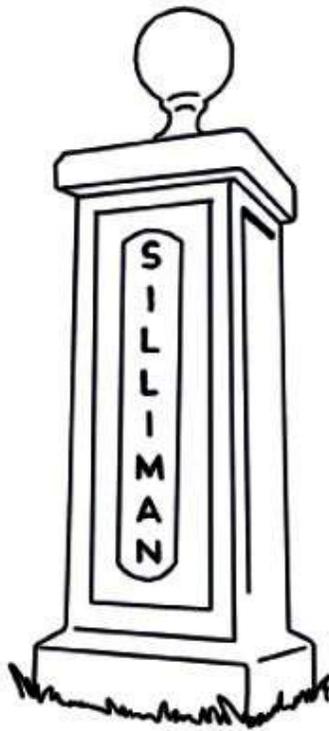


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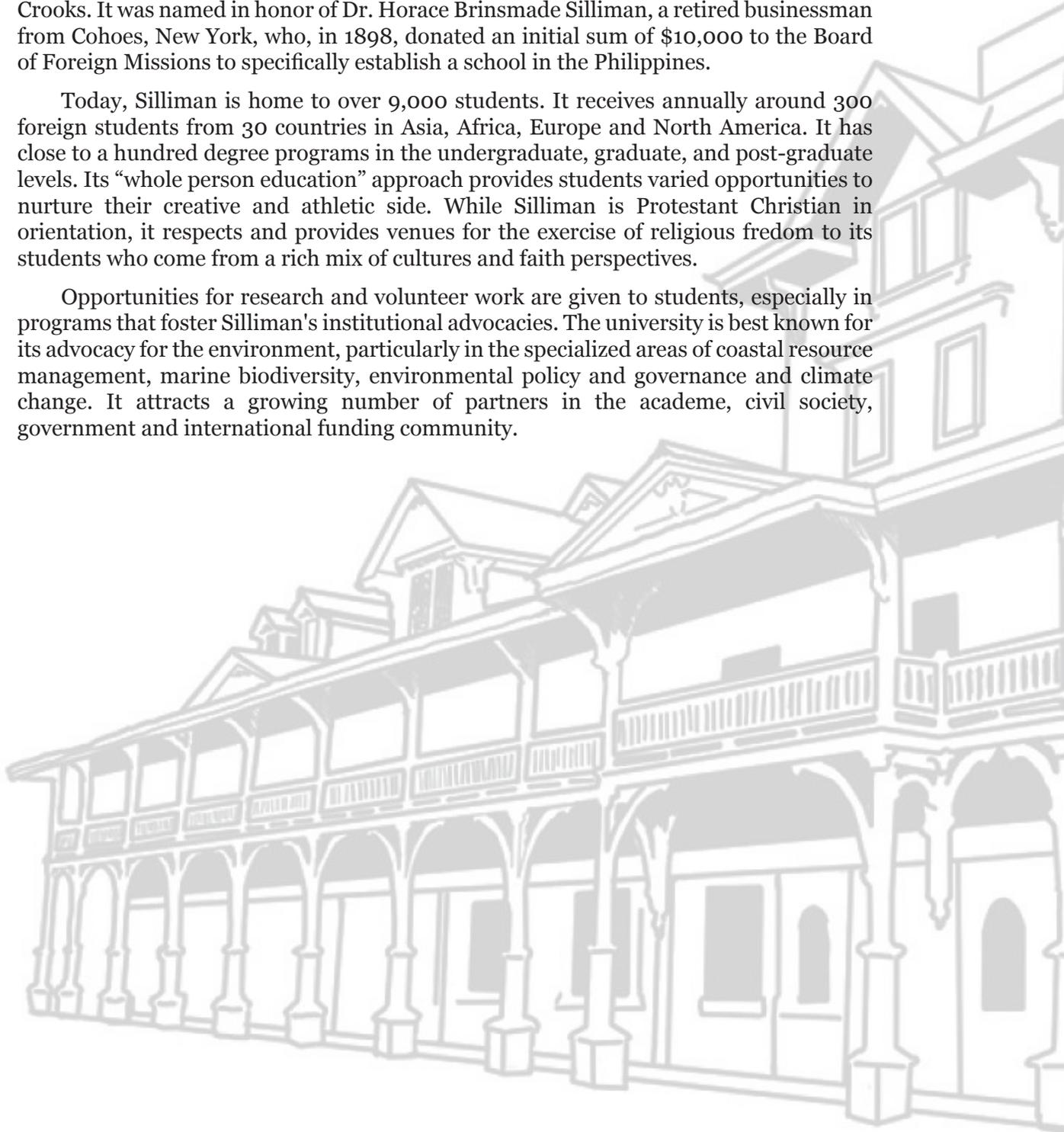
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SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY

is the oldest university founded by American Presbyterian missionaries in Asia. It started out as an industrial school for boys modeled after the Hampton Institute of Virginia. It was first known as Silliman Institute, a school established on August 28, 1901 by Presbyterian missionaries headed by Dr. David Sutherland Hibbard and wife, Laura Crooks. It was named in honor of Dr. Horace Brinsmade Silliman, a retired businessman from Cohoes, New York, who, in 1898, donated an initial sum of \$10,000 to the Board of Foreign Missions to specifically establish a school in the Philippines.

Today, Silliman is home to over 9,000 students. It receives annually around 300 foreign students from 30 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and North America. It has close to a hundred degree programs in the undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate levels. Its “whole person education” approach provides students varied opportunities to nurture their creative and athletic side. While Silliman is Protestant Christian in orientation, it respects and provides venues for the exercise of religious freedom to its students who come from a rich mix of cultures and faith perspectives.

Opportunities for research and volunteer work are given to students, especially in programs that foster Silliman's institutional advocacies. The university is best known for its advocacy for the environment, particularly in the specialized areas of coastal resource management, marine biodiversity, environmental policy and governance and climate change. It attracts a growing number of partners in the academe, civil society, government and international funding community.



VISION

A Christian institution leading in total human development for the well-being of society and environment.

MISSION

- ▷ Infuse into the academic learning of our stakeholders core values anchored on the gospel of Jesus Christ towards developing individuals of faith, character, and competence.
- ▷ Instill in all members of the University community social consciousness, care for the environment, and a deep sense of justice for societal well-being.
- ▷ Cultivate resilient and globally competitive academic community competent in knowledge production and innovation, positively contributing to sustainable development.

GOALS

Silliman aims to have...

- ▷ Vibrant Christian life among students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and the community
- ▷ Diverse studentry and globally competitive graduates with character through academic excellence
- ▷ A Community of leading academics, knowledge producers, and highly efficient human resource
- ▷ World-class facilities, innovative systems and processes responsive to the needs of the stakeholders
- ▷ Viable and sustainable financial and other resources
- ▷ Mutually supportive relationship with the alumni imbued with a profound sense of the Silliman spirit
- ▷ Heightened social awareness and constructive engagement in peace, justice, and national and global development initiatives
- ▷ Responsible and accountable stewards of the environment and other resources

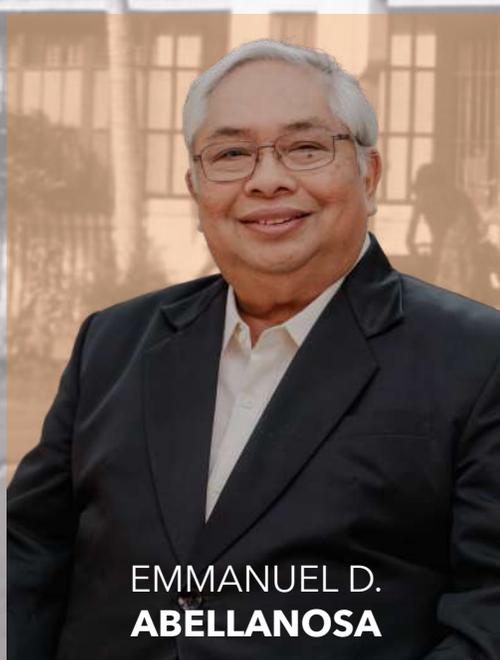
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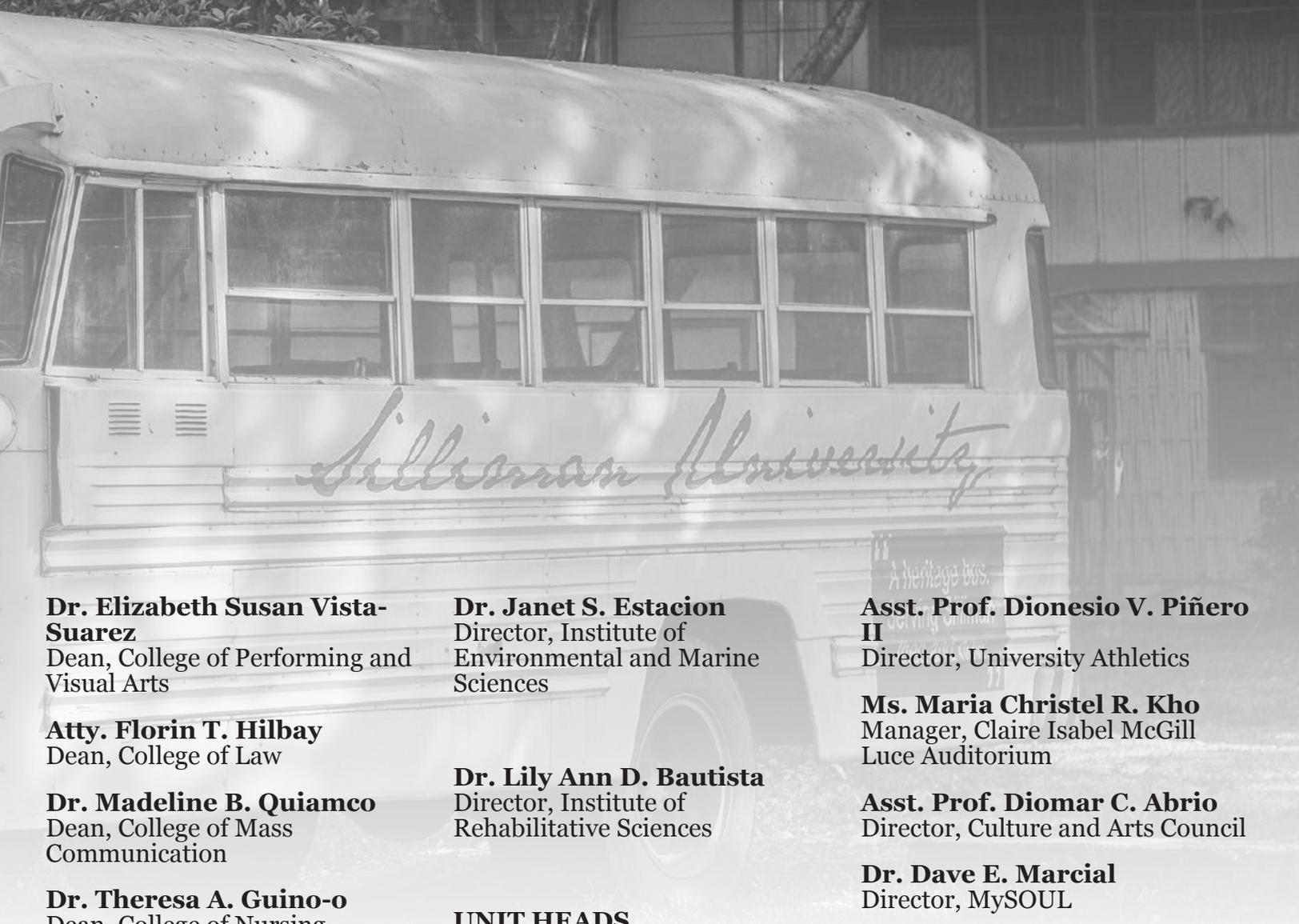
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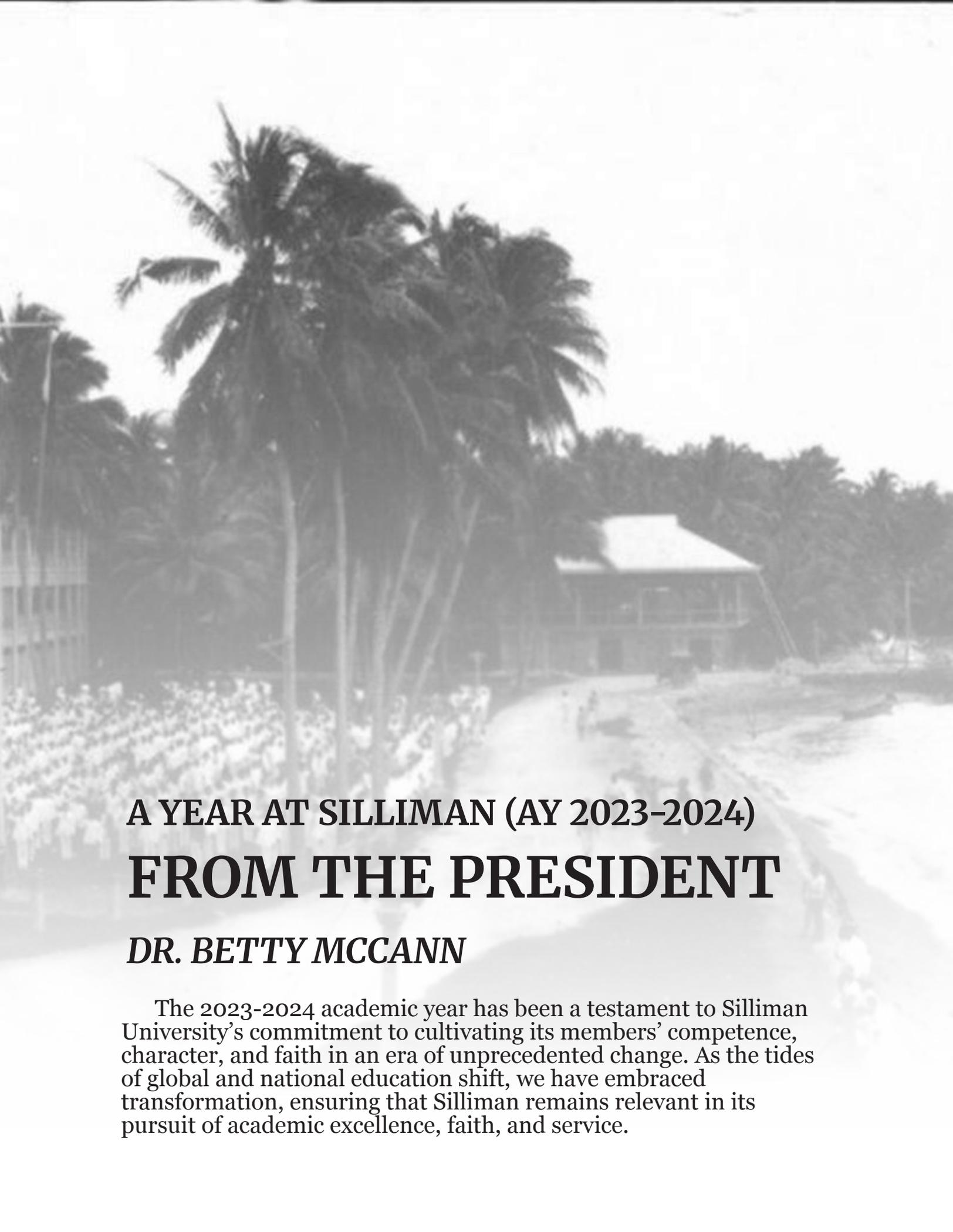
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A black and white photograph of a tropical beach scene. In the foreground, there are several tall palm trees. In the middle ground, a large, two-story building with a gabled roof is visible, surrounded by more palm trees. The background shows a sandy beach and the ocean. The overall scene is serene and tropical.

A YEAR AT SILLIMAN (AY 2023-2024) FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. BETTY MCCANN

The 2023-2024 academic year has been a testament to Silliman University's commitment to cultivating its members' competence, character, and faith in an era of unprecedented change. As the tides of global and national education shift, we have embraced transformation, ensuring that Silliman remains relevant in its pursuit of academic excellence, faith, and service.

CHRIST-CENTEREDNESS: DEEPENING FAITH AMIDST CHANGE

Faith remains the foundation of our institution. This year, we reinforced our commitment to holistic spiritual growth through various initiatives. The University Christian Life Emphasis Month (UCLEM), with the theme “Just a Pinch of SALT (Seeking, Affirming, and Living the Truth),” engaged the entire campus in deepening faith formation. Pastoral ministries expanded their reach, serving both the university and the wider community. Additionally, the CWTS initiatives focused on disaster risk management and community-based health services, ensuring that faith was not only nurtured but also practiced through service. The commemoration of Silliman's Founder's Day reminded us of our Christian roots and the vision of Dr. Horace Brinsmade Silliman.

COMPETENCE: ELEVATING ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

In response to technological advancements and global academic trends, Silliman made significant strides in academic innovation and research. The expansion of the Silliman Online University Learning (SOUL) platform enhanced hybrid learning opportunities, while the establishment of the Dr. Mariano Lao Global Studies Center spearheaded research on AI applications in education. New interdisciplinary programs were introduced to encourage research-driven learning.

The year saw remarkable achievements by students and faculty alike. Silliman students won Best Paper and Best Podium Presentation awards at international nursing and business conferences. The senior students of the College of Nursing successfully participated in disaster simulation exercises, highlighting the importance of hands-on learning. Faculty researchers also earned recognition, placing second in the Best Paper competition at the National Social Science Congress with a study focused on community-driven economic resilience.

Silliman strengthened its international presence through expanded partnerships with global institutions, facilitating student and faculty exchanges and integrating global perspectives into the curriculum. These efforts continue to position Silliman as a center of academic excellence that meets the demands of an evolving educational landscape.

CHARACTER: DEVELOPING ETHICAL AND RESPONSIBLE LEADERS

Leadership and ethical responsibility have remained central to Silliman’s educational mission. This year, the university hosted thought-provoking lectures, including "Pressing Issues on Press Freedom" by Nobel Laureate Maria Ressa and a discussion on the West Philippine Sea controversy led by Hon. Justice Francis Jardeleza. These engagements provided students with a deeper understanding of ethical decision-making and the responsibilities of leadership.

Student governance remained dynamic, as evidenced by a highly engaged student government election (SUSG 2024). Forums like “Liwanag Sa Dilim” encouraged student participation in social advocacy, particularly in the areas of environmental and women’s rights. Faculty and staff development was also a key focus, with organizational restructuring ensuring a more responsive and relevant governance framework for the university. The second rollout of the functional organizational chart and Change Management framework marked a significant step in refining university operations to better serve students and faculty alike.

COMMUNITY: STRENGTHENING THE SILLIMAN SPIRIT

Silliman’s sense of community remains strong, reinforced through its vibrant celebrations and cultural initiatives. The Founders Day 2023 festivities brought together students, faculty, and alumni for a lively Hibalag Festival, the Parada Sillimaniana, and the Outstanding Sillimani Awards Ceremony. A floral offering honored the contributions of Dr. David and Laura Hibbard, reaffirming our shared heritage.

The university’s cultural and artistic milestones flourished, with the inaugural Dumaguete Literary Festival showcasing the creative legacy of Silliman’s literary community. The 61st Cultural Season featured performances such as “Harana” by the Philippine Opera Company, while musical highlights included performances by Ryan Cayabyab and the Silliman University International Choral Festival. Community service remained a priority, with student engagement in environmental sustainability earning recognition in the Southeast Asian Waste Hero Awards. Meanwhile, the Silliman University Band’s victory in the Buglasan Intercollegiate Marching Band Competition further emphasized the university’s commitment to fostering talent and teamwork.

CREATION STEWARDSHIP: SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION FOR THE FUTURE

Silliman University continues to lead in environmental sustainability and responsible innovation. Efforts to expand the Zero Waste Management program have significantly reduced the university’s environmental footprint. The university’s participation in First Gen’s Code Green for Campus saw a multidisciplinary team from Silliman place among the top three best sustainability project teams in the country.

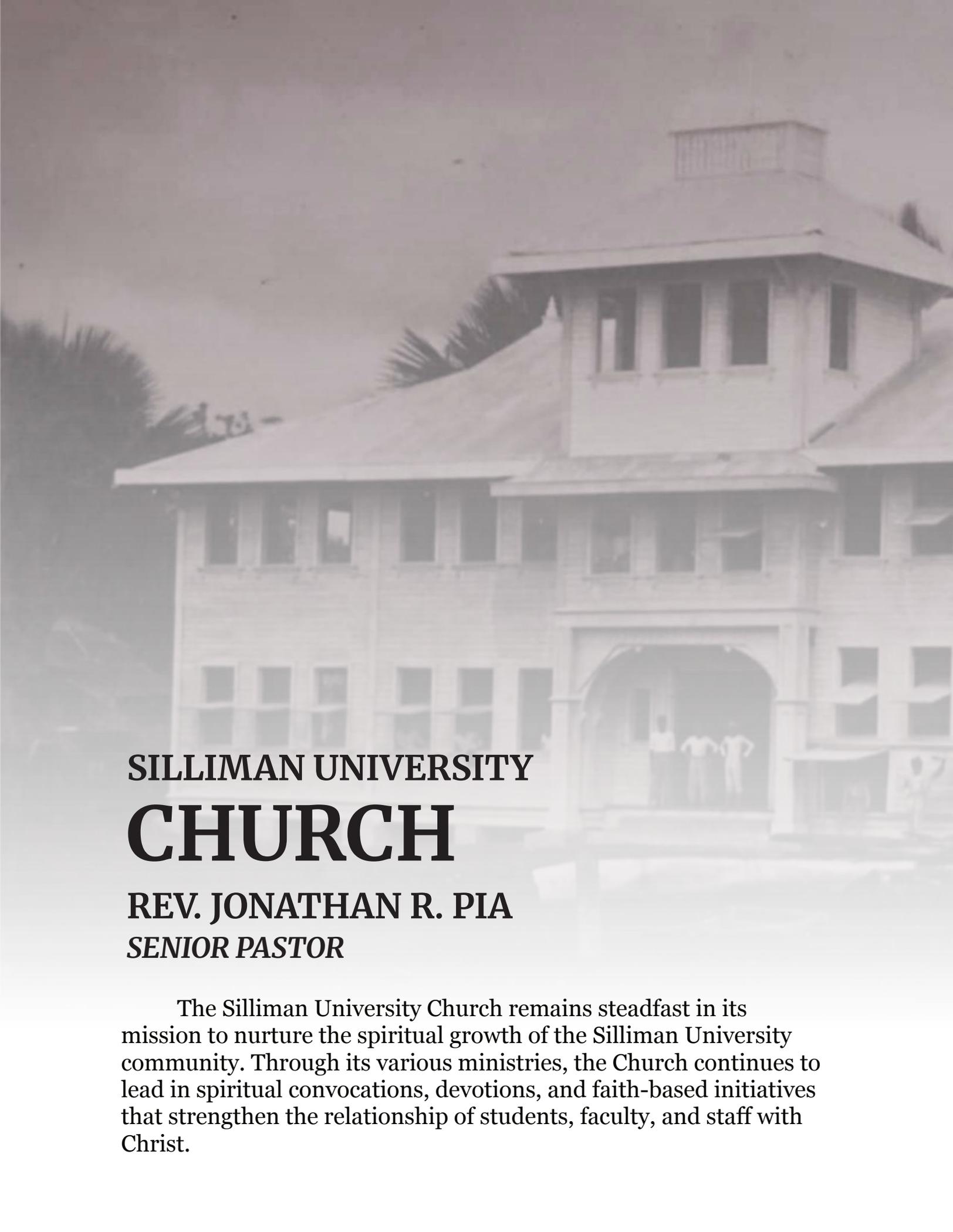
Infrastructure development remained a priority, with ongoing upgrades to ICT-based facilities ensuring that they meet global educational standards. The continued progress of the Uytensu Learning Commons, integrating transformational learning technologies, reflects Silliman’s commitment to future-ready education. Strategic partnerships were also reinforced, with a commissioned best-use feasibility study exploring the sustainable expansion of Silliman properties, including Silliman Village, Pamplona, and Ticao. These partnerships extend to collaborations with industry leaders and international institutions, further embedding sustainability and innovation in university operations.

Looking Ahead: Embracing Change, Strengthening Legacy

As Silliman University continues to navigate an ever-changing educational landscape, we remain steadfast in our mission to be a Christ-centered learning community committed to the pursuit of excellence. The past year has reinforced our resilience, adaptability, and commitment to transformational education. Through our Five Cs, we embrace change not as a disruption, but as an opportunity to innovate and lead.

With faith as our foundation, competence as our strength, character as our guide, community as our support, and creation stewardship as our responsibility—we move forward together.

Press on toward the goal!



SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY
CHURCH

REV. JONATHAN R. PIA
SENIOR PASTOR

The Silliman University Church remains steadfast in its mission to nurture the spiritual growth of the Silliman University community. Through its various ministries, the Church continues to lead in spiritual convocations, devotions, and faith-based initiatives that strengthen the relationship of students, faculty, and staff with Christ.





Throughout the academic year, the Silliman University Church has been actively involved in fostering spiritual growth within the university. The Church ministry has attended to all religious activities in the academe, ensuring the integration of faith in dormitory life and academic settings. Regular worship services, Bible study sessions, and pastoral care have provided a strong foundation for the university community's spiritual journey.

One of the key highlights of the year was the University Christian Life Emphasis Month (UCLEM), successfully organized in collaboration with the University Spiritual Life Council. The first semester featured the theme "Embracing God's G.I.F.T (Great, Incredible Favor Today)," emphasizing gratitude and divine blessings. The second semester followed with the theme "Just a Pinch of SALT (Seeking, Affirming, and Living the Truth)," encouraging students to deepen their faith and live out Christian values in their daily lives.

Beyond the campus, the Silliman University Church continues to provide hope and service through its community outreach programs. Engaging in faith formation activities, the Church collaborated with local government units and organizations to extend its ministry beyond the university.

Key community service initiatives included:

Jail Ministry: The Church led worship services and Bible study sessions among rehabilitated members of society, offering them spiritual guidance and encouragement for reintegration.

Feeding Programs: Extending support to underprivileged communities, the Church conducted feeding programs in Looc, Cadawinonan, and Candau-ay, reaching out to those in need with nourishment and spiritual care.

Partnerships with Local Organizations: The Church has continued to participate in faith-based programs organized by local government units, reinforcing its commitment to holistic community service and social transformation.

The Silliman University Church remains dedicated to its mission of spiritual leadership and community service. As it moves forward, the Church will continue to uphold its commitment to guiding the Silliman community in faith, serving those in need, and nurturing a Christ-centered life among students, faculty, and the broader Dumaguete community. With faith and perseverance, the Church looks ahead to another year of meaningful service and spiritual growth.

To God be the glory!

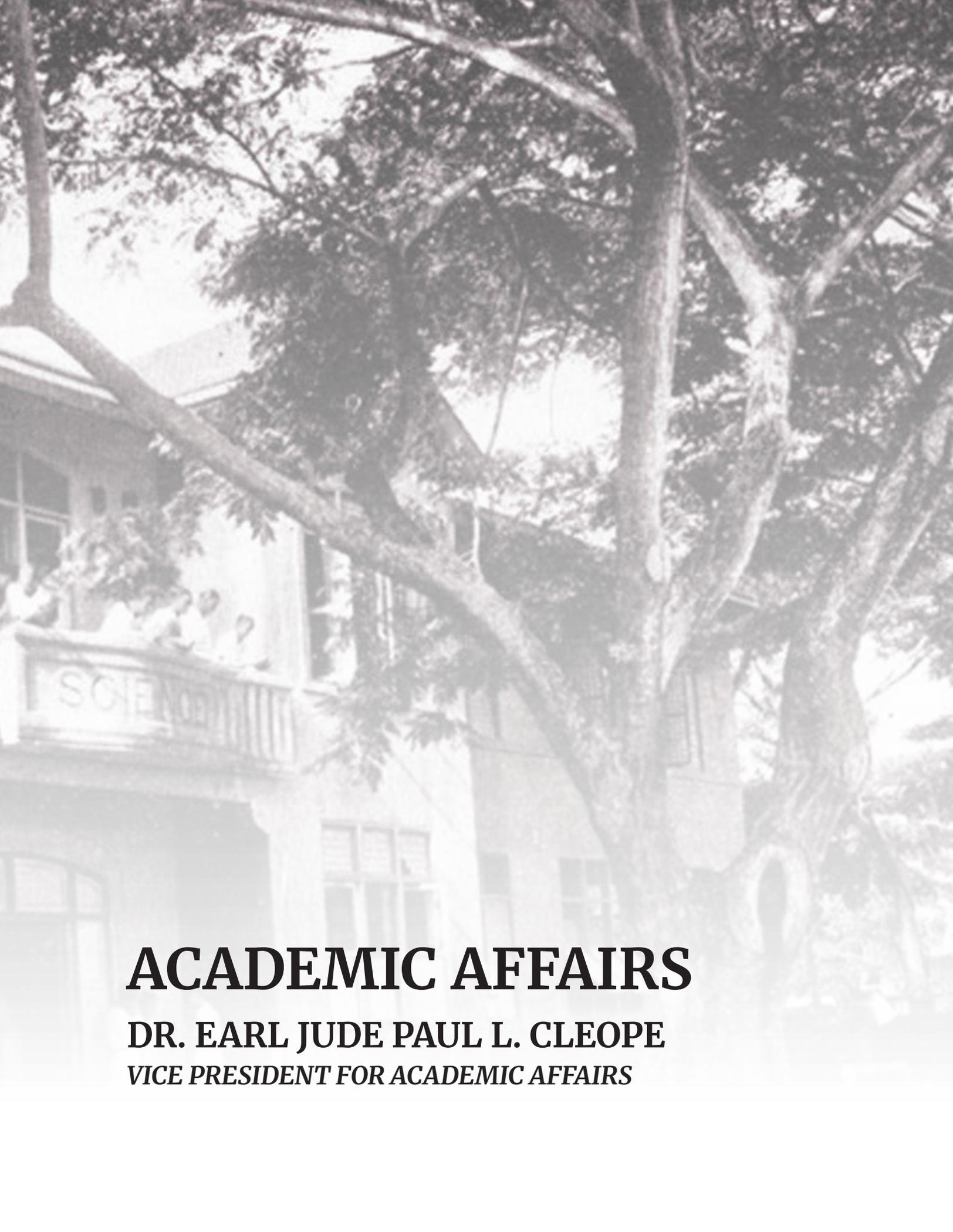


Cambucad Feeding, April 13, 2024



World Day of Prayer, March 1, 2024





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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

People

Prof. Jose Edwin C. Cubelo and Asst. Prof. Arsenio D. Bulfa were elected as Vice President and member of the Board of Trustees, respectively, of the Philippine Society for the Study of Nature, Inc. (PSSN) during the PSSN's International Conference on Nature Studies and Innovations for the Environment (ICoNSIE 2023), held at Central Luzon State University, Nueva Ecija in July 2023.

Asst. Prof. Bulfa was awarded the Best Paper Award at the ICoNSIE 2023 for his research titled "Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) Emissions and Ecological Effects of Composts from Agro-wastes on Corn Growth, Soil Chemical Properties, and Earthworm Behavior."

Faculty members from the College presented a total of eight scientific papers across four international conferences. At ICoNSIE 2024, they showcased three additional papers:

- ▶ Prof. Cubelo - Impact of Spatial and Temporal Variation of Climatic Elements on the Yield of Corn (*Zea mays* L.) in Central Visayas, Philippines.
- ▶ Asst. Prof. Rehel A. Diaz - Suitability Analysis for Optimum Network of Agrometeorological Stations in Luzon Region, Philippines
- ▶ Chester W. Señerez - Evaluation of Dietary Supplementation of Microbial Muramidase on Egg Production, Egg Quality, and Digestibility in Layers

At the International Conference on Applied and Agricultural Economics (AECON 2023), held via Zoom, two faculty members presented their papers:

- ▶ Asst. Prof. Rehel A. Diaz - Impact of Temporal Variation of Climatic Elements on Rice Yield in Central Visayas, Philippines

- ▶ Asst. Prof. Bulfa - Short-term Effects of Different Biomass Wastes Decomposition on Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) Evolution Rates in Clay Loam Soil

Additionally, Asst. Prof. Diaz presented his research on "Assessing the Silage Potentiality of Farmer-Bred Maize (*Zea mays* L.) Varieties Using Agronomic and Chemical Markers" at the 10th International Conference on Agriculture (AGRICO 2023) in Bali, Indonesia, in September 2023.

He also shared his findings on "Quantifying Energy Balance Across Different Biomes in Laguna, Philippines Using Remotely Sensed Data" at the International Research Conference on Technology, Engineering, Culture and Society (IRConTECS 2022) via Zoom in August 2023.

Asst. Prof. Bulfa et al. published their paper "Evaluation of the Morphological and Physiological Changes of *Saluyot* (*Corchorus olitorius*) During Seed Maturation" in the Asia Pacific Journal of Science and Technology.

Additionally, Asst. Prof. Diaz, Prof. Cubelo, and Asst. Prof. Bulfa published their paper "Quantifying Energy Balance Across Different Biomes Using Remotely Sensed Data" in Volume 64 (1) of the Silliman Journal.

The College sustained its Faculty Research Forum, sharing two completed research projects through Zoom with a wider community, including teachers, students, researchers, government workers, and farmers. The presented research topics included "Detection of Pesticide Residues in Vegetables, Soil, and Water Samples from Four Vegetable-producing Areas in Negros Oriental, Philippines" by Prof. Cubelo in April 2024 and "Evaluation of Dietary Supplementation of Microbial Muramidase on Digestibility in Layers" by Señerez in October 2023.

Asst. Prof. Diaz also participated in the 2nd International Summer Course of Natural Resources

Environmental Management Science (ISCoNREM) organized by the Natural Resources and Environmental Management Science (NREMS) Study Program, Graduate School of IPB University, Bogor City, Indonesia. The said summer course took place last September 2023.

Two collaborative research projects were awarded SU Faculty Research Grants:

- ▶ "Exploring Agri-Weather Forecast Knowledge, Perceived Attributes, and Utilization Among Agricultural Technicians and Agriculturists in Negros Oriental, Philippines" by Prof. Cubelo, Señerez, Asst. Prof. Bulfa, and Rehel A. Diaz
- ▶ "Assessing the Impact of Energy Level Variations on Growth Performance, Production Metrics, Economic Viability, and Nutrient Digestibility in Darag Philippine Native Chickens" by Señerez, Prof. Cubelo, Asst. Prof. Diaz, and Rafael B. Nepomuceno

Partnerships

The College of Agriculture launched its Community Outreach Project called "SU-GROW: Sustainable Urban Gardening" in Barangay Calindagan, Dumaguete City. This initiative involved signing an MOU with barangay officials and conducting a series of lectures for senior citizens.

The College continues its partnership with General Milling Corporation (GMC), which provided funding for the renovation of the Growing Area of the Piggery Project. Furthermore, the College maintains its collaboration with the National Dairy Authority (NDA), Department of Education (DepEd), and Department of Social Welfare and Services (DSWD) as a supplier of bottled milk for the School-based Milk Feeding Program in the Province of Negros Oriental.



Prof. Enrique G. Oracion authored the paper “Parental Livelihood Preference for Children Among Municipal Fishing Families in South Negros, Philippines,” published in *Resilience and Familism: The Dynamic Nature of Families in the Philippines* Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research, Volume 23, (227–246), Emerald Publishing Limited: UK.

Dr. Oracion also co-authored the paper “So Close Yet So Far: Social Cohesion Effects of Altered Catholic After-death Rituals During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” published in *NRCP Research Journal*, volume 22 (1): 28-5.

The Department produced four Latin honorees this school year out of its seven graduates. These Latin awards and the respective graduate recipients are as follows:

Dafodelle C. Alaba is the second summa cum laude of the Department

after it produced the first more than 40 years ago and was also able to earn the highest QPA among the three summa cum laude honorees this year.

Joshua O. Villalobos graduated magna cum laude, along with other awards owing to his active involvement in both curricular and co-curricular activities. One of these awards was the Academic Excellence Award, which was bestowed by the University’s Office of Student Services to recognize his distinctive drive towards academic excellence, marked by his good study habits and exemplary performance of responsibilities as a student-resident. The other Latin honorees are Caryl Faith L. Giltendez, magna cum laude, and Jay Ann O. Cadalin, cum laude.

For publications, Hpung Awng Pausa authored the research paper “Graduates Without Jobs: Understanding the Situation of Unemployed Kachin Youth in Myanmar,” published in *Philippine Social Science Journal*, Vol.7(1), January 2024.

Programs

The anthropology-sociology research forum titled “Decoding the Human Experience” held last March 2024 at the University’s Anthropology Museum, was the first forum initiated by the Department. The whole-day activity was organized as one of the major activities of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) week celebration last March 2024. Furthermore, the Department co-hosted the 10th National Science Congress in July 2023.

Asst. Prof. Gimena, Asst. Prof. Christine S. Batiles, and part-time faculty members Lance Howell Y. Lagunay and Meljoe S. Loreto participated in the workshop titled “Nuts and Bolts of Assessment,” held last July 2024 at Silliman University. Additionally, Asst. Prof. Batiles participated as one of the plenary session moderators in the 44th

ARTS AND SCIENCES

ANTHROPOLOGY- SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

People

Early this year, Asst. Prof. Rey G. Gimena completed his post-graduate study in Anthropology at the University of San Carlos, Cebu City. Completing his Ph.D. program has boosted the department’s academic competence while addressing its need for additional teachers with Ph.D. degrees.

Conference on Local & National History held at Silliman University last October 2023.

The Department maintains active involvement in advocacy to protect and promote women's and children's rights through its gender and development (GAD) programs and courses, which are spearheaded by Asst. Prof. Phoebe A. Tan and anthropology students. Activities included participation in major province-wide celebrations of Women's Month, GAD planning and budgeting in selected city barangays of Dumaguete, and livelihood skills training.



Partnerships

Since June 2023, the Department has been in close contact with Dr. Koenraad Stroeken of Ghent University in Belgium to explore possibilities of a long-term engagement with the institution's Inter-University Exchange program. In August 2023, Dr. Stroeken visited the Department to present detailed information on a proposal to support potential candidates for graduate and post-graduate studies and/or scholarly research at Ghent University through the funding facilities called VLIRIOUS and CARAM projects.

Moreover, the Department received an invitation from Dr. Stroeken urging its faculty and graduate students to submit research proposals for funding under Ghent University's TEAM research program in October 2023. With this, Asst. Prof. Batiles expressed interest in the opportunity and submitted her research proposals last December 2023. The Department is currently waiting for Dr. Stroeken's response and comments on the submitted proposals.

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

People

This year, two BS Biology graduates namely Joselle Marie B.

Jarandilla and Lou Jacob D. Verbosidad passed the Philippines Academy of Microbiology Certification for Registered Microbiologists held in January 2023. This is an annual examination for BS Biology graduates specializing in microbiology who aspire to become Registered Microbiologists (RMicro).

The Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA) awarded a fellowship to Asst. Prof. Michael Lawton R. Alcala. The FHEA was awarded last May 2023 following the completion of the Post-Graduate Certificate in Academic Practice (PGCAP) from the University of Liverpool, UK in July 2022. This fellowship is given to teaching and learning professionals who can demonstrate and meet the criteria of the UK Professional Standards Framework (UKPSF).

In October 2023, Yushabel M. Romagos presented her research entitled "Stress Associating Factors and Body Mass Index Among Senior High School Teachers in Silliman University during the COVID-19 Pandemic" at the Philippine Sociological Society (PSS) International Conference at De La Salle University, Manila.

Likewise, Romagos received the Certificate of Training and the Most Improved in Performance award at the 36th Intensive Training Course on

Diagnostic Parasitology in April 2024 at the Department of Parasitology, College of Public Health-UP Manila.

Members of the Department have published their works as well:

- ▶ Prieto-Amador, M. & Palomar-Abesamis, N. (2024). Insights on evaluating commercially important macroinvertebrate species in Danjungan Island Marine Reserve, Philippines. *Philippine Journal of Science*, 153 (3).
- ▶ Junio-Meñez, M. A., Palomar-Abesamis, N., Edullantes, C. M., Cabanayan-Soy, R., & Rioja, R. A. (2024). Ecology and culture of the warty sea cucumber (*Stichopus cf. horrens*) in the Philippines. In *The World of Sea Cucumbers* (pp. 783-799). Academic Press.

Lastly, the Bio Research Forum, an annual event initiated by the Silliman University Biology Department and organized by the Biology Society, was held where Biology majors from various universities in Negros Island shared their research or undergraduate thesis through oral and poster presentations. The forum, which encourages students to cultivate a healthy research culture, took place last March 2024 at the SU Audio Visual Theater. Dr. Aye Mee F. Bartocillo, a part-time faculty member of the Department, was the plenary speaker during the event.



Alabang, Metro Manila.

Part-time faculty member, Dr. Socorro Z. Parco joined the 52nd Annual Convention and Scientific Meeting of the Philippine Society for Microbiology, Inc. (PSM) in July 2023. She also participated in the 3rd Cluster Webinar of the 52nd Annual Convention and Scientific Meeting of the PSM in Manila also in July 2023.

Dr. Abesamis, Dr. Robert S. Guino-o II, Asst. Prof. Persie Mark Q. Sienes, and Asst. Prof. Alcalá became mentors for college students under the Philippine International Research Experience for Students (Ph-IRES) Project Year 3 for the midyear of SY 2023-24 last June 2024. They mentored five students from US universities in their molecular biology-related researches.

On the other hand, staff members have their share of attendance in various seminars and training sessions.

SU Center for Tropical Conservation Studies (SU-CenTrop) staff members Jocelyn Elise B. Inocencio, Lou Jean C. Cereal, and Alberto E. Inocencio participated in the Bristol Zoological Society Conservation Breeding Animal Welfare and Husbandry Training at the SU-CenTrop from August to September 2023. In July 2023, Inocencio also joined the Animal Welfare Seminar: General Guidelines

& Standards for Animal Facilities by the Department of Agriculture Animal Health and Welfare Division.

Esteven Theodore A. Nacar was a participant in two trainings. In November 2023, he was in the 2nd Training-Workshop on Bio-diversity Resource Assessment and Monitoring Methods held at WDD Room, DOST-PCAARRD, Los Baños, Laguna. In addition, he engaged in the Establishing Ethical Guidelines: Crafting Classroom Policies and Best Practices for Using Generative AI to Ensure Responsible and Ethical Implementation via Zoom in February 2024.

Stockroom personnel Ramonito J. Ansino and Alvin Mamauag took part in the Basic Preventive & Corrective Maintenance of Microscopes at the MMS sponsored by Olympus in September 2023.



Programs

Faculty members of the Department actively served and participated in several professional development events.

Dr. Nadia P. Abesamis was a participant in the “Charting Conservation: Updating Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) and Expanding Areas for the Philippine 30x30 Target” in March 2024 at Timog Avenue, Quezon City.

Moreover, Dr. Abesamis served as one of the judges in the 2023 Para el MAR MPA Awards and Recognition at the Bai Hotel, Mandaue City in September 2023.

As the vice president for the Visayas of the Philippine Association of Marine Science (PAMS), Dr. Abesamis was also an organizer of the “Saving Our Seas: Restoring Marine Systems for People and Nature” during the 17th National Symposium on Marine Science at Batangas State University, Batangas City last July 2023. She also participated in the 90th National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) General Assembly in March 2023.

Asst. Prof. Alcalá served as secretariat in the International Conference on Academic Practice in Higher Education (ICAPHE) in June 2023 at the Acacia Hotel Manila in



collaboration with Old Dominion University (ODU) and Texas A & M University Corpus Christi (TAMUCC), implemented the Philippine International Research Experience for Students (Ph-IRES) summer project from May to July 2024. Dr. Abesamis served as the project leader at Silliman Biology Department, while Dr. Dave Gauthier of Old Dominion University and Dr. Chris Bird of Texas A & M Corpus Christi were the principal investigators. The component leaders included Asst. Prof. Sienes, Dr. Guino-o II, Assoc. Prof. Roy Olsen D. de Leon, Asst. Prof. Alcala, and Asst. Prof. Jeanette Mara P. Tan-Sumagaysay. This was a three-year project which started from June to July 2022 and ended in July 2024. The project also involved partnership with Biology major students.

Dr. Nadia Abesamis implemented a Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources funded project from January to December 2024. The aim of the project was to determine if a Non-Detriment Finding (NDF) can be issued for giant clam (*Tridacna* sp.) shells. She did this in her capacity as a member of the Philippine Aquatic Red List Committee (PARLC) of the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI).

The Institution Development Division (IDD) of the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD) granted the Biology Department with

Php 5 million in April 2024 to fund the enhancement of the Silliman University Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory.

Furthermore, through the efforts of Dr. Bartocillo (DOST Balik Scientist/part time faculty), Dr. Guino-o II, Dr. Abesamis, and Asst. Prof. Sienes, the Department was awarded a 9.2 Million project funded by DOST-PCAARRD FERD entitled “Enhancing the Conservation and Breeding Program of the Philippine Spotted Deer, *Rusa alfredi* using Molecular Approaches for Natural Resiliency.”

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

People

Dr. Liezel E. Pajulas presented a research paper entitled “Development of Panchromatic Push-pull Dye Sensitizers: Theoretical and Experimental Investigation for Photovoltaic Applications” at the 6th International Conference on Clean Energy and Technology 2023 virtually held in June 2023.

Dr. Flora M. Yrad presented a research paper entitled “Functionalization of Dextrin-capped Gold Nanoparticles with Oligodeoxynucleotides” during the 8th Edition of World Nanotechnology Conference in Singapore in March 2024.

The paper “Electrochemical and Structural Characterization of Electropolymerized Composite of NH₂-Graphene and Polyaniline” was also presented by Dr. Jonathan E. Paa at the 2023 IEEE International Conference on Agrosystem Engineering, Technology & Applications (AGRETA) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in September 2023. The proceedings of the conference were published in IEEEExplore and other Abstracting and Indexing (A & I) databases including SCOPUS. The paper can be

Partnerships

The Biology Department partners with the Energy Development Corporation (EDC) Biodiversity Conservation and Monitoring Program (BCMP) of the Valencia Subwater Shed Year 6. The Biodiversity Conservation and Monitoring Program involved two components: Terrestrial Flora & Fauna and Water Quality components. Each component is composed of Biology faculty, staff, and respective community partners. The BCMP implementation was from May 2024 to June 2024.

Additionally, the Department, in





Alocilja, a US-based professor and principal investigator, spoke on the topic “Nanotechnology-Enabled Biosensors For Rapid Detection of Infectious and Drug-Related Diseases.” This was attended by faculty and Chemistry students from Silliman University and Negros Oriental State University (NORSU) attended the event held at SC 110.

The Department also hosted the “Safety Training on Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Awareness Level I” at Silliman campus in March 2024. The training was attended by faculty members and staff from various departments and offices.

accessed through this link: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/10262736> Technology Fair Winners via Google Meet also in December 2023.

A research poster entitled “An Analysis of Selected Emerging Pollutants in the Wastewater of Dumaguete City and its Implication on the Design of a Wastewater Treatment Facility” was presented by Lady Jynkppie N. Partosa during the 37th Philippine Chemistry Congress in Bacolod City in July 2023.

Keisiah Dawn T. Tiaoson, 2024 graduate of the Chemistry Department, placed 3rd in the “Tula Para sa Mga Bata” during the 71st Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature last November 2023.

The Department organized lectures and training attended by faculty, staff, and students.

Dr. Leodevico L. Ilag, an Australia-based Plentex Limited Director and DOST Balik Scientist, spoke during the Department’s scientific lecture held in February 2024 at SC 110. Dr. Ilag touched on the topics “Botanicals as Source of Antivirals” and “Isolating Antibodies from Chickens and Selection by Phage Display.” The event was attended by students from various departments and colleges.

Another scientific lecture was held in March 2024. Dr. Oscar D. Monera, a retired US-based Senior Scientist of Bethyl Laboratories, Inc., spoke about the topic “Single Cell Assay Technologies.”

In May 2024, Dr. Evangelyn C.

Students from the elementary, junior high, senior high school, and college level attended the Chemistry Exhibits in March 2023 at the chemistry laboratories.

Partnerships

The Department worked with the Department of Education- Schools Division of Canlaon City, Masulog High School in the execution of the project entitled “Mathematics with Application in Science” (MATHE-wa-SCI). Chemistry faculty Dr. Yrad and two senior Chemistry students facilitated the “Experiment as Catalyst for Students’ Appreciation to Mathematics and Science (ECSAMS) 2023.” The ECSAMS 2023 was conducted in November 2023 in the Science Room of Masulog High School, Canlaon City.

Programs

Faculty members of the Chemistry Department actively participated in various professional development initiatives.

Asst. Prof. Gay A. Balanay, Dr. Melchor L. Cerdania, Asst. Prof. Alphita J. Enojo, Anecita G. Mananquil, Dr. Pa-a, Partosa, Asst. Prof. Concepcion L. Velano, and Dr. Yrad attended the 37th Philippine Chemistry Congress last July 2023 in Bacolod City.

Meanwhile, Dr. Pajulas served as judge in the 2023 Regional Science and Technology Fair via Google Meet in December 2023. She was also a research consultant in the Cliniquing of the 2023 Regional Science and





School Year 2023-2024. From August 2023 to May 2024, he was assigned at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, USA as teaching assistant for Beginning Filipino classes.

Programs

The English and Literature Department and the Edilberto and Edith Tiempo Creative Writing Center (CWC) hosted several events this year. One is the 61st Silliman University National Writers Workshop (SUNWW), the oldest creative writing workshop in Asia, from June to July 2023. With Dr. Dinah T. Roma as the Director-in-Residence, the two-week Workshop awarded 12 fellowships to aspiring writers whose works were critiqued by a distinguished panel of mentors. The workshop was sponsored by Silliman University (SU) and the National Commission for the Culture and the Arts (NCCA).

The CWC and the Department launched the poetry collection “It’s Time to Come Home” by multi-awarded poet and Outstanding Sillimanian Awardee Dr. Marjorie Evasco at the Romeo Ariniego Art Gallery in December 2023, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The book is described as “an omnibus collection spanning half a century of the author’s career as one of the country’s finest and beloved writers.”

Dr. Evasco delivered a lecture “The Pleasurable Art Practice of Literary Translation: From Self-Translation to Collaborative, Interactive Translation,” held at the SU Assembly Hall in May 2024. Dr. Evasco was a visiting professor at the Department from April to May 2024. This lecture was co-facilitated by the LLC.

A series of craft talks and an intensive poetry workshop was also led by Dr. Evasco with select students. The event was held in May 2024, at the Ausejo Hall (AH) Conference Room. Creative writing faculty Flores and SUNWW alumnus Vince V. Agcaoili joined Dr. Evasco as panelists

Journal in May 2024. Her essay “After May Day Eve: Dumaguete’s Thriving Creative Scene” appeared on VOGUE Philippines in November 2023.

Asst. Prof. Ian Rosales Casocot earned second place across various categories at the 2023 Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature: the short story for his entry “Don’t Follow Me, I Don’t Even Know Where I’m Going,” the one-act play “The Midsummer of Manuel Arguilla,” and the Poetry Written for Children Category “Bisaya for All that We Gugma”. Casocot attended the awarding ceremony in November 2023.

Deo Mar E. Suasin, staff of the Language Learning Center (LLC) and faculty of the Senior High School (SHS) Department, was awarded the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Fellowship for

ENGLISH AND LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

People

Dr. Alana Leilani C. Narciso authored a research article “Contact Zones, Discursive Spaces: The Case of the Silliman University National Writers Workshop,” which was published in *Akda: The Asian Journal of Literature, Culture, Performance* (Vol. 3 No. 2, October 2023), an international peer-reviewed journal.

Meanwhile, Angela Gabrielle F. Flores is the author of the poem “The Shores of Temptation” published in *Ghost City Press, Ghost City Review* in October 2023. She also authored the poem “Santero” published in *Salt Hill*



of the Workshop.

“Between the Blues,” the 2024 edition of the literary folio of the Sands and Coral in was also launched at the Romeo Ariniego Gallery in March 2024. In coordination with the Silliman Fine Arts Department of the College of Performing and Visual Arts (COPVA), this year’s edition was launched during the Fine Arts department’s Xerox Xerox Lang (XXL) Zine and Print Fair, which ran in March 2024. Senior students from the Department comprised the editorial team. Aaron James D. Jalalon, part-time faculty of the Department and CWC secretariat, was this year’s adviser, while Flores was the resource person for the editorial team. The folio features poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and artwork from 22 contributors.

This year’s publication and launching were also made possible through the support of the following units and organizations in Silliman University: Office of Media and Public Affairs (formerly Office of Information and Publications), Silliman Cafeteria, and the student-led organizations Silliman University English Society and the Fine Arts Department Students Organization (FADSO).

Furthermore, the Department organized an event as part of SU’s Founders Day celebration, “Conversations: A Balik-Talent Forum” and Alumni Homecoming in August 2023 at Katipunan Hall 1, from 2:30PM to 5:30PM. Returning from their PhD scholarships at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Lingnan University respectively, College of Arts and Sciences Associate



Dean Dr. Narciso and English and Literature Chair Dr. Lady Flor Partosa Koenig shared insights on performance and creative writing pedagogy to students and colleagues.

A series of activities were hosted by the Department with Dr. A Sheeba Princess, Associate Professor and Associate Dean at Bishop Heber College in India and Fellow of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia from October 9-13, 2023. Aside from a faculty meeting and a classroom observation, the Department also organized a lecture titled “A Talk on Indian Writing in English” in October 2023 at the Audiovisual Theater 1, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Dr. Princess’ presentation provided a comprehensive overview of various genres within Indian writing, tracing its history and highlighting notable women/intersectional writers, diasporic writers, and regional writers.

Flores and Asst. Prof. Maria Hellene Grace D. Piñero, faculty members of the Department, arranged a lecture by Simon Stack on “Hip Hop as Literature” in November 2023, at the Audiovisual Theater. Stack, an American resident who has gained a

local reputation as a literary scholar, fuses his passion for literature with his love for hip hop.

As part of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Week celebration, the Department and CWC organized a lecture by award-winning writer, cultural worker, and educator, Asst. Prof. Casocot. The lecture, titled “Writing the Literary History of Negros Oriental,” was held at the SU Multipurpose Hall. In his presentation, Casocot shared his preliminary findings on the region’s literature from 1900 to 2008.

Then, the All-University Love Letter Writing Contest was conducted in February 2024 from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM at the SC 110. This was arranged in partnership with the Silliman University Library System through the English Society

Meanwhile, the LLC, along with the Department, conducted a three-week Intensive English Program (IntEP) from February to March 2024. The program was attended by students from Kyushu International University and Kobe International University in Japan, along with their respective professors, Professor Kazuyuki Fukunishi from Kyushu and Professor Tetsuya Fujikura from Kobe. The event took place at the English Department, Katipunan Hall. Faculty members of the Department taught the students throughout the Program, which also included cultural exposure and immersion classes. The Program concluded with a graduation ceremony showcasing the students’ language skills and talents.

Led by then chair Dr. Narciso, several faculty members (Dr. Partosa





Koenig, Kaycee L. Melon, and Flores) were paper presenters and moderators in the parallel sessions at the 6th International Conference on Philippine & Asian Studies in June 2023. They were joined by John Edgar C. Rubio and Suasin, staff of the LLC and faculty at the SHS Department. The conference was organized by the De La Salle University (DLSU) College of Liberal Arts, Silliman University - Philosophy Department, Danum (Dalubhasaan ng mga Umuusbong na Mag-aaral sa Araling Filipino), DLSU Salita (Sentro sa Pagsasalín, Intelektuwalisasyon at Adbokasiya), and the Andrew Gonzalez Philippine Citation Index.

Dr. Partosa Koenig presented her research project at the Association of Cultural Studies 2023 Summer School in August 2023 at Hsinchu, Taiwan. The conference was co-hosted by the National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU) and the International Center for Cultural Studies (ICCS). The ACS is a “premiere international association for cultural studies and has been hosting the biennial Crossroads in Cultural Studies Conference since 2006, and ACS Institutes since 2011.”



Literature and creative writing faculty members Dr. Partosa Koenig, Asst. Prof. Rina F. Hill, Flores, and Melon, presented their individual papers at the 11th Literary Studies Conference at Yogyakarta, Indonesia in October 2023. The conference was organized by the English Letters Department and English Language Studies at Universitas Sanata Dharma in collaboration with Ateneo de Manila University and the universities and institutions under the Critical Island Studies Consortium.

Rubio, Suasin, and Gemmella M. Tebio – LLC Staff and SHS faculty—participated in the 21st AsiaTEFL International Conference held at the Daejeon Convention Center, Daejeon, South Korea in August 2023.

LLC coordinator Dr. Joan C. Generoso and staff Rubio and Dr. Warlito S. Caturay Jr., presented a paper at the 2023 Philippine Association for Language Teaching (PALT) International Conference held in December 2023 in Baguio City.

Partnerships

The LLC, in collaboration with the Department, has been partnering with Kyushu International University since 2013 and Kobe International University since 2018. Students from these universities attended the Intensive English Program (IntEP) from February to March 2024.

The SUNWW, the flagship program of the CWC has partnered

with the NCCA since 2008 to continue providing fellowships to 10 to 15 promising and aspiring writers throughout the country whose works are discussed by an esteemed panel of writers and scholars. SU and the NCCA continue the legacy of Edilberto Tiempo and Edith Tiempo who founded the workshop in 1962. The 61st installment of the SUNWW, which awarded 12 fellowships, was held from June to July 2023, with Dr. Roma as the Director-in-Residence.

FILIPINO AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT



People

Faculty of the Filipino and Foreign Languages Department Asst. Prof. Ronald B. Kinilitan, Asst. Prof. Jean Christine V. Ontal, Asst. Prof. Ginalyn A. Orillana, Senior High School teachers Kathleen L. Gantalao, Narisa U. Quitoy, and Junior High School instructor Marc Jedd B. Ko presented the research paper “Ebalwasyon sa Proseso sa Implementasyon ng Oryentasyong Panlipunan ng Departamento ng Filipino at Wikang Banyaga ng Unibersidad ng Silliman” in the 7th International Conference on Philippine & Asian Studies (online mode) last May to June 2024.

Programs

Tabo 2023 is one of the events during the celebration of Buwan ng Wika in August hosted by the faculty and staff of the Department. This, too,



was the second alumni homecoming for the former faculty, staff, and students who graduated with AB-Filipino, BSED-Filipino, and MA-Filipino degrees at Silliman University. This program aims to build strong connections, and communication among Silliman alumni. The participants were able to meet new friends, bond with their former teachers and students, and share different experiences. Also, they were able to elect officers and make plans for future activities in school.

The Department also organized the *Mulat sa Simula: Isang Daluyan Tungo sa Pagsulong ng Panlipunang Kamalayan* with the theme “Timbayayong para sa Kinaiyahan,” 7:00-8:30 am in March 2024. The goal of the activity was to raise social awareness among students to be able to create solutions and bring positive changes in our society. The participants from GE11G-A were able to make a reflection paper based on what they learned from the different videos they had watched.

Partnerships

The Department have been working with Little Children of the

Philippines Inc. since November 2019 to the present as its partner community to enrich community engagement and service learning through social orientation activities. The Department’s social orientation gives emphasis in writing Diona to enhance the different macro skills like speaking, reading, writing, listening, and viewing using our own national language through various literary activities. The expected output of each activity is to write their own Diona based on the theme or target learnings in every session.

