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NEWS





THE PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT. The Philippine Association of State Universities and College (PASUC) President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo and Association of Local Colleges and Universities (ALCU) President Dr. Elena E. Presnedi present the "Pledge of Commitment" on the implementation of the free tertiary education law by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and state and local universities and colleges before President Rodrigo R. Duterte and Presidential Spokesperson Harry L. Roque. *Photo from Radio Television Malacañang*

SUCs, LUCs and CHED sign MOA on free tuition law

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), state universities and colleges (SUCs), and local universities and colleges (LUCs) signed the memorandum of agreement (MOA) on the implementation of Republic Act 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act at the Malacañan Palace on June 13.

A total of 112 SUCs and 78 LUCs recognized by CHED will benefit from the agreement upon the passage of RA 10931.

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte graced the event and welcomed the guests, as he recognized the opportunities and the huge importance that this law will give to the youth of the country.

"Education is the single most important legacy that we can bestow on our youth. It opens doors for countless opportunities that will lead to further empowerment, greater success and the realization of individual aspirations," he said.

The President added that free, quality tertiary education will be a momentous step to improve the lives of underprivileged and marginalized Filipinos.

President Duterte also called the attention of education leaders and other persons concerned to maintain the quality of education saying, "As we bring education closer to the poor students, we must also ensure the quality of education is not compromised. And its benefits are

cascaded to all."

Meanwhile, CHED Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Prospero De Vera commended the effort of the President and said that the signed MOA "will be the greatest investment for the future because it will produce highly educated, better trained, and more employable Filipinos" in the workforce who can help the country's economic growth in the future.

Around 1.3 million students will not pay their tuition and miscellaneous fees starting next school year. Of the 1.3 million, 300,000 poor students belonging to the Department of Social Welfare and Development's (DSWD) Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Project (4Ps) will be given additional subsidy by the government.

Information Source: Philippine News Agency and The Manila Times

Senator Escudero leads first day of the 50th Commencement Exercises

As the guest of honor and speaker, Senator Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero led the first day of Batangas State University’s 50th Commencement Exercises, themed “Building the Nation through Innovative and Transformative Education” on June 18 at the Gov. Feliciano “Sanoy” Leviste Gymnasium.

As one of the youngest members of congress, the senator serves as the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Education, Arts and Culture and a member of the BatStateU Governing Board. Known to the masses as a reputable public servant, Sen. Escudero received numerous awards for his selfless dedication that has brought positive impact to his fellow countrymen.

In his commencement address before the 900 graduates, Escudero stressed the difference that the youth can make in order to achieve change.

“Hindi porke’t bata pa lamang kayo, kailangan ninyong hintayin na kayo’y tumanda, yumaman, magka-pamilya o maging matagumpay sa inyong piniling



SERVICE AND EXCELLENCE. Senator Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero receives a plaque of appreciation from BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo for inspiring the university’s new graduates, June 18.

karera bago kayo maasahan ng bayan (Being young doesn’t mean you have to wait until you get older, be wealthy, have your own family or be successful in your chosen career before you take action for the country),” Escudero said.

As one of the youngest leaders in the country, the senator urged the youth to use their “curiosity and boldness” in shaping the future of the nation.

University President Tirso

A. Ronquillo also delivered his congratulatory message, acknowledging the accomplishments and success of the graduates and their parents and guardians. Dr. Ronquillo ended his message saying, “As you enter a new chapter in your life, accept the challenge of continuing the legacy of striving for excellence geared towards building the nation and improving the lives of Filipinos.”

SUC Presidents attend writeshop on Enhanced ROSSSS



SERIOUS MATTERS. (Left to right) University Presidents Dr. Arnulfo F. de Luna, Romblon State University; Dr. Milabel Enriquez-Ho, Western Mindanao State University; Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, Batangas State University; and Dr. Samuel O. Benigno, Quirino State University share insights on the enhancement of ROSSSS.

Officials from different state universities and colleges (SUCs) and government agencies attended an inter-agency writeshop on the Enhanced Revised Organizational

Structure and Staffing Standards for SUCs- State Universities and Colleges (ROSSSS) on May 2-3 at the Batangas Country Club, Batangas City.

The writeshop was organized by the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) in cooperation with the Civil Service Commission (CSC), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

Using the 2016 SUC levelling instrument, the participants created the most appropriate model organizational structures for SUCs in accordance with their mandate, current operation and level/typology. In addition, they were able to come up with the final staffing pattern per SUC level after being equated with the standards, policies and rules of DBM and CSC on government positions and professionalization of administrative services.

On the last day of the writeshop, the participants were able to facilitate the submission of the final and agreed version of ROSSSS, which will serve as basis for SUCs in proposing for the necessary initial funding requirements for the possible inclusion on FY 2019 for its first year of implementation.

Red Spartans grab top spots in ECE, ECT licensure examinations

Batangas State University continues its legacy of producing competent professionals in the country as the results of the latest Electronics Engineer (ECE) and Electronics Technician (ECT) Licensure Examinations were released on April 12.

The exams were given on April 4 and 5 for ECE, and April 6 for ECT.

