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BatStateU reaps Three Stars at the QS Stars University Ratings

Batangas State University received a three-star rating from the QS Stars University Ratings, March 17.

QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) is the world's leading provider of services, analytics, and insight to the global higher education sector, whose mission is to enable motivated people anywhere in the world to fulfil their potential through educational achievement, international mobility, and career development.

According to their official website, QS Stars helps in exhibiting the specifics of a university and in facilitating easier access of information of everything one has to know. It serves as a channel for searching a school or university, inside or outside the country, fitted for the interests and expertise of a student about a specific field.

Furthermore, QS Stars has a set of criteria and indicators

individually rated, which determines the grade of a university and its standing as a world class university after its assessment. The criteria include Research, Teaching, Employability of Graduates, Facilities, Internationalization, Innovation, Engagement, Culture, Access, and Specialist Subject. These factors serve as the key pillars and the basis of evaluation before coming up with an overall QS Star rating.

Bannered by its flagship engineering programs, specifically in Electronics Engineering, the university received four out of five stars in this specialist criteria. It also mattered that BatStateU is the only state university in the entire Philippines which has international accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) – Engineering Accreditation Commission and Computing Accreditation Commission, in the fields of Engineering and Information

Technology.

Also highlighted in the evaluation results are the University's recognitions from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), manifesting exceptional performance as a national Center of Excellence in Electronics Engineering. Aside from this, the university is also a Center of Development in Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Teacher Education, and Development Communication.

Furthermore, the University's research and innovation centers and laboratories spelled a big difference, as the Regional Development Council (RDC) endorsed BatStateU as the region's Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Environment Research; Center for Technology Business Incubation and Development; Center for Oceanographic Research and Aquatic Life Sciences; Center for Disaster Risk Management Education and Research; and Center for

Inclusive Social Innovation for Regional Growth.

The university's efforts in expanding its international relationships and engagement with foreign universities, organizations, and industries also strengthened its application for a favorable QS Stars rating. Its innovation practices also were given a positive evaluation. In addition, the university has established 15 development centers.

All of these create more opportunities for career advancement, increase the students' professional prospects, and nurture greater intellectual curiosity and passion for inquiry that allow the university to

thrive in the global knowledge economy.

The university applied for the QS Stars in September 2019 and complied with all documentary requirements and evidence

Overall, Batangas State University was given a three-star rating from QS Stars, which they defined as "a university that is nationally well-recognized, and may have also begun to attract international recognition. This institution maintains a reputable level of research and its graduates are attractive to employers."

With this award, the QS has given Batangas State University access to various documents which are available for download

from QS Stars login page. These include the QS Stars Development Roadmap, the QS Stars certificate, which can be printed to be used internally or externally, the QS Stars methodology, and the QS Stars Brand Guidelines.

More importantly, this increases the university's global visibility and serves as a concrete proof of the high quality of education and academic services it provides in adherence to international standards of excellence.

Batangas State University is the first state university in the CALABARZON region to receive such feat.

QS Stars Ratings for Batangas State University



BatStateU cascades 2019-2029 Strategic Plan to stakeholders

Members of the BatStateU community, including administrators, faculty, staff, and students from Main I, Main II, Lobo, and Mabini, gathered for the cascading of the Batangas State University 2019-2029 Strategic Plan at the

Gov. Feliciano "Sanoy" Leviste Gymnasium, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I, February 7.

An audio-visual presentation presented in the lead-off ceremonies highlighted the accomplishments of the university for the past five years.

All of these were anchored on the successes the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan.

This was followed by the presentation of University President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo on the blueprint of where BatStateU is headed for the

next decade. The ten-year plan was a result of research-based brainstorming and consultation sessions with various institutional stakeholders.

The strategic plan aims for BatStateU to become a state university that achieves national relevance and global presence. The BASICS – which stands for Brand of Excellence, Access, Social Relevance, Inclusive Innovation, Capacity and Sustainability – are the

six fundamental pillars of development, based on different drivers and the university core values.