The “#Basa v. 2: Worksyap sa Makabuluhang Pagbasa” was conducted from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Little Children of the Philippines Foundation Inc. (LCP) - Hope Village in Barangay Batinguel, Dumaguete City in October 2024. The goal of the activity was to develop the reading comprehension skills by identifying the message of the text and making meaningful connections. They were also expected to write a Diona on what they learned from the text that they read using the Filipino language or Negrenseng Binisaya.

Another workshop at LCP- Hope Village called “#Kinaiyahan: Worksyap sa Pangangalaga sa

Kalikasan” was facilitated by the Department in February 2024. The goal of the activity was to develop reading comprehension skills by identifying the message of the text and making meaningful connections about taking care of the environment. They were also expected to write a Diona on what they can do to help protect the environment using Negrenseng Binisaya. The participants were able to make their own Diona using Negrenseng Binisaya on what they can do in taking care of the environment which was the core message of the text they read and analyzed in the workshop.

Lastly, an International Service-Learning Program with Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong was hosted from May to June 2024 at the Dumaguete Youth Home, Barangay Boloc-boloc, Dauin, La Casa Esperanza, Gawad Kalinga Jamalipayon Village, LCPFI: Wee Women, and Hanson Dorm, LCPFI: Consuelo Home. Asst. Prof. Ronald B. Kinilitan served as one of the facilitators – who monitored and evaluated the program and conducted reflection sessions.

Service-Learning is a pedagogical approach that combines reflection with participation in community-based projects to achieve specific learning outcomes. Through service-learning, students develop a more integrated understanding of theory, practice and values.

HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

People

The History and Political Science Department held a book launch for “THE VISAYAS, Islands in the Seas: A History” by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) Commissioner Dr. Earl Jude Paul L. Cleope. This was one of the books launched during the 44th National Conference of the Philippine National Historical Society in October





2023 at Silliman University.

Programs

SU, through the Department, hosted the Philippine National Historical Society 44th National Conference on Local and National History in October 2023 with the theme “Retropolis: Discoveries and Rediscoveries in Philippine History.” Dr. Cleope served as the national Co-Convener while Assoc. Prof. Regan P. Jomao-as was designated as Local Convener. Other members of the faculty and staff of the Department served as the local secretariat, organizing committee, and session moderators. The conference was attended by teachers/professors and students of history from all over the country as well as by history enthusiasts and aficionados.

In August 2023, the Department organized a Balik Talent Lecture with Hon. Ma. Anna Priscila M. Pareja, Presiding Judge of the Regional Trial Court, Br. 102 in celebration of the 122nd Founders Day celebration of SU. Hon. Pareja talked on the topic “Embracing the Silliman Ideal in the Pursuit of Excellence.” The department’s bi-annual Balik-Talent lecture series is conducted to honor



the Department’s distinguished alumni.

Members of the faculty, namely Asst. Prof. John Barry N. Nuico, Dr. Gerard Jutsze C. Pamate, Majerly Mahusay (Graduate Teaching Fellow) and Assoc. Prof. Regan P. Jomao-as attended the “ANI NG SALIKSIK SA KASAYSAYAN: Serye ng Lektura ng mga Ginawaran ng Young Historian's Prize (2010-2022).” This was an online lecture/presentation held in September 2023. The “Ani ng Saliksik sa Kasaysayan” is an online lecture-series featuring the awardees of the Young Historian’s Prize (YHP), a flagship program of the NCHR from 2010 to 2022. In this episode, Dr. Nicolo Paolo P. Ludovice, the YHP awardee of 2022, presented his paper on “Domesticated Geographies: Animals and the Making of Modern Health in the Philippines, 1860- 1935.

Assoc. Prof. Jan Antoni A. Credo and Asst. Prof. Nuico participated in the “Citizen Satisfaction Index System (CSIS) training of Local Resource Institutes (LRI)” at Paradise Garden Resort Hotel and Convention Center in Malay, Aklan last March 2024. The training was sponsored and organized by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) through the Bureau of Local Government Supervision (BLGS). The CSIS is a set of data tools designed to collect and generate relevant citizens’ feedback on local governments’ service delivery performance and on the citizens’ general satisfaction.

Partnerships

Assoc. Prof. Credo and Asst. Prof.



Nuico, together with Dr. Enrique G. Oracion, conducted a “Customer Satisfaction Survey of the Current Services of Metro Dumaguete Water” from mid-July to the 1st week of August 2023. The study was commissioned by Metro Dumaguete Water (MDW) using a sample of 400 respondents from four business zones serviced by the company. The findings were later published in the MDW website. Another survey of the same nature was conducted by the same faculty members from June to July 2024.

Dr. Cleope served as Commissioner of the NHCP until May 2024.

Assoc. Prof. Jomao-as continues to sit in the Executive Council of the National Committee on Historical Research, a subcommittee of the NHCP of the NCCA. His second term started in January 2022 and will end in December 2025.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

People

Dr. Emelyn C. Banagua, a faculty member, was invited by Santiago Delmo Memorial High School to be the guest speaker during their recognition and graduation ceremonies, held at the Zamboanguita Municipal Gym-nasium in May 2024.

Meanwhile, Dr. Rhea Rheem Muarip-Bolodo, a faculty member, was a panel member during the Expository Paper Colloquium,



2024 at Dumaguete City.

At the same time, the Department organized and hosted various events. One of which is the “Math (Tapok)2” as part of the celebration for Founders Day in August 2023 at the Mathematics Department.

“Brain Blitz,” a quiz bowl participated in by students and the “Brain Teaser” were held as part of the Mathematics Week and College Week celebration in March 2024 at the Mathematics Department.

The Department also hosted a lecture called “Proofs in Math” by Dr. Joemar C. Endam, a Negros Oriental State University (NORSU) professor and SU alumnus. The lecture was attended by faculty and students from SU and NORSU. This was held in March 2024 at the Mathematics Department.

Dr. Bantug and Dr. Banagua, in cooperation with the Department, organized the Service Learning Activity on the use of Engagement Strategies in Teaching Mathematics held last April 2024, at the NORSU Siaton Campus. It was facilitated by BSED Math students and was attended by the NORSU BSED Math students as well as some of the faculty and staff of NORSU Siaton Campus.”

The Department, in partnership with DOST Scholars’ Association in Negros Oriental (DOST SA NegOr), arranged the ISKOLympics 2024 in March at the Dumaguete City Hall Conference Room and Session Hall.

entitled, “Topology Time Warp: Zoom in February 2024.

Unearthing Timeless Enigmas, Sculpting Tomorrow’s Paradigms,” by the Polytechnic University of the Philippines held at the Bulwagang Bonifacio, PUP Sta. Mesa Campus in July 2024.

Dr. Banagua and Asst. Prof. Maria Lourdes D. Eullaran, faculty members, sat in on the lecture “Harnessing the Power of ChatGPT and other Generative-AI Applications for Content Creation and Dynamic Presentations,” in March 2024.

Dr. Banagua participated in the lecture on “Using ChatGPT and other Generative AI for Crafting Test Questions, Rubrics, and Scoring Student Responses,” in April 2024.

Aside from that, Dr. Banagua, Dr. Bantug, Asst. Prof. Kemmons S. Kilat, and Dr. Muarip-Bolodo, joined the lecture on “Nuts and Bolts of Assessment,” hosted by the Office of Quality Instruction and Excellence in July 2024 at the Silliman Hall.

Asst. Prof. Eullaran completed all program requirements of Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages (150-Hour BLENDED TESOL Course Program) in January



Programs

Dr. Muarip-Bolodo participated in the first-ever conference on Modern Algebra, the 2023 International Algebra Conference in the Philippines (IACP 2023). This was organized by Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology in partnership with the University of San Carlos and the Mathematical Society of the Philippines (MSP) Regions 10, 12, and BARMM, and was held in August 2023 at Belmont Hotel, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu.

She also participated in the Centre International de Mathématiques Pures et Appliquées (CIMPA) School, with the topic, “Current Trends in Algebra.” This was held from January to February 2024 at Negros Oriental State University. She won the Best in Photo Contest.

Faculty members actively participated in several online lectures initiated by the Silliman Online University Learning (SOUL).

Dr. Banagua, Dr. Jenette S. Bantug, and Asst. Prof. Shariff Ivan G. Datar attended the lecture on “Ethical Guidelines: Crafting Classroom Policies and Best Practices for Using Generative AI to Ensure Responsible and Ethical Implementation,” held via

PHARMACY PROGRAM

People

Karl. L. Jucom was hired as a part-time faculty in August 2022. He is a registered pharmacist with four years of experience as a community pharmacist employed at Mercury Drug.

Programs

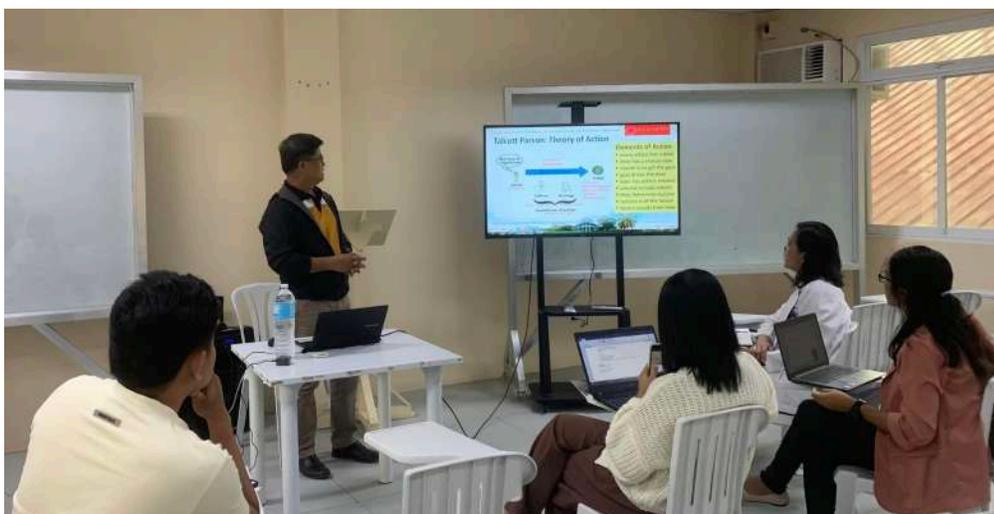
The Pharmacy Program held its 3rd White Coat Ceremony with the theme “Advancing Transformational Pharmacy Education in the Delivery of Sustainable Healthcare Practice” last August 2023 at SU Church. The invited speaker was Hon. Leonila M. Ocampo, MSPh, a member of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Pharmacist Association and Federation of International Pharmacists.

The Program organized a four-day workshop training on the Basic Life Support-Cardio- Pulmonary Resuscitation course for the forty six (46) fourth-year B.S. in Pharmacy student interns to complete their basic life support training in July 2023, conducted by SUMCFI-NSO.

Additionally, in cooperation with the SU Junior Philippine Pharmacist Association, a two-day series of activities was arranged to celebrate the World’s Pharmacist Day in September 2023 with the theme “Pharmacists Strengthening the Health Systems” at the New Academic Building. Also, the Program supported a joint activity with the Pharmacy Program of Negros Oriental State University (NORSU) still in celebration of the 2023 World Pharmacist Day under the PACOP-Visayas initiatives.

Nurhielmina M. Hinaut, RPh, actively participated in the following professional development activities and trainings:

- ▶ “Application of Analytical



Techniques in the Drug Discovery of Natural Products” Zoom webinar hosted by the National Institute of Health and University of the Philippines - Manila in June 2023.

- ▶ “3rd PACOP-PPhA-UST for Experiential Pharmacy Practice (EPP)” hosted by the Philippine Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (PACOP) - Philippine Pharmacists Association (PPhA) held via Zoom in June 2023.
- ▶ Webinar conducted by the Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Association (FAPA), Pakistani Pharmaceutical Association (PPA), and Federation of Taiwan Pharmaceutical Association (FTPA) on the topic “The Role of Pharmacists in Strengthening National Pharmacovigilance” in July 2023. The resource speaker was Jalifah Binti Latip
- ▶ A forum hosted by the Office of Community Engagement and Service Learning held at the Guy Hall in August 2023.
- ▶ “Eyelid Skin Application extends the delivery of drugs in the eyeball” - a webinar hosted by the Department of Science and Technology - National Research Council of the Philippines (DOST-NRCP) Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences Scientific Session delivered by Gerard Lee See, RPh, MSPh, PhD in September 2023.
- ▶ A webinar called “ADVOCATING IMMUNIZATION: A Pharmacist’s Contribution to Infectious Disease Prevention and Control” arranged

by the UNILAB Medical Education and Development (UMED) lectured by Loreta Dayco, RPh, MD in November 2023.

- ▶ Oathtaking Ceremony for the newly registered pharmacists of the Program hosted by the Cebu Pharmacist Association held at Azotea Function Hall, Mariner’s Court, Cebu City in December 2023.
- ▶ Research Seminar and Workshop spearheaded by the SU Research and Development Center (RDC) at the New Academic Building in January 2024.
- ▶ A webinar on South Star Drug Community Internship Meeting with partner schools arranged by South Star HR Training and Development in April 2024.
- ▶ A webinar entitled “Healthcare Horizons: Empowering Pharmacists and Universal HealthCare” delivered by Leonila M. Ocampo, RPh, MSPh hosted by the UMED in May 2024.
- ▶ An orientation on the updated admission process for the school year 2024-2025 organized by the SU Office of Registrar and Admissions in May 2024. This was also attended by Maricris L. Ebasitas.
- ▶ Case Study Presentation of Level III Nutrition-Dietetics students held at ND Building in May 2024. Hinaut sat as a panel member for this presentation.



Other faculty members and personnel of the Program also had their share of event attendance.

Ivory Diane C. Amancio, RPh, CPh, participated in a webinar hosted by the UMED on the topic “Advocating Immunization: A Pharmacist’s Contribution to Infectious Disease Prevention and Control” in December 2023.

Amancio also attended another webinar by UMED called “The Role of Pharmacists in Antimicrobial Stewardship Training” last October 2023.

Lastly, Dexter L. Nuique, RPh, joined in the 25th DSAP National Convention held at The Manila Hotel, One Rizal Park, Manila in May 2023. The event was led by Drugstores Association of the Philippines (DSAP), and the Community Pharmacist Association of DSAP (CPhAD), where the resource speakers were Adelina C. Royo, RPh, PhD, and Kenny James

Merin, RPh, MSPh, PhD.

Partnerships

The Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy forged affiliations and partnerships with the following companies and institutions for students’ internship.

- ▶ MEDFORD Rx Solution as the virtual internship provider for the Institutional Experiential Pharmacy Practice from February to March 2024.
- ▶ Allied Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Inc. as the virtual internship provider for the Public Health & Regulatory Experiential Pharmacy Practice from April 2024 to May 2024.
- ▶ Herbanext, Inc. provided a face-to-face internship for Industry/ Manufacturing Experiential

Pharmacy Practice from October 2023 to November 2023.

- ▶ The Silliman University Medical Center Foundation, Inc. (SUMCFI), ACE Dumaguete Doctors, Inc., and Negros Polymedic Hospital as the face-to-face internship provider for Hospital/Clinical Experiential Pharmacy Practice from February to April 2024.
- ▶ Several leading multinational and local drugstores in Dumaguete City as the face-to-face internship provider for the Community Experiential Pharmacy Practice from April 2023 to May 2023. The affiliated drugstores are Mercury Drug, Rose Pharmacy, South Star Drug, Botica Real, and Med Express.

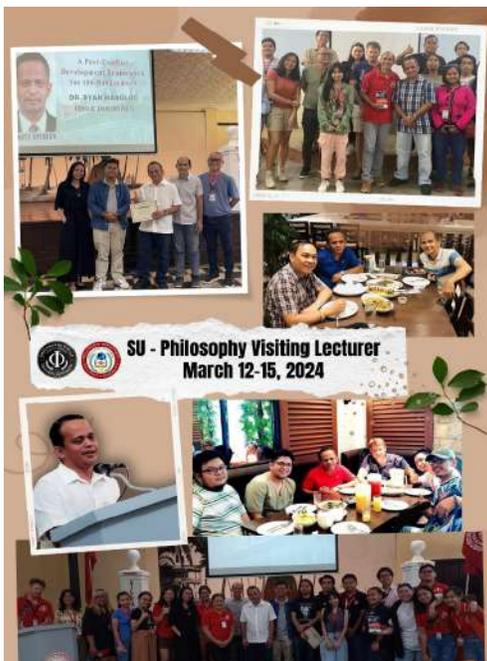
PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

People

LJ Zaphan B. Lamboloto served as Guest Speaker of the Municipality of Manjuyod, Negros Oriental during the 126th Philippine Independence Day last July 2024. Looking into a brief history of Philippine Independence dates and its historical significance, Mr. Lamboloto articulated the seeming impossibility of social transformation given the socioeconomic and political dependence to foreign powers despite the declaration of Independence in 1899. The speech also looked into the prospects of the future through the lenses of the present paradigm. With the members of the Sanguinang Bayan, Lamboloto was warmly welcomed by the Honorable Mayor Raffy Alipio Andaya and Vice Mayor Jeremiah Andaya.

Lamboloto was also the Resource Speaker of the 2023 Barangay & Sangguniang Kaba-taan Elections (BSKE) Diocesan Electoral Board (DEB) last October 2023 at Bayawan City. Together with other three faculty members of Silliman University (SU), he presented the importance of





campaigning for honest and clean elections during the covenant signing among BSKE. Lamboloto spoke of various values and principles that are indicative of good leadership emphasizing the value of character and integrity as a public servant in ensuring a just and humane community.

Aside from his speaking engagements, Lamboloto authored and presented research papers in a number of publications and conferences.

- ▶ “Paulo Freire and Frantz Fanon: Two Faces of Emancipation” published by International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science (IJRISS) vol. VIII, no. IV, April 2024
- ▶ “The Political Angle of Critical Pedagogy: Exposing Paulo Freire’s Theory of Domination” in Psychology and Education: A Multidisciplinary Journal (PEMJ), vol. 18, no. 9, April 14, 2024: 903-912
- ▶ “Symptoms of Ideology? Towards an Inquiry of the OBE and Chat GPT” co-presented with Erl Rose M. Ramirez in the 7th DANUM International Conference organized by Dela Salle University last May to June 2024
- ▶ “Symptoms of Ideology? Towards an Inquiry of the OBE and Chat

GPT” in the 2024 Horace B. Silliman Lecture Series organized by the SU Philosophy Department last March 2024 at SU Hall

- ▶ “Peace or Violence” in the 6th International Conference on Philippine Asian Studies organized by the collaborative work of De La Salle University (DLSU) and the Department last June 2023.
- ▶ Best Oral Presentation for “Modern Christianity and Theological Irreconcilability: A Critique of Ecumenism” in the 2023 SEPI International Conference on Christian Philosophy, Sustainability and Development in the Philippines and Southeast Asia organized by the collaborative work of Societas Ethica Philosophica Inc. (SEPI), Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), and the Department last September 2023 at SU
- ▶ Best Paper Award for “Hegemony and American Imperialism” in the 45th PHAVISMINDA International Conference on Philosophizing and Democracy organized by Philosophical Association of Visayas and Mindanao (PHAVISMINDA) and Xavier University, Cagayan De Oro last November 2023

The following are the papers presented by Erl Rose M. Ramirez, a faculty member, in the conferences she attended:

- ▶ “Little to No Interest in the Workforce: An Analysis on Filipino Women’s Condition Under Patriarchal Values” in the 7th DANUM International Conference organized by Dela Salle University last May to June 2024 in an Online Modality
- ▶ “A Woman in Love in Beauvoir’s Phenomenological Inquiry” in the 1st ISTREL International Transdisciplinary Research Conference 2024 organized by International Society of Transdisciplinary Researchers, Educators, and Leaders, Inc. (ISTREL) in May 2024
- ▶ “A Woman in Love in Beauvoir’s

Phenomenological Inquiry” in the 2024 Horace B. Silliman Lecture Series organized by the Department last November 2023 at SU Audio Visual Theater

- ▶ “Beauvoir’s Notions of Transcendence and Immanence: On the Division of Roles of Filipino Women” in the 2023 SEPI International Conference on Christian Philosophy, Sustainability and Development in the Philippines and Southeast Asia organized by the collaborative work of SEPI, PUP, and the Department last September 2023 at SU

Additionally, Asst. Prof. Arvin C. Revagorda presented a paper entitled “Subjection in Social Discourse: A Foucauldian Ana-lysis” in the 7th DANUM International Conference organized by Dela Salle University from May to June 2024. He also shared his paper called “The Butanding Case: Looking for Ethical Justification” in the 6th DANUM International Conference in June 2023.

Programs

The Department, in collaboration with SEPI and PUP, hosted the 2023 SEPI International Conference on Christian Philosophy, Sustainability and Development in the Philippines and Southeast Asia. This was a three-day International Conference last September 2024 held at SU Hall, Silliman University. Such a conference was participated by different researchers, scholars, faculty, admin of different Universities all over the Philippines as well as the faculty, staff, and students of the Department and other SU colleges and units.

Another event hosted by the Department is the 2023 and 2024 Horace B. Silliman Lecture Series in November 2023 held at Audio Visual Theater and March 2024 at SU Hall with the theme: “Political Philosophy, Philippine Politics, Artificial Intelligence.” The 2023 conference

was an avenue for the MA students to present their working research papers with a faculty from the Department acting as the plenary speaker. Ramirez served as the plenary speaker, presenting her paper titled “A Woman in Love in Beauvoir’s Phenomenological Inquiry.” Meanwhile, MA Philosophy students also delivered their presentations: Kenneth Lewis on “Psychology, Neuroscience, Philosophy: The Ethics of the Us/Them Problem,” Elmer Cabanillas on “Hegelian Dialectic: Evaluating Political Dynasties in the Philippines,” and Lemuel Eltanal on “An Ethical Analysis of Man’s Perspective of the Good Life in Aristotle’s Moral Virtue Towards Eudaimonia.”

The 2024 conference was organized to showcase the research presentation of the visiting lecturer, as well as the working papers of selected fourth-year graduating students. The plenary speaker was Dr. Ryan Maboloc, a Philosophy faculty member from Ateneo de Davao University, who also served as the visiting lecturer. Presentations were also delivered by Philosophy faculty member Lamboloto and fourth-year student Rolando Alfredo Valencia. Participants of the two conferences were students and faculty of the different SU Colleges as well as the faculty, staff, and students of the Department from all levels.

In collaboration with DLSU, the Department led the 6th International Conference on Philippine and Asian Studies. This is a three-day International Conference held in June 2023 at SU. This was participated by different researchers, scholars, faculty, admin of SU and different Universities all over the Philippines.

Lamboloto engaged in the online workshop-training “Harnessing the Power of ChatGPT and Other Generative-AI Applications for Content Creation and Dynamic Presentations” organized by Mariano Lao Global Studies Center.

Asst. Prof. Revagorda participated in the online workshop-training “Interpreting TURNITINS AI Report” organized by SU-Library and TURNITIN APAC in July 2024. He also attended the online workshop-training called “Establishing Ethical Guidelines: Crafting Classroom Policies and Best Practices for Using Generative AI to Ensure Responsible and Ethical Implementation” organized by Dr. Mariano C. Lao Global Studies Center in February 2024.

At the same time, the Department organized a Week of Lecture Program in March 2024 with Dr. Ryan Maboloc of Ateneo de Davao University. He is a respected scholar and writer with impressive credentials, having earned his PhD in Philosophy from the University of San Carlos with the distinction of Maxima Cum Laude. In 2020, he was awarded the Public Intellectual Prize by the Philosophical Association of the Philippines. He currently serves as Chair, President, and Co-Founder of the Social Ethics Society–Mindanao, and is the author of the book *Radical Democracy in the Time of Duterte*.

His lectures—“Liberal Egalitarianism and Its Communitarian Critics,” “A Post-Conflict Development Framework for the Bangsamoro,” “Habermas and Rawls on the Role of Religion in the Public Sphere,” and “Great Power Politics and the Problem of Global Justice”—were well-attended by students and faculty from various colleges and units of Silliman University, as well as by representatives from Foundation University.

The Department facilitated

Philosophical Reading Sessions throughout the year participated in by Philosophy majors and MA students, alumni, and faculty. The purpose of this program was to open an avenue for discussions on relevant issues with some philosophical foundations. Such program gives opportunities for students to present their ideas and analyze other’s ideas in philosophical discussions. or each reading session, designated individuals were responsible for selecting the readings and facilitating the discussions. This program is an initiative of some alumni who love to share their ideas to new students and learn from each other’s perspectives.

The Department held an orientation and fellowship program in August 2023 at Cangmating Beach, Sibulan, bringing together faculty, staff, and Philosophy students to foster camaraderie and a genuine sense of community. The event aimed to create a welcoming environment where everyone new and old students could get to know each other better and discuss the plans and goals for the upcoming academic years. The program commenced with an opening prayer, setting a peaceful and harmonious tone for the rest of the event. The prayer emphasized the importance of unity and cooperation among the participants. Following the prayer, Asst. Prof. Revagorda delivered the opening remarks, expressing gratitude to everyone for their presence and highlighting the significance of the fellowship program, emphasizing the need to strengthen the bonds through support and care for each other’s academic life. Each faculty and staff member had the opportunity to briefly share their roles





and responsibilities, allowing participants to become more familiar with the key individuals behind the organization's success. One of the highlights of the fellowship program was the "getting to know each other" session. Participants engaged in various icebreaker activities and team-building exercises that encouraged interaction and facilitated connections among the attendees. These activities aimed to break the ice and create a friendly and open environment. During the gathering, the organizers presented the programs for the previous academic year (SY 2022-2023) and provided an overview of the upcoming programs for the next academic year (SY 2023-2024). This presentation allowed participants to gain insight into the organization's accomplishments and future plans, fostering enthusiasm and participation. Some games were provided by the CAS Guidance Counsellors making the activity more meaningful for everyone.

The Department's Christmas Fellowship was aimed at fostering unity and embracing the festive spirit. Interactive games, skillfully facilitated by both students and the dedicated faculty and staff, were integrated to

enhance camaraderie among different year levels. The tradition of gift exchange added an element of joy and generosity, symbolizing the spirit of giving within the department. The gathering commenced with an opening invocation led by Sir Pacheko Polestico, setting a tone of gratitude and reflection. Selected students were given the platform to share their insightful perspectives on a Bible verse, enriching the celebration with a touch of spiritual reflection. The Christmas fellowship successfully united the entire community in a festive celebration, seamlessly blending fellowship, spiritual reflection, and leadership engagement. It stood as a testament to the Philosophy Circle's dedication to unity and shared values, truly capturing the essence of the Christmas spirit.

Partnerships

The Department, through Ferdinand M. Mangibin and Asst. Prof. Revagorda, in partnership with Frontier Tower Associates of the Philippines Inc., gave a four-month Professional Development Training with a theme: "Being Authentically

Human: A Philosophical Perspective." The program started in July where Dr. Mangibin gave an in-person lecture discussing about "Man's Search for Meaning." This continued in October until December of 2023 with the following topics on "Martin Buber's I-Thou Relationship," "Paul Tillich's Human Existential Condition," "Marxist Man's Alienation in Work," "Don Ihde on Technology and Man," "Herbert Marcuse's One-Dimensional Man," and "Interconnectedness of Being." The result of this activity led to a new partnership with the company in which CEO Patrick Tangney decided to offer scholarships for less privileged students who are interested in taking the Philosophy course as well as in helping the Department's Community Extension Activity starting the SY 2024-2025. The signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was done in August 2024.

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT



People

Two faculty members, Asst. Prof. Haidee I. Mana-ay and Rhys H. Montecillo, earned their PhD diplomas from the International Ph.D. Program in Innovative Technology of Biomedical Engineering and Medical Devices of Ming Chi University of Technology in New Taipei City, Taiwan last March 2024. Both received the Valedictorian Honor Award as well.

Moreover, Asst. Prof. Mana-ay and Montecillo won third place in the poster competition of the

International Conference on Smart Devices and Sustainable Energy 2023, which was held in Ming Chi University of Technology last November 2023.

The following research papers were presented and published by faculty members in various national and international research conferences and publications:

- ▶ “Nuclear Structure in the Quark-Meson Coupling (QMC) Model,” presented by Dr. Kay Marie M. Paglinawan during the International Workshop on Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex (J-PARC) Hadron Physics 2023 held at J-PARC, Tokai, Ibaraki, Japan in September 2023
- ▶ “Nuclear Structure and Properties Using the Quark-Meson Coupling

- ▶ Mana-ay, H. I. & Co-authors. (2024). Improving bioactivity in 3D-printed Ti-6Al-4V alloy scaffold via CaO-MgO-SiO₂ glass-ceramic coating. *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*, 976, 173387.
- ▶ Montecillo, R. H., & Co-authors. (2023). Tailoring energy storage in Nb₂O₅-added 0.7BiFeO₃-0.3BaTiO₃ ceramics via A-site Gd³⁺ substitution. *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*, 991, 164736.
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- ▶ Montecillo, R. H., & Co-authors. (2024). Optimizing energy storage under low electric field in A-site dysprosium modified BiFeO₃-BaTiO₃ ceramics. *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*, 983, 173918.
- ▶ Paglinawan, K. M., & Co-authors. (2023). A powerful new energy density functional.

Journal of Physics: Conference Series, 2586, 012055. <https://doi.org/10.1088/1742-6596/2586/1/012055>

Programs

In collaboration with the National Institute of Physics of the University of the Philippines-Diliman organized a special lectures and research discussion on “Particle and Plasma Physics” by Dr. Marvin M. Flores and Dr. Myles Allen H. Zosa last January 2024 at the Audio Visual Theater (AVT).

Under the same collaboration, the Department co-hosted an online conference on “Frontiers in Theoretical and Experimental Physics” in celebration of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Week last March 2024.

The Department and the SU Geological Society organized an invitational talk with Stephen P. Swatton on “Unleashing Mineral Potential of the Philippines” last October 2023 at SC 110.

Meanwhile, the following are the faculty members’ and students’ participation in conferences, lectures, symposia, and webinars in both national and international levels.

- ▶ mySOUL Learning Management System (LMS) training for newly hired faculty attended by Eurajen B. Manayon at the Dr. Mariano C. Lao Innovation, Creation, and Invention Laboratory
- ▶ 2nd USC-VSU Biophysics Symposium attended by Asst. Prof. Ma. Roxan B. Abiquibil in July 2023 in Baybay City, Leyte
- ▶ “Basic of Igneous Petrology”



Energy Density Functional,” discussed during the International Conference on Smart Devices and Sustainable Energy 2023, held at New Taipei City, Taiwan in November 2023

- ▶ International Conference on Smart Devices and Sustainable Energy 2023 with Asst. Prof. Mana-ay as poster presenter held at Ming Chi University of Technology in November 2023.

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- ▶ Montecillo, R. H., & Co-authors. (2024). Configuration-entropy effects on BiFeO₃-BaTiO₃ relaxor ferroelectric ceramics for high-density energy storage. *Journal of Materials Chemistry A*, 12, 11995.
- ▶ Montecillo, R. H., & Co-authors. (2024). Development of the Al₂O₃-B₂O₃-SiO₂ glass for thermal barrier coating. *Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids*, 626, 122785.
- ▶ Montecillo, R. H., & Co-authors. (2024). Energy storage density of tailored relaxor-antiferroelectric state in Gd-doped Ag(Nb_{0.8}Ta_{0.2})O₃ ceramics. *Ceramics International*, 50(7), 7948–7960.

Publications:

- ▶ Abiquibil, M. R., & Co-authors. (2024). The effects of stem bromelain on the gelation behavior of kappa carrageenan under linear and nonlinear rheological regimes. *Food Hydrocolloids*, 150, 106532.



online lecture delivered by Florence Annette C. Labis spoke with the Philippine Association of Geology Students – SEG Student Chapter (PAGS-SEGSC) in August 2023.

- ▶ “PAGS-SEGSC Fieldwork: Bridging Sciences and Industry Through Responsible Mining” - a three-day fieldwork and mine visit at APEX Mining Corporation Inc. (AMCI) and Paraiso Consolidated Mining Corporation (PACOMINCO) attended by Labis and three BS Geology students held Davao de Oro last September 2023
- ▶ "Catch the Ruler: An Experimental Set-up on Linear Fitting of Data," by Asst. Prof. Zarujo C. Girasol aimed primarily for high school physics teachers, but also relevant for college educators. The presentation focused on techniques for plotting slopes and intercepts using both the "eye-ball method" and linear regression formula” during the 42nd-46th Annual National Physics Seminar-Workshop/ Convention last May 2024 at Siquijor State College, Larena, Siquijor.
- ▶ 18th National Institute of Geological Sciences participated in by Labis and third year BS Geology student Judd Patrick M. Jare as a poster presenters at UP-Dilliman in October 2023
- ▶ Labis presented a paper titled “Petrographic Characteristics of



Volcanic and Intrusive Units of the Ancient Negros Arc” during the Annual Geological Conference last December 2023 at Monet Grand Ball Room, Novotel, Araneta City, Quezon City.

- ▶ “Petrographic Characteristics of Volcanic and Intrusive Units of the Ancient Negros Arc” by Florence Annette C. Labis during the Annual Geological Conference in December 2023 at the Monet Grand Ball Room, Novotel, Araneta City, Quezon City
- ▶ International Workshop on J-PARC Hadron Physics 2023 participated in by Dr. Paglinawan in Tokai, Ibaraki, Japan in September 2023.
- ▶ International Mini Symposium on Food Hydrocolloids 2023 joined by Asst. Prof. Abiquibil at Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, Japan in September 2023
- ▶ 8th International Symposium on Advanced Ceramics and Technology for Sustainable Engineering Applications (ACTSEA 2024) attended by Asst. Prof. Mana-ay and Montecillo as oral presenters held in Taipei, Taiwan in May 2024
- ▶ 48th International Conference and Exposition on Advanced Ceramics and Composites attended by Asst. Prof. Mana-ay and Montecillo at Hilton Daytona Beach Resort and Ocean Center in Daytona Beach, Florida, USA

from January to February 2024

Partnerships

The Department established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SU and UP-Diliman (National Institute of Physics), to develop collaborative programs in areas of mutual interest.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was also signed with an industry partner, Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company, to undertake the Field Geology Internship Program outside the academe as part of the BS Geology curriculum.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

People

There were several noteworthy recognitions received by the Social Work Department for School Year 2023-2024. One of these includes being recognized by the Professional Regulation Commission – Professional Regulatory Board (PRC-PRB) for Social Work as compliant for three years, from 2023 to 2027. The PRC-PRB visited the Department last June 2023. Present were the chairperson of the PRC-PRB for social work, Hon. Lorna Gabad, and another PRB, Hon. Fe Sinsona. They were also accompanied by a representative from the PRC satellite office.

Five students namely Elaica Marie Birao, Blaire Borromeo, Rowena Lasuta, Umirica Partosa, and Pia Kate Tagupa received Latin Honors (cum laude) during the 2024 graduation ceremony.

In addition, 30 students received honors recognition. Six received College honors while 24 were Class honors. Those who received the College honors award include Ghela Marie Colina, Rowena Lasuta, Mizpah



Fundador, Princess Ann Lumayag, Department of Social Welfare and Vanessa Carmel Regalado, and Roane Development (DSWD). Dorthy Tirol.

For extracurricular endeavors, the Silliman University Junior Social Workers' Association of the Philippines (SU-JSWAP) received recognition as one of the most active JSWAP organizations in the Philippines. This award was given during the 49th Biennial Convention of the National Association for Social Work Education, Inc. It was also recognized as one of the top 10 academic and top 12 overall organizations during the first semester of school year 2023-2024 by the SU Committee on Student Organizations (COMSO).

Furthermore, the Department produced 32 new Registered Social Workers who took the Social Work Licensure Examination last September 2023. For batch 2023, 29 out of 32 (90.6%) passed the exam. First-time takers' performance was 88.57% while the overall performance was 78.05%, higher than the national passing rate of 56.75%. Additionally, nine students scored more than 80% board rating.

Lastly, chairperson Serlyn B. Esquierdo-Sanson was elected national treasurer of the National Association for Social Work Education, Inc. (NASWEI) during the 49th Biennial Convention of the NASWEI held at General Santos City in November 2024. Likewise, she was elected as the vice-chairperson of the Regional Independent Monitoring Committee (RIMC) of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program of the

Programs

A number of programs and activities were participated in and organized by the department. These included the 2023 Balik-Talent lecture and fellowship lunch in August 2023. Batch 1975 alumna Nilda Jaboli Oliva, a Social Welfare Attache in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, shared a talk on "Social Work Practice in Foreign Service."

The department also organized an activity celebrating the World Social Work Day 2024 in March. This activity was participated in by more than 50 social workers from Negros Oriental and Siquijor.

To sustain the advocacy for the elimination of Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and through awareness campaigns under its service-learning program, students from the SW 22 course (Social Welfare Policies, Programs and Services) shared their knowledge of the law and the programs behind to partner agencies and communities. These include Dumaguete Kalauman Center for Development, Little Children of the Philippines Foundation, Inc. Dumaguete Youth Home, Casa Esperanza, and In-Peace Foundation. Communities managed by the City Social Welfare and Development Office and the Community Extension Service of Saint Paul University Dumaguete were also part of the program.

In addition, the Department's

service-learning program allowed sophomore students to organize a Women's Symposium at Dodong Escaño Memorial High School in Bais City in March 2024. It also set up a Youth Summit which was participated by all youth members of groups managed and organized by the senior social work interns.

Students and two faculty members participated as learning buddies and facilitators in the International Service-Learning program of the University between the International Christian University (ICU) and George Mason University (GMU) from June to August 2024. Seven social work students joined as learning buddies to the 16 students from ICU, while six students were assigned with GMU students. Chair Esquierdo-Sanson and Dr. Myraluz V. Waddington helped as facilitators.

Moreover, the Department arranged a devotion for the 2023 board takers in September 2024. This was participated by the faculty, staff, students, and board takers, together with the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), Dr. Mae Brigitt Bernadel L. Villordon, the President of the Philippine Association of Social Workers, Inc. (PASWI), Emervencia L. Ligutom, and the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer of Negros Oriental, Hillton John V. Edrial. This devotion was led by Rev. January B. Alpuerto.

Several activities were facilitated by the Department to enhance its Field Instruction and Service-Learning Programs. The Field Instruction and Service-Learning Evaluation and Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) review with all agency partners took place in May 2024. Exit interview and evaluation activities were also done with the senior social work interns.

For student engagements, SU-JSWAP was able to organize and partner with other student organizations to implement several advocacy programs and donation drives. They participated in the 2023 Biennial Convention of NASWEI and

Women's Month activities of the City of Dumaguete. They also hosted one of the online national Circle of Prayer activities of the PASWI during the program's third anniversary last February 2024.

Faculty members participated in several continuing professional development engagements such as professional organization conventions, training, and semi-nars. Esquierdo-Sanson was the delegate of the PASWI in the 10th National Social Science Congress, which was held at SU last July 2023. Furthermore, Esquierdo-Sanson together with Maria Fe M. Sadang attended the 49th Biennial Convention of the National Association for Social Work Education held in General Santos City. The faculty also shared their knowledge to the children and staff of the In Peace Foundation by conducting a seminar on "Protecting our Children: Promoting Awareness of the Anti-OSAEC Law" and on women's rights and good and bad touch.

The faculty attended the 27th Asia Pacific Regional Conference and the 75th Platinum Jubilee National Convention of the PASWI held in Cebu City last November 2023. The international conference was co-organized by the PASWI together with the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), the IFSW Asia Pacific Region, and the Asian and Pacific Association for Social Work Education (APASWE).

Lastly, the faculty joined several in-service trainings including the training organized by the Office of Quality Instruction and Excellence entitled, "Improving Student Learning through the Development of Critical and Creative Thinking and Doing."

Partnerships

The Department continued to partner with several local social welfare agencies for its Service-Learning and Field Instruction programs. There were also additional partners who signed the Memorandum of Agreement last May

2024. These partners are In Peace Foundation, Casa Miani Arvedi, Gender Watch Against Violence and Exploitation, and the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office of Negros Oriental.

In addition, the Department is actively partnering with the DSWD in the implementation of its Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program. Students and faculty were involved in several activities under this program including organizing alumni, case management of beneficiaries, and joining monitoring committees like the Regional Independent Monitoring Committee. Faculty were also invited as guests of honor during the program's graduation ceremony of beneficiaries.

Ultimately, the Department partnered with Netherlands-based Han University of Applied Social Sciences and its International Social Work program. A series of lectures on human trafficking and what social work is in both countries (The Philippines and the Netherlands) were done.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

People

Dr. Wilma Tejero-Libarios, College Dean of the College of Business Administration (CBA), presented a paper during the Council of Economic Educators 27th National and 6th International Conference held at Silliman University, Dumaguete City, in November 2023. The paper, titled "On the Relationship Between Manufacturing, Services, and the Manufacturing Sectors: A Cross-Country Panel Analysis," was co-authored with J. Hwang.

Furthermore, Dr. Tejero-Libarios mentored a team of nursing students who won as champions of the Philippine Startup Challenge 8 (PSC8) Regional Pitching Competition in October 2023 in Cebu City. The team, Blood Barkada, also received the Best Logo Award.

Asst. Prof. Mylah R. Bomediano, program coordinator of the BSBA Human Resources Management program, along with Dr. Enrique Oracion and Jerrydith Alpuerto, earned second place in the Best Paper competition during the 10th National Social Science Congress (NSSC) held at Silliman University in July 2023. Their paper, "Assisting Wives in Fisheries Economically Adapt and Recover in Crisis Situations in South Negros," documented the Fish Tiangge project under the USAID Fish Right Program through participatory action research conducted over one year.

Dr. Ofelia T. Ragpa, faculty member of the BSBA Business Analytics program, successfully completed her PhD in Business Administration in July 2023 at the University of San Carlos, Cebu City.

Dr. Florenda A. Caseres, chair of the Accountancy Program, completed her Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration at Silliman University in May 2024.

Asst. Prof. Lou Shien Ban P. Granaderos, faculty member of the Marketing Management Department, was named Outstanding Marketing Educator 2024 in Visayas by the Council of Marketing Educators during the Marketing Education Transformation (MET) Summit, which was held online via Zoom in April 2024.

Asst. Prof. Leonidas A. Cañete, Program Coordinator of the Marketing Management Program, was elected as President of the Council of Management Educators and Professionals in the Philippines - Visayas Chapter in November 2023.

In student achievements, Enrica Marian Dinopol, a third-year business

economics student and the President of the SUSG for the school year 2023-2024, was the only Filipino student admitted to Yonsei University's International Summer School (YISS) for its six-week law and economics program from July to August 2023. In November 2023, Dinopol won the championship at the Regional Inter-University Impromptu Business Speech Competition held at Sierra Hotel, Dumaguete.

Alexa Kaye Tuale, a fourth-year marketing student, secured first place in the final business case competition during the MarkProf eight-week National Marketing Bootcamp in February 2024 in Manila. The boot camp provided intensive training in business, sales, and marketing for the Top 25 Young Marketing Rockstars. Additionally, Tuale was among the Top 10 finalists in the L'Oreal Brandstorm 2024 competition in Manila. In April 2024, Tuale was named Outstanding Marketing Student 2024 in Visayas by the Council of Marketing Educators during the MET Summit held online.

Level III marketing students Dignity Lagunay and Edison Tubil, along with team members from the College of Agriculture and the College of Arts and Sciences, won third place in the national First Gen Code Green for Campuses competition in March 2024. The event, held at Novotel Manila, Quezon City, revolved around the theme "Call for Innovation for a Decarbonized and Regenerative Future." The team received mentorship from Dr. Wilma T. Libarios during the proposal preparation stage.

Aaron Rowen T. Parcon placed third as the Most Outstanding Marketing Student of the Year during the 31st Agora Youth Awards in July 2023 in Manila.

Five business economics students, namely, Argielyn Vergaño, Brent Jacob Augusto, Yuan Ceagor Raquel, Ken Joseph Ong, and Emmanuel Labrador, emerged as champions in the inter-university case analysis competition during the

National Economics Summit 2023 in September at the University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City.

Johndy C. Quillano, a senior BS Accountancy student, was among the Top 5 overall in the Accountancy Students' search for UP JPIA ASSET 2023, held at Artson Events Place, Quezon City, in December 2023. This nationwide competition assessed students based on academic performance, written examinations, interviews, and actual performance in conducted activities.

Jan Erick Angel, a third-year operations management student, was elected as President, and Zipporah Shekinah was elected as a Board Member of the Council of Management Educators and Professionals in the Philippines - Student Chapter during its Central Visayas Conference in November 2023 at Sierra Hotel, Dumaguete City.

Programs

ACCOUNTANCY

To enhance the curriculum, syllabus, classroom management, linkages, and partnerships of Silliman University's Accountancy Department, the faculty conducted benchmarking visits at several top schools in the Philippines. The visits included the University of San Carlos (USC) in Cebu City in March 2024, the University of Santo Tomas (UST) in Manila in June 2024, and De La Salle University in Taft, Manila, also in June 2024. As a result of these benchmarking activities, the Department revised its curriculum to incorporate best practices from these institutions, effective for the school year 2024-2025 for incoming first-year BSA students.

In a significant milestone for accountancy students, the Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (JPIA) organized a pinning ceremony in August 2023 at Silliman University

Church. This event recognized and honored senior accountancy students as they embarked on their internship journey.

In June 2024, sixteen examinees from the May 2024 Certified Public Accountant Licensure Exam (CPALE) successfully achieved their goal of becoming CPAs, marking a significant accomplishment for the Department.

To equip its officers with essential leadership skills, the Silliman University Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (SU JPIA) organized a capacity-building event in August 2023. The event concluded with a team-building activity led by the CBA Guidance Office under the direction of Lynn G. Lacse. This was followed by a motivational speech delivered by SU JPIA Adviser, Alfred Dicedican, CPA, CMA.

In April 2024, SU JPIA, in collaboration with the College of Business Administration Council, organized a Sunrise Service to commence CBA Week 2024. Themed "Beeautiful Transformations: Evolving into Eco-Champions and Ethical Leaders," the event served as a reminder to the CBA community of the importance of ethical values in both personal and professional life.

BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Asst. Prof. Larry Vincent C. Regencia, Program Coordinator of BSBA Business Analytics, attended the 2024 National Analytics and AI Summit in Manila last July 2024.

The CBA Mid-Week Service, organized by Business Analytics, Economics, and Operations Management students, united participants and athletes for intramurals, fostering a collaborative community within CBA last February 2024.

During CBA Week, the Business Analytics program hosted an Open House at the CBA building last March 2024. The event aimed to introduce

the course to prospective students, increasing awareness and interest in the program.

ECONOMICS

Silliman University, through CBA, co-hosted the 27th National and 6th International Conference on Economic Education in Southeast Asian Nations in November 2025 with the Council of Economics Educators. With the theme "Economics Education: Status and Future of Artificial Intelligence in Teaching and Learning among Southeast Asian Nations," the conference used a hybrid modality, catering to 150 online attendees and 50-60 on-site participants. Keynote speakers included Undersecretary Rafaelita Aldaba of the Department of Trade and Industry; Dr. Agham Cuevas, vice chancellor for academic affairs of the University of the Philippines at Los Baños; and Dr. Jose Mark Libre, commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education. The event also featured Southeast Asian speakers such as Mr. Ryan Soh, founder and chief executive of EDUFIED, Singapore; Dr. Achmad Yanu Alif Flanto of Universitas 17 Agustus 1945 in Surabaya, Indonesia; and Assoc. Prof. Mohd Hanafin Ahmad Hijazi, dean of the Faculty of Computing and Informatics at Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia. Additional resource speakers included Mr. Mennen Aracid of Ateneo de Manila, Dr. Dave Marcial of Silliman University, and Dr. Anna Liza Ramos of St. Michael's College of Laguna.

Six Business Economics students from SU won first place in the inter-university case analysis competition during the National Economic Summit 2023 in September 2023 at the University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City. The team comprised Argielyn Kate Vergaño, Yuan Ceagor Raquel, Brent Jacob Augusto, Emmanuel Labrador, and Ken Joseph Ong.

Business Economics alumni Novah Jane Dahili and Robygienne Alburo, along with Dr. Wilma Tejero-Libarios, CBA dean, presented research papers at the Council of Economics Educators' 27th National and 6th International Conference on Economics Education. Dahili presented a paper titled "Impact of Virtual Internship on the Personal and Professional Development of Students," which revealed a statistical difference in satisfaction levels between onsite and virtual internship programs. Alburo presented "The Well-Being of the Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Residents of Negros Oriental, Philippines," which found a significant difference in well-being between the two groups based on data from 303 respondents. Tejero presented "Link Between Manufacturing and Other Sectors of the Philippine Economy: A Vector Autoregressive Approach," which analyzed the relationship between the manufacturing sector, the service and agricultural sectors, and GDP per capita. She recommended policy actions to enhance the competitiveness of the Philippine manufacturing sector through infrastructure development, technological innovation, and R&D initiatives.

The Economics Program of CBA, through the Silliman Economics Society, organized and hosted an online orientation on using the Socioeconomic Research Portal of the Philippines (SERP-P) for students' research papers and theses in November 2023. Mr. Ezekiel Nicomedes of the Philippine Institute of Development Studies (PIDS) served as the resource person.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Three BS Entrepreneurship students and a faculty mentor represented SU in the regional Department of Information, Communication and Technology (DICT) Startup Challenge in October

2023 in Cebu City. Out of 247 student applicants from 22 schools in Central Visayas, only 25 teams were shortlisted, including the Silliman team.

Along with the Economics and Office Systems Administration programs of CBA, BS Entrepreneurship students organized a lecture featuring Novee E. Maestrecampo Jr. on the topic "The Nexus of Social Innovation and Service-Learning into a Future-proof Business Education at Silliman University, Philippines." The talk prepared learners to thrive in a rapidly changing environment through social innovation and service-learning.

During CBA Week, the Young Entrepreneurs Society of Silliman (YESS), the academic organization of BS Entrepreneurship, held the annual "Negosyante Trade Fair" in April 2024. Various entrepreneurial students and existing businesses in the city participated in the event.

YESS organized the "Start 'Em Young" lecture in March 2024. The event featured two speakers, Geo Alviola from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Kendra Villaruel, owner of Fusion Rolls in Dumaguete City. The speakers encouraged students to begin their entrepreneurial journeys early.

In March 2024, YESS organized "Paw It Forward," an initiative that gathered in-kind donations for animals at the Dumaguete Animal Sanctuary (DAS). The event fostered social responsibility among entrepreneurship students.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Asst. Prof. Rene Rafael B. Juntereal attended the Philippine APEC Study Center Network-Ateneo de Manila University (PASCN-ADMU) symposium titled "Empower, Include, Grow: Unlocking Inclusive Growth in the Philippines and the Asia Pacific Region," organized by the Philippine Institute for Development

Studies and Ateneo de Manila University. The event took place at Escaler Hall, Ateneo de Manila University in June 2024. On the same day, Juntereal also participated in the PASCN General Assembly held at Ateneo de Manila University.

One student from the Financial Management program was part of the CBA team that competed in the FINEX regional competition held in Cebu City in October 2023.

Seniors from the Silliman University Junior Finance Executives (SUJFINEX) attended an informal talk by Outstanding Sillimian Awardee for Finance and Entrepreneurship, Sandeep Chandaramani, in August 2023.

SUJFINEX led multiple community outreach projects. In August 2023, the organization arranged an 11-day sharing project with Talay Rehabilitation Center. Additionally, in December 2023, SUJFINEX coordinated Biyaheng Pinayon-an with Pinayon-an Elementary School, extending support to students in need.

MARKETING PROGRAM

Asst. Prof. Lou Shien Ban P. Granaderos, adviser of the Silliman University Junior Marketing Management Association and a faculty member of the Marketing Management Department, was named Outstanding Marketing Educator 2024 in Visayas by the Council of Marketing Educators during the Marketing Education Transformation (MET) Summit held online via Zoom in April 2024.

Alexandra Tuale, a Level IV Marketing Management student, was named Outstanding Marketing Student 2024 in Visayas by the Council of Marketing Educators during the MET Summit.

Meanwhile, the SU Junior Marketing Association landed among the Top 10 outstanding organizations

under the junior marketing organization category in this year's Agora Youth Awards.

At least 50 students attended the Marketing Education Transformation (MET) Summit held online via Zoom in April 2024. The summit provided valuable insights into marketing education and emerging trends in the industry. Marketing management students presented a research paper during the National Marketing Education Transformation Summit in April 2024. The Council of Marketing Educators organized the event. Titled "An Analysis on the Impact of Paid Influencer Marketing on Brand Awareness, Brand Loyalty, and Purchasing Intention of Dumaguete City Residents," the paper was led by mentees Xelianne Pearl Jaculbe and Jastine Mae Rasonable, along with team members Leizyl Julienne Bedro, Vinz Andrei Cadayday, Bryll Cañete, Hyung Jin Park, and Aaron Ramas-Uypitching.

Marketing Management and Entrepreneurship students participated in the "Engage and Grow: The 1K Facebook Challenge" in May 2024 at AVT Room 1. Led by Asst. Prof. Granaderos, this activity showcased the impact of digital marketing on business growth and brand value.

Service-Learning Coordinators Prof. Freshtille Mae S. Cuello and Asst. Prof. Ruth Ann S. Entea, along with panelists Asst. Prof. Leonidas A. Cañete and Prof. Aimee V. Yocor, provided insights and guidance. The event involved eight business partners: Fyb_pies led by Nick Angelo Venezuela, Senyor Sisig led by Zyra Tan, Bingsu.zip led by Dignity Lagunay, Pretty Strokes by Kai led by Rasonable, Love Always led by Jaculbe, EG Candles led by Ella Mae Goco, Human Nature Dgte led by Leira Camille Ronato, and The Ugly Dumpling led by Reese Valmoria.

Aaron Ramas-Uypitching, a Level III Marketing Management student, joined other business students of CBA in the HSBC Philippines Case Competition in April 2024. The

competition, now in its 17th year, featured participants from over 180 universities worldwide, including 12 from the Philippines. The event provided students with real-world decision-making scenarios evaluated by senior executives.

Attendees participated in discussions on leadership development and marketing at the Governor's Leadership Training Summit (GOLTS) in April 2024. Among the participants were Jaculbe, Rasonable, and Theodore Dominic de Castro, who actively engaged in the sessions.

The SU Junior Marketing Association partnered with the Marketing Mixers of Saint Louis University, Baguio, and other universities in January 2024 for "The Big Idea: Channeling 2023 Marketing Trends." The event facilitated collaboration and idea exchange among marketing students.

Asst. Prof. Larry Vincent C. Regencia, Program Coordinator of BSBA Business Analytics, attended the 2024 National Analytics and AI Summit in Manila in July 2024. The event provided valuable insights into the evolving role of analytics and artificial intelligence in business.

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

Jan Erick Angel and Zipporah Shekinah Labang secured leadership positions during the Council of Management Educators and Professionals in the Philippines (COMEPP) Central Visayas Conference held in November 2023 at Sierra Hotel, Dumaguete City. Angel was elected president of the Business Management Association of the Philippines (BMAP) Central Visayas Chapter, while Labang became a board member.

Angel, along with advisers Asst. Prof. Cañete and Asst. Prof. Myla Jean P. Sardan, and student Enrica

Dinopol, attended the COMEPP National Conference in Baguio in November 2023, representing CBA on a broader academic platform.

During CBA Week, the Silliman Operations Management Executives Society (SOMES) participated in the Open House to welcome senior high school students from various schools, including Silliman University's Senior High School. The half-day event featured the introduction of SOMES officers and members, followed by video presentations showcasing the internship experiences of Operations Management (OM) interns and student activities. Demonstrations and interactive games were conducted while food and drinks were served. As part of the celebration, a Mental Health Seminar was jointly organized with Financial Management students.

SOMES also engaged in several community extension activities. For Byaheng Pinayon-an, an outreach initiative for Pinayon-an Elementary School in Mabinay, Negros Oriental, SOMES collaborated with COMSO and SOAD, along with other university organizations, during the Christmas season of 2023. Additionally, for the Dagdag Kaalaman initiative, SOMES partnered with SU-JPIA to distribute books and educational materials to the students of Bongbong Elementary School

SOMES organized the Pinning Ceremony for OM seniors in January 2024 at Silliman Church to formally recognize them as interns. A dinner, hosted by the OM interns, followed the ceremony.

During the second semester of the academic year, three partner companies accepted OM senior interns. Six interns joined Shaman Air, Inc., another six were placed at Foundever Cebu, and one intern worked at Tagbilaran Community Hospital.

SOMES and the OM Program conducted a lecture series designed for students at different levels, featuring expert professionals in the field of Operations Management. Each

session aimed to enhance students' knowledge and preparedness for the industry. The topics and speakers were as follows:

- “A Sneak Peek into the World of Operations Management” by Asst. Prof. Ofelia T. Ragpa for freshmen students in September 2023

- “Digitalization in Operations Management” by J’Roel Lim, Marketplace, Strategy, and Planning for Cities and Expansions – Grab Philippines head, for sophomores in October 2023

- “Operations Strategies in Action” by Grab’s Lim for juniors and BA2 students in September 2023

- 4th Year: “Getting Ready: What to Expect in the Real World” by Grab’s Lim for seniors in November 2023

Partnerships

CBA expanded its academic and professional network through institutional collaborations with universities and organizations across Asia and the Philippines. These partnerships include Hannam University in South Korea, Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia, Universitas Kristen Indonesia, and Petra Christian University.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Silliman University and Petra Christian University was signed in October 2023 during the Association of Christian Universities in Asia (ACUCA) Management Conference in South Korea. CBA also strengthened its ties with ACUCA, the United Board of Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA), and the Philippine APEC Studies Center Network (PASCN), reinforcing its commitment to academic excellence and international collaboration.

Economics and accountancy students collaborated with the PAO Farmers Association in Dumaguete City for service-learning activities.

Marketing and MBA students engaged with the Barangay Banilad PWD Association through community extension programs, which included lectures and livelihood assessment activities. Additionally, a memorandum of agreement (MOA) was signed with LGU Poblacion 5, Dauin, Negros Oriental, solidifying a new partnership led by the university president, the college dean, and the CBA extension coordinator.

The Accountancy Department strengthened its internship program for the first semester of SY 2023-2024 by partnering with Sycip, Gorres, Velayo & Co. (SGV and Co.). Fourteen Level IV Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (BSA) students completed a 400-hour face-to-face internship with SGV, gaining practical experience in the field.

CBA secured a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with various companies to provide internship opportunities for graduating seniors. Students underwent training with numerous industry partners, including banking institutions, government agencies, legal firms, hotels, marketing firms, and multinational corporations. These partner organizations include:

- ▷ Ace Dumaguete Doctors
- ▷ Achieve Without Borders
- ▷ ACL Insurance Agency
- ▷ Bank Of The Philippine Islands
- ▷ Belciña Jewelry Inc.
- ▷ Cavada & Aguilar Law Firm
- ▷ Cebu Holiday Plaza Hotel Inc.
- ▷ Cebu Landmasters Inc.
- ▷ Costner Trading Corporation
- ▷ Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP)
- ▷ DCCCO Multipurpose

INSTITUTE OF CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

People

The Institute of Clinical Laboratory Sciences (ICLS) ranked ninth in the Top Performing Schools during the March 2024 Medical Technologist Licensure Examination with a passing percentage of 93.94% (186 schools passed out of 198 schools). The award was given by the Professional Regulatory Board of Medical Technology in April 2024 at the Philippine International Convention Center, CCP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, Manila.

