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# NEWS





# Edu-Connect Southeast Asia Association visits BatStateU

Edu-Connect Southeast Asia Association, Kaohsiung visited Batangas State University to explore opportunities for collaboration and partnership at the Lecture Room, International Affairs Office, Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City on January 25.

Delegates from Southern Taiwan Universities and Industries attended the event. This is part of the association's objective to seek international university-industry linkages, educational collaborations, university social responsibility projects and research lab networking in NCR and CALABARZON.

According to Edu-Connect Southeast Asia, they aim to bond Taiwan and the Philippines, and soar higher through academic, educational and training collaborations.

VP for External Affairs and ICT Services Rogelio A. Antenor shared in his opening remarks the university's goal to boost internationalization through building sustainable and comprehensive partnerships in different areas.

He also emphasized the university's willingness to strengthen its ties with universities and industries in Taiwan, as one of the neighboring countries of the Philippines.

Meanwhile, Edu-Connect Southeast Asia Association, Kaohsiung President



**GLOBAL PARTNERS.** Batangas State University welcomed delegates from Southern Taiwan Universities and Industries to explore opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.

Yuan-Hsiang Chu and Executive Director Tim Wu expressed their deepest gratitude to BatStateU and extended their hopes for fruitful collaborations.

Each delegate had their own BatStateU counterparts composed of directors, assistant directors, deans and associate deans to easily determine possible areas for collaboration. The discussion focused on the fields of research and development,

engineering, marine science, tourism, psychology, business administration, nursing and computer science.

Edu-Connect Southeast Asia Association is a non-government organization that aims to promote cultural exchanges and the sharing of educational resources in Southeast Asia in order to cultivate a culture of diversity in the sphere of higher-level education in Taiwan.



**COLLABORATION.** Each delegate had their own counterpart to easily identify the possible areas for collaboration.



## Youth leaders attend AWMUN II International Conference in Thailand



**INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE FOR YOUTH LEADERS.** Youth Leaders from different countries gathered in Bangkok, Thailand for the Asia World Model United Nations (AWMUN) II international conference.

Some student leaders from Batangas State University visited Bangkok, Thailand to represent the Philippines in the Asia World Model United Nations (AWMUN) II international conference together with delegates from some of the country's prime institutions and companies on January 30 - February 2, 2019.

The 4-day conference engaged youth leaders around the world in global discussions where they can express and share different opinions and perspectives focused on the event's theme "The World's Dilemma: Enhancing World Action on Climate Change".

This enabled the participants to develop networks and enhance their diplomatic, leadership and communication skills through paper presentations, debates and lectures from distinguished speakers across the globe.

According to BatStateU student regent Hannah Cathrisse Dimaano who was one of the delegates, the



**STUDENT LEADER.** BatStateU Student Regent Hannah Cathrisse Dimaano during her proposal to the council.

experience was new for her because it was held outside the country and it was her first time travelling abroad. She

realized that one's ability to communicate will really bring a person to many places and that it's not enough to "just know", but it is also mandatory to be willing to learn more through the people that you encounter.

Meanwhile, former Student Regent Jenica Czarina Mendez said the experience helped in "freely expressing their ideas enhancing their critical and analytical thinking skills, and engaging themselves to others through negotiation and diplomacy which brought out such related topics needed for discussion."

Furthermore, Mendez learned through the conference that we should be the "main agents of change to make this world a better place." She realized once more that even the smallest acts of kindness can have a great impact on other people.

The other BatStateU delegates were Leo Justine Javier, Keziah Lei Sarmiento, Mark Joseph Villalobos, and Irish Aguda. They were accompanied by Professor Rennan Soriano, a faculty of the College of Accountancy, Business, Economics and International Hospitality Management.



## BatStateU reclaims top spot in the MELE 2019, Imbo ranks 10<sup>th</sup>

Batangas State University has once again proved excellence in the field of mechanical engineering, landing first in the list of top performing schools in the recently concluded Mechanical Engineering Licensure Examination (MELE) last February 2019.

Philippine Regulation Commission (PRC) results showed 119 of 132 Red Spartan ME graduates passed the exam garnering a 90.15% passing rate, way above the 50.49% national passing rate.

Angelo Areta Imbo placed 10<sup>th</sup> among the newest batch of topnotchers with 89.60%.

In the February 2018 MELE, BatStateU was previously hailed as the top performing school (99.15% passing rate) with seven of its graduates in the list of topnotchers.

Among the seven Red Spartan Graduates who entered that top 10 are; Kelvin Mendoza Macatangay (Rank 1), Efren Espino Suarez, Jr. (Rank 3), Emanuelito Abion Aristorenas (Rank 5), Hazel Joy Diola Veyra (Rank 6), Dyve Balbalosa De Ocampo (Rank 7), Adrian Danao Bautista (Rank 8), and Anna Rizza Regalado Ebreo (Rank 10).