Stressed in the plan are the targets for each pillar, mainly: program and curriculum advancement, improvement of technology-based learning, research programs in achieving national importance, innovations and opportunities for technopreneurship, institutional readiness, and proper resource

management.

As Batangas State University continues to aim for a transformative impact in education and innovation, the University President calls for collaboration and teamwork from all the stakeholders and the Red Spartan Community to act as one in pressing towards the shared goal of developing leaders in the global, knowledge economy.

BIMS training-workshop held

A two-day training-workshop on Building Information Management Systems (BIMS) was held at the College of Informatics and Computing Sciences (CICS) Laboratory, BatStateU PB Main II, Alangilan, Batangas City on February 19-20.

Office personnel from the Presidential Project Management Office (PrPMO), Project Management Office (PMO), and faculty from the College of Engineering, Architecture and Fine Arts (CEAFA) attended the said workshop.

Vice President for Administration and Finance (VPAF) Atty. Luzviminda Rosales, Vice President for Research, Development and Extension Services (VPRDES) Engr. Albertson Amante, and the Human Resource Management Office (HRMO) spearheaded the activity in coordination with the Regional Office of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) IV-A, headed by its director, Dr. Alexander R. Madrigal.

The activity was the



VPRDES Engr. Albertson Amante delivers a message during the BIMS training workshop, as the participants from the Project Management Office and College of Engineering Architecture and Fine Arts work on their respective tasks during the workshop proper.

output of the meeting on piloting the BIMS at BatStateU to instruct faculty members and researchers about Fusion 360, a cloud-based CAD-CAM tool for collaborative product development. It combines a very fast and easy organic modelling with precise solid modelling, allowing students and professionals to make their designs easily manufacturable.

The program not only

supported the University personnel to familiarize themselves in the use of BIMS, but assisted them in infusing the concept of Disaster Risk Management (DRM) to the design and maintenance of the university buildings among the personnel and faculty members of the university. The participants illustrated their models and designs during the workshop.

ACTION Center holds Integrated Planning Course on ICS



Resource persons from the Office of Civil Defense lecture on the integrated planning process - Level II course, as the members of the Incident Management Teams of each BatStateU campus collaborate during the structured learning exercises.

The first Incident Command System (ICS) training in 2020 facilitated by the University's Adaptive Capacity-building and Technology Innovation for Occupational Hazards

and Natural Disasters (ACTION) Center was held at the 7th floor Function Hall, BatStateU PB Main I Campus, Feb. 17-21.

Headed by Dr. Nickie Boy Manalo, in partnership with the

Office of Civil Defense (OCD), the ACTION Center has been conducting a series of ICS training programs to reinforce the University's mandates on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM). The recent training was attended by designated Incident Management Teams (IMT) of BatStateU's 11 campuses.

This Level II course on Integrated Planning Process enabled the members of the IMTs to discuss, brainstorm, plan, and decide for operational activities prior to disaster response and allow effective collaboration among the members of the planning section.

Before the implementation, BatStateU's 11 campuses were grouped in five batches, with each batch finishing a seven-module training through interactive discussion, workshops, structured learning exercises, and demonstration.

This initiative of strengthening the disaster preparedness and response mechanism of the University equipped the participants with the knowledge, skills and attitude essential for the integration of the planning processes and requirements to be used in the University's ICS operations.



University officials together with the faculty and staff of the BatStateU JPLPC-Malvar campus convene in front of the newly inaugurated College of Industrial Technology (CIT) building.



Dr. Ronquillo, Dr. Quinay and Atty. Rosales in the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new university canteen at PB Main II Campus.



PTAR speaks in front of the PB Main II students to be vanguards of discipline in taking good care of the canteen.

BatStateU JPLPC-Malvar inaugurates new CIT Building

Batangas State University JPLPC-Malvar Campus officially inaugurated its new College of Industrial Technology (CIT) Building, February 3.

