends to enter the workforce next year.

Collado, ECT Top 3

Nikkitta M. Collado, who used to tinker with damaged telephone units and radio sets as a kid, fed her curiosity and eagerness to learn new things that led her to where she is today.

23-year-old Collado said she enjoyed removing the parts of the electronic components and reassembling them in their original locations, imagining herself like she created the original piece. She became more interested in technology when she used gaming consoles like the Playstation and was amazed by how many games a device could contain.

These sparked her interest in becoming an electronics engineer and fueled her desire to create and improve electronics equipment that would benefit society.

"My instructors and professors provided me with a solid foundation on the fundamentals of my course. As a result, I didn't have a hard time catching up with the review lectures," Collado said in a phone interview.

She claims she was just an average engineering student contented with a "tres" or 3.0 grade who just enjoyed the review process. According to her, she did not aim to be a topnotcher; she simply wanted to pass the board exam.

For the first two months of the review, she could still handle her studies and had time to go out with friends. In an interview, she shared that she lacked focus and had too much distraction.

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TSU holds Teachers Night to honor educators

■ Mary Joy B. Manalo



Themed "Joyful Hearts, Strong Bonds: Celebrating Merriment and Camaraderie," Tarlac State University celebrated its Teachers' Night on October 17, 2023, at the Kaisa Convention Hall.

To ensure the enjoyment of educators as a way to say thanks for their service, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Office of Human Resource Development and Management organized a raffle and some performances from selected students and special guests.

Tarlac City Mayor Maria Cristina "Cristy" Angeles also graced the event. She gifted the TSUian educators with the free utilization of the Kaisa Hall and additional cash prizes of 5,000 pesos each for four winners in the raffle draw.

"TSU is not just a university. We can see that you are a family bound together by a common purpose. The bonds you share, both among the educators and

between educators and students, are a testament to the unity of your academic community," Mayor Angeles said.

Mayor Angeles also committed to supporting the growth and development of TSU and its educators.

"Rest assured that the city government stands by your side, ready to collaborate and provide the necessary support to enhance the quality of education here at TSU," she added.

Meanwhile, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg described the TSUian educators in her welcome message using four adjectives starting with the letter P – Patience, Passionate, Perceptive, and Praiseworthy.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco also shared an inspirational message, highlighting the importance of teachers in making a difference in students' lives.

"Fellow teachers, we appreciate

(everything) you do. Nakikita ko naman po. You are the creators of knowledge, keepers of hopes, and guardians of dreams. Your legacy and your effect stay far beyond the classroom," Pres. Velasco said.

Some members of the university's Board of Regents also joined the evening affair, namely Hon. Dennis Norman T. Go, Hon. Reynaldo L. Catacutan, Hon. Douglas C. Ferrer, Hon. Lindley dela Cruz Santillan, Hon. Cherie Lyn F. Onia, and Charles Terenz E. Fernandez.



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"I wasn't too concerned about my backlog since I still had a lot of time left. Up until one month remained, that's when I began to cram," she said.

During the review, she did not force herself. Whenever she gets tired or feels sleepy, she takes a rest, browses social media apps, or eats somewhere. She reminds herself that it is okay to rest her mind and brain.

"Before po mag-review, kailangan i-commit mo na 'yung sarili mo na mag-board exam ka, para the whole review process, nabibigay mo lagi 'yung best mo.

Ang pinakaginawa ko po talaga is in-enjoy ko lang 'yung buong review, at hindi masyadong pinressure 'yung sarili ko," Collado said.

She said she surrendered everything to God, increased her faith and prayers, and exerted all efforts on the exam proper.

The ECT topnotcher was with her friend when the results came out, and upon checking the list of the passers, her friend suddenly showed her that she ranked third. At first, she admitted that she could not believe what she saw.

Collado is the first engineer in their

family. Her father, Arturo, inspired her to become an engineer. Although her father died in 2010, Collado and her siblings dream of creating a business for their mother, Clarissa, 52, who works as a meat vendor.

Her sister, Aurous, a certified public accountant, helped her financially and emotionally by being emphatic and supportive.

For her plans, she is considering joining the Philippine Air Force or practicing her profession in the industry as a licensed ECE and ECT.

TSU bags IZN award in CHED ICONS 2023

■ Jazzel Llaneli M. Manabat



Tarlac State University is among the Region III awardees for its Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Stars Ratings (Three Stars) in the ICONS Awards 2023 of the Commission on Higher Education.

Vice President for Research Development and Extension Dr. Murphy P. Mohammed represented TSU in receiving the certificate of commendation and trophy on October 6, 2023 at the PICC in Pasay, Metro Manila.

CHED gives these awards to Philippine higher education institutions that champion global reputation through commendable performance in the CHED-recognized international metrics.

