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TERMINAL LETTER

HIS EXCELLENCY FERDINAND MARCOS JR.

President

Republic of the Philippines

Malacañang Palace, Manila

It is my honor to submit the Western Mindanao State University 2023 Annual Report, as per the stipulated reporting requirements. This comprehensive document encapsulates the myriad activities and achievements of the University throughout the year, reflecting our unwavering commitment to our core functions and mandates.

The Annual Report serves as a testament to our collective efforts in advancing the ideals and goals of the University, aimed at fostering community upliftment, regional development, and national progress. Through a detailed overview of our endeavors, it showcases the dedication and diligence of our faculty, staff, and students in pursuing excellence across various spheres of operation.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere gratitude to the national leadership for their invaluable support and encouragement. Their unwavering commitment to the advancement of education has been instrumental in our success, and we remain deeply appreciative of their continued partnership.

It is our fervent hope that the contents of this Annual Report provide insight into the transformative impact of Western Mindanao State University and inspire confidence in our ongoing efforts to contribute meaningfully to societal advancement.

**DR. MA CARLA A.
OCHOTORENA**

WMSU PRESIDENT





PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

As we reflect on the passage of three years since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is remarkable to see how far we have come. While the pandemic presented immense challenges and uncertainties, it also served as a crucible, revealing our inner strength, resilience, and adaptability. Through adversity, we have emerged stronger, reaffirming our commitment to excellence and leadership in education.

Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) has long been a beacon of educational leadership in our region. The pandemic propelled us to elevate our technological capabilities, recognizing the pivotal role of technology in facilitating teaching and learning. With a strategic focus on globalization and internationalization, WMSU is reshaping its curriculum to embrace new paradigms in education. Our Strategic Plan underscores our readiness to meet the demands of Industry 4.0, charting a course towards becoming a Smart Research University by 2040.

At the core of WMSU's mission are Integrity and Excellence. We are unwavering in our commitment to nurturing our community and equipping our students with the skills and knowledge to thrive in society. Upholding principles of equality, diversity, and inclusivity, we ensure that every individual has the opportunity to excel. As we look to the future, WMSU remains dedicated to its mandate of driving socio-economic advancement through education, recognizing it as a potent catalyst for change.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to every member of the WMSU family, both in the Academic and Administration departments. Your unwavering support, dedication, and expertise have been instrumental in our journey. You are the bedrock of WMSU, and it is with great pride that I present this Annual Report, showcasing the remarkable progress we have achieved together this year.

**DR. MA CARLA A.
OCHOTORENA**
WMSU PRESIDENT

VISION

By 2040, WMSU is a SMART Research University generating competent professionals and global citizens engendered by knowledge from the sciences and liberal education, empowering communities, promoting peace, harmony, and cultural diversity.

MISSION

WMSU commits to create a vibrant atmosphere of learning where science, technology, innovation, research, the arts and humanities, and community engagement flourish, and produce world-class professionals committed to sustainable development and peace.



BRIEF WMSU HISTORY



The origins of Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) trace back to 1904 when it commenced as a modest secondary school with only 26 students. Initially adhering to colonial-era standards of a two-year secondary education model, the institution addressed the pressing demand for educators in Mindanao and Sulu provinces. It departed from the traditional Spanish system, which primarily emphasized religious instruction, by embracing a more expansive and liberal educational framework encompassing various disciplines such as languages, history, civilization, and arts. This progressive approach aimed to democratize education across the country, extending its reach to provinces and cities nationwide, including Zamboanga.

The advent of the American public school system catalyzed Zamboanga City's evolution into an educational hub. By 1905, it had transformed into the Provincial Secondary School. The pivotal shift culminated in the commencement of construction on the present-day Baliwasan campus in 1914, heralding the establishment of the Provincial Normal School. The completion of the iconic Normal Hall in 1918 marked a significant milestone, prompting the school's rechristening as the Zamboanga Normal School. Subsequent legislative measures elevated its status: in 1961, it ascended from a Normal School to the Zamboanga Normal College, and in 1969, Republic Act No. 5492 conferred upon it the designation of the Zamboanga State College.

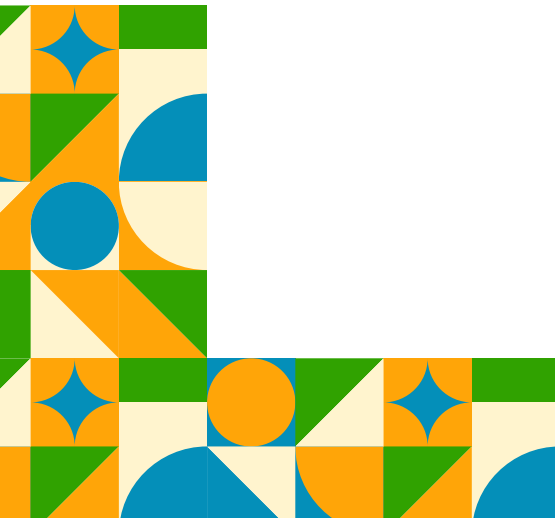
The pinnacle of its institutional journey arrived on June 10, 1978, with the signing of Presidential Decree 1427 by then-President Ferdinand E. Marcos, which heralded the transformation of Zamboanga State College into the esteemed Western Mindanao State University. Over four decades since its inception, WMSU has burgeoned into the region's premier academic institution, boasting 16 academic colleges, 17 campuses, and an enrollment exceeding 18,000 students.

Presently, the University is steadfastly committed to aligning its educational paradigm with global standards, mirroring the pedagogical approaches of renowned educational systems worldwide. With an unwavering dedication to producing globally competitive graduates, WMSU continues to evolve as a beacon of excellence in higher education, shaping the future of generations to come.



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HIGHLIGHTS



INTERNATIONALIZATION (IZN) - WESTERN MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023 AND BEYOND

In alignment with contemporary educational trends, Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) has embarked on a trajectory toward global educational excellence, guided by an internationalization (IZN) framework mandated by the Philippine Commission on Higher Education (CHED). This strategic move has propelled the university into international recognition, ranking within the top 33 in the World Universities with Real Impact (WURI) under the category of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, a testament to the proactive leadership of our University president, Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena.

The landscape of higher education, both in the Philippines and across the globe, is undergoing a profound transformation driven by globalization. WMSU, through its commitment to internationalization, has positioned itself to leverage global opportunities through collaboration, competition, and mobility. Locally, the university has forged robust partnerships with other State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) to jointly pursue research and extension initiatives, engaging with a spectrum of local, national, and international agencies such as the University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP) and the Asia Pacific Quality Network.

Recent milestones include a successful delegation trip to South Korea, culminating in the signing of Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) with Sun Moon University, San Hak UP Graduate University, Hyejeong Academic Foundation, and the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding, operating under the auspices of UNESCO. These agreements underscore WMSU's commitment to fostering global partnerships and collaboration.

In its pursuit of collaborative engagement with ASEAN neighbors and other global institutions, WMSU aims to operate as a higher education institution that embraces a global community ethos—an interconnected world where challenges transcend traditional boundaries. Together with its educational counterparts, WMSU endeavors to address pressing issues such as global warming, poverty, pandemics, and conflicts. Inspired by the strategic vision of Duke University's 2006 plan, WMSU aspires not merely to succeed in isolation, but to thrive as responsible global citizens contributing to the collective welfare of humanity.

SMART Research University: WMSU's Framework for Innovation in the COVID-19 Era and Beyond
Western Mindanao State University
Normal Road, Baliwasan, Zamboanga City, Philippines, 7000

Abstract of the Program
The Smart Research University "WMSU" Strategic Planning and Innovation Program aims to solidify the capacity of human resources in Western Mindanao State University to plan and execute its envisioned future strategically and innovatively. The steps in the planning process include content, trend, and implementation of the vision that are aligned with the vision of WMSU as a premier higher education institution in Southern Philippines. However, the current state of planning includes the COVID-19, 21st Century Teaching Learning (Education 4.0) and Industrial Revolution 4.0 (Digital Transformation, Internet of Things, Robotics) and other regulatory and requirements imposed by a university.

Background
The project has already generated new Vision and Mission Statements that captures "Smart Research University" concepts and have developed four (4) breakthrough goals and with further (14) strategic objectives. The latter Statement provided the various delivery areas to develop that was this four development plan. On October 26-28, 2022, top management has successfully conducted the Phase 1 of the planning process and was able to develop a functional Strategic Performance Management System that is comprehensive aligned to the WMSU Vision as "Smart Research University".

Smart University Framework
The key initiatives that were identified by top management to reach the goals include internationalization of its products and services, automation and digitalization of its operations and processes, offering of new curricular programs and adoption of a Smart Campus Infrastructure development Perspectives. Top management anticipates that the early initiatives of the project can be realized by 2027. Strategic thinking and innovation can help direct universities such as the Western Mindanao State University to adapt to changes in education that are driven by digitalization and necessary to school needs.

WMSU STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK
The 150 QMS management review and the re-conformation during the general assembly last August 2021 became the basis of passing for the Core-up Planning (CUP) to address the relevant gaps in Quality Objectives, Measurement, Monitoring, Analysis and Evaluation.

Smart Research University Internationalization Framework
WMSU Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives, Key Performance Indicators, Strategic Plan, and Business Continuity Plan.

WMSU STRATEGY MAP
The project will serve as the groundwork for future Quality Management System Improvement, Internationalization Benchmarking, Application to International Awards, and Recognition for a better image and branding of the university as one of the best in the world.

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WMSU Bags the 33rd Spot in the World Universities with Real Impact (WURI) Ranking

In a remarkable achievement, Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) has secured the 33rd position among 50 foreign universities in the prestigious World's University with Real Impact (WURI) 2023 rankings, particularly excelling in the 4th Industrial Revolution category.

The recognition was bestowed upon WMSU at a ceremony held at Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida, USA, with esteemed dignitaries including the Chairperson-designate of the WMSU Board of Regents and CHED Commissioner, Hon. Aldrin A. Darilag, gracing the event.

Heartfelt congratulations are in order for the entire WMSU community, under the visionary leadership of Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena! This accolade marks just the beginning of the University's journey towards international excellence, showcasing its commitment to academic innovation and impact on a global scale.





SMART CAMPUS 1.0 AND FREE WIFI

The Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) recently unveiled its groundbreaking SMART CAMPUS 1.0 project, a significant leap forward in advancing its technological infrastructure. Spearheaded by the Management Information System and Technology Office (MISTO), this initiative promises to revolutionize campus life through cutting-edge innovations.

The project was officially inaugurated on April 27, 2023, with a historic ribbon-cutting ceremony that marked the unveiling of the state-of-the-art University Data Center.

Dr. Ma Carla Altea Ochotorena, alongside CHED Commissioner Aldrin A. Darilag, led this momentous occasion, symbolizing a collaboration between academic leadership and governmental support.

Esteemed members of the Board of Regents, Vice Presidents, Academic Deans, Directors, Section Chiefs, University Officials, and distinguished guests graced the event, highlighting its significance.

A pivotal aspect of the SMART CAMPUS 1.0 project was the launch of Smart Campus UniFi Wi-Fi, providing students and faculty with faster and more reliable internet connectivity. This advancement is crucial for facilitating seamless online learning and research, empowering the academic community to excel.

Furthermore, the establishment of the University Data Center serves as a centralized hub for efficient data storage and management. This not only facilitates easier access to vital information but also enhances data security, ensuring the safeguarding of the university's valuable resources.