Ricca Christyl Ongcol Sumalpong, magna cum laude graduate in May 2023, placed eighth in the March 2024 Medical Technologist Licensure Exam with a rating of 92.00%. Meanwhile, Nerfee Capuras Casilao, magna cum laude graduate in May 2023, placed seventh in the August 2024 Examination with a rating of 90.90%.

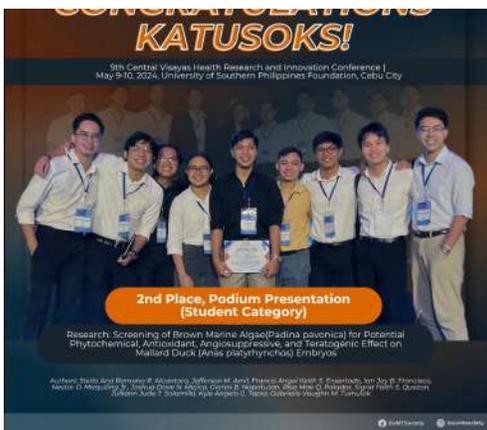
The Dr. Gustavo U. Reyes Institutional Award was bestowed on SU by the Philippine Association of Schools of Medical Technology and Public Health, Inc. (PASMETH) in grateful acknowledgment of its support behavior with 40-year active membership and participation in the Annual National Convention. The recognition was given at Xenia Hotel in Clark, Pampanga during the 52nd and 53rd PASMETH Annual Convention held in July 2023.”

ICLS garnered first place in the Inter-School Quiz Bowl during the 55th Founding Anniversary Celebration of the Philippine Association of Medical Technology – Cebu Chapter held at Cebu Grand Plaza. Hotel, Cebu City in January 2024.

Members of the ICLS served as

- Cooperative
- ▷ Department of Trade And Industry
- ▷ DepEd Division of Negros Oriental
- ▷ Du Ek Sam Guihuhngan
- ▷ DUCOMI
- ▷ Dy’s Accounting
- ▷ Ece Contact Centers
- ▷ Estrat
- ▷ Fast Solutions & Technology Inc.
- ▷ FCTG South East Asia
- ▷ Globiq Bv Philippines, Inc.
- ▷ Government Service Insurance System (GSIS)
- ▷ Hall of Justice
- ▷ Hammerjack Pty Ltd
- ▷ Land Bank – Dumaguete Branch Field Legal Services
- ▷ Mapecon Dumaguete Inc.
- ▷ Mercedes-Benz Group Services Phils.
- ▷ Mhiphl
- ▷ National Irrigation Administration - Satellite Office
- ▷ Noreco 1
- ▷ Noreco 2
- ▷ Oceanclick
- ▷ Office Of The Provincial Prosecutors
- ▷ Passion Fruit Marketing Consultancy
- ▷ PHCCI
- ▷ Philippine National Bank-Locein Branch
- ▷ Philippine National Bank-Silliman Avenue Branch
- ▷ Philippine Port Authority
- ▷ Pick A Roo
- ▷ PNJ Int'l Lending Corporation
- ▷ Prosal
- ▷ Qualfon Philippine Inc.
- ▷ Shaman Air
- ▷ Socland Dev. Corp
- ▷ Sun Life Financial
- ▷ Sun-Care Pharmacy
- ▷ Symph, Inc.
- ▷ The Baron Solution Group
- ▷ Toyota Dumaguete City
- ▷ Zaige Digital Marketing Services

Finally, In partnership with the Senior High School Department of Silliman University, the BS Entrepreneurship academic organization, Young Entrepreneurs’ Society of Silliman (YESS), hosted an open house during CBA Week last April 11, 2024. The event aimed to introduce Grade 12 Senior High School students to the various courses and specializations offered by the College. By providing insights into the different academic tracks, the initiative sought to help students make informed decisions about their college education and reduce the likelihood of course shifting.



panel reactor during the 27th Fr. Lorenzo Rodriguez, O.P. Memorial Lecture on “Review, Recalibrate, Resolve: Advancing Philippine Medical Technology Curriculum Education 4.0.” given in April 2023 at the Central Laboratory Auditorium, University of Santo Tomas, Manila.

Nestor D. Maquiling, Jr. was second place in the Podium Presentation (Student Category) for the study “Screening of Brown Marine Algae (*Padina pavonica*) for Potential Phytochemical, Antioxidant, Angiosuppressive, and Teratogenic Effect on Mallard Duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*) Embryos” at the 9th Central Visayas Health Research and Innovation Conference, in May 2024 at the University of Southern Philippines Foundation, Cebu City. He co-authored this study with Stella Ana Ramona R. Alcantara, Jefferson M. Amil, Francis Angek Keith S. Ensertado, Ian Jay B. Francisco, Joshua Dave N. Mejica, Gianni B. Napatutan, Risa Mae Q. Paladar, Sigrid Faith S. Quezon, Jullian Jude T. Solamillo, Kyle Angelo G. Tapia, and



Gabrielle Vaughn M. Tumalak.

ICLS Director Dr. Teodora A. Cubelo was recognized with the Most Productive Faculty Award for the last five school years. This was given in May 2023 at the Silliman Hall. She also became a member of the Commission on Higher Education Regional Quality Assurance Team (CHED RQAT) for Medical Technology from June 2023 to May 2024.

Dr. Cubelo co-authored and presented the following academic papers:

- ▶ “Education and HIV: The Lived Experience of Families of Men Who Have Sex With Men” co-authored with Danderick Ablir and Jan M. Sibala presented during the International Conference on Nature Studies and Innovation for the Environment organized by the Philippine Society for the Study of Nature in collaboration at the Central Luzon State University, Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija in July 2023.
- ▶ “Implementation Sustainability Development Goal based on Ethnography: A Perspective from Science Teachers in Philippines” shared in the International Conference on Intercultural Humanities, Universitas Sanata Dharma, Yogyakarta, Indonesia in February 2023.
- ▶ “Beyond the Books: COVID-19's Influence on Future Life Behaviors of Aspiring Medical

and Health Professionals” published in the *Journal of Medical Education and Curricular Development*, volume 11 with Zheng Gong, Joseph Adu-Amankwaah, Lu Fu, Weili Qiao, Wen Li, Hongjian Hou, Tongtong Ma, Mingyu He, and Hong Sun as co-authors

COLLEGE OF COMPUTER STUDIES



People

Asst. Prof. Joy M. Dy, College of Computer Studies (CCS) dean, was elected as Provincial Representative - Negros Oriental and Siquijor of the Philippine Society of Information Technology Educators Region 7 (PSITE7). Also, she was elected as board member of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Association of Dumaguete and Negros Oriental and regional trustee of the Philippine eLearning Society Region



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March Amor Rodriguez, a BSIT third-year student, placed 2nd runner-up in the Miss Tanjay 2023 Pageant last July 2023.

Jhana Trinidad, a BSIT second-year student, won first Place in the Ang Sandigan’s “Create: Eat Healthy, Be Nutrition Wealthy” Poster Making Contest last July 2023.

Heart Imbo, a BSIT first-year student, won first place in the Cosplay Photo Booth Challenge held at Robinsons Place Dumaguete last September 2023.

CCS received the CHADA Award by the Department of Education (DepEd) Dumaguete City Division in December 2023, in grateful recognition for the commitment of CCS to DepEd Dumaguete City Division to the successful delivery of quality basic education services.

The team composed of Jon Patric Garganian (BSIT-II), John Stanley Altonaga (BSCS-II), and Lanz Alexander Malto (BSCS-II) won first runner-up, while another team with Rynz Daval (BSCS-III), James Ald Teves (BSCS-III), and Sheikha Encabo (BSCS-III) was awarded second runner-up during the 1st Philippine Society of IT Educators (PSITE) Central Visayas Provincial Hackathon-Negros Oriental and Siquijor held at Apps and Incubation Laboratory, Silliman University last March 2024.

Jhana Trinidad, a BSIT second-year student, won first place in the DIGIXBUHO Digital Art Contest 2024

during the Foundation University Digital Expo 2024 last March held at Robinsons Place Dumaguete.

Another group of students composed of Lanz Alexander Malto (BSCS-II), Larly Rose Catian (BSCS-II), and Greleen Perez (BSCS-II) won second place during the Brain Blitz: Math Quiz Bowl during the College of Arts and Science’s Mathematics Week Celebration at the Math Department in March 2024.

College Dean Asst. Prof. Dy co-authored and presented two research papers:

- ▶ “DumaGeTmE[VR]: An Immersive Virtual Reality Tourism Application for Dumaguete City” and “EthnoFind: A Cross Platform Mobile and Web Ethnographic Collection Management System for Silliman University” during the Asian Universities Digital Resource Network for Local Knowledge (AUDRN)-International Research



Conference on Local Knowledge 2024 in February, organized, hosted and held at University of Batangas, Lipa City.

Programs

CCS hosted the following programs in collaboration with other institutions.

- ▶ ICT Student Congress 2024 - Negros Oriental and Siquijor with the Philippine Society of Information Technology Educators Central Visayas (PSITE7) in April 2024 at the Silliman Hall
- ▶ First PSITE7 Provincial Hackathon-Negros Oriental and Siquijor in collaboration with Talleco JobTarget Philippines in March 2024 at the SU Uytengsu Foundation Apps and Incubation Laboratory
- ▶ Data Analytics and Visualization with Power BI Workshop with PSITE7 and Talleco JobTarget Philippines from February to March 2024 at the SU Uytengsu Foundation Computer Center

CCS organized four lectures at the Alfredo T. Ang Hall, Uytengsu Foundation Computer Studies Hall. A balik-talent lecture entitled “Syntaxes, Strategies and Stories” by Ernest Dale M. Acar, CEO/Managing Partner of Backpack Solutions and BSIT 2005 alumnus. Another balik-talent lecture was delivered by Louel S. Lariba, Systems Analyst of Visa Worldwide PTE. Ltd., Singapore and BSIT 2014

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alumni, entitled “Success: It’s All About the Mindset.”

An industry lecture on the topic “Current Trends and Soft Skills Relevance in the Industry” was given by Jomar B. Colao, Asia Pacific Managing Director of CoInspect vvvPhilippines Inc. All these were held in August 2023. Then, Harold C. Vidal, Director of CapGemini Australia, Associate Director of SAP eWM Solutions Architect and BSIT 2006 alumnus lectured about “A Bohemian’s Journey: From C to SAP” in April 2024.

Meanwhile, the following are the trainings and conferences attended by the faculty,

Asst. Prof. Allan V. Credo from the Computer Science Department participated in the Web App Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking Training at the USJ-R Basak Campus in October 2023.

Asst. Prof. Dy joined the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Artificial Intelligence-Natural Language Processing Capacity Building Training at the Cebu Institute of Technology-University Campus last November 2023. She also attended the Connected Manila and Philippine eLearning Society (PeLS) General Assembly at the Lyceum of the Philippines University, Manila last March 2024.

Asst. Prof. Dy, Asst. Prof. Melody Angelique C. Rivera (Information Technology Department Chairperson), and Asst. Prof. Jonathan Mark N. Te (Information Systems Department faculty), participated in the Philippine Society of Information Technology Educators National Convention held at the Mallberry Suites, Cagayan de Oro City last March 2024.

Lastly, Asst. Prof. Dy, joined by Engr. Leonardo John G. Pansi-pansi, Computer Science Department faculty, and Mr. Estrellito Aragon, CCS Head Computer Laboratory Technician, took part in the Philippine Society of Information Technology Educators Region 7 (PSITE7)



Regional Convention held at the San Remegio last April 2024.

Partnerships

The College signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DepEd Schools Division of Dumaguete City for Computer Literacy that aims to enhance IT and computer-related literacy among DepEd teachers in Dumaguete City, last March 2024 at the SU Ruiz Administration Hall.



SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL

People

The faculty of the Silliman University Divinity School (SUDS) were able to present papers at various national and international conferences.

Dr. Victor R. Aguilan presented his paper “Decolonizing Seminary Curriculum: Implication for Philippine Practical” at the Asian Practical Theology Inter-national Conference 2023. The organizer of the Zoom online conference is the Asia Academy of Practical Theology in Hong Kong which happened in June 2023. He also shared his paper entitled “Development: A Philippine Ecumenical Perspective” during the SEPI-PUP-SU International Conference at Silliman University, Dumaguete, in September 2023. Finally, Dr. Aguilan discussed his paper “Spirituality of Struggle, Resistance, Repentance, Soli-darity, and Renewal” during the Asian Spirituality Christian Spirituality Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, in July 2023 organized by the Association for Theological Education in SouthEast Asia (ATESEA).

Dr. Karl James E. Villaranea presented three papers at the following events: Discernment and Radical Engagement (DARE) Global Forum 2023 Council for World Mission in Bangkok, Thailand in September 2023; the 2023 Minjung Theology Consultation in Seoul, South Korea in October 2023; and The Annual International Conference on the Institute of Humanities at Chonnam National University, Gwangju, South Korea in December 2023. Dr. Villaranea’s papers are entitled, “Ritualizing Community as Resistance and Liberation in the Time of Capitalocene”, “On Drag, Politics, and People’s Theology in the Philippines: A Queer Spirituality of Struggle”, and “Praxis and Deep Solidarity: A Reflection of Politics and Ethics in the Margins”.

The SUDS dean was also able to find time to contribute an article to a theological journal of a seminary in the United States. Rev. Dr. Van Cliburn M. Tibus published an article “Care Amidst Discrimination” in the Insights: The Faculty Journal of Austin Seminary on the November 2023 issue found on pages 23-26. You can read the article at this link https://issuu.com/austinseminary/docs/insights_fall_2023_david_white

Programs

The SUDS was able to participate in various national and international seminars, work-shops, and trainings.

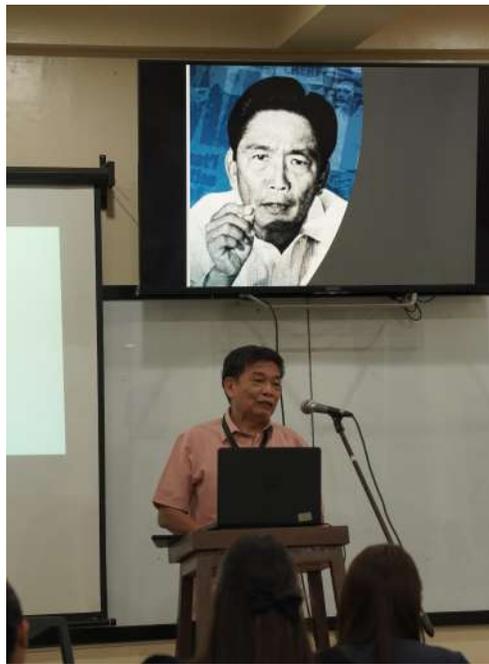
Dr. Myraluz V. Waddington became the SU representative in the 2nd National Peace Education Summit held in Metro Manila in September 2023.-This was in celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month, the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) organized summit.

Rev. Leah Joy P. Capilitan became a participant in the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute and attended the 2024 Peace Building Training at Bago Aplaya, Talomo District, Davao City which was held in May 2024.

Dr. Lily F. Apura was part of the In-House Writeshop for the Development and Validation of the Quarter 3 Learning Resource package of the MATATAG Curriculum, held in Manila in December 2023.

SUDS graduate batch 2023 Christopher G. Daomar success-fully finished a semester at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (APTS) in Austin, Texas, United States. Through the APTS’ Global Partner program, he was previously invited, but the event was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the resumption of international travel, the invitation was again extended to him. He entered APTS in August 2023 and finished the semester in May 2024. Pastor Daomar has returned to the country and is now assigned to a local church in Cagayan de Oro.

SUDS also initiated public forums



and lectures in the school year 2023-2024.

Through the School's service unit, the Religion and Peace Studies Department (RPSD) hosted a public forum called "Christian Zionism: 'Religious Virus' of our Time". The panel was composed of Dr. Apura, Dr. Waddington, and Dr. Joan May Cordova. This was held at the Audio Visual Theater (AVT) at Silliman University, in December 2023.

A Professorial Chair Lecture was presented by Dr. Aguilan entitled, "Protestant Activism during the Martial Law," at the RPSD Building, Magdamo Hall in February 2024.

SUDS also hosted the public lecture of visiting professor Rev. Dr. Phillip Baker from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The title of his talk was "From Conversion of the Heathens to Healing of the Nations: The Protestant Church in the Twenty-First Century." The event was held at Magdamo Hall, in April 2023. Unfortunately, Dr. Baker passed away last July 2024. He died peacefully at the ripe old age of 86.

In partnership with the College of Mass Communication together with the Philippine Ecumenical Peace Platform, SUDS hosted the forum "Pressing Issues on Press Freedom. Through the main organizer The Wednesday Forum, the School

managed to invite Philippine Nobel Prize Laureate Maria A. Ressa. The event also featured the launching of Ressa's book "How to Stand Up to a Dictator" and the Biblical Theological Reflection delivered by Rev. Dr. Tibus. Due to security concerns, and the unavailability of Luce Auditorium as it was fully booked due to the Founder's Day month-long celebration, the event was held in August 2023, at the SU AVT.

The senior SUDS students initiated the forum "UCCP Identity in a Three-fold Dimension" which aims to help members of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) to study and understand more of what the church is from its roots, heritage, life, and ministry that contributes to its identity. This was held in March 2024, at Magdamo Hall. SUDS

alumnus and UCCP historian, Dr. T. Valentino Sitoy, Jr, led the discussion.

SUDS also hosted a public lecture of the newly installed General Secretary of the United Evangelical Mission (UEM), Rev. Dr. Andar Parlindungan. His presentation was entitled "Ecumenical Unity Through Con-sensus? A Review of the Complex Experiences in the UEM as the Communion of Churches in Three Continents," at the AVT in May 2024.

SUDS hosted the longest-running gathering of Protestant church workers in the Philippines as it celebrated the 62nd Church Workers Convocation (CWC) in August 2023 at SU. With the theme "Trends in Global Liturgy and Music," the five-day event featured lecturer Jorg Spitzer from Germany, who gave the Paul Lauby Lecture (theme exposition). He is the UEM Officer for Programmes under the Evangelism Department. The keynote address was by Dr. Helen S. Tejero, Director of Research and Development at Iligan Medical Center. The Bible study facilitator was SUDS alumnae, Rev. Sianne Gabor-Mendoza. The CWC also presented another original theater play, "Hibla" written and directed by Dessu Quesada-Palm. This was performed by the Banikanhong Magdudula, a theater group organized and composed of SUDS students, and was held at the Luce Auditorium. The CWC also featured SUDS alumni and friends who were speakers at the various interest groups: Dr. Jean Cuanan-Nalam (Maquiso Hymns in





the Global Scene), Dr. Judith Laoyan-Mosomos (Singing Our Faith), Diaconal Minister (DM) Rolan C. Mendoza (Contemporized Hymns), Klein F. Emperado (Appropriate Technological Aids for Worship), and Agape Manigsaca-Labuntog (Diverse Styles in Worship). Workshops were also offered to the participants facilitated by resource persons: Symbols in Worship (Rev. Dr. Jeaneth Harris-Faller & Rev. Josuah M. De Rosas), Composing Melodies for Liturgical Responses (Dr. Cuanan-Nalam & Rev. Wella Hoyle-De Rosas), Creating Healing Liturgies (Dr. Laoyan-Mosomos), and Worshipping through Indigenous Sounds (Dr. Tejero). Dr. Aguilan was the closing worship preacher of the CWC.

Continuing its momentum from the CWC theme on global trends in liturgy and music, SUDS' Elena Maquiso Center for Liturgy and Music (EMCLM) launched the live-streaming radio program "Managawit Kita Sa Dios" in January 2024. This is in partnership with the radio station DYSR and features local, national, and international hymns every Sunday from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. This is anchored and produced by SUDS faculty and students.

Partnerships

SUDS also had new linkages and partnerships.

The Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program has successfully

entered a Contract of Affiliation with Silliman University Medical Center Foundation Incorporated (SUMCFI). This partnership has formalized the CPE program at the SU hospital, where students enrolled in the CPE courses will be officially recognized as hospital chaplains. The agreement takes effect from June 2023 to May 2026. The contract was notarized in August 2024 by SU legal counsel Atty. Karissa Faye Tolentino-Maxino. The signatories of the contract were SU President Dr. Betty C. McCann and SUMCFI President/Administrator Fredirita R. Tan and was witnessed by the SUDS Dean Rev. Dr. Tibus.

The School also managed to garner financial support from the Global Ministries East Asia and Pacific. Global Ministries will provide full scholarships for Liturgy and Church Music students beginning June 2023 until the school year 2025-2026. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was officially acknowledged and notarized by SU Legal counsel Atty. Marie Cielo H. Ybio in November 2023. The signatories of the MOU are Derek N. Duncan, the Global Relations Minister and the SU President. Serving as a witness was the SUDS Dean.

Finally, SUDS officially established a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Faculty of Theology Universitas Kristen Duta Wacana (UKDW), Indonesia. Both parties agreed to a formal partnership and cooperation through the exchange of faculty

members, exchange of students, joint lectures, conferences, symposia, seminars, workshops, and other academic events. The MOA is a five-year contract and was notarized in February 2024 by Atty. Ybio. The signatories of the MOA were UKDW Dr. Ing Wiyatiningsih and Dr. McCann. Serving as witnesses were Faculty of Theology UKDW Dean Robert Setio, and SUDS Dean.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DEAN'S OFFICE

People

The College is updating the Educator, a peer-reviewed journal of the College of Education (COE).

Programs

The COE Center for Excellence in Learning, Teaching and Assessment (CELTA) continues to organize and conduct training for pre-service and in-service teachers in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, and Siquijor.

CELTA was co-founded by then Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) Dr. Betsy Joy B. Tan and Dr. Gina Fontejon in 2004, as approved by the Board of Trustees (BOT). The creation of the CELTA was deemed important because the College of Education as Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Center of Excellence was mandated to ensure that it produces teachers who are adept in trends in teaching and learning and to expand its influence and help other Teacher Education Institutions within Negros Oriental and Siquijor. Since 2024, SUCOE CELTA has organized local, regional, national, and international training and conferences aimed at improving the quality of teacher education in our

area of responsibility.

In 2023-2024, the focus of CELTA shifted to COE Teacher Education students, and School of Basic Education (SBE) faculty, as well as DepEd partners. In SY 2024-25, the College will focus on expanding its reach to student teachers and student teacher supervisors in Negros Oriental and Siquijor with the August 23-24 training-writeshop on “Exploring Unpacking the MATATAG and the 2016 Curriculum Guides in Designing a Standards-Based Curriculum Map and Learning Plan” and the seminar on “Creating and Sustaining Safe Spaces in Schools” in August, which will be attended by school representatives from DepEd Division of Dumaguete City. Since CELTA is a Professional Regulatory Commission - Continuing Professional Development (PRC-CPD) provider, the latter will have commensurate CPD points.

The monthly devotion-fellowships of the COE strengthen the faith and collegial relationships among the faculty, staff, and administrators of the three departments of the College.

Partnerships

The College continues to host benchmarking events for other universities in the region and abroad.

NUTRITION AND DIETETICS DEPARTMENT



People

Asst. Prof. Ruth Ann S. Entea, Dr. Jin H. Genove, Asst. Prof. Mark Ronald C. Genove, and Assoc. Prof. Alwyn Klein A. Mana-ay co-authored the paper entitled “Navigating Change: A Qualitative Study on Transition to Online Distance Learning During The COVID-19 Pandemic,” which was published in the journal *The Educator*, Vol. 8 (2020-2021).

Another collaboration among Asst. Prof. Entea, Dr. Genove, Assoc. Prof. Mana-ay, and Asst. Prof. Genove was the paper entitled “The Institutionalization of Service-Learning Into the Nutrition and Dietetics Curriculum of Silliman University,” which was published in S. Valarmathi, J. Kareem, V. Tantia, K. Babu, & P. Lucas (Eds.), *Effective and Meaningful Student Engagement Through Service Learning* (pp. 211-226). IGI Global. April 2024.

Programs

The Department’s faculty members Assoc. Prof. Mana-ay, Asst. Prof. Entea, Asst. Prof. Genove, Kimberley T. Orcullo, Shirnyl Dorothy E. Magos, and Twinkle Kay E. Sarne served as facilitators on “Food Safety Basics Seminar-Workshops” participated by school heads and Health Section personnel of the Schools Division of Negros Oriental, Department of Education (DepEd) held at Hotel Palwa, Dumaguete City in February 2024.

Then, in partnership with the Center of Excellence in Learning, Teaching, and Assessment (CELTA) of

the College of Education and the Nursing Resource Center of the College of Nursing, the Department organized the two-day “Workshops in Nutrition Support” in July 2024 at the Mary Marquis-Smith Building, College of Nursing, Silliman University.

Asst. Prof. Genove and Rosalie L. Rola attended the two-day training on ServSafe Food Safety Manager Certification and Examination organized by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) – Region VII in January 2024, in Cebu City.

Partnerships

The Department co-founded the regional group of universities in the Visayas that offer the nutrition and dietetics program known as The Consortium of Universities for Nutrition and Dietetics (COFOUND), which was officially launched in April 2024, at the Cebu Doctors’ University in Mandaue City, Cebu during the consortium’s inaugural summit meeting.

A partnership agreement with the Negros Polymedic Hospital was also signed allowing faculty members to serve as volunteer clinical dietitians at



the hospital. The Agreement which took effect in August 2023 allows students to conduct various academic-related activities such as mentoring with dietitians and case studies.

The Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines (NFP) and the SUND inked a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the NFP to handle the Community Nutrition Practicum program of the Department.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Programs

Asst. Prof. Meriam M. Ramacho, Physical Education (PE) Department Chairperson, and faculty members, Asst. Prof. Kathleen E. Dellona and Asst. Prof. Dionesio V. Piñero II, participated in the 2023 National Physical Education Teachers Convention at De La Salle Santiago Zobel School in Muntinlupa City in December 2023.

Asst. Prof. Piñero and Asst. Prof. Ricarido C. Nanggan Jr. attended the 2024 National Physical Education Convention in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan last June 2024.

The Department hosted events engaging the students from its PE classes:

- ▶ PE 4 classes of Genard Geon D. Ubanan hosted the Inter-class Handball Tournament in April 2024
- ▶ PE 2 classes of Asst. Prof. Dellona (Modern Dance, International Group Dance) and SPE 34-Philippine Traditional Dance



hosted the PE Dance Culmination last May 2024 at the Cimafranca Ballfield.

- ▶ PE 4 classes of Asst. Prof. Nanggan initiated an Inter-Class Ultimate Frisbee Tournament at the Revello Field in May 2024.
- ▶ PE 4 classes of Asst. Prof. Dellona spearheaded an Inter-class Volleyball Tournament in May 2024 at the Monapil Court.
- ▶ PE 4 classes of Asst. Prof. Piñero initiated an Inter-class Basketball Tournament in May 2024 at the Alaska Court.

Partnerships

The Department and the Athletics Department with the Student Government organized and conducted the annual Intramural Games from February to March 2, 2024. The event was participated by various colleges & departments of the University with the theme “Embracing the Future as God’s Gift.” Different team sports, individual and dual sports, E-sports, Dance Sport Competition, and Larong Pinoy were played during the event.

Asst. Prof. Nanggan and Bachelor of Physical Education major student, Juliana Nicole Lopez officiated in Athletics, Track & Field Events in the Regional State Colleges & Universities Athletic Association (SCUAA) Games, Region 8 in Visayas State University, Baybay Leyte last October 2023.

Asst. Prof. Piñero attended the 1st Negros Island PRISAA Sports Summit held at STI West Negros University, Bacolod City in April 2024.

TEACHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

People

The SU College of Education

shined bright in the March 2024 Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) with a remarkable 100% passing rate for the elementary level and 80% passing rate for the secondary level.

Asst. Prof. Jasper Eric C. Catan completed his Doctor of Education studies from Foundation University, Dumaguete in June 2023.

Dr. Elve O. Nasvik was appointed as Chairperson of the Teacher Education Department from August 2023 to July 2024 by the University President. She was also a keynote speaker during the four-hour webinar on “DigiCitizen 2.0: Teaching Global Citizenship through Digital Literacy” in December 2023 at CARL Institute, Quezon City.

Programs

Dr. Primo Aranas served as the dissertation adviser to two graduate students. Asst. Prof. Qin Ting completed a Doctor of Philosophy in Education majoring in Administration at Silliman University (SU) in May 2023. The dissertation focused on "Selected Profile, Important Career Factors, and Social Network Influences in Career Planning of Engineering Students in the Shanghai





District." The research, conducted across various universities including Donghua University, Shanghai University of Technology, Shanghai Institute of Technology, Shanghai Second Institute of Technology, and Shanghai University of Engineering and Technology.

Another graduate student under the mentorship of Dr. Aranas was Asst. Prof. Ding Niya who also earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Education with a major in Administration from SU in May 2023. The dissertation titled "Chinese Art and Dance Culture

Development in Southwest Sichuan Towards A Proposed Curriculum," was conducted in Southwest Sichuan Province. The research encompassed several universities, including Sichuan University, Southwest University for Nationalities, Xihua University, Sichuan Normal University, Xihua Normal University, Aba Normal University, Mianyang Normal University, Sichuan Conservatory of Music, Sichuan University of Arts and Sciences, and Chengdu Institute of Physical Education.

Both dissertations were defended

at SU Graduate School.

Rolando Villamero was invited as a speaker to the Dr. Mariano Lao Global Studies Center 2023 Inaugural Lecture Series on the topic "Learning and Living Together: Perspectives and Practices on Inclusive Education". Done through a hi-flex/blended modality, the event was scheduled in May 2023 and was participated in by education practitioners in Dumaguete City and beyond.

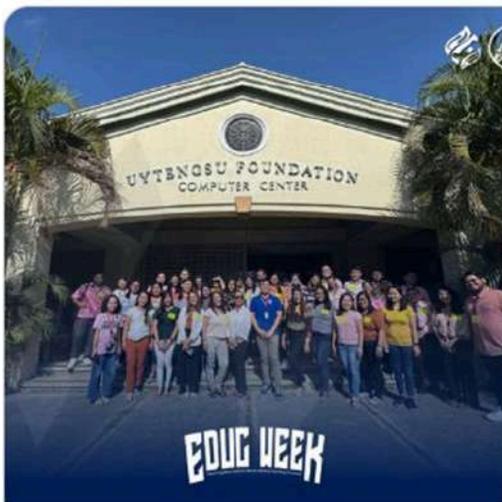
Asst. Prof. Ronald B. Kinilitan, together with colleagues at the Filipino Department, Asst. Ginalyn A. Orillana and Asst. Prof. Jean Cristine V. Ontal presented a research paper, "Pormatibong Ebalwasyon na Pag-aaral sa #Sulat v. 2.0: Worksyap sa Pagsulat ng Diona during the 6th International Conference on Asian and Philippine

Studies organized by SU and De La Salle University last June 2023 at SU.

Dr. Nasvik participated in the 4th DOST-PCHRD Webinar Series for Early Career Researchers in October 2023 at Pasay City.

Asst. Prof. Catan had a number of speaking and training engagements. First, he participated in the seminar-workshop on Academic Practice co-organized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), University of the Philippines Los Baños, the University of Liverpool, and Silliman University held in March 2023 at the Silliman Hall. He was also the resource speaker and trainer during the conduct of the 2023 Division In-service Training of Teachers on Developing a Range of Teaching Strategies for Improved Learning Outcomes in February 2024.

Asst. Prof. Catan was a Resource Speaker during the three-Day Training "Workshop on Teaching Strategies for Discipline Teachers and Coaches in the Special Programs in the Arts and Sports" in March 2023 at Plaza Maria Luisa Suites Inn in Dumaguete City. Then he was was the Head Adjudicator for the Intra-school Debate Competition for SY 2022-



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center stage to share their passion through songs. Then, join some thoughtful reflection and entertainment at ED Tambayan. Both events happened at KH37 & KH38 starting at 5 PM in April 2024.

BASIC EDUCATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

People

The Early Childhood School (ECS) maintained its Five-Year Re-Accreditation Status (Level II, June 2024 – June 2029) from the Association of Christian Schools, Colleges and Universities-Accrediting Council, Inc. (ACSCU-ACI) in June 2024, given during the 38th ACSCU-ACI National Assembly held in the City of Manila, Philippines. The accreditation visit was done in March 2024.

Programs

The ECS conducted its annual year-end evaluation of its activities for the entire school year, held in June 2023, at Camp Amario, Amlan, Negros Oriental. This was followed by a team building and planning in July at Sa Amoa Stay in Talay, Dumaguete City.

A lecture-workshop on how to prepare a table of specifications was facilitated by Jafnah A. Odal, SU Junior High School (SUJHS) faculty at the ECS campus in June 2023. This aimed to reorient faculty members hosted by the ECS to reorient faculty members

Vicky Claudine C. Rosario echoed a national seminar-workshop on effective teaching to support low-achieving learners participated in by faculty members at the ECS campus in

2023 held at Piapi High School Home Economics Laboratory in April 2023 in Dumaguete City.

The Department holds Monthly Devotion every second place week of the month which started last February 2024, at the Katipunan Hall KH 36. This was in celebration of the highly anticipated "day of love" where we are reminded that there is only one love that is above all, and that is God's love for us.

Partnerships

Asst. Prof. Alfie Q. Arcelo, through the College of Education and the College of

Computer Studies, organized a Service-Learning activity delivered by the pre-service teachers enrolled in Technology for Teaching and Learning 2. It was participated by 25 teachers of DepEd Dumaguete City Division. It was titled "Image Editing and Content Creation Using Adobe Photoshop," held at the College of Computer Studies for three Saturdays in May 2023. It culminated with 22 teacher completers.

The Intercollege Leadership

Summit aims to foster collaboration among the different Colleges of Education within Dumaguete City. Currently, delegates from Negros Oriental State University (NORSU) a Student Government of College of Teacher Education- NORSU MC1 and St. Paul University Dumaguete's (SPUD) College of Arts, Sciences, and Education listened to the first speaker's address. This activity is one of the highlights of the SUCOE Week in April 2024.

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The College celebrated its Eduk Week facilitated by the student leaders and had the COE-reoke, where talented Education students will take



September 2023.

The ECS spearheaded its community service outreach program to its church-related school through the sharing of resources like books and other school materials to children and pupils at the United Church of Christ in the Philippines-Bais Early Childhood and Elementary School Inc. (UCCP-BECES), Bais City, Negros Oriental in November 2023.

The scouting activity Kid Scouting and Twinklers was organized for Kinder 2 boys and girls to help them develop values to become responsible citizens and leaders at school, home, and community, from September to December 2023 at the ECS grounds.

During its annual community Christmas outreach called “Gift-Giving/Christmas Outreach,” the ECS shared gifts, food, and other items with the pupils of Banilad Daycare Center, Dumaguete City in December 2023.

A two-part parenting seminar was prepared by ECS for the parents and guardians. The first part was called “Intentional Parenting in the Now Normal” with the first topic on “Children Today After the Pandemic” and the second topic on “Journeying with Our Children in This Digital.” The seminar was facilitated by Rachel Balbon, Angelo Grafe Lugo, and Mary Abigail Buot at the Audio-Visual Theater of SU in January 2024. On the

other hand, the second part was “Intentional Parenting in the Now Normal: Physical Activity in the Family for Psychosocial Development and Well-Being” facilitated by Dr. Michele Joan Valbuena in March 2024 at the Multi-Purpose Room.

Events were also held to engage the pupils. The annual Family Fun Day activity for ECS children and their families happened in February 2024 at the SU Church and Amphitheater to promote family bonding and fun.

In May 2024, the Gallery of Talents – an activity collaborated with the College of Performing and Visual Arts (COPVA) - was arranged to enrich and unleash the children’s talents through music and arts at SU Church. The ECS also conducted the Kinder 2 Spiritual Retreat to instill the importance of Christian faith as they prepare for their next academic journey.

Ethel R. Burgos, ECS principal, participated as writer of the Matatag Curriculum, a project under the Philippine National Research Center for Teacher Quality, Philippine Normal University, and Department of Education from October 2023 to May 2024 in Manila.

Likewise, she participated in the Annual Educators’ Congress (AECON) 2024 with Rex Education in January 2024, via Zoom.

Finally, the ESC regularly attends the Christian Convocations – a

monthly worship service for children to strengthen their faith in God, featuring invited speakers each month, including the CEN minister of SU Church and the School of Basic Education (SBE) Faith Formator.

Partnerships

The ECS worked with the College of Education (COE) as a laboratory school for Student Teaching Internship for one semester, from August to December 2023. Similarly, they also accommodated field study students from January to March 2024.

They also accepted student-interns from COPVA from January to March and students doing their Work Immersion Program from the Senior High School (SHS) Department.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

People

Silliman University Elementary School (SUES) Grade VI pupils received awards for campus journalism during the Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) held last December 2023 at the Department of Education (DepEd) Convergence Zone, Taclobo, Dumaguete City. These students were mentored by Maria Amelia P. Calumpang, Mary Ann B. Orbeta, and



Maria Flordeline C. Sonjaco. The following are the DSPC winners and their awards for the English category:

- ▶ Danae Mishka G. Campoy, first place (Photojournalism)
- ▶ Breanna Castielle Y. Llauder, 2nd Place (Editorial Writing)
- ▶ Cyd Jei Ryle A. Baliola, 2nd Place (Sports Writing)
- ▶ Mae Ann O. Yang, 2nd Place (Copyreading and Headline Writing)
- ▶ Francene Charm Nicole R. Violeta, 3rd Place (Column Writing)
- ▶ Skyler Bree T. Reyes, 5th Place (News Writing)
- ▶ Gianna Danica S. Orbeta, 6th Place (Editorial Cartooning)

On the other hand, two SUES campus journalists bagged awards for the Filipino category. These are Aallyah Kate D. Encabo, 1st place (Editorial Writing) and Khenji S. Barillo, 4th Place (Editorial Cartooning).

Meanwhile, sixth graders Campoy, Llauder, and Encabo bagged first place in Photojournalism (English Category), fifth place in Editorial Writing (English) and fifth place in Editorial Writing (Filipino) respectively during the Regional Schools Press Conference held last April 2024 at Cebu City.

Three SUES pupils bested contestants from other schools during the 11th Association of Philippine Private School Administrators and Mentors (APPSAM) National Children's Assembly and Talent Fair that took place at the Teacher's Camp, Baguio City in January 2024. Aallyah Kate D. Encabo won first place for Interpretative Reading and second place for Extemporaneous Speaking, while Adriel Wade D. Rivera placed second in the Math Contest. Denmarie F. Batarasa, on the other hand, landed third place for Madam-daming Pagbasa. The said national event gathers the best and brightest students from among the private

schools in the country. It is organized by the Association of Philippine Private School Administrators and Mentors (APPSAM).

The School was declared the overall first runner-up during the Palarong Panlungsod (City Meet) in February 2024 at Dumaguete City. Furthermore, student-athletes brought home awards during the Central Visayas Regional Athletic Association (CVIRAA) athletic meet which took place in Cebu City in May 2024. Edrian B. Torres brought home a gold medal for Chess, while the SUES Swimming Team and Taekwondo Team won bronze medals.

Programs

SUES principal, Dubhe F. Estallo participated in the MATATAG In-Depth Session Vismin Conference at Paradise Garden Resort, Boracay last May 2024. The said conference brought together teachers and school administrators from Visayas and Mindanao for the purpose of training them in preparation for the MATATAG Curriculum implementation beginning SY 2024-2025.

The School launched its Centennial Celebration Kick Off as a formally established or complete elementary school with the 8th Floral Offering to Dr. David and Laura Hibbard at the Hibbard Hall Grounds last August 2023. The Floral Offering is an annual event led by SUES which marks the official start of the Founder's Day celebrations. On this annual event, administrators, faculty, and student organizations from the University gather to honor its first president, Dr. David S. Hibbard and his wife who also served as Silliman's first faculty, Dr. Laura C. Hibbard. SUES celebrated its 100 years since its formal establishment in 1924.

Apart from the Floral Offering to Dr. David and Laura Hibbard, the School welcomed home its former teachers and students on its "Kasikas sa SUES: 12th Alumni Homecoming." The homecoming took place at the

SUES Grounds.

One of the alumni invited during the Centennial and Founder's Day celebration, was the director of Organizational Development - Human Resource Management (OD-HRM), Dr. Lourdes Angela F. Pinero, who delivered a talk on "Social Emotional Learning" to faculty, staff and guest teachers and guidance counselors from Holy Cross High School and Foundation University in a Balik-SUES lecture at AVT 1, Silliman University. The Balik-SUES lecture is the School's version of the famous Balik Talent Lectures that take place university-wide during the Founders month.

The Technology and Live-lihood Education (TLE) department celebrated the TLE month with the theme "Technology and Livelihood Education, May Pera at Napapanahon." The Department invited its notable alumni who talked about agriculture, computer technology, and entrepreneurship during their Balik-SUES lectures at the SUES campus and Home Economics-Nutrition and Dietetics (HE-ND) building in January 2024.

- ▶ Gabriel Antonio del Prado (SUES batch 1999), owner of Gabby's Bistro, lectured on food entrepreneurship.
- ▶ Negros Oriental Provincial Agriculturist Emmanuel A. Caduyac (SUES batch 1982), talked about agriculture.
- ▶ Percival Gerard M. Genove (SUES batch 1995), one of SU's IT specialists, spoke about computer technology.

The School of Basic Education (SBE) conducted a MATATAG In-Service Training for its faculty in June 2024. The speakers include faculty and administrators from SBE who were lesson exemplar writers for DepEd's MATATAG Curriculum Pilot Implementation Program: Asst. Prof. Dubhe F. Estallo, principal of SU

Elementary, Mr. Renelito C. Caballo, faculty member of SU Junior High School (SUJHS) and Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) National Trainer, and Asst. Prof. Kristine N. Busmion, principal of SUJHS. Additionally, DepEd supervisors Dr. Jennifer Relasa and Dr. Sophia Tundag were also resource persons.

Partnerships

SUES conducted its Community Extension/Outreach Activity last June 2024. The SUES team donated books and trash bins to its community partner, Camanjac Elementary School. These were received by the faculty, staff, and administration of the latter headed by its principal, Edeltrudes B. Dales.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

People

The Junior High School (JHS) enrollment recorded an increase of 6.48%, from 1,018 to 1,084 this school year.

The student athletes from the Department fared well in local and national sports events. The JHS placed first runner-up in the Dumaguete City Meet in February. Several athletes in archery, swimming, badminton, and volleyball were also able to represent Dumaguete City in the Central Visayas Regional Athletic Association (CVRAA) Meet in Cebu City last May. Then, during the Palarong Pambansa in Cebu City, JHS members of the archery and swimming team were able to participate.

For journalism, the campus journalists were able to win events in the City Division and got an overall ranking of 1st Runner-up in the Dumaguete Schools Press Conference. Meanwhile, the Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting and Collaborative Desktop Publishing English teams

participated in the Regional Schools Press Conference in Talisay City, Cebu.

The Department's active involvement in the Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) continues as there are members of the faculty who are Advanced PEAC trainers and PEAC certifiers. The certifiers and trainers were deployed in different regions in the country to train private school teachers and to certify different schools. The advanced trainers include Asst. Prof. Kristine N. Busmion, Renelito C. Caballo, and Emelyn J. Kinilitan. Marnie L. Vega served as a regular trainer, while Asst. Prof. Jessa V. Logronio and Asst. Prof. Aidelyn A. Balingit served as certifiers.

Faculty members were also engaged in the writing of the MATATAG Curriculum Modules for the Department of Education. The module writing is through the joint effort of the Philippine Normal University and other Higher Education Institutions, including Silliman University. The faculty engaged in module writing for public schools in the country are Asst. Prof. Logronio (Science Module Key Stage 2) and Asst. Prof. Busmion (Science Module Key Stage 3); Vega (Values Education Module Key Stage 3); Bea Mara L. Zamora and Caballo (English Module Key Stage 3).

In addition, Asst. Prof. Logronio served as the Science Key Stage 2 Validator and Asst. Prof. Busmion as the Science Learning Coordinator.

Program

The School continues to utilize a standardized template for this school year's SUJHS Learning Plans and Curriculum Maps across all subjects. Subject coordinators and the Instruction and Research coordinator regularly review these templates, following the recommendations of the ACSCU-AAI accreditation team.

With the support of PEAC trainers, who are faculty members of

the department and the Office of Instruction, teachers participated in in-service training sessions to strengthen their understanding of the K-12 curriculum, particularly in the area of assessment.

The following are the activities for students organized by the departments in the JHS.

In September, the School held its Buwan ng Wika culminating activity by the Filipino Department where students showcased their kasuotang Pinoy and had fellowship over Filipino food.

The students also had their Acquaintance Party headed by the Guidance office with several games and activities so they will be acquainted with each other. During the Club Fair, all clubs and organizations showcase their activities and allow students to sign up. The Career Fair lets them visit different booths on various career paths, while the Career Forum for grades nine and ten was an opportunity for them to listen to professionals in health, aviation, culinary, agriculture, and the arts.

The Social Studies Department supervised the Campus Politics and Student Government Election in September and arranged its Culminating Activity in November where students came in their assigned region's national costumes and shared a meal over international delicacies. It also initiated the Entrepreneurial Activity for Grade 9 students to sell their chosen products following the procedures of business and economics.

In December, the English Department did their Christmas Frolics where students played various word games in different competitions and participated in the activity of their favorite fictional characters.

The Palakasan in January 2024 by the Music, Arts, Physical Education, and Health (MAPEH) Department allowed students from different grade levels to play various games. The Math Department had

their Math Fun Day too so students could participate in different mathematical games and activities.

The School joined in the National Earthquake Drill, followed by the Health Forum lecture by the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) in the medical and legal field focusing on vaping. The speaker was Dr. Idelle Yurong and Atty. Pristine Raymund. participate in a lecture by an expert in the medical and legal field focusing on vaping.

The School regularly attends the Church Convocations coordinated by the Christian Living and Values Education (CLVE) Department and a partner Department.

For its Service-Learning initiatives, the JHS' commitment to service learning remains strong. This year, they provided food packs and Christmas gifts to all the students at our partner school, Magsaysay Memorial Elementary School, and Balugo Elementary School, during their Christmas Party. The students were not only able to share their blessings, but also to facilitate activities for their Christmas Party.

The service learning activity of the JHS was also extended to Piapi High School's volleyball varsity team as part of the Performance Task for Science in Grade 8. Some parents also of the said partner school were also

invited to take part in the Seminar-Workshop on Disaster Preparedness, a Grade 9 Performance Task in Science.

Partnerships

JHS continues to connect with its partners Magsaysay Memorial Elementary School and the Rotary Club of the Philippines of Dumaguete, with an activity including citronella planting to decrease the mosquito population that might be the cause of dengue disease.

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

People

Senior High School (SHS) students won third place in the Southeast Asian Waste Hero Awards for their project titled "Beyond Plastics: Silliman's Pursuit of a Zero Waste Legacy" in November 2023.

Seve Nigel Tuale (extemporaneous speech), Franchesca Alyanna Clavel (essay writing), and Rania Minalang (poetry writing) clinched major awards in their respective events during the 11th National Student Leadership Assembly and Talent Fair at the DepEd Baguio Teachers' Camp, Baguio City in November 2023.

Faculty members from the School achieved several milestones that

furthered their professional development this year.

Asst. Prof. Kemmons S. Kilat, Asst. Prof. Joshua S. Soldivillo, and Shemdaryl Medez, SHS Content experts in Math, Science, and Physical education, respectively, became part of the country's National Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) Trainers.

Deo Mar E. Suasin received a full scholarship to study in the United States of America (USA) as a fellow for the 2023-2024 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program from August 2023 to May 2024 at the University of Pennsylvania.

Asst. Prof. Soldivillo, bagged the Best Presenter Award for his paper on students' misconceptions of environmental problems, in an international conference held at Prince of Songkla University, Thailand in June 2023.

Asst. Prof. Jan Cynth L. Palama won first place in the Best Research Presentation competition at the 5th International Congress on eLearning in September 2023 in Batac City, Ilocos Norte. He was also elected as the Regional Secretary of Philippine eLearning Society in Region VII last February 2024. Aside from that, he was invited as resource speaker on Gen AI in Business and Digital Marketing at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) in





Mathematics Education done at Limketkai Luxe Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City in November 2023

“Role Mga Tingog Gikan sa Ilalum: Isang Oryentasyong Panlipunan Tungo sa Paglinang ng Negrenseng Binisaya” by Dr. Leslie D. Estrella, a paper that discussed how Negrenseng Binisaya was used in writing Diona during the social orientation conducted by the Department of Filipino and Foreign Languages at the Little Children of the Philippines, Inc. Hope Village from October 2022 to March 2023

Lopez, Quezon in March 2024. He was also invited as plenary speaker during the International Research Conference on Local Knowledge at the University of Batangas in 2024.

Asst. Prof. Jeffrey Aguilar, won first prize having submitted the best output during the STEAM Education Teaching Enhancement Workshop hosted by the American Corner at Silliman University in April 2024.

A number of research papers were presented by the School’s faculty members in local and international conferences.

“Exploring Language Learning Center’s Buddy Program in an Online Platform: Reflections from ESL and EFL Learners” by Suasin and John Edgar C. Rubio at the 6th International Conference on Asian and Philippine Studies held in Dumaguete City in June 2023

“Relationship Between the Use of Grammatical Cohesive Devices and Levels of Writing Performance of Grade 11 Reading and Writing Skills Students,” by Suasin, Rubio, and Gemmella M. Tebio at the 21st Asia TEFL International Conference held in Daejeon, South Korea in August 2023

“Applying a SWOT Analysis on an Intensive English Program: Redesigning a Language Program Post-Pandemic,” by Rubio, together with college faculty Dr. Warlito S. Caturay, Jr. and Dr. Joan C. Generoso at the Philippine Association for Language Teaching 2023

International Conference held in Baguio City in December 2023

“The Financially and Digitally [II]Literate Filipino: A Meta-Analysis of Financial and Digital Literacy Programs in the Philippines,” by Asst. Prof. Japril D. Cataluña and Rubio at the 7th International Conference on Asian and Philippine Studies held in Baguio City on May to June 2023

“Grade 10 Students’ Perception of Learning Environment: Prospects for K to 12 Science Teaching Enhancement” by Dr. Brenda R. Boladola at the 3rd DOST SEI Project STAR International Conference in Manila in August 2023

“Teaching disaster readiness and risk reduction at the Governing Complex Disaster” in Southeast Asia International Seminar-Workshop by Asst. Prof. Soldivillo at the University of Santo Tomas (UST), Manila in October 2023.

“Mind the Gap: A Comprehensive Curricular Evaluation and Gap Analysis of Philippine Environmental Education” by David B. Ragudo at the International Conference on Environmental Education in Southeast Asia, iCEESEA 2023 organized by the Philippine Network of Educators on Environment (PNEE) in Hanoi, Vietnam in October 2023

“The Effect of React Strategy and Levels of Scientific Reasoning on Senior High Students’ Conceptual Understanding of Newton’s Laws of Motion” by Asst. Prof. Floreen Grace Estrada at the National Research Conference in Science and

“A Reconstructed Communitarian Perspective of Justice to the LGBTQ+ Struggles in the Philippines: An Update” by Asst. Prof. Manuel I. Jarabe, Jr. presented in a conference organized by the Philosophical Association of the Visayas and Mindanao in November 2023 at Venue Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City. This same paper was presented in a conference organized by Societas Ethica Philosophica, Inc. (SEPI) in September 2023 at Silliman University, Dumaguete City

“A Needs Analysis of Filipino Tricycle Drivers’ Oral Communication Skills: A Basis for a Special English Program” by Tebio in CamTESOL in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in February 2023.

“Relationship between the Use of Cohesive Devices and Levels of Writing Performance of Grade 11 Reading and Writing Skills Students” by Suasin during the 2024 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference in Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, USA in April 2024

“Tao Po!: Use of Gestures and Actions in Teaching Beginning Filipino” by Suasin at the 2023 Fulbright FLTA Mid-Year Conference organized by The Fulbright Program and Institute of International Education in November 2023 at in Washington, DC, USA

“Empowering Communities Through ICT: The Free Computer Education among Senior Citizens” by

Aurielle Lisa Z. Maypa during the Asian Universities Digital Resource Network – International Research Conference on Local Knowledge 2024 in February 2024

“Order Thinking Skills during the Pandemic: The Case in Higher Educational Institutions in the Philippines” by Maypa during the 5th International Conference on e-Learning 2023, in September 2023

“Educational Technology Priorities and Challenges in the Post-Pandemic Teaching and Learning” by Maypa during the Association of Christian Schools, Colleges and Universities (ACSCU) Academic Conference 2023 in June 2023

Five faculty members from the Physics Department presented their technical papers and research work at the 42nd -46th Annual National Physics Seminar Workshop/Convention in May 2024, at Siquijor State College, Larena, Siquijor Province. The paper titles are:

- ▶ “The Effect of React Strategy and Levels of Scientific Reasoning on Senior High Students’ Conceptual Understanding of Newton’s Laws of Motion” by Asst. Prof. Estrada
- ▶ ”The Art of Teaching Physics: Adapting Methods for Non-STEM Students” by Ragudo
- ▶ “Role of Physics in Environmental Preservation: Using Electro-resistivity Data in Determining

Water-holding Capacity and Vulnerability of Subsurface Aquifers by Jirah Kim R. Quinamot

- ▶ “Using simulation-based learning in exploring energy forms, changes and systems” by Sheena Louise P. Nodado

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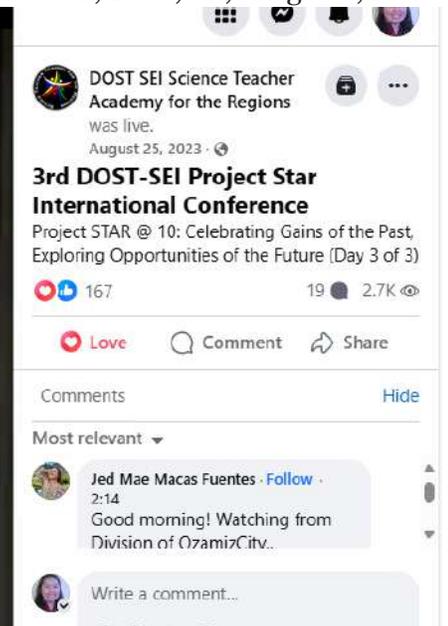
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Programs

The SHS hosted Filipino American students from the United States for the Filipino Young Global Leadership Program of The Philippine Living Heritage Initiative (PLHI) held in July 2023 at Silliman Hall.

The School shared some of their best practices on teaching methodologies (class program, synchronous, asynchronous, STEAM strand, science classes, HUMSS); student activities; faculty development; and community engagement during the benchmarking activity with the University of San Jose - Recoletos (USJR) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) faculty in May 2028.

Asst. Prof. Dominador G. Tuason, Mark Lowelle Apolo, David Ragudo, Narissa Urgada-Quitoy, Kim Frances Carmille C. Ramos, Jael Romanaseri Patrimonio, Kaycee Melon, Ronald Parpa, and Rubio participated in the 2023 In-Service Training for Senior High School Teachers organized by PEAC at the University of San Jose-Recoletos, Cebu City in June 2023.

Suasin, Rubio, and Melon were part of the organizing team of the 62nd Silliman University National Writers Workshop from June to July 2023.

Rubio, Melon, and Tebio served as part of the secretariat in the Intensive English Program of the Language Learning Center (LLC) from February to March 2024.

Eight faculty members finished the online course, "The Basics of Resilience" offered by the University

of the Philippines (UP) Resilience Institute in collaboration with the UP Open University (OU) Faculty of Management and Development Studies from January to February 2024. Among the completers are Asst. Prof. Soldivillo, Ragudo, Asst. Prof. Estrada, Quinamot, Nodado, Apple Lisa M. Palarpalar, Parpa, and Aloha Marie C. Albina.

Maypa participated in the "Adaptive Design for Learning for Higher Education" sponsored by the Ateneo Institute for the Science and Art of Teaching and Learning, from May to September 2022. She also attended in the Women's Leadership in Asia: Feminist Leadership for Social Trans-formation, sponsored by Ewha Womans University in March 2023.

Ultimately, Soldivillo served as a resource speaker for the 2023 Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Exit Conference and Congress, an annual activity of DOST 7 Scholarship Unit which aims to re-orient the scholars on their scholarship obligations such as on the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Agreement specifically on service obligation, and provide them with information about the DOST-Science Education Institute (SEI) graduate scholarship programs and job-related concerns that can help them start their science and technology careers. This was conducted in June 2023 in Dumaguete City.

Here are the new programs, projects, and activities initiated by the School.

Jasmine Tuck, through the Miss Senior High Committee, spearheaded the "Project Regla: Menstrual Empowerment and Education for Young Girls" in August 2023, in partnership with the Sangguniang Kabataan of Tubtuban, Sibulan.

SU held the inauguration of the SHS Building in December 2023.

The School held its first Pasiklaban Sports Fest in November 2023.

The SHS Student Council also spearheaded the a number of activities for the whole student body:

- ▶ "Wonder Walk: Campus Tours for Freshmen and New Students" in August 2024.
- ▶ "SHS Rising on Cloud Nine" acquaintance party at the Cimafranca Field in October 2023
- ▶ "Gift of Hope," a donation drive at the Casa Miani Arvedi Home for the Boys in Dumaguete City in December 2023.
- ▶ Seniors Ball at the Convention Center in May 2024.

Partnerships

SHS initiated partnerships with various companies and industries for the Work Immersion Program from April to May 2024 in the different local companies within Dumaguete City including the following:

- ▶ Energy Development Corporation Geothermal Power Plant in Puhagan Valencia
- ▶ The Negros Oriental Electric Cooperative (NORECO) in Pulantubig, Dumaguete City
- ▶ Department of Trade and Industry – Negros Oriental
- ▶ Southern Bay Ventures
- ▶ Dr. Mariano C. Lao Global Studies Center
- ▶ Knowledge and Technology Transfer Office
- ▶ Sinergy - Technology Business Incubator (TBI)
- ▶ Sans Rival Bistro Dumaguete
- ▶ Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
- ▶ Inspiro Dumaguete
- ▶ OceanClick Virtual Solutions
- ▶ Institute of Environmental and Marine Sciences
- ▶ SU Experimental Dairy Farm and Farm Stand
- ▶ SU College of Engineering and Design
- ▶ Private Surveyor and Court Commissioner
- ▶ Philsouth Properties and Development Corporation



People

For the third year in a row, the College of Engineering and Design (CED) was the overall champion in the 2024 University Intramural Games held from February to March 2024.

American Concrete Institute of the Philippines - Silliman University (ACIP-SU) Student Chapter secured the Excellence Award for 2022 and the Perpetual Plaque in 2023, over 200 universities worldwide. The award was received by ACIP-SU President, Danielle Still C. Tinambacan, ACIP-SU VP External Affairs, Ria Ann T. Ramas, and ACIP-SU VP Internal Affairs, Moira Elizabeth Y. Sy during the ACI Philippines Oath Taking Ceremony and General Membership Meeting held at the Great Eastern Hotel, 1403 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, last March 2024. The ongoing global success of ACIP - SU Student Chapter reaffirms its leadership role in concrete.