The subcategories of these awards include QS World University Rankings and Stars Ratings, Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, and the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI).

TSU garnered Three Stars as an institution on September 14, 2022, where the university scored highest with five stars in the categories of Academic Development and Social Responsibility, followed by four stars in Teaching and Facilities.

University President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, former VP for Planning and Quality Assurance Dr. Niño B. Corpuz (now QA director), and former Quality Assurance Director Dr. Maria Socorro D. Valdez (now QA unit head) formally received the certification in Indonesia on November 9, 2022.

Preparations for the QS Stars Ratings started in 2021 during the term of former TSU President Dr. Myrna Q.

Mallari through the Office of Quality Assurance-International Accreditation Unit led by Dr. Corpuz, Dr. Valdez, former Int'l Accreditation Unit Head Ms. Maricor Cheska Santos, and current Int'l Accreditation Unit Head Ms. Liana Faith Q. De Leon.

The Internationalization Champions of Nation-Building and Sustainability or ICONS Awards was organized after the successful ASEAN ICONS 2022 last August 26, 2022, celebrating the global excellence of Philippine higher education institutions.

TSU was also awarded last year for its THE Impact Rankings milestone.

This year, TSU is preparing its application for THE Impact Rankings 2024 and WURI.

The ICONS Awards 2023 is organized by the CHED International Affairs Service headed by Atty. Lily Freida Macabangun-Milla.



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TSU continues tradition of 'Foundation Week' celebration

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To celebrate Tarlac State University's 117th founding and 34th universityhood anniversary, the administration and the Supreme Student Council staged a week-long festivity from October 17 to 21, 2023.

Collectively called "Foundation Week," the celebration themed "Binukluran: Isang Siglo ng Tagumpay, Dekada ng Pag-agapay, at mga Taon ng Patuloy na Kaunlaran" featured activities for students like the annual "Org Olympics," Color Fun Run, a variety of dance and some music competitions, and student organizations' booths, while the employees had their first-ever "Employees Day" and the yearly Service Awards.

Among the booths that made

the TSU campuses more festive are the Sikahyo's henna booth, food stalls, and coffee kiosks. These kept the TSU students entertained while lining up to watch the major competitions, namely Battle of the Bands, Mr. & Ms. TSU 2023, Hip-Hop Dance and Dancesport competitions, and the Musikatha 4.0.

Meanwhile, the Foundation Week's opening day was filled with colors for the street dance and float competition, which paraded along F. Tañedo Street to the TSU Main Campus Gymnasium.

The students' talent in dancing and design showcased the three campuses' clusters for Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao's culture and traditions, where the Lucinda Campus emerged as champions in the

street dance and float competitions.

Also, on the opening day, the TSU Performing Arts Dance Troupe prepared 18 folk dances from the different municipalities in Tarlac province and the



entire country during the cultural show.

As the week of celebration progressed, more activities were organized, including the pioneering Employees' Day for all TSU employees, regardless of position or employment status.

University officials, faculty members, and non-academic staff, who were grouped into four teams, participated in traditional games and sporting events, such as basketball, volleyball, fishing, agawan biik, palosebo, sack race, and pukpok palayok, sack race, and yell competition.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco reminded the employees that it is "important to win the hearts of others rather than winning the competition," referring to the Employees' Day activities, where he emphasized the importance of camaraderie and cooperation.

He also hoped for a fruitful outcome and a stronger bond after the Employees' Day, which was organized

through the collaborative efforts of the university administration, the College of Education's Physical Education Department, the TSU Federated Faculty Union, the TSU Non-Academic Staff Association, and the TSU Multipurpose Cooperative through sponsorships.

On the other hand, the Foundation Week also allotted separate days to

celebrate the employees who dedicated 10 to 40 years of service during the "Service Awards 2023" and alumni from various batches through the "Alumni Day" at the Lucinda Campus.

TSU celebrates its founding and universityhood anniversary every October due to the signing of Republic Act No. 6764 on October 13, 1989, which converted

Tarlac College of Technology into Tarlac State University.

Rev. Fr. Kelly Ramos presided over the Thanksgiving Mass at the Interfaith Chapel of the Lucinda Campus during the kick-off ceremony on October 13 with a dance presentation from the TSUPADT and an exhibition from the TRADOC marching band.



TSU concludes Foundation Week celeb with alumni gathering

■ Mary Joy B. Manalo



Tarlac State University Alumni Association Inc. (TSUAAI) and the Office of Alumni Affairs (OAA) continued the tradition of holding the Alumni Day activities on the last day of the Foundation Week celebration, October 21.