RA NK	SCHOOL	TOTAL NO. OF EXAM.	TOTAL NO. PASSED	PERCENTAGE PASSED
1	BATANGAS STATE UNIVERSITY - ALANGILAN	132	119	90.15 %
2	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHEASTERN PHILIPPINES-DAVAO CITY	65	57	87.89 %
3	UNIVERSITY OF BATANGAS	103	83	80.58 %



**TOP RANKS.** Batangas State University lands in the top spot of the Mechanical Engineering Licensure Examinations (MELE) with Angelo Areta Imbo placing 10<sup>th</sup>

## Seminar on Industry 4.0 held



**INDUSTRY 4.0.** Kirsten Davila Rieth, RTI Director for Strategy and innovation, led university junior and senior officials, members of the Faculty Confederation and the Supreme Student Council Confederation in understanding more about manufacturing in the current environment of industries.

A seminar on Industry 4.0 with the theme “Demystifying Industry 4.0 - How Universities Can Participate?” was conducted by Batangas State University on February 4 in preparation for Strategic Plan 2019-2029 at the Lecture Room, International Affairs Office, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City.

University junior and senior officials and members of the Faculty Confederation and Supreme Student Council Confederation gathered for the seminar that had two sessions on Industry 4.0 and Manufacturing and the different opportunities and challenges in the Industry 4.0 environment.

This hopes to prepare the BatStateU academic community for Strategic Plan 2019-2029.

RTI's Director for Strategy and Innovation Ms. Kirsten Davila Rieth served as the resource speaker of the event. She talked about the current manufacturing trends and imparted some important matters to consider before investing in Industry 4.0 technologies.

As for the second session, Rieth gave tips on how the university can contribute in boosting the university industry.

Aside from the lectures, a post processing discussion was held to get different inputs from the participants. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Advisor for Innovation, Research, and Entrepreneurship Dr. Napoleon K. Juanillo facilitated the activity where students and faculty members had separate sessions.

University President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, on the other hand, explained the need to fully understand the concepts of Industry 4.0 and how it can help in developing the university's strategic plan in his closing remarks.



# BatStateU welcomes pioneer batch of off-campus DRM classes



**OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES.** BatStateU President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo met with the students who attended their first batch of off-campus DRM classes which makes it easier for them to access DRM classes.

**Batangas State University made history with its disaster risk management (DRM) education as it welcomed the pioneer batch of its first ever off-campus DRM classes on February 16 at the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) Building, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.**

The university currently offers two DRM programs under the College of Accountancy Business Economics and International Hospitality Management – the Master in Disaster Risk Management (MDRM) and the Diploma in Disaster Risk Management (DDRM).

“We are overwhelmed by the acceptance shown by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and the Philippine Army,” BatStateU President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo told the 21 enrollees under the DDRM program from the aforementioned agencies.

He explained that the main objective of the programs is to professionalize training and education among DRM practitioners in the country.

“As an institution of higher learning, BatStateU is obliged and mandated to provide advanced programs that will be relevant to the nation and community. The

ultimate goal is not for us [students] to be awarded a diploma, or for Batangas State University to be visible. Let our ultimate goal be to save lives... That is our mantra – to give honor and, at the same time, to protect and transform lives,” Dr. Ronquillo said.

He added that the off-campus classes were implemented to address the struggle of students from other provinces and cities in travelling all the way to BatStateU just to pursue the DRM programs.

DRM Focal Person Dr. Nickie Boy A. Manalo said that classes for this semester will be held every Saturday at Fort Bonifacio, Manila until the third week of June. The diploma program is a one-year course composed of 18 units, which may be laddered towards the Master’s degree in Disaster Risk Management.

Dr. Ronquillo said that the programs are non-thesis and practical by nature, wherein students will take part in an integrative course that will immerse them in local communities for the development and proposal contingency plans and disaster management policies.

Former Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Retired General Ramon G. Santos said that the programs give individual managers the opportunity

to develop their DRM knowledge and competencies.

“It is rare to meet individuals who are passionate to learn and deliver knowledge on DRM,” he said in Filipino. “DRM is practically, at its very essence, about leadership. And BatStateU provides the leadership needed for scientific and evidence-based disaster planning through education and experience.”

Gen. Santos is a member of the BatStateU Multi-Sectoral Advisory Council (MSAC). The council is composed of an almost 20-member agencies which collectively functions as the steering committee of the university’s Disaster Resiliency Education for Adaptation and Mitigation Academy, shortly known as DREAM Academy.

The MDRM and DDRM were approved by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) en banc on December 19, 2017, making the programs the first CHED-accredited DRM programs in CALABARZON.

Meanwhile, BatStateU will be discussing its proposals on further collaborations, including the conduct of off-campus courses in other areas, DRM conferences, and inter-agency activities for students with the OCD and the Philippine Army.

## BatStateU's IMDC conducts LMS workshop



**ENHANCING E-LEARNING.** Ms. Arlynne Roa-Awayan and Ms. Jenielyn E. Padernal of Cypher Learning shared topics and ideas on how teachers can create a more conducive environment of learning for students by increasing the level of technology in classrooms.

**University Administrators attended a two-day training/workshop on Learning Management System (LMS) organized by BatStateU's Instructional Materials Development Center (IMDC), on March 5 and 6 at the Lecture Room, International Affairs Office, CITE Building, Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City.**

The activity served as an opportunity to develop the participants' creativity skills and teaching techniques in delivering classroom activities.