Team SU's "Ecowave Power Payaw" with Engr. Klint Ian V. Austero, Engr. Stephen T. Ragpa, and Dr. Maria Lorena L. Tuballa, won first runner-up in the Bluetech Innovation Challenge held in September 2023, at the Silliman Hall. BlueTech Innovation Challenge was organized by DASIG ReSEED Consortium and Department of Science and Technology (DOST) VII in line with the 2023 Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week



ACIP - SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER TRIUMPHS GLOBALLY; WOMEN-LED ORGANIZATION SECURES EXCELLENCE AWARD IN 2022 AND PERPETUAL PLAQUE IN 2023, OVER 200

- ▶ Rohyle Aviation Academy Inc.
- ▶ SU Chemistry Department
- ▶ SU Medical Center and Local barangay clinics in Daro, Dumaguete City

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND DESIGN



Workshop last March 2024, at the Harold's Evotel, Cebu. The workshop “Transforming Higher Research into Innovative Ventures and Enterprises,” aimed to have the participants obtain the necessary skills needed to turn their research studies into ventures.

INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND MARINE SCIENCES

People

Clarissa Encarnita T. Reboton presented the project “Dumaguete Marine Park Project (Phase 1)” that included a survey of the coral status and biodiversity within the Dumaguete coast. The presentation was held at the SU Multimedia Center in November 2023.

Myron Baring, the 2nd batch cum laude graduate (Presentor) and Cadiz (Faculty and Thesis adviser) of the SU-IEMS presented a paper entitled “Typhoon Damage Assessment of Natural and Planted Mangroves in Bais Bay, Negros Oriental, Philippines” in April 2024 at the 2nd UN Ocean Decade Regional Conference and 11th West PAC International Marine Science Conference held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Dr. Aileen P. Maypa presented and published the following papers and online articles:

- ▶ “Density patterns of the Sea



urchin, *Tripnustes gratilla* and *Salmacis bicolor* (salawaki) in Baylimango Marine Sanctuary and adjacent fished areas” by Hazeck Reynaldo (MSU-IIT) as primary author and Dr. Maypa as secondary author. This was presented during the 55th Annual Convention of the Federation of Institutions of Marine and Freshwater Sciences in December 2023 at the Mindanao State University, Tawi-Tawi.

- ▶ “Marine Biodiversity of Dumaguete Coast: What will be lost to reclamation” co-written with Reboton, Danielle Mark Fukuda, and Dr. Janet S. Estacion published on the SU website
- ▶ press releases of articles “Biodiversity will be lost to reclamation, savants warn” in MetroPost and “Dumaguete reclamation to kill marine life - experts” in Inquirer
- ▶ “Marine Biodiversity of Dumaguete Coast: What will be lost to reclamation” poster presentation during the Tapon Silliman in June 2024 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Programs

Dr. Edna R. Sabater, faculty member, was invited as one of the lead lecturers and trainers in Marine Wildlife Responders Training in Glan, Sarangani in June 2024. This was hosted by the Earth Island Institute-Asia Pacific in collaboration with the Sarangani Bay Protected Seascape-Protected Areas Management Board (SBPS-PAMB) and an NGO, the Balyena.org. The responders' training included lectures on the biology and ecology of whales and dolphins, sharks and rays, and marine turtles. It also provided simulated handling of stranding scenarios per group of animals and the laws that govern the conservation and protection of these species.

She also served as a lecturer in the National Training Workshop on Taxonomic Identification of CITES-listed, PH-Protected, and Regulated Species held at the Crown Regency

celebration. The BlueTech Innovation Challenge focuses on technology-driven innovation within the Blue Economy framework—an economic concept advocating for the sustainable utilization of ocean resources to foster economic growth, enhance livelihoods, and create jobs, all while safeguarding the well-being of marine and coastal ecosystems. Other winners in the challenge were Team iGat 2.0 from the University of San Jose Recoletos (First Place) and Team Glaucus of Siquijor State College (Third Place).

Programs

The College, SU Catalysts for Collaborative Energy Sustainability Studies, DOST-Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD), and SU-Technology Business Incubator (TBI) conducted its first of a series of seminar and workshop called “Sustainability and Innovation in Renewable Energy Ecosystems.” Topics presented were “Sustainable Engineering Innovations” by Asst. Prof. Janice Antoniette V. Forster, “Energy Efficiency and Conservation” by Engr. Mylane A. Farolan, “Renewable Energy Sources and Technologies” by Engr. Ragpa, and “Renewable Energy Access and Sustainability Efforts” by Dr. Tuballa.

Lastly, Engr. Austero, Franceu A. Cacas, Engr. Ragpa, and Dr. Tuballa participated in the THRIVE



Hotel-Fuente, Cebu City in December 2023. This national workshop was hosted by the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) in which participants were employees of the Bureau from different regions of the Philippines.

As one of the lead experts in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List Assessment of Cetaceans, Dr. Sabater participated in the Philippine Aquatic Red List Committee (PARLC) Annual Planning Workshop that was conducted in November 2023 at the COA International Training Center and Dormitory, Tagaytay City. Official

appointment of PARLC members is strengthened by the Department of Agriculture Special Order No. 1154 series of 2022.

The faculty and staff of the Institute participated in the SU-IEMS Semestral Seminar on the West Philippine Sea (WPS) and Contemporary Issues in Marine and Coastal Policy, Governance, and Management, an initiative under the USAID Fish Right Program. The event held in December 2024 involved structured discussions on the (a) rationale, (b) scope, (c) topical organization, and (c) delivery method, of a regular semestral seminar for graduating students on the WPS and

other Contemporary Issues in Coastal and Marine Ecosystems and Resources Governance and Management, to Advance the Blue Economy of the Philippines. The seminar was conducted by Dr. Ben S. Malayang III, former President of SU and current senior research fellow of the Program.

Another event conducted by the Institute was the Annual Integrative Seminar Series on the West Philippine Sea (WPS) and other Contemporary Issues in Marine and Coastal Policy, Governance, and Management, a joint undertaking of SU-IEMS and SU Angelo King Center for Research and Environmental Management (SUAKCREM) in honor of National Scientist Dr. Angel C. Alcala. The online topics presented in March and April 2024, respectively, included "Issues in Managing the Fisheries and Biodiversity in the West Philippine Sea" by Dr. Nygiel Armada, Chief-of-Party of USAID Fish Right Program and "Oceanography of the WPS" by Dr. Gil Jacinto, Professor of University of the Philippines - Marine Science Institute (UP-MSI).

A series of social preparation activities were conducted in five municipalities in South Negros (Sta. Catalina, Basay, Zamboanguita, Siaton, and Bayawan) from June to July 2023. Partner People's Organizations (POs) and representatives from the barangay and several Local Government Unit (LGU) offices were invited during the orientation. This series of activities was designed to orient the members of the different POs on the GForest Project, which includes a background on the project, review of the contents of the Partnership Agreement and the proposed planting sites, and train them on proper planting practices, establishment and maintenance of mangrove nursery, and monitoring. This was facilitated by the SU-GForest team composed of Dr. Hilconida P. Calumpong, Dr. Pablina L. Cadiz, Floramae J. Neri, Clint G. Alvior, and Dianne Mira A. Yap.

Later on, final site inspections



were conducted in the municipalities. Partner PO and LGU representatives were present during the final site inspection. The SU-Gforest team conducted a site validation for all the planting sites. The team ensured that the planting sites are government property using the mangrove maps with cadastral overlay. Ground-truthing was also conducted and a new set of global positioning system (GPS) coordinates were taken to map the actual planting sites for the project. This was facilitated by the SU-GForest team.

The final partnership agreements were presented to the PO partners and barangay for the final review. The new planting site maps, final species list, and out-planting targets were incorporated into the final partnership agreement. This was reviewed by the PO president, barangay captain and representatives from the LGU. Dr. Calumpung and Dr. Estacion were present during the said events to sign the contracts on behalf of SU. A total of 15 partner POs have signed the partnership agreements that are now notarized. Copies of the partnership agreement were also distributed to the different partner POs and LGUs. Due to conflicts of schedules, the signing of the partnership agreement of Bayawan has been scheduled in the first quarter of 2024. In addition, due to the barangay elections, the signing of the partnership agreement of LACABFA and BASMAPA of Zamboanguita was also moved to the first quarter of

2024.

To provide our partner POs more livelihood opportunities, the SU-GForest team with the support of the USAID-Fish Right Program organized a three-day supplemental livelihood training in Sta. Catalina, Negros Oriental. SU-GForest and USAID-Fish Right Program partnered with the Voice of the Free Foundation (VFF) for this training. A total of 48 members from the partner Women's Organizations from Sta Catalina were trained in rug, pot, and shoe coat making. The LGU of Sta. Catalina committed and sponsored start-up kits for the partner POs. The LGU also committed continued support to these POs for these supplemental livelihood opportunities. This was attended and facilitated by the SU-GForest team.

A total of 16 participants from three different POs were brought to Caranoche Mangrove Conservation Area for the cross-site visit. The participants were from Bonawon Fisherfolks' Association from Siaton and Fatima Women's Association and San Francisco Women's Association from Sta Catalina. These POs were selected for the cross-site visit to develop their knowledge on mangrove conservation, identification, collection of propagules and preparation and potting of propagules for mangrove nursery. The event was facilitated by three SU-Gforest staff and six members of Caranoche Mangrove Conservation Area (CMCA), a PO in CMCA that is also part of the project and has been doing mangrove conservation and planting works for a long time. The event started with a tour around CMCA and teaching the



POs on how to identify different species of mangroves and how to know that the propagules of these mangroves are viable for planting in the nursery. This was then followed by a visit to Cranoche's mangrove nursery. A demo conducted by CMCA members on how to properly pot mangrove propagules and the participants were allowed to pot their own mangrove propagules with the supervision of the Gforest team and CMCA members. This was attended and facilitated by representatives of the SU-GForest team comprised of Floramae Neri, Alvir and Yap.

A total of eight mangrove nurseries were established under the SU-GForest Project, this includes the LACABFA Mangrove Nursery, SIPAMACOWA Mangrove Nursery, Bonawon Mangrove Nursery, WGPA Mangrove Nursery, NAWA Mangrove Nursery, BAFA Mangrove Nursery, CTFA Mangrove Nursery and one at the Institute of Environmental and Marine Sciences of Silliman University. It is estimated that a total of 19,000 seedlings are housed in these nurseries and are being hardened before the out-planting activities to ensure higher survival of the seedlings once planted on site. This was facilitated by the SU-GForest team comprised of Hilconida P. Calumpong, Pablina L. Cadiz, Floramae J. Neri, Clint G. Alvir and Dianne Mira A. Yap.

Out-planting Activities and Baseline Data Collection of Blue Carbon Soilamples

Dates: 14 November 2023 – Sitio

Cotcot, Bongalonan, Basay, Negros Oriental

17 November 2023 – Poblacion, Sta Catalina, Negros Oriental

18 November 2023 – Caranoche, Sta Catalina, Negros Oriental

21 November 2023 – Fatima, Sta Catalina Negros Oriental

11 December 2023 – Tambobo Bay, Si-it, Siaton, Negros Oriental

Four partner POs started out-planting activities in November 2023 and 1 started planting in December 2023. As of December 2023 29,028 mangrove and beach forest seedlings were planted in planting sites and are currently being monitored. Baseline Blue Carbon soil samples were also collected in each of the planting sites. These soil samples will be processed at the IEMS laboratory.

As part of the SU Founder's Day celebration, the Institute hosted a Writing Correspondence Workshop in August 2023 at the IEMS campus.

The following are the programs attended by Dr. Maypa:

- ▶ Dumaguete City Council Environment Committee Hearing with presentation of data and survey results on the surveys of Bantayan Marine Reserve for the proposed expansion in July 2023 at the City's Council Session Hall
- ▶ A public forum and dialogue on good governance in August 2023 at Bethel Guest House
- ▶ Resource speaker on "Assisted Recovery in Typhoon-Damaged Coral Reefs: A Case Study in Apo



and Siquijor Islands, Central Philippines" during the Training on National Integrated Protected Areas System Marine Protected Areas Capacity Building Program Regional Cluster 2: NIPAS-MPA Capacity Building Program (NIMCAP II) on Damage Assessment, Response, Restoration, Rehabilitation and Monitoring (DENR-BMB) in August 2023. This was followed by the Cluster 3 in September 2023 and Cluster 1 in October 2023.

- ▶ Information drive, advocacy, community organizing against the Dumaguete Boulevard Reclamation in Barangay Tinago in September 2023
- ▶ Regular Meeting on Protected Areas Management Board Areas Management Board (PAMB) for Apo Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (AIPLS) (on behalf of Dr. Estacion)
- ▶ Resource speaker on "The role of the Academic Community in Advancing Blue Economy" presented during the Bluetech Innovation Challenge Under the Dagsa Project of SU TBI, supported by DOST
- ▶ Resource person on the Senate hearing on Community-Based Nature Ecotourism Senate Bill and on Reclamation in September and October 2023 (on behalf of Dr. Estacion)
- ▶ Resource Speaker on the impacts of reclamation on marine biodiversity and ecosystems, People's Development Council and Dumaguete City Council Dialogue, Dialogue with Piapi Fisherfolks Association Members on the establishment of a Piapi Marine Sanctuary, Piapi Fisherfolks Assembly on Marine



Reserve Establishment, and “The Environmental Commitment of Silliman University: Defending Marine Biodiversity” SUSG Leadership Summit

- ▶ Resource person on the Proposed Dumaguete Marine Park and the impacts of the proposed amendments to the Fisheries Code, Phlippine Marine Environment and SU’s initiatives at Apo Island with Environmental Sustainability in the Philippines for the International Service - Learning Program of Ching Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong, and 2024 Marine Conservation Youth Summer Camp
- ▶ Planning Meeting on the Dumaguete Marine Park Design and the Amendments of RA 10654 allowing commercial fishing vessels unrestricted privilege in the municipality waters in February 2024 (with the NoTo174Coalition core members)
- ▶ Reviewer on the Comprehensive Environmental Code of Tagbilaran City and SUACONA Environmental and Research Fund
- ▶ Determined the proposed marine reserve boundaries with the Piapi fisherfolks and collected GPS Coordinates

Participant in the 2nd National Consultation Workshop for the Development of the National Coral Reef Program Strategic Action Planning and Fish Spawning Aggregations and Fisher’s Knowledge: Global Training to Advance the Conservation of Snappers and Associated Fishes

Partnerships

Silliman Alumni Association Inc. (SSAI), in partnership with the Institute, NoTo174Dumaguete Coalition, Kinaiyahan, People’s Development Council (PDC), and LGUs, funded the “Dumaguete Marine Park Project Phase 1: Baseline Data Collection and Planning.” This is a Research, Communication Education, and Public Awareness

(CEPA) and Environmental Policy conducted by Dr. Maypa as principal investigator and Dr. Estacion as co-principal investigator.

COLLEGE OF LAW

People

Student leaders and College Honors were given certificates of recognition and appreciation for their achievements and dedicated service to the College during the 2024 SU Hooding & Awarding Ceremony. The people involved in the Ceremony are the faculty, staff, and students of Silliman University (SU) College of Law. This activity aimed to recognize a momentous achievement of SU Law 2023-2024 graduating seniors. Certificates of Recognition were given to the College Honors namely, John Christian Entrata from the freshmen year, Jasmin Grace Abcede and Patricia Bonto from the sophomore year, and Kyle Balansag from the junior year.

Several Certificates of Appreciation were handed to the students of the College of Law during the Ceremony. These students were Wynneth Leanne Ligo, Bonto, Jayvie Boy Maglangit, Roselyn Jane Bolingot, Micah Gallardo, Entrata, Princess Noriedelle Obeso, and John

Uriel Mercedo. These certificates were presented to recognize their outstanding student leadership abilities and active participation and contribution in extra- and co-curricular activities of the SU College of Law.

All the certificates were given in May 2024 at Justice Venancio Aldecoa Moot Court, Villareal Hall, Silliman University, Dumaguete City.

Mooters, student athletes, and volunteers were given certificates of appreciation for their participation and dedicated service to the College for participating in the 2024 SU Intramural Games during the 2024 Law Week Celebration. Certificates of Recognition were given to the members of the 2024 Moot Society: Balansag, Bonto, Christian Brodeth, Francis Lianro Bulado, Maglangit, Venz Samuel Melodia, Richard Dominic Navarro, Edan Sam Pancho, and Precious Grace Valencia. This is to recognize their exemplary participation during the 2024 Jessup Competition held at the University of Santo Tomas, Manila.

Certificates of Appreciation were also handed to the members of the SU Law Men and Women’s Basketball Team, Women’s Volleyball Team, Esports Team, Swimming Team, Chess Team, Table Tennis Team, and the committees therein. These certificates were presented to recognize their outstanding and active participation and contributions during the 2024 SU Intramural Games.



All the certificates were given in April 2024 at the SU Justice Venancio Aldecoa Moot Court, Villareal Hall.

Programs

The Supreme Law Council (SLC) organized a Freshmen Orientation entitled “Law School Survival 101.” The orientation event for the incoming law students was held in August 2023. The event consisted of presentations by experienced law students regarding matters about academics, stress-management, and the likes. The purpose of the event was to introduce the new students to the academic and social aspects of law school, and to help them connect with their peers and mentors. This event aimed to ready the incoming students for their law school journey and give them the bird’s eye view of how law school works.

A General Assembly was also held at SU Hall. The Assembly by the Council was to formally welcome the whole College to a new semester. The program included the introduction of faculty and organizations and discussion of college policies and proposed events for the school year under the new administration. It was followed by the introduction of the new Council officers for the school year.

The Council also spearheaded a devotion in August 2023 at the Udarbe Chapel. The Devotion sought guidance and wisdom for the start of the new school year as well as to seek guidance for all of the September Bar Takers. It was a solemn and joyful occasion for the Silliman Law community. Aside from the Devotion, a Thanksgiving Mass was also offered for the passers of the 2023 Bar Examination. The event was followed by a simple dinner held at the Villareal Hall Lobby. Among those present are the parents of the Bar passers, faculty, and staff of the College.

The Law Week Celebration in April 2024 was arranged to commemorate the importance of Law. It started with an Opening Devotion

held at the Moot Court to pray for God’s guidance in the weeklong celebration. On the second and third day, a two-day zoom lecture in partnership with Center for Global Best Practices (CGBP) on the topics “How to Excel in Law School” Lecture and “How to Pass and Top the Bar.” On the third day, a glamorous black and white themed event Juris Experiment in Digital Industry (JEDI) Awards Night where Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actress, Best Supporting Actor, Best Director, and Best Short Film.

The fourth day was an informative and impactful day of seminar in partnership with Salonga Center for Law and Development as they held “PAGBANSAY: Salonga Volunteer Training Workshop.” This seminar was attended by both law students of SU and Foundation University and some college students from the College of Mass Communication and School of Public Affairs and Governance (SPAG).

On the fifth day, a recognition ceremony for Moot Team and Intramurals Players, as well as election of new SLC and organization officers for A.Y. 2024-2025 was held at the Moot Court. A SportsFest was arranged with the Silliman University Law Alumni Association. Different sports were played between Law students and Law Alumni. It started with the Women’s Volleyball game that was won by the Student Team followed by the Basketball Men game where Team Alumni won, then Badminton Men games where the Alumni Team won. In the evening, Mobile Legends Competition took place in which Team Alumni won.

Both the students and the alumni had a meaningful experience with the Celebration of Year 2023. They all gained interesting lectures and a break from studies and work through the Sports Festival on the last day of the week. The Vice President for Finance Atty. Ebenizer Lim, joined in this joyous occasion as guest of honor.

The following are the activities hosted by the College. One of which is

a forum about “What You Want to Know about Arbitration but were Afraid to Ask” with Atty. Manuel “Jun” Bautista. This was mainly organized to answer questions regarding the arbitration, its mechanics, and the difficulties that faced by being an arbitrator. Atty. Bautista was joined by the Dean, Atty. Florin Hilbay.

Another event held in partnership with the SPAG was a talk about “Philippines vs China: Dissecting the West Philippine Sea Controversy” with Associate Justice Francis Jardeleza (Ret.). This was to answer the questions regarding the climate of the current issues regarding the Philippines’ fight against China in acquiring its water territories in the West Philippine Sea.

Retired Associate Justice Jardeleza was then joined on stage by Amb. Dr. Macathur Corsino as moderator and the Dean of the College, Atty. Hilbay. Also present at the event was University President, Dr. Betty McCann and her husband. Faculty and students of both the College and SPAG were also present along with students from different colleges as well.

The 2024 Intramurals was the second intramurals that the College had joined after COVID. This time, although not challenged by the schedule of exams, the classes still peaked through the intramural schedule. Regardless of the challenges, the students wholeheartedly participated proudly wearing their jerseys mixed with purple, black and silver in color. Headed by the Council, the students participated in the sports like women's and men’s basketball, esports, table tennis, women’s volleyball, chess, and swimming. The results made the whole College proud, but more importantly, the students had fun and have undoubtedly shown resilience.

The first ever alumni homecoming of the SU College of Law became a huge success and a joyous occasion for the whole SU Law

Community. The event was mainly organized by the SU Law Alumni Association led by Atty. Ingrid Tinagan who tapped the Council for back end and logistics help in making the whole event a success.

The event was highlighted with Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexander Gesmundo as the guest speaker along with Associate Justice Alfredo Benjamin Caguioa, and Retired Associate Justice Edgardo de los Santos.

Lastly, the Hooding Ceremony was made to recognize the efforts of the only graduate of Class 2023-2024 and their achievements in their law school journey. Additionally, the ceremony served as a procedure to officially present the student as a candidate for graduation. The event was attended by the College Dean, Atty. Hilbay and guest speaker, Retired Associate Justice Jardeleza, as he gave his thoughts and advice through his inspirational passage to the only graduate. After his dedication to his studies and future, he can now look back and see how far he has come, and be proud of himself. Congratulations!

Partnerships

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organized to answer questions regarding the climate of the current issues with regards to the Philippines’ fight against China in acquiring its water territories in the WPS.

COLLEGE OF MASS COMMUNICATION

People

Ma. Nicole V. Guzarem, a Mass Communication student, won Miss Tanjay 2023 during the coronation night held at Osmeña Park in July.

Genno Gabriel Z. Rabaya, Bachelor of Mass Communication (BMC) II, won second runner-up in the Mr. Hibalag Pageant in August 2023. Rabaya, who was crowned Mr. Mass Communication at a competition in February, represented the College of Mass Communication (CMC) in the SU-wide Mr. Hibalag pageant during the 122nd Founders Day celebration.

A feature story written by Ria Babe A. Askin, BMC IV, won the Grand Prize in the first Ireneo and Asuncion Maslog Essay Writing Contest held in August 2023. She was awarded PhP12,000 in tuition credits, and PhP 3,000 in cash. The runner-up prize was awarded to the story by Kean Andrei A. Bagaipo, BMC I, who was awarded a cash prize of PhP 3,000.



Philippine Ambassador to New Zealand, Hon. Kira Christianne Danganan-Azucena, BMC 1994, received the 2023 Outstanding Sillimanian (OSA) Award for Excellence in Government Service/International Relations and Diplomacy. The award was given during the OSA Awards held in August 2023.

Nathaniel Carampatana, a Mass Communication student, placed third in the multimedia journalism competition (individual category) in the Organization of Student Services Educators, Inc. (OSSEI) National Conference on Campus Journalism and 18th Writing Competition held in March 2024 at Crown Legacy Hotel, Baguio City.

Students Ryan Rikaz C. Ibrahim and Karissa Marie D. Barote were crowned Mr. and Ms. Mass Com, respectively, at a pageant held during Mass Com Week in March 2024. Mr. and Ms. Mass Com represented CMC in the Ms. Silliman and Mr. Hibalag pageant in August 2024.

At the 66th Honors Day Convocation in April 2024, a total of twenty-nine CMC students were honored. Nine students were given College Honors: Askin, Ria Babe; Burbano, Luke Timothy; Cortes, Grezyl Ashly; Enumerables, Alexa Gay; Ibrahim, Ryan Rikaz; Libres, Timothy Deo; Malala, Grylle Adrian; Nipshagen, Dinn Angel; Rabaya, Genno Gabriel. Meanwhile, twenty students were given Class Honors: Bagaipo, Kean Andrei; Basong, Deorafe; Delicana, Antonio Jose; Guillarte, Glenadel Febe; Lajot, Josh Benjamin; Malolot, Louigie; Pangan,



Audrey Denise; Vendiola, Dorothy Wynn Marie; Cornelia, Jurielle; Grafe, Dianne Antonette; Unson, Maria Katrina; Alumbre, Claire Yvonne; Carampatana, Nathaniel; Guzarem, Ma. Nicole; Ligan, Alenah Paulane; Remollo, Angelikka Rose; Villagonzalo, April; Villarín, Nicole; Cielo, Jill Ingrid; and Okudaira, Rogen.

Three of the nine CMC graduates received Latin Honors during the 111th University Commencement Exercises in May 2024 at the Claire Isabel McGill Luce Auditorium. They were Askin (Cum Laude), Cortes (Cum Laude), and Okudaira (Cum Laude).

Angelique Kara Sorbito was elected as Governor of the Kapunungan sa mga Mass Communicators (KMC) for the academic year 2024-2025 during the KMC Elections held in May 2024. KMC is the academic organization of the College.

KMC bagged first place in “The Crowning Glory: Miniature Paragons of Silliman,” a SU building-inspired hat making contest, held in September 2023 at the Silliman Hall.

CMC alumnus Adlai Amor was the featured speaker during the Balik-Talent Lecture Series held in August 2023 at the Audio Visual Theater (AVT). Amor talked about “Artificial Intelligence ≠ Journalism” during the lecture.

College Dean Dr. Madeline B. Quiamco was invited as resource person on Knowledge Management



for Graduate Students in MA Communication of Holy Angel University in Angeles City, Pampanga. The sessions were held on Saturdays from April to May 2024.

Dr. Quiamco was also invited to the Philippine Association of Research Managers (PHILARM), an organization of researchers and research managers in the agriculture and natural resources sector held at Hotel Essencia in Dumaguete City in December 2023. Then, she with students Alumbre and Grylle Adrian G. Malala attended the first International Socio Economic Leadership Congress (ISELC) in March 2024 at the Baly Oriental Hotel in Dumaguete City. The CMC group’s participation was sponsored by OceanClick Virtual Solutions.

For research, part-time faculty Dr. Sonia B. Sygaco conducted a study titled “Between Languages: Sociolinguistic Perspective on First Language Decline.” This was completed in January 2024 and

published by British Reading Oasis and Discovery (BROAD). Another study she wrote was “The Advertiser’s Blueprint” which was completed in 2024 and published by Great Books Trading.

Programs

CMC organized the first Ireneo and Asuncion Maslog Essay-Writing Contest, an event aimed to develop in Communication students an interest in expanding their horizons and increasing their stock knowledge in communication, mass and new media, information and communication technology, Asian journalism, social development, environmental protection, and socio-political awareness by rewarding their effort toward fact-based quality composition-writing on these topics. The event was held in August 2023 at the College of Mass Communication.

Faculty members and KMC officers shared several lectures on the field of communication to Senior High School students of Piapi National High School as they toured the College in October 2023. Another initiative from KMC is the “Finest of the Freshmen,” an annual event to enable freshmen BMC students to recognize and sharpen their skills in different areas of journalism. The event was held in September 2023. Likewise, the Photography and Videography class (COM 23) set up an exhibit of photographs that the members of the class had taken. The exhibit opened in December 2023 at the Ariniago Hall.





BMC alumnus Mac Florendo led a workshop called “Voice Art Workshop” on voice creatives in March 2024 at the SU-Multi-Purpose Room.

CMC organized the Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Materials Development Workshop for SU College of Agriculture faculty and students, which aimed to update the selected SU faculty, staff, and students on the fundamentals of IEC materials development and effective utilization. The workshop was held in May 2024 at the CMC Building, with twenty faculty members of SU graduating from the workshop.

The Rosario-Braid Scholarship Fund, Inc. (RBSFI) chose the College to implement its scholarship program for Community Journalism beginning in the academic year 2024-2025. Beyond financial assistance for tuition, RBSFI’s unique scholarship package provides grantees with mentorship and supplementary training, research and reporting projects, and networking and collaboration opportunities. CMC’s first RBSFI scholar is Rabaya, BMC III.

Asst. Prof. Melita C. Aguilar shared her insightful contribution as a session speaker to enrich the knowledge of participants during the 6200: Bisaya Workshop held at SU in February 2024. She then served as a resource speaker and judge during the 2024 Division Press Conference held in March 2024 at Negros Oriental High School.

CMC Dean Asst. Prof. Madeline B. Quiamco conducted the Department of Science and Technology-The Philippine Council

for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD) Thesis Writing Workshop for GREAT Scholars at PCAARRD headquarters in Los Banos, Laguna, in April 2024. The workshop was the sixth offering under the program developed by Asst. Prof. Quiamco to improve the thesis research quality of scholars under DOST’s graduate research education in agriculture and technology initiative.

Finally, the College held its first Pinning Ceremony in May 2024 at the Udarbe Chapel. The pinning ceremony served as a symbolic and celebratory event to honor students entering their respective internships and mark the transition from their academic journey to their professional careers in the field of mass communication.

Partnerships

KMC partnered with Ligtas Avenue, an advocacy group for safe spaces on the streets led by Mr. Mass Communication Rabaya, to host an online summit on street sexual harassment. The summit consisted of three talks held online in June 2023.

Asst. Prof. Quiamco conducted the DOST-PCAARRD Training on the Manual of Style for Science Communicators at PCAARRD headquarters in Los Banos, Laguna in July 2023. Organized by the Applied Communication Division of PCAARRD, the four-day training was attended by science writers from the national agriculture and natural resources R & D system. She also initiated a partnership in science

communication and training between the Philippine Association of research Managers (PHILARM), the PCAARRD, and the College in November 2023.

CMC with SU entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Dauin Local Government Unit and the Office of Community Engagement and Service-Learning in January 2024 to implement collaborative projects with Barangay Magsaysay, Dauin.

CMC hosted the Marshall McLuhan Dumaguete Series in collaboration with the Canadian Embassy in March 2024 at the AVT. The Marshall McLuhan Forum is an annual assembly for Mass Communication students that highlights Marshall McLuhan fellows to speak about specific topics in journalism and mass media. This year’s featured McLuhan Fellow was Karmina Constantino, a veteran journalist and news anchor who received the fellowship in 2022. Ms. Constantino’s presentation focused on Freedom and the Free Press: The role of the journalist in critical public discourse and in seeking accountability in a post-truth era in the Philippines.

CMC collaborated with BMC Batch 1999 for a Photojournalism and News, Feature, and Editorial Writing Competitions. It was a four-category competition for Silliman students sponsored by BMC Batch 1999 as a prelude to their Silver Jubilee celebration during the University’s 123rd Founders Day.

Here are other collaborations of the College with individuals and institutions:

- ▶ Wednesday Forum, the Philippine Ecumenical Peace Platform, and the Divinity School in organizing a liturgical symposium with its featured speaker, Dr. Maria A. Ressa, 2021 Nobel laureate and multi-awarded CEO and President of Rappler. Dr. Ressa talked about “Pressing Issues on Press Freedom” during the symposium held in August 2023 at the AVT.

the year for “Tell Med About It”



The Dean, Dr. Walden R. Ursos has been conducting a research study on the “Current Mental Health Status of Medical Students at Silliman University Medical School” co-authored by Guidance Counselor, Jessica B. Kitane, who monitored the mental health status of the students, especially those who started their medical education during the Covid-19 pandemic and underwent the transition period until present. Dr. Ursos has also been working on a second scientific research paper on the “Evaluation of the Student Mentoring Program of the Medical School.” He needs to finish these two papers for him to qualify as Associate Professor, as required by the University and for Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges & Universities (PAASCU) Accreditation, Level III. Hence, the Dean has enrolled in a post-graduate course on Master of Education, Major in Educational Management.

- ▶ Photo exhibition entitled “Odyssey: A Self Discovery on One’s Artistry” with the Fine Arts Department in December 2023 at the Ariniego Art Gallery
- ▶ An exposure trip in collaboration with Nickel Asia Corporation (NAC) for an all-expense-paid study tour of Rio Tuba in Bataraza, Palawan for the students in March 2024. The objective of the trip was for the students to obtain practical experience in learning about how companies like NAC communicate with their stakeholders, and how they fulfill their responsibility to the environment.
- ▶ Collaboration with alumnus Dr. Hope Antone-Chan in a cost-sharing arrangement to upgrade the radio broadcasting lab (SNR) of the College for broadcasting students in May 2024.

recent PLEs in October 2023 and April 2024 at 78% and 80%, respectively.

Within the school year 2023-2024, the Silliman University Medical School Student Association (SUMSA), under the advisorship of Dr. Ma. Lourdes E. Ursos, received the following awards and distinctions, both in the local and national levels:

- ▶ Committee on Student Organizations (COMSO) Top Performing Organization: Top 5 (Overall) and Top 4 (Academic Sector)
- ▶ Association of Philippine Medical Colleges - Student Network (APMC-SN):
 - ▷ National Award, May 2024, Unilab Bayanihan Center Pasig City
 - Seal of Good Governance Gold Award
 - Ninth place, Ten Outstanding Medical Student Organizations – 9th Place
 - Light Award – Received by Jiryl Quinamot
 - ▷ Regional Award, April 2024
 - Gawad Sanduguan Award
 - Second place, project of

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Programs

SUMS faculty attended the scheduled retooling and upskilling trainings of the Silliman Online University Learning (SOUL) conducted by Dr. Dave E. Marcial of the Dr. Mariano C. Lao Global Studies Center.

Several members of the School engaged in Conventions/Seminars:

The 55th Association of Philippine Medical Colleges (APMC) Annual Convention 2023 hosted by the University of Perpetual Help Rizal

MEDICAL SCHOOL

People

The Silliman University Medical School (SUMS) continued to garner a high passing rate for the National Physicians Licensure Examination, which is always above the overall national passing rate during the two



Convention was conducted in a hybrid mode last December 2023, University of Santo Tomas Manila. Dr. Singco represented the School during the event.

Lastly, Dr. M.L.E. Ursos virtually attended the event APMC-Philippine Academic Society of Social & Community Medicine (PASCOM), Inc. Annual Conference in December 2023 in Malate, Manila.

Partnerships



(UPHR) - Jonelta Foundation School of Medicine was held virtually in June 2023. The following were faculty delegates to the said event:

- ▶ Dr. Walden R. Ursos
- ▶ Dr. Jonathan C. Amante
- ▶ Dr. Roy Diamond M. Arco
- ▶ Dr. Ma. Antonia Gem C. Austria
- ▶ Dr. Jennifer V. Barimbao
- ▶ Dr. Gamaliel N. Garcia
- ▶ Dr. Caesar Antonio O. Ligo
- ▶ Dr. Christian Emmanuel T. Lim
- ▶ Dr. Rogelio S. McIntire
- ▶ Dr. Julia V. Quevenco
- ▶ Dr. Rowena Marie T. Samares
- ▶ Dr. Angelo Michael A. Singco
- ▶ Dr. Geraldine F. Singco
- ▶ Dr. Ma. Lourdes E. Ursos
- ▶ Dr. Maria Milagros D. Uy

Meanwhile, Dr. M. L. E. Ursos participated in the virtual seminar-workshop by the Philippine Academic Society of Social & Community Medicine (PASCOM), Inc. in July 2023. Dr. W. R. Ursos and Dr. Barimbao joined a faculty development program on “Leadership and Management for Academic Executives of Medical Schools in October 2023 in Quezon City.

The 41st Philippine Society of Anatomists, Inc. (PSAi) Annual

Department of Health (DOH) and the role of the Local Government Unit (LGU) in the implementation of devolution of health services to the local government level, as supported by the Executive Officer of La Libertad, Negros Oriental.

The medical scholarship provided by the Provincial Government of Negros of Oriental to deserving students is still an ongoing partnership with the decision of the new Provincial Government Executive to continue the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) concerning this scholarship. The provincial government has been consistently sending recipient scholars every school year since school year 2005 until the current school year for enrollment. SUMS has graduated 87 medical scholars since then and these graduates, now licensed physicians, are serving in the far-flung barangay health centers, different municipal health centers, district hospitals, and even in Negros Oriental Provincial Hospital.

COLLEGE OF NURSING

People

Silliman University (SU) College





of Nursing ranked first place (with 50 or more examinees and with at least 85% passing percentage) in the November 2023 Nurse Licensure Examination (NLE) with an exemplary passing performance of 100/00% among all participating schools, colleges, and universities. Hence, SU was ranked by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) to be among the top one performing schools in the country.

SUCN students garnered awards and recognition in their areas.

Shirnyl Hannah E. Mangos ranked eighth among the examinees with the highest ratings in the November 2023 NLE with a rating of 89.60%

Tisha Faye D. Espinas won

second prize, while Angela Jane E. Viliran won third on the Research Podium Presentation-Qualitative Research (Student Category) entitled “Influences of Resignation Among Nurses in Private and Government Hospitals in Negros Oriental” and “Availability of Basic Emergency Medical Resources among Business Establishments in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental” respectively during the 9th Central Visayas Health Research and Innovation Conference in May 2024 at the University of Southern Philippines Foundation, Salinas Drive, Lahug, Cebu City.

Meanwhile, another student Camille Marie A. Allena was a finalist in the same event.

Rodente Z. Adiong, Princess Mae B. Cacas, and Jack Oliver Estoursy

won the Regional Battle of the Nightingales, an inter-school nursing quiz bowl. Sponsored and organized by Ramiro Community Hospital, the competition was held in August 2023 at the Island City Mall in Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

Frances Jade B. Añosa, Claire S. Balbuena, Ma. Jirija Eunice P. Bartolay, Leo Lorenz H. Cruz, Mia Belle A. Damayo, Clester S. Enildas, Sophia Kae C. Gurdiel, Soleil Mari V. Maghuyop, Shaira Shannine V. Miramon, Anne Nicolette S. Ortega, Claire J. Tenaja, and Ma. Kiedis B. Trasmonte won the Best Paper Award in the Student Category: Podium Presentation with the study entitled “Experiences of Burnout Among Student Nurses in Dumaguete City During COVID-19 Pandemic” during the 12th International Conference of Nurses (ICONS 12) last November 2023 at

Golden Peak Hotel & Suites, Cebu City, Philippines.

The same group of students won the Best Podium Presenter for the same research paper at the 5th International Conference on Qualitative Research in Nursing,

Health and Social Sciences in December 2023 at Hotel Supreme, Baguio City.

Audrey Kiara D. Delfin, Maika D. Matsumoto, Christian A. Ozoa, and Anthony A. Ozoa won the Philippine Startup Challenge 8 – Central Visayas Regional Pitching Competition last October 2023 in Cebu City.

Faculty members participated, produced, and presented research papers.

Dr. Theresa A. Guino-o, Asst. Prof. Zorinna M. Luague, Uenavil Anne E. Junio, and Dr. Evalyn E. Abalos, co-authored the ongoing research paper “Capacity Building of Mental Health for Older Persons: A Participatory Action Research.”

Dr. Abalos, Asst. Prof. Rowena M. Turtal, Chereisle G. Pyponco, Asst. Prof. Jin H. Genove, Asst. Prof. Cyflor E. Putong, Sigrid Natalie H. Elli, and





Asst. Prof. Joshua S. Soldivillo presented their research on “Health Education Strategies on Diet and Exercise for Persons with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in Dumaguete City: A Participatory Action Research last August 2023 at Silliman University.

Programs

The Dr. Luz Sobong Porter Center of Leadership Excellence in Nursing (CoLEN) was launched in August 2024 on the second floor of the William Barry Thompson building, College of Nursing. It is headed by two co-directors, Dr. Evalyn E. Abalos and Prof. Jusie Lydia Siega-Sur. They work closely with the CoLEN advisory group who provides advice, strategic guidance, and support to the program.

2. The College of Nursing faculty had their annual training and re-training in

August 2023 as part of their continuing education. The objectives of which were the following:

- A. utilize the work/life balance concept to set realistic goals for personal and professional development;
- B. identify areas of improvement in the teaching-learning

process in collaboration with partner institution;

- C. formulate a plan of action to improve the teaching-learning atmosphere in the classroom and in the RLE settings;
- D. presents satisfactorily revised syllabi which are Outcomes Based Education (OBE) aligned;
- E. produce revised SUCN policies that are aligned with OBE curriculum and SU vision, mission, goals, and values; and
- F. create strategies to improve PowerPoint presentations.

Resource speakers from Tokushima University, Dr. Rozzano Locsin, Dr.

Tetsuya Tanioka, and Dr. Kyoko Osaka lectured on Clinical Research and Development of Technological Innovations in Healthcare Settings to SUCN faculty and Level IV students last August 2023.

The College also hosted a lecture where Asst. Prof. Danielle Elise Z. Alcantara, a music therapist, gave a

lecture on Music Therapy as a Caring Intervention in Nursing last August 2023 to SUCN faculty and nurses in Negros Oriental.

Partnerships

SUCN faculty trainers equipped other universities in the Philippines in the use of

simulation as educational pedagogy as part of its mandate as Center of Excellence in Nursing Education. The following were the institutions that were trained:

- ▶ School of Nursing & Health Sciences, Biliran Province State University
- ▶ Palawan State University College of Nursing
- ▶ Cavite State University College of Medicine
- ▶ Mindanao State University College of Medicine
- ▶ Basilan State University College of Nursing
- ▶ Ifugao State University College of Health Sciences
- ▶ Mindanao State University College of Medicine

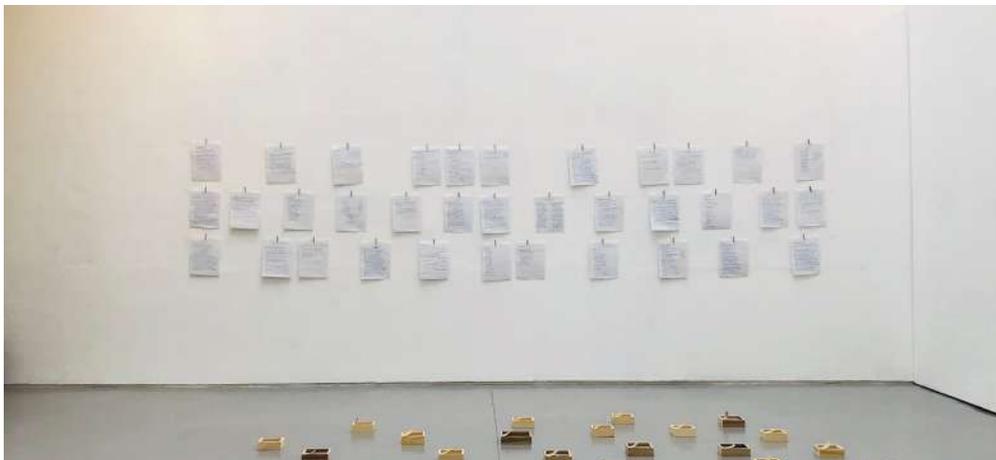
A group of students and faculty from Deakin University School of



Nursing & Midwifery, Australia had an educational tour in the University in July 2023. Likewise, a group of students and staff from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, USA had an educational tour in October 2023.

Two groups of students with their clinical instructors from Andres Bonifacio College, Dipolog City had an Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) simulation exposure in April 2024.

PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS



FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

People

Ana Katrina Ocol, faculty at the Department, presented their work through the two-person exhibition, “To The Patron Saint Of” co-authored with English and Literature faculty, Angela Gabrielle Fabunan, mounted at the Romeo Ariniego Gallery, Silliman University (SU) in June 2023.

Erma Capucion (artist name: Irma Lacorte), Fine Arts faculty, presented her work titled “Katumbas” in a group exhibition of women

printmakers titled “Bakas,” mounted at the Iloilo Museum of Contemporary Art in October 2023.

Programs

Through the Romeo Ariniego Gallery, the Department organized an exhibition during SU Founder’s Week in August 2023, featuring the donated Romeo Ariniego Collection and additional work from SU alumna, Jessica Lupisan. During the exhibition, a prayerful gathering was dedicated to honor Dr. Romeo Ariniego’s significant contributions to culture and art at the University.

The Department, together with the Edilberto and Edith Tiempo Creative Writing Center (CWC) and the Silliman University Department of English and Literature, organized the XXL: Zine and Print Fair in March 2024, featuring printed works from Silliman students, faculty, and surrounding communities. The three-day activity featured talks and workshops from advocacy groups such as NoTo174, Gender Watch Against Violence and Exploitation (GWAVE), #WeArePalestine, and others.

W. Don Flores, faculty member, served as Conference Co-Curator for the Visayan Islands Visual Arts Exhibition and Conference (VIVA ExCon), held in San Jose de Buenavista and Sibalom, Antique in November 2023 — the 17th iteration of the largest and longest-running art biennale in the Philippines. Fine Arts students, Jan Alix, Ky Amistad, and Kara Ceballos alongside alumni, Jana Acuzar and Isabel Gutang arranged an arts-based workshop on community engagement for the VIVA ExCon.

Partnerships

The Department partnered with Smart Communications, Inc. to set up Creativity Camp — a week-long workshop on creativity and the environment — at the Romeo Ariniego Gallery grounds, during Silliman Founder’s Week in August 2023. A



International Choral Festival with the theme “Singing in Harmony to Light up the World”, a six-day event in August 2023 at the SU campus. She took part in the Sarawak International Festival of Music and Arts (SIFMA), a two-day event in December 2023 at the New Legislative Assembly Sarawak, Malaysia, and participated in the Philippine Music & Culture Summit (PMCS), in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, a three-day event in May 2024 at the SU campus.

Dr. Elizabeth Susan Vista-Suarez, dean, attended the 10th National Social Science Congress on “Centering the Social Sciences in Future-Proof Health and Well-Being” as an NSSC X Local Organizing Committee Member, a three-day event in July 2023 at the SU campus.

Dr. Vista-Suarez completed the modules of the “Training Seminar on Publishing Social Science Research: Writing Manuscripts for SCOPUS and WOS Journals”, a seminar under the Philippine Social Science Council, during the 10th National Social Science Congress in July 2023 at the SU campus. She participated in the Philippine Music & Culture Summit, in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, a three-day event in May 2024 at the SU campus.

Dr. Vista-Suarez was also a resource person during the 1st

talk and workshop open to all students was held at Creativity Camp by faculty, Ma. Cristina Macabali. The activity culminated with prizes for the participants funded by Smart Communications, Inc.

Science Congress in July 2023 at the SU campus.

She also led the Orkestra Sin Arco in the special events: an intermission number during the launching of the 75th Charter Day Celebration of Dumaguete City in July 2023, special participation in the concert “Harana: A Philippine Cultural Journey with the Philippine Opera Company” in March 2024 at the Luce Auditorium, and in an intermission number during the Philippine Music & Culture Summit, in partnership with the National Commission for the Culture and the Arts, a three-day event in May 2024 at the SU campus.

Aside from that, she participated in the 1st Silliman University

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

People

During the school year, faculty members of the Department actively participated in various academic, research, and community engagement activities aimed at enhancing education and professional growth.

Danielle Elise Zamar-Alcantara participated in the 17th World Congress of Music Therapy, a four-day event in July 2023 in Vancouver, Canada. She then served as workshop speaker during the 5th International Conference on Qualitative Research in Nursing, Health and Social Sciences, a two-day event in December 2023 in Baguio City, Philippines.

Asst. Prof. Mathilda L. Erojo completed the modules of the “Training Seminar on Publishing Social Science Research: Writing Manuscripts for SCOPUS and WOS Journals”, a seminar under the Philippine Social Science Council during the 10th National Social



Certification of Participation

This is to certify that

ELIZABETH VISTA-SUAREZ

participated at the 10th National Social Science Congress with its theme
“Centering the Social Sciences in Future-proof Health and Well-being”
 held at the Silliman University, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental
 from 27 to 29 July 2023.

LOURDES M. PORTUS, PhD
 Executive Director



Silliman University International Choral Learn From The Masters: An Intensive Choral Workshop and Masterclass by Choral Conductors and Artists, a five-day event in August 2023 at the SU campus. Another event she spoke at as resource person was during the Silliman University Junior High School Choir Workshop in March 2024 at the SU campus.

She served as one of the judges during the Miss Dumaguete Diamond



Jubilee Queen Talent Competition in May 2024 at the Pantawan People's Park, Dumaguete City. Lastly, she, together with Asst. Prof. Joseph Albert P. Basa, was the accompanist during the Early Childhood School Gallery of Talent for Kids Grand Show featuring the Lion King, a two-day event in May 2024 at the SU Church.

Asst. Prof. Basa, chairperson of the Department, held a concert titled "Byahe: Roundtrip" with the Silliman University Concert Band in August 2023 at the Luce Auditorium of SU. He then led the Silliman University Band in a parade during the 51st Capital Day at the Capital Town in Siquijor, Siquijor in September 2023. He also completed the IEC Materials Development Workshop with Asst. Prof. Levi L. Alaban in May 2024 at the Emilio T. Yap Hall.

Juni Jay L. Tinambacan was a resource speaker during the LIKHA Art Workshops: Rondalla in February 2024 in Bais City, Negros Oriental.

Gonzalo Noel V. Misa participated in the training on "Improving Student Learning through the Development of Critical and Creative Thinking and Doing" in May 2024 at the Katipunan Hall of SU. Speech and

THEATER DEPARTMENT

Programs

Senior students produced and directed the following stage plays during the first and second semesters for their Seniors Play requirement.

- ▶ Andrea Therese Nazareno's "Vigil" written by Bobby Flores Villasis. The play was staged in the first semester at the Woodward Little Theatre in November 2023. For the second semester, she staged "#14 Leandro Road" written by Jay Crisostomo IV last April 2024 at Silliman Hall.
- ▶ Jeanne Elouise C. Zapanta's "Demigod" written by Bobby Flores Villasis. The play was staged at the Woodward Little Theatre in November 2023. For the second semester, she staged "The Black Bordello" written by Jay Crisostomo IV in April 2024 at the same venue.
- ▶ Gillian Margarete M. Inocente's "Salcedo" written by Bobby Flores Villasis and was staged at the Woodward Little Theatre in November 2023. The following semester, she staged "Asa si Pirit" written by Junsly Kitay in April 2024 at the Luce Auditorium.
- ▶ Neve-Rienne N. Fuentes' "Fiesta" written by Bobby Flores Villasis at the Woodward Little Theatre in November 2023. The next

semester, she staged "Ang Palengke" written by Conrad A. Panganiban in May.

Artista Sillimanihana facilitated "HA! Women" - a one-night only event that showcased different art forms done by women and for women. With March being the International Women's Month, this event highlighted the importance of sharing and supporting works of women from the Silliman Community and in Dumaguete City.

In celebration of Hibalag Festival and Buwan ng Wika, they also hosted a three-day event called "Pilipinas Kong Mahal" to promote Filipino culture, language, and arts through music, film, and theater in August 2023 at the Woodward Little Theater.

- ▶ Day 1: Gabi ng Musika
A 3-hour long session of fun and music with talented Sillimanihan artists. Featured here were OPM songs that most Filipinos may come to know and love singing alongside all throughout the event.
- ▶ Day 2: Film Screening of "Patay na si Hesus"
A film wherein Iyay, a single mother, drags the entire family on a road trip from Cebu to Dumaguete to attend the funeral, when she learns that her estranged husband has died.
- ▶ Day 3: Staging of the play





roles of injured casualties and concerned citizens.

Artista Sillimaniana was invited to perform a fringe play at the Tanghal Visayas 2024 wherein they staged “Sastre” written by Karla Tabao Longjas and directed by Mayumi Maghuyop (supervisor). Apart from performing, all eleven delegates were engaged in the activities prepared by the event organizers, joining workshops, meditations and watching performances from the other theater troupes. Tanghal, an annual event around the main regions of the Philippines where theater groups from various provinces gather together celebrate arts month through theater and arts. Tanghal Visayas 2024 had its venue at Guang Ming College, Cebu City in March.

Partnerships

In collaboration with the Bayawan City Tourism, Speech and Theater students directed feature plays “Demigod” and “Salcedo” during the event “An Evening of Plays by Bobby Flores Villasis.” The event took place in December 2024 at Pavilion Events Place in Bayawan City. This event celebrated the life and works of the late playwright Bobby Flores Villasis, a proud native of Bayawan City.

In partnership with Dumaguete City Tourism, the Department coordinated the “Paghimamat: The Story of Dumaguete” in September 2023. The focus was on stage management, floor management, and creative roles such as prop and costume design.

“The Lion King” was a production of Early Childhood School in May 2024 at Silliman University Church. This production was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the School and the College of Performing and Visual Arts (COPVA). Artista Sillimaniana, together with the faculty, was actively engaged from the pre-production stages up until the actual shows, playing roles as teachers, actors, stage managers,

“Paglawig Ngadto Sa Wala” written by Yudi Santillan III and directed by Zapanta
A one-act romantic comedy with a dash of absurdity about two lovers navigating the purpose of their relationship.

- ▶ **Voice:** This workshop focused on voice techniques for acting on stage, creating voices for a variety of characters, and helping actors control them.
- ▶ **Sound and Movement:** This was a workshop that focused on improvisation, a combination of body movement and voice, and exercises that help actors think quickly and act accordingly with the prompts given.

“Harmony on Stage,” held in March 2024, was a musical fundraiser in collaboration with SUPASA and Silliman University Geek Society that aims to raise funds in support for Department’s students for their participation to the 18th Tanghal in the Visayas, a National University and Community-Based Theatre Festival at Guang Ming College, Cebu City in March 2024.

The SU College of Nursing held a disaster simulation as the culminating activity for their Disaster Nursing (NCM 72) course in May 2024, around the Silliman Library and Ravello Field. Speech and Theatre students were invited to participate, playing the

This event was in collaboration with Silliman University Producing and Songwriting Artists (SUPASA), Silliman University Music Therapy Society (SUMTS), Silliman University English Society (SUES), and SUSG Socio-Cultural Committee.

The festival successfully celebrated Philippine arts, engaging audiences with music, film, and theater, fostering cultural appreciation.

The Department spearheaded several Paghulma Workshops held at Guy Hall in September and October 2023:

- ▶ **Body Movement Workshop:** A workshop that focused on body movement and exploration. This required participants to create and portray characters on a physical level.





technical staff, and directors.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND GOVERNANCE

People

Keanu Paul B. Sygaco, one of the first summa cum laude graduates of the School of Public Affairs and Governance (SPAG) was given the following awards during the 66th Annual Honors Day Convocation in April 2024 at the Claire Isabel McGill Luce Auditorium, Silliman University, Dumaguete City: Most Outstanding Student of the Year Award (2024) and University Senior Student of the Year Award (2024).

Sygaco also received the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Outstanding Student Award (2024) in May 2024 in Dumaguete City. This award is given for having graduated from college and excelled in academics as well as in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities during the SY 2023-2024.

Several SPAG students received Latin Honors during the May 2024 Commencement Exercises at the Claire Isabel McGill Luce Auditorium.

For the first time in the history of the School, two students received the university's highest honors - summa cum laude. These students were Julianne Rae G. Laga-ac, BS Public Administration, and Sygaco, BS Foreign Affairs. Six students, two from BS Public Administration and four from BS Foreign Affairs, received the magna cum laude award, while ten students from the BS Foreign Affairs received the cum laude distinction.

Dr. Mark Anthony Salve, the Chair of Public Administration Department, received the Faculty Service Award in April 2024 at the Silliman Hall. The Award is given to faculty members who have served the University and its community for 20 years.

Programs

SPAG Dean Dr. Ferdinand Mangibin facilitated several Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) In-service Trainings for

Senior High School (SHS) including to teachers from Region IV-A at the Lyceum of the Philippines University-Laguna, Region IV-B at FAITH Colleges Tanauan City, Batangas, and Region VII at the University of San Jose Recoletos, Cebu City.

Dr. Mangibin also facilitated online in-service training for teachers in August and for administrators, principals, and coordinators on "Standard-Based Quality Assurance for SHS" in November 2023. He then participated in the PEAC training of trainers (TOT) in February and March.

Aside from his PEAC engagements, Dr. Mangibin presented research papers and served as guest speaker at various conferences and community events. He presented a paper entitled "The Ilokano Concept of Datayo: Towards Filipino Social Philosophy" during the 7th International Conference of Asian and Philippine Studies from May to June 2024 at 456 Hotel Le Grande, Baguio City. Another paper entitled "The Image of Man and Jacques Maritain's Integral Humanism" was shared during the 2023 SEPI International Conference on Christian Philosophy, Sustainability and Development in the Philippines and Southeast Asia held at Silliman University in September 2023. He also presented a paper during the 14th SES Annual Conference and 1st CJC-SES International Conference at Haven's Dew Resort, Sitio Balutakay, Barangay Managa, Bansalan, Davao





del Sur in February 2024.

In September 2023, Dr. Mangibin was invited as lecturer in the Barangay and SK Election Candidates Forum and Peace Covenant 2023 at the Convention Center, Dumaguete City. Together with Dr. Enrique Oracion, Dr. Salve, and Asst. Prof. LJ Lamboloto, he was invited as lecturer in the Barangay and SK Election Candidate Forum and Peace Covenant 2023 in September 2023 at the Municipalities of Bacong and Valencia and at Bayawan City.

He was also the guest speaker on “Rediscovering Meaning in the Chaos: A Philosophical Exploration of Purpose Amidst Modern Existential Turbulence” during the Philosophy Week Symposium at St. Joseph Seminary College in Bp. Epifanio B. Surban Avenue, Agan-an, Sibulan,

Negros Oriental in February 2024.

Meanwhile, Dr. Salve was invited as resource person in the Formulation of the Comprehensive Development Plan of Tanjay City, Negros Oriental in September 2023 at Elizabeth Hotel, Cebu City.

The School hosted the Social Weather Station (SWS) Outreach Program on “SWS Surveys: Monitoring the Philippine Social Climate” presented by Gerardo “Jay” Sandoval, SWS Vice President and Director for Survey Design and Marco Mercado, SWS Survey Specialist in July 2023 at the SU Multi-purpose Hall. The outreach program aimed for the University community and the general public to understand practical survey methodology and appreciate the role of opinion polls in a democratic society. Dr. Mangibin



served as coordinator/point-person.

The School, with the help of its alumna Atty Ceres C. Mangibin also organized its Alumni Homecoming Dinner at Bethel Guest House in August 2023.

Adjunct Prof. Lourdes V. Tibig invited Maria Golda Hilario, Director for Urban Development, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Development to lecture on the topic Mechanisms Towards Implementation of the Ultimate Goal of an IEA. This lecture was attended by students in the FOA 37 (International Environmental Policy) class of Prof. Tibig and the fourth year SPAG students held at the SPAG Lecture Room in October 2023.

The School and SU College of Law hosted a lecture by Hon. Justice Francis H. Jardeleza, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, on “Geopolitics and Public International Law: Dissecting the West Philippine Sea Controversy” last October 2024 at the Silliman Hall.

Another event hosted by the School together with SPAG Society was a lecture on “In a Fragmented World, What is the Role of Diplomacy? A French Perspective” by Rémy Tiroutouvarayane, French Deputy Chief of Mission in the Philippines at the SU – Audio Visual Theater (AVT) in February 2024.

During the SPAG Week, a forum was arranged with a theme “Illuminating Pathways: Thought Leadership in Action” in April 2024 at the SU Multipurpose Hall with guest speakers:

- ▶ **John Christian V. Entrata**
Foreign Affairs Class of 2023
Philippine Delegate
Former SUSG President
- ▶ **Novee E. Maestrocampo Jr., MPA**
Director of OCESL
Assistant Coordinator of the Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTS)
Member of the National Volunteerism Resource Pool (NVRP)
- ▶ **Hannah Louise Chavez**

Cultural Department Intern,
Embassy of France to the
Philippines
Administrative Assistant,
Embassy of France to the
Philippines (Former Intern)

Department of Foreign Affairs and
Foreign Service Institute Internship
Programs at Roxas Boulevard, Pasay
City from June to July 2024.