Alumnus Shintaro Dimalanta Marzo earned the 4th spot with a passing rate of 90.40%. With a national passing rate of 45.36%, BatStateU posted a 64.41% passing rate in the said board exam.

Meanwhile, added to the list of BatStateU's topnotchers was Evren Love Oliuqino Dela Cruz, snatching the 2nd spot in the ECT Licensure Examination with a 88% passing rate. Out of 44 Red Spartan examinees, 43 passed with a passing percentage of



RED SPARTAN PRIDE. Shintaro Dimalanta Marzo (left) grabs the fourth spot in the Electronic Engineering licensure examination ranking, while Evren Love Oliuqino Dela Cruz (right) places second in the Electronics Technician board exam.

97.73%.

The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) revealed that 1,208 out of 2,663 and 1,141 out of 1,483 passed the ECE and ECT Board



Examinations respectively.

BatStateU is consistent in producing outstanding graduates as it continues to shape its students' intellectual growth through quality education.

BatStateU hosts SK Mandatory Training — Training of Trainers

Prior to the National Barangay Elections on May 14, Batangas State University, hosted the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Mandatory Training- Training of Trainers (TOT) on May 3 at the Lecture Room, International Affairs Office, CITE Building. This was hosted in cooperation with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Local Youth Development Office (LYDO) and National Youth Commission (NYC).



GOOD GOVERNANCE. Local Government Operations Officer Eunice A. Sales from the Department of Interior and Local Government IV-A cite scenarios to apply the code of conduct and ethical standards for public officials and employees as part of the Sangguniang Kabataan Mandatory Training modules.

The TOT was planned to help the chosen mentors fully understand the main points to consider in teaching good governance to the anticipated new set of youth leaders. Over 60 officials, faculty

members and extension coordinators participated in the activity.

During the program, three mandatory training modules were given to each participant. These focus on

decentralization and local governance, SK history and salient features, meetings and resolutions, planning and budgeting, and code of conduct and ethical standards.

In his message, BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo mentioned that the trainers must inspire the youth leaders to learn and instill a sense of responsibility as they shape their young minds and talents.

The resource persons during the event were Local Government Operations Officer (LGOO) II Eunice A. Sales from DILG IV-A, LGOO V Joseph N. Soriano from DILG Batangas, and Regional Coordinator Jose A. Cielos from NYC.

Under the SK Reform Law or Republic Act 10742, any SK official whether elected or appointed, or any member of the LYDO, must undergo the mandatory training programs before they assume into office.

In line with this, the new officers underwent a whole-day SK Mandatory Training per batch from May 17-26, following the National Barangay Elections. About 6,500 participants from different parts of Batangas province attended the training which were conducted in four BatStateU campuses.

In preparation for ISO 9001:2015

University holds QMS awareness seminar

With its commitment to adhere to international standards of quality, Batangas State University conducted an ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) Awareness Seminar on April 10, led by University Freedom in Information (FOI) Focal Person Prof. Rogelio A. Antenor.



GLOBAL STANDARDS. Dr. Helen A. Evalle, the ISO consultant of Batangas State University, discusses the quality management system (QMS) requirements in preparation for the university's transition to ISO 9001:2015.

The seminar sought to help the participants fully understand the requirements of ISO 9001:2015 that would enable them to demonstrate conformity with the university protocols

and international standards.

This would also ensure BatStateU's ability to consistently promote services that meet customer satisfaction, as well as statutory and regulatory requirements.

In the opening remarks, Prof. Antenor introduced the new set of selected faculty members and staff who would undergo training and examinations on the Guidelines for Auditing Management Systems or ISO 19011:2011 to become certified internal auditors. The training would contain guidance on managing an audit program, the principles of auditing, and the evaluation of individuals involved in the audit process. This movement would help the University in the creation of a more systematic process approach in transition to ISO 9001:2015.

ISO Consultant Dr. Helen Alian Evalle served as the resource speaker. She discussed the QMS requirements which apply the process approach and incorporate the Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) Cycle and risk-based thinking. She insisted that everyone must continuously seek for process improvements at all times.

Joined by over 150 university junior and senior staff, internal quality auditors, ISO co-chairpersons, deputy documents controllers, and ISO coordinators, the event took place in order to prepare for supposed third party audit in September this year.

ISO 9001:2015 is heavily anchored on risk-based thinking in order to avoid risks that may cause an office or an institution's failure to comply to its quality policy.

BatStateU undergoes ISO Internal Quality Audit

As a mandatory requirement for ISO 9001:2015, the Batangas State University underwent the Internal Quality Audit on June 4, 6, 11 and 14 in four campuses: Pablo Borbon Main I and II, ARASOF-Nasugbu and JPLPC-Malvar.

Led by Dr. Michael C. Godoy, nine audit teams evaluated the different offices and colleges of each campus to assess their compliance to the university's Quality Management System with the requirements of the latest quality standards, the ISO 9001:2015.

For four days, the auditors reviewed, checked and validated the documents presented by each office to identify and address the non-conformities in the university processes.



QUALITY ASSURANCE. Headed by Dr. Jessie A. Montalbo (left) and Dr. Evelyn Z. Red (front) as its Dean and Associate Dean, the College of Informatics and Computer Science was assessed by Assoc. Prof. Romeo C. De Castro (center) and Ms. Jeany A. Tatlonghari (right) to ensure compliance its to ISO 9001:2015.