The Alumni Day 2023 started with an early morning motorcade from Capas town to the TSU Lucinda Campus, wherein various batches, university officials, and alumni scholars participated.

With the motorcade's arrival at the Lucinda Campus, an assembly was held at the Alumni Center to disseminate updates on the TSUAAI and OAA's plans and to celebrate the "Scholars' Day."

Moreover, the TSUAAI welcomed the Tarlac School of Arts and Trade (TSAT) Batch 1960 in the same program as the newest addition among its local alumni chapters.

Capping off the daylong celebration is the TSU Laboratory School Alumni Organization's first grand alumni homecoming at the Alumni Center, where different batches reunited and reminisced about their high school life on the same campus where they stayed for four years.

TSAT Batch 1960 alumni officers welcomed as newest chapter

The officers of TSAT batch 1960

officially took their oath at the Alumni Center in Lucinda Campus, becoming the association's oldest members.

Former Provincial Secretary Percida C. Quiambao, TSAT Batch 1960 alumni chapter president, thanked the university, TSUAAI, and OAA for their support in putting up and recognizing their group.

"Rest assured that we will not fail your trust and confidence. In our modest way, we will do our best to assist the organization in achieving its mission and vision. With God's help, we will live up to your expectations," she said.

Furthermore, the Department of Food Technology under the College of Science received a whiteboard donation from Batch '60 and three whiteboards from the TSUAAI.

The TSUAAI previously donated four whiteboards to the same department on September 27, 2023, to support the department's educational activities.

TSUAAI and OAA plans

Part of the Alumni Day 2023 is the TSUAAI and OAA's presentation of accomplishments and plans to be attained by 2025.

TSUAAI President and Alumni Regent Hon. Reynaldo L. Catacutan shared

that the OAA and TSUAAI have the objective of renovating the Alumni Center with enhanced facilities.

Another project they are aiming to accomplish is the solar charging station per campus, wherein the Singapore alumni chapter already donated the materials for one solar station, according to OAA Director Dr. Winston F. Abalos.

Upon completion, TSU will become the first state university to have solar charging stations.

Moreover, regarding alumni scholars' accomplishments, Dr. Abalos mentioned that the TSUAAI and OAA currently have 60 scholars with the help of pledges and donations from various alumni chapters.

They are targeting to help 100 scholars by 2024, recalling that they started with only nine scholars in 2016, one for each college.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco challenged the alumni who attended the gathering, urging each batch to sponsor at least one scholar to give back to the university.

"Kapag ginawa mo 'yung ginawa ko sa'yo bilang scholar ko dati sa iba, nakabayad ka na sa akin... Ang ibinigay mong kaunting bagay ay magbubunga ng mas marami pang pagpapala galing sa Diyos," Pres. Velasco said.

Scholars' Day

Twenty-seven students, including alumni scholars and board exam passers, were awarded financial assistance from the TSUAAI and OAA.

This marks the first time the association sponsored board exam takers during their review and preparation.

Mr. Jonathan Rafael O. Dion, an alumni scholar who will take the nursing board exam, thanked the TSUAAI and OAA for their assistance.

"Hindi lang po yung financial assistance ang ibinigay na tulong ng TSU Alumni. Kapag lumalapit po kami sa kanila, tinutulungan din po nila kami sa mga problem sa schoolworks... Proud ako sa sarili ko na naging part ako ng TSU Alumni at naka-graduate ako dahil sa tulong na iyon," Mr. Dion said.

Before becoming a scholar, Dion revealed that he only had a 200-peso allowance every week. To save money, he would walk more than two kilometers from Robinsons Easymart San Sebastian to TSU Lucinda Campus to attend his 7:00 AM class, finish classes by 9:00 PM, and then walk back home.

Furthermore, financial incentives were also granted to three alumni scholars who graduated with Latin honors.

Dr. Masangkay to LS alumni: 'Muling pagpagaspas ang pakpak ng Asul na Agila'

Nearly 100 alumni attended the inaugural TSU Laboratory School (TSU-LS) Grand Alumni Homecoming on the evening of the Alumni Day 2023.

TSU-LS Alumni Organization President Deniel Climb Torres and current TSU-LS principal Dr. Mellany G. Masangkay thanked the LSian alumni who graced the



gathering. The program's highlights included performances by special guests and a series of raffle draws for gift certificates.

Dr. Norbina Genever M. Castro, former LS principal, and Dr. Rita C. Pulmano, Gender and Development Director and former LS faculty member, also attended the activity and mingled with their former students.

TSU-LS batches 1984 and 1985 took the responsibility of hosting the next alumni homecoming in 2024, in line with batch 1984's 40th anniversary.