In a parallel effort, MISTO has also taken a significant stride towards enriching campus life by providing free internet connectivity tailored exclusively for students, faculty members, and administrative personnel. This visionary move aligns with WMSU's Smart Campus Initiative, aimed at evolving into a Smart Research University by 2040.

These transformative projects reflect Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena's unwavering commitment to positioning WMSU as an internationally recognized Smart University. By prioritizing the provision of cutting-edge resources and infrastructure, WMSU is poised to achieve greater heights in education and research.



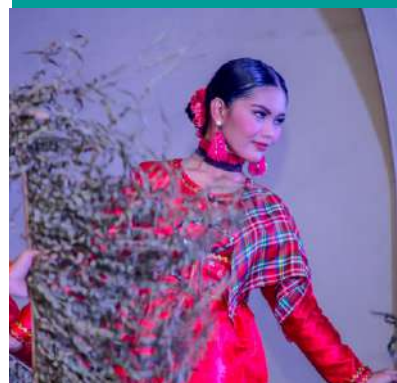
WMSU HOSTS SAYAW PINOY 2023: A CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL ARTS MONTH

Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), in partnership with the College of Sports Science and Physical Education (CSSPE) and the Office of Culture and the Arts (OCTA), collaborated with the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA) to host Sayaw Pinoy 2023 at the Dr. Juanito Bruno Gymnasium.

This event, held in honor of National Arts Month, showcased captivating performances by renowned dance companies. Participants included the Halili-Cruz Dance Company from Manila, Lahing Batangan Dance Troupe of Lycium of the Philippines from Batangas, Sinukwan Kapampangan Performing Arts from Pampanga, and the Melengas Dance Ensemble from Pagadian City.

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WMSU Commences Construction of Php 100-Million College of Medicine Building



The groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Php 100-million College of Medicine Building commenced on February 22, 2023, marking a significant milestone for Western Mindanao State University (WMSU). Hon. Aldrin A. Darilag, CHED Commissioner and WMSU Board of Regents Chairperson, graced the event as the guest speaker, underscoring the institution's commitment to delivering quality and accessible medical education.

WMSU officials, led by University President Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena, along with members of the WMSU Board of Regents, local government representatives including Zamboanga City Mayor John M. Dalipe, and guests from line agencies, attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

Commissioner Darilag emphasized the partnership between CHED and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in advancing development goals, highlighting the collaborative effort to serve communities and learners. Dr. Ochotorena expressed gratitude to past and present Board of Regents members for their support, envisioning the College of Medicine as a hub for producing globally competitive doctors dedicated to serving local communities.

University Biorisk Management Office Benchmarks in other SUCs

Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) is intensifying its commitment to Biosafety and Biosecurity by benchmarking against esteemed academic institutions like UST, DLSU, UP - Diliman, UPM - NTCBB, and CMU. Led by Dr. Marilou C. Elago, Director of the University Biorisk Management Office (UBMO), and Assistant Director Mr. Bon Evan Cuadra, these visits aimed to glean insights into the structures and practices of these institutions' biorisk management offices, crucial in providing biosafety training and issuing permits for research involving biological materials. The data collected will inform the evolution of UBMO, aligning it with WMSU's unique needs.

Dr. Elago envisions WMSU as a regional trailblazer in Biosafety and Biosecurity, ensuring a biosafe and biosecure environment for the university and the broader community. UBMO's mandate extends to addressing biosafety concerns in academic and work settings, fostering collaborations to keep WMSU at the forefront of biosafety practices.

Through these efforts, WMSU aims to promote a safer and more secure environment for all involved in scientific endeavors.



ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION: WMSU HOSTS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY VALUATION WORKSHOP

In a collaborative effort between the DOST-PCAARRD ATBI and IPTBM Projects, coordinated by WMSU's Research and Development Extension Center (RDEC), and with the support of DOST-Technology Application and Promotion Institute (TAPI), DOST-Region 9, and the WESMAARRDEC, a weeklong Advanced Intellectual Property Valuation Workshop commenced on February 27 and concluded on March 03, 2023, at Badjao 1 and 2, Garden Orchid Hotel.

Running in parallel with this workshop is the INVENTouring: An Invention Proposal Enhancement Writeshop for Filipino Inventors, led by DOST-TAPI. These concurrent events drew active participation from delegates representing various institutions, including JRMSU Campus, ZSCMST, ZPPSU, ADZU, JH Cerilles, BFAR IX, DOST IX regional, city, and provincial offices, alongside WMSU.

This initiative marks a significant step towards fostering stronger technology commercialization in the region, reflecting the collective commitment to harnessing innovation for societal progress. With the shared vision that "It's POSSIBLE," these workshops signify a concerted effort to empower inventors and stakeholders, driving forward the region's innovation ecosystem.



UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES RESILIENCE INSTITUTE COLLABORATES WITH WMSU TO ENHANCE CAMPUS SAFETY

Representatives from the University of the Philippines Resilience Institute (UPRI) embarked on a significant campus visit to Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) on April 20, 2023. The purpose of their visit was to conduct a thorough review of WMSU's Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP), focusing on areas for improvement, particularly in safety and risk reduction, with a special emphasis on Climate Disaster Risk Impact Assessment (CDRIA).

Led by Dr. Kristoffer Berse, Project Lead Cluster 5 Expert of UPRI's Safe and Resilient Universities (SaferU) initiative, the UPRI team comprised esteemed members such as Mr. Moses Kent Borinaga, Project Lead Coordinator, Ms. Micah Paula Milante, Cluster 5 Focal Person, and representatives from the Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazards (NOAH) Team, Ms. Leony Ann Timbal and Ms. Justine Anne Duka.



The LUDIP serves as WMSU's guiding framework for physical development, aligning with the university's vision to emerge as a premier academic institution. It delineates core areas for development and establishes strategies for planning and executing various programs and projects. Moreover, the LUDIP integrates resilience, adaptation, and mitigation measures to address hazards and minimize risks, ensuring the sustainable growth of the university, both physically and academically.

One of the primary objectives of the LUDIP is to underscore the significance of developing and implementing a comprehensive plan that efficiently allocates, utilizes, develops, and manages WMSU's invaluable land and water resources. By collaborating with UPRI, WMSU aims to enhance its campus safety measures and resilience strategies, fostering a conducive environment for learning and research while effectively mitigating risks associated with climate disasters.



CHED COMPLETES FINAL EVALUATION OF WMSU'S LUDIP PROPOSAL



On April 26, 2023, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) conducted the final evaluation of Western Mindanao State University's (WMSU) Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP) proposal, in collaboration with the WMSU Technical Working Group (TWG). The evaluation marked a crucial milestone in WMSU's journey towards strategic campus development.

The evaluation session served as a platform for CHED officials to meticulously review WMSU's LUDIP proposal, assessing its alignment with national educational standards and guidelines. Dr. Rody Garcia, CHED Region IX Regional Director, renowned for his expertise in higher education management and development, led the proceedings, ensuring a thorough examination of the proposal's key components.

The evaluation encompassed an in-depth analysis of the proposed infrastructure projects, land utilization strategies, and sustainability measures outlined in the LUDIP. Additionally, CHED officials scrutinized the proposal's compliance with regulatory frameworks and its potential to enhance the overall academic and research environment at WMSU.

Throughout the evaluation, Dr. Rody Garcia provided valuable feedback and guidance to WMSU's TWG, highlighting areas of strength and opportunities for improvement within the LUDIP proposal. His expertise and leadership fostered an environment of collaboration and constructive dialogue, facilitating the exchange of ideas and perspectives.

As the evaluation concluded, both CHED and WMSU expressed optimism about the future prospects of the LUDIP proposal. Dr. Rody Garcia commended WMSU for its commitment to strategic planning and emphasized the importance of continued collaboration between academic institutions and regulatory bodies to drive excellence in higher education.

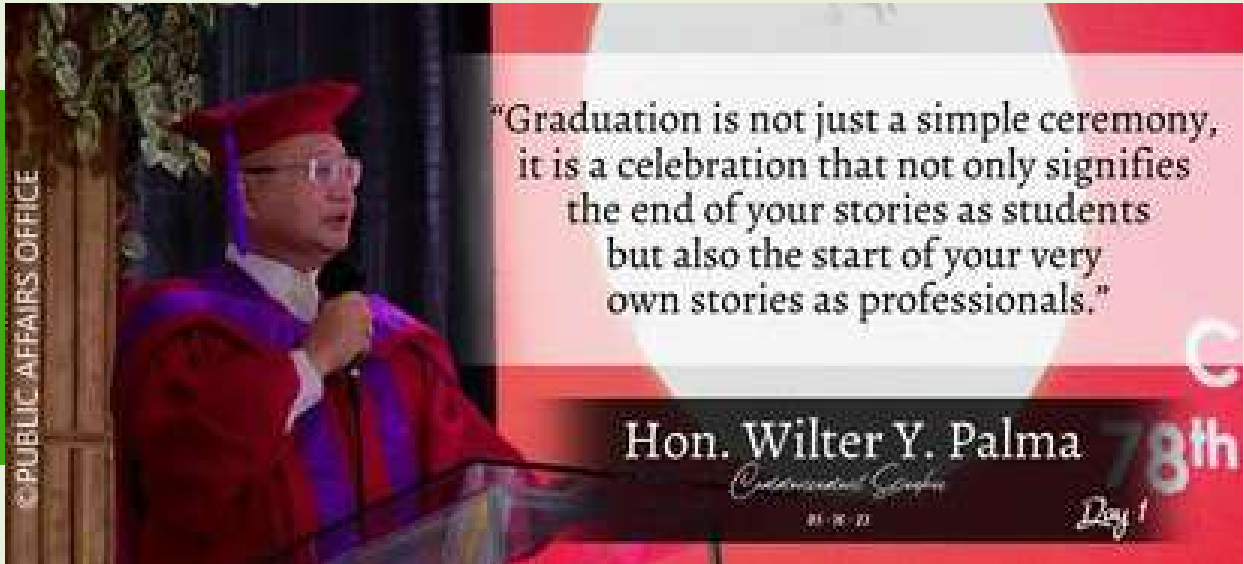
Moving forward, WMSU remains dedicated to implementing the recommendations put forth by CHED and further refining its LUDIP proposal. The university's unwavering commitment to campus development and academic advancement underscores its position as a leading educational institution in the region.



Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) 78th Commencement Exercises

The Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) celebrated its 78th Commencement Exercises with grandeur and pride. Spanning three days from May 16 to May 18, 2023, the ceremonies took place at the WMSU Gymnasium, symbolizing the culmination of years of hard work and dedication for graduating students.

Distinguished speakers graced each day of the event, offering words of wisdom and inspiration to the graduating class. On the first day, Hon. Wilter Y. Palma, the esteemed 3rd Governor of Zamboanga Sibugay, delivered an address filled with encouragement and advice for the future endeavors of the graduates. Day two saw the representation of Senator Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa by his daughter and Chief of Staff, Makkaria B. Dela Rosa, imparting valuable insights and guidance. Lastly, on the third day, Congressman Anthony Rolando T. Golez Jr., a respected representative at the House of Representatives, shared his insights and well-wishes for the graduates as they embark on their journey beyond academia.



"Graduation is not just a simple ceremony, it is a celebration that not only signifies the end of your stories as students but also the start of your very own stories as professionals."