Attendees were VP for Academic Affairs Dr. Erma B. Quinay and VP for External Affairs and ICT Services Prof. Rogelio A. Antenor with Executive Directors, Deans, Deans of Colleges, Associate Deans, Program Chairs and General Education Teachers.

"There is a need for us [educators] to learn more," Dr. Quinay said, in her opening remarks as she stressed the importance of such training.

"We... are considered as the cutting edge of education. So therefore, it is imperative that we are always abreast with the strategies on how we could really make our students learn," she added.

The training/workshop highlighted talks and lectures from e-learning experts, Ms. Arlynne Roa-Awayan and Ms. Jenielyn E. Padernal,

on how teachers can create authentic, interactive and learner-driven activities, by increasing the level of technology used in classrooms. These speakers also familiarized the participants on the features and functions of the University's LMS portal enabling them to develop a more interactive learning material for students.

Ms. Awayan is currently the

Director of Customer Success and Engagement in Southeast Asia Cypher Learning with a 10-year experience in learning management systems (LMS) and 12 years in university teaching.

As the Director of E-learning Integration at Cypher Learning, Ms. Padernal has 20 years of experience as an educational administrator and seven years as an instructor under her belt.



**QUALITY EDUCATION.** Faculty Members from different campuses of Batangas State University participated in the said seminar to further improve and apply e-learning to engage their students in a more interactive classroom environment.



## CHEDRO IV Director leads 51<sup>st</sup> commencement exercises



CHEDRO IV Director Dr. Amelia Biglete

Dr. Amelia A. Biglete, Director IV of the Commission on Higher Education Regional Office IV (CHEDRO), graced Batangas State University's 51<sup>st</sup> Commencement Exercises on March 13 as guest of honor and speaker at the Gov. Feliciano "Sanoy" Leviste Memorial Multi-Purpose Gymnasium, Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City.

"This [ceremony] is going to be a defining moment for each one of you [graduates]," said Dr. Biglete in her speech before the 913 graduating students from different BatStateU campuses.

Dr. Biglete talked about the essence of educating oneself amidst challenges.

"The challenges that await you are doubly greater than the ones you encountered while studying. So I advise you not to stop discovering what is beyond. Always believe in yourself, aim for greatness, aim for success," she said.

She was confident that the university, which she described as one of the premier state universities in the country, has equipped its students with the necessary knowledge and skills to become successful

individuals in their chosen career. She also mentioned some of the achievements of BatStateU. She even said that finding a job would not be that difficult for the graduates having obtained their academic degrees at BatStateU.

In addition, she shared her hopes of seeing familiar faces in the future as upright professionals with the commitment to serve.

Dr. Biglete left the graduates with a motivational message saying, "Remember to find your passion, keep getting up, take risks, and find meaning on everything that you do. Look ahead, move forward and envision your future bright, meaningful and worth every step, every pain and every joy."

Furthermore, Dr. Biglete expects



BatStateU President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo and CHEDRO IV Director Dr. Amelia A. Biglete march to the gymnasium to welcome and congratulate more than 900 graduates.

BatStateU graduates to be "future professionals who are passionate to providing quality services to your clientele or employers", and who will be socially, ethically and culturally conscious individuals.

Dr. Biglete is a pioneer central member of the Commission on Higher Education when it was established in 1994.

University President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, also gave an inspiring message reminding the graduates, "Whatever path you take, remember that as Red Spartans, you are bound to lead innovations and transform lives, as you continue with the BatStateU legacy of striving for excellence geared towards building the nation and improving the lives of Filipinos."

## Aspiring Red Spartans take the BatStateUCAT

This year's batch of hopeful Red Spartans took the Batangas State University College Admission Test (BatStateUCAT) on February 17 for SY 2019-2020.

The examination was held simultaneously at six BatStateU campuses namely: Pablo Borbon Main (PBM) I, PBM II, JPLPC-Malvar, Rosario, Lipa City, and ARASOF-Nasugbu.

To be eligible for the test, an applicant must be a graduating senior



high school student with no grade lower than 80% if he/she wishes to pursue a board degree program.

Newly appointed Testing and Admission head Dr. Anna Maria V. Rivera said a total of 17, 433 aspirants submitted their application online which is 10% more than last year's 15,000 applicants.

The aspiring freshmen Red Spartans may expect their results to be released on March.

## Guidance and Counselling office conducts mental health seminar

In line with the celebration of Guidance Week 2019, the Office of Guidance and Counselling (OGC) conducted a seminar on mental health for students on February 27 at the Amphitheater, CITE Building, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City.

This seminar entitled “Building the Potentials of Students: Establishing a strong University Community” intends to provide awareness on psychological health issues among students.

Dr. Roldan C. Ragot, a registered Psychometrician and instructor from the College of Accountancy, Business, Economics and International Hospitality Management, served as the event's resource speaker.

In his presentation on “Depressive Disorders and Suicide in Children and Adolescents,” Dr. Ragot talked about worldwide facts and statistics on depression allowing the students to better understand the need to fight such battles. He introduced the signs and symptoms of depression, and gave a detailed explanation about the difference between mood, emotion and affect.