#GalingTSU Alumni Motorcade

More than 130 alumni from TSU,

Tarlac College of Technology (TCT), TSAT, and Tarlac Trade School (TTS) gathered to participate in the first #GalingTSU Alumni Motorcade.

The motorcade's route commenced at Café Josefina in Capas town of Tarlac, proceeded to the TSU Main Campus, and concluded at the TSU Lucinda Campus.

Aside from Pres. Velasco, Hon. Catacutan, Dr. Abalos, other university officials, former TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, and businessman Amado K. Go joined the morning activity.

Moreover, the Alliance of Fraternities and Sororities (AFSO), led by Mr. Richard Hipolito, helped manage the said motorcade's orderliness and traffic.

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the Interactive Multimedia Teaching Aid (IMTA) that can screen presentations, videos, and other lessons.

The mobile classroom is set to roam around the remote barangay of Don Basilio to help address the increasing number of out-of-school youth in their area.

DOST Regional Director Dr. Julius Caesar Sicat lauded the G-iRIDE as the first in the Philippines, according to DOST Tarlac Provincial Director Ms. Karen Dañez.

Furthermore, Ms. Dañez said they will install the DOST Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly-Operated Kiosk Stations (STARBOOKS) software, an offline digital library that teachers can access.

In a speech, she added that Gerona town Mayor Eloy Eclar had already expressed his willingness to provide a

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□ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



computer unit for the STARBOOKS.

The G-iRIDE will be displayed in the Regional Science and Technology Innovation Week in Botolan Zambales from October 18-20, 2023.

Engr. Emir Lenard Sicangco, Office of University Extension Services

Director, represented TSU President Dr. Arnold Velasco in the launching, along with Dir. Sico.

DepEd Tarlac ALS Education Program Supervisor Dr. Helen Bose, ALS teachers, and DOST staff also attended the event.



TSU faculty members finish army reservist training under 'Lakas Diwa' Class 01-2023

■ Jazzel Llaneli M. Manabat



Five faculty members from different colleges of Tarlac State University completed the Basic Citizen Military Training (BCMT) of the 3rd Regional Community Defense Group, Reserve Command, Philippine Army, on October 18, 2023.

Asst. Prof. Jazzel Llaneli Manabat (CASS/OPA), Ms. Maricor Cheska Santos (CASS/OUP), Ms. Liana Faith De Leon (CASS/OQA), Asst. Prof. Winfred Leah Bondoc (COS), and Engr. Michael Tomas (COE) braved the 45-day training and graduated among the 156 civilian



volunteers dubbed BCMT "Lakas Diwa" Class 01-2023.

Aside from the essential lectures to fulfill the cognitive aspect of the training, the new citizen-soldiers underwent practicals, including marksmanship, obstacle course, and field training exercises.

"It's fulfilling to finish the 45-day training. I have done activities and drills that are once in a lifetime. It's challenging yet memorable. I am also very thankful to our military instructors and the administration for this opportunity," Santos said in an interview.

The closing ceremony was held at the 3RCDG Headquarters in Camp General Servillano A. Aquino in San Miguel, Tarlac City, with Col. Arnel B. Bautista, Assistant Chief of Staff for Reservist and Retiree Affairs, G9, PA, as the guest of honor and speaker.



"Your efforts in completing the course support the Philippine Army's endeavor to strengthen the Reserve Force," Col. Bautista said in his speech.

He urged the graduates to put their training to good use, particularly when the country needs it most during war and other national emergencies.

The BCMT graduates from TSU are eyed to contribute to its ROTC Unit. They will be involved in the upcoming Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI), according to NSTP Director Prof. Louis Adonis Silvestre.

Prof. Silvestre invited interested members of the TSU community to join the BCMT through a letter addressed to the Administrative Council dated August 17, 2023.

The BCMT is one of the pre-entry courses Filipinos must undergo to join the Reserve Force.



SAS-IDIMSS Unit takes over IP Month celebration at TSU

■ Mary Joy B. Manalo, Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Tarlac State University held its first week-long celebration for the Philippine National Indigenous Peoples Month from October 24 to 27, 2023 held at the Student Center in Lucinda Campus.

The event, themed "Pagpapahalaga sa Pamayanang Kultura," seeks to raise the TSU community's consciousness of the IP culture. It also aims to promote, preserve, and learn from the IP traditions.

Mr. Allan Santos, International, Differently-Abled, Indigenous, Marginalized Student Services (IDIMSS) Unit Head, encouraged the students in attendance to engage

in this kind of activity that promotes inclusivity as they revisit the nation's history and culture with the IPs.

The IDIMSS Unit under the Office of Student Affairs and Services organized the activities for this celebration, including the traditional food-making contest, storytelling, indigenous fashion show, indigenous arts and poetry contest, and the showcasing of traditional dances by the TSU Performing Arts Dance Troupe under the Office of Culture, Arts, and Languages.