Hon. Wilter Y. Palma

Commencement Speaker

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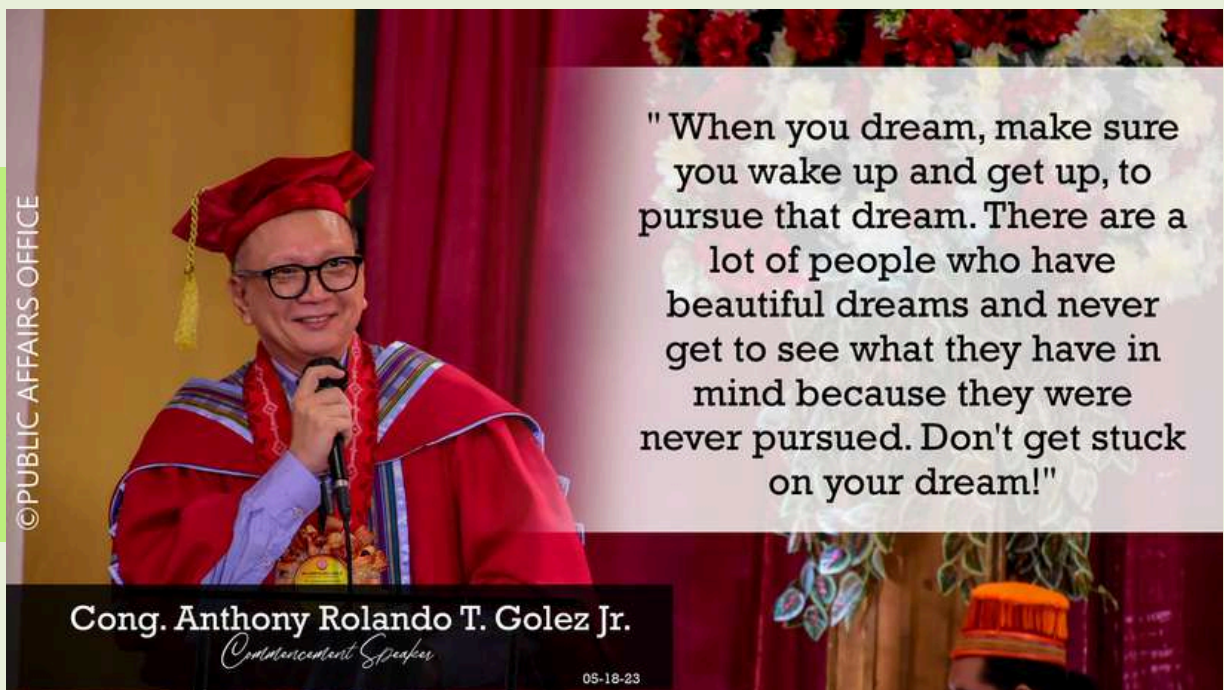
"Hindi lamang magagaling at matatalino ang kailangan ng Pilipinas. Sa panahon ngayon, kailangan ng Pilipinas ng mga taong mabubuti, may puso para sa lubos na nangangailangan. Kailangan din ng Pilipinas ang mga kabataan na hindi susuko, kahit ano pang hirap ang kanilang pagdaraan."

Sen. Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa

Commencement Speaker

Represented by:

Marianne Kristel Estoesta

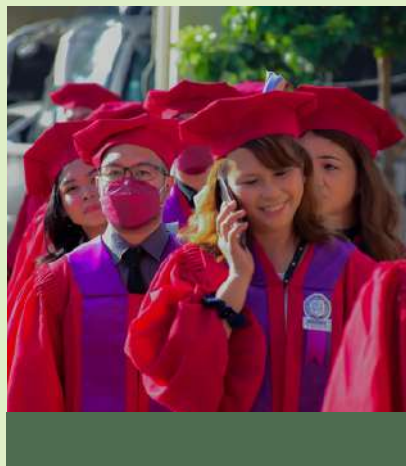


"When you dream, make sure you wake up and get up, to pursue that dream. There are a lot of people who have beautiful dreams and never get to see what they have in mind because they were never pursued. Don't get stuck on your dream!"

Cong. Anthony Rolando T. Golez Jr.

Commencement Speaker

05-18-23



WMSU CELEBRATES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: 78TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) proudly recognizes the outstanding achievements of its academic awardees for the School Year 2022-2023. These remarkable individuals have exemplified exceptional dedication, perseverance, and brilliance in their academic pursuits, setting a high standard for excellence.

Leading the cohort are three remarkable individuals who have attained the highest honor of Summa Cum Laude:

Katreena Gayle A. Lao – BSSED English

Ymari Janiel L. Jubail – BS Hospitality Management

Catherine Jean A. Brillantes – BSSED English

In addition to these outstanding Summa Cum Laude awardees, WMSU is also proud to present 79 Magna Cum Laude and 725 Cum Laude recipients. Each of these achievers has demonstrated exceptional academic prowess and dedication to their studies.

As we celebrate the achievements of these academic awardees, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to them and their families. Their hard work, determination, and commitment serve as an inspiration to the entire WMSU community. We look forward to witnessing their continued success and contributions to society in the years to come.



WMSU to Embark on New Frontier with Launch of Distance Education Program

Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) is on the brink of a transformative leap forward in education with the unveiling of its Distance Education Program. This groundbreaking initiative aims to deliver accessible and flexible learning opportunities, embracing the evolving landscape of education in the digital era.

A pivotal meeting held on May 30, 2023, convened key WMSU officials at the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs to deliberate on the launch of the Distance Education Program. Dr. Nursia M. Barjose, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Ma. Socorro Yvonne H. Ramos, Coordinating Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Ricardo Somblingo, Dean of the College of Teacher Education, Associate Professor Hashim N. Alawi, Jr., OIC Dean of the College of Nursing, and Dr. Fuvie R. Bayot, Director of Distance Education, were among the attendees who discussed the progress and future prospects of this innovative educational venture.

During the meeting, significant updates and insights were shared, including proactive benchmarking visits to prominent institutions like Philippine Normal University (PNU) and the University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU). These visits provided valuable insights into the operational aspects of Distance Education, paving the way for WMSU to prepare for the launch of its program, starting with a Certificate Program aligned with the curriculum offered by PNU.

Preparations are underway for the establishment of a dedicated Distance Education office, equipped with a Technical Working Group and support staff, to ensure the smooth operation of the program. Faculty members involved in the program will undergo training in instructional materials development and Moodle platform utilization. As WMSU pioneers this journey into Distance Education, it aims to provide accessible and high-quality learning opportunities, unlocking new horizons for both the university and its students.



WMSU Empowers Women: Hosts Regional Summit 2023

Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), in collaboration with the Peace and Human Security Institute (WMSU-PHSI) and International Alert Philippines (IAP), proudly hosted the Regional Women's Summit on June 29-30, 2023. Dr. Ma Carla Ochotorena, University President, expressed gratitude to the event organizers, acknowledging the multifaceted challenges faced by Filipino women, including domestic violence, economic disparities, workplace discrimination, and exploitation as migrant workers. Dr. Ochotorena emphasized the need to maintain efforts in ensuring a safe environment for all women, despite significant strides in gender equality in education and health.

In her keynote address, Hon. Sitti Djalila Hataman, Mayor of Isabel, Basilan, underscored the importance of building trust and credibility with the people to lead effectively. Mayor Hataman emphasized the necessity of eradicating gender stereotypes among government officials through investments in education, poverty reduction, and livelihood development. Asst. Prof. Ludivina B. Dekit, PHSI Director, highlighted the summit as a platform for meaningful discussions on addressing gender-based violence (GBV) and formulating policies to mitigate it.

Prof. Ma. Nieves R. Confesor, a featured speaker, shed light on the broader impacts of gender-based violence beyond physical abuse, stressing the importance of education and societal action to ensure women's safety and empowerment. The summit facilitated in-depth discussions on GBV data analysis and showcased community-level best practices, promoting innovative solutions that leverage technology to empower and support vulnerable women.



EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S MEDIA LEADERS: GMA MASTERCLASS AT WMSU

On June 23, 2023, Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) had the privilege of hosting the prestigious "GMA Masterclass: The Icons Series," presented by GMA Regional TV and Synergy. This esteemed initiative provided an invaluable opportunity for students specializing in Broadcasting, Journalism, AB English, Political Science, and Asian Studies to engage directly with industry experts and gain insights into the dynamic world of media.

Welcoming the GMA Team and eager participants, WMSU President Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena expressed her gratitude for the initiative, emphasizing the university's commitment to nurturing aspiring media professionals. In recognition of this collaboration, Dr. Ochotorena was presented with a plaque of appreciation by GMA Senior Vice-President and Head of Integrated News, Regional TV, and Synergy, Oliver Victor B. Amoroso, alongside Western Mindanao Station Manager Jennevieve Ocaña.



The event featured Lizelle G. Maralag, Chief Marketing Officer of GMA Network Inc., who generously shared her wealth of knowledge and expertise with the audience. Maralag's presence underscored GMA's dedication to supporting educational initiatives and cultivating young talents in the media industry. The GMA Masterclass Series, launched in 2018, continues to serve as a platform for fostering learning and meaningful discourse on various media-related topics. This event marks another significant milestone in WMSU's ongoing partnership with GMA, following the successful staging of the Masterclass in March 2022.



WMSU-CLA COLLABORATES WITH BARANGAY TALUKSANGAY FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

On July 22, 2023, the Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), in partnership with the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) and Barangay Taluksangay officials, formalized its commitment to community development through the "Community, Literacy, and Advocacy Project" (CLAP).

This collaboration aims to address the needs of Out-of-School-Youth (OSY) in Barangay Taluksangay by providing literacy programs encompassing language, numeracy, and socio-cultural literacy. These initiatives, spearheaded by various departments of the College of Liberal Arts, aspire to equip OSY participants with essential skills for lifelong learning, including improved literacy and communication, problem-solving, and interpersonal abilities.

The signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was led by WMSU President Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena, alongside key university officials including Dr. Joel G. Fernando (VP for RESEL), Dr. Fredelino M. San Juan (VP for Resource Generation), Prof. Al-Ghani D. Mohammad (University Board Secretary), Dr. Julieta B. Tendero (CLA Dean), Dr. Jiellzon Jaime T. Villarama (CLA Extension Coordinator), and Dr. Melanie F. Lear (Extension Project Proponent). Representing Barangay Taluksangay were Hon. Dato Abdurahman B. Nuno and family, the SK representative, and other barangay officials, led by Hon. Hannah M. Nuño.

In attendance were also representatives from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), including Dr. Stephen Acabado, Chair of the Archaeology IDP, Professor of Anthropology, and Director of the UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies, accompanied by graduate and undergraduate students. Additionally, Dr. Geraldine de Jesus, President of Sorsogon State University, and Ms. Rachel Casimero, Chief Education Program Specialist of CHED Region V, graced the event, underscoring the significance of this collaborative endeavor in fostering community empowerment and educational advancement.

WMSU SHINES AT SUC FAIR 2023 IN ILOILO CITY

Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), led by Dr. Ma. Carla Altea Ochotorena, University President, proudly participated in the annual State Universities and Colleges (SUC) Fair 2023, organized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and hosted by West Visayas State University (WVSU) from July 10 to 13, 2023, at SM City, Iloilo.