Dr. Ragot said recognizing the indicators will help students determine if a person is depressed and also know the appropriate actions they need to take if they encounter such cases.

According to the World Health Organization's 2015 global school-based survey, in more than 8,000 students from grades 7-9, year 4 in the country, 11.6% among 13 to 17 year olds considered suicide, while 16.8% of the same age group have attempted suicide.

Dr. Ragot also explained that there are psychological and pharmacological treatments for depression. He then



**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS.** Students write down notes as to Dr. Roldan Ragot's talk on being aware of the indicators of mental health. Dr. Ragot is a Psychometrician and an instructor of subjects in Psychology in the College of Accountancy, Business, Economics and International Hospitality Management.

discussed the importance of conducting effective counselling, as one of the most common therapies for depression.

OGC Asst. Director Renan T. Mallari also took part in the seminar by sharing the role of the office in building a healthy university environment.

As part of the celebration of Guidance Week 2019, the office also held a training workshop for Peer Facilitators Circle members entitled, “Gender Responsive

Counselling: Action and Advocacy” last February 26 led by Asst. Dir. Mallari, Asst. Director for Gender and Development Ma. Theresa A. Hernandez, and Guidance Counselling Head Mrs. Dianne S. Cullar as resource persons.

A seminar for OGC personnel entitled “Gender Sensitive School Counsellors in Action: Tapping the Potentials of School Counsellors in Dealing with Students” was also held last March 1.

## BatStateU joins the 2019 1<sup>st</sup> quarter nationwide simultaneous earthquake drill

To intensify disaster awareness and preparedness in the academic community, Batangas State University joined the 2019 first quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on February 21.

Over a thousand students, faculty members and officials participated in the drill held at the grounds of BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main (PBM) I, Batangas City.

Aside from educating the community on what to do before, during and after an earthquake, the drill was also conducted to test the existing plans of the university which include the activation of its incident



command system with Prof. Rogelio A. Antenor, as the Incident Commander.

In 2017 BatStateU hosted the

2nd Quarter NSED in collaboration with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Region IV-A, Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (DRRMO), City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO) and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)-Batangas City. BatStateU PBM I was then chosen as the regional ceremonial venue for CALABARZON.

NSED is a quarterly activity organized by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) that seeks to teach the public from the barangay to the national government about disaster response.



## TMB members convene for 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

The University's Technopark Management Board (TMB) held its first meeting for the Batangas State University Knowledge, Innovation, Science and Technology (KIST) Park (formerly BatStateU Technopark) on January 10 at the Function Hall, CIRTC Building, Pablo Borbon Main (PBM) I, Batangas City.

The team is responsible for the management of the park during its development and operation phases, which include planning, organization, project management, operational management, risk management, property management and investment management.

The board was created on September 6, 2018 by the BatStateU Board of Regents (BOR) during the 59th regular meeting.

During the TMB meeting, BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo and VP for Research, Development and Extension Services Albertson Amante delivered a presentation about the park's objectives. The park's Site Development Plan, Procurement Plan for Design Services and 2019 Program of Expenditures were presented to identify areas for improvement.

The KIST Park shall bring science and technology-based R&D results of the university to the market through establishing facilities for product development and locator spaces for incubation of start-ups and spin-offs. This shall also build a sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystem among the academe, industry and



**TECHNOPARK PARK RE-CLASSIFIED.** BatStateU President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo and Department of Trade and Industry Advisor and member of the Technopark Management Board (TMB) Dr. Napoleon K. Juanillo, Jr. discuss plans for the re-classified Knowledge, Innovation, Science and Technology (KIST) Park adjacent to BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main II Campus.

community through various knowledge-driven innovation programs and public private partnerships.

The KIST Park is now being endorsed by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to the Malacañan for presidential proclamation. Once granted, the agreement between BatStateU and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) will be prepared, signed and registered, thus authorizing the university to commence with

the establishment of the KIST Park.

It will be located adjacent to BatStateU PBM II in Alangilan, Batangas City, with approximately 2.8 hectares of land.

The re-classification of BatStateU Technopark to KIST Park was approved by the BOR on May 30, 2018 during their first special meeting through Board Resolution No. 26 S. 2018. This was an advice from the PEZA to expand the mandate of the applied technology park.



**TMB MEMBERS.** Some of the members of the TMB received a small token of gratitude, a plaque engraved with a map of the KIST Park



**TMB MEMBERS.** (Left to right) Engr. Albertson Amante, BatStateU Vice President for Research and Development and Extension Services (RDES); Mr. Warlito Guerra, Board Director for GLES Venture Group Inc.; Dr. Napoleon Juarillo, Jr., Innovation, Research and Entrepreneurship Advisor of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); Dr. Tirso Ronquillo, BatStateU and PASUC President and Vice Chairperson of TMB; Mr. Richard Albert Osmond, TMB Chairperson and President and COO of Science Park of the Philippines; Atty. Ruel Canobas, Director for risk Opportunity and Management Consultancy; Engr. Ernest Nierras, CEO and Chairman of Pythos Technology Philippines, Inc.; Dr. Celso Co, Research Director and Industry Coordinator of Research and Development Office of the Technological Institute of the Philippines; Atty. Luzviminda Rosales, BatStateU Vice President for Administration and Finance; (not in picture) Ms. Rafaelita Aldaba, Assistant Secretary of DTI.