The results of the audit showed that the university had a total of 17 non-conformities (NC) and 9 improvement potential (IP) findings.

The process owners who received such findings were advised to devise an action plan to correct or prevent the identified lapses.

AACCUP visits two programs for Level III accreditation



QUALITY EDUCATION. AACCUP accreditors visit Batangas State University to evaluate two of its undergraduate programs, the Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (BSA) and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA), for their Level III accreditation.

The College of Accountancy, Business, Economics, and International Hospitality Management (CABEIHM) underwent Level III Phase II Accreditation Survey Visit for the programs Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (BSA) and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) on May 15.

The accrediting team included Dr. Manuel Corpus, Dir. Aurora E. Casuga of Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU), Prof. Jerome D. Soriano of Tarlac Agricultural University (TAU), and Dr. Liceria G. Enteria of DMMMSU. They assessed both programs through an audio-visual presentation (AVP), which featured the achievements and accomplishments of the college in the areas of instruction and extension services (mandatory areas), faculty development, library, and research (chosen areas).

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Erma B. Quinay expressed her gratitude to the panel of accreditors, highlighting that their efforts in helping the university to ensure continuous quality improvement.

"You personified the true reason that education is a giving and sharing profession," Dr. Quinay said. In addition, she mentioned that the administration strongly supports the endeavors of the college in achieving quality education through the leadership of President Tirso A. Ronquillo.

After the presentation, an open forum was conducted, with participants asking questions related to licensure examinations, employment rate, scholarship programs for faculty members, library services, and published research journals.

The accreditors commended the performance of the college in extension services. They mentioned that extension projects conducted were related to both programs, and were gender-responsive at the same time. Moreover, they also shared suggestions in some areas for further improvement in preparation for the Level IV accreditation.

University gears up for first batch of K-12 graduates

As the first batch of Senior High School (SHS) graduates finish their secondary education this year, Batangas State University gears up for the new wave of freshmen who desire to pursue their tertiary education in the university, starting academic year 2018-2019.

In preparation for the first semester, BatStateU proceeded with the updating and approval of its program curricula, and the admission of new freshmen after two years of hiatus during the transition brought about by the K-12 program full implementation.

UPDATED CURRICULA

The BatStateU Academic and Administrative Councils approved the proposed curriculum revisions of various academic programs during their meeting on May 11 at the Amphitheater, 4th Floor, CITE Building, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City.

More than 70 program curricula across the BatStateU campuses were updated and presented by their respective college deans, deans of colleges and associate deans to the members of the councils.

The revisions were made to complement the new K-12 curriculum in basic education after the Department of Education (DepEd) implemented the

program in 2016 and the new General Education core courses mandated by the Commission on Higher Education.

Pursuant to the outcomes-based quality assurance system advocated by the Commission on Higher Education through Memorandum Order No. 46, series of 2012, policies, standards and guidelines (PSG) were adopted to standardize the different academic programs in the country.

FRESHMAN ADMISSION

After the two-year K-12 adjustment, BatStateU opens its gates to first year college students who will be able to pass its admission requirements.

As of June, the Testing and Admissions Office has already conducted entrance examinations to more than 15,000 students from different schools within and outside Batangas, from which about 60 percent made it to the cut and enrolled in the university.

While SHS students can opt for employment after graduating, a majority of them prefer to continue their education in a college or university.

This is supported by a DepEd report which showed that approximately 61 percent of students chose the Academic Track while the remaining 39 percent took the Technical Vocational Livelihood track, Arts and Design track, and Sports track.

Catuncan twins graduate Summa Cum Laude



THE PERFECT DUO. Together with their mother, twins Bernise Mendoza Catuncan and Denise Mendoza Catuncan receive their diplomas as Summa Cum Laude under the BS Accountancy program of Batangas State University ARASOF-Nasugbu.

Twins emerged with the highest academic honors, leading 729 graduates in this year's 50th Commencement Exercises of the Batangas State University Apolinario R. Apacible School of Fisheries (ARASOF)-Nasugbu on June 22 at the Alfonso G. Joson Gymnasium.

Raised in Lian, Batangas by a single mom, both Bernise Mendoza Catuncan and Denise Mendoza Catuncan finished BS Accountancy in five years as Summa Cum Laude.

In an interview, the Catuncan twins plan to enter law school after they pass the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Licensure Exam.

The campus also produced one Magna Cum Laude, 28 Cum Laude, and three outstanding graduates from different programs.

In his congratulatory message, BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo said that the university achieves greater things because of the students' achievements, and that BatStateU takes pride in their accomplishments and celebrates their success.

The president inspired the graduates to show the world of the qualities that characterize a true Red Spartan — a courageous heart with commitment towards craft and competence in all aspects.

According to the twins, it was not an easy feat trying to finish college with only a single parent supporting them. But with God's grace and their mother's never-ending support and hard work, they were able to finish with the highest honors.

"Sobrang hirap po talaga, dumadating po kami sa point na mangungutang tapos 'yon, as in umaasa po kami sa scholarship," said Denise.