Under the theme "Navigating Global Landscape through Innovation, Cultural and Arts Preservation, and Higher Education Quality," this prestigious event provided a platform for institutions from across the country to showcase their exemplary practices, including cultural presentations, innovative research, inventions, and initiatives aimed at promoting higher education quality.

The objectives of this year's SUC Fair were manifold: to commemorate the anniversaries of CHED and National Higher Education Day, to address the current international challenges faced by state universities and colleges, to highlight SUCs' role as drivers of economic growth, to celebrate Filipino cultures and arts, and to showcase initiatives fostering higher education excellence.





SUC FAIR 2023

Throughout the event, notable sessions unfolded, beginning with an inspiring keynote address by Hon. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Senate President of the Republic of the Philippines. Subsequent days featured engaging plenary talks, including discussions on the role of education in preserving culture and arts by Victorino M. Manalo, Chairperson of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), and insights into innovations in world-class higher education by Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). Exciting competitions such as Digital Arts, Song Writing, Vlog, and Youthpreneurship showcased the talents and creativity of participants.

Representing Region 9, WMSU collaborated with other esteemed institutions like Zamboanga Peninsula Polytechnic State University, Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology, Jose Rizal Memorial State University, Basilan State College, and Josefina Herera Cerilles State College, collectively contributing to the success of SUC Fair 2023.



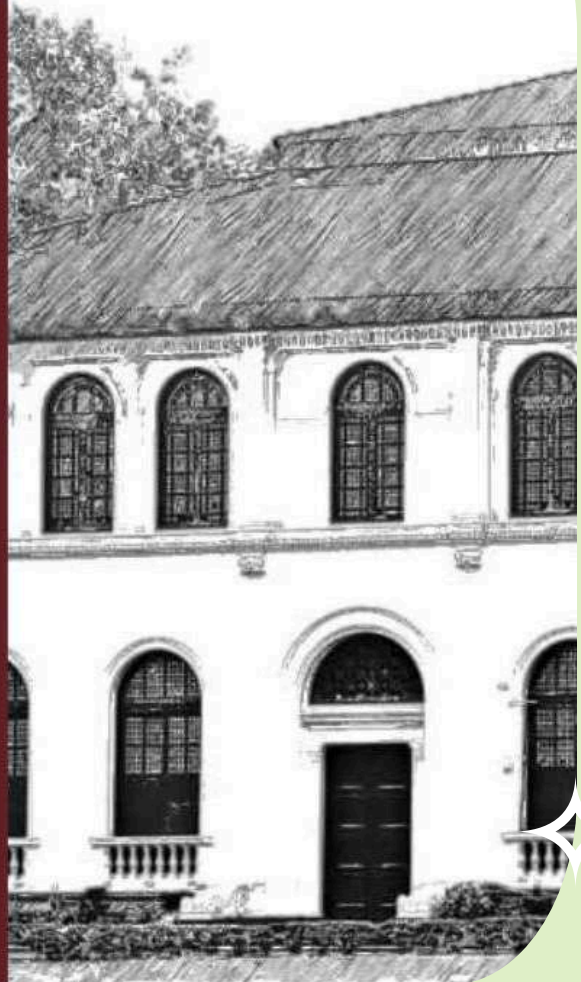
The event's triumph was a testament to the collaborative efforts of students, Cultural Affairs Heads from various SUCs, Presidents, and their representatives, who came together to make the event a resounding success.



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WMSU Ranks 52nd in National Webometrics Ranking

In the latest July 2023 Webometrics Ranking of World Universities, Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) has secured an impressive 52nd position out of 366 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) nationwide. Compiled by Cybermetrics Lab, a research division of Spain's prestigious Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), these rankings are highly regarded for their comprehensive evaluation of academic institutions worldwide.

The ranking methodology encompasses three crucial indicators: Visibility, Excellence, and Transparency. Visibility, which accounts for 50% of the ranking, measures the impact of web content. Excellence, comprising 40% of the assessment, evaluates top-cited papers, while Transparency, contributing 10%, assesses top-cited researchers. This holistic approach ensures a thorough examination of each institution's academic performance and influence.

Since its establishment in 2004, the Webometrics Ranking has evaluated over 32,000 HEIs globally. With rankings released biannually, in the last week of January and July, institutions worldwide eagerly anticipate the results as a benchmark for academic excellence and global competitiveness. WMSU's consistent presence among the top-ranking HEIs underscores its commitment to academic quality and innovation in higher education.

WMSU AND UCLA COLLABORATE IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) and the Department of Anthropology, along with the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), joined forces to host the international conference "Conversations and Collaborations: The Ifugao and Bicol Archaeological Projects" on July 21, 2023, at the Social Hall of the College of Teacher Education.

Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena, President of WMSU, extended a warm welcome to the esteemed speakers and participants, emphasizing the honor of partnering with UCLA on this shared academic pursuit. Highlighting the collaborative spirit, Dr. Ochotorena expressed optimism about the potential for academic excellence through resource pooling and mutual goal alignment.

The event garnered significant attendance, with notable figures such as City Vice-Mayor Josephine Pareja, representing Mayor John M. Dalipe, and Atty. Cinderella Filipina Benitez-Jaro, Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education, gracing the occasion. The UCLA delegation, led by Dr. Stephen B. Acabado, Chair of the Archaeology Interdepartmental Program and Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, expressed enthusiasm for collaboration across various fields, culminating in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between WMSU and UCLA. Dr. Acabado underscored the mutual interest in exploring collaborative ventures in archaeology, environmental studies, health, and beyond, reflecting a promising future of academic cooperation between the two institutions.

WMSU UNVEILS GROUNDBREAKING IEC CAMPAIGN FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY



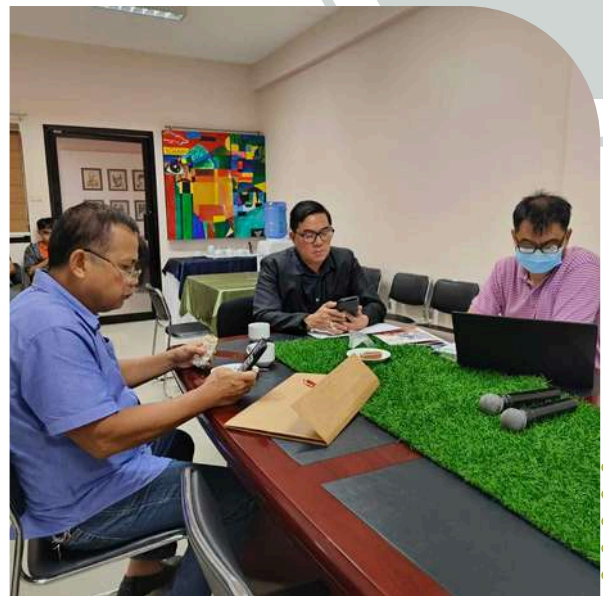
Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) took a historic stride on August 24, 2023, unveiling its inaugural Information Education Communication (IEC) Campaign led by the WMSU Affiliated Renewable Energy Center (AREC). Bringing together leaders from various Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and government bodies, including Southern City Colleges, Ateneo de Zamboanga University, and key representatives from local agencies, the event marked a pivotal moment in the region's renewable energy advocacy.

Aligned with the Department of Energy's (DOE) mission and the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, the campaign aims to accelerate the adoption of renewable energy sources like biomass, solar, wind, and hydropower, echoing global efforts towards Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 7 for "Affordable and Clean Energy."

AREC's focus on promoting renewable energy awareness, particularly solar energy, underscores its commitment to climate change mitigation and disaster risk reduction, contributing to a greener and more sustainable future. With plans to extend its impact through additional IEC Campaigns in municipalities across the region, AREC aims to disseminate knowledge and foster collective commitment towards sustainable energy adoption, further advancing the region's environmental stewardship and energy innovation efforts.

WESTERN MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY SECURES ISO 9001:2015 RECERTIFICATION

Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) reaffirmed its commitment to excellence with the successful continuation of its ISO 9001:2015 certification following the 2nd Annual Remote Surveillance audit conducted by Certification International Philippines, Inc. From August 2 to August 5, 2023, the audit rigorously evaluated WMSU's academic programs, administrative processes, and documentation, underscoring the institution's dedication to maintaining top-notch quality management systems for higher education services.



This year's surveillance audit adapted to the digital landscape, incorporating online interviews and multimedia presentations to ensure a thorough assessment. Noteworthy among the audited institutions were the College of Public Administration and Development Studies, College of Sports Science and Physical Education, College of Forestry and Environmental Studies, and the College of Agriculture, all undergoing meticulous evaluations to align with ISO 9001:2015 standards. WMSU's continued ISO 9001:2015 certification underscores its unwavering commitment to delivering high-quality education, marking a significant milestone in its journey towards providing students with an exceptional learning experience.

WMSU Launches NegoCom AgriTek: Empowering Zamboanga City's Livelihoods

The College of Liberal Arts at Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) has inaugurated the NegoCom AgriTek Extension Program, a transformative initiative aimed at uplifting local communities and fostering sustainable livelihoods. Officially introduced through a Memorandum of Agreement signing on August 23, 2023, at the OP Conference Room, this program aligns strategically with WMSU's 2023-2027 plan, emphasizing governance, research extension services, and external linkages. In collaboration with the Department of Extension Services and Community Development, Agri-aqua Technology Business Incubation Unit, and WESMAARRDEC, NegoCom AgriTek focuses on promoting Technology Business Incubation (TBI) research projects in Barangay San Roque and Barangay Tugbungan. These projects, tailored to suit the financial capabilities of the local population, are set to enhance socio-economic mobility in targeted barangays.

Utilizing an innovative approach to disseminating information, the NegoCom AgriTek Extension Program introduces a one-hour online teleradyo program airing weekly. This media platform aims to raise public awareness about livelihood-enhancing opportunities, thus contributing to economic mobility in Zamboanga City. Anchored in the Philippine Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly "zero hunger" and "decent work and economic growth," NegoCom AgriTek is poised to drive local economic development and provide avenues for decent employment within the agricultural sector. By bridging the gap between research-based TBIs and local communities, this initiative signifies a promising stride towards community empowerment and sustainable growth in Zamboanga City, demonstrating WMSU's commitment to realizing positive impacts on the lives of Zamboangueños.





WMSU LAUNCHES B.S.E.C.U.R.E.D. PROGRAM FOR BARANGAY SECURITY ENHANCEMENT

The Western Mindanao State University – College of Criminal Justice Education (WMSU-CCJE) embarked on a significant initiative with the launch of its flagship capacity-building extension project, "Barangay Security Enhancement, Capability, and Updates on Response to Emergency and Disaster" (B.S.E.C.U.R.E.D.), on August 2, 2023, at the WMSU Office of the President Conference Room.

Under the visionary leadership of University President Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena, the B.S.E.C.U.R.E.D. program underscores WMSU's commitment to empowering barangay communities in effectively responding to emergencies and disasters. The inaugural beneficiary, Barangay Dulian Upper Pasonanca, has been chosen for the program's pilot phase, reflecting the university's dedication to community engagement and resilience-building efforts.

The launch event saw the participation of key stakeholders, including representatives from partner agencies such as Dr. Elmeir Apolinario from the Zamboanga City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office, Director Ramon Ochotorena from the Office of Civil Defense, and Ms. Aminda E. Saño, President of Silsilah Dialogue Movement. Hon. Socorro Payyat, Chairperson of Barangay Dulian Upper Pasonanca, also graced the occasion, alongside Dr. Mario Ritchie O. Hibionada, Dean of WMSU-CCJE, and Asst. Prof. Al-Rashid T. Jama, Director of the University Disaster Risk Reduction Management Center. The collective effort aims to equip barangay communities with the necessary knowledge, skills, and resources to effectively address emergency situations and foster resilience in the face of adversity.