According to Dr. Dexter Manzano, Assistant Director for Institutional Student Programs and Services (ISPS), next year's IP Month

celebration will feature more activities, such as the "Search for Ginoo and Binibining Katutubo."

The awarding ceremony on October 27 was graced by Mr. Rolando Rivera, the National President of the Tribal Communities Association of the Philippines and a former commissioner of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, who pledged to support and aid IPs and the IDIMSS Unit for its future events.

Cash prizes of 5,000, 3,000, and 1,500 pesos and certificates were awarded to the contest winners at the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Student Center.



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SAS-IDIMSS Unit takes over IP Month celebration at TSU

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LIST OF WINNERS

	1ST	2ND	3RD
TRADITIONAL FOOD MAKING CONTEST	Kristine Millado, Lichelle De Guzman, and Annie Michelle Salmazan (College of Education)	Realyn Joy Halili and Carlo Joaquin (College of Science)	Aira Jane Dades, Mario Cristobal III, and Charleeze Drew Galang (College of Science and College of Business and Accountancy)
STORY TELLING	Richelle Dades (College of Education)	Timmie Anne Maglalang (College of Education)	Realyn Joy Halili (College of Education)
INDIGENOUS FASHION SHOW	Princess Nathalie Salas (College of Education)	Joen Afan (College of Industrial Technology)	Andrea Esguerra (College of Industrial Technology)
CONSOLATION PRIZES: Richelle Dades and Ralf Vincent Rivera			
INDIGENOUS ARTS AND POETRY CONTEST	Rolhen Jeyk Constante (College of Architecture and Fine Arts)	Aira Jane Dades (College of Science)	Erica Facun (College of Public Administration and Governance)
CONSOLATION PRIZE: Genylle Kaulene Pascua			

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Tarlac kickstarts October with National SCUAA hosting; Central Luzon wins 2nd place overall



The 16 regions competed in various sporting events from October 1-6.

TSU represented Region III in baseball, futsal, and chess. Meanwhile, some athletics, volleyball, and basketball players were selected by winning SUCs to be part of

their roster of athletes.

The last National SCUAA Games, staged every two years, was held in 2018 in the Antique Province of Western Visayas. In 2020, the national sports meet was temporarily halted due to the pandemic.

see everyone that's here. Enjoy the facilities, enjoy our province," Gov. Yap added.

Region III SUCs sports director Dr. Lorena Bermillo, also the TAU sports director, noted that their university was given only three months to prepare for the nationwide higher education sports event.

TAU President Dr. Max Guillermo underscored that the National SCUAA Games is "more than just a sporting competition" as it also serves as a "platform to showcase the students' exceptional athletic talents and unwavering dedication to their academic pursuits."

Meanwhile, Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, president of the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) and Batangas State University, led the formal declaration of the National SCUAA's opening.

PAFCPIC scholars claim first sem stipend, share humbling stories

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Eighty PAFCPIC scholars received their stipend for the first semester of the academic year 2023-2024 at the Main AVR on October 27, 2023.

The Philippine Army Finance Center Producers Integrated Cooperative sponsors scholars from Tarlac State University who are indigents, Indigenous Peoples, and persons with disabilities.

According to Dr. Elsie Canlas, Scholarship and Financial Assistance Unit Head, former scholar Mary Joyce Domingo, now a Certified Public Accountant, was granted financial assistance by the PAFCPIC after her graduation, intended for her review and board exam.

On the other hand, Anesia Garibebes, 50, shared how the PAFCPIC scholarship helped Raymond, her firstborn, who is struggling with polio.

Anesia said her husband, Richard, 53, a farmer, has high hopes for their son. She said her son even shares the tablet he received from PAFCPIC with his younger siblings whenever they study online. Also, the monthly payment for their internet connection comes from the stipend.

Raymond, a fourth-year College of Education student, currently a practice teacher at Victoria National High School, dreams of passing the Licensure Examination for Teachers and eventually providing a new home for his family. He needs to stretch his stipend for an entire semester and budget his allowance for fare from Victoria town to Lucinda Campus in Tarlac City.

According to Raymond, his condition is not a deterrent to finishing his studies. He only needs to walk carefully and wear lightweight shoes. He even brings his lunch, water, and snacks so that he will not walk to and from the stores inside the campus and will not be challenged to take



the stairs of their college's building.

"Masipag siyang mag-aral kaya hindi niya sinasayang 'yung pagkakataon. Ayaw na rin naman daw kasi nilang magsaka, gusto niya at nung kapatid niya na maging teacher. Sobrang malaki 'yung pasasalamat namin na nabigyan siya (ng scholarship). Atsaka kahit may polio siya, pinapatunayan niya na kayang-kaya niya. Napakamaintindihin niyang anak sa sitwasyon namin ngayon," his mother, Anesia, said in an interview.