To close the ceremonies, Bernise also received the Don Pablo Borbon Memorial Award and Alumni Outstanding Award. She expressed her gratitude towards her mom, Mrs. Bernardita Catuncan, her family, teachers, friends, and her twin who supported and motivated her to strive for success.

The twins also dedicated their award to their late father, whom they miss very much saying, "Papa, para sa'yo lahat ng na-achieve namin."

Senior and Junior Officials undergo Stress Management Training

To promote a cooperative work environment in the university, the BatStateU Senior and Junior Officials attended an Executive Training Program on Stress Management at the Batangas Country Club, Batangas City on June 5.

In his message, BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo acknowledged the determination that the Human Resource Management Office has shown to conduct such programs that will enhance the group dynamics among university officials. He shared that focusing on stress management was timely for the officials since the

university is eyeing to surpass upcoming accreditations from AACUP, ISO, and SUC Levelling for further improvement.

Western Mindanao State University President Milabel E. Ho served as the resource speaker during the program. Dr. Ho lectured on the causes of stress, and the different approaches to handle its pressure.

After the talk, Dr. Ho provided group dynamics for the participants to help them exhibit a sense of commitment and cooperation in different ways. These activities enabled the participants to develop as a team with a common goal, promoting a friendly work lifestyle towards achieving

maximum productivity.

The training was conceptualized as a result of the Competency Assessment conducted by the Human Resources Management Office, and was supported by current studies. A report from CNN shows that during the fourth quarter of 2017, 23% of 200 respondents said that work for adults and academics for students are their main sources of stress, while almost 14% named traffic as their stressor. Respondents named other sources of stress as finances, personal relationships, changes in life like pregnancy or death of a loved one, and social media.

Scholarship Office holds orientation for DOST-SEI S&T scholars

Led by Asst. Director Jennifer G. Manalo, the Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office held an orientation for the new qualifiers of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Science Education Institute (SEI) Science and Technology (S&T) Undergraduate Scholarships on May 21 & 22 at the Lecture Room, International Affairs Office, CITE Building, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I.

In her message, Vice President for Academic Affairs Erma B. Quinay said that “dedication” is the key word to reach for one’s dreams. Speaking on behalf of BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo, Dr. Quinay inspired the students to soar higher and to stay focused on their goals as she congratulated the new qualifiers and their parents.

During the program, Dr. Quinay announced that the university’s engineering programs are now be compressed into four years since additional two years have already been taken under the K-12 program.

Ms. Zoraida B. Dazo, a Science Research Specialist II from DOST,



SCHOLARS FOR THE NATION. Ms. Zoraida B. Dazo, Science Research Specialist II from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), orients the qualifiers on their privileges and obligations as beneficiaries of the Science Education Institute (SEI) Science and Technology (S&T) Undergraduate Scholarships.

enlightened the participants on the privileges and obligations of the scholars. She shared a record-breaking year for DOST-SEI, setting a record of 8,994 new passers for 2018. She then led the contract signing of both parties after the orientation program. A total of 5,172 aspiring scientists and engineers passed under the Science and Technology Scholarship Program, while 3,662 qualified for the Merit Scholarship Program.

SEI is a service agency of the DOST which is mandated to develop scientifically and technologically literate citizenry, and accelerate the development

of S&T human resources needed for socio-economic development.

As discussed by Ms. Dazo, the new qualifiers are entitled to receive a monthly stipend of Php 7,000, a book allowance of Php 10,000 per year, a tuition fee subsidy, a group health and accident insurance, and other allowances such as transportation, clothing and graduation.

With the full implementation of Republic Act No. 10931 or the “Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act” in the next school year, tuition fee subsidies for enrollees in state and local universities and colleges will be excluded from the list of privileges.



SHAKE IT OFF! The Batangas State University Senior and Junior Officials shake their stress and worries away through a short exercise conducted during the Executive Training Program on Stress Management.

VIP CORALS celebrates Month of the Ocean

The Verde Island Passage Center for Oceanographic Research and Aquatic Life Sciences (VIP CORALS) celebrated the Month of the Ocean (MOO) at the 7th Floor, Multimedia Room, CIRTC Building, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I on May 30.

In collaboration with Greenpeace Southeast Asia - Philippines, a seminar themed "Stand up, Save our Reefs" was conducted to raise awareness on protecting marine life in compliance with Presidential Proclamation No. 57, series of 1999.

Over 30 participants consisting of students, faculty members and officials from the Archdiocesan Ministry on Environment (AMEn), Ilijan Community Development Foundation (ICDF) and the Batangas City Ecumenical Council (BCEC) on Environment participated in the said event.

Asst. Director for Architecture, Engineering and Technology Research Cristina Amor M. Rosales opened the program and expressed the need for marine conservation.



SAVING OUR SEAS. Vince Cinches, Oceans and Political Campaigner for Greenpeace-Southeast Asia Philippines, joins the BatStateU community in raising awareness on marine preservation and conservation.

The event featured three lectures: VIP CORALS by its Head Dr. Jayvee A. Saco; Human Impacts on the Ocean's Health by Marine Biologist Joshua M. Vacarizas; and the Saving the Ocean Campaign by Vince Cinches, Oceans and Political Campaigner for Greenpeace-Southeast Asia Philippines.