University President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, members of the Executive Committee, BatStateU JPLPC-Malvar officials, and the LGU heads of the Municipality of Malvar led the blessing and inauguration ceremonies.

With a total area of 2,698.92 sq.m., the five-storey building will house the students, faculty, and staff from the Bachelor of Industrial Technology (BIT) program.

JPLPC-Malvar Executive Director, Dr. Expedito V. Acorda expressed his sincere gratitude to the university officials for the magnanimous support given to the extension campus.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ronquillo encouraged the students and faculty to make full use of the "new-age building", as it was

constructed to "boost their academic and professional performance" when it comes to technical and vocational training programs.

Atty. Rey Villegas, Legal Officer of the Municipality of Malvar, inspired many with a message from the Municipality Mayor, Hon. Cristeta C. Reyes. He highlighted the municipality's gratitude to BatStateU as it continues to enhance its structures, thus bringing quality education to the youth of Malvar.

New Canteen unveiled in PB Main II

The newest canteen in the university was unveiled at the Batangas State University Pablo Borbon Main II, February 3, at the Ground Floor of the CEAFA Building in Alangilan, Batangas City.

Rev. Fr. Emiliano Magsino blessed the new canteen grounds in the presence of the Executive Committee, PB Main I and II officials, faculty, staff, and student leaders.

In his message, Dr. Ronquillo stressed his appreciation to the members of the Executive Committee, Board of Regents (BOR), Project Management Office (PMO) and the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) for their unwavering support in materializing the project. He also encouraged the students, faculty and staff to patronize the stalls and the food that they offer, as well as to take good care of the university canteen.

Meanwhile, Student Regent Arvin Lloyd Atienza accepted

the ceremonial key on behalf of the students during the turnover ceremony. He committed to be on the watch in reminding the students for the responsible use and maintenance of the canteen.

In his closing remarks, PB Main II Executive Director and College of Engineering, Architecture and Fine Arts (CEAFA) Dean Dr. Jessie Montalbo acknowledged the continuous effort of the university in providing safe and convenient spaces inside the campus.

Soon to Rise: New IS Learning Development Center



University officials, student leaders lead the groundbreaking ceremony of the soon to rise IS Learning Development Center.

The groundbreaking ceremonies for the new three-storey Learning Development Center (LDC) for the Integrated School (IS) transpired at the BatStateU PB Main I grounds, February 21.

With a total area of 1,732 sq.m., the three-storey LDC will house the IS students and other specialized laboratories for an

enhanced Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) environment.

According to Project Management Office (PMO) Director Engr. Antonio A. Gamboa, the building will include seven classrooms, offices, and faculty spaces. It will also have robotics, fabrication and computer laboratories, as well as a mini library.

University President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo said that aside from the academic

infrastructure, the curriculum and faculty development for IS would also be given prime consideration. He said that all these should work hand in hand for a more effective attainment of educational objectives. Dr. Ronquillo also thanked the parents for their support to the initiatives of the University for the improvement of its facilities.

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) President of the IS, Mr. Joselito Macalalad, expressed his sincerest

gratitude for the plans of the university, which will open up vast areas of opportunities for the students.

Dr. Ronquillo, together with the members of the Executive Committee, IS Head Teacher III Mrs. Rhodoria Guillo, PMO Director Engr. Antonio Gamboa, PTA President Mr. Joselito Macalalad, and IS Junior High School Governor Hazel Coeleen Catapang, spearheaded the ceremonial groundbreaking rites for the building.

University President meets Student Leaders for 'Kapihan' session



University President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo interacts with student leaders during the first Kapihan with the President in 2020. Together with the students leaders are officials and personnel from the Office of Student Affairs and Services (OSAS).

Student leaders from Pablo Borbon Main I, PB Main II, Lobo and Mabini campuses met with University President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo for a 'Kapihan' session held at the Amphitheater, 4th floor, CITE Building, BatStateU PB Main I, February 7.