# HIGHLIGHTS



# BatStateU marches on for women's rights

**Batangas State University Pablo Borbon Main 1 community marched around campus grounds in celebration of National Women's Month on March 15, 2019 in commemoration of the struggles for women's rights and gender inequality around the world.**

The theme for this year's Women's Month was "We Make Change Work For Women" that was formulated to support change working for women empowerment like equal access to jobs and no employment discrimination in job descriptions that are mostly dominated by men as some of the rights that have been and are continuously being fought for by women to this day.

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, University President, led the parade attended by more than 200 students, faculty, and administrative officials and staff who wore purple to show support in advancing women's rights and gender equality, breaking gender stereotypes, and stopping gender-based violence and discrimination against women.

The parade ended at Gov. Feliciano "Sanoy" Leviste Multipurpose Gymnasium where a women's trade fair awaited that featured products and services from the University's adopted communities.



**WOMEN EMPOWERMENT.** In celebration of Women's Month, Batangas State University participated in a march celebrating the triumphs of women to fight for their rights and gender inequality in the world.

## Women's trade fair features BatStateU's adopted communities

Batangas State University's Extension Services Office organized a women's trade fair last March 15, 2019 at Gov. Feliciano "Sanoy" Leviste Multipurpose Gymnasium dubbed as "Showcasing and Recognizing Women and Extension Adopters in Profitable Enterprising" in celebration of the annual National Women's Month.

The trade fair featured products and services from the University's adopted communities including: Taro Chips of Brgy. Catandaan, Nasugbu, Batangas; Peanut Brittle of Brgy. Talahib Pandayan; Bread products of Integrated People Empowerment Movement, Inc. (IPEM) from Mayuro, Rosario, Batangas; Pastillas of Malvar, Batangas; Mazapan "Yema" of San Juan, Batangas; Peanut Butter and Native Pig Products of Lobo, Batangas; Matamis Fabricon of Rosario, Batangas; and Organic Vegetables and Diversified Organic products of Mabilog, Lobo,



**WOMEN WORK FOR CHANGE.** Along with the march for women's rights, BatStateU President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo along with Assistant Directors of the Extension Services Office headed by Dr. Nickie Boy Manalo officially opened the Women's Trade Fair to showcase the different products and services of the University's adopted communities.



Batangas. Also part of the trade fair were the Tour Guides of Brgy. Lagadlarin and Malabrigo, Lobo, Batangas; Hilot Providers from Malvar, Batangas; San Isidro Nasi Multipurpose Cooperative (SINAMPC), Pinagsabaan Farmer Development Cooperative (PIFADECO), and Manicurists from Kumintang Ibaba, Batangas City. Taza Mia Café and BatStateU's RGO were also included on the list of exhibitors.

By the end of the trade fair, the exhibitors were given recognition for sustainably operating enterprises in their respective communities. They were given certificates of recognition and tokens of appreciation by Asst. Prof. Armando V. Mendoza, Jr., ESO Director, Dr. Nickie

Boy A. Manalo, IIDS Assistant Director, and Assoc. Prof. Maria Theresa A. Hernandez, GAD Assistant Director.

Addressing the exhibitors, Assoc. Prof. Hernandez highlighted the contributions and efforts made by the women in each community in sustaining the profitability of their products and services, and recognized the support given by men in attaining their goals. Finally, she congratulated the exhibitors for their good work and encouraged everyone to continue working together regardless of gender to achieve even greater heights.

Source: Gender and Development Office







Holy Mass and Ecumenical Services



Floral Opening



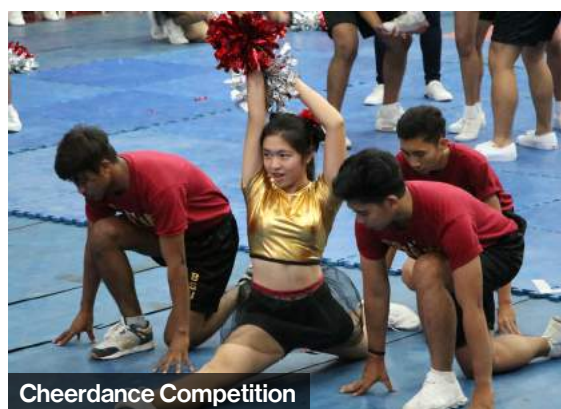
Intramurals Opening



Mr. & Miss Intramurals 2019



Intramurals Oath of Sportsmanship



Cheerdance Competition



Company Exhibit 2019



Career Fair



Presidents' Cup



# 18<sup>th</sup> Charter Week Anniversary

The charter anniversary is held annually to commemorate when the university officially transitioned from Pablo Borbon Memorial Institute of Technology (PBMIT) to Batangas State University by virtue of Republic Act 9045.