The VIP CORALS was established to conserve and protect different marine species in the Verde Island Passage. The office is headed by Dr. Jayvee Ablana Saco, a Doctor of Cell Biology, and a former Research Associate at the Marine Science Institute of the University of the Philippines in Diliman.

Research Office conducts workshop on budgeting and writing



CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM. Dr. Romel U. Briones, Director for Research, serves as one of the critics and mentors of BatStateU researchers during the pitching session.

The Research Office conducted the 2018 Research Writeshop on May 22 at the Function Hall, 7th Floor, CIRTC Building, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City.

The writeshop focused on teaching the research qualifiers on budgeting and pitching techniques. During the opening program, Vice President for Research, Development and Extension Services

Engr. Albertson D. Amante acknowledged the efforts displayed by the Research Office headed by its director, Dr. Romel U. Briones. The Vice President shared that the university will continue to seek for more innovative outputs in pursuit of its vision.

The officials who guided the qualifiers on the key lectures were Dr. Briones; Dr. Irene H. Maralit, Asst. Director for Entrepreneurial and Business Research;

and Asst. Prof. John Richard Esguerra, Program Chair for Computer Science and Project Staff of the university's Center for Technopreneurship and Innovation. These lecturers also gave updates on research guidelines and policies.

After the lectures, the team leaders with their members gathered as a group to brainstorm their pitching and budgeting strategies. It was then followed by the pitching sessions wherein the participants presented their research proposals centered on its problems, outputs, and work and financial plan. VP Amante, Dr. Briones and Dr. Maralit served as the critics during the session to further enhance their proposals.

After a series of research evaluation activities, the proposals were cut from 160 to 41, with 11 additional institutionally directed research projects. These proposals have undergone major critiquing process by the research office, research experts from the University of the Philippines, Los Baños during the 2018 Research colloquium on March 26-27, and the university's research council.



GETTING ON THE RIGHT TRACK. Graduating students, incoming interns, and alumni of BatStateU seek career guidance and professional advice from various industries present in the 2018 Career and Internship Fair on June 14 at the Gov. Feliciano "Sanoy" Leviste Multi-Purpose Gymnasium

Career and Internship Fair 2018 kicks off

In coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) - Batangas Province, the Batangas State University Job Placement Office, headed by its Assistant Director, Dr. Gerard B. Remo, held the 2018 Career and Internship Fair on June 14 at the Gov. Feliciano "Sanoy" Leviste Multi-Purpose Gymnasium.

The event assisted the BatStateU graduating students and alumni in searching for employment opportunities, and helped incoming student interns for 2018 summer classes.

A total of 45 companies participated in the event coming from different industries: information technology, business processing outsourcing, electronic, food manufacturing, pharmacy, construction, retail, banking, animal nutrition, sales, microfinance, non-government organization,

environmental management, and real estate. The event also featured free color photocopying of resume courtesy of Batangas Province Public Employment Service Office, and Social Security Number application in cooperation with the Social Security System (SSS) Batangas Branch.

Meanwhile, in a report released by the official website of the Philippine Statistics Authority as of April 2018, the employment rate was estimated to be at 94.5%. Furthermore, unemployment

rate as of the same period was at 5.5%, 19.6% of those unemployed were college graduates.

According to an article published by Rappler, more and more students should eye for jobs in Business Process Outsourcing (BPO), data analytics and security, information technology, legal and public relations, technical vocational retailing and manufacturing, and operational and backbone positions. The data was released by JobStreet in their recent survey.



Infographics and Information Source: Jobstreet.com and the Philippine Statistics Authority

HIGHLIGHTS



ASEAN Conference and Exposition on Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation 2018



Stakeholders' Orientation



Emergency Simulation Rehearsal



Response Team Briefing

Recent events and global reports show an increasing trend in the intensity and frequency of natural disasters, which caused massive loss of life and property, and tested the capacity of communities to cope with such disasters.

Lessons learned from these experiences serve as an impetus for strategic innovations on education, research and training to strengthen people's coping capacity and resiliency to disasters.

This paved the way for the inception of the ASEAN Conference and Exposition on Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation (ACEDRMCCA). This is sponsored by Batangas State University's Adaptive Capacity-building and Technology Innovation for Occupational Hazards and Natural Disasters (ACTION) Center.

With the theme "Converging with the ASEAN Community in Managing Disaster Risks and Climate Change for a Resilient Community", this international conference aims to gather experts and scholars for the exchange of knowledge, experiences and best practices in disaster risk management and climate change adaptation.

BatStateU partnered with local agencies and international universities to ensure the success of the event. Academic partners include the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and National University of Kaohsiung.

One of the highlights of ACEDRMCCA 2018 is the incident command and emergency drill demonstration. The simulation aims to develop the preparedness and response capacities of the participants by demonstrating realistic disaster scenarios.

As part of the preparations, BatStateU officials, students, and partner agencies were oriented on the simulation exercise in May. This included the conceptualization of storylines for different disaster scenarios, designation of tasks, and implementation of their corresponding emergency response procedures.