WMSU AND PNP FORGE PARTNERSHIP TO EMPOWER GRADUATING STUDENTS



Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), represented by University President Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena, and the PNP Regional Recruitment and Selection Unit 9, led by PLTCOL Benjamin B. De Peralta Jr., Acting Chief, solidified their collaboration through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on August 17, 2023.

The MOU aims to establish robust linkages between the two entities to conduct information drives and career symposia. These initiatives are designed to equip graduating students of WMSU with the necessary knowledge and skills for a smooth transition into the Philippine National Police (PNP). By providing valuable insights and guidance, the partnership seeks to enhance the readiness of students to pursue careers in law enforcement.

The signing ceremony was attended by key officials from both WMSU and the PNP, including Dr. Nursia M. Barjose, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Mario Ritchie O. Hibionada, Dean of the College of Criminal Justice Education, and Dr. Sarah S. Taupan, Director of the Quality Assurance Office and OIC-Dean of the College of Public Administration and Development Studies (CPADS). This collaboration underscores the commitment of both institutions to empower students and contribute to the development of capable and qualified professionals in the field of law enforcement.

WMSU MARKS 119TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY WITH VISION FOR THE FUTURE



Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) celebrated its 119th Founding Anniversary with the theme "WMSU in 2023 and Beyond: Spearheading Mobility, Cooperation, and Competition in the Global Context." The milestone event underscored the university's commitment to excellence, innovation, and global engagement as it charts a course towards a brighter future.

Amidst the challenges posed by a rapidly changing world, WMSU reaffirmed its dedication to fostering mobility, cooperation, and competition in the global arena. The anniversary celebration served as a platform to reflect on the university's achievements, challenges, and aspirations, while charting a strategic roadmap for the years ahead.

With a focus on harnessing the power of education to drive socio-economic development and global competitiveness, WMSU remains steadfast in its mission to empower students, faculty, and staff to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world. As it embarks on the journey beyond its 119th year, WMSU stands poised to continue shaping the future of education, research, and community development in the region and beyond.

PROMOTING HEALTHY EATING: WMSU HOSTS PINGGANG PINOY FORUM

The College of Home Economics at Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) organized a successful forum on the "Pinggang Pinoy" approach on August 1, 2023, aiming to cultivate healthier eating habits among its constituents. The event, held at the covered court, convened nutrition experts from the Nutrition and Dietetics Department alongside non-teaching personnel eager to embrace the significance of Pinggang Pinoy in fostering balanced diets and healthier lifestyles.

The forum commenced with a lecture by Associate Professor Santiago TK. De Leon, Jr., from the College of Home Economics. He underscored the importance of adopting the Pinggang Pinoy visual guide as a practical tool to combat the rising prevalence of non-communicable diseases fueled by unhealthy dietary practices. Through visual aids, attendees gained insights into the three main components of the plate - Go, Grow, and Glow foods, and their pivotal role in achieving a well-rounded and nutritious diet.

Associate Professor Santiago emphasized, "Pinggang Pinoy is more than just filling your plate; it's about making informed choices for a healthier lifestyle." By adhering to this straightforward guide, individuals can mitigate the risks of diet-related illnesses and elevate their overall well-being. Attendees left the forum equipped with practical strategies to incorporate Pinggang Pinoy principles into their daily meal planning and preparation, paving the way for healthier eating habits and improved health outcomes.



FOSTERING COLLABORATION: WMSU AND WVSU JOIN FORCES FOR BEST PRACTICES EXCHANGE



A collaborative meeting and benchmarking event marked the convergence of West Visayas State University (WVSU) and Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) on September 13, 2023, at the WMSU College of Home Economics Function Room. Themed "WVSU Goes South: Best Practices Exchange and Cultural Immersion in Zamboanga City," the gathering aimed to foster knowledge sharing and collaboration between the two esteemed institutions.

Dr. Nursia M. Barjose, Vice-President for Academic Affairs at WMSU, delivered the Welcome Remarks, highlighting the significance of mutual learning and cooperation. Leading the WVSU delegation was Prof. Edel Carmela S. Subong-Csoka, Director of the International and Local Linkages Office, accompanied by key officials from various departments. Throughout the event, representatives from both universities engaged in fruitful discussions, exploring potential collaborative projects ranging from student exchange programs to joint research initiatives. These endeavors aim to strengthen academic ties and foster shared expertise between the institutions.

Dr. Joel G. Fernando, Vice-President for Research, Extension Services, and External Linkages at WMSU, concluded the event with Closing Remarks, expressing gratitude to the WVSU officials for their valuable contributions to the discussions. The collaborative effort between WMSU and WVSU holds promise for enriching the academic landscape and enhancing opportunities for students and faculty alike.

A group of approximately ten athletes, both male and female, are standing on a circular, elevated platform with a black metal railing. They are all wearing matching red and white tracksuits. Most of them have their right fists raised in the air in a celebratory gesture. One athlete in the center is holding a lit torch aloft. Behind them, a large flame is visible, possibly from a bonfire or a large torch. The background is a clear blue sky. Below the platform, a red spiral staircase with black metal railings is visible, winding around a central red pillar. The overall scene conveys a sense of triumph and unity.

CHAMPIONING EXCELLENCE: WMSU UNIVERSITY PALARO 2023

After a 3-year hiatus, Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) roared back to life with the resounding celebration of the University Palaro, a testament to the vibrant spirit and unwavering resilience of its students. Spearheaded by the Office of the President, in collaboration with the University Student Council, Office of Student Affairs, University Sports Office, and Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the event showcased the diverse talents, skills, and athleticism of WMSU's finest athletes.

The University Palaro at Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) commenced with a heartfelt welcome from University President, Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena, followed by inspiring messages from esteemed board members like Hon. Celso Lobregat, underscoring the significance of the event. With the ceremonial torch lighting by the WMSU Karatedo Team and a captivating Field Demonstration by first-year students, the stage was set for a week-long showcase of talent and sportsmanship.

Embodying the spirit of excellence and camaraderie, WMSU's University Palaro provided a platform for students to unleash their potential in sports, visual arts, dance, and singing competitions. Amidst bustling activity at the WMSU Open Field, vibrant booths offered delectable treats and commemorative souvenirs, adding depth to the festivities. Culminating in a spectacular band performance and lively rave party sponsored by the University Student Council, the event left an indelible mark on the WMSU community, celebrating triumph and unity.





Western Mindanao State University Leads Regional Summit: WMSU Plays Vital Role in RAISE Program

The Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) played a pivotal role in the Regional Agri-Aqua Innovation System Enhancement (RAISE) Initiative, organized by the RAISE Program in Western Mindanao. Held on October 20, 2023, at the Audio-Visual Room, College of Engineering, WMSU Main Campus, Zamboanga City, the event convened key stakeholders from various academic and government institutions, including Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology (ZSCMST), Jose Rizal Memorial State University (JRMSU), and others.

Engr. Arvic S. Francisco, the Regional IPTBM Project Leader, led the session, with Dr. Nursia M. Barjose representing WMSU President Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena, delivering an inspirational message. The agenda centered on project deliverables and budget approvals for RAISE program projects, presented by key leaders such as Dr. Reyannete E. Autida, Engr. Arvic S. Francisco, Mr. Ralph H. Virtucio, and Assoc. Prof. Glades A. Pagal.

Various project leaders presented updates and plans, including Dr. Maila V. Pan, Mr. Rickler R. Detalla, Mr. Yhebron J. Lagud, and Engr. Evangeline P. Garcia, highlighting their respective projects' progress and future activities. The afternoon session featured discussions on IP Audit, technology transfer protocols, and the technology commercialization process, reinforcing WMSU's commitment to fostering innovation and regional development. Engr. Swidin S. Husin, the Associate Director of the WMSU Research Development and Evaluation Center (RDEC), concluded the meeting by outlining the way forward for the RAISE Program, emphasizing collaboration and communication among partner institutions for successful project implementation and regional advancement.



FOSTERING UNITY AND PROGRESS: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 56TH INTERNATIONALIZATION AND ASEAN MONTH CELEBRATION

Western Mindanao State University concluded its vibrant 56th Internationalization and ASEAN Month Celebration on October 23-24, 2023, under the theme 'ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth'. The event served as a platform to showcase the rich cultural heritage and economic vitality of the ASEAN region, bringing together students, faculty, and guests in a celebration of unity and progress. Through engaging workshops, activities, and events, the university fostered a deeper understanding and appreciation of ASEAN's diverse customs and traditions, promoting cultural exchange and inclusivity among its diverse student body.

As a champion of cultural understanding and preservation, Western Mindanao State University's participation in the celebration highlighted its commitment to nurturing a campus environment grounded in respect and unity. By empowering students to become stewards of ASEAN's rich heritage, the university ensures that these traditions endure for future generations. Looking ahead, the university remains dedicated to fostering unity, promoting cultural diversity, and continuing its efforts to create an inclusive campus community where all students can thrive and contribute to a brighter future.



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WMSU Receives Prestigious Recognition from DILG's Layag Awards

Under the leadership of Dr. Ma. Carla Ochotorena, Western Mindanao State University proudly accepted a prestigious plaque of Recognition from the Department of the Interior and Local Government's Layag Awards. This honor celebrates the university's exceptional role as a Local Resource Institute Partner, dedicated to fostering innovation and sustainable solutions for local governance while prioritizing the well-being of the Zamboanga Peninsula residents.

Established by DILG IX, the Layag Awards for Excellence in Local Governance recognize exemplary practices among local government units (LGUs) and public institutions across the region. As a shining symbol of acknowledgment, these awards aim to inspire and encourage other LGUs to replicate successful governance practices, ultimately fostering a culture of excellence in local governance throughout the Zamboanga Peninsula.

WMSU Delegates Shine in MASTS Socio-Cultural Competition

The Crimson delegates from Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) brought home honors in the recent Mindanao Association of State Tertiary Schools (MASTS) Socio-Cultural Competition held from November 21 to 25, 2023. These competitions serve as vital platforms for students to showcase their talents, creativity, and cultural heritage while fostering holistic development. Participation in MASTS competitions equips students with essential skills such as teamwork, leadership, communication, and problem-solving. It encourages them to think critically and creatively, pushing them beyond their comfort zones to strive for excellence.

The achievements of WMSU students across various categories underscore their dedication and the university's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals. Among the notable accolades were WMSU's triumphs in the Quiz Bowl and Radio Drama categories, clinching the championship titles. Additionally, their performances in musical events, including Mixed Choir, Pop Solo, Show Choir, and Kundiman, garnered top rankings. In visual arts, WMSU students showcased their talents through Poster Making, In Situ Painting, Artistic Photography, and Pencil Drawing, securing notable positions. Their captivating dances, spanning Indigenous, Folk, and Contemporary genres, also earned recognition, while their theatrical prowess shone in the Short & Sweet Play category. Furthermore, students demonstrated their oratory skills in Extemporaneous Speaking, further cementing WMSU's reputation as a powerhouse in socio-cultural competitions.