Dr. Ronquillo called for the session to directly communicate with the students and hear their concerns that can possibly affect their academic performance and scholastic experiences.

The student leaders voiced out three major concerns: academics, infrastructure, and supplies and equipment. In response, Dr. Ronquillo assured

the students that he will coordinate with the respective college deans and other university officials to perform the necessary actions that would address the issues.

Dr. Ronquillo reminded the students that in their own way, they can also be stewards of positive change in the university. He urged the student leaders to be partners of development and explore opportunities outside the classrooms where they can help and contribute to BatStateU.

Student regent Arvin Lloyd Atienza closed the forum with a promise that as young leaders, they will strive harder to be a part of the solution, shape future discourses to be transformative, lively and progressive, and be an instruments for the betterment of the university.

The "Kapihan with the President" is an activity that was established in January 2017, which aims to provide a venue for the University's stakeholders to share ideas for greater efficiency and productivity through conversations and discussions.

Dr. Ronquillo, ALFI Officials award stipend to Scholars

The Alay Lakad Foundation, Inc. (ALFI) Batangas Chapter Scholars received their per semester allowance at the President's Office Conference Room, Student Services Center Building, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City on February 21.

A total of 27 scholars (12 1st year students, 11 2nd year students, five 3rd year students, one 4th year student, and two 5th year students) from different colleges and universities in Batangas province were given a stipend amounting to Php 20,000.00.

BatStateU President and ALFI President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo reminded the scholars that in order to maintain the scholarship from the foundation, they must retain good academic standing and be responsible enough to

comply with all the necessary academic requirements of their respective programs.

Furthermore, the ALFI Officials suggested to put a maintained average to encourage the students to be more diligent and work harder to achieve good grades.

To conclude the meeting, Dr. Ronquillo commended the committee for its efforts in making sure that students are handled well and trained to be more responsible members of the community.

RED SPARTANS CELEBRATE LOVE WITH TAGPUAN: *A Red Spartan Special Valentines Celebration*

Nearly 2,000 Red Spartan students gathered at the BatStateU Park to celebrate love with a special Valentine's Day presentation in "Tagpuan: Red Spartan Special Valentines Celebration", February 14.

The event was spearheaded by the Public Relations Office, in partnership with the Supreme Student Council (SSC) PB Main I, the General Services Office (GSO), the Culture and Arts Office, and the Resource Generation Office (RGO).

Being the first of its kind in the university, the Valentine event aimed to provide a memorable social experience in school while highlighting Red Spartan talents. Acoustic band performances, spoken poetry pieces, vocal acts, and originally produced short films were showcased by home grown BatStateU artists.

In his opening remarks, SSC PB Main I and University Student Council (USC) Adviser Dr. Daryl Magpantay

thanked all the students who actively attended and participated in the said event. He also acknowledged the joint efforts of the involved offices that helped organize the program.

Among the performers were the BatStateU Band headed by Mr. Xavier Francisco G. Villena and the Keray Band. Meanwhile, Lloyd Alvry Alcantara, Mark Ogbac, Daria Marie Morillo, Marianne Nicole Dagli, Emmanuel Reyes, and Frances Gutierrez recited spoken word poetry on love.

Furthermore, Noeleen Clare Abaja and Leif Espeleta serenaded everyone with their own renditions of new and classic love songs. An original movie from the Architecture, Interior Design, Fine Arts Students Society (ARIDFASS) was also played, which portrayed blind love and mature realizations in the end.

Dr. Kristoffer Conrad Tejada, one of the organizers, expressed his appreciation for the overwhelming response of the students, faculty and staff. He also reminded the students that events like this should serve as inspiration to enjoy their experience at the university.



VIP CORALS Lobo Focal person granted Balik Scientist Award



Verde Island Passage Center for Oceanographic Research and Aquatic Life Sciences (VIP CORALS) Lobo Focal Person, Dr. Jayvee A. Saco, received the long-term "Balik Scientist Award" for his outstanding contributions in research in the field of Marine Science during the Balik

Scientist pinning ceremony at Los Baños, Laguna, February 13.