In June, the participants conducted a series of rehearsals of the emergency drill demonstration to test, assess and develop the on-scene disaster response and management system of concerned stakeholders and agencies. After the dry run, the response teams shared their insights on the improvement of their plans, processes and coordination.

The responders were composed of DRM professionals from different government agencies in the region: Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Philippine Red Cross (PRC), Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and the Provincial and City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Offices (PDRRMO and CDRRMO).

ACEDRMCCA 2018 will be held on July 25-27, 2018 at Pablo Borbon Main I.

BoR Approves Second Term for President Ronquillo

Unanimous approval by virtue of BoR Resolution No. 023, s. 2018

The BatStateU Board of Regents (BoR) approved the reappointment of Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo for his second term as the President of Batangas State University during their first special meeting on May 30 at the Function Hall, 7th Floor, CALABARZON Integrated Research and Training Center, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City.

Before the special meeting, Dr. Ronquillo underwent a performance evaluation by a committee constituted by the BoR on March 26-27.

Dr. Lourdes M. Portus, the Evaluation Committee Chairperson, presented the evaluation report of the president before the BoR. It highlighted the achievements of Dr. Ronquillo's four-year term (2014-2018) as an academic leader, institution builder, and resource mobilizer. The report also showed that the committee rated the president's performance as outstanding, as he produced significant outputs in different areas of development.

Based on the series of interviews conducted by the evaluation team, Dr. Portus articulated that the BatStateU community admires the humility of the president despite the number of achievements he has contributed to the academic institution. As shared, one of the interviewees during the focal group discussions expressed, "I don't know him personally. I only met him recently but I saw that he is committed and dedicated to his work. I saw his love for the people he serves. He is humble in dealing with stakeholders, even towards small cooperatives like us. We can reach out to his position."

The report also contained the president's plans for BatStateU. These include adding to the university's current numbers of programs with international accreditation, Centers of Excellence/Development, faculty scholarship programs, topnotchers in licensure examinations, Intellectual Property (IP) assets, research publications, research centers, extension projects, and modern learning facilities.

As the incumbent President of the Philippines Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), and the youngest elected president in the history of SUCs, Dr. Ronquillo led the university towards being a highly competitive institution. His dedication and transparency enabled the governing board to unanimously favor his reappointment to serve the university for four more years.

Members of the BatStateU governing board were present during the meeting, together with CHED Commissioner Lilian A. De Las Llagas as its Chairperson-Designate, and Dr. Emmylou B. Yanga, CHED Representative of the evaluation committee.





#FreeEducationNa!



Batangas State University served as the SUC host partner of the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) in the Nationwide Information Caravan for RA 10931 for Region IV-A (CALABARZON). With the official hashtag #FreeEducationNa!, the event was held on June 19 at the Batangas City Convention Center.

Dr. Emmylou B. Yanga, CHED Regional Director, shared the importance of Republic Act No. 10931 or the free tuition law for students who wish to pursue tertiary education.

"This law has given all of us a chance to dream big for our students

and at the same time, achieve it," she said. "Let's keep our hearts, our minds moving forward for the Filipino learners in our society," she added.

Meanwhile, Batangas City Representative Mario Vittorio "Marvey" Mariño enlightened the participants

on how the House of Representatives of the Philippines was able to produce funds for the implementation of the law. The lawmaker also encouraged the audience to help the government sustain and improve the quality of education to achieve global competitiveness.

The Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) and Batangas State University President Tirso A. Ronquillo also delivered his keynote address. As one of the advocates in promoting quality tertiary education in the country, the president emphasized the word "quality" as it promotes efficiency in producing excellent and competent learners responsive to the challenges of the 21st century.



THE OFFICIAL START. Dr. Emmylou B. Yanga and Atty. Carmelita P. Yadao-Sison lead the ribbon-cutting ceremonies to kick off the Free Higher Education caravan.

A press conference was also held at the function hall of CIRT Building, Pablo Borbon Main I Campus. Dr. Ronquillo, Cong. Mariño, Dr. Yanga, Atty. Carmelita Yadao-Sison, OIC Executive Director IV of UniFAST Secretariat, and Provincial Director Elpidio D. Mamaril, Jr. of Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) answered questions and clarified concerns on the implementation of RA 10931.

The information caravan featured educational booths showcased by different SUCs and LUCs, which highlighted their programs, projects, and services relevant to student development.

An open forum was also held to further increase the knowledge of the participants on the said law.



Unified Assistance for Universal Access!



Through RA 10931 also known as the “Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act”, Filipino students who wish to enter State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) or state-run Technical-Vocational Institutions will be exempted from paying tuition and other school fees subject to its implementing rules and regulations. The goal of the law is to promote fairness and youth empowerment for those with limited resources to enter college. This law shall be implemented for Academic Year 2018-2019 onwards.



FOR A WIDER REACH (Left to right) Elpidio D. Mamaril, Jr., Provincial Director of TESDA Rizal; Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, Batangas State University President; Atty. Carmelita P. Yadao-Sison, OIC Executive Director IV of UniFAST Secretariat; Cong. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” Mariño, Batangas City Representative; and Dr. Emmylou B. Yanga, Director IV of CHED Regional Office IV, during the press conference with national and local media reporters regarding RA 10931.