These achievements not only promote cultural exchange and understanding but also instill pride and a sense of belonging among students. As representatives of their institutions, students learn and share about different cultures, traditions, and perspectives, enriching their knowledge and fostering tolerance and respect for diversity—integral aspects of our national heritage as Mindanaoans.

Crimson MASTS Delegates



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WMSU COLLEGE OF HOME ECONOMICS CLINCHES 5TH OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP AT CTHEZP REGIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION



The WMSU College of Home Economics secured its fifth overall championship victory at the Council of Tourism and Hospitality Educators of Zamboanga Peninsula (CTHEZP) Regional Skills Competition. The event, held at the Ipil Zamboanga Sibugay Capitol Atrium from November 17-19, 2023, showcased the university's exceptional talent and dedication, surpassing 10 competing institutions.

Among the outstanding achievements were numerous gold medals, including Mr. CTHEZP 2023 title claimed by Moh. Ashreff U. Guludah, Synchronized Flairtending, Fine Dining Set-Up, Floral Arrangement, Buffet Table Skirting, and Culinary Market Basket. Additionally, the team earned silver in Flight Attendant Showmanship and Fruit & Vegetable Carving, along with bronze in Quiz Bowl and Ms. CTHEZP 2023 competition, further solidifying WMSU's reputation for excellence in hospitality and tourism education.



WMSU HOSTS BALANGKAS: INAUGURAL CREATIVITY SUMMIT IN PHILIPPINE HIGHER EDUCATION

Western Mindanao State University, in collaboration with the Commission on Higher Education, proudly hosted the Balangkas: 1st Creativity Summit in Philippine Higher Education on November 30, 2023, at the Garden Orchid Hotel. Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena, WMSU President, expressed her gratitude for the opportunity, stating, "I am honored that WMSU has been entrusted with hosting the Balangkas 1st Creativity Summit. This reflects our commitment to fostering innovation and creativity in higher education."

The summit convened participants from across the nation to implement provisions outlined in Rule 22—Creative Instruction and Education of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 11904, known as the Philippine Creative Industries Development Act. Distinguished speakers shared insights into policies, programs, and strategies to support the development and advancement of the creative industries in the Philippines.

Cultivating Agricultural Excellence: The Department of Agriculture's Collaboration with WMSU



The Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), recently marked a significant milestone with the turnover ceremony and blessing of two newly constructed buildings at the WMSU San Ramon Campus. These facilities are dedicated to agricultural research and development programs, generously donated by the Department of Agriculture. Specifically designed for breeding, production, and manufacturing, these buildings will serve as a crucial hub for the development of Zampen native chicken—a local variety indigenous to Zamboanga City.

The Zampen native chicken holds profound importance in preserving our agricultural heritage, contributing not only to sustenance through meat and egg production, but also enriching the cultural and economic fabric of local communities. With the Department of Agriculture's foresight in providing a state-of-the-art breeding facility, the focus shifts towards preserving and enhancing the genetic diversity of these cherished birds. Through meticulous breeding practices aimed at selecting superior traits such as disease resistance, egg production, and meat quality, the future generations of Zampen native chickens are poised to be healthier, more productive, and better suited to their environment.

For students at WMSU, the new breeding facility offers a unique learning opportunity. Through hands-on experience, they can delve into the intricate world of poultry production, gaining insights into genetics, nutrition, and environmental impact on chicken development. Moreover, students acquire essential skills in animal husbandry, record-keeping, and problem-solving, all vital components for success in the poultry industry. Ultimately, the construction of this breeding facility enhances the educational experience at WMSU, empowering students with the knowledge and skills needed for prosperous careers in agricultural development and poultry production.





Strengthening HIV-AIDS Advocacy: WMSU's Collaboration with Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc.

Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), in conjunction with the Gender Research and Resource Center and WMSU Gender Association Inc., solidified a significant partnership by signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) on November 17, 2023. The primary aim of this MOA is to spearhead awareness and advocacy campaigns geared towards mitigating the impact of HIV-AIDS within the student body and the broader community. Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena, President of WMSU, lauded the collaboration, emphasizing its pivotal role in reinforcing HIV awareness initiatives. She remarked, "This commitment from WMSU is a crucial step forward, aligning with our ethical obligation to bolster HIV awareness advocacy."

Mr. Rey Angluben, Director for Global Fund Programs at PSFI, shed light on the foundation's pivotal role in this collaboration, underlining its dedication to augmenting the government's response to the escalating HIV epidemic nationwide. The MOA signing ceremony saw the participation of key stakeholders, including representatives from the Department of Health (DOH) Zamboanga Peninsula Center of Health Development, ZCMC Treatment Hub, City Health Office, MUJER, and members of the WMSU community. This partnership marks a proactive stride towards a concerted effort against the HIV epidemic, underscoring the significance of collaboration between academic institutions, private foundations, and government agencies in formulating a holistic response to pressing public health concerns.

PROMOTING PEACE: WMSU PEACE EDUCATION FORUM

Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), in collaboration with the Peace and Human Security Institute and the Office of the President for Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU), organized a Peace Education Forum on December 4, 2023, as part of the Mindanao Week of Peace celebrations.



Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena emphasized the pivotal role of education in fostering peace, stating, "By nurturing a culture of peace within our educational institutions, we contribute to the collective journey towards lasting harmony in Mindanao and beyond." The event convened key figures dedicated to peace, including Fr. Guillrey Anthony M. Andal SJ, PBGEN Bowenn Joey M. Masauding, LTGEN William N. Gonzales PA, and Atty. Wendell Sotto, who represented City Mayor John Dalipe. OPAPRU Assistant Secretary Andres Aguinaldo, Jr. delivered a keynote address on the gains and challenges of the Mindanao Peace Process.

A significant highlight of the forum was the Ribbon Cutting and Launching ceremony for the OPAPRU-WMSU Peace Education Resource Nook, symbolizing a tangible commitment to providing resources that support peace education. The Peace Education Forum at WMSU underscores the collective commitment of educational institutions, government offices, and the community to collaborate in building a peaceful and united region, reflecting the shared vision for a harmonious future in Mindanao.

Western Mindanao State University Shines Bright at the 2023 ASEAN ZAMPENSULTA Celebration

On December 13, 2023, at the Grand Astoria Hotel in Zamboanga City, Western Mindanao State University stood at the forefront of the 2023 ASEAN ZAMPENSULTA Celebration, garnering an array of prestigious awards. Among the university's standout achievements were the remarkable triumphs of its students in the individual categories. Mr. Carl Martinez Perez, representing the College of Criminal Justice Education, emerged victorious as Mr. ASEAN 2023, while Ms. Garielle Villaruel, from the College of Nursing, claimed the esteemed title of Ms. ASEAN 2023.

In addition to these individual accolades, Western Mindanao State University demonstrated its excellence on the collective stage. The university secured top honors in the ASEAN Cultural Dance and Songwriting competitions, earning the titles of Best in ASEAN Cultural Dance and Best in ASEAN Songwriting. These victories not only showcased the exceptional talent nurtured within the university's halls but also contributed to the cultural richness and diversity of the ASEAN region.

Furthermore, the university's commitment to academic excellence was further underscored by its receipt of the prestigious Platinum Award for the Most Responsive CHED-HEI. This recognition reaffirmed WMSU's dedication to providing quality education and active engagement in higher education initiatives, reflecting its proactive approach in addressing the evolving needs of its students and the broader community.

The 2023 ASEAN ZAMPENSULTA Celebration was a resounding success for Western Mindanao State University, highlighting not only the exceptional talent of its students but also its steadfast dedication to academic excellence and cultural enrichment within the ASEAN region.





Celebrating 104 Years of Crimson Alumni Homecoming

On December 15, 2023, the Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) Alumni Homecoming launched its weeklong festivities with the Amazing Graduated Class Cooperation Night themed "Huntu-huntu Celebration el Triumfo, Viajes, y Vida" at the Joaquin F. Enriquez Dedication Sports Complex.



The day commenced with a vibrant procession, featuring jubilarian groups from 1973 to 1998, along with alumni, faculty, and students. The WMSU Grand Chorale set the tone with melodious renditions, followed by an energetic opening performance by the Jambangan Dance Company. Dr. Ma. Carla A. Ochotorena, WMSU President, warmly welcomed Crimsons, old and new, in her opening address, while Dr. Ma. Nora D. Lai, Director of the Alumni Relations Office, introduced Alumni Coordinators and WMSU United General Alumni Association Incorporated (WMSUUGAAI) Officers. The event was honored by the presence of guest speaker Zamboanga City Mayor, Hon. John M. Dalipe, amplifying the spirit of camaraderie and pride among attendees.



Alumni homecoming events hold a cherished place in the hearts of former students, offering a chance to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate shared experiences. These gatherings foster a sense of community and belonging among graduates, serving as a platform for networking and professional growth. The festivities continued with dynamic performances by WMSU first-year students during the field show, followed by a spectacular light show illuminating the night sky. The Whatchamacallit competition showcased the talent and creativity of participating batches, while live music and a dance party created an atmosphere of joy and camaraderie, allowing attendees to relive cherished memories and celebrate the enduring legacy of WMSU.



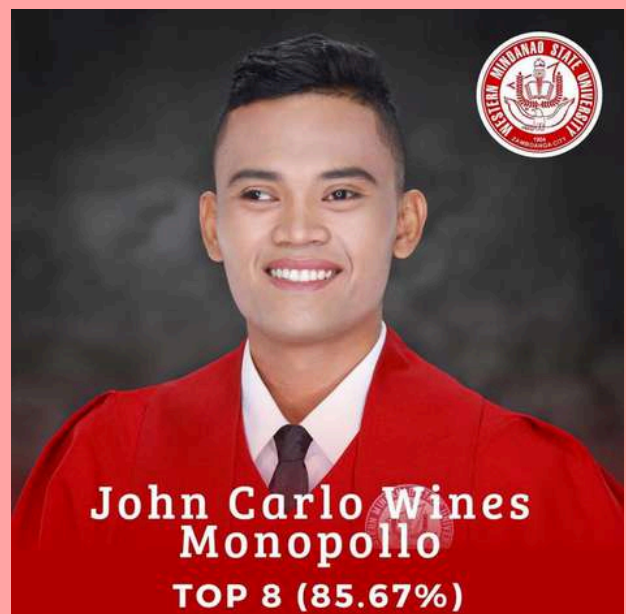
WMSU Excels: Leading the Way in Board Examinations

Western Mindanao State University (WMSU) continues to demonstrate its commitment to excellence by producing top-notch graduates who excel in licensure examinations across different fields. These examinations serve as a benchmark for evaluating the competency and knowledge of our graduates in various disciplines, ensuring that they are well-prepared to contribute meaningfully to their respective professions.

By securing top spots in licensure examinations, such as those for teachers, agriculturists, psychometricians, and nurses, WMSU graduates showcase their mastery of educational theories, agricultural practices, psychological assessment techniques, and nursing skills. These achievements not only validate their expertise but also open doors to promising career opportunities, allowing them to make a positive impact in their chosen fields.

WMSU's success in these examinations underscores the university's unwavering commitment to upholding academic standards and producing globally competitive professionals. It is a testament to the dedication and guidance provided by the faculty and staff who continuously strive to nurture and empower the next generation of leaders in education, healthcare, and beyond.