Dr. Saco, together with two other long-term Balik Scientist Awardees, were recognized by the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD)

officials for their exceptional involvement and impact on their respective fields of science through research.

DOST-PCAARRD Executive Director Dr. Reynaldo Eborá presented the award to Dr. Saco, who was accompanied by Research Director Dr. Romel U. Briones. With this award, he became the first in the University to receive such recognition.

Dr. Saco before the Balik Scientist Award

Dr. Saco harnessed his research skills as a graduate student at the Marine Science Institute of the University of the Philippines – Diliman. He further instilled a disciplined work ethic while he studied for his doctorate degree at the Kochi University in Japan. He combined these experiences in the academe and brought out the best in him through his projects and

achievements in the field of marine science research.

In February 2018, the establishment of the VIP CORALS, a BatStateU marine center focused mainly on the study and preservation of the rich marine shore ecosystem, gave Dr. Saco the opportunity to work at Batangas State University as one of the pioneering professionals stationed at the center.

His message to young, aspiring Red Spartan researchers and scientists

"If you start with doing good and sound science and establish a good research background, you can never go wrong. Aim high, reach your goal, have fun with what you are doing. Associate yourself with good people. Absorb what people are saying and get what you can improve on." -Dr. Jayvee Saco

The Balik Scientist Program of the DOST-PCAARRD, DOST-

Philippine Health Research and Development (PCHRD) and DOST-Philippine Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD) aims to encourage Filipino scientists to bring back to the country their expertise through the use of skills, being shared to academic institutions, public and private corporations, in achieving national relevance.



Flashing wide smiles after the pinning ceremony. Left to right: Dr. Romel U. Briones, Director of Research, Batangas State University; Dr. Reynaldo V. Eborá, Executive Director of DOST-PCAARRD; Dr. Jayvee A. Saco, Balik Scientist; and Dr. Mari-Ann M. Acedera, Director of Marine Resources Research Division, DOST-PCAARRD



***CREDITS to Balik Scientist Facebook page

CHED Reps visit BatStateU, conduct ISA Seminar



ABOVE: VPEAICT and ISA Focal Person Engr. Rogelio A. Antenor delivers a message during the ISA seminar. BELOW: Mr. Don Francisco of the Institutional Quality Assurance and Governance Office of CHED lectures on the five key result areas to assess institutional sustainability.

On February 24, officials from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) conducted a seminar on Institutional Sustainability Assessment (ISA) at the Lecture Room, 2nd Floor, International Affairs Office, CITE Building, PB Main I, Batangas City.

The seminar was attended by the members of the Executive Committee and university officials.

Vice President for External Affairs and ICT (VPEAICT) Services Prof. Rogelio Antenor facilitated the seminar, which was part of the university's efforts to secure ISA certification.

ISA is a quality assurance program of CHED that assesses the institutional sustainability of a Higher Education Institution

(HEI) in five key result areas (KRAs) namely: 1) governance and management, 2) quality of teaching and learning, 3) quality of professional exposure, research and creative innovation, 4) support for students, and 5) relations with the community. It uses developmental and outcomes-based approach to assure the quality of programs and services provided by an HEI to its students.

ISA Assessor Dr. Esmenia Javier and CHED's Office of Institutional Quality Assurance and Governance (OIQAG) Mr. Don Francisco discussed the KRAs so that the attendees may have a better understanding of the whole assessment process and its importance for the growth of the University.

Furthermore, workshops were conducted to determine the specific details for each KRA. Administration Services Director Atty. Alvin de Silva and Research Management Services Director Dr. Shirley Cabrera presented the group plan for KRA's 1 and 3, respectively.

BatStateU shall comply with the necessary documentary requirements to undergo the assessment within this year. This shall be facilitated by the Quality Assurance Office under the Office of the University President.