## HOLY MASS & EXUMENICAL SERVICES

On the first day of the week-long Charter Week Anniversary celebration, a Holy Mass was led by Rev. Fr. Oscar “Odong” Dimaapi at the Gov. Feliciano “Sanoy” Leviste Memorial Gymnasium, Pablo Borbon Main I Campus. The mass was held to express gratitude for the abundant blessings that the university has been continuously receiving throughout the years. OIC University Librarian Dr. Agnes D. Arellano, Integrated School Head Teacher III Mrs. Rhodora M. Guillo, and Rev. Alice Carnero of Jesus the Anointed One Church led the ecumenical prayers.

## FLORAL OFFERING

The BatStateU Executive Committee with Mr. Eduardo Borbon as the special guest offered flowers at the bust of Don Pablo Borbon. After the floral offering, University President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo thanked the community of BatStateU for its commitment and dedication in helping the university move towards development.

## INTER-CAMPUS INTRAMURALS

This year’s intramurals were participated by five teams: Unit I (PBM I), Unit II (PBM II), Unit III (BatStateU San Juan, Rosario, Lobo), Unit IV (BatStateU JPLPC – Malvar, Lipa, Mabini), and Unit V (BatStateU ARASOF – Nasugbu, Balayan, Lemery). National SCUAA 2019 Sepak Takraw Player Mr. Warren Hornilla led the Oath of Sportsmanship followed by the torch-lighting activity with the unit representatives.

## CHEERDANCE COMPETITION

The winner for the cheer dance competition were Unit I (First Place), Unit IV (Second Place), and Unit V (Third Place).

## MISTER & MISS INTRAMURALS

Mr. Christian Rho Mondragon of Unit II and Ms. Monica Marasigan of Unit I were hailed as this year’s Mr. and Ms. Intramurals.

## CAREER FAIR & COMPANY EXHIBIT

Several companies set up at the BatStateU Library and CITE Building lobby to showcase their companies in order to encourage students to hopefully apply or pursue a career in their company.

## PRESIDENT’S CUP

The President’s Cup was also held to show the camaraderie among the faculty members and employees in friendly games of sports.

## STUDENTS’ FAIR 2019

Booths were setup outside the General Engineering Building, Pablo Borbon Main I for the students of BatStateU to enjoy and experience the different projects of some student organizations. The foreign students from Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi (RMUTT) performed some of the traditional Thai dances and practices.

## STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION

The Student Research Competition was held to show that research is an integral part in developing students. 20 groups of students pitched their researches divided into four categories: Natural Sciences, Education and Social Sciences, Engineering and Developmental Researches, and Entrepreneurial Studies. All outputs should reflect the theme “Expanding Institutional Mandates through Knowledge Creation, Social Relevance and Innovations.”



Student Research Competition



Students' Fair 2019





Health and Wellness Forum

# 18<sup>th</sup> Charter Week Anniversary



Mr. & Miss BatStateU 2019

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS FORUM

With the theme ***"Women Inspiring Women: Forum on Health and Wellness"*** to discuss good practices, gaps, challenges, and commitments in pursuing gender and development.

## PARTNERS' APPRECIATION DAY

BatStateU recognized and acknowledged its industry and other government partners in appreciation of their effective support for the fulfillment of the University's goals.

## MISTER AND MISS BATSTATEU 2019

Kenneth Joseph Carpio and Nikka Mae Bautista from the College of Accountancy, Business, Economics and International Hospitality Management were crowned Mister & Miss BatStateU 2019.

## SALAMAT, PAALAM

Twenty-two (22) retiring officials and employees were given a warm send-off party to thank them for their years of service for the University.



Salamat, Paalam



Awards Night 2019





Partners' Appreciation Day

### AWARDS NIGHT

112 service awardees, 10 students, and 22 retirees were recognized for their invaluable service at the Gov. Feliciano "Sanoy" Leviste Memorial Gymnasium, Pablo Borbon Main I Campus.

### COMMUNITY SALU-SALO

A small community salu-salo was enjoyed by all employees and faculty members of BatStateU.

### STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS

The Strategic Planning Workshop for faculty and students was held to apply their inputs for the University's strategic plan to envision effective collaboration and sharing of ideas because they play an important role in the attainment of academic success.



Community Salu-Salo



Strategic Planning Workshop with Faculty and Students



# VIP CORALS 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Waves and Ripples at the Heart of the Coral Triangle

Batangas State University's Verde Island Passage Center for Oceanographic Research and Aquatic Life Sciences (VIP CORALS) conducted a seminar entitled, "Waves and Ripples at the Heart of the Coral Triangle" on February 14 in celebration of its first anniversary at the Amphitheater, CITE Building, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I.

In the opening program, BatStateU President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo shared about the importance of the VIP CORALS not just for the academe but also for the local communities that will greatly benefit from the studies and researches done in the center. He shared that the university, as the closest institution to the VIP, "must take full responsibility for doing researches in the shallow and deeper waters of it." Dr. Ronquillo also emphasized the role of the

university to educate nearby communities on how they can help protect VIP's marine resources.

Speakers of the event were Dr. Renan Bobiles of Bicol University, Dr. Emma Ballad from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Dr. Maria Vanessa Baria-Rodriguez, Talna dela Cruz, Dr. Wilfred John Santiañez of the UP-Marine Science Institute (UP MSI), Dr. Dexter dela Cruz of Southern Cross University, Joal Ascalon of Southeast Asia Institute - VIP, and Nero Austero from the National Museum of the Philippines.