Among the notable achievers are Joemar E. Peñalosa, who ranked Top 4 in the Licensure Examinations for Teachers; John Carlo Wines Monopollo, who secured Top 8 in the Agriculturist Licensure Examination; Joemel Elijan Santos Cruz, who attained Top 9 in the Licensure Examination for Psychometricians; as well as Aizette Janine Jacinto Dumagay, Mikkaela Ashley Lopez Caballes, and Abdurahim Moh. Sali Abdulla, who distinguished themselves in the Philippine Nursing Licensure Examination, garnering the Top 4, Top 8, and Top 10 spots, respectively. Additionally, the College of Nursing's outstanding 98.20% passing rate further solidifies WMSU's reputation as a leading institution in producing highly competent and skilled professionals.





ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2023



REPORT ON ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

The Program Expenditure Classification (PREXC) represents a streamlined iteration of the Organizational Performance Indicator Framework (OPIF), both serving as methodologies for managing expenditures, aligning resources with results, and evaluating performance. Mandated by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), these frameworks form the backbone of Performance-Informed Budgeting (PIB) across government agencies, integrating performance data and targets into the National Budget allocation process.

Within the OPIF/PREXC framework, agencies are empowered to align operational plans with expectations through Major Final Outputs (MFOs), which denote the goods and services they are mandated to deliver. Oversight by the DBM involves monitoring agencies' progress through quarterly accomplishment reports. Over time, the OPIF/PREXC has evolved to emphasize both outputs and outcomes, ensuring greater responsiveness to societal needs and demands.

In the academic sphere, the concept of Organizational Outcomes (OOs) plays a pivotal role, encompassing functional objectives aligned with societal goals. These OOs are further delineated into three major service areas: Academics, Research, and Extension with Resource Generation, each with its own set of output and outcome indicators. These areas collectively contribute to the holistic development of the institution, the community, and society at large, with operational support provided through auxiliary services that underpin their functions.



Academic Performance

LICENSURE

The University is dedicated to extending its influence and assistance beyond the confines of students' academic journeys. Each college diligently oversees professional courses, with many offering review classes for licensure examinations, resulting in significant achievements. Notably, six students secured top-10 rankings in various licensure exams, including the Licensure Examinations for Teachers, Psychometricians, and the Philippine Nursing Licensure Examination. Overall, out of 3,282 first-time takers across twenty-six courses, 2,158 individuals, representing 66% of the cohort, successfully passed the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) exams, exceeding the annual target rate by an impressive 135%.



TRACER STUDY

The true measure of educational quality lies in the outcomes achieved by graduates. Gainful employment and entrepreneurial endeavors serve as definitive indicators of success. Over the past two years, 729 out of 2,559 university graduates, accounting for 28% of the total, have secured employment, becoming valuable contributors to society. However, this figure may not fully reflect actual job absorption rates due to nascent tracer systems and limited response rates from colleges with reliable tracing mechanisms. To address this, the university has initiated tracer studies in each college, slated for implementation in 2022, under the coordination of College Alumni Coordinators and the Career Placement and Job Office, overseen by the University Alumni Office and monitored by the Quality Management Office (QMO). These endeavors aim to provide more accurate and improved employment data following two years of standardized tracing protocols.



Academic Performance



ENROLLMENT

In response to critical issues such as food security, climate change mitigation, and environmental conservation, the university prioritizes support for Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources (AFNR) academic programs. Additionally, emphasis is placed on Science and Technology fields to drive socioeconomic growth. As evident from the enrollment data for the 1st Semester of SY 2023-2024, 12,860 students were enrolled in Commission on Higher Education/Regional Development Council (CHED/RDC)-identified priority programs, comprising 79% of the total student population, surpassing the targeted enrollment rate of 76%. These efforts reflect the university's commitment to addressing regional development needs and fostering sustainable growth in key sectors.



ACCREDITATION

Furthermore, the University has demonstrated its commitment to academic excellence with 48 out of 57, or 84% of its programs accredited by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP), affirming its dedication to quality education.



Research

In today's era of globalization, the role of academia in driving growth is paramount, with research serving as a cornerstone for development both within institutions and beyond. Prioritizing knowledge-driven progress rooted in research and subsequent technological innovation is imperative.

UTILIZATION

Firstly, over the past three years, research outputs have proven instrumental, surpassing expectations. Nine out of the targeted eight, representing an impressive 113%, were utilized by industries and other beneficiaries, underscoring the tangible impact of academic research on real-world applications.

COMPLETED

Secondly, the pace of research output has been remarkable. Twenty-six out of the targeted twelve, equivalent to an outstanding 217%, were successfully completed within the year, reflecting the University's commitment to efficiency and productivity in its research endeavors.

PUBLISHED

Finally, in terms of publications, the University Research Center has maintained a robust presence in the academic arena. Forty-three out of the targeted fifty research papers (86%) were accepted in internationally-refereed CHED-recognized research journals for the year, highlighting the caliber and relevance of the University's research output. This underscores the institution's unwavering dedication to producing high-quality and impactful research, further enhancing its reputation and research capabilities.

Extension

PARTNERSHIPS

Through proactive engagement, DESC D successfully forged 10 active partnerships with a diverse array of stakeholders including LGUs, industries, NGOs, NGAs, SMEs, and others, as a direct outcome of its extension activities throughout the year. This achievement not only met but surpassed the targeted 10 partnerships, resulting in a commendable 100% accomplishment rate. These partnerships are a testament to the practical application of innovative technologies, which stem from research initiatives meticulously designed to enhance productivity and elevate the overall quality of life.

TRAINEES

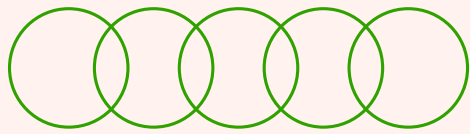
In terms of training, both professional and livelihood skills received a significant boost, with 8,649 trainees benefiting from upskilling initiatives. This figure exceeded the targeted 6,500 for the year, achieving an impressive 133% accomplishment rate in 2023.

PROGRAMS

By closely aligning extension programs with regional and national priorities, particularly in entrepreneurship and skills development, the University ensured that 22 out of the targeted 17 extension programs were successfully organized and supported. This accomplishment, in line with the institution's mandated and priority programs, reached a noteworthy 129% attainment rate.

RATING

Moreover, the satisfaction of beneficiaries is paramount, with a staggering 99% or 2,619 out of the total 2,634 trainees rating the training courses and advisory services as satisfactory or higher in terms of quality and relevance. This remarkable achievement not only met but exceeded the target of 99%, reflecting the timeliness and applicability of the training programs delivered.



Extension



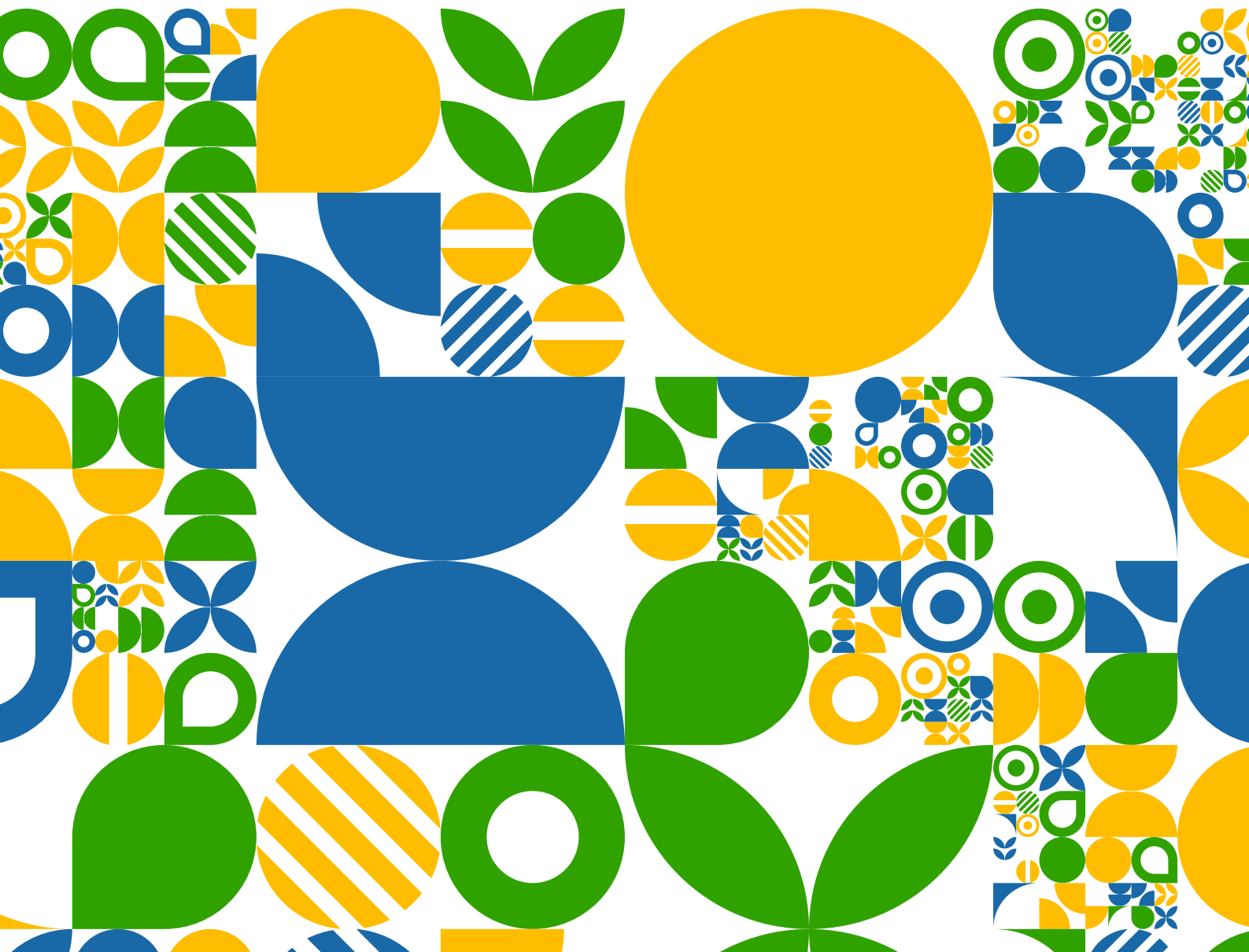
As we gradually emerge from the shadow of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Department of Extension Services and Community Development (DESCD) has redoubled its efforts to regain lost ground.

In extension programs, the University remains steadfast in its commitment to both routine and pertinent activities that focus on transferring agricultural technologies at the domestic level.

Aligned with regional goals for the growth of the agro-forestry sector, and supported by the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD), the University aims to expand and replicate successful extension initiatives to further benefit the community.