Specialization Pathway by the
Philippine Regulation Commission
(PRC) in March 2024.

► **Atty. Ceres Margaret Catacutan-
Mangibin**

Public Administration from the
School of Public Affairs and
Governance in Silliman
University (Batch 2015)
Gender Watch Against Violence
and Exploitation as Legal

Asst. Prof. Claire A. Salera was
appointed as a member of the
University Disciplinary Board from
February to June 2024.

Lastly, faculty members
published the following study:

► Bautista, L. A., Bautista, R.,

INSTITUTE OF REHABILITATIVE SCIENCES



Assistance Program Head
(GWAVE)
Children’s and Women’s Rights
Advocate

They also spearheaded Amb. Dr.
MacArthur F. Corsino’s book launch –
“Poetic Essay 2: Stirring Paeans to
Sanctuaries Built for God’s Glory.”

Finally, Maestrecampo organized
a webinar for BS Public
Administration second year students,
with resource speaker Rhenelyn
Queen P. Dadulo on “Volunteerism in
a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex,
Ambiguous (VUCA) World: Practice,
Challenges, Future Perspective” in
May 2024 via Zoom.

People

The Institute of Rehabilitative
Sciences (IRS) secured THE top three
spot among the Top Performing
Schools in the December 2023
Physical Therapy Board Exam.

The Commission on Higher
Education (CHED) conducted
accreditation to the Physical Therapy
Centers in Dauin and Valencia.

The Institute was also awarded as
third runner-up during the Silliman
University Intramural Games 2024.

Meanwhile, Dr. Lily D. Bautista
was voted as Board Member of the
Philippine Physical Therapy
Association in December 2023. She
was also a Bursary Program Recipient
during the Physiotherapy Congress
2023 in Dubai UAE and appointed as
member of the Career Progression

Altavas, A., & Bautista, L. (2023).
A Retrospective Survey Of Joint
Mobilization Utilization During
Clinical Internship Of Silliman
University Physical Therapy
Alumni. *Philippine Journal of
Physical Therapy*, 2(3), 21-30.

Programs

The Institute organized a series of
public lectures:

- Angela Borrás on “Sports
Physical Therapy” at Angelo King
Building last June 2023.
- Dr. Kenneth Coo and staff on
“Basic First Aid and Emergency
Response”
- Dr. Andrei Altavas on “MSK
Radiology for PTs”
- Dr. Rosella Komala, on “The
Balance Performance, Falls-
Efficacy, Quality of Life and Social
Participation in Individuals with
Type 2 DM with and without

Partnerships

SPAG sent 27 BS FA interns to
its partner institutions, the



Vestibular Dysfunction”

- ▶ Frances Cadiente, alumnus, on “Wheelchair Assessment”
- ▶ Workshops, public events, and conferences hosted by the Institute:
- ▶ “Drills and Classroom Evacuation” by Princeton E. Apura
- ▶ “Adopting Change in OMPT,” an international conference in collaboration with the Philippine Association of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists
- ▶ “SI Joint an enigma or another link in the chain,” an international conference in collaboration with the Philippine Association of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists
- ▶ “Physical Therapy Migration to other countries,” an international conference in collaboration with the Philippine Association of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists
- ▶ “Management of Lower Extremity Injuries in Soccer and Basketball Athletes” by Darrin Staloch, PT, DPT, OCS, SCS, FAAOMPT, Scotty Wild, PT, DPT, SCS, Ruston Poche, PT DPT, Ehab Khalaf, PT, DPT, David Nguyen, PT, DPT, an international webinar

in collaboration with the Philippine Association of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists last April 2024 via Zoom Online.

- ▶ “Basic Instructional Design to Achieve Program Outcomes for Physical Therapy Educators,” a national event in collaboration with the Philippine Physical Therapy Association
- ▶ Benchmarking event at Nagoya Gakuin University, Japan in October 2024, Nagoya, Japan
- ▶ Faculty and Staff of the Institute of Rehabilitative Sciences, “Echo and Presentation of Experiences during the Nagoya Gakuin Educational and Benchmarking Tour,” last November 2023, via Zoom online.
- ▶ participant to “American Red Cross Basic Life Support” in March to April 2024, Silliman University Medical Center Foundation Inc. (SUMCFI) training program

Events by the SU Valencia Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) and Outpatient (OP) Rehabilitation program:

- ▶ 5th National Disability Prevention

& Rehabilitation Week (NDPR) in July 2024 in Valencia Gymnasium, Negros Oriental

- ▶ “Stride for Stroke” in August 2023 at the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), Quezon Park, Dumaguete City
- ▶ “Stroke Care and Rehabilitation Workshop for the Barangay Health Workers of La Libertad through the efforts of the Stroke Society of the Philippines - Negros Oriental Chapter in Partnership with the Philippine Physical Therapy Association, Inc. - Negros Oriental Chapter and in collaboration with the Municipality of La Libertad in August 2023, La Libertad, Valencia, Negros Oriental
- ▶ “Pag-uswag na Walay pag Duha-duha: A Fall Prevention Program for the Geriatric Population in September 2023, OSCA, Bong-ao, Valencia, Negros Oriental
- ▶ Student Immersion of Nagoya Gakuin University students in September 2023, Municipality of Valencia
- ▶ Rambones Festival in October 2023, Valencia, Negros Oriental
- ▶ “Empowering Lives: Insights into Post Stroke Rehabilitation” in October 2023, OSCA Office, Valencia, Negros Oriental

- ▶ “Life after Stroke Christmas Party” in December 2023 at the Angelo King Building, SU
- ▶ “Stroke Survivors Support Group: Connecting Hearts, One Stroke Story at a Time” in November 2023, Angelo King, SU
- ▶ “Stroke Support 2024: Connecting Hearts, One Stroke Story at a Time— A New Year of Resilience and Hope” in January 2024, Angelo King Building SU
- ▶ “SU 2024 Intramurals Free PT service” in February 2024, Angelo King Building, SU
- ▶ “Sports workshop: Sports injury prevention Slam Dunk: PT Strategies for young ballers” in March 2024 at Balugo National Highschool, Valencia, Negros Oriental

IRS Free Physical Therapy Clinic

- ▶ “ATENSIÓN! HYPER na ba ang all?” in July 2023, IRSFC CI and Interns, Facebook/Instagram
- ▶ “Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World” in August 2023, IRSFC CI and Interns, Pantawan 2, Boulevard, Dumaguete City
- ▶ “Paguswag na Walay Pagduha— duha” in September 2023, IRSFC and Valencia CI and Interns, Bong-Ao, Valencia
- ▶ “Eye-on! Malinaw na ang Cataracts at Glaucoma” in

October 2023, IRSFC CI and Interns, SU Medical students association, Dr. Frances Yap, Bgy Tinago, Dumaguete City

- ▶ “Empowering lives after stroke”, Stroke Support Group” in November 2023, IRSFC and SU Valencia CI and Interns, IRS Faculty, SU Angelo King Building
- ▶ “Conquering New Heights – Slowly but Surely,” in January 2024, IRSFC CI and Interns, IRS Faculty, SU Angelo King Building
- ▶ “Stay on Track, PT’s Got Your Back”, in February 2024, IRSFC CI and Interns, IRS Faculty, Cimafranca Ballfield and SU Gym, Silliman University
- ▶ “Fixing Pain – Making Gains: Be a Physical Therapy Student” in April 2024, IRSFC CI and Interns, via Zoom
- ▶ Below is a comprehensive list of the activities attended by Dr. Bautista, showcasing her engagement in various professional and academic events:
- ▶ served as a member of the organizing committee, during the imPeTus 2023: Forging the Future for a Transformed and Responsive PT Practice (PPTA National Convention), last December 2023, at the University of Santo Tomas, Sampaloc Manila
- ▶ served as a resource speaker on “Thesis Motivation Presentation” by Dr. Dave E. Marcial (Dr. Mariano C. Lao Global Studies

Center), in April 2024, at Angelo King Building

- ▶ served as Guest speaker on “Vestibular Rehabilitation,” last June 2023, in San Pedro College, Davao
- ▶ assisted by students and faculty members of SU IRS. she served as Guest speaker on “Cervical Clinical Practice Guidelines,” last October 2023, in Nagoya Gakuin University, Japan
- ▶ served as Research presenter, on “Why do people of Valencia, Negros Oriental burn their trash?” in November 2023, via Zoom
- ▶ served as Research presenter, on “Research and extension participation of physical therapy faculty members in the presence of intrinsic-extrinsic motivators and related criteria in performance appraisals” during the imPeTus 2023: Forging the Future for a Transformed and Responsive PT Practice (PPTA National Convention), last December 2023, at the University of Santo Tomas, Sampaloc Manila
- ▶ served as Plenary presenter, on “WHO Rehabilitation Packages?” during the imPeTus 2023: Forging the Future for a Transformed and Responsive PT Practice (PPTA National Convention), last December 2023, at the University of Santo Tomas, Sampaloc Manila.
- ▶ served as Focused Symposium





- ▶ Facilitator, on “The Right Clinical Decisions for Lumbar Radiculopathy” during the imPeTus 2023: Forging the Future for a Transformed and Responsive PT Practice (PPTA National Convention) in December 2023 at the University of Santo Tomas, Sampaloc Manila.
- ▶ served as Networking session Facilitator, on “Manual Therapy” during the imPeTus 2023: Forging the Future for a Transformed and Responsive PT Practice (PPTA National Convention), in December 2023, at the University of Santo Tomas, Sampaloc Manila.
- ▶ member of the Technical Working Group. World Health organization on “Basic Rehabilitation Package Clinical Resource” June 2023, via asynchronous work
- ▶ participated in World Physiotherapy Congress, June 2023, in Dubai, UAE
- ▶ participated in WHO Rehab 2023 Launching (Hyflex) in July 2023 via Zoom

- ▶ participated in Training Seminar on Publishing Social Science Research: Writing Manuscripts for SCOPUS and WOS Journals in July 2023, via Zoom
- ▶ participated in Teachings meeting 2023, Ghent, September 2023, via Zoom
- ▶ participated in AI training, September 2023, via Zoom
- ▶ participated in Generative AI content and Pedagogy, October 2023 via Zoom
- ▶ participated in Using Generative AI in Research, speaker Dr. Marcial in May 2024, via Zoom

Meanwhile, the following highlights the involvement of Maripel M. Bulfa’s involvement in professional and academic events:

- ▶ “Tampok 2023 Colloquium” in October 2023 at the Theater Artists of the Philippines/ Bethel Guest House, Dumaguete City
- ▶ “UCLEM- Galilean Fellowship Bible Study” on November 5, 2023, Freshmen Students/ Silliman University and “UCLEM-

- Galilean Fellowship Bible Study” on March 2024, Level IV PT student/Silliman University (facilitator/Bible study leader)
- ▶ NDC annual assembly in May 2024 with Level IV PT student at SU
- ▶ “Musculoskeletal Radiology for Physical Therapists” in June 2023 via Zoom
- ▶ “Special Lecture: The Balance Performance, Falls-Efficacy and Quality of Life in Type 2 Diabetes with and without Vestibular Dysfunction” in August 2023 via Zoom
- ▶ “Improving Student Learning through the Development of Critical and Creative Thinking and Doing” in May 2024 at the SU Katipunan Hall
- ▶ “Basic First Aid” in June 2023 at Silliman Hall with Minerva G. Marcial, Dr. Bautista, and Asst. Prof. Salera
- ▶ “Training Seminar On Publishing Social Science Research: Writing Manuscripts for SCOPUS and WOS Journals” in July 2023 at the Silliman Hall and “Basic Life Support (CPR & AED) Program”

in March to April, 2024, SU Medical Center, Daro, Dumaguete City with Marcial and Dr. Bautista

- ▶ “PAOMPT 6th International Virtual Conference: Adopting Change in OMPT” with Marcial, Asst. Prof. Salera, and Severino M. Torres, Jr. in November 2023, via Zoom
- ▶ “The Sacroiliac Joint: An Enigma or Just Another Link in the Chain” with Marcial in January 2024 via Zoom

Asst. Prof. Minerva G. Marcial, faculty member, engaged in “Using Chat GPT and Other Generative AI for Crafting Test Questions, Rubrics, and Scoring Student Responses” in April 2024, via Zoom and “Seminar on Microcredentialing” in February 2024 at Mariano Lao Hall.

Jarome Rey T. Simon spoke at the “Seminar on Osteoporosis” last November 2023 at the Valencia Tourism Office. He also delivered a message on FBC-AOA 32 Founding Anniversary Celebration in February

2024 in Piapi, Dumaguete City.

Then, together with Hazelyn Pabiana, Simon participated in “Orthopedic Manual. Therapy on Peripheral Joints” in July 2023, Velez College, Cebu. They also attended another conference called “Impetus 2023, PPTA conference” in December 2023 at the University of Sto. Tomas, Manila with faculty members Erwin F. Arapols, Roselle Franz B. Felisilda, Blaire Dennise D. Banzuela, and Amiel May C. Tilos.

Asst. Prof. Salera and Gian Vicuña held a Balik-Talent lecture about “PT Experiences in Hawaii” to PT students in August 2023. Asst. Prof. Salera is also serving as Vice-President of Praesidium Mother Most Pure, Legion of Mary.

Asst. Prof. Cyflor E. Putong, faculty member, served on “Seminar on Osteoporosis with Bone Density Testing; Management of Osteoporosis” last November 2023, at the Valencia Tourism Office, Negros

Oriental.

Partnerships

Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) were signed with various affiliation centers for internship of the students. The Institute’s local and national partners include:

- ▶ Silliman University Medical Center (SUMC), Dumaguete City
- ▶ Silliman University Marina Mission Community Based Rehab Program (SUMMCBRP), Dauin, Negros Oriental
- ▶ Negros Oriental Provincial Hospital (NOPH), Dumaguete City
- ▶ SU-Institute of Rehabilitative Sciences Free Clinic, Dumaguete City
- ▶ SU-IRS-Valencia OPD and CBR, Valencia, Negros Oriental
- ▶ Ace Hospital, Dumaguete City
- ▶ City Social Welfare Development
- ▶ Adventist Medical Center. Bacolod City



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ANTHROPOLOGY MUSEUM

People

The Anthropology Museum was visited by 8,089 local and foreign visitors from June 2023 to May 2024. This is an increase of 86.29% from last year's statistics of 4,342. Many private and public schools in Negros and neighboring provinces visited the museum this school year.

Month	Local		Foreign		Total
	Adults	Students	Adults	Students	
JUNE	296	168	55	27	546
JULY	274	226	41	65	607
AUGUST	301	365	60	5	731
SEPT	200	417	28	8	653
OCT	89	601	22	7	719
NOV	135	669	59	5	868
DEC	142	181	31		354
JAN	151	107	71	9	338
FEB	344	226	170	37	777
MAR	222	624	81	4	931
APR	343	408	51	0	802
MAY	313	373	47	30	763
JUNE	481	363	35	18	897
JULY	388	202	110	30	730
TOTAL	2810	4365	716	197	8089

Programs

The Dr. Angel C. Alcala Memorabilia was exhibited at the Anthropology Museum from August to December 2023. Dr. Hilconida P. Calumpong from the Institute of Environmental and Marine Sciences (IEMS) gave a tribute message to Dr. Alcala during the exhibit's opening. This event was attended by the family of Dr. Alcala, the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) faculty, staff, students, and the Silliman alumni community in August 2023 at the Anthropology Museum exhibit area.

The Anthropology Museum together with the Junior Anthropologists and Sociologists of Silliman (JASS) held a research forum entitled "Decoding the Human Experience." Senior Anthropology and Sociology students presented their research results. This was attended by HUMSS students taking Research in Daily Life and other CAS students. This was held at the Anthropology Museum in March 2024.



Partnerships

The Anthropology Museum partnered with the SU Senior High Department for their student immersion program. Six graduating HUMSS students went through orientation, toured the museum visitors, and performed other museum work alongside our guides in April 2024.

CULTURE AND ARTS COUNCIL

People

The Silliman University Culture and Arts Council (SUCAC) was awarded by the Cultural Center of the Philippines the KSSLAP Award in recognition of the Visayan individuals and organizations who have exemplified commendable work and services in cultural and artistic endeavors and have been at the forefront of research, development, preservation, education, and promotion of arts and culture in Visayas for at least ten (10) years or more.

Programs

The 61st Cultural Season marked a significant milestone in advancing the university's commitment to nurturing arts as part of holistic education. Post-pandemic, student attendance steadily improved, and returning to stage performances ensured quality and excellence across various art forms. The season also fostered collaborations with partner institutions, art collaborators, and artists nationwide. Throughout SY 2022-2023, ten major events were successfully staged online.

- ▶ August 2023: Una Voce with SU Campus Choristers
- ▶ September 2023: Strings Delight with SU String Ensemble
- ▶ October 2023: Ang Mikado with Artista Sillimaniana
- ▶ November 2023: Biyahe SU Concert Band
- ▶ December 2023: Loboc Children's Choir
- ▶ January 2024: SU Dance Troupe
- ▶ February 2024: Valentine Songwriting Competition
- ▶ March 2024: Philippine Opera Company
- ▶ April 2024: YATTA's Pulang Langub
- ▶ May 2024: "In God We Trust" with Yuko Takahashi's Dance Company and SU Dance Troupe

SU, through the CAC, hosted the 1st Philippine Music and Culture Summit (PMCS). About 280 cultural enthusiasts and leaders from all over the country participated in the 3-day summit. This project is in partnership with the City Tourism Office of Dumaguete, and the Office of Mayor Felipe Antonio Remollo. The 1st Philippine Music and Culture, with the theme "Gasa Sa Kinaiyahan" is supported by Friends of the Environment of Negros Oriental (FENOR) and the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA) Music Committee. The event had three objectives:



- ▶ identify ways music and culture can build bridges and promote positive change.
- ▶ mount panels, performances, and workshops reflecting excellent contemporary musical practice in diversity, aesthetics, and pedagogy
- ▶ gather ideas about the role of music and culture in improving our world
- ▶ showcase creative solutions, policies, and strategies addressing the need for cultural diversity and responsibility in the present music industries.

(Advocacy Talk on Inclusion and Literacy) featured Rolando Villamero Jr., Inclusive Education specialist for the Middle East for Humanity in Education, and Zacharias Mansing, Person with Disability advocate. The session aimed to inspire participants to reflect on and advance their advocacies as educators through the testimonials of Silliman University (SU) alumni. Junior and senior students from the College attended the event.

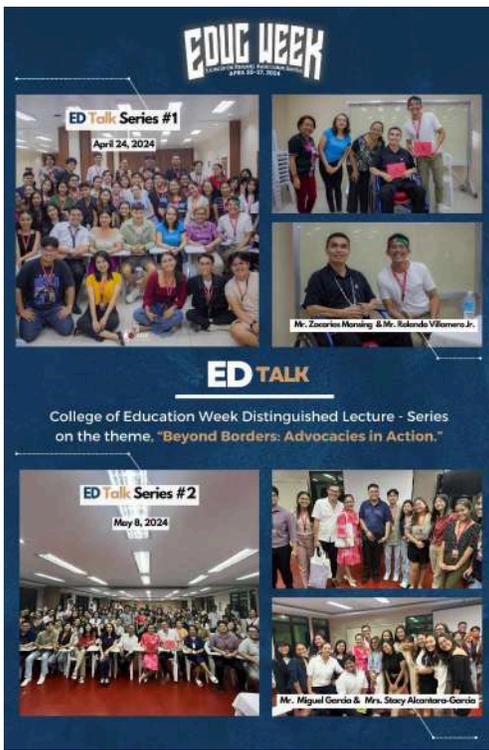
In May 2024, the ED Talk Series #5 featured Stacy Danika Alcantara Garcia, Foreign Service Officer II, and Miguel Barretto-Garcia, PhD in Neuroeconomics. They presented the topics "What the Real World Taught Me About Thriving in the Real World" and "The Value of Curiosity and the Courage to Ask," respectively. The session aimed to create a forum where participants could learn from accomplished alumni about navigating life after graduation from Silliman and to inspire participants to recognize the importance of soft skills in the workplace.

In October 2023, Mr. Renelito Caballo, Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) Trainer and SU Junior High School (JHS) faculty, and Asst. Prof. Kristine N. Busmion, PEAC Trainer and JHS principal, conducted the "2023 CELTA Pre-Service Training Session: Designing

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING, TEACHING, AND ASSESSMENT (CELTA)

Programs

In April 2024, the College of Education (COE) Week ED Talk



Assessment and Activities with the Learning Goal of Making Meaning" at Katipunan Hall. The session aimed to orient participants on the DepEd Curriculum Guide for their major specialization and the K-12 Learning Outcomes. A total of 60 SU student teachers actively participated in the training.

Caballo and Asst. Prof. Busmion also facilitated the session "Engaging Students to be Reflective and Self-Directed Learners in their Achievement of the K-12 Learning Outcomes in the New Normal" at SU Hall. The training aimed to equip participants with skills to plan lessons using the Understanding by Design (UbD) framework and to design assessments and activities that promote meaning-making and critical thinking.

Partnerships

In May 2024, Dr. Juditha Mapue, Curriculum Implementation Division chief at DepEd Dumaguete, led the "Orientation on the Hiring Procedure for DepEd Teachers" at Katipunan Hall. The session aimed to equip graduating seniors with essential job entry skills and knowledge of the application processes for DepEd teaching posts.

In August 2023, a Zoom webinar titled "Unpacking RA 11650: The Disability-Inclusive Education Law" was conducted. The session featured Villamero Jr., Regional Inclusive Education Technical Specialist for Humanity & Inclusion (HI) - Middle East, as the key speaker. Villamero discussed the salient features of Republic Act (RA) 11650, its implications, application, and the challenges it presents for schools. The event was attended by junior and senior students, as well as faculty members from the College.

In August 2023, an event titled "COE Alumni Memoirs (On Volunteerism and National Service)" was held. The session featured Sharon Rose Dadang-Rafols, a volunteer with Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) in Uganda and Nigeria, and Dr. MacArthur F. Corsino, former Ambassador of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). The event aimed to inspire participants to engage in volunteer

work, advance their advocacies, and reflect on living a purposeful and meaningful life.

In September 2024, Fredlie P. Bucog and Asst. Prof. Alfie Q. Arcelo led the session "Navigating mySOUL as a Student Teacher: Essentials in Setting Up and Managing a Virtual Classroom" at the Dr. Mariano C. Lao Computer Laboratory. The session aimed to equip student teachers with the skills to effectively use mySOUL for student teaching. A total of 60 student teachers and student teacher supervisors actively participated in the event.

In May 2024, the Philippine Red Cross team conducted the "Safety Services: Emergency First Aid" session at SU Hall. The training aimed to equip participants with essential skills needed by teachers when responding to school-related emergency situations.



CENTER FOR TROPICAL CONSERVATION STUDIES (CENTROP)

People

In December 2023, Jocelyn Elise B. Inocencio co-authored an article titled “New Host Plant Record and Some Notes on the Partial Life History of *Anthene lycaenina* (Lepidoptera: Lycaenidae) from Negros Island, Philippines,” published in the *Journal of the Lepidopterists' Society*, 74(4), 243-246 (Inocencio, 2023).

In May 2024, Juhanna Claire V. Singh conducted her undergraduate thesis titled “The Use of Enrichment as a Tool to Encourage Exploratory Behavior and Improve the Overall Welfare of Captive Visayan Warty Pig (*Sus cebifrons negrinus*) at CENTROP, Daro, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental.” The study focused on using enrichment strategies to enhance exploratory behavior and promote the welfare of captive Visayan warty pigs at CENTROP.

In February 2024, Asst. Prof. Leandro S. Cabrera, CENTROP coordinator, shared the best practices of CENTROP during the workshop titled “Citizen Science in Conservation Research,” organized by the Talarak Foundation in Bayawan City.

Programs

CENTROP’s Conservation Breeding Program continues to advance its efforts in captive breeding of three key Western Visayas species, contributing to global initiatives to prevent the total extinction of endangered species. The program focuses on species located at both the AY Reyes Garden in Daro, Dumaguete City, and the Silliman University

Environmental Resource Learning Center in Palininon, Valencia.

The species and their current populations in the facilities include:

- ▷ The critically endangered Negros Bleeding-heart Pigeon (*Gallicolumba keayi*) with 49 individuals;
- ▷ The critically endangered Visayan Warty Pig with 36 individuals; and
- ▷ The endangered Philippine Spotted Deer with 48 individuals.

Meanwhile, the Environmental Education and Community Extension Programs actively manage three key facilities of Silliman University, supporting its mission of environmental education and community outreach. These facilities include the:

- ▷ AY Reyes Botanical and Zoological Garden located on Ipil Street, Barangay Daro, Dumaguete City.
- ▷ Silliman University Environmental Resource Learning Center in Palininon, Valencia.
- ▷ James W. Chapman Field Research Station in BongBong, Valencia.

Among these, only the AY Reyes Botanical and Zoological Garden is open to the general public in a limited capacity. This garden plays a unique role in wildlife education, serving as a resource for both formal and informal learning. It promotes the conservation of the country’s biodiversity by maintaining a wildlife education display that fosters awareness and understanding of environmental preservation.

In coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Tourism (DOT), and other institutions, CENTROP participated in the simultaneous Annual Waterbird Census 2024 held

in January 2024. This annual activity aims to monitor the status of migratory waterbirds, contributing to ongoing conservation efforts.

In April 2024, CENTROP hosted a lecture by Matt Ward, Talarak Foundation, Inc. executive director, titled “Monitoring Wildlife: Tracks, Telemetry, and Traps.”

In March 2024, Crocodylus Porosus Philippines, Inc. (CPPI) conducted a hands-on training workshop for CENTROP staff on the catching and handling of the Philippine Freshwater Crocodile at the Marine Laboratory.

Finally, CENTROP’s Biodiversity Conservation Research Program, serving as the terrestrial research arm of the Biology Department, conducted various biodiversity and conservation research initiatives during Academic Year 2023-2024. These initiatives aimed to contribute to ecological preservation and scientific understanding.

CENTROP participated in the following research projects:

- ▶ The SU-EDC Biodiversity Conservation Monitoring Program, which aimed to assess flora and fauna indicator species, including freshwater parameters, to evaluate the ecological condition and trends within the landscape of the EDC Southern Negros Geothermal Plant in Valencia.
- ▶ The Microsatellite Cross-species Amplification and Utilization in Population Genetic Analysis of the Captive-Bred Visayan Spotted Deer (*Rusa alfredi*), conducted in collaboration with the Biology Department as part of the Philippines International Research Experience for Students (Ph-IRES) Project.
- ▶ The Philippine Spotted Deer Genetic Diversity Project, where CENTROP collaborated with two other conservation breeding facilities to enhance the conservation and breeding program for the Philippine/Visayan Spotted Deer. This project utilized molecular-based approaches to promote natural resiliency and was funded by the

Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

Partnerships

Since 2013, Silliman University (SU) has maintained a partnership with Bristol Zoo (Bristol, Clifton, and West of England Zoological Society - BZS) under a Memorandum of Understanding. This collaboration aims to enhance the conservation breeding efforts for the Negros bleeding-heart dove (*Gallicolumba keayi*), Visayan warty pig (*Sus cebifrons negrinus*), and Visayan spotted deer (*Rusa alfredi*) at CENTROP. The partnership focuses on improving animal welfare and biosecurity practices while fostering collaborative efforts for the conservation of endemic species housed at CENTROP.

The Ontario Silliman University Alumni Association (ONSUAA) and SU signed a 4-year Memorandum of Agreement for the "SU-ONSUAA Negros Bleeding-Heart Pigeon Supplemental Conservation Breeding Project." This project aims to support and strengthen the conservation breeding program for the Negros Bleeding-Heart Pigeon at CENTROP, contributing to the long-term preservation of this critically endangered species.

The Energy Development Corporation (EDC) and SU, through CENTROP, partnered in two significant initiatives during 2023-2024 to advance environmental conservation and biodiversity preservation:

- ▶ The SU-EDC Biodiversity Conservation Monitoring Program, an annual monitoring activity that aims to assess flora and fauna indicator species, including freshwater parameters, to evaluate the ecological condition and trends within the EDC Southern Negros Geothermal Plant (SNGP) landscape. This partnership, ongoing since 2017, is implemented by the Biology Department and CENTROP.
- ▶ The SU-EDC Binhi Arboretum, established through a Memorandum of Agreement

(MOA), focuses on creating an arboretum of native tree species from across the Philippines at the Silliman University Environmental Resource Learning Center (SUERLC) in Palinpinon, Valencia. The arboretum is part of EDC's nationwide Binhi Program, which promotes reforestation, climate change mitigation, and biodiversity preservation. During Academic Year 2023-2024, efforts progressed toward completing the arboretum markers in alignment with the MOA.

Finally, CENTROP holds a seat on the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) of the Balinsasayaw-Twin Lakes Natural Park (BTLNP), a protected area declared under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) of the Philippines for its biodiversity conservation importance. As a member of the PAMB, CENTROP actively contributes to the management of the BTLNP, participating in decision-making on budget allocations and planning initiatives related to the conservation and sustainable management of the natural park.

EDILBERTO AND EDITH TIEMPO CREATIVE WRITING CENTER (CWC)

People

English and Literature Department faculty Angela Gabrielle F. Flores, secretariat member of the Edilberto and Edith Tiempo Creative Writing Center (CWC) and the Silliman University National Writers



Workshop (SUNWW), is the author of the poem "The Shores of Temptation" published on Ghost City Press, Ghost City Review in October 2023.

Flores is also the author of the essay "After May Day Eve: Dumaguete's Thriving Creative Scene," which appeared on VOGUE Philippines in November 2023.

Asst. Prof. Ian Fermin R. Casocot, CWC Writing Associate for Fiction, earned second place across various categories at the 2023 Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature: the short story (for his entry "Don't Follow Me, I don't Even Know Where I'm Going"), the one-act play ("The Midsummer of Manuel Arguilla"), and the Poetry Written for Children Category ("Bisaya for All that We Gugma"). Asst. Prof. Casocot attended the awarding ceremony in November 2023.

Programs

The English and Literature Department and the CWC hosted the 61st SUNWW, the oldest creative writing workshop in Asia, from June to July 2023. With Dinah Roma serving as its director-in-residence, the two-week workshop awarded 12 fellowships to aspiring writers whose



works were critiqued by a distinguished panel of mentors. The workshop was sponsored by SU and the National Commission for the Culture and the Arts (NCCA).

CWC, together with the English and Literature Department, launched the poetry collection *It's Time to Come Home* by multi-awarded poet and Outstanding Silliman Awardee (OSA) Dr. Marjorie Evasco in December 2023, at the Romeo Ariniego Art Gallery. The book is described as "an omnibus collection spanning half a century of the author's career as one of the country's finest and beloved writers."

CWC and the English and Literature Department, in partnership with the Silliman University Library System through the Silliman University English Society, organized the All-University Love Letter Writing Contest in February 2024.

Asst. Prof. Casocot, award-winning writer, cultural worker, and educator, delivered a lecture titled "Writing the Literary History of Negros Oriental" during the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Week at SU. Organized by the English and Literature Department in collaboration with the CWC, the lecture took place at the SU Multipurpose Hall, where Asst. Prof. Casocot shared his preliminary findings on the region's literature from 1900 to 2008.

CWC and the English and Literature Department launched

Between the Blues, the 2024 edition of the literary folio, *Sands and Coral*, in March 2024, at the Romeo Ariniego Gallery. In coordination with the Silliman Fine Arts Department of the College of Performing and Visual Arts (COPVA), this edition was launched during the Fine Arts Department's Xerox Xerox Lang (XXL) Zine and Print Fair, in March 2024. Senior students from the English and Literature Department comprised the editorial team. Aaron James D. Jalalon, part-time faculty of the English and Literature Department and CWC secretariat, was this edition's adviser, while Flores served as the resource person for the editorial team. The folio featured poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and artwork from 22 bona fide contributors across SU.

CWC, together with the English and Literature Department and the

Language Learning Center (LLC), organized a lecture by OSA and visiting professor, Dr. Evasco. Her lecture, titled "The Pleasurable Art Practice of Literary Translation: From Self-Translation to Collaborative, Interactive Translation," was held at the SU Assembly Hall in May 2024. Dr. Evasco served as a visiting professor at the English and Literature Department from April to May 2024.

The English and Literature Department and CWC organized a series of craft talks and an intensive poetry workshop led by Dr. Evasco with select Creative Writing majors. The event was held in May 2024, at the AH Conference Room. Flores, together with SUNWW alumnus Vince V. Agcaoili, joined Dr. Evasco as panelists of the workshop, who served as a visiting professor at the English and Literature Department from April to May 2024.

Partnerships

SUNWW, the flagship program of the CWC, has been partnering with the NCCA since 2008 to continue providing fellowships to 10 to 15 promising and aspiring writers throughout the country whose works are discussed by an esteemed panel of writers and scholars. SU and the NCCA continue the legacy of Edilberto Tiempo and Edith Tiempo who founded the workshop in 1962. The



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OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION

Programs

From June 2023 to May 2024, the Silliman University (SU) Office of Instruction (OI) welcomed universities for benchmarking activities of SU's different academic and non-academic programs. Among these were:

- ▶ College of Business Administration's (CBA) MBA Program with Notre Dame of Jolo College, Jolo, Sulu
- ▶ College of Agriculture (COA), Extension Office, Registrar's Office, University Clinic, Business & Finance Office, Physical Education Facilities, and OD-HRM office with Surigao Del Norte State University, Surigao City (Main Campus)
- ▶ CBA's BS in Business Administration with Biliran Province State University
- ▶ College of Arts and Sciences's (CAS) Psychology and Sociology Programs with Central Mindanao University (CMU), Bukidnon
- ▶ College of Education's (COE) Teacher Education Department with Philippine Normal University Visayas, Cadiz City
- ▶ College of Nursing (SUCN) with West Visayas State University, Iloilo City
- ▶ Graduate Education Programs and the Dr. Mariano C. Lao Global Studies Center (GSC) with Central Mindanao Colleges
- ▶ OI, Research and Development Center (RDC), OD-HRM office, Office of Student Services (OSS), and GSC with Carlos Hilado Memorial State University,

Negros Occidental
▶ COE's Teacher Education Department with University of Bohol, Tagbilaran

In February 2024, OI facilitated a faculty training for the Junior High School Department titled "Improving Student Learning through the Development of Critical and Creative Thinking Skills" spearheaded by Renelito C. Caballo, resource speaker.

Finally, two more faculty training programs were organized by OI in May 2024, including "Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Training," designed for faculty members of the COA, the Institute of Rehabilitative Sciences's (IRS) Physical Therapy, the Institute of Clinical Laboratory Sciences's (ICLS) Medical Technology, the College of Performing and Visual Arts's (COPVA) Music Department, CAS's Social Work Department, and the Senior High School (SHS) Department, and "Training on Critical and Creative Thinking and Doing" for COPVA's Music Department, CAS's Social Work Department, IRS's Physical Therapy, ICLS's Medical Technology, and SHS Department.

INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER (IMTC)

IMTC has been actively collaborating with the Office of Information and Publication (OIP), the Recruitment Office, and the College of Mass Communication (CMC) to produce the weekly #Silliman TV program. This initiative showcases the university's dynamic community and key updates, airing every Monday on Channel 6, FilProducts Service Television, Inc.,

and streaming on the university's social media platforms, including Facebook and YouTube. Through this partnership, IMTC strengthens its commitment to promoting Silliman University's achievements and engaging a wider audience.

IMTC continues to serve as an academic-support unit by providing its Audio-Visual Theater-1 (AVT-1) and Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) as venues for various university activities. These spaces facilitate a wide range of events, contributing to the dynamic academic and extracurricular life of the university community.

Finally, IMTC remains in its commitment to providing its essential operations by providing sound, lighting, video, and livestreaming services for various university events. It supports activities organized by different colleges and departments, including lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences, acquaintances, and recitals. IMTC also plays a key role in university-led events such as commencement exercises, Founders Day, intramurals, college week, convocations, and many others, ensuring seamless technical execution and enhancing the overall event experience.

Some of the key events highlighting the vital support of IMTC include:

- ▶ Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Maria Ressa Lecture and Book Signing in August 2023 at the AVT-1.
- ▶ Marshall McLuhan Forum Series on Responsible Media with veteran journalist Karmina Constatino (2022 McLuhan Fellow) in March 2024 at the AVT-1.
- ▶ Music Therapy Lecture in April 2024 at the MPR.

JUSTICE AND

PEACE CENTER

interactive segments, facilitators emphasized empathy, compassion, and active participation in social justice.

In October 2023, the Center, in partnership with the ecumenical community of Dumaguete City, co-organized the Ecumenical Walk for Creation to celebrate the Season of Creation 2023. Starting at 5:00 AM at Rizal Boulevard's Pantawan, participants from various faith communities united to promote environmental stewardship. Themed "Let Justice and Peace Flow," inspired by Amos 5:24, the walk encouraged reflection on shared responsibilities toward creation and justice. Prayers, reflections, and songs accompanied the walk, as participants carried banners advocating for ecological responsibility, sustainability, and peace, highlighting the link between environmental and social justice, and serving as both an act of solidarity and a call to action—especially for the Tinago community—to address environmental concerns and support policies that promote ecological justice.

Finally, the Center co-organized the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with Dumaguete's ecumenical community. The launch took place at the Cathedral of St. Andrew the Apostle in Daro, bringing together members from the Roman Catholic Church, Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI), United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), seminarians from Silliman University and St. Joseph Seminary College, and youth groups from YIFI-Dinos, UCCP NSDC-Christian Youth Fellowship, and the Focolare Movement.

Partnerships

The Center, through SUDS, has established meaningful partnerships with various campus-based organizations and church-related groups, strengthening its mission to promote justice, peace, and community engagement.

DAKILA, an advocacy group

using art, media, and education to promote social justice, shares the Silliman University Divinity School's commitment to empowerment. Their collaboration fosters awareness in human rights, peace, and justice through events that engage students and communities in critical thinking and active citizenship, especially in advocating for the marginalized.

SUDS, as part of SU's United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) affiliation, nurtures future church leaders and promotes servant leadership, justice, and compassion. Joint activities like worship services, leadership training, and social justice initiatives strengthen their shared mission of fostering a transformative Christian presence in society.

The Divinity School's partnership with the Presbyterian Church (USA) (PCUSA) has strengthened theological education, social responsibility, and community outreach. PCUSA's support has expanded programs and provided students with cross-cultural learning and ministry opportunities.

SUDS' partnership with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Negros Oriental fosters ecumenical dialogue and unity through joint events like the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, ecumenical services, and social outreach. This collaboration promotes social justice and encourages cooperation between Catholic and Protestant communities for the common good.

SUDS' partnership with Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI), grounded in shared values of faith, independence, and social justice, involves joint religious services, outreach, and advocacy programs addressing poverty, inequality, and environmental issues. This collaboration enriches students' ecumenical experience and fosters unity among Christian denominations in the region.

Since 2018, SUDS has actively participated in the Ecumenical Fellowship of Negros Oriental, engaging in interfaith activities that

Programs

The Silliman University Divinity School (SUDS), through its Justice and Peace Center, organized an event to commemorate the 51st anniversary of the Martial Law declaration in the Philippines. In partnership with DAKILA and the broader SU community, the event honored those who endured and resisted Martial Law, reaffirming a commitment to justice, peace, and truth. Through speeches, discussions, and reflections, participants revisited the era's historical impact, emphasizing the importance of learning from the past to prevent future injustices. The initiative highlighted the Divinity School's dedication to promoting democratic values, critical thinking, and human rights.

In September 2023, the Center hosted the Peace and Human Rights Education Forum at the SU Multimedia Room, facilitated by resource person Gary Granada. The forum aimed to promote awareness and understanding of peace and human rights. Pastors and priests from the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) and Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI) also participated, with students, faculty, and community members engaging in meaningful dialogue, exploring challenges and solutions to achieving peace and protecting human rights.

The Center co-organized the Peace and Human Rights Advocacy Through Theater workshop at the SU Chapel of Evangel in September 2023. Led by Dessa Quesada-Palm and the Youth Advocates Through Theater Arts (YATTA), the event was attended by Divinity students, Saint Joseph seminarians, and members of the Christian Youth Fellowship. Using theater as an engaging medium, the workshop addressed issues surrounding peace and human rights. Through performances and

foster understanding and cooperation among Christian denominations. Through ecumenical walks, peace forums, and environmental campaigns, SUDS collaborates with faith-based organizations to promote justice, peace, and environmental stewardship.

Layague, a history professor, whose daughter—married into the Johnson family—helped establish the award. This recognition serves as both enrichment and merit, highlighting the dedication and long-time service of guidance counselors, librarians, and Registrar’s Office personnel.

WILEY, in partnership with MegaTEXT Phil., Inc., presented the Award of Appreciation to the Silliman University Library System in recognition of its valuable and steadfast partnership with the Wiley Online Books-Consortium under the Academic Libraries Book Acquisition Systems Association, Inc. (ALBASA). The awarding ceremony took place in February 2024 at Acacia Hotel, Davao City, Philippines.

Silliman University Library personnel actively engaged in various professional development activities to enhance their expertise and keep up with emerging trends in the field.

Sarah Mae Salares and Arlene Nuñez participated in several webinars throughout 2023. In November, they attended a PLAI webinar on Library Engagement in Literacy and Reading Strategies. Earlier in September, they joined a PLAI-NIRLC & NOCLA webinar on Libraries Today: The Effects of the Pandemic and Its Direction. In August, they took part in a DOST-STII webinar focused on Promoting Inclusivity, Diversity, Equality, and Anti-Racism in Libraries.

Rosalina Dinoy, Sharmaine Galapate, and Elmark Gerasol represented the library at the PLAI Centennial National Congress in November 2023, held at the SMX Convention Center, Clark Angeles, Pampanga. Their participation reinforced the university’s commitment to professional growth and engagement with national library initiatives.

Sharmaine Galapate continued her involvement in multiple learning opportunities. In February 2024, she attended the 14th Davao Online and Information Seminar at Acacia Hotel, Davao City. The following month, in March, she participated in a webinar on AI and Data Management for Libraries. In May, she joined a session on Browser Privacy Changes and IP Access for Libraries. She also attended the DOST-STII webinar on Promoting Inclusivity, Diversity, Equality, and Anti-Racism in Libraries in August 2023.

Ana Tinio Santisteban, the Elementary School Librarian, attended various webinars in April 2024. She participated in a session on FOLIO: Simplifying Library Workflow, followed by the 2024 Buknayan: Talakayan sa Pampublikong Aklatan (10th), organized by the National Library of the Philippines. Additionally, she joined the OUTREACH 3: Library Tools and Protocols/Digital Collection Management webinar conducted by the University of Rizal System.

ROBERT B. AND METTA J. SILLIMAN LIBRARY

People

The Silliman University Library received a Certificate of Patronage from the Academic Libraries Book Acquisition Systems Association (ALBASA), Inc. in recognition of its exemplary contribution and performance in 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023. ALBASA awarded the certificate during a ceremony at Vivace Events Center, Cebu Ocean Park, SM Seaside Complex, Mambaling, Cebu City in July 2023.

In May 2024, Sharmaine Luba-Galapate, Digital Services Librarian at Silliman University Library, successfully presented her design hearing as part of the requirements for completing her Master’s in Library and Information Science at Cebu Normal University, Cebu City.

In April 2024, Ana Tinio Santisteban, Elementary School Librarian, received the Layague-Johnson Professional Excellence Award during the Faculty and Staff Recognition Day at Silliman University Hall. Established in 2003, the Layague-Johnson Award honors outstanding professional service among Silliman employees. It commemorates Carolina Layague, a former librarian, and Aquilino





Octzen Burt Elum actively engaged in multiple learning sessions. In July 2024, he attended a webinar on Philippine Libraries and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and in June, he explored Cloud-Based Services and Technologies for Libraries. His participation continued in May, with a webinar on Press Freedom in Article Writing for Libraries. In April, he attended the CLR Learning Session on Digital Citizenship in Libraries and an EBSCO Live Webinar on FOLIO: Simplifying Library Workflow. In February 2024, he joined a DOST-STII Library Webinar on Innovation

for Future-Proof Learning. Earlier, in October 2023, he participated in a DOST-STII Library Hybrid Seminar on Handling Complaints and Difficult Client Discussions, and in November 2023, he attended a PLAII webinar on Library Engagement in Literacy and Reading Strategies.

Programs

In January 2022, American Corner Dumaguete (ACD) hosted the Martin Luther King Day of Service at Silliman Hall, bringing together over 100 student leaders for an engaging session on studying in the United States. Roch Miguel from

EducationUSA led the event via Zoom, providing valuable insights into school selection, application processes, and academic opportunities in the U.S. It was held in collaboration with the Harvard Philippine Forum, Silliman University Office of Student Services, and Silliman University Student Government.

In March 2023, ACD proudly celebrated International Women's Month by hosting #iProtect: Women's Rights at AVT, Silliman University. The event featured Atty. Sheena Alesna, an IVLP alumna, and Kelly del Rosario, who shared inspiring stories of empowerment and success, particularly highlighting the ShexEarth Project. With 30 attendees, including future social workers from Silliman University and GWAVE Dumaguete personnel, the event fostered meaningful dialogue on gender equality and women's rights.

In April 2023, the Library celebrated English Language Day with an engaging and interactive discussion on English Language Proficiency Skills led by Dr. Walito S. Caturay Jr., Chair of the English Department at SU and a Fulbright





Scholar Alum. The event attracted 65 enthusiastic participants from various institutions, including Asian College Dumaguete, COSCA, Metro Dumaguete College, Sibulan National High School - Balugo Extension, and Foundation University.

ADC hosted an event on World Press Freedom in May 2023, focusing on the "Challenges of Local Journalists on Freedom of Information." Raffy Cabristante from ABS-CBN News, a YSEALI Fellow, and Francis Ryan Pabiania, a senior Mass Communication student from SU, led discussions on the political pressure and threats journalists face. With 30 students and faculty from Sibulan National High School - Balugo Extension in attendance, the event sparked critical discussions on the importance of press freedom in society.

The Library continued its commitment to literacy development through SULiBRO, a book donation project initiated by Clarise O. Rosalejos, Acquisitions Librarian. This initiative aims to improve children's literacy in public elementary and secondary schools across Dumaguete City and Negros Oriental. As part of the program, the Library personnel conducted classroom-based learning sessions in February 2024 filled with fun and educational activities to engage and

motivate students.

Partnerships

In October 2023, ACD collaborated with the Senior High School Department to mark the World Day of Natural Disaster Reduction through a #CIVICEcology Projects culminating activity. Students from earth science classes actively participated in reclaiming and transforming over 80 degraded areas throughout the quarter, demonstrating a commitment to environmental restoration and disaster resilience.

The Elementary School Library hosted a Storytelling Session for Grade 2 students in December 2023, serving as the final activity for Library Science students. Santisteban, Elementary School Librarian, and Rodney D. Teves collaborated with Galapate, a third-year Library Science teacher, to organize the event. Held at the Elementary School Library, the session provided an interactive and enriching learning experience, fostering a love for reading and storytelling among young learners. The activity also allowed Library Science students to apply their skills in engaging young audiences through storytelling.

LANGUAGE LEARNING CENTER

Programs

The Language Learning Center, (LLC) along with the Department of English and Literature, conducted a three-week Intensive English Program (IntEP) from February to



March 2024.

The program was attended by students from Kyushu International University and Kobe International University in Japan, along with their respective professors, Prof. Kazuyuki Fukunishi from Kyushu and Prof. Tetsuya Fujikura from Kobe. The event took place at the English Department, Katipunan Hall. Faculty members of the English Department taught the students throughout the program, which also included cultural exposure and immersion classes. The program concluded with a graduation ceremony showcasing the students' language skills and talents.

Partnerships

LLC, in collaboration with the Department of English and Literature, has been partnering with Kyushu International University since 2013 and Kobe International University since 2018.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE- LEARNING

People

The Office of Community Engagement and Service-Learning (OCESL) conducted a benchmarking visit to several universities in Manila in December 2023 to learn best practices in community extension and service-learning. The OCESL team visited the Office for Social Concern and Involvement at Ateneo de Manila University, the College of Public Affairs and Development at the University of the Philippines Los Baños, the Center for Social Concern and Action at De La Salle University Manila, and the SIMBAHAYAN



Community Development Office at the University of Santo Tomas.

Novee E. Maestrecampo Jr., OCESL director, presented his paper, "Health as an Entry-point for Community Development: Evidence in the Case of Boloc-boloc, Dauin, Negros Oriental, Philippines," at the 8th International Conference of the Asia Pacific Association of Educators in Agriculture and Environment, held in October 2023, at SEARCA, University of the Philippines Los Baños. He also served as a conference facilitator.

In March 2023, Maestrecampo presented another paper titled "Navigating Development Practices amid Crises: Insights from the Ground to the International Development Practice" at the "Developing Scholarly Writing on International Development in Southeast Asia" workshop, organized by Ateneo de Manila University and the Japan Society for International Development.

Asst. Prof. Ruth Ann S. Entea, OCESL Service-Learning coordinator, along with her co-authors from the Nutrition and Dietetics Department, published a research paper titled "The Institutionalization of Service-Learning into the Nutrition and Dietetics Curriculum" in the book *Effective and Meaningful Student Engagement Through Service-Learning*, published by IGI Global. She also presented this at the 8th Asia Pacific Regional Conference on Service-Learning, held at Christ University in Bangalore, India, in July 2023.



Ilene P. Real, OCESL Community Development officer, and Dimple P. Montes, OCESL social worker, attended the 75th National Jubilee Convention of the Philippine Association of Social Workers Inc. (PASWI), held in November 2023 in Cebu City. Real also completed a certificate course titled "Mga Proteksyon ng Tao mula sa Pwersahang Pagkawala" under the Human Rights Institute Program of the Human Rights Education and Promotions Office, Commission on Human Rights, in March 2024.

Programs

Community Extension Service

The Community Extension Service for School Year 2023-2024 concentrated on strengthening collaboration and engagement with OCESL's new partner community, Barangay Palinpinon, Valencia, Negros Oriental, while also revisiting former community partners in Mabinay and Dauin, Negros Oriental. These initiatives were spearheaded by OCESL, in collaboration with various institutions and local government units.

OCESL organized an orientation seminar for the faculty and staff of the Elementary School Department of the School of Basic Education in August 2023, raising awareness about OCESL's programs and partner communities.

In January 2024, OCESL

initiated several meetings in Brgy. Palinpinon, resulting in 33 women expressing interest in forming a community group. This effort included a baseline survey and a needs assessment, followed by an asset assessment to identify opportunities and threats. The women’s group in Brgy. Palinpinon, known as Nagkahugpong nga mga Kababayan-an sa Barangay Palinpinon (NAKAPA), elected its officers in March 2024 and organized a three-year planning session to outline their activities from 2024 to 2027.

By the end of the school year, OCESL successfully organized NAKAPA, with 55 members now in the process of becoming a registered people’s organization with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). This will facilitate coordinated and integrated community extension services with academic units in the university, particularly with those without adopted communities as required by accrediting agencies.

Community Service and Volunteerism

In fulfilling its community service and volunteerism function, OCESL organized the “11 Days of Sharing” initiative in August 2023, made possible through partnerships with



the SUCCI Multipurpose Cooperative, the Student Organizations and Activities Division (SOAD), the Silliman University Student Government-Committee on Student Organizations (SUSG-COMSO), and over 25 student organizations and societies.

Key activities and outcomes include:

- ▶ At Casa Esperanza, 35 children received school bags, supplies, and biscuits.
- ▶ 40 female detainees at the Dumaguete City District Jail’s female dormitory were provided toiletries and groceries.
- ▶ In Gawad Kalinga (GK) Jamalipayon Village, Valencia, 40 women and 10 men received training on vermiculture and vermicomposting, along with a box of earthworms for their

gardening and farming efforts. The children were provided with basketballs, volleyballs, skipping ropes, and taught proper handwashing techniques. Snacks were distributed after the session.

- ▶ 10 boys at the Dumaguete Youth Home participated in games facilitated by Silliman University students and received a wall fan for their sleeping quarters, along with snacks.
- ▶ The Boloc-boloc Farmers Association (BOFAS) received two toilet bowls, pails, basins, mops, and snacks. The event, which involved about 10 Silliman alumni from Alpha Phi Omega, saw the participation of 15 members from the association.
- ▶ 50 senior citizens from the Buñao Cluster participated in a Zumba session and were provided with snacks. The association also received a whiteboard for their regular meetings and activities.
- ▶ 80 children from three Dumaguete Day Care Centers in Barangay Cadawinonan engaged in games, receiving prizes, school supplies, and snacks.
- ▶ 20 women from the Libjo Women’s Self-Help Group (LIBWOS) participated in games and enjoyed an acoustic performance. They received two plastic tables and eight chairs to use during meetings and activities.
- ▶ 50 children and youth in Hope Village (Little Children of the Philippines Foundation, Inc.) engaged in games and received school supplies, canned goods,





Negros Oriental with the following breakdown:

- ▶ 73 clients received dental check-ups.
- ▶ 85 clients had eye consultations.
- ▶ 88 clients underwent general medical consultations.

SUMMC held another Community Health Outreach in March 2024, in collaboration with the LGU of Dauin, RHU Dauin, IPHO's Mobile Dental Clinic, SUMCFI, and various academic units from Silliman University, including the College of Medicine, College of Nursing, Institute of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Nutrition and Dietetics Department, and the College of Law's Salonga Center for Law and Development. The event was further supported by the SUCC Multipurpose Cooperative Inc.'s Community Development Committee. This initiative catered to 300 residents from LGU Dauin and some from LGU Bacong, offering a wide range of health services, including medical, dental, and legal consultations.

- ▶ and two 50-kilogram sacks of rice.
- ▶ 70 children from Scandinavian Housing Village received school supplies and snacks.
- ▶ 90 patients and their watchers at the Negros Oriental Provincial Hospital Behavioral Care Center participated in activities and were provided with snacks, toiletries, disinfectants, and cleaning supplies for the patients' quarters and toilets.

Other community service and volunteerism activities were organized by different SU departments and student organizations.

Service-Learning

OCESL hosted students from Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong (CCC-CUHK) from May to June 2024 as part of its flagship International Service-Learning (IS-L) Program. The CCC-CUHK cohort was accompanied by Dr. Angela Wong, CCC-CUHK professor, and Karen Ng, CCC-CUHK project coordinator.

Silliman University Marina Mission Clinic (SUMMC)

The Silliman University Marina Mission Clinic (SUMMC) continued its commitment to serving local communities in Negros Oriental

throughout the School Year 2023-2024, conducting multiple community health outreach activities and essential medical services.

SUMMC, in collaboration with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Dauin, the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Dauin, the Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) Mobile Dental Clinic, Southwestern University's College of Optometry, Dr. Oliveros from the University Clinic, Postgraduate Interns (PGIs) from the Silliman University Medical Center Foundation, Inc. (SUMCFI), and the Office of Community Engagement and Service-Learning (OCESL), organized a Community Health Outreach in December 2023. This outreach provided vital healthcare services to 246 residents from Dauin and Bacong,

Partnerships

OCESL strengthened its collaborative efforts by formalizing partnerships through Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with several



key communities and agencies. The partner communities and agencies include:

- ▶ Little Children of the Philippines Foundation Inc.
- ▶ Barangay Palinpinon, Valencia
- ▶ Barangay Libjo, Dauin
- ▶ Barangay Masaplod Norte, Dauin
- ▶ Barangay Boloc-boloc, Dauin
- ▶ Barangay Magsaysay, Dauin
- ▶ Barangay Jawa, Valencia

OCESL signed an institutional MOU with the College of Public Affairs and Development and the Office for Institutional Development in Higher Education of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) in December 2023, which aims to foster academic collaboration between SU and UPLB, with a focus on activities based on equality and reciprocity.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICE

GUIDANCE AND TESTING DIVISION (GTD)

People

In May 2024, Dr. Jaruvic C. Rafols, Guidance and Testing Division (GTD) head, was awarded by UNILAB Foundation in recognition of his leadership as one of the lead trainers for RACE Against Suicide, and his tireless commitment to fostering school mental health towards suicide prevention.

Programs

In September 2023, GTD successfully organized the University-wide Orientation at the Claire Isabel Luce Auditorium. This event introduced students to university life, academic policies, and available support systems, ensuring a smooth transition into their academic journey.

Recognizing the importance of mental well-being among students, GTD spearheaded two Mental Health Caravan programs tailored to different year levels:

- ▶ “Mindful Minds: Building Resiliency in Students” for first-year students (October 2023 & March 2024).
- ▶ “Dangers of Self-Diagnosis” for second-year students (November 2023 & March 2024).

In February 2024, GTD organized a Capability Training for Peer Advocacy Facilitators, empowering student leaders with the knowledge and skills to support their peers in mental health-related concerns.

Partnerships

GTD actively conducted training and team-building activities across Negros Oriental, focusing on mental health awareness and organizational development.

Having been at the forefront of suicide prevention efforts, conducting multiple sessions of “RACE Against Suicide: A Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention in Schools,” This GTD initiative aims to equip educators with the necessary skills to identify and support individuals at risk of suicide. In 2023 and 2024, GTD partnered with several educational institutions, including:

- ▶ St. Paul University Dumaguete (August 2023)
- ▶ Foundation University (October 2023)

- ▶ Pamplona National High School (November 2023)
- ▶ Holy Cross High School in Dumaguete (December 2023)
- ▶ Negros Oriental State University (March 2024)

These training sessions provided faculty members and administrators with essential strategies for suicide prevention, emphasizing the role of educators as mental health gatekeepers in their communities.

Beyond mental health initiatives, GTD also facilitated team-building activities to strengthen teamwork and communication within various organizations. In 2023 and 2024, GTD led:

- ▶ A Team Building Activity for Technical Educational Vocational Entrepreneurial Center (TEVEC) personnel at the Multimedia Purpose Room (October 2023).

The Department of Agrarian Reform Negros Oriental Team-Building Activity at Lamberto Macias Sports Complex (March 2024).

STUDENT HOUSING AND RESIDENCE DIVISION

Programs

The Student Housing and Residence Division (SHRD) organized an All-Dormitory Orientation in September 2023, at the Claire Isabel Luce Auditorium, covering crucial legal and safety topics, including the Safe Spaces Act, Anti-Sexual Harassment, Anti-Hazing, Bullying, and Drug Testing. The orientation aimed to educate dormitory residents on their rights and responsibilities, fostering a safe and respectful living environment.

SHRD reopened 12 dormitories for student accommodations starting School Year 2023-2024. A total of 510 students were housed during the first

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES DIVISION (SOAD)

semester, with the number increasing to 513 students in the second semester. All 12 dormitories were utilized to provide a safe and comfortable living environment for residents.

SHRD celebrated Dormitory Day in November 2023, with a Sunrise Worship Service at Silliman University Church. All dormitory residents gathered in gratitude, praising and thanking the Lord for the opportunity to be back on campus and for the sense of comfort and security provided by the university's dormitories.