The speakers discussed topics on marine protected areas, socio-environmental economics, coral reefs, seaweed farming, coral reef restoration, environmental awareness, science communication, and maritime archaeology.

To end the series of talks and discussions, VIP CORALS Center Head Dr. Jayvee A. Saco presented the progress of the center and its accomplishments in the areas of instruction, research and extension services.

The VIP CORALS is BatStateU's marine research facility located at the BatStateU Lobo that aims to provide science-based information on prediction of impending natural or man-made calamities, designing management protocol on commercially important marine organisms, identify marine organisms and communities that need protection and conservation, technology development for creating and improving livelihood, natural product development, education to different stakeholders, and creation of network consortium among different organisms bordering the VIP.



**VIP CORALS 1<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY.** (L-R) Dr.Emma Ballad, Dr. Vanessa Baria-Rodrigues, Dr. Wilfred John Santibañez, and Joseph Ascalon talked about topics on marine biodiversity, socio-environmental economics, coral reefs and seaweed farming to disseminate more knowledge regarding said topics.

## VIP CORALS holds seminar on biological activity and marine biodiversity



**MARINE BIODIVERSITY.** The VIP CORALS invited two keynote speakers — Professor Armin S. Coronado of the Institute for Science and Technology Research Director from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, and Dr. Noel Saguil, a Post-Doctoral Research Associate of Olivera Lab University of Utah to talk about various topics connected with marine biodiversity.

The Verde Island Passage Center for Oceanographic Research and Aquatic Life Sciences (VIP CORALS) held a seminar on Biological Activity and Marine Biodiversity on January 18 at the 7<sup>th</sup> floor Multimedia Room, CIRTC Building, Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City.

Resource persons include Associate Professor Armin S. Coronado of the Institute for Science and Technology Research Director from the Polytechnic

University of the Philippines, and Dr. Noel Saguil, a Post-Doctoral Research Associate of Olivera Lab University of Utah.

Coronado talked about the Biological Activity of Sulfated Polysaccharides from Brown Seaweeds and its Application to Pharmaceutical Related Fields, where he took time to share some matters to consider before starting an experiment and come up with a good research.

On the other hand, Dr. Saguil,

delivered a presentation on Biodiversity Research to Drug Development Initiatives while sharing his knowledge, personal experiences and expertise on various sea creatures.

The seminar served as a venue to broaden the participants' knowledge on marine biodiversity and open ideas for possible researches. The intended audience for the seminar were BS Biology students.

## PNP-Batangas launches KKDAT campaign at BatStateU

The Batangas Police Provincial Office (BPPO) strengthens its fight against drugs as it launched the KKDAT - Kabataan Kontra Droga at Terorismo (Youth against Drugs and Terrorism) campaign on March 29, 2019 at the CITE Amphitheater, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City.

Apart from BatStateU students, University of Batangas and Lyceum of the Philippines University -Batangas also sent participants to join the event aimed to educate and engage the youth in discussions about the ill-effects of illegal drugs and terrorism on society.

Police Chief Inspector Marcelina F. Peralta, Acting Chief of the Police Community Affairs Development Branch-Batangas, started the program expressing her warmest welcome to everyone who came in support of the campaign.

"We want the youth to become proactive partners of the government in the

nationwide cascading of advocates relative to anti-terrorism and anti-illegal drugs," she said as she tackles the need of getting the youth involved in the said movement.

BatStateU President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo also expressed his gratitude to the PNP for its continuous efforts in ensuring that everyone, particularly the youth, acquires a deeper understanding about the evils of illegal drugs and terrorism.

Batangas City PNP Chief Police Superintendent Sancho O. Celedio discussed some of the country's most alarming cases of illegal drugs and terrorism, and how it strongly affects the youth and their families.

"Know what's good for you and know what good you can do to the rest of the community," Celedio said.

He also encouraged everyone to help the government solve some of these challenges for the benefit of the community.



**DRUG AWARENESS.** Batangas City PNP Chief Police Superintendent Sancho O. Celedio encouraged the youth to be more aware of these issues and continue to be vigilant in the war against illegal drugs.





**Gary Valenciano**

came

**‘Face to Face’**

with

**BatStateU students**







**FACE-TO-FACE.** Gary Valenciano celebrates his 35th anniversary in show business by touring 35 different schools and universities to inspire, shared his experiences, how we wants to give back to the people who have made an impact in his life, and his advocacy to open the communication regarding mental health awareness and suicide especially among the youth.

**Singer-songwriter and UNICEF Ambassador, Gary Valenciano visited Batangas State University on March 6 for an inspirational talk with students aptly called as “Gary V: Face to Face University Tour” in celebration of his 35th anniversary in show business.**

As part of his project, Valenciano plans to visit 35 campuses in the country, BatStateU being the 10th, to connect with people especially the youth.

“I’m here because of the desire to inspire,” he said.

Valenciano also said that he wanted to give back to the people who have played a significant role in his life, mostly the student body who started his career 35 years ago.

In his talk, Valenciano imparted stories about his life including the highs and the lows, the lessons he learned in his journey and the relationship he had with God. He also shared words of encouragement through his music performing some of his hit songs.