Another PAFCPIC scholar from CoEd, Eloisa Martin, a second-year BEd Filipino student, is an IP from the Abelling Tribe of Maamot, San Jose.

Martin was initially accepted at TSU last year under the BEd Mathematics program. According to her, she pleaded with PAFCPIC to allow her to shift to a program she wants, noting that BEd Filipino will give her the platform to teach a subject that her Aeta brothers and sisters

would need most.

In an interview, Martin said she allocates a portion of her stipend for her boarding house and allowance and shares some with her siblings who are still studying. She added that her stipend also helps with their family's daily expenses since her parents, a housewife and a construction worker, are trying their best to make ends meet.

She received her stipend on her birthday, yet she opted to celebrate once she finished her degree and landed a job.

PAFCPIC scholars usually receive a 6,000-peso monthly allowance, while IPs receive a higher amount of 7,000 pesos to cover their transportation expenses since they reside in remote places in the province.

Aside from their monthly allowance, their scholarship also entails a 5,000-peso book allowance, 3,000-peso uniform allowance, and a 5,000-peso cash gift, provided they graduate on time.

Honor graduates among the scholars also benefit from cash incentives amounting to 15,000 pesos for summa cum laude, 10,000 pesos for magna cum laude, and 5,000 pesos for cum laude.



TSU, UNHCR, DOJ seek Tarlac City support in ensuring TSUian CPath scholars' welfare

■ Mary Joy B. Manalo



The two Complementary Pathways (CPath) Programme scholars enrolled at Tarlac State University formally met Tarlac City Mayor Maria Cristina C. Angeles on October 6, 2023.

In the courtesy visit, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco and other university officials, along with the representatives from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Department of Justice-Refugees and Stateless Persons Protection Unit (DOJ-RSPPU), sought the support of the City Government of Tarlac in promoting inclusivity and ensuring the safety and welfare of the CPath scholars and other refugees residing within the city.

"TSU is really doing the hard job in taking care of the students and molding their minds... Tarlac City and TSU will be historical kasi kayo ang nag-alaga sa kanila (because you are taking them under your care)," Atty. Maria Ermina Valdeavilla-Gallardo, UNHCR Head of Philippines Office, said.

Mayor Angeles assured that the LGU would attend to the needs of the CPath scholars, provide them with educational assistance in the form of scholarship allowances and internships, and involve them with other LGU programs.

"We can include them sa mga skills training, training jobs, [and] scholarships. Tsaka 'yung mga Angel Care program namin, like mga medical, dental, etc., para they would not feel (like an) outcast. They would not feel segregated. Madali yung social cohesion

nila inside the city... If I will still be mayor and you graduate, we'll offer you a job," Mayor Angeles said.

Likewise, in a separate interview, Pres. Velasco committed to taking part in ensuring the welfare of the scholars.

"We are one with the UNHCR, DOJ, and the City Government of Tarlac in creating a better future for these students. Pwede na nilang ituring na ikalawa o bagong tahanan ang TSU at aming sisiguraduhin na we will do our best to cater their needs as long as we can provide them," Pres. Velasco said.

Also present during the courtesy visit are Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, TSU Presidential Assistant Dr. Brigido B. Corpuz, and Office of International Affairs and Linkages Director Dr. Maria Vanessa P. Arador.

Furthermore, joining the UNHCR are Ms. Iris Joy Suministrado-Tayag, UNHCR Protection Associate, and Atty. Angelica Rose C. Dimalanta, DOJ-RSPPU representative



Meanwhile, the CPath scholars also underwent individual protection monitoring sessions, a recurring activity conducted jointly by the UNHCR and DOJ.

These sessions are part of the regular process for the scholars to assess their well-being, familiarize them with Philippine laws, and address any issues and concerns.

UNHCR also conducted an orientation on the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and a checkpoint meeting on the University's CPath programme implementation.

Under the programme, scholars are given a safe and regulated avenue to stay in a third country through education, where their international protection needs are addressed.

TSU formally welcomed two scholars on August 25, 2023, and plans to host another CPath scholar starting the next school year.

Pres. Velasco to 2023 service awardees: 'Your efforts and dedication have not gone unnoticed'

■ Mary Joy B. Manalo



In recognition of their significant contributions and unwavering loyalty to the university, Tarlac State University paid tribute to faculty members and staff in the annual "Service Awards" ceremony on October 19, 2023, at the TSU Gymnasium.