SHRD successfully organized the Annual Dormitory Sportsfest in April 2024, bringing together dormitory residents for a time of friendly competition and community-building. The event began with a worship service at Cimafranca Ballfield, centered around the theme "Fostering Sportsmanship, Camaraderie, and Community in Dormitory Life." The keynote address was delivered by Abe Cadeliña, Head of the Student Organizations and Activities Division (SOAD) under the Office of Student Services (OSS).

Finally, SHRD hosted the All Residents Senior's Tribute in May 2024, to honor graduating dormitory residents who demonstrated exemplary performance in dormitory life. A total of 43 graduating residents were recognized during the event, which served as a celebration of their achievements and contributions to the dormitory community. Held at Silliman Hall, the tribute featured Dr. Rona Marie Namocatcat-Fontelo as the guest speaker. A former resident of Larena Hall, Dr. Fontelo inspired the graduates by sharing insights from her dormitory experience and professional journey.

The Senior's Tribute is an annual tradition and serves as the culminating activity for all dormitories before the final examinations, marking a meaningful transition for graduating residents as they prepare for the next chapter of their lives.

People

Abe P. Cadeliña, Student Organizations and Activities Division (SSAD) head, continues his term as Philippine Association of Practitioners of Student Affairs and Services (PAPSAS) Negros Oriental - Siquijor Cluster president and PAPSAS Region 7 Chapter vice president for Private Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). PAPSAS is a national organization for those in student affairs and services practice and is a regular partner of the Commission of Higher Education (CHED) in the implementation of programs and/or memorandum orders.

Programs

In July 2023, Cadeliña attended the CHED Workshop on the Development of Drug-Free Learning Institutions at Zuri Hotel, Iloilo City. In November 2023, he joined the CHED Zonal Reorientation and Forum in Tagaytay City, which covered key policies, including CMO No. 63 (Local Off-Campus Activities), RA 11053 (Anti-Hazing Act of 2018), and RA 11313 (Safe Spaces Act). Later that month, he participated in the 28th PAPSAS National Conference and Training Workshop in Laoag City, focusing on sustainable student affairs and services.

Cadeliña continued his engagement in January 2024, attending the PAPSAS Region 7 Annual Regional Conference and Training Workshop at the University of San Jose-Recoletos, Cebu City. In March 2024, he led a delegation of three student leaders—Enrica Marian F. Dinopol (Student Government (SG) president), Timothy Deo F. Libres (SG vice president), and Franz Jullian T. Sevilla (College of Mass Communication governor)—to the

15th PAPSAS Interactive Youth Forum in Baguio City.

In April 2024, Cadeliña and SOAD, in collaboration with PAPSAS Region 7, hosted Dilaab 2024, a two-day regional conference at Silliman Hall. With the theme "Sustaining the Zealous Core for Leadership," the event served as the regional counterpart of the PAPSAS National Interactive Youth Forum, providing student leaders with opportunities for leadership development and collaboration.

Partnerships

SOAD, along with the Office of Student Services (OSS) leadership Team, conducted a study visit to major universities in Manila in October 2023. The visit aimed to:

- ▶ Benchmark best practices in student affairs and services programs.
- ▶ Examine institutional structures, particularly the relationship between the Registrar's Office, Admissions Office, and Office of Student Services (or its equivalent).
- ▶ Renew and strengthen linkages between Silliman University and the visited institutions through their respective Student Affairs departments.

The team visited De La Salle University (DLSU), Ateneo de Manila University (AdMU), Miriam College, the University of Santo Tomas (UST), and Southville International School and Colleges.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND AID DIVISION

The Student Scholarship and Aid Division (SSAD) actively conducted a series of programs from June 2023 to May 2024 to support scholars through orientations, training, and financial aid initiatives.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION OFFICE

In August 2023, SSAD held an Orientation for New Scholars at the PEP Room, Oriental Hall, where scholars and their parents learned about scholarship conditions and responsibilities. During the session, scholars and their parents/guardians signed the Scholarship Agreement to confirm their acceptance of the scholarship terms. Office assistants and student assistants collected the signed agreements for record-keeping. For continuing scholars, SSAD verified their eligibility before proceeding with the signing of the scholarship agreement at the office.

SSAD launched the Food Security Program, "Takus sa Gugma," in February 2024 at the Nutrition and Dietetics (ND) Lobby. Proceeds from ice cream sales during the event were deposited into the program's fund. Following this, SSAD conducted an Orientation for Food Security Program recipients in March 2024 at the PEP Room, Oriental Hall. The first lunch under the program was served at SU Coop in March 2024, providing meal assistance to student beneficiaries.

SSAD organized the Work Ethics, Time Management, and Frontline Skills Training for New Student Assistants in February 2024 at ND 201-202. This training equipped student assistants with essential skills to effectively balance academics and work responsibilities. Scholars also participated in a Bible Study session in April 2024 at the Student Lounge, fostering spiritual growth and camaraderie among recipients.

Finally, as part of the ongoing evaluation of the Expanded Work Study Grant (EWSG) program, SSAD conducted a Focus Group Discussion in June 2024 at the PEP Room, Oriental Hall. This session gathered feedback from scholars to enhance the program's effectiveness and sustainability.

People

Five faculty members submitted their research proposals for the Faculty Development Grant (FDG) for Research, which were approved for funding and implemented. They were:

- ▶ Asst. Prof. Flora M. Yrad with her study titled, "Characterization of Dumaguete Coastal Waters Using Physiochemical and Bacteriological Parameters."
- ▶ Asst. Prof. Liezl L. Pajulas with her study titled, "Fabrication of Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells (DSSCs) Using Extracts of Locally Available Plants as Natural Dye Photosensitizers."
- ▶ Asst. Prof. Joshua S. Soldivillo with his study titled, "Philippine K to 12 Senior High School Science Laboratory Competency Mapping."
- ▶ Dr. Jose Edwin C. Cubelo with his study titled, "Enhancing Understanding, Exploring Agri-weather Forecast Knowledge, Perceived Attributes, and Utilization Among Agricultural Technicians in Negros Oriental, Philippines."
- ▶ LJ Zaphan B. Lamboloto with his study titled, "Sustainability of Forest Protection and Livelihood Across Generations: A Case Study of an Upland Coffee Farmers' Cooperative."

The results of the following FDG-funded research projects were publicly presented, the publishable manuscripts were accepted, and the final tranches of the grants were awarded.

- Dr. Jin H. Genove, as project leader alongside researchers from the College of Nursing, Institute of Rehabilitative Sciences, and the Nutrition and Dietetics Department,

with their study titled, "Health Education Needs and Strategies on Diet and Exercise for Persons with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in Dumaguete City: A Participatory Action Research," in August 2023.

- ▶ Dr. Jaruvic C. Rafols, as project leader alongside researchers from the Guidance and Testing Division, with their study titled, "Challenges, Coping Techniques, and Psychological Well-Being of Silliman University Students on Online Distance Learning," in May 2024.



Meanwhile, the United Board funded a two-year project led by Dr. Enrique G. Oracion titled "Integrated Scholarship Addressing Food, Health, and Gender Equality through Service Learning" in selected coastal barangays of Dumaguete City involving three academic units with their corresponding study leaders:

- ▶ College of Agriculture with Asst. Prof. Rehel A. Diaz who worked with youth on urban gardening
- ▶ College of Business and Administration with Asst. Prof. Mylah R. Bomediano who assisted women in fishing households
- ▶ Institute of Rehabilitative Sciences with Dr. Lily Ann D. Bautista who enhanced health

conditions of older persons

Finally, the following faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Agriculture, Institute of Environmental and Marine Sciences, and Dr. Mariano C. Lao Global Studies Center received cash incentives for publications in SCOPUS and Web of Science-indexed journals. RIO evaluated and recommended the qualified articles for cash incentives.

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- ▶ Pa-a, J. E., & Enriquez, E. P. (2023). Electrochemical and structural characterization of electropolymerized composite of NH_2 -graphene and polyaniline. *2023 IEEE International Conference on Agrosystem Engineering, Technology & Applications (AGRETA)*, 102–107. <https://doi.org/10.1109/AGRETA57740.2023.10262736>
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- ▶ Tangsuwanjinda, S., Montecillo, R., Feng, K.-C., Chien, R. R., Chen, C.-S., Tu, C.-S., & Chen, P. Y. (2023). Energy storage density of tailored relaxor-antiferroelectric state in Gd-



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Pandemic of Small-scale Fishing Household” during the Philippine Sociological Society (PSS) International Conference held at De La Salle University, Manila in October 2023.

Management Plan.

The research mentoring sessions were held to entice interested faculty members to write proposals for the internal research grant and publish their scholarly works. Aside from the individualized mentoring, the following academic units had invited the Research Director to the sessions they had organized:

Programs

Research Director Dr. Oracion and the team from Silliman University (SU) presented a proposed approach to the Tanon Strait Protected Seascape microplastic problem during the DENR-7 organized workshop in Cebu City in July 2023. He presented a paper on the issue of old-age support during the Institute of Philippine Culture’s Pagpahalaga, Pamantayan at Paniniwalang Filipino Symposium (Philippine Values) in September 2023 at the Ateneo de Manila University. The other papers he presented include the following:

- ▶ “What Scholars Wrote and More About the Ata in Negros Oriental,” held at St. Paul University- Surigao City in October 2023.
- ▶ “Happiness and Sense of Homeplace of Older Persons in Metro Dumaguete in Negros Oriental” during the Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao (UGAT) Conference held at the Ateneo de Zamboanga University in November 2023.

Meanwhile, Dr. Oracion participated in the Local River Basin Summit in Kabankalan City in March 2024, where he shared the institutional aspect of the proposed Ilog-Hilabangan River Basin

- ▶ “Hoping a Little Better Amid

- ▶ College of Business and Administration held at the MBA Room, CBA Building in December 2023
- ▶ Pharmacy Program of the College of Arts and Sciences held at the New Pharmacy Building in January 2024
- ▶ Junior High School held at the High School Department in March 2024



Partnerships

The Research and Innovation Office partnered with the Department of Science and Technology’s (DOST) Science and Technology Information Institute (STII) ICT Solution in the STARBOOKS Nature project, an interactive information kiosk designated to enable tourists to know more about and appreciate the beauty and wonders of environmentally protected areas in Negros Oriental.

Meanwhile, RIO remained an active Philippine Social Science Council (PSSC) associate member.



Dr. Oracion remained active with the Technical Review Board of the Central Visayas Consortium for Health Research and Development (CVCHRD) under the DOST Region VII. He also represented SU to the Regional Development Research Council (RDRC) of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) Region VII.

DR. JOVITO R SALONGA CENTER FOR LAW AND DEVELOPMENT (SALONGA LAW CENTER)



People

Former dean of the Silliman University College of Law and Dr. Jovito R Salonga Center for Law and Development director, Atty. Marcelino Mikhail Lee L. Maxino, was appointed as Commissioner of the Commission on Bar Discipline of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP). The oath-taking ceremony took place at the Manila Prince Hotel in September 2023. Atty. Maxino was among 150 lawyers selected from nine regions in the Philippines by the IBP and the Supreme Court. As an Investigating Commissioner, he now holds the authority to issue subpoenas and administer oaths, with non-compliance potentially resulting in indirect contempt of court. This appointment highlights the IBP's and the Supreme Court's dedication to upholding ethical standards within the legal profession.

Programs

In June 2023, the Salonga Law Center successfully conducted its training program, PANALIPOD, which focused on protecting and promoting women's rights and supporting vulnerable groups. The event took place at the Silliman University Moot Court and welcomed barangay councilors from thirty different barangays in Dumaguete. Salonga Center student volunteers, along with volunteer lawyers and barangay officials, actively participated in the program. The event was organized in collaboration with Governance in Justice (GOJUST) and received support from the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

In the following month, the Center concluded its speaking engagement at the Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) Dumaguete-Bais Union General Assembly and Legal Education Seminar. Salonga Center lawyers and student volunteers actively participated in the event, providing legal insights and education. The seminar was organized in cooperation with GOJUST with

support from UNOPS.

“Halad sa Katawhan: A Medical, Legal, and Social Services Caravan” took place in July 2023, in the municipality of Zamboanguita. The Center co-organized the event with the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental. Salonga Center lawyers and volunteers, in partnership with the Local Government Unit of Zamboanguita, provided free legal services as one of the event's key highlights. The initiative was conducted in collaboration with GOJUST and supported by the UNOPS.

The Center conducted a legal mission in Ayungon in November 2023, to train newly elected Barangay Officials on Barangay Conciliation and Mediation processes and the Anti-VAWC law (RA 9262). Salonga Center Director Atty. Maxino and Ayungon Mayor Dennis Amancio played key roles in ensuring the success of the mission. Salonga Center President Albertha Lachmi Obut discussed the Anti-VAWC law, while Francis Bulado from SU led the session on Barangay Conciliation. Volunteer lawyers provided free legal consultations and notarization services.

The Center marked the kickoff of Women's Month with a Legal Mission in March 2024, at Pantawan Boulevard in Dumaguete City. The event provided legal assistance to women and organizations, with active participation from lawyers and volunteer students. Their collaborative efforts contributed to the success of the mission, highlighting





the importance of teamwork in advancing justice and women's rights and making the event a testament to the community's commitment to empowerment and equality.

In the same month, the Center led a training on Empowering Women Environmental Defenders in Sta. Catalina, Negros Oriental. Spearheaded by Atty. Maxino, the event focused on environmental stewardship, combating red-tagging, and promoting legal empowerment. Experts Deborah Grace Aldamero, Gherson Muyco, and Gerlois Mig Ibero provided essential guidance, inspiring participants to take action for a sustainable and just future.

The Center, along with lawyers, staff, and volunteers, organized the Legal Mission in Barangay Poblacion 8 in August 2023, in Dumaguete City, in partnership with Governance in Justice (GOJUST) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). The mission provided essential legal services to the community, reinforcing the Center's commitment to accessible legal assistance.

The Center hosted a Christmas Gift-Giving Event in December 2023, continuing Dr. Jovito R. Salonga's legacy of service. The event brought joy to the kindergarten class of Babajuba Elementary School and children from Cambucad, Valencia. Volunteer law students from SU, along with lawyers led by Atty. Maxino, distributed school bags, snacks, and supplies.

Partnerships

The GWAVE Law Students Seminar 2023 took place in October 2023, through a partnership between the Center and Gender Watch Against Violence and Exploitation (GWAVE). The seminar empowered law students with insights on Gender Awareness Training (GAT), feminist lawyering, and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) laws. The morning session focused on GAT, while the afternoon covered GBV laws, including Republic Act 9262. Salonga Law volunteers Adelle Ghen Suan, Gerlois Mig C. Ibero, Princess Noriedelle Obeso, and Ivan Elum actively participated in the event. This collaboration underscored the Center's commitment to fostering future legal leaders in the fight against gender-based violence.

SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS (SUGA) CENTER

People

In preparation for the Citizen Satisfaction Index Survey (CSIS), the Silliman University Government Affairs (SUGA) Center sent Assoc.



Prof. Jan Antoni Credo and Asst. Prof. Jan Barry N. Nuico to attend the National Orientation in Iloilo in March 2024.

Partnerships

SUGA Center worked with the Department of Health Central Visayas Center for Health Development (DOH-CVCHD) in implementing five (5) programs as its Institutional Partner and the Department of Interior Local Government (DILG) Province of Negros Oriental and Region 7 in implementing two (2) programs as its Local Resource Institute Partner.

In coordination with the DOH-CVCHD, SUGA Center facilitated the Local Health Leadership and Governance Program (LHLGP) Module 1 from July to August 2023 at the Bohol Tropics & Resort, Tabilaran City, Bohol. This program was participated by 10 municipal mayors from the provinces of Bohol and Siquijor, 10 Municipal Health Officers (MHOs), and 7 Development Management Officers (DMOs). The module aimed to provide the foundation of the Bridging Leadership Framework for addressing health inequities in their respective areas. It was facilitated by a composite team from SU headed by Asst. Prof. Khristian Rei N. Rivera, SUGA Center director; Dr. Evalyn E. Professor, SU College of Nursing (SUCN) adjunct professor; Dr. Mirabelle J. Engcoy, SU College of Business



Administration (CBA) BSBA Programs chair; Dr. Ofelia T. Ragpa, CBA research coordinator; Asst. Prof. Mylah R. Bomediano, CBA Human Resource Management coordinator; Asst. Prof. Rochie C. Cagara, SUCN senior faculty; and Lyn Santillan, SUGA Senior Technical Support staff.

Together with DOH-CVCHD, SUGA Center conducted two (2) modules of the Technical Assistance Packages Program in October 2023 and from February to March 2024 at Bethel Guest House and DCCCO Hotel, respectively. This program aimed to equip health officers and professionals with the necessary 21st century skills and strategies to address the health complexities in their work assignments. The team was composed of experts from SU, including adjunct faculty members Dr. Jojema Indab, Dr. Reynaldo Rivera, and Dr. Abalos; Dr. Ofelia T. Ragpa; Asst. Prof. Mylah R. Bomediano; and Asst. Prof. Joshua Soldivillo, SU Senior High School faculty member. The team also received assistance from the DOH technical lecturers and one of the Outstanding Sillimanian Awardees (OSA), Dr. Kenneth T. Coo.

In coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), SUGA Center, through Asst. Prof. Khristian Rei N. Rivera, served as a member of the Provincial Assessment Team (PAT)

for the 3rd District of Negros Oriental under the Seal of Good Local Government (SGLG). As a member of PAT, Asst. Prof. Khristian Rei N. Rivera assessed municipalities and cities in terms of their five (5) assigned areas of governance. These areas of governance are as follows: Social Protection, Disaster Preparedness, Environmental, Youth, and Tourism & Heritage.

ANGELO KING CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

People

Abner A. Bucol, Silliman University Angelo King Center for Research and Environmental Management (SUAKCREM) Research Officer, departed for Taiwan in September 2023 to pursue a Ph.D. in Biodiversity at Tunghai University's Department of Life Science through the Taiwan International Graduate Program

(TIGP) Scholarship. For the first two years, he was primarily based at Academia Sinica in Taipei, where he completed most of his coursework. Supervised by Dr. Colin Kuo-Chang Wen, an Associate Professor at Tunghai University, his research focused on marine reserves and their impact on the life-history traits of select coral reef fishes in Taiwan.

Prof. Garry R. Russ (honoris causa, Silliman University) delivered a commemorative lecture in November 2023 at the Audio-Visual Theater on the establishment of the Sumilon and Apo Island Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and the legacy of Professor Emeritus Dr. Angel C. Alcala. In 2023, the 40th anniversary of the annual surveys of the Sumilon and Apo Island Marine Reserves—initiated by Dr. Alcala and Dr. Russ in 1983—was celebrated. Dr. Russ and his family visited Dumaguete to mark the occasion, unveiling a commemorative marker at the Apo Island Marine Reserve in November 2023, in honor of Dr. Alcala's contributions to the first community-based marine reserve in the Philippines.

Angelica “Clover” Talens Robichaud, U.S. Fulbright Program scholar, arrived in the Philippines in May 2022 to conduct her study titled, “Conservation Practices in the Central Philippines.” Robichaud chose the Central Visayas for its diverse ecosystems—marine, wetland, lake, riparian, and tropical forest—within a compact area. The region is home to institutions and organizations working to conserve species such as the Visayan warty pig, Visayan spotted deer, Negros bleeding-heart pigeon, Philippine crocodile, Philippine bare-





Gil S. Jacinto of the National Academy of Science and Technology presented “Oceanography of the West Philippine Sea.”

Enhancing the Conservation and Breeding Program of the Philippine Spotted Deer *Rusa alfredi* Using Molecular Approach, which commenced in 2023 and runs until 2026, is a three-year project funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in collaboration with SU that compares the DNA barcodes of the Philippine Spotted Deer in Negros and Panay Islands (under Dr. Robert S. Guino-o II as component leader), in-breeding frequency of the captive-bred Philippine Spotted Deer at CENTROP (under Dr. Nadia P. Abesamis and Asst. Prof. Persie Mark Q. Sienes as component leaders), and Major Histocompatibility Complex Gene Profile of the Philippine Spotted Deer at Silliman CENTROP (under Dr. Aye Mee F. Bartocillo as component leader). The study aims to boost the genetic research capacity of the SU faculty researchers and staff. It highlights SU’s commitment to the conservation of one of the flagship Philippine mammals - the Philippine Spotted Deer *Rusa alfredi*, which are maintained by CENTROP in Palimpinon, Valencia, Negros Oriental.

backed fruit bat, Philippine tarsier, Cebu hawk owl, black shama, hawksbill sea turtle, and giant clam, as well as migratory birds. Her research covered sites across Negros, Cebu, Apo, Bohol, Olango, Ponson, and Siquijor. Assisted by SUAKCREM, Silliman University’s Center for Tropical Conservation Studies (CENTROP), and other conservation organizations, Robichaud extended her stay through the summer of 2024 and shared her findings on conservation efforts in the Visayas.

In November 2023, Asst. Prof. Leandro S. Cabrera, CENTROP coordinator, represented the Biology Department, CENTROP, and SUAKCREM at the 3rd Forum on Crocodiles of the Philippines at the University of Santo Tomas, Metro Manila. Hosted by Crocodylus Porosus Philippines, Inc. (CPPI), the forum carried the theme “Engaging Communities and Partners Participation Towards Sustainable Conservation.” It aimed to strengthen networks between organizations and government agencies involved in crocodile conservation.

In February 2024, Prof. Renee B. Paalan of the Silliman University Biology Department represented the SUAKCREM at the National Committee for Crocodile Conservation (NCCC) meeting/workshop held at Harolds Evotel in Quezon City. The Biodiversity Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) hosted and sponsored the event. Paalan

actively participated in discussions on the 2023 accomplishments and challenges faced in crocodile conservation efforts, as well as the target activities for 2024. A key focus of the workshop was the drafting of the Standardized Crocodile Population Survey and Monitoring Protocols, which covered survey methods, data collection, seasonality, and priority survey areas. Paalan contributed to the finalization of budget planning and protocol standardization for future conservation activities.

Programs

In February 2024, former SU President Dr. Ben S. Malayang III initiated a collaboration between SU-Institute of Environmental and Marine Sciences (SU-IEMS) and the SUAKCREM to establish the Dr. Angel C. Alcala Annual Integrative Lecture Series on Contemporary Issues in Marine and Coastal Sciences and Resource Management in the Philippines. This program, funded by SUAKCREM, honors the late National Scientist Dr. Angel C. Alcala and addresses critical issues in marine and coastal policy, governance, and management. The first lecture took place online in March 2024, drawing 121 participants. Prof. Nygiel Armada, Chief of Party of the USAID Fish Right Program, discussed “Issues in Managing the Fisheries and Biodiversity in the West Philippine Sea.” The second lecture followed in April 2024, with 133 participants. Dr.

Philippines International Research Experience for Students project (Ph-IRES), which commenced in 2022 until the present, is being implemented by the Biology Department in collaboration with Dr. Chris Bird of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Dr. David Gauthier of Old Dominion University. This project aims to host a total of 15 U.S. undergraduates (5 students/year) who will spend 6-8 weeks at SU conducting independent research with Filipino mentors (faculty and researchers). Projects will explore conservation biology and molecular ecology of aquatic and terrestrial species. Student projects include genetic barcoding to document fish diversity, life history studies to examine how fishing pressure

influences fish growth and reproduction, and genetic studies on fish populations relative to the conservation of aquatic and threatened terrestrial animals.

“Negros Island Ilog-Hilabangan River Basin Management and Development Plan (NI IHRB MDP)” which ran from 2023 to 2024 was a project by SU in collaboration with the University of the Philippines - Los Banos (UPLB) for the Ilog-Hilabangan River Basin (IHRB), the 11th largest river basin in the country and encompasses 15 local government units (LGUs) of Ilog, Kabankalan, Himamaylan, Candoni, Cauayan, Sipalay in Negros Occidental; Mabinay, Bayawan, Tanjay, Bais, Manjuyod, Bindoy, Ayungon, Tayasan, and Jimalalud in Negros Oriental. Funded by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit-Orient Integrated Development Consultants, Inc (GIZ-OIDCI), the study was led by Dr. Guino-o II together with Asst. Prof. Mylah Bomediano, Dr. Jorge A. Emmanuel, Geologist Hernulfo Ruelo, Dr. Enrique G. Oracion, Dr. Dave E. Marcial, Dr. Casper Agaton, Dr. Leonardo Florece, Al Tubongbanua, and Elise B. Inocencio.

“Silliman Beach Project: Status and impact of sewer and surface water discharge along the Bantayan coastline, Dumaguete City,” which ran from January 2021 to December 2023, indicated physico-chemical and bacteriological contamination with extremely high levels of E. coli and enterococci bacteria that originated from the Mojon Creek and outfall pipes along the seawall. Low fish biomass and population density in the seagrass beds adjacent to the outfall sampling stations suggest significant contamination (by nutrients and bacteria) of the nearby offshore area. Microplastic contamination was present as corroborated by similar studies conducted in the area. Funded by the Silliman University Alumni Council of North America (SUACONA), the project was in coordination with Moses L. Alcalá, Biology Department visiting professor

and SUAKCREM consultant; and SUACONA’s Environmental Conservation and Sustainability Committee (ECSC) to establish baseline information on the physico-chemical, hydrological, and biological (benthic assessment), and microbiological (E. coli and Enterococci) conditions of Silliman Beach and adjacent coastline of Piapi, Dumaguete City.

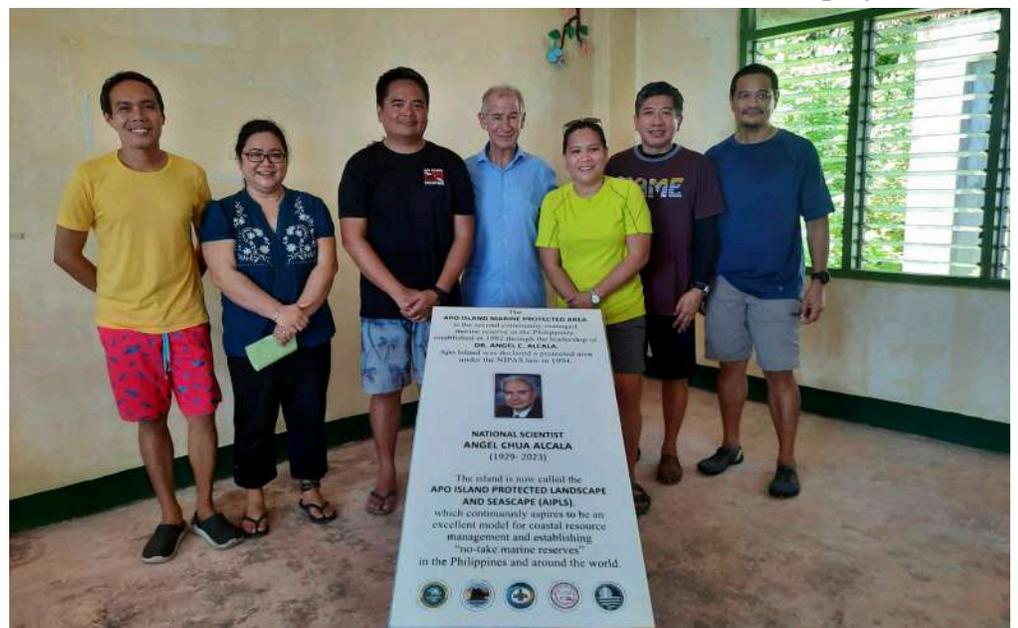
“Microplastics from Marketed Seafood Products in Central Visayas, Philippines” which ran from January to December 2023 was implemented by SUAKCREM in collaboration with faculty researchers and undergraduate students of Negros Oriental State University (NORSU) Biology Department. The study quantified the microplastics found in marketed seafood products in selected sites in Central Visayas (Negros Oriental, mainly in the cities of Dumaguete and Bais); Cebu (Cebu City and Bantayan Island); Bohol (Tagbilaran); and Siquijor (Siquijor town). It was funded by the Department of Science & Technology-National Academy of Science &

Technology (DOST-NAST) through Angel C. Alcalá’s monthly stipend.

Biodiversity Inventory, Assessment and Monitoring in Balinsasayao Twin Lakes Natural Park (BTLNP) which ran from March to December 2023 was implemented by

the Center for Biodiversity Research and Extension in Mindanao (CEBREM), Central Mindanao University (CMU), Musuan, Bukidnon through Dr. Victor Amoroso and facilitated/collaborated by SUAKCREM through Dr. Guino-o II. The study aimed to monitor the biodiversity at the Twin Lakes Balinsasayao-Danao Natural Park, specifically within the 2-hectare permanent plot as part of the program “Biodiversity Conservation and Utilization for Product Development in Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) Sites in Southern Philippines (BioConUP). SUAKCREM was instrumental in establishing this permanent plot way back in 2014.

“Partnerships for International Research & Education (PIRE): Centennial Genetics and Species Transformations in the Epicenter of Marine Biodiversity” led by Dr. Kent Carpenter and headquartered at the Silliman University Angel C. Alcalá Marine Laboratory reached its project terminal phase last September 2023. The National Science Foundation funded the project, covering the grant period of 2017-2022. The program aimed to understand the genome-scale evolution in marine fishes over the past century of intense human impact by studying the fish specimens from the 1908 collection of HMS Albatross versus the contemporary fish collection around the Philippines. Publications from this project can be





Management Boards (PAMB) of BTLNP and Apo Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (AIPLS). Discussions reinforced the ecotourism principle of responsible travel that conserves the environment, benefits local communities, and promotes education.

In April 2024, the Negros Oriental Provincial Government Climate Change Advisory Council held its inaugural advisory meeting at Bethel Guest House. This initiative aligns with Republic Act No. 9729, which mandates the integration of climate change into government policies, and Provincial Ordinance No. 10 of 2010, which establishes the Climate Change Advisory Committee. Dr. Guino-o II of SUAKCREM and Geologist Hernulfo B. Ruelo of the SU Physics Department participated as resource persons.

The council was created in response to the urgent need for decisive action against the growing risks of climate change. It serves as a platform for stakeholder engagement, fostering partnerships and inclusive dialogue to drive climate action. The council also aims to develop, monitor, and implement policies that safeguard communities, ecosystems, and the local economy.



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Partnerships

In March 2024, Dr. Guino-o II represented the SUAKCREM at the Regional Ecotourism Council (REC) meeting in Region VII. Hosted at the Balinsasayao Twin Lakes Natural Park in Sibulan, Negros Oriental, the meeting was organized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region VII, the Department of Tourism (DOT), and the Negros Oriental Provincial Tourism Board. During the event, the Regional Ecotourism Council launched the EcoPass 7 project, which promotes nine protected areas in Central Visayas: Apo Island Protected Landscape and

Seascape, Balinsasayao Twin Lakes Natural Park, The Swamp Forest Reserve and Wilderness Area in Bohol, Mount Bandilaan Forest Reserve in Siquijor, Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary, Cebu Central Protected Landscape, Bantayan Island Wilderness Area, and Camotes Island Protected Landscape and Seascape.

The meeting reviewed REC’s accomplishments and outlined future projects in coordination with the Negros Oriental Provincial Tourism Board, led by Woodrow Maquiling, and DENR VII Executive Director Paquito Melicor. Dr. Guino-o emphasized Silliman University’s role as the Biodiversity Chair of the Technical Working Group (TWG) of Balinsasayao Twin Lakes Natural Park (BTLNP) and its continued technical support in the Protected Area

DR. MARIANO C. LAO GLOBAL STUDIES CENTER (GSC)

People

Silliman University (SU) ranked 72nd in the World University Rankings for Innovation last May 2024 for the entry submitted by the Dr. Mariano C. Lao Global Studies Center (GSC) titled “Development of an Open Courseware with Animation & Gamification on Fighting



Information Disorder on Social Media.” It was an output of the project funded by the Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA).

Dr. Dave E. Marcial, GSC director; Jade O. Montemayor, Educational Technology and Development faculty-in-charge; and Asst. Prof. Alfie Q. Arcelo, Information, Quality Assurance, and New Degree Programs faculty-in-charge, were recognized as part of the top 50 researchers of SU with the following rankings: 6th, 23rd, and 37th, respectively. This recognition came from the AD Scientific Index World Scientists Rankings 2024.

Meanwhile, Dr. Marcial was awarded Best Presenter during the 1st National Research Conference held in City College of Tagaytay in June 2023, with the paper entitled “Teacher’s Competencies of Technology-Enhanced Flexible Learning During the Covid-19 Pandemic: The Case in Philippine Higher Education Institutions.” In November 2023, he participated in UNESCO’s “Empowering Minds: A Round Table on Generative AI and Education in Asia-Pacific” in Bangkok, Thailand.

Jan Cynth L. Palama, GSC Educational Technologist, was awarded 1st place as Best Research Paper Presenter during the 5th International eLearning Research Conference in September 2023, at the Mariano Marcos State University, Batac City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. Prior to this, Palama represented the

Philippines at the Asia Youth International Model United Nations 2023 held in August 2023 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He was also voted as regional secretary of the Philippine e-Learning Society (PeLS) in February 2024, at the Dr. Mariano Lao Innovation, Creation, and Invention Laboratory (ICI) Laboratory.

Dr. Marcial; Montemayor; and Russel Rhay E. Basiao, Non-Degree Programs manager, engaged in the Asian University Digital Resource Network (AUDRN) International Research Conference on Local Knowledge 2024, held at the University of Batangas, Lipa Campus, in February 2024.

Dr. Marcial, Asst. Prof. Arcelo, and Fredlie P. Bucog, Education and Engagement faculty-in-charge, participated in the Asia-Pacific Regional Policy Seminar on Micro-Credentials, organized by UNESCO-KEDI in October 2023, via Zoom.

These are the people who authored and/or co-authored the following papers:

- ▶ Cabanilla, Q. K., Teofilo-Orencia, F., Cafino, R., Isla Jr., A. T., Maglaya, J. G., Palmer, X.-L., Potter, L., Marcial, D. E., & Velasco, L. C. (2023). Technology adoption of computer-aided instruction in healthcare: A structured review. *International Journal of Emerging Technologies in Learning (iJET)*, 18(23), 160–181. <https://doi.org/10.3991/ijet.v18i23.44083>

- ▶ Jalandoon, A. R., Mohillo, L. G., & Marcial, D. E. (2023). Acceptance of a USB-based portable learning resource on local knowledge (experience in the Philippines). *ICT and Learning Tools*, 96(4), 72–85. <https://doi.org/10.33407/itlt.v96i4.5149>
- ▶ Long, J., & Marcial, D. E. (2024). Evaluating the learning ability of a music theory course in a virtual learning environment within Zhanjiang City, China. *Tuijin Jishu/Journal of Propulsion Technology*, 45(1).
- ▶ Marcial, D. E., Palama, J. C. L., Bucog, F. P., Seraspe, B. J. L., & Launer, M. A. (2024). Digital trust and social interactions among employees in the workplace. In *Trust in social and business relations* (1st ed., p. 12). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781032633749>
- ▶ Marcial, D., Maypa, A. L. Z., Villariza, C. R. R., & Apao, G. L. (2024). Profiles of Filipino teachers and their online teaching competencies during the pandemic. *ICT and Learning Tools in the Higher Education Establishments*, 99(1), 150–164. <https://doi.org/10.33407/itlt.v99i1.5535>
- ▶ Marcial, D. E., & Arcelo, A. Q. (2023). Effective teaching resources in online distance learning environments: Insights from the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Harbin Engineering University*, 44(12), 132.
- ▶ Marcial, D. E., Arcelo, A. Q., & Montemayor, J. O. (2023). Examining assessment methods in pandemic-era online distance learning. *Journal of Harbin Engineering University*, 44(11), 206.
- ▶ Villanueva, M. E., & Marcial, D. E. (2023). Experiences in the implementation of a virtual library during the coronavirus pandemic. *PAARL Research Journal*, 9(1 - Special Anniversary Issue), 111–126.

The following people presented their papers both online and in-person:

- ▶ Arcelo, A. Q. (2024, February 1–2). ourSOUL Open Educational Resources: An online platform to

- preserve local knowledge [Conference presentation]. Asian Universities Digital Resource Network's International Research Conference on Local Knowledge 2024, University of Batangas, Lipa City, Philippines. Presented via Zoom.
- ▶ Marcial, D. E., & Montemayor, J. O. (2024, February 1-2). Enhancing learning through gamification: A case study of Silliman University's innovative approach to whole person education and combatting information disorder [Conference presentation]. Asian Universities Digital Resource Network's International Research Conference on Local Knowledge 2024, University of Batangas, Lipa City, Philippines. Presented via Zoom.
 - ▶ Marcial, D. E., Maypa, A. L. Z., & Bucog, F. P. (2024, February 1-2). Empowering communities through ICT: The free computer education among senior citizens and life-long learners [Conference presentation]. Asian Universities Digital Resource Network's International Research Conference on Local Knowledge 2024, University of Batangas, Lipa City, Philippines. Presented via Zoom.
 - ▶ Palama, J. C. L. (2024, February 1-2). Reintroduction of AUDRN-LK modules in Empowerment Technologies for Senior High School in Silliman University [Conference presentation]. Asian Universities Digital Resource Network's International Research Conference on Local Knowledge 2024, University of Batangas, Lipa City, Philippines. Presented via Zoom.
 - ▶ Marcial, D. E. (2024, January 26-28). Evaluating the digital competence of private basic education teachers in post-pandemic learning environments: The case in Central Visayas, Philippines [Conference presentation]. 1st International Conference on Research Culture Management in Basic Education, Boracay Paradise Garden Resort and Convention Center, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan.
 - ▶ Marcial, D. E. (2023, November 23-25). Economics education: Status and future of artificial intelligence in teaching and learning among Southeast Asian nations [Conference presentation]. 27th National Conference and 6th International Conference on Economics Education in Southeast Asian Nations, Silliman University, Dumaguete City, Philippines.
 - ▶ Marcial, D. E. (2023, November 25). Knowledge, attitudes, and practices towards open educational resources in higher education institutions in the Philippines [Conference presentation]. 7th International Conference on Contemporary Studies (CoSiM), via Zoom.
 - ▶ Marcial, D. E., Bucog, F. P., & Montemayor, J. O. (2023, November 25). Assessment challenges and feedbacking tools in technology-enhanced flexible learning settings [Conference presentation]. 7th International Conference on Contemporary Studies (CoSiM), via Zoom.
 - ▶ Marcial, D. E. (2023, November 25). Challenges in implementing portable learning management systems: Insights from higher education institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic [Conference presentation]. 7th International Conference on Contemporary Studies (CoSiM), via Zoom.
 - ▶ Marcial, D. E. (2023, November 18). Comprehending generative AI: An educational technologist viewpoint [Conference presentation]. 2nd National Research Congress, via Zoom.
 - ▶ Marcial, D. E. (2023, October 5-7). Degree of implementation of portable learning management system in higher education institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic [Conference presentation]. 2nd LET International Conference, via Zoom.
 - ▶ Palama, J. C. L. (2023, October 5-7). Cheating practices during online assessment: A review of related literature [Conference presentation]. 2nd LET International Conference, via Zoom.
 - ▶ Marcial, D. E., Arcelo, A. Q., Seraspe, B. J., & Basiao, R. R. E. (2023, October 5-7). Data privacy practices and concerns in technology-enhanced learning environments: The Philippines' experience [Conference presentation]. 2nd LET International Conference, via Zoom.
 - ▶ Marcial, D. E. (2023, September 22-24). The role of self-regulated learning in online peer learning: A systematic literature review [Conference presentation]. International Research Conference, Training Workshops, and Biennial Convention, Bacolod City, Philippines.

Programs

Dr. Marcial and Palama conducted the "Thesis Motivational Workshop: Empowering Students for Thesis Success" at the Institute of Rehabilitative Sciences, Silliman University, in April 2024.

GSC welcomed the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the Onsite Evaluation Visit of the Technical Panel for Transnational Education and Distance Education (TPTNDE) regarding SU's application for the Master of Arts in Education (Major in Educational Technology) in April 2024.

GSC conducted a series of regional and provincial workshops on "Fighting Information Disorder" from July to November 2023. Regional workshops were held in Luzon (University of Cordilleras, Baguio City), Visayas (Central Philippine University, Iloilo City), and Mindanao (Davao Central College, Toril, Davao City). Provincial workshops took place at AMA Computer College, Negros Maritime College, Metro Dumaguete College, Asian College, Foundation University, Saint Paul University, Presbyterian Theological College, Colegio de Sta. Catalina de Alejandria, Negros College, Negros Oriental State University – Main Campus, and SU. The project was funded by the UBCHEA.

GSC, through the Dr. Mariano Lao ICI Free Computer Education, offered free short courses from September 2023 to May 2024. These included "Basic Computer Skills in the New Normal" for senior citizens and retirees, and various upskilling courses for students and professionals, open to the public. The



free trainings were conducted every Saturday at the Dr. Mariano Lao ICI, funded by Dr. Mariano C. Lao.

Partnerships

GSC held the first in-person meeting and workshop with the Core and Technical Working Group members from Nazarene College, Pilgrim College, and Central Philippine University, at the Dr. Mariano Lao ICI Laboratory, in April 2024.

GSC initiated discussions with Amormia Rhodora Rosales and Minerva Gadian from the Wadhvani Foundation in March 2023, at the Dr. Mariano Lao ICI Laboratory. The talks focused on exploring the establishment of a World-Class Upskilling Program and an AI-Empowered Technology partnership.

GSC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Chung Yuan Christian University (CYCU) of Taiwan as a potential partner of SU in online education in November 2023 at the Dr. Mariano Lao ICI Laboratory.

GSC leads the “Design and Implementation of Micro-Credentialing in Higher Education in the Philippines” project, aiming to establish a micro-credentialing system among member schools of the Association of Christian Schools, Colleges, and Universities (ACSCU). Funded by the UBCHEA, the project

runs from April 2023 to April 2025.

GSC implemented the project “Sustaining Innovative Teaching with Technology During Post-pandemic Learning” in October 2023, aiming to upskill private basic education teachers with relevant, appropriate, and scalable technology-enhanced teaching strategies for the post-pandemic era. The project was funded by the Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) and Inteligente Publishing Inc through the Rethinking Education, Championing, and Accelerating School Transformation (RECAST) grant.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

People

The ICT Department takes pride in the achievements and professional development of its personnel over the past year:

Dr. Chuchi S. Montenegro was elected as Vice President-Internal in the Philippine Society of Information Technology Educators (PSITE), strengthening the department’s presence in the national IT education sector.

Dr. Montenegro was also appointed as a Program Evaluator for the Computer Science Program under the Philippine Computing Society Information and Computing Accreditation Board, further enhancing the department’s expertise in academic accreditation.

Three ICT personnel attended the regional convention of PSITE in Cebu, ensuring the department remains updated on industry trends and best practices.

One ICT personnel participated in a three-day cybersecurity seminar in Cebu, equipping the department with advanced knowledge in cybersecurity measures and policies.

Two ICT personnel attended the Acer Academy Awards Night in Manila, fostering stronger industry connections and recognition of ICT excellence.

Programs

The ICT Department successfully implemented key infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing the university’s technological capacity:

- ▶ Completed the installation of wired and wireless network systems for the new Senior High School (SHS) building, ensuring reliable connectivity for students and faculty.
- ▶ Upgraded computer laboratory units and select office computers to improve efficiency and support higher computing demands.

Partnerships

To enhance network connectivity and internet reliability, the ICT Department established strategic partnerships with major leased line internet providers:

- ▶ PLDT – 500 Mbps supplying internet connectivity to offices and laboratories.
- ▶ Globe – 500 Mbps supplying internet connectivity to offices and laboratories.



- ▶ Globe – 700 Mbps supplying campus-wide WiFi access, expanding internet accessibility for students, faculty, and staff.

These efforts underscore the ICT Department’s commitment to providing high-quality technology services and infrastructure to support academic excellence and operational efficiency. Moving forward, the department remains dedicated to innovation, professional development, and strengthening its role in the institution’s technological advancement.

TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENTREPRENEURIAL CENTER

People

The Center has hired part-time faculty for its various programs.

For Animal Production (Swine) NC II and Poultry-Chicken NC II:

- ▶ John Albert B. Ungson
- ▶ Justin Philip G. Valencia
- ▶ Dorcas Pananganan

For Contact Center Services/
Computer System Servicing:

- ▶ Blanchie M. Utzurum
- ▶ Joemil A. Dayao
- ▶ Joy M. Dy
- ▶ Michael Rogelio
- ▶ Lindon Damaso

For Cookery NC II/Bread and
Pastries Production NC II

- ▶ Rosalie Rola
- ▶ Pepita Villacora
- ▶ Roy Villacora

The Center has been developing trainers for its Technical-Vocational Programs. These are scholars for Trainers Methodology Training 1 (TM1) from the Provincial Training Center (PTC) awaiting for their assessment schedule. These are the identified staff and TEVEC graduates:

- ▶ Vepierre S. Calunsag - TEVEC
- ▶ Nico C. Jaralve - TEVEC
- ▶ Michael Almiñana – Ticao
- ▶ Martony A. Barsaga – Ticao
- ▶ Gian Danielle E. Centeno - TEVEC graduate
- ▶ Geraldine O. Lopez – MIS
- ▶ Michael O. Oguis – High School Department
- ▶ Rafael M. Utzurum – TEVEC/SU graduate
- ▶ Manuel B. Utzurum IV – Industry

Likewise, the Center has been developing a Learning Management System (LMS) in collaboration with the Global Studies Center in August 2024 at the Mariano Lao Center.

Blanchie M. Utzurum attended the Visayas Technical-Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Conference 2024 Capability Building Program: Quality Management System last March at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel initiated by Unified TVET (UNITVET), Visayas TVET (VISTVET), and Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC). She also took part in the 9th Copepa National Congress in July at SMX Aura Convention Center.

Aside from that, Utzurum took the Assessment for Events Management Services NC III and passed. She is applying to be one of the assessors for the program. Moreover, she, together with Calunsag and Almiñana took and passed the assessment for Agro Entrepreneurship NC II.

Furthermore, Utzurum was elected as the Board Secretary of the Central Visayas TVET Federation and President of the Negros Oriental Association of TVET Institutions (NOATI) Inc. Ultimately, she graduated from her Masters Degree in Public Administration in May 2024.

Calunsag was transferred to SU TEVEC last November 2023. He then took and passed the training and assessment for Animal Production (poultry-chicken) NC II in March 2024.

Jaralve took and passed the training and assessment for Computer System Servicing NC II in March 2024. Likewise, he was regularized as Administrative Assistant 1 in July 2024.

Lastly, SU TEVEC is transferring its office to Roble Hall.

Programs



These programs have been qualified for Blended Flexible Learning:

- ▶ Animal Production (Swine) NC II
- ▶ Animal Production (Poultry-Chicken) NC II
- ▶ Animal Production (Ruminants) NC II
- ▶ Contact Center Services NC II
- ▶ Computer System Servicing NC II
- ▶ Cookery NC II
- ▶ Bread and Pastry Production NC II
- ▶ Organic Agriculture Production NC II (new)
- ▶ Career Entry Course for Software Developers – JAVA NC IV (re-registered)

The following programs were for Compliance Audit: (August 14, 2024)

- ▶ Animal Production (Swine) NC II
- ▶ Contact Center Services NC II
- ▶ Computer System Servicing NC II
- ▶ Cookery NC II
- ▶ Bread and Pastry Production NC II
- ▶ Organic Agriculture Production NC II
- ▶ Career Entry Course for Software Developers – JAVA NC IV

Accredited Assessment Center:

- ▶ Animal Production (Swine) NC II
- ▶ Animal Production (Poultry-Chicken) NC II
- ▶ Animal Production (Ruminants) NC II

- ▶ Computer System Servicing NC II (new)
- ▶ Cookery NC II (new)
- ▶ Bread and Pastry Production NC II (new)
- ▶ Organic Agriculture Production NC II (new)

Accredited Mobile Training Program for Region 7:

- ▶ Animal Production (Poultry-Chicken) NC II (new)
- ▶ Animal Production (Swine) NC II (new)
- ▶ Organic Agriculture Production NC II (new)

Implemented Training and Assessment Scholarships:

Name of Program Qualification	Type of Scholarship	Duration	No. of Scholars	Remarks
Animal Production (Poultry-Chicken) NC II	CFSP	June 23, 2023 – July 27, 2023	25	Done/ Paid
Animal Production (Swine) NC II	TWSP	June 23, 2023- August 9, 2023	20	Done/Paid
Cookery NC II	TWSP	July 13, 2023 – August 29, 2023	20	Done/Paid
BPP NC II	TWSP	July 13, 2023- August 2, 2023	20	Done/Paid
Animal Production (Poultry-Chicken) NC II	TWSP	February 8, 2024 – March 16, 2024	20	Done/Paid
Organic Agriculture Production NC II	TWSP	February 8, 2024 – March 16, 2024	20	Done/Paid
Computer System Servicing NC II	TWSP	February 8, 2024 – March 26, 2024	22	Done/Paid
Contact Center Services NC II	TTSP	February 16, 2024 – March 3, 2024	24	Done/Paid
Organic Agriculture Production NC II	JDVP	March 19, 2024 – May 16, 2024	68	Done/Billed
Cookery NC II	JDVP	March 19, 2024 – May 16, 2024	50	Done/Billed
Animal Production (Swine) NC II	JDVP	March 19, 2024 – May 16, 2024	62	Done/Billed
Shielded Metal Arc Welding NC I	JDVP	March 19, 2024 – May 16, 2024	66	Done/Billed
Total graduates:			417	

Assessment Conducted:

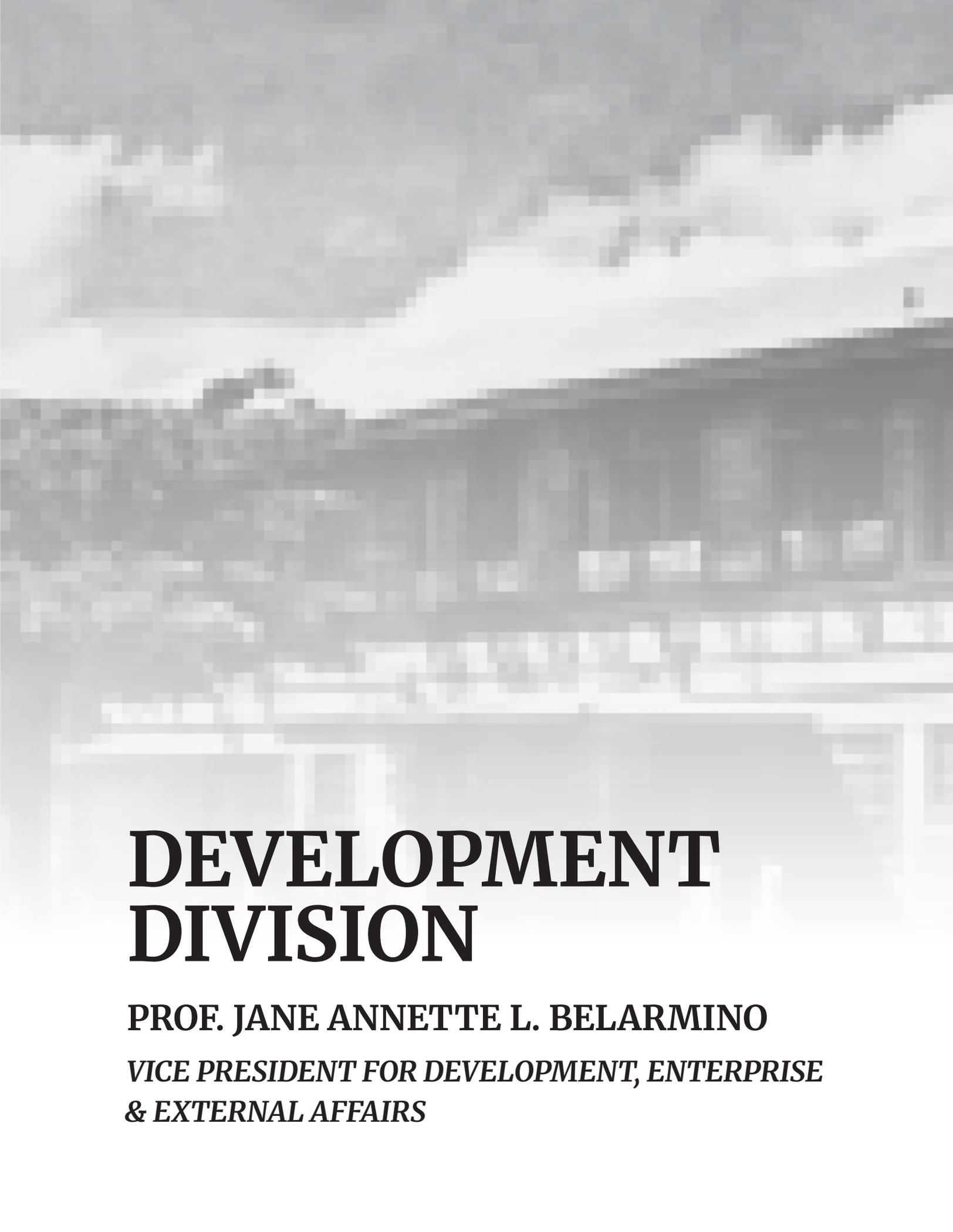
Name of Program Qualification	Type of Client	No. of Applicants	Remarks
Organic Agriculture Production NC II	JDVP- St. Paul University	78	Paid
Cookery NC II	JDVP- St. Paul University	44	Paid
Bread and Pastry Production NC II	JDVP- St. Paul University	74	Paid
Animal Production (Poultry-Chicken) NC II	Competency Assessment and Certification for Workers (CACW)	10	Billed
Animal Production (Swine) NC II	Competency Assessment and Certification for Workers (CACW)	10	Billed
Animal Production (Ruminants) NC II	Competency Assessment and Certification for Workers (CACW)	8	Billed
Total Assessed:		224	

Partnerships

The Center has established partnerships and memberships in the following institutions:

- ▶ Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
- ▶ Negros Oriental Association of TVET Institutions (NOATI)
- ▶ Community Training Employment Coordinators (CTEC)
- ▶ Department of Education (DepEd) Negros Oriental Division and Bayawan Division through the Joint Delivery Voucher Program – Technical Vocation Livelihood (JDVP-TVL) program
- ▶ Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) through TESDA
- ▶ Congressional Scholarship (Districts 2 & 3) through TESDA (recipient)
- ▶ SU Cafeteria and SU Farm in the Supervised Industry Learning (SIL) of TESDA
- ▶ Inspiro Relia, Inc. as a partner Enterprise for the Supervised Industry Learning (SIL) for Contact Center Services NC II and Computer System Servicing NC II
- ▶ Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) (through the collaborative effort of the Center, SU Farm, and the College of Agriculture)





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ALUMNI AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SU working students get support from New York-New Jersey Alumni Chapter

The Silliman University Alumni Association New York New Jersey (SUAANYNJ) Chapter donated 4,000 US dollars for the SU Student-Alumni Scholarship Matching Program of the Alumni and External Affairs Office, a scholarship fund for working students supported by SUAANYNJ chapter since 2015.

SUAANYNJ President Vivian C. Tabaranza was recently on campus to handover their chapter's donation.

The SUAANYNJ chapter has always been responsive to the different needs and advocacies of Silliman, from financial needs of working students, to supporting the University's Calamity and Response Program.

SU representatives join AAIG summit

Dr. Edna Gladys T. Calingacion, Silliman University (SU) dean of students, and Mr. Ruben N. Bokingo, director for Alumni and External Affairs, represented the University at the recently concluded International Multi-Sectoral Summit of the Academe, Alumni, Industry and Government (AAIG) in September 2023 at the University of Santo Tomas (UST).

The summit was hosted by the University of Santo Tomas Alumni Association, Inc., (USTAAI), in partnership with the UST Graduate School Center for Continuing Professional Education and Development (UST GSCCPED).

Now in its fifth year, the two-day summit aimed to foster strategic

alliances among the academe, alumni, industry, and government sectors for inclusive and sustainable success; to capitalize and advance the use of technology-driven approaches with humanistic strategies in community development; and to promote and share winning best practices towards concrete and practical implementation of collaborative engagements through humanizing education.

With the theme "AAIG Nexus: New Visions, New Frontiers, New Strategies and Practices," the summit also aimed to contribute to the country's economic growth as AAIG position papers will be forwarded to the Philippine Congress to help chart laws for legislation.

Last year, SU hosted the AAIG 2022 Caravan Series, where SU alumni served as resource speakers.

SU commemorates the 198th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Horace Brinsmade Silliman

Silliman University (SU) commemorated the 198th birth anniversary of Dr. Horace Brinsmade Silliman, SU's founder, through a floral offering; a prayer by Rev. Jonathan R. Pia, SU Church senior pastor; and a song titled "If My Verses Had Wings," sang by Asst. Prof. Maria Elcon Kleine Koerkamp, in December 2023 at his bust located at the Silliman Hall grounds.

Dr. Horace B. Silliman died on May 4, 1910 at 84, leaving an astounding legacy of selfless contributions to Cohoes, New York, as well as capital funding and scholarships for Hamilton College, Union College, and Mount Hermon Academy, building the Silliman Lodge in New Jersey (a home for girls, affiliated with the Christadora settlement house in New York City), and establishing SU in Dumaguete City, Philippines.

The University commemorates both his birth and death anniversaries

as part of its yearly tradition.

Alumni Chapter Visitation

Silliman Alumni Association, Inc. (SAAI) Cagayan de Oro Chapter

The Silliman Alumni Association, Inc. (SAAI) Cagayan de Oro Chapter held its first face-to-face alumni gathering, "TAPOK TA!" in July 2023 at the residence of Patrick Jeremy U. Sylee in Cagayan de Oro City.

Present during the get-together were two members of the Silliman University (SU) Board of Trustees, both pillars of the Cagayan de Oro Chapter, namely: Trustee and Outstanding Sillimanian Awardee (OSA), Emmanuel D. Abellanosa and Trustee Fenina T. Rodriguez. Also present were OSA Jeff Willkom Acebedo and OSA Patricia Velez-Gaid.

The Cagayan de Oro alumni chapter event had Moses Joshua B. Atega, SU International Students adviser, as emcee. Prizes were given to those who answered the Silliman trivia questions correctly. SAAI President Yasmin M. Alih and SU Alumni and External Affairs Director Mr. Bokingo gave their alumni updates on the upcoming alumni activities for the 122nd SU Founders Day.

The newly elected officers of SAAI Cagayan de Oro Chapter are the following: Helen Grace P. Uy – president; Percy P. Guarin – vice president; Imma Rae D. Gatuslao – secretary; April Twinkle A. Coral – treasurer; Pemmy M. Calumpang – auditor; and Vivian S. Vestil – PRO. The members of the board are Lealyn A. Ramos, Judge Jeff Willkom Acebedo, Frank Molas, Roy Dino R. Tenaja, and Patrick Jeremy U. Sylee; while the chapter advisers are Engr. Emmanuel D. Abellanosa, Dr. Patricia Velez-Gaid, and Edwin M. Alo.

**Silliman Alumni Association,
Inc. (SAAI) Greater Bacolod
City Chapter**

The Silliman Alumni Association, Inc. (SAAI) Greater Bacolod City Chapter held its Christmas Party and election of new officers in December 2023 at the residence of Outstanding Sillimanian Awardee (OSA) Nelly A. Jocson at Sta. Clara Subdivision, Bacolod City. Other guests that graced the alumni gathering were Atty. Mildred Aguilar Pfeider, Silliman University (SU) trustee; Ms. Alhi, SAAI national president; RD Marie M. Delos Reyes, SAAI executive secretary; Mr. Atega, SU international student adviser; and Mr. Bokingo, SU director for Alumni and External Affairs.