A NEW BREED OF LEADERS

BatStateU Hosts SK Mandatory Training in the Province

In accordance with Republic Act No. 10742 or the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Reform Act, the newly elected SK officials in the Batangas province underwent a series of trainings that were conducted simultaneously in four BatStateU campuses; Main I, Main II, ARASOF-Nasugbu and JPLPC-Malvar on May 17-26.

For the first time in SK history, a program was designed to groom the youth leaders on good governance in preparation for their new responsibilities as public officials upon their assumption to office. The ten-day activity also encouraged the officials to implement projects that will bring positive impacts to their community. The program was organized by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Youth Commission (NYC), Liga ng mga Barangay-Batangas Province, and Batangas State University, as one of the local resource institutes of DILG.

The training covered topics on decentralization and local governance, the SK history and its salient features, meetings and resolutions, planning and budgeting, and code of conduct and ethical standards for public officials and employees. After each topic, activities were given to the participants to further equip them with knowledge and skills on their specific tasks.

Selected experts from BatStateU and DILG delivered their lectures to the new set of officers. These experts also underwent the Mandatory Training- Training of Trainers (TOT) on May 3 at BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City.

Meanwhile, on behalf of BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo, the Extension Services Director Armando V. Mendoza Jr. extended his congratulatory message, sharing one of the most important qualities a leader must have – a heart to serve the people. DILG Batangas Director Adelma Mauleon also attended the event, signifying her fervent support to the activity.





Building a Culture of Resilience with SIGAW

As part of its disaster risk management initiatives, Batangas State University installed its 15th unit of SIGAW, also known as Solar-Powered Isotropic Generator of Acoustic Wave, at the Barangay Hall of Barangay Papaya, Tingloy, Batangas on May 24.

SIGAW is a tsunami early warning device that was designed for seaside communities. The project was completed in collaboration with the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (PDRRMO), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Philippine Institute for Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), and United Nation World Food Program (UNWFP).

In 2015, the university started the installation of 17 units of SIGAW composed of a combined hardware and software setup. According to BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo, the 13 towns in the province of Batangas — Balayan, Bauan, Calaca, Calatagan, Lemery, Lian, Lobo, Mabini, Nasugbu, San Juan, San Luis, Taal and Tingloy — were identified as tsunami-prone by the PDRRMO.

During their visit to Tingloy, Dr. Ronquillo and Vice President for Research, Development and Extension Services Engr. Albertson D. Amante set a meeting with Tingloy Municipal Mayor Laurence Alvarez to discuss the university's proposed establishment of a marine biodiversity research center,

officially called the Verde Island Passage Center for Oceanographic Research and Aquatic Life Sciences (VIP CORALS). It was then followed by the signing of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) on the proposed VIP CORALS and the project SIGAW between BatStateU and the municipality of Tingloy.

As an academic institution that values the importance of disaster preparedness, the university continues to be responsive in providing assistance to high-risk communities to reduce vulnerability and enhance their resiliency to disasters.



MAKING WAVES OF GREAT CHANGES. Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo signs a MOA with Mayor Laurence Alvarez for the installation of SIGAW and establishment of VIP CORALS in Tingloy.

Advancing through the 21st Century with a **MODERN CAMPUS**

Driven by innovation and continuous improvement, Batangas State University conducted the inauguration of its newly constructed infrastructure – the University Wellness Center and covered pathway at the Pablo Borbon Main I on May 30; and the university facade of the Apolinario R. Apacible School of Fisheries (ARASOF)-Nasugbu on June 22.

ARASOF-Nasugbu Facade



University Wellness Center





Covered Pathway

The University Wellness Center was built to promote a healthy environment for the Red Spartan community. The grounds where the five-storey building now stands was once part of the former Integrated School (IS) classrooms.

The center is shared by four major departments – Health Services, Culture and Arts, Sports, and Disaster Risk Management. With a total floor area of 2,414.96 m², it houses rooms for rescue/first aid training, radiology, emergency, x-ray, lactation, isolation, massage/ therapy and other facilities like nutrition laboratory, fitness gym, cultural affairs, offices, and a conference hall/ library.

Meanwhile, the covered pathway was installed with vertical green gardens that feature an eco-friendly ambience in distinct areas.

The BatStateU Board of Regents and CHED Commissioner Lilian A. De Las Llagas graced the inauguration and blessing of the University Wellness Center and the covered pathway.

In ARASOF-Nasugbu, the launching of the facade, which is dubbed as the “Gateway to Greatness”, was led by BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo and First District Batangas Representative Cong. Elenita Milagros Ermita-Buhain.

In his message, Dr. Ronquillo mentioned that he puts his full commitment in building a 21st century university environment. The president also shared his vision of building a smarter campus responsive to the needs of its students, faculty, employees and clients. He also expressed his deepest gratitude to the Red Spartan Team for working hand in hand with him towards the university's continuous improvement.

Left to right: The old IS building, covered pathway, and ARASOF-Nasugbu façade before the administration of Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo.





BENCHMARKING BATSTATEU PRACTICES

With its excellent performance in the areas of instruction, research, extension services and resource management, Batangas State University continues to serve as a model institution among other state universities, colleges, and government agencies that seek to adopt the best practices in the said fields. Here are some of the benchmarking activities hosted by the university from April to May 2018.