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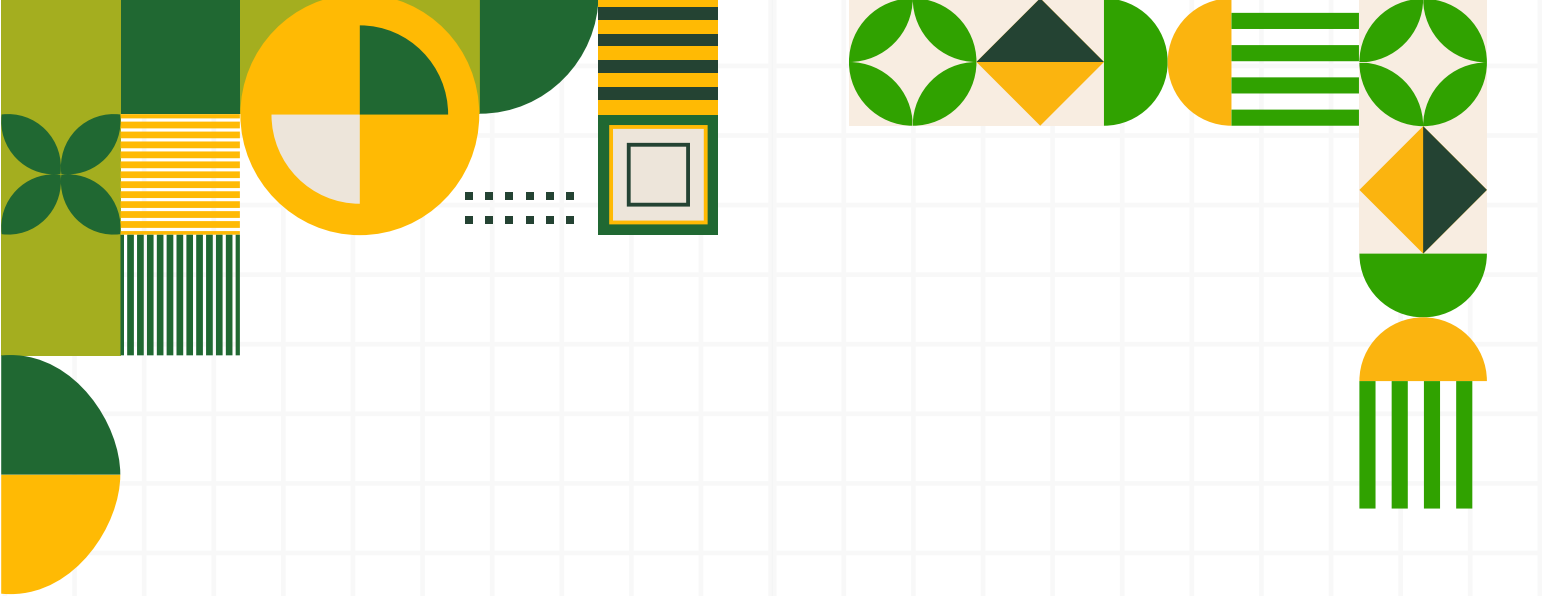
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CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

2023



I. GRADUATE LEVEL

DEGREE:

1.Doctor of Public Administration (DPA)

2.Doctor of Philosophy in Education (Ph.D.)

Major: Language Teaching (English)

3.Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

Major: Educational Administration

4.Doctor of Medicine (MD)

5.Doctor of Philosophy in Science Education

Major: Biology

6.Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Fields of Specialization:

Personnel Administration

Organization and Management

Fiscal Administration

Program Development and Administration

7.Master in Local Government Administration (MLGA)

Fields of Specialization:

Socio-Economic Development Administration

Political Development Administration

8.Master of Arts in Education (MAED)

Majors:

Special Education

Educational Administration

Guidance and Counseling

Psychology

Social Studies

Language Teaching (English)

Language Teaching (Filipino)

School Health Education

Home Economics

Mathematics

Early Childhood Study and Development

9.Master of Arts in Science Education (MA SciEd)

10. Master of Science in Teaching (MST)

Majors:

Biology

Chemistry

Mathematics

Physics

11.Master of Arts in Nursing (MAN)

Fields of Specialization:

Nursing Management

Nursing Education

12.Master of Nursing (MN)

Fields of Specialization:

Medical-Surgical Nursing

Maternal and Child Health Nursing

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing

Community Health Nursing

13.Master of Social Work (MSW)

Fields of Specialization:

Social Administration

Community Organization

Clinical Social Work Practice

14.Master of Science in Physical Education (MSPE)

Fields of Specialization:

Dance/Recreation

Sports

15.Master of Science in Structural Engineering (MSSE)

16.Master of Science in Environmental Engineering (MSEE)

Fields of Specialization:

Environmental Management and Technology(EMT)

Water and Wastewater Engineering (WWE)

17.Master of Engineering Education (MENGED)

Fields of Specialization:

Civil Engineering

Electrical Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Environmental Engineering

Information and Communication Technology

18.Master of Science in Agronomy (MS Agro)

19.Master in Agriculture (MAgri)

20.Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCRIM)

21.Master of Arts in English Language Studies (MAELS)

22.Master in Information Technology (MIT)

23.Professional Science Masters (PSM)

Major:

Food Processing and Management

NON-DEGREE:

1. Professional Diploma in Education (P.D.)

Majors:

Language Teaching (English)
Educational Administration

2. Professional Master in Nursing Certificate (PMNC)

Fields of Specialization:

Medical-Surgical Nursing
Maternal and Child Health Nursing
Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing
Community Health Nursing

3. Certificate in Governmental Management (CGM)

Fields of Specialization:

Personnel Administration
Organization and Management
Fiscal Administration
Program Development and Administration

II. UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

POST-BACCALAUREATE:

1. Diploma Program in Physical Education (DPPE)

2. Professional Education Certificate (PEC)

3. Certificate in Kindergarten Education (CKE)

4. Certificate in Cultural Education

BACCALAUREATE:

1. Juris Doctor (JD)

2. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA)

Majors:

Animal Science
Crop Science

3. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business (BSAB)

4. Bachelor of Agricultural Technology (BAT)

5. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering (BSAE)

6. Bachelor of Science in Forestry (BSF)

7. Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science (BSES)

8. Bachelor of Science in Agroforestry (BS Agro)

9. Bachelor of Science in Nursing

10. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (in consortium with J.H. Cerilles State College - Pagadian)

11. Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Special Program for Chinese Students

12. Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED)

13. Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (BECE)

14. Bachelor of Special Needs Education (BSNE)

Fields of Specialization:

Elementary School Teaching (EST)

Early Childhood Education (ECE)

15. Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSED)

Majors:

English

Filipino

Mathematics (Math)

Values Education (ValEd)

Music, Arts, Physical Education, and Health (MAPEH)

Social Studies

Science

16. Bachelor of Culture and Arts Education (BCAE)

17. Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Education (BSHEED)

18. Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics (BSND)

19. Bachelor of Science in Food Technology (BSFT)

20. Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management (BSHRM)

21. Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management (BSHM)

Major:

Hotel Administration

22. Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (BSCE)

23. Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (BSME)

24. Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE)

25. Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering (BSCoE)

26. Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSCS)

27. Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT)

28. Bachelor of Science in Geodetic Engineering (BSGE)

29. Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering (BSIE)

30. Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering (BSEnE)

31. Bachelor of Science in Sanitary Engineering (BSSE)

32. Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering (BSEIE)

33. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (BSABE)

34. Bachelor of Science in Architecture (BSArch)

35. Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW)

36. Bachelor of Science in Community Development (BSCD)

37. Bachelor of Science in Biology (BSBio)

Majors:

Ecology

Animal Biology

Medical Biology

- 38. Bachelor of Science in Chemistry (BSChem)**
- 39. Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (BSMath)**
- 40. Bachelor of Science in Physics (BSPhysics)**
- 41. Bachelor of Science in Statistics (BSStat)**
- 42. Special Degree Program for Foreign Students: (a 3-year and 1 summer course)**

Majors:

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Bachelor of Arts in Economics/Business

- 43. Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies (ABAS)**

Major:

Southeast Asian Studies

- 44. Bachelor of Arts (AB)**

Majors:

English
Political Science

- 45. Bachelor of Arts in History (BA Hist)**
- 46. Bachelor of Arts in Broadcasting (BA Broad)**
- 47. Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (BA Journ)**
- 48. Bachelor of Science in Economics (BSEco)**
- 49. Bachelor of Science in Psychology (BSPsych)**
- 50. Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (BS Acc)**
- 51. Bachelor of Arts in English Language Studies (BAELS)**
- 52. Batsilyer ng Sining sa Filipino (BSFil)**
- 53. Bachelor of Science in Islamic Studies (BSIS)**
- 54. Bachelor of Science in Criminology (BSCrim)**
- 55. Bachelor of Physical Education (BPEd)**
- 56. Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sports Sciences (BSESS)**

PRE-BACCALAUREATE:

- 1. Diploma in Agricultural Technology (DAT)**
- 2. Special Tertiary Education Program (STEP)**
 - Exceptionally Abled Students and Youths (EASY)
 - Office and Library Technology Certificate
 - Vocational and Occupational Instruction Curriculum for Exceptional Studies (VOICES)
- 3. Arts Management-Reverse Inclusion and Mainstreaming Education (AM-RIME)**
- 4. Diploma in Arabic Language (DAL)**
- 5. Certificate in Drafting Technology**
- 6. Certificate in Building Technology and Utilities**
- 7. Certificate in Computer-Aided Drafting Design (CADD)**
- 8. Associate in Hospitality Management Services (AHMS)**
- 9. Associate in Hotel and Restaurant Services (AHRs)**

III. EXTERNAL STUDIES UNITS – ESU

MASTERS:

- 1. Master of Arts in Education**
- 2. Master of Public Administration**

POST-BACCALAUREATE:

- 1. Professional Education Certificate**

BACCALAUREATE:

1. Bachelor of Elementary Education

Majors:

- General Education
- Special Education
- Early Childhood Education (Pre-School)

2. Bachelor of Secondary Education

Majors:

- English
- Mathematics
- Music, Arts and Physical Education
- Biological Science
- Social Studies
- Filipino

3. Bachelor of Science in Criminology

4. Bachelor of Agricultural Technology

5. Bachelor of Science in Social Work

6. Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

7. Bachelor of Arts Major in Political Science

PRE-BACCALAUREATE:

1. Diploma in Agricultural Technology

2. Associate in Computer Science

IV. DEPARTMENT OF EXTENSION SERVICES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. IN-CAMPUS:

- 1. Baking**
- 2. Basic Automotive Mechanics**
- 3. Basic Computer Repair**
- 4. Basic Electronics**
- 5. Beauty Care**
- 6. Cellphone Repair**
- 7. Cooking/Food Processing**
- 8. Cosmetology**
- 9. Garment Technology**
- 10. Hair Cutting/Styling**
- 11. Needle Craft**
- 12. Master Cutting**
- 13. Novelty**
- 14. Plumbing**
- 15. Practical Electrical/Motor Rewinding**
- 16. Refrigeration and Air-condition Repair**
- 17. Welding/Fabrication**
- 18. Handicraft**
- 19. Emergency Medical and Allied Services (EMAS)**

B. OFF-CAMPUS:

- 1. Baking**
- 2. Basic Automotive Mechanics**
- 3. Basic Computer Repair**
- 4. Basic Electronics**
- 5. Cellphone Repair**
- 6. Cooking/Food Processing**
- 7. Cosmetology**
- 8. Beauty Care**
- 9. Garment Technology**
- 10. Handicraft**
- 11. Instrumental Music**
- 12. Novelty**
- 13. Plumbing**
- 14. Graphic Arts**
- 15. Hair Cutting/Styling**
- 16. Needle Craft**
- 17. Practical Electricity/Motor Rewinding**
- 18. Welding/Fabrication**
- 19. Ref. and Aircon Repair**

V. INTEGRATED LABORATORY SCHOOL

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

- 1. Grade 1 - Grade VI**
- 2. Special Education**

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- 1. Grade VII - Grade X Regular**

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

- 1. Grade XI**
- 2. Grade XII**





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