Ms. Alih gave a report on the current thrusts of SAAI, while Mr. Bokingo shared alumni updates from the campus. The games and trivia questions were led by Mr. Atega with SU souvenirs as prizes.

The newly elected chapter officers are Caesar L. Pacalioga (President), Dr. Jose Rene Gayo (Vice President), Jean Abong-Chan (Secretary), Imogene S. Kana-an (Treasurer), Balma Nandwani (Public Information Officer). Cidni Mapa and Nelly A. Jocson, were elected as members of the Board of Directors, while James Andrew Aves was appointed PRO for their Junior Alumni Board.

**Silliman Alumni Association,
Inc. (SAAI) Dumaguete Chapter**

The Silliman Alumni Association, Inc. (SAAI) Dumaguete Chapter held a post-Yuletide Fellowship in January 2024, at the Silliman Hall. Chapter President, Atty. Pristine M. Raymond, formally welcomed all the attendees. The guest speaker during the alumni gathering was Rolando “Rudy” Venturanza Magdamo, an inductee to the Order of Horace B. Silliman (OHBS). His inspiring message on the Silliman Spirit has proven to be a

moving force for Sillimanians to be generous of their time, talent, and treasure. Alumni and university updates were given by Mr. Bokingo.

The Laura Hibbard Heritage Room, a project of SAAI Dumaguete Chapter, on the second floor of the Silliman Hall can now be viewed by campus tour groups upon request through the Alumni and External Affairs Office (alumni@su.edu.ph).

A Healing Ministry Heritage Room is being set up through the assistance of the Silliman University Medical Center Foundation, Inc. A soft opening for this heritage room is set for next month.

Other heritage rooms in the pipeline will depict the old classroom and laboratory of SU’s Father of Environmental Research, Dr. James W. Chapman, and the workshop of the Silliman Builder and landscape architect, Charles A. Glunz.

The University will also be setting up a visitors’ center as an ideal take-off point for a university tour.

**42 companies join Silliman’s
2024 Job Fair**

The Career and Placement Desk of the Silliman University (SU) Alumni and External Affairs Office announced that 42 companies participated in the 2024 Job Fair in May 2024, at the Guy Hall, Silliman University Campus.

The Job Fair venue was moved from the East Quadrangle, fronting the University House to Guy Hall due to the extreme heat outdoors.

The Job Fair Opening Program, held at the Silliman Hall, accepted the registration of students/job applicants and participating companies at 8:00 AM and was followed by the program proper.

Invited guest speaker during the Opening Program was Atty. Felipe Claudio “Dio” C. Remollo, Chief Political Affairs Officer of the Speaker

of the House of Representatives.

The Job Fair proper followed right after the opening program. Job Fair participants were advised to bring copies of their updated resumés.

The annual Job Fair was open to all graduating Sillimanian seniors and alumni. As an outreach to the community, this Job Fair was open to the public; thus, graduating seniors from other schools and other job seekers were welcome to participate.

The following were the participating companies for Job Fair 2024.

Advanced World Solutions Inc, AETOS FPH Insurance Inc., Cognizant Technology Solutions of the Philippines, Chong Hua Hospital, Fast Retailing Philippines Inc. (Uniqlo), FDC Misamis Power Corporation, First Balfour, Inc., Grandison USA, IDP Education Limited, Jollibee Foods Corporation, Landbank of the Philippines, Metro Dumaguete Water, Minebeamitsumi, Phils., Philchema, Inc., Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc., Rockwell Land Corporation, ING, SophieOutsourcing Inc., Rustan Coffee Corporation (Starbucks Phils), Oceanclick Virtual Solutions, Inc. Wrkpod Inc., Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co. (Metrobank), Smiles on Demand by Vervent Phils, Inc., Brent Int’l School Manila, Calibr8 Systems Inc., Legacy Migration and Study Direction Consultancy, Eisenbach Consulting LLC, SHERPA Phils. Inc., Sannovex Pharmaceutical Distributor, SHOPEE Philippines Inc., Primary Homes Inc., SUMC Foundation Inc., Lumina Datamatics Corporation, DCCCO Multipurpose Cooperative, Philippine Manufacturing Co. of Murata, Gullas College of Medicine, Inspiro Relia, Central Azucarera de Bais, Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), San Miguel Brewery, Intellicare, Peak Outsourcing

The above figures show the university extended financial assistance, sympathy floral wreaths and snacks to our departed Faculty and Staff, Retirees and their

Financial Assistance Extended to Departed Faculty & Staff, Retirees and Dependents

Recipient	Number	Community Chest (Pesos)	Flowers (Pesos)	Snacks (Pesos)
Faculty & Staff	1	5,000	2,000	2,500
Retirees	10	50,000	25,000	22,500
Dependents	17	17,000	54,000	32,500
TOTAL	28	72,000	81,000	57,500

dependents. A total of Php 210,500.00 pesos was released and 28 recipients and their families as beneficiaries.

Memorial Service for Reunioning Classes and Groups

Every Founders Day the Alumni and External Affairs organizes a memorial service to give alumni groups a venue to commemorate and remember classmates, faculty & staff, and alumni who have passed on. This was held in August 2023, at Silliman Church. Alumni groups that participated were SUHS 1973, SUHS 1983, SUHS 1993, COE 1993, and SUHS 2013.

Parada Sillimaniana

The Parada Sillimaniana is a very popular activity especially to reunioning groups. For Founders Day 2023, the following alumni groups registered and joined the Parada:

SUHS 1973, MEDTECH 1973, BSN 1973, SUHS 1958, SUHS 1963, SUHS 1971, SUHS 1977, SUHS 1978, SUHS 1983, SUHS 1988, SUHS 1990, SUHS 1993, SUHS 1995, SUHS 1998, SUHS 2003, SUHS 2008, SUHS 2013, SUES 1988, SUES 2003, SUES 2013, BS PreMed 1967, BS MedTech 1978, Civil Eng. 1981, BS Bio 1987, SULAW 1988, Civil Eng. 1988, COE-EE 1988, BMC 1997 & 1998, SUCN 2008, SUCN 2013, SUND 2013, BBA Mgt 2013,

SAAI 1968, SU Visayan COCOFED Scholars, SOAN 1998, SUACONA, AGGIES, Davao Alumni Association, Davao Chapter, Alpha Phi Omega (APO), and Leon Kilat Demolay (Alumni Chapter No. 44).

A total of 39 alumni groups participated in the 2023 Parada Sillimaniana.

FOOD SERVICES

People

The Food Services Department conducts monthly devotions with the assistance of SU Church pastors for SUFSD personnel which involve regular gatherings focused on spiritual reflection, team bonding, and personal growth. These sessions can include reading inspirational texts, sharing experiences, and discussing values such as teamwork, integrity, and customer service.

The Food Services Department held its Christmas Devotion in December 2023. It boosts morale, fosters team spirit, and shows appreciation for staff. It provides an opportunity for colleagues to socialize in a relaxed setting, strengthening relationships and improving workplace dynamics. Celebrating together can enhance a sense of belonging and loyalty, contributing to a positive organizational culture and

potentially increasing productivity and job satisfaction.

Programs

The Food Services Department conducted a Food Safety Workshop, a two-day workshop participated by all SUFSD personnel, in December 2023. This was conducted by Asst. Prof. Alwyn Klein A. Mana-ay, chairperson of the SU Nutrition & Dietetics Department.

The Food Services Department team, including office staff, the baker, salad maker, food service aide, and manager, led by Asst. Prof. Ana Vee A. Riconalla, traveled to Bacolod in June 2023 for a benchmarking visit. The objective was to evaluate and compare the quality, presentation, pricing, and customer satisfaction of food and pastries, gaining insights to enhance our own offerings.

The Food Services Department purchased its own Ice Maker, Chiller, Freezer, Popcorn Maker, and Ice Cream Maker that are essential for food preparation and storage, ensuring efficient and safe operations in the cafeteria last April and June 2023.

In May 2024, a Kooler Water Dispenser was installed to ensure easy access to clean and safe drinking water, promoting hydration and overall health among patrons. Additionally, this initiative helps reduce the reliance on single-use plastic bottles, aligning with the university's commitment to environmental sustainability.

We've got something better for you! #2024. The Food Services Department made a marketing initiative in lowering food prices in the cafeteria, which started last January 2024. It involves making strategic adjustments to reduce costs while maintaining quality and service.

In February 2024, the Food Services Department launched a Valentine's promo to engage customers and enhance our marketing efforts. Patrons were encouraged to

comment, like, and share their photos taken at our Valentine’s booth using the hashtag #ILoveSUCaf. As a token of appreciation, each post earned participants one free cheese bread.

Partnerships

In May 2024, the Food Services Department became a member of the Negros Oriental Hotel, Resort, and Restaurant Association, Inc. (NOHRA), leveraging the organization’s expertise and resources to enhance its offerings, attract more customers, establish valuable linkages, and remain competitive in the food service industry. It was officially inducted at a formal ceremony, with Dolores C. Bejarasco and Katherine M. Hongayo representing the department.

MEDIA AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

People

Dr. Warlito S. Caturay Jr. was appointed as director of the Office of Information and Publications (OIP) effective August 2023. Previously, he served as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (February–May 2023) and has been a faculty member of the English and Literature Department since 2001, teaching applied linguistics, writing, and communication courses. He also chaired the department from 2014 to 2016 and again from 2022 to 2023. A Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant in 2007, he was assigned to Skyline Community College in California. Deeply involved in SU’s literary and academic community, he coordinated the 59th SU National Writers Workshop and has been editor of Silliman Journal since 2019. Caturay graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Mass Communication degree in 2001 and

earned his Master of Arts in English in 2007, both from SU. He completed his Ph.D. in English Language Teaching at Assumption University, Thailand, in 2019 under the Faculty Scholarship Program of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia.

Mr. Aaron James D. Jalalon joined the Office in January 2024 as editorial assistant. He is an educator, senior editor, and published writer with expertise in copyediting, content creation, and academic administration. A Graduate Teaching Fellow at Silliman University, he teaches literary theory and communication while pursuing a Master’s in Literary Studies. He co-organizes the Silliman University National Writers Workshop and assists in the Edilberto and Edith Tiempo Creative Writing Center. Previously, he worked as a senior copyeditor at SPi Global, an administrative associate and writer for Dreambound, Inc., and a travel call center supervisor for Student Universe Boston. His editorial work spans scientific research, literary publications, and marketing content, with literary works featured in Dagmay and anthologies like Lilinaon and Handulantaw. He holds a BA in English-Creative Writing from Silliman University, where he earned the Best Thesis in Fiction award. Passionate about literature and communication, he actively contributes to the academic and publishing communities.

Programs

The office continues to collaborate with the Recruitment and Marketing Team and the Instructional Media and Technology Center in producing *Hashtag Silliman*, a weekly magazine show that airs on Filproducts, a local television channel, and streams on YouTube via the university’s official account. To enhance the show’s direction and impact, the team conducted a strategic planning session in September 2023 in Valencia, Negros Oriental, where they revisited its vision, mission, and

goals to ensure alignment with future episodes.

Additionally, the office continues to oversee and mentor the **Corps of Campus Ambassadors**, a student-led organization officially recognized by the university for managing guest visits and educational tours on campus. This year, the Corps and the office worked together to streamline the process of facilitating tour requests, ensuring a more efficient and organized experience for visitors.

In strengthening its digital presence, the office has adopted new templates for posting news articles, advisories, and alumni updates on social media platforms, including Facebook and Instagram. These templates are designed to enhance visual appeal and maintain a cohesive aesthetic. Additionally, curated hashtags have been introduced to emphasize the university’s **5Cs**—the **Church, the Classroom, the Court, the Cultural Spaces, and the Community**—ensuring that all reports highlight key institutional pillars.

Reflecting its expanding scope and responsibilities, the **Office of Information and Publications** has been officially renamed **Media and Public Affairs**, marking a broader mandate in communication, media engagement, and public relations within the university.

KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICE (KTTO)

Throughout the academic year 2023–2024, the Knowledge and Technology Transfer Office (KTTO)

actively engaged in various initiatives aimed at fostering research commercialization, innovation, and academic-industry collaboration. These activities reinforced Silliman University's commitment to sustainable development, technological advancement, and entrepreneurial growth.

One of the highlights of the year was the Sustainability and Innovation in Renewable Energy Ecosystems Seminar and Workshop Series, held in June 2023, at the Mariano and Lina Lao Hall Activity Center and via Zoom. Organized by KTTO in collaboration with SU-TBI and the College of Engineering and Design, the event brought together students, faculty, and industry leaders to discuss engineering innovations, energy efficiency, and renewable technologies. The seminar underscored the importance of knowledge transfer and commercialization in the field of sustainable energy, aligning with Silliman University's mission to drive interdisciplinary collaboration and research-driven solutions.

In the same vein of research commercialization, KTTO representatives participated in the DOST PCIEERD's IMPACT Program Assessment in July 2023, at Adamson University in Manila. This event, spearheaded by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-PCIEERD), gathered technology transfer officers from various institutions to share best practices in intellectual property management and research commercialization. The discussions provided valuable insights into institutional milestones, challenges, and strategies for strengthening university-industry collaborations.

In August 2023, KTTO, in partnership with SU-TBI and DASIG - Central Visayas, launched Innovate: Empowering Young Inventors, a two-day workshop that guided students through the process of ideation, innovation, and prototyping. Held at the Mariano and Lina Lao Hall

Activity Center, this event provided students with hands-on experience in developing innovative solutions through brainstorming sessions, design sprints, and prototyping activities. The workshop aligned with the university's goal of fostering technological innovation and entrepreneurship among its students.

Furthering its engagement in regional discussions on science and technology, KTTO-TBI Manager, Engr. Klint Ian V. Austero represented Silliman University at the Kapihan sa PIA Forum in September 2023, as part of the Regional Science and Technology Week (RSTW) celebrations in Dumaguete City. Organized by the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the event featured key discussions on the role of universities in advancing research, innovation, and sustainable economic development. The forum emphasized the significance of collaboration between academia and industry in driving scientific progress and innovation.

In September 2023, Silliman University hosted Unlocking Academic Excellence Through Intellectual Property, a seminar that explored the critical role of intellectual property (IP) in academic growth, research commercialization, and university-driven innovation. The event featured distinguished speakers, including Atty. Ann Claire Cabochan, Deputy Director General of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPPL), and Dr. Michael Abundo, Co-Founder of OceanPixel. Discussions centered on IP protection, commercialization, and the development of innovation-driven enterprises, equipping faculty, researchers, and students with essential knowledge in the field.

Expanding its efforts in STEM education, KTTO collaborated with the Silliman University Junior High School (SUJHS) to launch the SUJHS Robotics Club in October 2023. The initiative aimed to enhance students'

skills in robotics, programming, and technology-driven problem-solving. The club was officially inaugurated at the Mariano and Lina Lao Hall Activity Center and has since conducted weekly hands-on sessions to develop students' technical and creative skills. This initiative reflects Silliman University's commitment to fostering STEM education at the junior high school level.

In January 2024, KTTO and TBI Managers met with Mr. Doods Tecson, National Operations Liaison of the Filipino Inventors Society, Inc. The meeting included the donation of *The Life of a Filipino Inventor*, a book highlighting Filipino ingenuity and innovation. This resource serves as an inspiration for aspiring young inventors at Silliman University and reinforces the institution's dedication to supporting student innovation and entrepreneurship.

Strengthening its faculty's role in entrepreneurship education, Silliman University participated in the Wadhvani Entrepreneurship Network Faculty Orientation Program in March 2024. Conducted online, the program provided faculty members with valuable insights into venture creation and startup development. SU faculty members, Asst. Prof. Janice Antoniette V. Forster and Engr. Austero excelled in the venture presentation, securing the top spot. Their achievement highlights the university's commitment to fostering innovation-driven learning and equipping students with entrepreneurial skills.

In a move toward expanding international collaboration, KTTO engaged in partnership discussions with Krya Indonesia in April 2024. Led by the SINERGY TBI team, the meeting explored opportunities for cross-border innovation, startup support, and technology incubation. This engagement marks the beginning of a promising collaboration aimed at enhancing entrepreneurship initiatives within the region.

Through these initiatives, KTTO

has made significant strides in advancing research commercialization, fostering industry-academia collaboration, and equipping students and faculty with the tools necessary for technological innovation and entrepreneurship. As Silliman University continues to build on these efforts, it remains committed to shaping a future where research-driven solutions contribute to sustainable development and economic growth.

SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY BANTAYAN AND PAMPLONA FARM

The Silliman University Farms in Bantayan and Pamplona engage in a combination of livestock, poultry, and crop farming. These farms primarily focus on the production and sale of various agricultural, livestock, and poultry products. Agricultural products include fresh vegetables and rice, which are sold at competitive prices. Poultry products include chicken meat and eggs of different sizes. The farm also sells livestock, such as pigs, goats (including their offspring), and dairy cattle, to local vendors for market and breeding purposes. The farm's customers include local businesses in the food industry, individual consumers, and Silliman University staff and employees.

The Pamplona Farm operation comprises two major projects: the Sugarcane Project and the Dairy Project. The Sugarcane Plantation covers a 57-hectare area in Macopa, Pamplona.

Alongside the Sugarcane Project, the Dairy Project commenced in 2012

and is located on a 64,158-square-meter property in Sitio Buli, Pamplona. As a Multiplier Farm, Silliman University Farm was provided with 25 heads of Sahiwal-Friesian dairy cattle by the National Dairy Authority (NDA) under an eight-year loan program. The aim is to supply quality milk and dairy cattle to local backyard farmers in Negros Oriental.

Field operations continue throughout the year without any significant interruptions. Only the farm's trading activities are paused on Sundays; otherwise, field workers maintain consistent daily routines, such as feeding livestock, year-round. Harvest periods for various agricultural products vary based on the type of produce.

The Bantayan Farm sells its products within the Silliman University College of Agriculture compound. Agricultural products, such as vegetables, are displayed for sale in the main office. Eggs, dairy, and meat products are also sold in the same area, and customers have the option to buy in bulk or as individual items.

BIOLOGICAL ASSETS/ STANDING UP CROPS

SCHIDE FARM (BANTAYAN FARM)

Biological Assets/Standing Up Crops as of July 30, 2024 PAMPLONA FARM

Biological Assets/Standing Up Crops as of July 30, 2024

Events, Highlights, and Community Engagements

August 17, 2023—Mabato Tribu Bukidnon Organization (MTBO) visited SU Farm for Milk Processing and Hands-on Training.

Mabato Tribu Bukidnon Organization (MTBO) from the Municipality of Ayungon received 15 pregnant Holstein Jersey dairy cattle from Australia under the PL480 Dairy Cattle Component on June 9, 2023. The project aims to promote dairy herd build-up and enhance milk production by infusing imported dairy stocks, using advanced breeding technologies, and establishing/strengthening dairy enterprises within dairy animal populations.

The National Dairy Authority Negros Oriental Project Management Team, headed by Zarah G. Martinez-Garcia, partnered with Silliman University Farm to provide the necessary training to capacitate the MTBO to be ready for the upcoming calving season.

The Farm accommodated the group on August 17, 2023, for the Milk Processing Training and in the afternoon on the said date at Silliman Dairy Multiplier Farm in Brgy. Mangoto, Pamplona, for the hands-on training on cow milking. These trainings are deemed so important for the success of their project.

August 24, 2023—The Vice Mayor and the Sanggunian Bayan Members and staff of LGU San Fernando, Masbate, visited SU Farm.

As part of their mission for livelihood opportunities for their constituents in San Fernando, Masbate, the Vice Mayor, together with his Sanggunian Bayan Members and staff, visited Cebu, Siquijor, and Dumaguete City for a Lakbay Aral activity. As part of their itinerary, they visited SU Farm to explore seminar and training possibilities for the local farmers of San Fernando, Masbate. The said training and seminar will be scheduled the following year sometime in July during the semestral break of the resource persons from the College of Agriculture, Mr. Rehel Diaz and Mr. Rafael B. Nepomuceno, who also happens to be locals of San Fernando, Masbate. Indeed, this will

I. RICE PROJECT	CLASS	QUANTITY	
A. STANDING CROPS			
Bantayan	PSB Rc 18 (Growing Stage)	14,000	sq mts
	NSIC Rc 216 (Growing Stage)	14,000	sq mts
	NSIC Rc 646 (Growing Stage)	384.71	sq mts
	NSIC Rc 602 (Growing Stage)	337.28	sq mts
	NSIC Rc 626 (Growing Stage)	368.90	sq mts
B. WORKING ANIMALS			
	Carabao	1	female
II. LAYER PROJECT	CLASS	NO OF HEADS	
A. LAYERS			
	Laying Flock-House A	1,812	hds
III. DAIRY/GOATS/SHEEP PROJECT	CLASS	NO OF HEADS	
GOATS			
	Mature Buck	2	heads
	Mature Doe	3	heads
Kids (4-6 mos)	Male	1	heads
	Female	1	heads
IV. MISC PROJECT	CLASS	QUANTITY	
A. Standing Crops			
	Coconut Trees		
	Old Coconut Trees	83	trees
	New Coconut Trees	116	trees
	Guyabano	43	trees
	Calamansi	11	trees
	Papaya	72	trees
	Banana	499	trees

Dairy Calves	Quantity	Description
Lactating Cows	13	Heads
Dry Cows	10	Heads
Sr Bull	1	Heads
Heifer	16	Heads
Male Calves	3	Heads
Female Calves	8	Heads
	51	TOTAL
Carabao	Quantity	Description
Dam	2	Heads
Coconut Trees	Quantity	Description
Buli, Pamplona	75	2-7 years
Macopa, Pamplona	16	2-7 years
	91	TOTAL
Calamansi	Quantity	Description
Macopa, Pamplona	158	3-4 years
	158	TOTAL
Mango Trees	Quantity	Description
Buli, Pamplona	5	15-16 years old
Macopa, Pamplona	5	15-16 years old
	10	TOTAL
Sugar Cane	Ha.	Description
AREAS		
	Area A	0.35 Hectares
	Area C	2.00 Hectares
	Area D	0.75 Hectares
	Area E	1.30 Hectares
	Area G	1.05 Hectares
	Area H	2.30 Hectares
	Area I	2.50 Hectares
	Area J	3.35 Hectares
	Area K	2.00 Hectares
	Area N	1.15 Hectares
	Area O	1.00 Hectares
	Area P	3.00 Hectares
	Area O	3.00 Hectares
	23.75	TOTAL
Napier	Quantity	Description
Buli, Pamplona	5	hectares
Macopa, Pamplona	5	hectares
	10	TOTAL

be a good extension program activity for the Farm and the College of Agriculture.

September 13 – 15, 2023—SU Farm joined the Organizational Strengthening and Seed Production Enterprise Training in Mambukal, Murcia, Negros Oriental.

The training aims to enhance the participants' knowledge in organizational development, strategic

planning, and address challenges encountered in rice seed production for a sustainable RCEF seed distribution and delivery.

On the first day of the training, September 13, 2023, Mr. Ariel G. Capilla, RiCoSGA Chairperson, delivered the Organizational Status of the Rice and Corn Seed Growers Association. Mr. Rico Rommel A. Varquez, Regional Seed Coordinator, DA RFO 7, discussed the Issues and Challenges of the Seed Industry Status in Region 7. And lastly, Engr. Rojen F. Austria, RCEF Coordinator of PhilRice Negros, talked about the RCEF Seed Delivery and Guidelines.

On the second day of the training, September 14, 2023, Seed Production Practices: Land Preparation, Seedbed Preparation, Crop Establishment, Water Management, Nutrient Management, Pest Management, Harvest, Processing, Seed Certification, and Rouging were discussed by Ms. Dona P. Dela Cruz, Ms. Ivy Soloria, Ms. May O. Palanog, Mr. Ellie Zandrew S. Ganela, Mr. Gilbert A. Anquillano, and Ms. Marcheta C. Brina, respectively. Also, Values Formation was incorporated into the program and was delivered by Pastor Brent D. Blando.

On the third and last training day, September 15, 2023, the participants visited PhilRice Negros in Murcia to conduct the rouging activity. The participants were informed of the importance of rouging, especially the seed to be produced in the future will be supplied as seed materials to the farmers.

September 20, 2023—RCEF Training of Trainers on Pest and Nutrient Management at Silliman University Farm.

With the passing of RA 11203 (Rice Trade Liberalization Law), the government has been implementing strategic interventions to help rice farmers increase their productivity and income. Through the Rice Competitive Enhancement Fund (RCEF), extension services are now being implemented to enable rice farmers to be more knowledgeable and skilled on the latest and integrated rice management technologies and become empowered and capable of making the right farming decisions, thereby becoming self-reliant and competitive.

The Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), in close collaboration with the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) and the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech), will conduct a series of Training Trainers (TOTs) nationwide to train technical staff of the regions, provincial and municipal local government units (P/MLGUs), trainers of farm schools, and faculty of State Universities and Colleges (SUCs).

On September 20, 2023, Silliman University Farm assisted PhilRice by providing the field used in the pest and weed collection during the RCEF Training of Trainers on Pest and Nutrient Management. The hands-on activity



served as a great help for the participants to understand the theories learned during the training.

December 19, 2023—SU Farm joined the 2023 year-end and fourth-quarter meeting of the Rice and Corn Seed Growers Association (RiCoSGA)

At the meeting, the National Seed Quality Control Services (NSQCS) – 7 delivered some updates on the seed currently being tested at their laboratory. The seed inspector from PhilRice also talked about the updates on the upcoming 2024 Dry Season Delivery. The group was also informed of the status of payment for all the delivered seeds by the treasurer. Lastly, the association President, Mr. Ariel Capilla, gave an update on the status of the association’s PhilGEPS, including the Business Permit.

January 8, 2024—Silliman University Farm Enhances Agricultural Productivity with Significant Rice Seed Distribution

Silliman University Farm, an inbred rice seed producer accredited by the Bureau of Plant Industry through the National Seed Quality Control Services, has successfully completed the delivery of 600 bags of registered rice seeds to various local government units (LGUs) across Negros Oriental. This initiative is part of the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund - Seed Program (RCEP-Seed), aimed at boosting the development and propagation of high-quality inbred rice seeds.

Between December 15, 2023, and January 8, 2024, six LGUs received



the following allocations:

- ▶ LGU Zamboanguita: 100 bags delivered on December 15, 2023.
- ▶ LGU Mabinay: 41 bags delivered on December 19, 2023.
- ▶ LGU Amlan: 75 bags delivered on December 19, 2023.
- ▶ LGU Tanjay: 230 bags delivered on December 19, 2023.
- ▶ LGU Ayungon: 104 bags delivered on January 8, 2024.
- ▶ LGU Jimalalud: 50 bags delivered on January 8, 2024.

The seed distribution underscores Silliman University Farm's role as a vital player in the agricultural sector, particularly under the auspices of the Rice and Corn Seed Growers Association (RiCoSGA) of Negros Oriental. The farm's efforts are a critical component of the national agenda to organize rice farmers into seed grower cooperatives and associations, which are instrumental in enhancing seed production and trade across the region.

The seeds distributed are expected to bring significant improvements in rice production within the recipient LGUs, contributing to the overall goal of increasing national rice self-sufficiency and reducing import dependency. Through these efforts, Silliman University Farm continues to demonstrate its leadership in agricultural innovation and community support.

February 20 and 21, 2024—General Milling Corporation's R&D Team Visits Silliman University College of Agriculture for a Two-Day Collaborative Event

In a remarkable display of industry-academia collaboration, the Research and Development Team from General Milling Corporation (GMC) visited Silliman University College of Agriculture (SUCoA) on February 20 and 21, 2024. The two-day event was packed with activities aimed at assessing the farm and animal health, conducting a farm audit, and evaluating the feeds lab capabilities.

The first day of the visit focused on a thorough assessment of SUCoA's farm and animals, where the team conducted a farm audit. The evaluation aimed to understand better the operational standards, biosecurity measures, and the overall health of the livestock. Additionally, the GMC team assessed the feeds lab capabilities to gauge the potential for future research collaborations and improvements in feed quality and nutrition. In the evening, GMC turned over the financial assistance to the SUCoA Basketball Team, affirming its role as the major sponsor for the Intramurals 2024.

On the second day, the event shifted towards educational seminars, highlighting the importance of African Swine Fever (ASF) awareness and biosecurity. Dr. Jovelyn Pejana-Betia led an insightful seminar on ASF awareness, providing valuable knowledge on the prevention and control measures against this devastating disease. Following this, Mr. Miko del Rosario delivered a



comprehensive talk on biosecurity, emphasizing the critical role of stringent biosecurity protocols in safeguarding animal health and farm productivity.

The seminars were attended by the students and personalities from both SUCoA and GMC, including Maricon Pino, the Feeds and Flour Research and Development Manager at GMC; Kristine Peralta, Junior Nutritionist; Jessica Agustin, Lead Investigator, and Keith Arcana, Chemist. Representing SUCoA were Chester Señerez, Faculty Member, Dr. Jose Edwin C. Cubelo, the Dean of SUCoA, and Rafael B. Nepomuceno, the Acting Farm Manager.

This visit marks a significant milestone in the ongoing partnership between General Milling Corporation and Silliman University Farm. By combining GMC's industry expertise with SUCoA's academic knowledge, this collaboration aims to foster innovation, enhance agricultural practices, and contribute to the sustainable development of the agriculture sector.

February 16, 2024—Silliman University Farm Supports CICA Project Beneficiaries with Organizational Aspect Orientation

In an empowering move for the agricultural sector of Negros Oriental, Silliman University Farm became the venue for a significant orientation program. This event was tailored for the beneficiaries of the Congress-Introduced Changes/Adjustments (CICA) project in Pamplona, focusing on the organizational aspects required for their formal registration with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) as the Pamplona Dairy Cattle Farmers Association.

The initiative is part of a broader effort to formalize and strengthen the agricultural industry in the region, particularly the dairy sector, through the CICA project. This strategic move aims to provide a solid foundation for the dairy farmers in Pamplona, offering them legal recognition and

access to government support and resources.

Conducted by an expert and focal person from the National Dairy Authority (NDA)-Negros Oriental Office, the orientation was designed to educate the participants on the various benefits of being registered under DOLE. These benefits include access to technical and financial assistance, legal support, and opportunities for capacity building and market expansion. The event emphasized the importance of formal organization for small-scale farmers to enhance their competitiveness in the market and ensure sustainable development.

Silliman University Farm, with its longstanding commitment to agricultural education and development, provided an ideal setting for this event. Its involvement underscores the university's dedication to community service and its role in fostering the growth of the agricultural sector in the Philippines.

This orientation event marks a critical step forward in the implementation of the CICA project in Pamplona, highlighting the collaborative efforts of various government agencies and educational institutions in supporting the agricultural community. As the newly formed association embarks on this journey, it carries the promise of a more organized, sustainable, and productive dairy farming sector in Negros Oriental.

March 6, 2024—Silliman University Farm Provides Hands-On Dairy Production Training to the Junior Students of Silliman University College of Agriculture.

In an effort to enhance practical learning and provide real-world experience to future agriculturists, Silliman University College of Agriculture organized a comprehensive dairy production educational opportunity at Silliman University Farm for its junior students. This initiative, designed to



bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, allowed students to engage directly in essential dairy farm operations.

Under the guidance of Chester Wing Siong Señerez, the Junior Students facilitator; Rafael B. Nepomuceno, the Farm Manager; Zarah May Martinez-Garcia, the focal person from the National Dairy Authority-Negros Oriental; and a team of experienced technicians from the Department of Agriculture-Pamplona, the students immersed themselves in a variety of dairy farm practices. The hands-on activities included Pregnancy Detection, Vitamin Administration, Ear Tagging, and Blood Collection, providing the students with a holistic understanding of dairy farm management and animal health care.

This educational opportunity is part of Silliman University's commitment to producing well-rounded agriculture professionals capable of contributing to the agricultural sector's development and sustainability. By engaging in these practical activities, students were able to apply their classroom learning in a real farm setting, enhancing their skills and knowledge in dairy production.

The collaboration between Silliman University Farm, the National Dairy Authority-Negros Oriental, and the Department of Agriculture-Pamplona underscores the importance of partnership in advancing agricultural education and practice. These hands-on experiences are invaluable in preparing the

students for their future careers in agriculture, equipping them with the competence and confidence to address the challenges of modern farming.

March 8, 2024—Silliman University Farm Hosts Field Exposure Training for Inbred Rice Seed Production



Participants of the Inbred Rice Seed Production Training visited Silliman University Farm for Field Exposure Training to enrich their knowledge and skills in rice cultivation. This training session was organized by the Bureau of Plant Industry - National Seed Quality Control Services (BPI-NSQCS) in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI).

The event marks a significant effort to boost the agricultural sector's productivity by enhancing the capacity of local farmers and agricultural technicians in producing high-quality inbred rice seeds. The training aimed at imparting practical knowledge and hands-on experience, vital for improving rice production efficiency and ensuring food security in the region.

Participants, including farmers, agricultural extension workers, and other stakeholders, received comprehensive insights into the latest techniques and practices in inbred rice seed production. The Field Exposure Training at Silliman University Farm provided an invaluable opportunity for them to observe agricultural practices in action and learn directly from experienced professionals in the field.

The collaboration among BPI-NSQCS, DA, and ATI underscores a unified approach to agricultural development and education. By leveraging the expertise and resources of these institutions, the training program is poised to make a substantial impact on the participants' ability to contribute effectively to the agricultural sector's growth.

The Inbred Rice Seed Production Training and the subsequent Field Exposure Training at Silliman University Farm represent crucial steps toward empowering the agricultural community with the knowledge and tools needed to face the challenges of modern farming. Through initiatives like these, the organizers hope to foster innovation, sustainability, and resilience in the agriculture sector, ultimately contributing to the nation's food security and economic prosperity.

March 18, 2024—Experts Evaluate Progress at Silliman University Farm in Alignment with Dairy Nutrition Initiatives



In a significant step towards enhancing agricultural and dairy nutrition practices, Dr. Menandro Loresco and Ms. Mel Batocabe recently conducted a monitoring visit to Silliman University Farm in Pamplona. This visit was conducted in response to the Re-Entry Action Plan (REAP) submitted by Mr. Rafael B. Nepomuceno, the acting manager of the farm and participant in the short course focused on Dairy Nutrition, Feeding Management, and Forage Production held from November 20 to 24, 2023.

The comprehensive training was a joint initiative by the Dairy Training and Research Institute (DTRI) of the College of Agriculture and Food

Science at the University of the Philippines Los Baños (CAFS-UPLB). It was a collaborative effort with Alaska Milk Corporation and the Kingdom of Netherlands, facilitated through the UPLB Foundation, Inc., aiming to enrich knowledge and practices in the dairy farming sector.

Dr. Loresco and Ms. Batocabe's visit underscores the ongoing commitment to agricultural development and the implementation of best practices in dairy nutrition and farm management. The monitoring activity aimed to assess the progress made since the training and how the insights and methodologies learned have been applied to improve the operations at Silliman University Farm.

Mr. Nepomuceno's involvement in the Short Course is part of a broader effort to enhance the farm's productivity and sustainability. The Re-Entry Action Plan he submitted outlines strategic measures derived from the course, aiming to leverage the latest advancements in dairy nutrition and forage production to benefit the farm's output and overall efficiency.

March 20, 2024—Innovative Binhi e-Padala System Revolutionizes Seed Distribution in Negros Oriental

In a meeting at Silliman University Farm, key agricultural stakeholders from Negros Oriental gathered to discuss the "Binhi e-Padala" system, a pivotal component of the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) seed program. The event, hosted by the Rice and Corn Seed Growers



Association (RiCoSGA) in collaboration with the RCEP Extension team from PhilRice Negros, led by Maam Fennie Lyn Alvero Pantin, marked a significant step forward in strengthening the connection between seed growers and farmers across the region.

The Binhi e-Padala System, launched in 2020, is a cutting-edge, digitally-aided distribution mechanism designed to streamline the seed delivery process. Through this system, qualified beneficiaries receive a claim code via text message, which they then present to receive their seeds. This innovative approach not only simplifies logistics but also ensures that high-quality seeds reach farmers efficiently and promptly.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Ariel Capilla, President of RiCoSGA, alongside the association's Board of Directors, representatives of OPA-Dumaguete, and DA-CAO of Bayawan City. Mr. Alejandro Rafal, Head of the Department of Agriculture-Provincial Agriculture Technology Coordinating Office (DA-PATCO) in Negros Oriental, was also present, highlighting the collaborative efforts between local agricultural bodies and national institutions in promoting agricultural advancements.

As the agricultural sector continues to embrace digital solutions, initiatives like the Binhi e-Padala system represent a significant leap forward in ensuring food security and enhancing the livelihoods of farmers in Negros Oriental and beyond. This meeting at Silliman University Farm not only highlighted the successes achieved thus far but also paved the way for future innovations in the field of agricultural technology.

April 10, 2024—Boosting the Coconut Farmer's Livelihoods through Native Chicken Production Training

In a significant stride towards empowering coconut farmers and rejuvenating the coconut industry, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI)

conducted a training on Native Chicken Production and Management. This initiative, held at Silliman University Farm, was specifically designed for coconut farmers hailing from Guihulngan and Santa Catalina, Negros Oriental. It forms a vital component of the Coconut Farmers & Industry Development Plan (CFIDP), a comprehensive strategy devised under the auspices of the Philippine Coconut Authority and in accordance with Republic Act 11524, commonly known as the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund (CFITF) Act.

Enacted on 26 February 2021, the CFITF Act aims to amalgamate benefits for coconut farmers, focusing on uplifting the lives of the poor and marginalized within this sector. By facilitating increased incomes, the act seeks to alleviate poverty, foster education, and propel social equity, thereby modernizing and rehabilitating the coconut industry over a span of 50 years.

The training, spearheaded by Mr. Reyland P. Jabonillo, delved into topics crucial for the successful management and production of native chickens. Attendees were enriched with knowledge on breeds and breeding, production techniques, nutrition and feed formulation, as well

as the economics surrounding native animal production. Furthermore, the training was not just theoretical; it included practical, hands-on activities at Silliman University Farm's Darag Native Chicken Project, offering participants a real-world experience of the concepts discussed.

Facilitated by Mr. Jorge Trinidad, Training Specialist II/Project Officer, and Ms. Anlyn Batistis, Technical Support Staff, the session underscored the importance of diversifying income sources for coconut farmers. By integrating native chicken production into their farming practices, these farmers can enhance their livelihoods and contribute to the broader goal of revitalizing the coconut industry.

April 17-18, 2024—Silliman University Farm Joins Local Seed Support to Rice Production Workshop

Silliman University Farm, an accredited Seed Grower and member of Seed Network in Central Visayas, participated in a two-day workshop hosted by the Department of Agriculture – National Rice Program (DA-NRP) in collaboration with PhilRice. The event, held on April 17-18 at the PhilRice Central Experiment



Station in Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, aims to enhance local rice seed production and distribution systems.

The workshop titled "Local Seed Support to Rice Production" seeks to mainstream the use of seeds for rice varieties suited to adverse environments and promote other locally preferred varieties. This initiative supports the seeds distributed through the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) and the National Rice Program (NRP), addressing specific local seed needs across various Regional Field Offices (RFOs), Provincial Agricultural and Fishery Extension Systems (PAFES), and Local Government Units (LGUs).

The workshop covers the following components: Production of higher seed classes (nucleus, breeder, and foundation seeds) of adverse rice varieties with Mr. Christopher C. Cabusora, MSc as the speaker; Evaluation of the genetic integrity of rice seeds (nucleus seeds) using molecular approaches with Ms. Ann Maureen C. Malonzo as the speaker; Production of nucleus and breeder seeds of parental lines (male and female parents) of public hybrid rice variety with Ms. Kathleen Gonzales as the speaker; Production of foundation seeds (FS) of parental lines (male and female parents) of public hybrid rice varieties with Dr. Susan R. Brena as the speaker; Techno-demo of public hybrid rice varieties in the Provincial Rice Technology Forum (PRTF) with Mr. Joy Bartolome A. Duldulao, MSc. as the speaker; Retooling and capacity enhancement of rice seed network members towards the production and availability of high-quality seeds with Ms. Aileen D. Agcaoili as the speaker; and Production of registered seeds (RS) of adverse varieties by Rice Seed Network and Digitalization of rice seed production, access, distribution, monitoring, and evaluation with Dr. Loida M. Perez as the speaker.

This collaborative effort underscores the commitment of Silliman University Farm, DA-NRP,

PhilRice, and other stakeholders to strengthen the Philippine rice sector's resilience and productivity, aiming to meet the evolving needs of the agricultural community and ensure food security in the country.

May 8, 2024—Coconut Industry Stakeholders Converge at Silliman University Farm for the Development Plan Meeting

Silliman University Farm welcomed the participants of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) Regional Inter-Agency Technical Committee Meeting (RIATC) held at the Silliman University Training Center. The event marked a significant stride toward enhancing the sector's productivity and sustainability in the region.

The meeting brought together representatives from various government agencies, including the Philippine Coconut Authority - Regional Office VII, National Dairy Authority - Regional Office VII, Cooperative Development Agency, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority - Regional Office VII, Landbank, Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) - Negros Oriental, Department of Trade and Industry - Negros Oriental, Development Bank of the Philippines, Commission on Higher Education - 7,

Agriculture Training Institute - Central Visayas, and Department of Agriculture - High-Value Crops Development Program - Negros Oriental.

A focal point of the event was the presentation of monthly progress reports by each agency. These presentations provided valuable insights into the current efforts and future plans aimed at bolstering the coconut industry. Attendees discussed a range of topics, from improving crop insurance schemes to enhancing training programs for coconut farmers, highlighting the multifaceted approach required to address the industry's challenges.

The event underscored the commitment of each agency to the national agenda for boosting agricultural productivity and diversifying the coconut industry's market opportunities. Discussions also touched on innovative ways to support coconut farmers directly, from financial assistance to technical training.

May 8, 2024—Silliman University Farm Supplies Certified Rice Seeds to LGU Ayungon and LGU Siaton.

Silliman University Farm, an accredited inbred rice seed producer



by the Bureau of Plant Industry through the National Seed Quality Control Services, has successfully delivered 400 bags of certified rice seeds to local government units (LGUs) in Negros Oriental. This initiative is part of the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund - Seed Program (RCEF-Seed), which aims to promote the development and propagation of high-quality inbred rice seeds.

The distribution details are as follows:

- ▶ LGU Ayungon received 300 bags of rice seeds on May 6, 2024.
- ▶ LGU Siaton received 100 bags of rice seeds on May 8, 2024.

This distribution highlights Silliman University Farm's significant role in the agricultural sector, particularly under the Rice and Corn Seed Growers Association (RiCoSGA) of Negros Oriental. The farm's efforts are a vital part of the national strategy to organize rice farmers into seed grower cooperatives and associations, enhancing seed production and trade across the region.

The high-quality seeds are expected to significantly improve rice production in the recipient LGUs, contributing to the national goal of increasing rice self-sufficiency and reducing dependency on imports. Through these initiatives, Silliman University Farm continues to demonstrate its leadership in agricultural innovation and community support, underscoring its commitment to advancing the agricultural sector in the Philippines.

May 10, 2024—Marinduque State University Faculty Embark on Educational Tour at Silliman University College of Agriculture and its Farm

Faculty members from Marinduque State University visited Silliman University College of Agriculture and Silliman University Farm for a benchmarking activity. The event highlighted the approaches and facilities of Silliman University College of Agriculture (SUCoA) and its

farm.

Dr. Jose Edwin C. Cubelo, Dean of the College of Agriculture at Silliman University, hosted the visiting faculty and led them through a college tour to give them insights into how the college integrates theoretical knowledge with practical application. Dr. Cubelo introduced the curriculum, research initiatives, and a variety of ongoing projects. Mr. Rafael B. Nepomuceno, Farm Manager of Silliman University Farm, toured them around the Farm facilities and laboratories, which serve as a critical hands-on learning environment for students.

The benchmarking concluded with discussions on potential collaborative projects. This visit not only highlights Silliman University's commitment to excellence in agricultural education but also sets the stage for future partnerships that will enhance the educational landscape for agriculture in the Philippines.

May 14, 2024—Dairy Farmers in Negros Oriental Received Specialized Milk Handling Training

Dairy farmers from across Negros Oriental gathered at the Silliman University Training Center, located within the Silliman University Farm, for a comprehensive Milk Handling Training conducted by the National Dairy Authority-Satellite Dairy Farmers Livelihood Center (NDA-SDFLC). The training aimed to enhance dairy production quality and safety from the farm to the processing level.

The event, led by Mr. Rianon Agas, Food Technologist III from the National Dairy Authority-Visayas Department, focused on the critical aspects of milk handling, emphasizing the importance of maintaining quality at every step of the dairy production process. Mr. Agas provided in-depth insights and practical techniques tailored to the unique challenges faced by local dairy farmers.

Participants included select dairy

farmers from several areas, including Valencia, Dauin, Bayawan City, Ayungon, Siquijor, Bacong, and Palimpinon. These farmers were chosen for their roles in the local dairy industry and their potential to implement advanced practices learned during the training.

The training session covered various topics, such as proper milk collection, storage, and transportation methods, which are crucial for preventing contamination and preserving the milk's nutritional value. Farmers engaged in interactive sessions, where they could apply their new knowledge in practical settings.

This initiative by NDA-SDFLC is part of a broader effort to boost the dairy sector's productivity and efficiency in the region, ultimately aiming to support local farmers in meeting both domestic and international dairy quality standards.

May 22, 2024—Negros Oriental Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) confirms Silliman University Farm Free of African Swine Fever

The Negros Oriental Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) has confirmed that the Silliman University Farm is free from the African Swine Fever (ASF) virus following a validation test conducted on the sentinel piglets reared on the farm. The tests, which involved taking blood samples from the piglets, were conducted to ensure that the farm is safe for an upcoming research trial.

In January 2024, the farm faced a devastating outbreak of ASF, resulting in the complete eradication of its swine population. Since then, extensive measures have been taken to decontaminate and prepare the farm for future use.

For nearly two months, sentinel piglets were raised on the farm under close observation. The validation tests conducted by the PVO aimed to ascertain the absence of the virus in the environment. This afternoon, the PVO announced that the blood samples collected from the piglets



tested negative for ASF.

The negative test results assure researchers and stakeholders that the Silliman University Farm is now a safe and viable site for conducting scientific studies.

May 23, 2024—Silliman University Farm Completes Pasteurized Milk Delivery for Supplemental Feeding Program 2023.

Silliman University Farm has successfully completed the delivery of pasteurized milk for the Supplemental Feeding Program (SFP) managed by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Offices (MSWDO) of Bacong and Tayasan. The delivery, which commenced on January 22, 2024, concluded on May 23, 2024, significantly contributing to the nutritional needs of daycare learners in both municipalities.

In MSWDO Bacong, a total of 65,400 bottles of pasteurized milk were delivered, benefiting 545 daycare learners. Meanwhile, MSWDO Tayasan received 114,000 bottles, serving 950 daycare learners. This initiative aligns with the objectives set forth by the National Dairy Authority Development Act of 1995 (RA No. 7884), which aims to enhance the nutritional intake of children, pregnant women, and nursing

mothers through the promotion of locally produced milk and milk products.

The milk feeding program, further reinforced by RA 11037—an Act Institutionalizing a National Feeding Program for Undernourished Children in Public Day Care, Kindergarten, and Elementary Schools—ensures that such programs are fully funded by the government. This legislation seeks to combat hunger and undernutrition among Filipino children by appropriating necessary funds for its implementation.

Since 2020, the National Dairy Authority has partnered with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Education (DepEd) to implement the milk component of the SFP and the School-based Feeding Program (SBFP) as mandated by RA 11037. This collaboration has been instrumental in providing essential nutrition to children across the nation, ensuring their healthy development and well-being.

May 24, 2024—ATI Central Visayas Officials Visit Silliman University Farm for Field Validation

Silliman University Farm recently welcomed distinguished visitors from

the Agricultural Training Institute-Central Visayas (ATI-CV). Engr. Rizaldy C. Mercadal, Ph.D., OIC Chief, PAS/Agriculturist II, and Mr. Ricardo B. Tagupa Jr., Technical Support, conducted an ocular inspection as part of the field validation process for the farm's application to become an accredited Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Program-Learning Site for Agriculture (RCEP-LSA).

The visit, held on May 24, 2024, was in response to Silliman University Farm's request for field validation, a crucial step in their accreditation process. Engr. Dr. Mercadal and Mr. Tagupa assessed the facilities and operations of the farm, evaluating its potential to serve as an educational site for agricultural practices and technologies.

The inspection is a significant milestone for Silliman University Farm as it moves closer to becoming an accredited RCEP-LSA. The accreditation will enable the farm to serve as a site for local farmers, showcasing practices in rice crop establishment and other agricultural innovations.

Silliman University Farm's management expressed their gratitude to ATI-Central Visayas for their support and guidance throughout the process. They remain optimistic about the positive impact this accreditation will have on their educational and outreach initiatives.

June 5, 2024—Silliman University Farm participated in the disease surveillance, monitoring, sample collection training.

Silliman University Farm, under the management of the Farm Manager, Mr. Rafael B. Nepomuceno, has taken a significant step forward in enhancing its animal health and management practices. Mr. Nepomuceno recently participated in an intensive three-day training on Disease Surveillance, Monitoring, and Sample Collection held from June 3-5, 2024, at the ATI-RTC Training Complex in Cabawan District,

Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

The training program, designed to equip participants with critical knowledge and skills in animal health management, focused on key areas such as disease surveillance, monitoring, sample collection from various farm animals, and the proper dissemination or reporting of diagnosed diseases. These competencies are essential for maintaining and improving the health standards of livestock, thereby boosting productivity and ensuring the well-being of animals under their care.

The newly acquired skills in disease surveillance will enable the farm to proactively monitor the health of its livestock, identifying potential health issues before they become severe problems. Early detection and intervention are crucial in preventing the spread of diseases, which can have devastating effects on animal populations and farm productivity.

Moreover, the ability to effectively collect and analyze samples from farm animals will allow for accurate diagnosis and treatment of diseases. This precision in handling animal health issues will lead to better management practices, ensuring that the livestock remain healthy and productive.

One of the significant highlights of the training was the emphasis on proper dissemination and reporting of diagnosed diseases. This transparency and accountability are vital in managing disease outbreaks and implementing appropriate health measures.

The benefits of said training extend beyond immediate farm operations. By fostering a culture of continuous learning and improvement, Silliman University Farm sets a benchmark for best practices in livestock management. The knowledge and skills gained from this training will contribute to the overall development of the farm.

June 13-14, 2024—Silliman



University Farm Participated in OneRicePH Project Workshop to Validate Variety Trait Requirements

Silliman University Farm, represented by Farm Manager Rafael B. Nepomuceno, attended the Stakeholders' Consultation Workshop for Validating Variety Trait Requirements per Priority Market Segment in the Remaining Provinces in Visayas and Mindanao. The workshop, which took place on June 13-14, 2024, at the Garden of Malasag Ecotourism Village in Cugman, Cagayan de Oro City, was conducted under Module 1 of the OneRicePH Project.

The primary objectives of the workshop were to:

- ▶ Complete the baseline data from the Year 2 target provinces.
- ▶ Validate the baseline data from Year 2 target provinces.
- ▶ Gather background information about the baseline data from the Year 2 target provinces.
- ▶ Clarify the baseline data sources.

The validated baseline data from each province will be instrumental in identifying market segments. This information will serve as a foundation for creating product concepts that will guide plant breeders in developing rice varieties tailored to meet the trait requirements of both producers and

the market.

The workshop saw the participation of representatives from the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), and various stakeholders, including the Regional Rice Focals, Rice Coordinators, Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Offices (DA-RFO), farmer representatives, miller-traders, and seed growers. The provinces represented included Davao De Oro, Davao Del Norte, Davao Occidental, Lanao Del Sur, Surigao Del Sur, Surigao Del Norte, Agusan Del Sur, Negros Oriental, Cebu, Siquijor, Zamboanga Del Sur, and Zamboanga Sibugay.

June 24, 2024—Silliman University Farm Hosts Hand-on Training with PhilRice-Negros, Agrimach CG Corporation, and Kubota Philippines.

DA-Philippine Rice Research Institute-Negros (PhilRice-Negros), in collaboration with Agrimach CG Corporation, an authorized dealer of Kubota Philippines Inc., conducted a hands-on Machine Operations Training at Silliman University Farm. This event was part of the Training of Trainers (ToT) on the Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice and Seeds, and Farm Mechanization, sponsored by PhilRice-Negros.

Agrimach CG Corporation showcased their four-wheel tractor, mechanical transplanter, and combine harvester, providing ToT participants and students from the Silliman University College of Agriculture (SUCoA) with practical experience in operating these advanced agricultural machines.

The training aimed to enhance the technical skills of ToT participants and students in using modern farm machinery, promoting the adoption of efficient farming techniques in rice production. The hands-on experience was an invaluable opportunity for participants to familiarize themselves with the latest agricultural technology and machinery, contributing to the advancement of the local agriculture sector.

PhilRice-Negros, Agrimach CG Corporation, and Kubota Philippines Inc. are committed to supporting initiatives that improve the productivity and sustainability of rice farming in the region. This collaborative effort highlights the importance of industry-academic partnerships in driving agricultural innovation and education.

Silliman University Farm continues to be a hub for agricultural learning and development, providing students and professionals with access to resources and training

opportunities. The institution remains dedicated to fostering a progressive and sustainable agricultural community through education and practical training.

July 5, 2024—Silliman University College of Agriculture Practicum Class Gain Hands-on Experience at Pamplona Farm

Practicum students from Silliman University College of Agriculture, under the guidance of Sir Chester Wing Siong Señerez, engaged in a practicum session at the Silliman University Farm in Pamplona on July 5, 2024. The hands-on training, part of their practical learning curriculum, included essential livestock management practices such as deworming, dehorning, vitamin administration, weight estimation, pregnancy detection, calf restraining, and milking.

The practicum is a significant component of the students' agricultural education, providing them with real-world experience that complements their classroom learning. It allows them to apply theoretical knowledge to actual farm operations, honing their skills in livestock management and care.

The success of the practicum was made possible through the invaluable assistance of the National Dairy

Authority (NDA) - Negros Oriental and Siquijor. Special thanks were extended to Ma'am Zarah May Martinez-Garcia, Jake Labis, and Kent Nichols for their support and guidance during the activity.

July 8 & 11, 2024—Silliman University Farm Supplies Certified Rice Seeds to Select LGUs in Negros Oriental

Silliman University Farm, an accredited inbred rice seed producer by the Bureau of Plant Industry through the National Seed Quality Control Services, has successfully delivered 592 bags of certified rice seeds to local government units (LGUs) in Negros Oriental. The initiative falls under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund - Seed Program (RCEF-Seed), a national program designed to boost rice production by ensuring the availability of high-quality inbred rice seeds. The RCEF-Seed program aims to support the development and dissemination of these seeds to improve rice yields, contributing to the broader goal of enhancing rice self-sufficiency and reducing the Philippines' reliance on rice imports.

The specific distribution of certified seeds by Silliman University Farm are as follows:

- ▶ Sibulan: 30 bags of rice seeds on July 8, 2024.





- ▶ Amlan: 50 bags of rice seeds on July 8, 2024.
- ▶ Tanjay: 100 bags of rice seeds on July 8, 2024.
- ▶ Bais: 100 bags of rice seeds on July 11, 2024.
- ▶ Ayungon: 292 bags of rice seeds on July 11, 2024.

This distribution reflects the farm's active involvement in regional agricultural development. As part of the Rice and Corn Seed Growers Association (RiCoSGA) of Negros Oriental, Silliman University Farm not only supports local farmers by providing them with high-quality seeds but also contributes to the larger national effort to organize farmers into cooperatives and associations. This organization of farmers is crucial for enhancing seed production and trade within the region, leading to better overall agricultural practices and outcomes.

The delivery of these certified seeds is expected to have a positive impact on the rice production capacity of the recipient LGUs. The use of certified seeds is known to lead to higher yields and better crop quality, which in turn can help meet the growing demand for rice in the

country. By reducing the need for rice imports, this initiative aligns with the national objective of achieving rice self-sufficiency.

July 24, 2024—Silliman University Farm Welcomes Visitors from the University of the Philippines Los Baños

Silliman University Farm hosted a visit from a team from the University of the Philippines Los Baños, led by Dr. Amado A. Angeles. The purpose of the visit was to conduct a survey on feeding practices and to collect samples of forage grasses used at the farm. These samples are integral to a project titled, Feed Formulation Tool Development for Sustainability and Methane Emission.

The data and samples collected during this visit will contribute to the development of innovative feed formulation tools aimed at enhancing sustainability in animal farming while addressing the critical issue of methane emissions.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (SPED)

Programs

1. Support Infrastructure and Physical Development

Construction and fit-out work continue under the supervision of a three-member Technical Working Group (TWG) and a Project Inspector (PI). The team is managed by a Focal Person in charge of externally-funded construction projects. The former Vice President for Development, Enterprise and External Affairs continue to oversee these projects along with the Technical Working Group. This team, composed of experts, is closely working with our College of Engineering and Design (CED) Architects and Engineers in designing and preparing the technical requirements to ensure that the

projects are compliant to the building requirements and regulations set forth by concerned government agencies.

1.1 Renovation of the SU Main Library

1.1.1. Interior Furnishings and Décor

Restoration of the Robert B. and Metta J. Silliman Library or the SU Main Library continue with fit-out work provided by a competent and qualified design outfit. Interior work includes furnishing of common spaces and learning areas that are modern yet classic. The overall design concept presents a multi-dimensional space that is functional and comfortable, able to meet the diverse needs of its users. The main library is transformed into mini tech laboratories, study areas, collaborative spaces and studios.

1.1.2 Main Renovation

Work under the original contract for civil works is more than 90% complete with the installation of plumbing fixtures in all floors, re-tiling and polishing of floors, and electrification of the entire 5th floor, among others. Structural retrofitting for the ground floor slab, waterproofing and other additional works were also completed.

Installation of exterior glass windows, installation of Automatic Fire Suppression and Fire Detection Alarm System, construction of Cistern Tank and construction of ACU Condenser Decks and installation of Air-conditioning Units were also undertaken.

1.2 Reconstruction of the SU Beach Ecological Park

The construction of the multi-phased beach-side ecological park continues with GUJC (or G Uymatiao Jr. Construction) undertaking the reconstruction of the Information Center and the promenade. Proposed reconstruction included redesigning of the center's roof making it better

suited to the beach environment while compliant to safety regulations of the City. Installed fire system and PWD ramp with rails are incorporated in the revised design. Site development included graveled parking spaces, broom-finish walkway, and mixed concrete pavers leading to the center.

Unlike the first design, the restructured information center concept of having slightly pointed high arches provides for greater structural stability. The column-free design is adapted so as not to disturb the existing ground floor partitions.

Demolition commenced with chipping works for the existing concrete roof from mezzanine level to the pitch of the concrete roof. Concreting of the pedestal above the plinth beam followed the chipping work. The construction of the PWD ramp was also undertaken soon after as this is a requirement by the City Engineer's Office (CEO).

1.3 Construction of the SU Bert Bravo TBI

Work progress for this turnkey facility was deemed 60.38% as of September 2024. Our Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to undertake regular visits to the building site.