Being the first National Ambassador of UNICEF Philippines,

Valenciano wanted to extend help and motivate the youth to become more productive citizens of the society as the number of depression and suicide cases continuously increase globally among young people. Hence, in 2018, he created the concept of “Face to Face.”

The event, organized by the Guidance and Counselling Office, was capped off with a Q&A session where 100 students from different colleges of Pablo Borbon Main I participated in.







**BatStateU CTI joins ABINET**

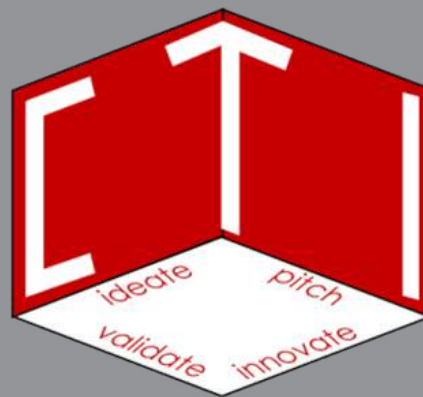
Batangas State University joined the ASEAN Business Incubation Network (ABINET) on the Development of a Virtual Incubation Platform for ASEAN TBIs.

A Training of Trainers Workshop was held at Kuala Lumpur Malaysia last February 26-28, 2019. VP for Research and Development, and Extension Services and CTI Head



Engineer Albertson Amante together with Mr. John Richard Esguerra, CTI Project Staff represented BatStateU CTI in the said event.

The project also compliments with Technology Business Incubator 4.0 project of BatStateU entitled Knowledge, Innovation and Technopreneurship for Enterprise development (KITE) which is funded by the DOST-PCIEERD.



**BatStateU CTI joins 1<sup>st</sup> ALA EH start-ups community events**



BatStateU CTI joined the first ALA EH start-ups community event sponsored by Nexus Innovation Labs. The event aimed to discuss the state of the Batangas start-up ecosystems. The

speakers shared their experiences when they were still establishing their start-ups. There were also talks of possible collaborations between the BatStateU CTI and NEXUS Innovation Lab.

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The BatStateU CTI welcomed Visiting Professor Neelesh Bhatia, Center Director of SPINOFF, the Entrepreneurship Center at Singapore Polytechnic. The Visiting Professor Program is part of the CHED-funded Institutional Development and Innovation Grants (CHED-IDIG) project entitled Establishment of South Luzon Hub for Technopreneurship & Innovation.

The CHED-IDIG projects are awarded to higher education institutions (HEIs) for funding initiatives that strengthen their qualifications and capacity to respond and remain relevant to local, regional, national, and global priorities.

The objective of the program is to enhance the knowledge of Technopreneurship Instructors on the latest modules and practices in the field

of start-up and technopreneurship.

Neelesh Bhatia's many years of multi-disciplinary experience have allowed him to start various companies, some that have exited successfully and in once case, failed miserably.

Now, he advises and mentors students and adult start-up founders all across Asia and shows them on how they can all learn and grow, even when they fail.



**BatStateU CTI welcomes visiting Professors**

# ***Center for Technopreneurship and Innovation***



BatStateU CTI held three HUNTahan sessions for the first quarter of 2019. "HUNTahan" is the Filipino word for conversations, while the English word "HUNT" means to look for something. The program is like a talk show that will discuss several topics or answer questions related to innovation, technopreneurship, start-ups, and other similar ideas. It is also the avenue for idea, market and product validation as well as gathering of information needed for validation process.

This program is also part of the



**BatStateU CTI holds HUNTahan session for 2019 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

CHED-funded Institutional Development and Innovation Grants (CHED-IDIG) project entitled Establishment of South Luzon Hub for Technopreneurship & Innovation (BatStateU Techub).

The first HUNTahan session was done last February 20. The BatStateU CTI invited Ms. Micah Asistores, the Mentorship Manager of Phildev where she discussed about IDEATION: Where do great ideas come from?

Meanwhile, the second HUNTahan session was led by Mr. Carlo P. Valencia, founder of Start-up PH

Training. According to a post he made in his personal social media account after the program, he said he was "honored and blessed to be given so much opportunities to teach future engineers and entrepreneurs how to start the right way." This was held last March 20.

The third HUNTahan session was held last April 24 led by the founder and CEO of B612 Design Innovation Labs, Inc., Miss Joie Cruz. The audience had shown dynamic interaction and were fully engaged in digital marketing workshop.





# 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 Service Management Track
- Major in Business Analytics Track
- Major in Network Technology Track

## COLLEGE OF TEACHER EDUCATION

Doctor of Education in Educational Management

Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Management

Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics Education

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 major in Language and Literature

Master of Arts in English major in Language and Literature

Master of Science in Mathematics

Master of Chemistry

Master in Development Studies

Bachelor of Arts in English Language Studies

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

## COLLEGE OF ACCOUNTANCY, BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Doctor of Public Administration

Doctor of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration

Master in Public Administration

Master in Disaster Risk Management

Diploma in Disaster Risk Management

Bachelor of Science in Accountancy

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

Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting

## 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

## 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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