The awardees who have dedicated 10 to 40 years of service received certificates and tokens of appreciation, which were presented by TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, Vice President for Research Development and Extension Dr. Murphy P. Mohammed, and Vice President for Administration Dr. Grace N. Rosete.

In his message, Pres. Velasco thanked and recognized the awardees' efforts in contributing to the university's milestones.

"Throughout the years, you have been significant employees of the university and a role model to the community. Your efforts and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and we are equally grateful for your contributions... May you inspire the younger generation to practice professionalism and exemplify that striving for excellence and commitment to work every day is essential to stay longer here at Tarlac State University," he said.

Pres. Velasco also shared a story emphasizing the need to unite and involve others to further the university's success.

"The essence of winning is not winning the game, but how you run the race. Sama-sama po tayo. Ang inyo pong

presidente ay mangunguna upang lahat tayo ay sabay-sabay na uunlad upang isulong ang vision, mission, at dreams ng Tarlac State University," he added.

This year's service awardee with the longest tenure is Prof. Marcelino P. Balanquit, who has been with TSU for 40 years.

Prof. Balanquit, director of the Office of Culture, Arts, and Languages, has been handling the university's culture and arts affairs for 40 years. He is also an attached faculty under the College of Education.

Furthermore, TSU acknowledged retired faculty and personnel and presented two posthumous awards to university employees who recently passed away.

Ms. Dianne R. Padilla, the daughter of security personnel Mr. Diosdado E. Padilla Jr., tearfully accepted the certificate and token of appreciation on behalf of her father, who served the university for 20 years.

On the other hand, his son received the posthumous award on behalf

of their family.

Mr. Padilla passed away on September 25, 2023, just ten days before his scheduled retirement.

Ms. Osel Gihan Alamo from the Office of Human Resource Development and Management was also granted a posthumous award.

Meanwhile, committee members responsible for crafting the new university charter and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) were also awarded plaques of commendation, including former CHED Region III Director Dr. Leonida S. Calagui, NEDA Region III Assistant Regional Director Hon. Evelyn N. Casto, NHCP Commissioner Dr. Lino L. Dizon, former student regent Mr. Harold D. Hilario, and TSU Board of Regents member Hon. Dennis Norman T. Go.

To conclude the program, the awardees performed a special dance to entertain the audience.

The Office of Human Resource Development and Management organizes the annual Service Awards.





TSU athletes at the Philippine ROTC Games 2023 National Championships

October 22-29, 2023 | Rizal Memorial Sports Complex & PhilSports Pasig

Tarlac State University's winning athletes from the PRG Luzon qualifying leg vied for medals in the Philippine ROTC Games 2023 National Championships.

Fifty athletes, coaches, and staff from the TSU ROTC Unit, along with some university officials, joined the opening ceremony for the National PRG 2023 on October 22, 2023, at the Cuneta Astrodome in Pasay City.

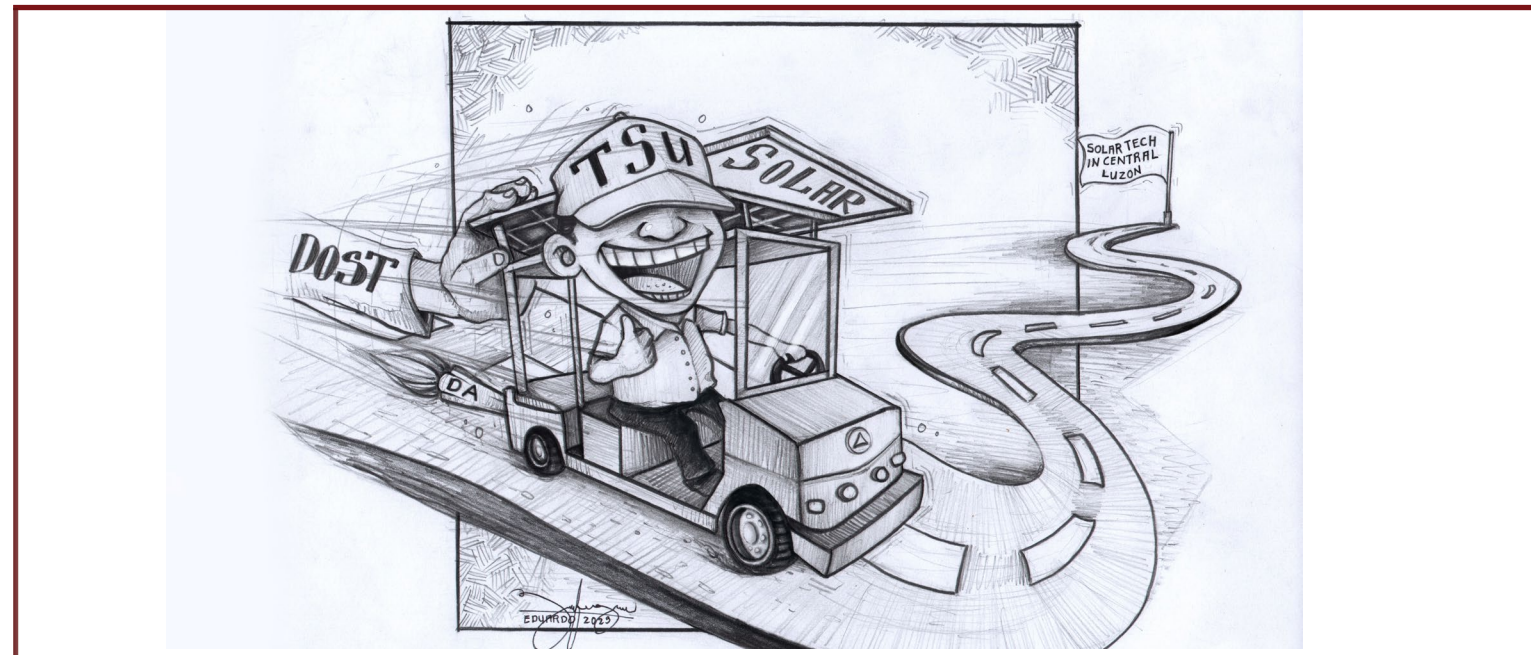
TSU is one of the 11 participating Luzon higher education institutions under the Philippine Army delegation from Luzon, which was hailed as the overall champion with 20 gold medals.