Silliman University, in a letter addressed to Atty. Edilberto B. Bravo, committed to provide the following as our counterpart to this project: Concrete pavement roads, parking and walkways, 3 x 75 KVA Transformer, 225KVA with ATS Fuel Tank Generator, Interior Lighting, ACUs/Ceiling Fans, Primary Line (Electrical), Building Signages, Furniture and Equipment.

To date, transfer of the 1.5-hectare land to Silliman University is still being worked out by U-BIX Corporation

1.4 Fit-Out Work for the Mariano C. Lao Global Studies Center

Fit-Out work has progressed

significantly since the Notice to Proceed was issued to the Contractor in December of 2023. Work is 99% complete.

Construction of the Senior High School Building

Final variation works are ongoing. Construction of the canopy is almost complete with painting works remaining. While the additional drainage lines from SHS ABR (septic) to the existing canal at Vernon Hall is currently addressed by the Facilities Management.

2. PARTNERSHIPS, LINKAGES AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

2.1 Grants, Resource Mobilization and Donations

The University's partnership base continues to grow with the entry of new donations for scholarships, student mobility and leadership programs.

For grants through the United Board, Dr. Chuchi Montenegro is the current holder of the Silliman University Professorial Chair for her study, "Identifying Emotion in Speech: A Comprehensive Investigation for Advancing Artificial Intimacy in Computer Science." This study aims to explore the domain of emotions relative to speech in computer science which seeks to contribute to the enhancement of emotional recognition in AI systems, leading to more effective and emphatic human-computer interactions.

Three University personnel from the pool of librarians, Guidance Counselors and staff from the Office of Registration and Records Management received the Layague/Johnson Professional Excellence Award. The awardees include Ms. Ana Santisteban (17 years in service), Ms. Hera de Guia (14 years in service), and Ms. Joanne Pino (18 years in service).

Other grants from the Presbyterian Church (USA) for

various academic enhancement purposes and the United Methodist Women for International Scholarship Endowment were likewise received.

Repurposing donations was also done with the consent of the donors, making the donations need-based.

Six donations were also received primarily to build on the contingency fund for students and the food security program for scholars. Other donation purposes revolved around projects for laboratory upgrading for the College of Mass Communications, collection of rare Asian books and the set-up of an initial fund for graduating MassComm students effective SY 2024-25.

2.2 Cooperation and Linkages

2.2.1 Academic Institutions

Linkages with different Universities in Japan and Indonesia were made and renewed for the first quarter of 2024. Tokushima University signed a renewal of their MOU and MOA with SU for another three years. Universitas Kristen Indonesia signed a new partnership agreement while Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana inked a new MOA to cover multidisciplinary units in the proposed research consortium on disease and metabolic derangement-hyperuricemia and arthritis gout. Petra University invited SU to collaborate and commit to support the proposed grant submitted to DAAD on SDG, with other institutions from Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia and Germany.

2.2.2 Embassy

Silliman under strategic partnerships was able to foster new linkages with the Embassy of France to the Philippines since February 2024 has paved the way for more student and faculty opportunities for growth and development. Recently, five (5) opportunities for visiting faculty at SciencesPo University in Paris, France were shared with Silliman in the following areas: 1) Global Program, 2) AI and Society, 3) Discrimination, Educational Policies, and Health, 4) Environmental

Research, and 5) Gender Studies.

2.2.3 Industry/Foundation/Organization

Recurring and new partners from the industry, and non-government organizations have continued to extend their valuable support to our students. This year's partners namely UT Foundation and Frontier Tower Associates have signified support through student scholarships while BLUC53 PTE LTD is partnering with SU on research and enterprise through the Sunrise Project or the SU Networking for Research, Innovation and Sustainable Enterprise.

2.2.4 Student Mobility

A total of 13 students have been engaged to participate in academic exchanges. Two of whom were inbound and outbound students under the Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia (ACUCA)'s global mobility scheme. Another student completed a summer program for law and economics at Yonsei University while the rest were College of Business Administration Students participating in a short-term summer camp funded by Taiwan's Ministry of Education and hosted by Providence University.

2.2.5 Faculty Mobility/Leadership Programs

The following are faculty members who are engaged in various leadership programs representing Silliman University in the international arena:

Dr. Wilma Tejero and Dr. Leilanie Alana Narciso have been selected to participate in the prestigious United Board Fellows Program. It is designed to answer the needs of leadership development for mid-career faculty and administrators from Asian colleges and universities. Through this program, the United Board develops dynamic leaders committed to the advancement of whole-person education and building strong and resilient academic institutions.

Dr. Gina F. Bonior and Asst. Prof. Freshtille Cuello were accepted into

the Women's Leadership in Asia. Ewha Institute for Leadership Development (EILD) initiated and developed an online leadership course, and was sponsored by Scranton Women's Leadership Center in Korea, the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, and the Wesley Foundation in Japan. The course is designed to develop leadership potentials for women leaders in Asia, advance their academic careers, and empower them to flourish in the post-pandemic era by upholding adaptability and expanding global vision. WoLA aims to provide an invaluable opportunity for women leaders to harness their leadership skills and forge a strong network with ambitious peers from various cultural backgrounds.

Dr. Wilma Tejero, dean of the College of Business Administration, participated in a four-day Faculty Mobility Scheme Program under ACUCA hosted by Atma Jaya Catholic University-Indonesia where she shared Silliman University's good practices on environmental care and service-learning programs to the faculty of Business Administration and Communication Studies. The first two days were with the Universitas Kristen Indonesia. She had a public lecture on "Curbing Carbon Emissions on Silliman Campus: A Social Responsibility," organized by the Faculty of Economics and Business, and participated by approximately a hundred students and faculty members.

Asst. Prof. Ruth Entea and Asst. Prof. Lou Shien Ban P. Granaderos had the opportunity to participate in the Service Learning for Faculty in Asia sponsored by the United Board in partnership with Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore. The program aims to help Asian institutions effectively manage the challenges they face in service-learning (S-L) implementation.

3. Cash Donations

Majority of the donations received for the school year are for scholarships and student aid. Of the total donations, 87% are deposited directly to SU while the remaining 13% are coursed through the United Board of Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA).

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STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND MARKETING

People

- Hashtag Silliman Features
- ▶ Student Achievers Episode: June 3, 2023
- Guests:
 - ▷ **Der Neath Q. Divinagracia**, SU Delegate, 2023 Ayala Youth Leader Congress and incoming 3rd year Political Science student;
 - ▷ **Ella Nazaria P. Vasquez**, SU Delegate, Association of Philippines Private School Administrators and Mentors and Senior High School Graduate
- ▶ SU Student Achievers: Batang Pinoy 2023 medalists Episode: February 5, 2024
- Guests:
 - ▷ **Naina Dominique D. Tagle**, archer and Grade X student; Batang Pinoy 2023 – 4 Gold, 1 Silver, & 1 Bronze
 - ▷ **Kacie Gabrielle M. Tionko**, swimmer and grade X student; Batang Pinoy 2023 – 2 Gold, 1 Silver, & 2 Bronze
 - ▷ **I'zaq Edris V. Vicuña**, karateka and Grade VI pupil Batang Pinoy 2023 - 1 Silver Batang Pinoy Games - December 17 to 22, 2023
- ▶ Silliman University Outstanding Students of the Year Episode: May 13, 2024

Guests:

- ▷ **Keanu Paul B. Sygaco**,

Most Outstanding Student of the Year and Senior Student of the Year;

- ▷ **Beatrice Gwenneth Hinolan**, Senior Student of the Year;
- ▷ **Mark Angelo B. Cadungog**, Junior Student of the Year;
- ▷ **Joseph Msafiri Mbilu**, 2023 Top 3 Most Outstanding International Students of the Philippines.

Programs

September was the start of the school campaign for the school year 2023-2024. We have recruitment activities both online and face to face.

The Student Recruitment and Marketing Team organized a student recruitment and school campaign in Tagbilaran and Dauis, Bohol in November 2023. The team visited a total of two public high schools and seven private schools. With the primary objective of increasing awareness about Silliman University and attracting prospective students to enroll, we have engaged a total of 915 potential students from six schools. An effort to establish partnerships and increase visibility with all the schools visited was also made. Due to the limitations of time, the team recommends that a second round of school campaign and visit should be made to cover the other major municipalities of Bohol.

Partnerships

The team was invited to participate in a career fair hosted by St. Scholastica's Academy in Bacolod City in November 2023. Along with nine other educational institutions, Silliman University had the opportunity to introduce the university and its academic programs to prospective students. A booth was set up to showcase marketing materials produced through the

collaboration of the Office of Information and Publications and the Marketing and Student Recruitment Team. The fair aimed to highlight the vibrant and diverse academic opportunities available at Silliman University.

A total of 118 Senior High School students visited our booth, with many expressing interest in our Engineering, Mass Communication, Marine Biology, Medical and Allied Health, and Agriculture programs. The most common inquiries were related to dormitory life, on-campus housing, safety, scholarship opportunities, and tuition and fees. The team also emphasized the university's student life experience and available student services.

Given the time and transportation constraints, the team maximized their visit by reaching out to three other major private schools in Bacolod City. These visits helped establish partnerships and schedule career talks with Senior and Junior High School guidance counselors.

Other Career Fair and Orientation Activities

The team was also invited to participate in the College Fair at the Philippine Science High School - Zamboanga Peninsula Regional Campus in Cogon, Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte. Due to inclement weather and the peace and order situation in Mindanao, participation in the event was conducted virtually.

Additionally, the team participated in the following online Career Orientations:

- ▶ Colegio de Sto. Tomas Recoletos in San Carlos City (February 2024)
- ▶ International Philippine School in Al Khobar, UAE (September 29, 2023)

Furthermore, the team took part in the Career Readiness Forum for Grade 12 students at St. Louis Don Bosco, Dumaguete City and actively engaged in the DepEd Dumaguete

Division Road Show for Grade 10 and Grade 12 students in May 2024. During the roadshow, Silliman University featured its Senior High School and English and Creative Writing programs.

SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS INCUBATOR

People

Asst. Prof. Janice Antoniette Forster served as a distinguished judge and played a crucial role in evaluating and selecting the top teams to advance to the Semi-Finals and Finals of the Philippine Startup Challenge in the Regional Pitching Competition held in October 2023, at Silliman University, Dumaguete City.

Team Silliman, represented by teams Blood Barkada (1st place), Current Care (6th place), and Rescue Bites (14th place), excelled in the Regional DICT Philippine Startup Challenge under the guidance and support of the Silliman University – Technology Business Incubator (SU-TBI) held last October 2023.

In March 2024, the SU-TBI team celebrated the successful completion of the Wadhvani Entrepreneurship Network Faculty Orientation Program, recognizing Asst. Prof. Forster and Engr. Clint Ian V. Austero for securing the top spot in the venture presentation. Their dedication and innovative spirit were exemplary throughout the program, setting a high benchmark for future entrepreneurial initiatives.

Programs

Workshops

The IDP-SUCCESS team, DASIG Consortium, and SU TBI collaborated in June 2023 to conduct a workshop focused on sustainable energy innovations. Insights were shared by the TBI Manager Asst. Forster, and Innovation and Technology Support Office (ITSO) Manager Engr. Austero, highlighting funding opportunities from DOST, DICT, and DTI to support students and faculty members.

The TBI-KTTO Open House featured a dynamic two-day ideation and prototyping workshop on August 22-23, from 9 AM to 3 PM, at the 2nd floor of Dr. Mariano & Lina Lao Hall. Participants engaged in collaborative workshops and hands-on projects, immersing themselves in creativity and innovation.

In September 2023, engineering and entrepreneurship students gathered at the first floor of Dr. Mariano & Lina Lao Hall for an engaging Startup Info Session. They explored the intricacies of successful startups and discussed entrepreneurial challenges, gaining valuable insights to support their own ventures.

The official launch of the SU-JHS Robotics Club took place in October 2023, at the Dr. Mariano Lao Innovation, Creation, and Invention Laboratory. Teachers and students came together to kickstart this exciting initiative, fostering teamwork, innovative thinking, and a collaborative spirit.

In January 2024, the Robotics Class successfully completed a session on Design Thinking and Paper Prototyping at the Dr. Mariano Lao Innovation, Creation, and Invention Laboratory. Under the guidance of Asst. Prof. Forster, manager of Synergy TBI and president of the Philippine eLearning Society, participants explored innovation and creativity through hands-on activities. Key contributors included Engr.

Austero from SUKTTTO and Ms. Darlene E. Banglos from the SU-JHS Robotics Club.

The SU-JHS Robotics Club held its 5th session in February 2024, at the Dr. Mariano Lao Innovation, Creation, and Invention Laboratory, focusing on 3D Modeling using TinkerCAD. Led by Asst. Prof. Forster, with facilitation by Engr. Austero and guidance from Ms. Banglos, participants learned fundamental 3D CAD (Computer-Aided Design) concepts. The session included hands-on design modeling and creation activities, exploration of 3D Printing and Prototyping, and a showcase of student projects.

In March 2024, the SU-JHS Robotics Club demonstrated their creativity and technical expertise by crafting dynamic robots using the MODI Expert Kit at the Dr. Mariano Lao Innovation, Creation, and Invention Laboratory. Each group developed its own Dial Car and designed unique robots with specific functionalities using diverse modules. The session was led by Engr. Neil Anthony A. Malijan, supported by Engr. Austero, Asst. Prof. Forster, Ms. Darlene Banglos, and Mr. Steve M. Binarao.

During the March 13 Robotics Club session, members explored Arduino UNO coding, focusing on developing a simple LED project. Led by Engr. Johnson B. Diputado, Engr. Austero, and Engr. Malijan, participants progressed from basic LED blinking to more complex coding designs, enhancing their creativity and technical skills in robotics.

The FUSION Program concluded its two-day workshop, Transforming Higher Research into Innovative Ventures and Enterprises. Participants from various schools across Region 7, including Silliman University, University of San Jose Recoletos, Bohol Island State University, Cebu Normal University, University of the Philippines Cebu, Cebu Institute of Technology, and

Medellin National Science and Technology School, engaged in insightful discussions and practical sessions aimed at bridging academia and industry. Organized by the Development and Acceleration Support for Innovation Growth (DASIG) consortium in partnership with DTI 7, the workshop emphasized the crucial role of university policies in research commercialization.

Public Lectures

Asst. Prof. Forster highlighted Silliman University's free computer education program for senior citizens at the EDUtech Asia Conference, held in November 2023, at Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Halls in Singapore. The conference explored advancements in educational technology, fostering discussions on innovation and accessibility in digital learning.

The Knowledge to Prosperity Lecture, held in September 2023, brought together Silliman University research coordinators and students for an insightful session featuring esteemed guests, including Atty. Ann Cabochan, director General of IPOPHIL; and Dr. Michael Abundo, co-founder and director of Ocean Pixel.

Participations

Atty. Edilberto Bravo, president of Ubig Corporation, was inducted into the Order of Horace Brinsmade Silliman in recognition of his generous donation to Silliman University in August 2023 at Silliman Hall. The corporation donated land in San Antonio, Sibulan, along with funds for the SU-Bert Bravo Technopreneur Center, which will serve as an incubation facility for innovators, scientists, and entrepreneurs. The event was supported by the SInergy TBI team and its partners in honoring

Atty. Bravo's award.

Atty. Gilbert Arbon, DOST Provincial Director, recognized universities' contributions to advancing science and technology during the Kapihan sa PIA Forum on Regional Science & Technology Week held in September 2023, in Dumaguete City. He was joined by Dean Jobert Koerkamp and Romario Ybañez of Foundation University, and Engr. Austero of Silliman University's TBI KTTO.

Hosted by Joshua Soldivillo and Ronelyn Faith Vailoces-No, Hashtag Silliman, Silliman University's official magazine show, featured Asst. Prof. Forster and Engr. Austero.. They led engaging discussions on innovation and entrepreneurship, showcasing groundbreaking initiatives. The show served as a dynamic platform celebrating creativity, collaboration, and the entrepreneurial spirit at SU.

New Programs, projects, and/or activities

The Juan Catch culminating activity, hosted by Coastline 5023 UPV FTBI in June 2023, marked the conclusion of the Agro-DigitalPH incubation program. Organized in collaboration with SInergy TBI from Silliman University, the event showcased program achievements and outlined future plans. Discussions featured insights from Mr. Henry Sison of Agro-DigitalPH, with representatives from QBO Philippines and the USAID Fish Right Program also in attendance.

In July 2023, at the Mariano Lao Innovation, Creativity & Invention Laboratory, Engr. Austero and Asst. Prof. Forster joined Asst. Prof. Jane Annette L. Belarmino, vice president for Development, and Dr. Earl Jude Paul L. Cleope, vice president for Academic Affairs, in a strategic meeting with IPOPHIL specialists Mr. Dindo Dumali and Mrs. Maria Leidy Caballes-Gatuz. The discussion focused on leveraging Intellectual

Property rights to enhance university research and innovation.

The GE-15 Section A & B students showcased their entrepreneurial ideas in a Final Pitching Session for Nursing in July 2023, at the Mariano Lao Innovation, Creativity & Invention Laboratory. Engr. Austero, Asst. Prof. Forster, and Engr. Malijan served as esteemed panelists, providing valuable insights and feedback.

In July 2023, the DASIG Consortium team convened at the Dr. Mariano Lao Center (2nd Floor) for the kick-off and planning session of the Regional StartUp Enablers for Ecosystem Development (RESEED) 2 Project. The meeting focused on identifying potential partners and strategizing innovative approaches for the project's first year.

The DASIG team held a cordial and insightful meeting with DOST VII in August 2023, led by Regional Director Jesus F. Zamora. Discussions centered on DOST's support in nurturing the startup ecosystem, exploring collaborative opportunities for innovation and growth.

In August 2023, the DASIG and SU-TBI teams visited DICT Region 7, led by Regional Director Rick Amores, to champion the startup ecosystem. The meeting sparked discussions on potential collaborative activities, paving the way for meaningful partnerships and progress.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was finalized in October 2023, between Silliman University's TBI-KTTO and SU-JHS, formally establishing the SU-JHS Robotics Club. Led by TBI Manager Asst Prof. Forster and KTTO Manager Engr. Austero, and supported by TBI Project Staff Engr. Malijan, ICI Laboratory Staff Mr. Binarao, Robotics Club Adviser Ms. Banglos, and Student Organizations and Activities Coordinator Mr. Mcdiery A. Concepcion, the initiative aims to inspire young minds in robotics and innovation.

In September 2023, Silliman University (SU), through its

Technology Business Incubator (TBI), hosted the BlueTech Innovators Challenge at Silliman Hall. This innovation competition focused on developing technology-based solutions for marine sustainability, emphasizing the "blue economy." Team iGat 2.0 from the University of San Jose-Recoletos won the competition, receiving PHP 30,000, while their coach received PHP 10,000. Team Ecowave Power Payaw from SU and Team Glaucus from Siquijor State College won first runner-up and second runner-up, respectively, with each team receiving cash prizes.

In October 2023, a collaborative meeting at the Dr. Mariano Lao Innovation, Creation, and Invention Laboratory brought together Marketing students and dynamic SInergy TBI incubatees. The session focused on strategizing and innovating for new market development, laying the foundation for groundbreaking initiatives across various sectors.

The DASIG team embarked on a journey to Siquijor in February 2024, gathering key stakeholders to discuss innovative strategies and resource-sharing for provincial development. The event convened representatives from government agencies, including DOST, DICT, and DTI, alongside local counterparts. Notable participants included DICT Region 7 Regional Director Rick Amores and Atty. Dale Louise Tudtud, Chief of Staff to the Governor of Siquijor. The academe was represented by Siquijor State College, while local startups actively engaged in discussions, showcasing the region's entrepreneurial spirit. The gathering fostered dynamic collaboration, blending innovation with island hospitality to ignite sustainable progress.

Partnerships

Silliman University, in collaboration with DTI Negros Oriental, Art6200, Xteve, Sayrenka, 451 F Books and Cafe, Grape Ninja,

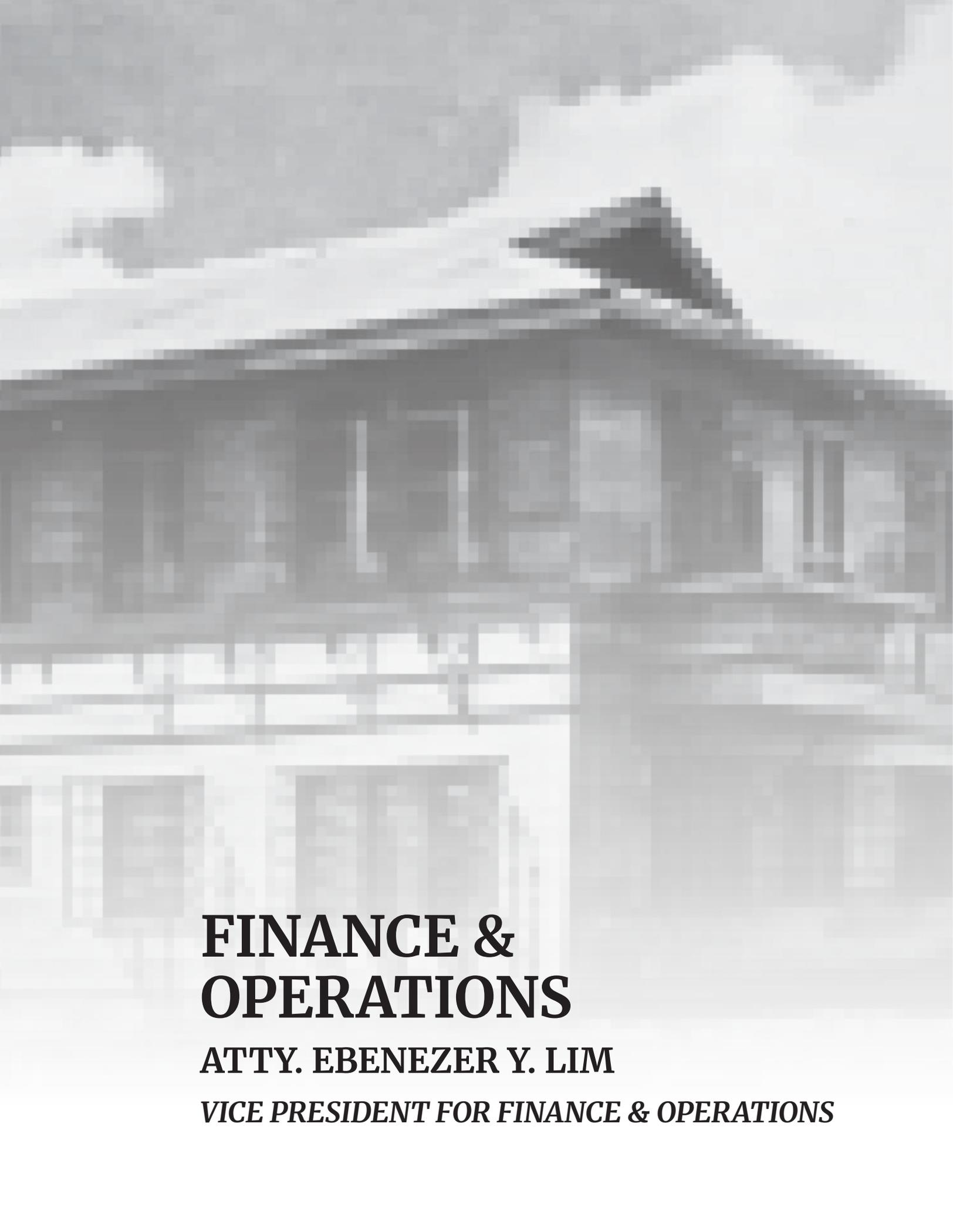
and SU TBI, organized a Zine Creation workshop series in June 2023, at the ICI Lab of Dr. Mariano Lao Hall. The event aimed to educate local creatives on zine culture and its potential as a source of income, serving as a preparatory activity for the upcoming Create Fest.

In June 2023, Joshua Esmeralda, a 2D Artist at Share Creators, Inc., led an engaging art jam session focused on concept art and illustration techniques. Held at the ICI Lab of Dr. Mariano Lao Hall, the event attracted over 25 enthusiastic participants eager to refine their artistic skills. This session, part of the Road to Create Fest, was organized by DTI Negros Oriental, Art6200, and other partners, providing valuable learning opportunities to prepare creatives for the upcoming Create Fest.

Create Fest 2023, held at Robinsons Place Dumaguete in July 2023, was organized by DTI Negros Oriental and co-organized by SU TBI & DASIG. The event featured inspiring talks by Ms. Centrina Tamala from Mata Technologies Inc. and Mr. Romel Paloma, who shared insights into art and startup culture. Their session left a lasting impact, fueling creativity and entrepreneurial spirit among attendees.

In June 2023, Bluebeans Solution, in collaboration with Dumaguete Port and NOCCI, launched a digital transformation initiative aimed at revolutionizing the city's technological landscape through collaboration and innovation. The initiative was led by Asst. Prof. Forster, CEO Ed Ryan Albuero, Atty. Sarah Mijares, and Mr. Edward Du, bringing together key stakeholders to drive digital advancements in Dumaguete.





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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

completed in October 2023.

CLAIRE ISABEL MCGILL LUCE AUDITORIUM

external client usage compared to the previous academic year, 2022-2023, reflecting a notable rise of 13%.

Comparison:

CLIENT	SY 2022-2023	SY 2023-2024
UNIVERSITY	2,511,251.54 (94%)	3,255,872.52 (81%)
EXTERNAL	168,260.17 (6%)	686,780.54 (19%)

People

Engr. Ruben O. Omega, a staff member, successfully participated in and passed the Certification Course for Energy Managers in July 2024, in Pasig City, Metro Manila, further strengthening the department's expertise in energy management and sustainability.

Programs

The Buildings and Grounds, now Facilities Management, has undertaken several key projects and initiatives to enhance infrastructure and operational efficiency across the university.

The Handyman System was implemented in March 2024, streamlining maintenance and repair services. Several construction and repair projects were also completed, including the medicinal garden at the New Academic Building in October 2023, and the construction of seven kiosks at the College of Business Administration, which was finished in December 2023. Additionally, a comfort room was built behind the New Academic Building, completed in March 2024.

Repair and renovation efforts were also prioritized, with general repairs completed for Tiza Cottage at Silliman Village in March 2024, and Chicos Cottage in February 2024. To ensure compliance with building code standards, the ramp at the back of Oriental Hall was redesigned and completed in April 2024. Moreover, an entombment facility for asbestos roofing materials was constructed at the Silliman University Agriculture property, finalized in January 2024. Campus amenities were also improved through the replacement of existing drinking fountains with iceberg drinking fountains equipped with built-in purification systems,

Located in the heart of the Visayas-Mindanao region, the Claire Isabel McGill Luce Auditorium stands as a testament to five decades of enriching academics, cultural and artistic heritage. From its inception, this cherished venue has been a beacon for aspiring talents and a stage for world-class performers alike, fostering creativity and unity through the power of arts, culture and education. Generously supported by the Henry Luce Foundation and strengthened by unwavering community backing, the auditorium has undergone transformational renovations, ensuring it remains a cornerstone of cultural expression. As it marks its golden jubilee, the auditorium not only commemorates its storied past but also embraces an exciting future, promising to continue inspiring and captivating audiences for generations to come.

1. Financial Status of Luce

Currently, 81% of the client base originates from within the University, while the remaining 19% consists of external clients. This distribution marks a significant increase in

2. Equipment Upgrades for Cultural Advancement

The purchase of new equipment is part of our commitment to upgrade and replace outdated resources, enabling us to better serve our community and enrich cultural experiences for all.

(1) 1 SET saramonic WiTalk WT95 -9 person, full-duplex wireless headset intercom

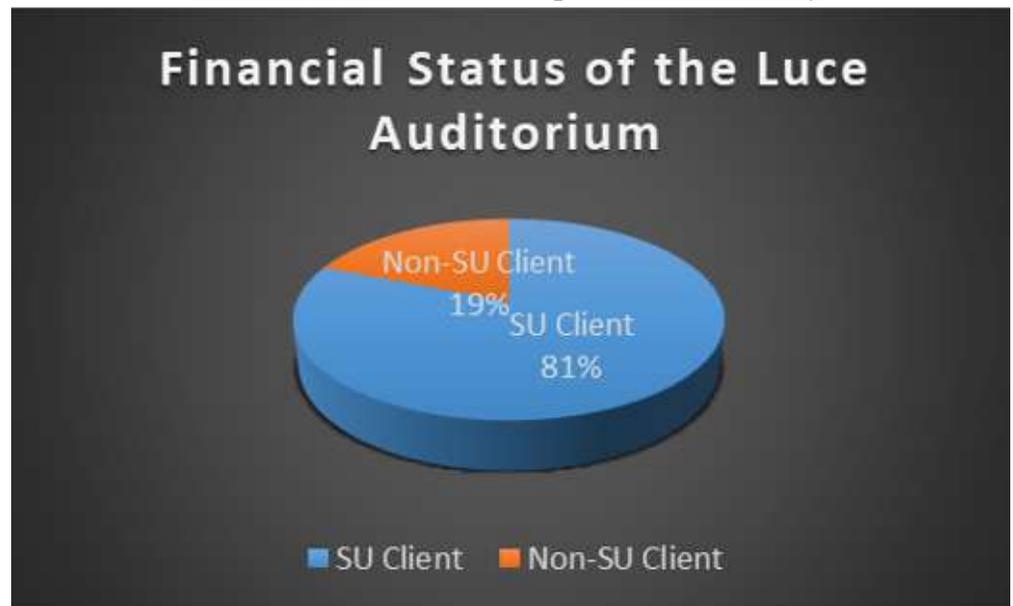
(2) Hand-held flashlights

(3) Obsidian NX1 Controller

(4) Wireless DMX512

3. Major Projects

The Luce Auditorium has embarked on two major projects approved by the Board of Trustees aimed at enhancing its facilities to better serve its clients. These projects, aligned with the five-year strategic plan of Luce Auditorium, focus on the Restoration of the Luce Lobby and the Replacement of the Cyclorama. Both



projects are integral to Luce Auditorium’s commitment to offering premier facilities to our clients. By investing in the restoration of the lobby and the replacement of the cyclorama, Luce Auditorium reinforces its position as a leading venue for cultural events, performances, and conferences. These initiatives directly support our strategic goal of maintaining top-tier facilities that exceed the expectations of our patrons and stakeholders.

4. Priorities

Looking ahead, several critical projects are on the priority list for the Claire Isabel McGill Luce Auditorium:

- ▶ Repair of House Stage Floor and Orchestra Pit: Addressing wear and tear to ensure safety and functionality.
- ▶ Replacement of House Seats: Upgrading seating comfort and aesthetics after 18 years of use.
- ▶ Repair/Replacement of Air Condition Ducting and Unit: Enhancing climate control efficiency for audience comfort.
- ▶ Upgrade of Dimmer Room: Modernizing control systems to support advanced lighting requirements.
- ▶ Replacement of Loading Dock Door: Improving logistics and operational efficiency.
- ▶ 6. Replacement of De Narra Plywood Proscenium Walls: Enhancing the visual appeal and acoustic properties of the stage.
- ▶ 7. Theater Acoustic Treatment: Enhancing sound quality and clarity for performances.
- ▶ 8. Refurbishment of Audience Comfort Rooms: Improving amenities for patrons.

5. Past Projects

Here is a list of some of the significant projects that have been completed in recent years.

2006

- Renovation of House Seats
- Renovation of Stage Floor

2011

- Foyer modified and air-conditioned

2018

- Refurbishment of Green Room
- Repainting of stair walls

2019

- Renovation of Men and Women’s Dressing Rooms
- Stage Floor Painting
- Machine Room aircon exhaust repair
- Roof Water Proofing (Portion only)
- Upgrade of Sounds and Lights Equipment

2022

- Repair and Installation of the Manual Fly System

2023

- Supply and Installation of New Secondary Curtain (Stage)
- Repair of the sinking Lobby and Loading Dock area

2024

- Replacement of Cyclorama

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Board of Trustees
Silliman University
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Silliman University (the University), which comprise the statements of financial position as at July 31, 2024 and 2023, and the statements of revenues and expenses, statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the fiscal years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the University as at July 31, 2024 and 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the fiscal years then ended in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing (PSA). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the University in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines (Code of Ethics) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audits of the financial statements in the Philippines, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with PFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the University's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the University or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the University's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with PSA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with PSA, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the University's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the University to cease to continue as a going concern.

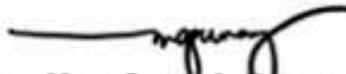
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2024 required by the Bureau of Internal Revenue as disclosed in Note 32 to the financial statements is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements prepared in accordance with PFRS. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management. The supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY
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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JULY 31, 2024 AND 2023
(Amounts in Philippine Pesos)

	Notes	2024	2023
A S S E T S			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	7	P 154,012,615	P 133,345,811
Receivables - net	8	81,396,657	84,673,692
Restricted funds	9, 11	439,252,567	372,192,857
Inventories - net	10	6,229,971	8,066,188
Due from related parties - net	28	12,716,212	4,980,308
Other current assets	16	4,233,402	4,870,035
		697,841,424	608,128,891
TOTAL Current Assets			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables	8	2,120,496	2,177,303
Restricted funds	9, 11	1,016,346,824	918,744,286
Biological assets	12	6,842,662	7,080,507
Property and equipment - net	13	699,269,860	596,240,179
Investment properties - net	14	109,109,577	119,495,883
Intangible asset - net	15	3,926,976	7,648,747
Deferred tax assets - net	27	994,763	-
Other non-current assets	16	10,519,834	8,036,913
		1,849,130,992	1,659,423,818
TOTAL Non-current Assets			
TOTAL ASSETS		P 2,546,972,416	P 2,267,552,709

	Notes	2024	2023
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	17	P 134,791,746	P 125,503,958
Special purpose funds	18	191,243,315	126,812,551
Funds held in trust	19	248,009,252	245,380,306
Unearned tuition and school fees	21	118,276,964	91,753,379
Students' and other deposits		<u>6,897,751</u>	<u>6,626,097</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>699,219,028</u>	<u>596,076,291</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Special purpose funds	18	63,647,528	207,034,329
Unearned project revenues	21	428,520,718	273,271,379
Deferred tax liabilities - net	27	-	448,732
Post-employment defined benefit obligation - net	26	<u>27,078,777</u>	<u>1,746,535</u>
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>519,247,023</u>	<u>482,500,975</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>1,218,466,051</u>	<u>1,078,577,266</u>
EQUITY			
General fund	29	865,300,083	726,406,545
Endowment fund		152,447,724	145,837,086
Revaluation reserves		<u>310,758,558</u>	<u>316,731,812</u>
Total Equity		<u>1,328,506,365</u>	<u>1,188,975,443</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		<u>P 2,546,972,416</u>	<u>P 2,267,552,709</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY
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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JULY 31, 2024 AND 2023
(Amounts in Philippine Pesos)

	Notes	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
REVENUES			
Tuition and school fees - net	20	P 760,057,439	P 754,583,921
Finance income	24	104,299,196	51,854,189
Income from auxiliary activities	20, 22	96,688,797	95,514,488
Project revenues	18, 21	77,424,325	57,981,093
Rent	30	30,977,865	27,583,243
Income from donated properties	20	8,634,710	25,115,943
Gain on reversal of allowance for impairment	8	2,572,183	-
Donations		437,004	426,145
Other income	20, 25	<u>35,734,109</u>	<u>38,529,511</u>
		<u>1,116,825,628</u>	<u>1,051,588,533</u>
EXPENSES			
Personnel costs	26	529,013,780	508,021,709
Education and general expenses	23	316,178,040	313,198,216
Auxiliary costs and expenses	22	104,559,092	84,385,493
Project expenses	18, 23	25,407,006	17,042,439
Finance costs	24	<u>114,049</u>	<u>12,016,349</u>
		<u>975,271,967</u>	<u>934,664,206</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES BEFORE TAX		141,553,661	116,924,327
TAX EXPENSE	27	<u>2,660,123</u>	<u>1,935,286</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES		<u>P 138,893,538</u>	<u>P 114,989,041</u>

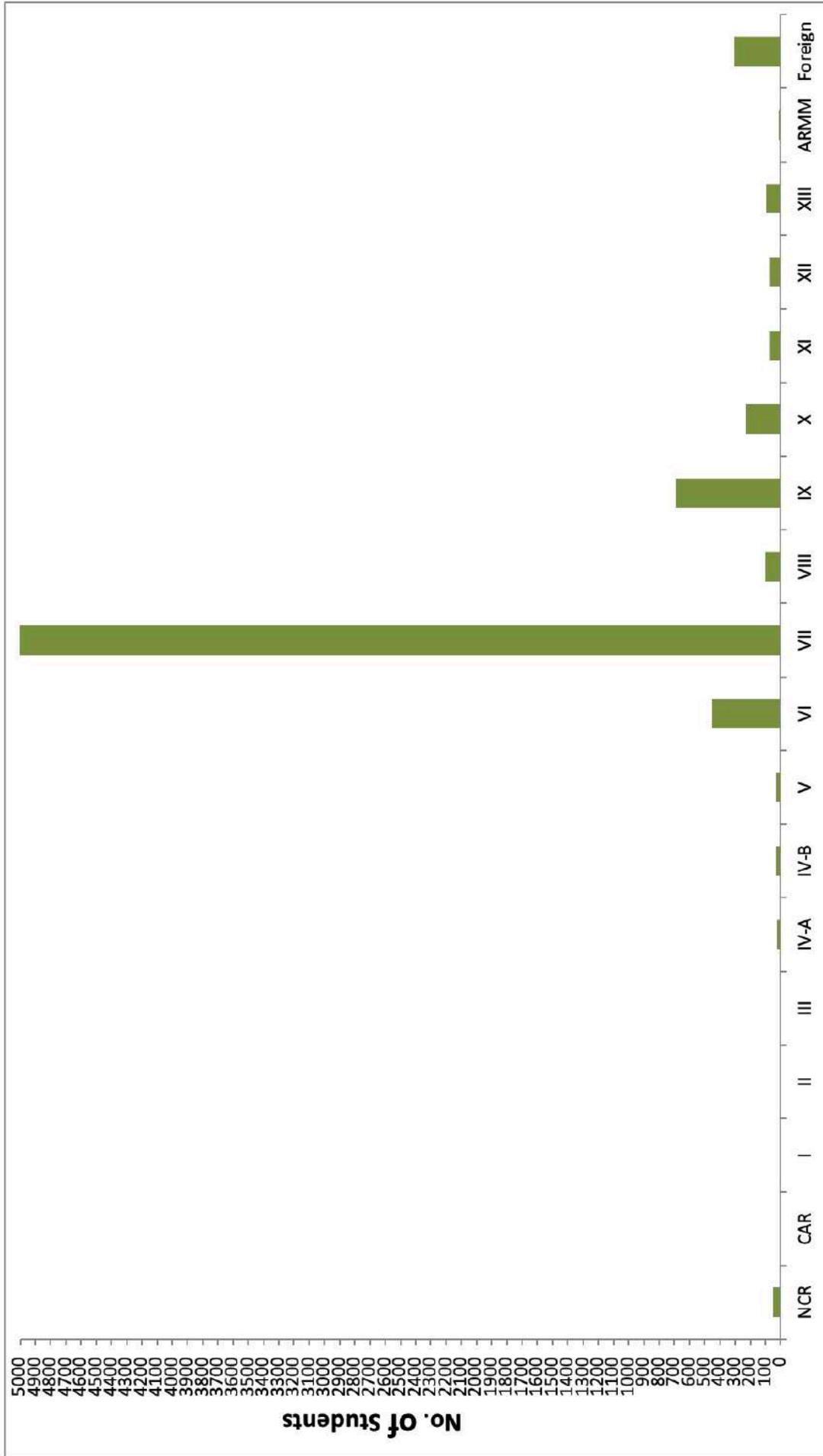
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STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JULY 31, 2024 AND 2023
(Amounts in Philippine Pesos)

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES		P 138,893,538	P 114,989,041
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)			
Item that will be reclassified subsequently to revenue and expenses			
Fair value gains (loss) on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) - debt securities	9	<u>27,609,243</u>	<u>(10,877,255)</u>
Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to revenue and expenses			
Loss on remeasurement of post-employment defined benefit asset	26	<u>(34,666,860)</u>	<u>(18,004,120)</u>
Fair value gain (loss) on financial assets at FVOCI - equity securities	9	<u>1,084,363</u>	<u>(2,055,167)</u>
		<u>(33,582,497)</u>	<u>(20,059,287)</u>
Other Comprehensive Loss - Net		(5,973,254)	(30,936,542)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		P 132,920,284	P 84,052,499

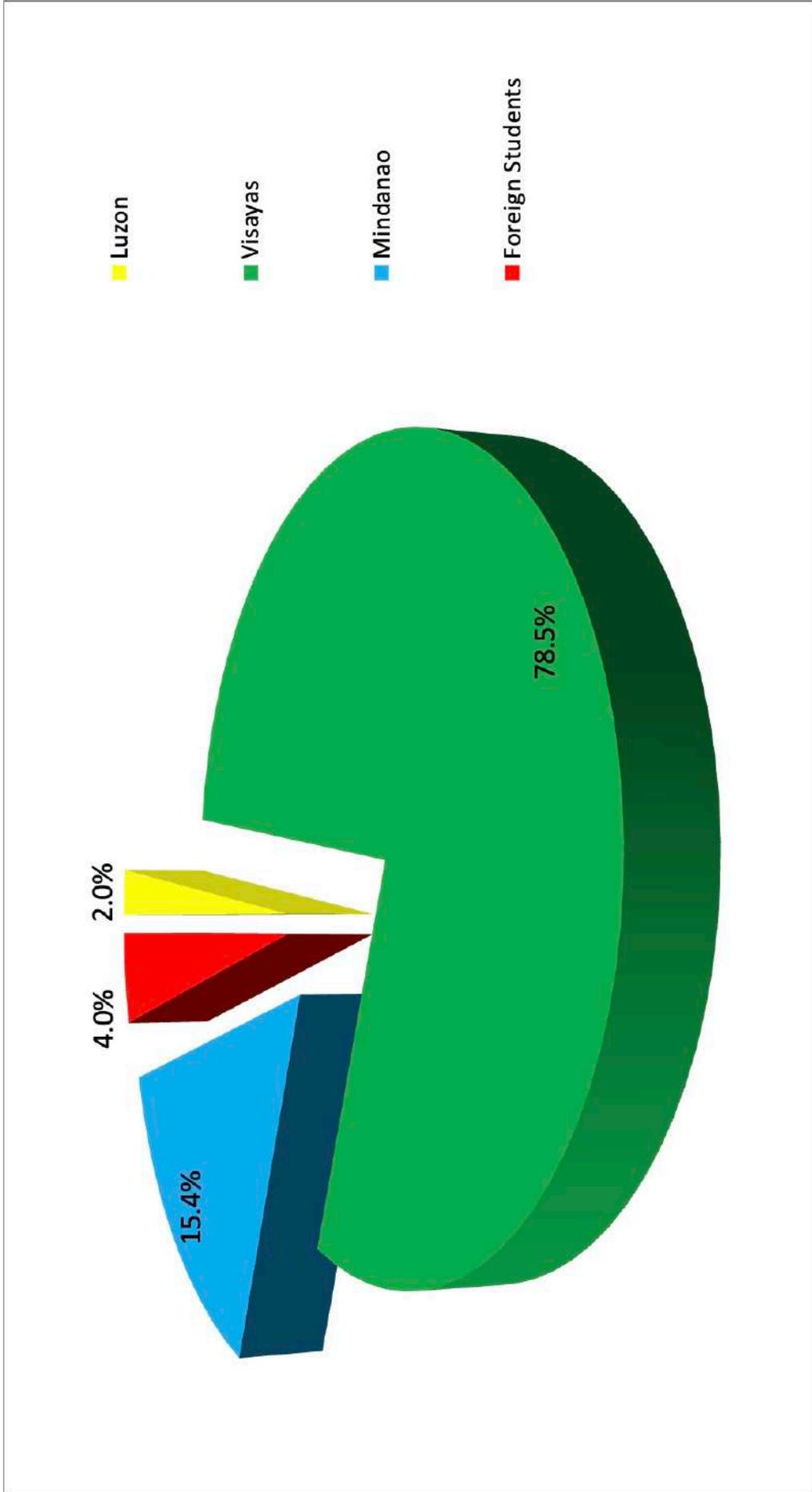
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**Geographical Distribution of Collegiate Students By Region
SY 2023-2024
(First Semester)**



Year	NCR	CAR	I	II	III	IV-A	IV-B	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	ARMM	Foreign	Total
2023-2024	54	4	2	1	7	26	30	27	455	5,418	99	689	229	75	74	93	14	306	7603

**Geographical Distribution (College Students)
First Semester SY 2023-2024**



Geographical Distribution (College)	No. of Students	%
Luzon	151	2.0
Visayas	5,972	78.5
Mindanao	1,174	15.4
Foreign Students	306	4.0
Total Enrollment	7,603	100.0

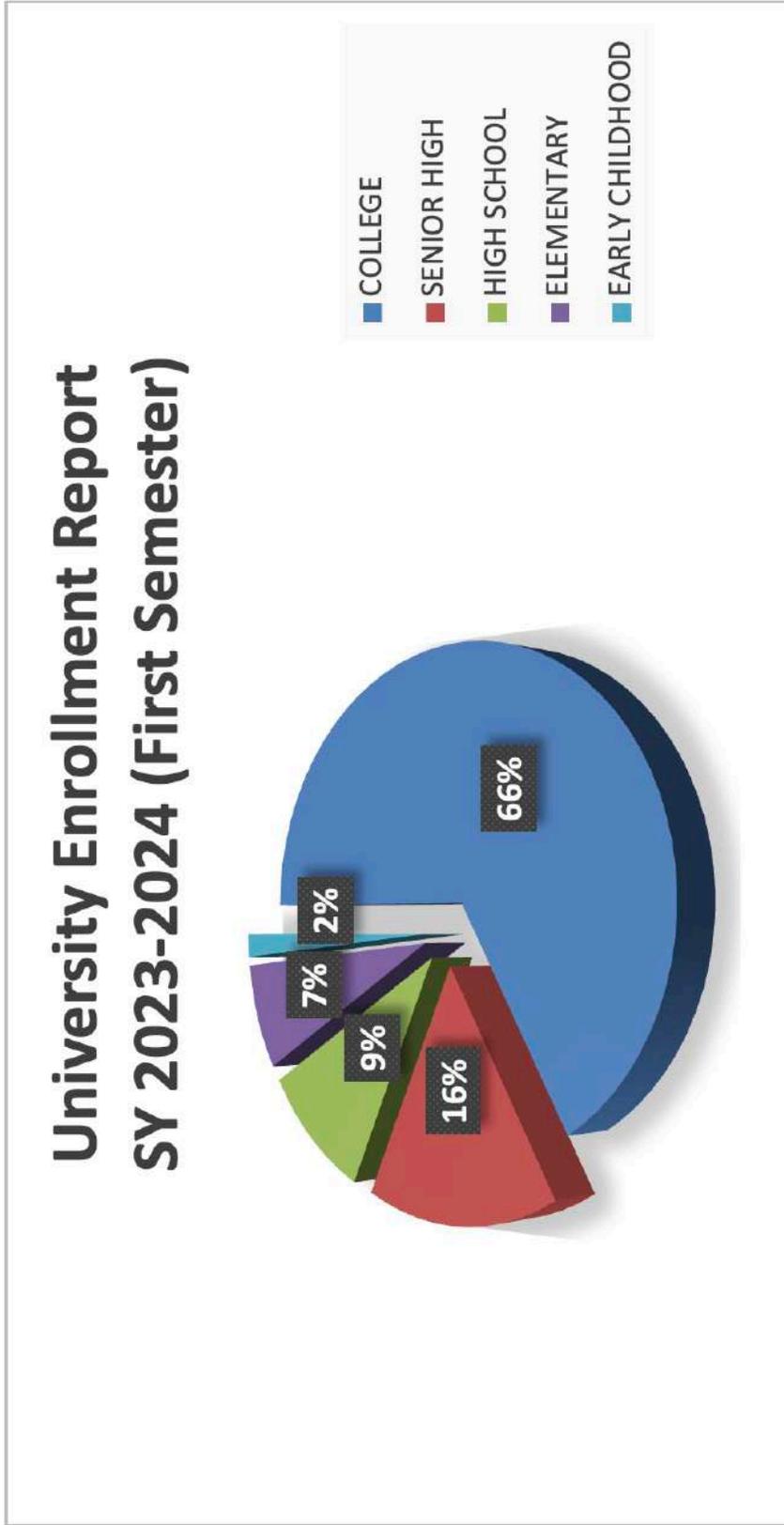
School of Basic Education Enrollment Report SY 2023-2024

School of Basic Education Enrollment Report SY 2023-2024



YEAR	SENIOR HIGH	HIGH SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY	EARLY CHILDHOOD	TOTAL
2023-2024	1778	1079	814	179	3850

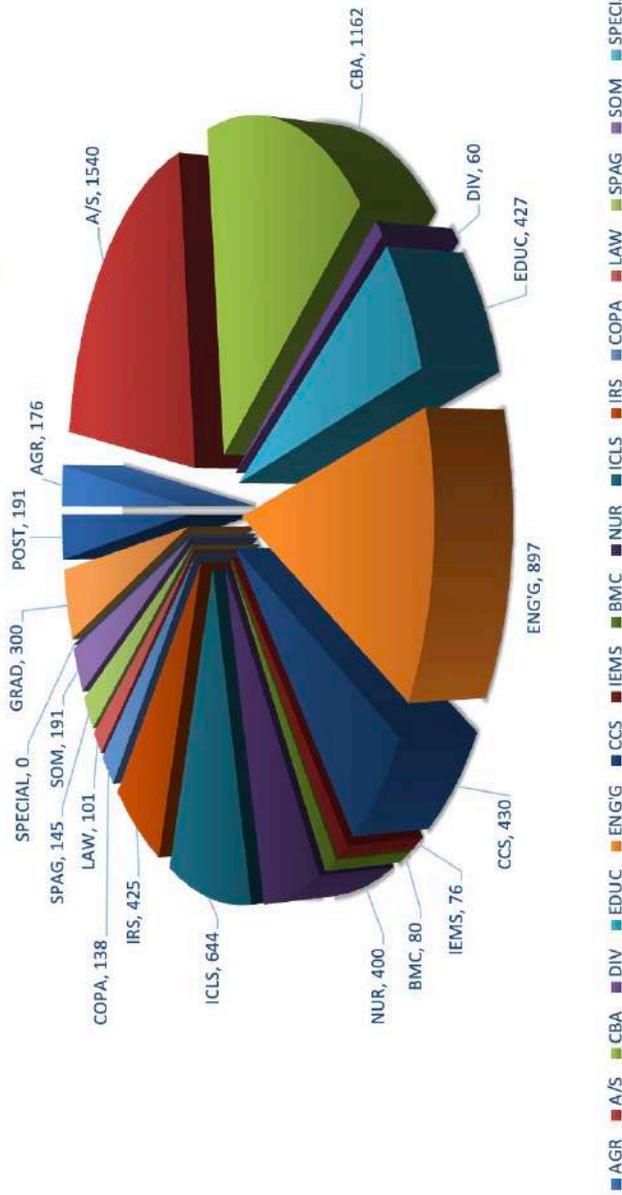
University Enrollment Report SY 2023-2024 (First Semester)



YEAR	COLLEGE	SENIOR HIGH	HIGH SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY	EARLY CHILDHOOD	TOTAL
2023-2024	7603	1778	1079	814	179	11453

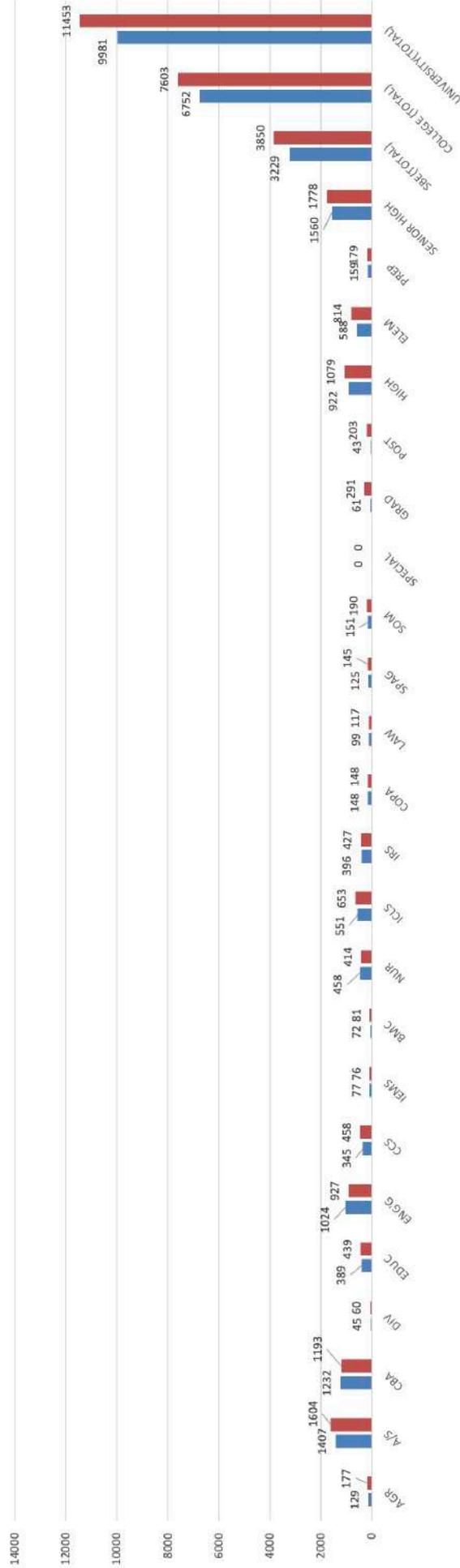
University Enrollment Report by Degree Programs SY 2023-2024 (Second Semester)

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Year	AGR	A/S	CBA	DIV	EDUC	ENG'G	CCS	IEMS	BMC	NUR	ICLS	IRS	COPA	LAW	SPAG	SOM	SPECIAL	ELEM	PREP	SENIOR HIGH	SBE(TOTAL)	COLLEGE (TOTAL)	UNIVERSITY(TOTAL)
2023-2024	176	1540	1162	60	427	897	430	76	80	400	644	425	138	101	145	191	0	814	179	1667	3739	7383	11122

Comparative University Enrollment by College
 SY 2022-2023 (First Semester)
 & SY 2023-2024 (First Semester)



■ 2022-2023 ■ 2023-2024

Year	AGR	A/S	CBA	DIV	EDUC	ENGG	CCS	ITEMS	BMC	NUR	ICLS	IRS	COPA	LAW	SPAG	SOM	SPECIAL	GRAD	POST	HIGH	ELEM	PREP	SENIOR HIGH	S&E (TOTAL)	COLLEGE (TOTAL)	UNIVERSITY (TOTAL)
2022-2023	129	1407	1232	45	389	1024	345	77	72	458	551	396	148	99	125	151	0	61	43	922	588	159	1560	3229	6752	9981
2023-2024	177	1604	1193	60	439	927	458	76	81	414	653	427	148	117	145	190	0	291	203	1079	814	179	1778	3850	7603	11453
Variance	48	197	-39	15	50	-97	113	-1	9	-44	102	31	0	18	20	39	0	230	160	157	226	20	218	621	851	1472
%	37%	14%	-3%	33%	13%	-9%	33%	-1%	13%	-10%	19%	8%	0%	18%	16%	26%	0%	377%	372%	17%	38%	13%	14%	19%	13%	15%

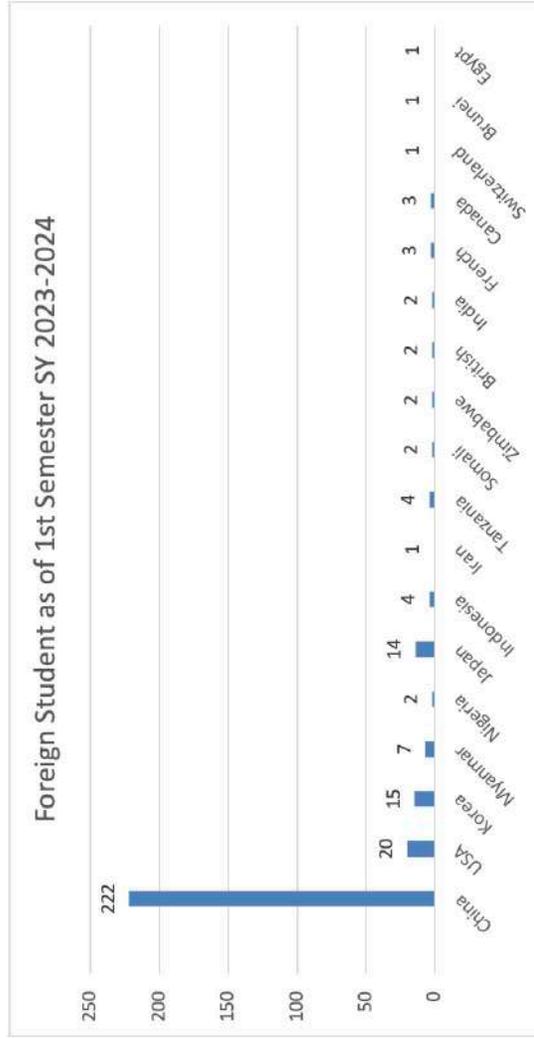
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Year	AGR	A/S	CBA	DIV	EDUC	ENGG	CCS	IEMS	BMC	NUR	ICLS	IRS	COPA	LAW	SPAG	SOM	SPECIAL	GRAD	POST	HIGH	ELEM	PREP	SENIOR HIGH	S&E(TOTAL)	COLLEGE (TOTAL)	UNIVERSITY(TOTAL)
2022-2023	143	1435	1208	48	426	1026	349	78	78	458	699	435	151	96	135	207	0	238	259	1039	73	176	1659	3607	7469	11076
2023-2024	176	1540	1162	60	427	897	430	76	80	400	644	425	138	101	145	191	0	200	191	1079	81	179	1667	3739	7383	11122
Variance	33	105	-46	12	1	-129	81	-2	2	-58	-55	-10	-13	5	-10	-16	0	62	-68	40	81	3	8	132	-86	46
%	23%	7%	-4%	25%	0%	-13%	23%	-3%	3%	-13%	-8%	-2%	-9%	5%	7%	-8%	0%	26%	-26%	4%	11%	2%	0%	4%	-1%	0%

Foreign Student Database
By Nationality
1st Sem, SY 2023-2024

RANK	NAME OF COUNTRY	NO. OF STUDENTS
1	China	222
2	USA	20
3	Korea	15
4	Myanmar	7
5	Nigeria	2
6	Japan	14
7	Indonesia	4
8	Iran	1
9	Tanzania	4
10	Somali	2
11	Zimbabwe	2
12	British	2
13	India	2
14	French	3
15	Canada	3
16	Switzerland	1
17	Brunei	1
18	Egypt	1
	Total	306



Foreign Student Database
By Nationality

2nd Sem, SY 2023-2024

RANK	NAME OF COUNTRY	NO. OF STUDENTS
1	United States of America	18
2	Korea	14
3	China	163
4	Myanmar	6
5	Japan	10
6	Indonesia	4
7	India	1
8	Papua New Guinea	2
9	Tanzania	4
10	Zimbabwe	2
11	French	2
12	Somalia	1
13	Canada	3
14	Swiss	1
15	Iran	1
16	Bristish	1
17	Brunei	1
18	Egyptian	1
Total		235