APRIL 20 Northwest Samar State University



Benchmarked on:

Outcomes-based education implementation, admission and retention policies, correlational course/review, research & extension activities, engineering & technology laboratories

APRIL 27 National Economic and Development Authority, Region I



Benchmarked on:

Instruction, research and extension services

MAY 10 Sorsogon State College



Benchmarked on:

Income-generating projects, including the university shop, sales of books and uniforms, catering services and space rentals

MAY 11 Bicol University



Benchmarked on:

Incentivizing IP registration & commercialization, IP disclosure & registration, technology transfer management best practices, commercialization of research outputs

MAY 11 Basilan State College



Benchmarked on:

Development plan, research development, gender and development concerns, and income generating projects

MAY 23-24 Western Mindanao State University



Benchmarked on:

Income-generating projects, including the university shop, sales of books and uniforms, catering services and space rentals

MAY 28 Iloilo Science and Technology University



Benchmarked on:

Gender and development programs, planning and development initiatives, and national and international linkages



Iloilo Science and Technology University



Sorsogon State College



National Economic and Development Authority, Region I

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

COLLEGE OF LAW

Bachelor of Laws

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE AND FINE ARTS

Master of Engineering

- Major in Civil Engineering
- Major in Chemical Engineering
- Major in Computer Engineering
- Major in Electrical Engineering
- Major in Electronics Engineering
- Major in Environmental Engineering
- Major in Industrial Engineering
- Major in Mechanical Engineering

Master of Science in Computer Engineering

Master of Science in Electronics Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

- Major in Machine Automation & Process Control
- Major in Renewable Energy Resource Design

Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering

- Major in Information & Communication Technology
- Major in Microelectronics

Bachelor of Science in Food Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Instrumentation & Control Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Sanitary Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Architecture

Bachelor of Fine Arts major in Visual Communication

Bachelor of Science in Interior Design

COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS AND COMPUTING SCIENCES

Master of Science in Computer Science

Master of Science in Information Technology

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

- Major in Management Information System

COLLEGE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND HUMAN KINETICS

Doctor of Education in Educational Management

Doctor of Philosophy Major in Mathematics Education

Doctor of Philosophy

- Major in Educational Management

Master of Arts in Education

- Major in Educational Management (Thesis/ Non-Thesis Program)
- Major in Mathematics Teaching
- Major in Science Teaching
- Major in English Language Teaching
- Major in Filipino Language Teaching
- Major in Physical Education
- Major in Psychology
- Major in Social Studies Teaching
- Major in Technology and Livelihood Education Teaching

Bachelor of Elementary Education

Bachelor of Early Childhood Education

Bachelor of Secondary Education

- Major in Science
- Major in English
- Major in Filipino
- Major in Mathematics
- Major in Social Studies

Bachelor of Technology & Livelihood Education

- Major in Home Economics

Bachelor of Technical-Vocational Teacher Education

- Major in Garments, Fashion and Design
- Major in Electronics Technology
- Major in Electrical Technology
- Major in Automotive Technology
- Major in Computer Programming Technology
- Major in Food and Service Management

Bachelor of Physical Education

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy in English

Master of Science in Mathematics

Master of Arts in English

Master of Chemistry

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

Bachelor of Science in Criminology

Bachelor of Science in Development Communication

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Bachelor of Science in Fisheries

Bachelor of Arts in English

Bachelor of Arts in Communication

COLLEGE OF ACCOUNTANCY, BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Doctor of Public Administration

Doctor of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration

Master in Disaster Risk Management

Diploma in Disaster Risk Management

Bachelor of Science in Accountancy

Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

- Major in Business Economics
- Major in Financial Management
- Major in Human Resource Management
- Major in Marketing Management
- Major in Operations Management

Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management

Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management

Bachelor in Public Administration

Bachelor of Science in Customs Administration

Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship

COLLEGE OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Doctor of Technology

Master of Technology

Bachelor of Industrial Technology

- Major in Automotive Technology
- Major in Civil Technology
- Major in Computer Technology
- Major in Drafting Technology
- Major in Electrical Technology
- Major in Electronics Technology
- Major in Food Technology
- Major in Instrumentation and Control Technology
- Major in Mechanical Technology
- Major in Mechatronics Technology
- Major in Welding and Fabrication Technology

Bachelor of Science in Food Technology

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Bachelor of Science in Forestry

INTEGRATED SCHOOL

Kindergarten

Grades I – VI

Grades VII – X - Junior High School

Grade XI-XII - Senior High School

University Vision

A globally recognized institution of higher learning that develops competent and morally upright citizens who are active participants in nation building and responsive to the challenges of the 21st century

University Mission

Batangas State University is committed to the holistic development of productive citizens by providing a conducive learning environment for the generation, dissemination and utilization of knowledge through innovative education, multidisciplinary research collaborations, and community partnerships that would nurture the spirit of nationhood and help fuel national economy for sustainable development.

University Core Values

Faith
Patriotism
Human Dignity
Integrity
Mutual Respect
Excellence

Quality Policy

Batangas State University is committed to provide quality service to all customers and satisfy applicable requirements through continuous improvement of all university processes.

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