The TSUian athletes competed in volleyball, boxing, kickboxing, arnis, and athletics.

Aside from the university's winning athletes, the TSU Chorale and Performing Arts Dance Troupe under the Office of Culture, Arts, and Language were also invited to perform during the opening ceremony.

EDITORIAL

TSU – the future of solar tech in Central Luzon, soon in PH



"Recognized for excellence in sciences and emerging technologies" is part of Tarlac State University's vision, approved last March 24, 2023. Given its technological and technical mandate, TSU must be at the forefront of innovations and advancements. With the help of a newly established center, the university leaped into refurbishing a vehicle equipped with solar-powered equipment for educational purposes. Considering these challenges and opportunities, TSU is, indeed, carving its path toward becoming a solar technology hub in Central Luzon.

Based on the university's history, it started as a trade school that evolved into a tertiary school offering technical and technological courses. It is consistently stated in TSU's two previous charters (RA 6764 and RA 11695) that its mandate is to provide advanced instruction in science and technology. Even before the approval of the new vision, mission, and strategic directions, TSU has been at the forefront of innovations, particularly solar initiatives.

Among TSU's successful solar projects are the solar-powered irrigation and water pump for the farmers of Barangay Balanti in Tarlac City and the repurposed golf carts into

solar-powered carts that can be found at the Lucinda Campus, while some were turned over to the Department of Science and Technology offices in Tarlac and Nueva Ecija. Dr. Julius Caesar Sicat, DOST-III Regional Director, even set TSU as an example of developing and utilizing alternative energy sources for mobilization in a March 2022 episode of the DOST Briefing Room. This proves that TSU is slowly making a niche in solar developments in the region.

Adding to the list of TSU's solar projects is the G-iRIDE, a mobile school for Gerona town's Alternative Learning System (ALS) under the Department of Education – the maiden project of the university's new center, the Center for Solar and Emerging Technologies. The center repaired an old ambulance into a future roving school with a solar-powered television that would aid learners in achieving their dream of gaining access to education. Apart from serving farmers' needs and curbing issues on transportation through solar power, TSU sets a hallmark in solar and technological innovation for education.

Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, the sixth president of TSU, also a licensed electrical engineer, vowed to boost engineering and technology during his incumbency.

Three solar projects may seem minuscule to some, but the university's potential to come up with more advancements with impact on the community is limitless, especially with the perseverance of the administration. Within President Velasco's four years, the budding TSU in solar feats will bloom as a capital in the province and Central Luzon that will be benchmarked soon by fellow state universities and colleges.

In two university planning sessions, the Board of Regents urged the administration to let TSU become a "go-to" university for local government units, government agencies, and the private sector for research and community extension programs. The cited projects are just some of the many partnerships and engagements entered into by TSU to serve its immediate community. Taking on the challenge posed by the Board is not a bane but a blessing from TSU to its partners and beneficiaries. As solar power is an alternative energy source that any institution could explore, the university's edge is that it is now being trusted, particularly by the DOST, to develop worthwhile solar projects. From strides to a leap of faith, the university is now making a name for itself as the future of solar technology in the Philippines.



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T-ruth in words, action and character
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