



122nd SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY FOUNDERS DAY

Theme: *"Embracing the Future as God's Gift"*

STRICT IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE PARADA SILLIMANIANA and UNITY SERVICE

1. The PARADA SILLIMANIANA 2023 will be a rain-or-shine activity. The theme for the Parade will be "**COSMOS**," which depicts both nature and our future, connecting it to the Founders Day theme. This includes the vast potential for exploration and discovery and the ever-expanding nature of both. Cosmos-themed designs can bring a futuristic and celestial touch to various events during the Founders celebration.
2. Contingents must assemble at their designated areas (see the pre-departure arrangement on the last page of this file for reference) for the Parada Sillimaniana by 1:00 p.m. The parade begins at 2:30 p.m., following the approved route.
3. The contingent for Alumni groups shall be limited to 50 participants who may ride on their floats and/or rented vehicles, while academic units are allowed a maximum of 70 participants including faculty and staff. They shall be on foot or may use an e-scooter/rollerblades/skateboard/bicycle if they wish to do so. Should they decide to use any of the latter, **wearing a helmet is required. Motorcycles are not allowed.** Members of the academic units who are not part of the parade shall go directly to the Filomeno Cimafranca Ballfield and occupy their designated places inside the oval.
4. Each participating unit shall be allowed to have one float only and one other vehicle for support. The design/concept of the float should depict the theme: "**COSMOS**" and must consider the Founders Day theme, "Embracing the Future as God's Gift." Materials used in decorating the floats should not violate environmental standards and the city's ordinances and should not be against safety measures. Floats and support vehicles, after passing the Reviewing Stand (Grandstand), shall exit through the gate beside the Col Roman T. Yap Hall, SUOTC Center (east side of the oval). All vehicles are not allowed to park inside the ballfield except for the University vehicles.

PARADA SILLIMANIANA will feature some competitions with the following mechanics:

a. Dancing Competition

- Contingents must have a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 30 performers who are bonafide alumni and/or students who are officially enrolled.
- The contingents should provide their own music with an upbeat tempo of not more than three (3) minutes long (original composition is not a requirement; existing songs can be mashed up).
- Judging will be done during their performance upon arrival at the Reviewing Stand (Grandstand)
- Explicit content and obscenity **ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

Note: Contingents performing along the City streets should continuously move forward to avoid a huge gap between every contingent.

b. Best-in-Float Design

- FLOATS must be constructed in a way that allows viewers to see the design on both sides. This includes decorations and trimming if necessary.
- The draft/final float design must be submitted three days before the scheduled parade (August 24, 2023) to the committee through email: rodolfobloccsinjr@su.edu.ph.
- Floats should complete the entire parade route and must pass by the Reviewing Stand for final judging.

c. College Mascot Competition

- Each academic unit's contingent should choose a preferred college animal as a mascot. The dominating color of the mascot must reflect the academic unit's color.
- Mascots should not exceed 78" (6.5ft) in height and 39" (1m) in width/depth.
- Props are allowed provided that they are related to the theme or the academic unit the mascots are representing and that the props do not violate the university's [Environmental Principles, Policies and Guidelines](#).
- Contingents are required to describe their mascot in not more than 150 words and must submit their description to the committee through email (rodolfobloccsinjr@su.edu.ph) on or before the event.

5. Upon entering the ballfield, the participating units shall proceed towards the Reviewing Stand (Grandstand) to be duly acknowledged; then proceed to their designated places inside the oval and join the other members of their group.
6. Points will be deducted from participating units if members are seen carrying plastic water bottles and if their trash is not thrown responsibly. Everyone should be responsible for keeping their areas clean after departure.
7. Giving out/throwing candies to the public during the parade is **STRICTLY NOT ALLOWED**.
8. All units are enjoined to remain for the Unity Service, which follows the Parada Sillimaniana.
9. In the event of an emergency and in case of heavy rain, a contingent may decide not to join the parade and may proceed directly to the Filomeno Cimafranca Ballfield.

Special Reminders:

*Faculty, staff, and students are **required to wear their ID at all times**.

***Wearing face masks inside the campus is encouraged** and everyone is encouraged to bring antiseptics/disinfectant (ethyl/isopropyl alcohol).

*Single-use plastic materials (e.g. water bottles, tarpaulins, balloons, etc.) must be avoided, following the [Silliman University Environmental Principles, Policies and Guidelines](#). Everyone is recommended to bring their own water tumblers, use cloth streamers or banners, and **REFRAIN** from using balloons.

*Bringing of backpack(s) is discouraged.

PRE-DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENT

SILLIMAN AVENUE



KATADA STREET