Curriculum Development workshops for emerging programs held

Organized by the Office of the University President, a series of group discussions and workshops for curriculum development was carried out in preparation for the offering of emerging academic programs. The workshops commenced on January 30 at the Lecture Room, CITE Building, Pablo Borbon Main I.

This is part of the university's 2019-2029 Strategic Plan, which aims to offer new and emerging academic programs in response to industry needs. The workshops were done twice a week (Thursdays and Fridays), under the facilitation of the Executive Assistant for Knowledge Management and Innovation, Dr. Reynato A. Gamboa.

These workshops aimed to develop programs and curricula that reflect 21st century skills and competencies. Vice Presidents, Executive Directors and Unit Heads were grouped through different working committees with their respective program assignments. They were guided by a sound timeline which helped them hit the targets for a certain task in a given time frame. The weekly meeting is expected to end in July 2020 before the preparation of course

materials.

The new undergraduate programs to be offered focus on Aerospace Engineering, Geological Engineering, Geodetic Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Automotive Engineering, Transportation Engineering, Metallurgical Engineering, Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, Public Health for Disaster Response, and Ceramics Engineering.

In addition, graduate programs to be offered are the Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering Management, Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering Education, Masteral studies in the fields of Engineering Management, Supply Chain Management, Port Management, Advanced Manufacturing, Data Science and Analytics, Energy Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Earthquake Engineering, Urban Planning and Design, Construction Management, and Materials Science and Engineering.

The listed programs are expected to be offered in the Academic Year 2021-2022. IEC materials and brochures about the new programs have also been prepared, as well as audio-visual presentations that would orient the prospective students about the new program offerings.



BatStateU tops ME licensure exam anew; registers 174 new engineers

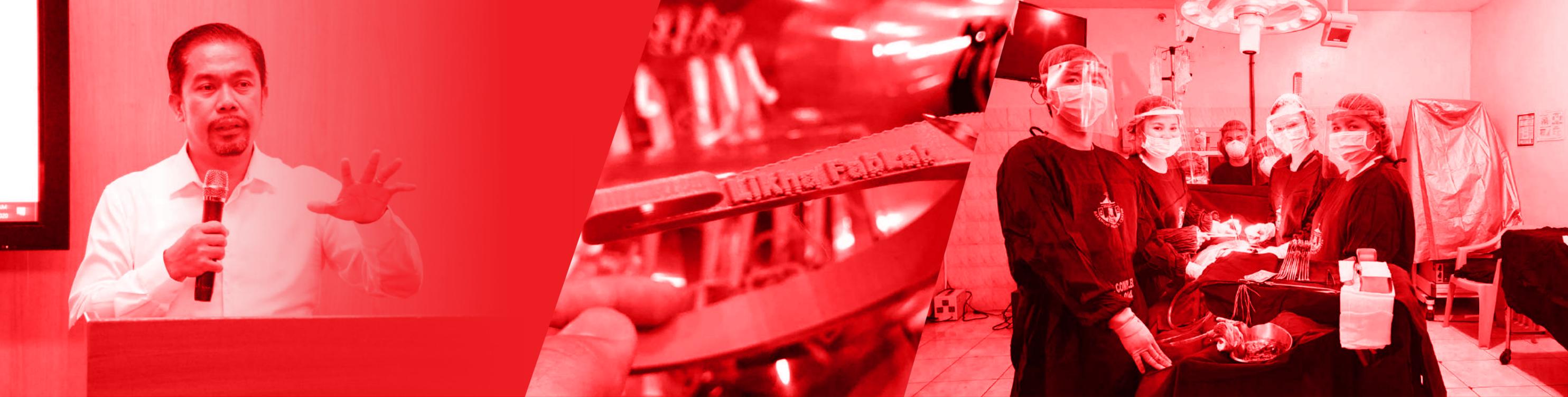
Batangas State University continues to reign supreme in its flagship engineering programs, as it remains to be the top performing school in the recently concluded Mechanical Engineer Licensure Examination administered by the

Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) on February 23 and 24.

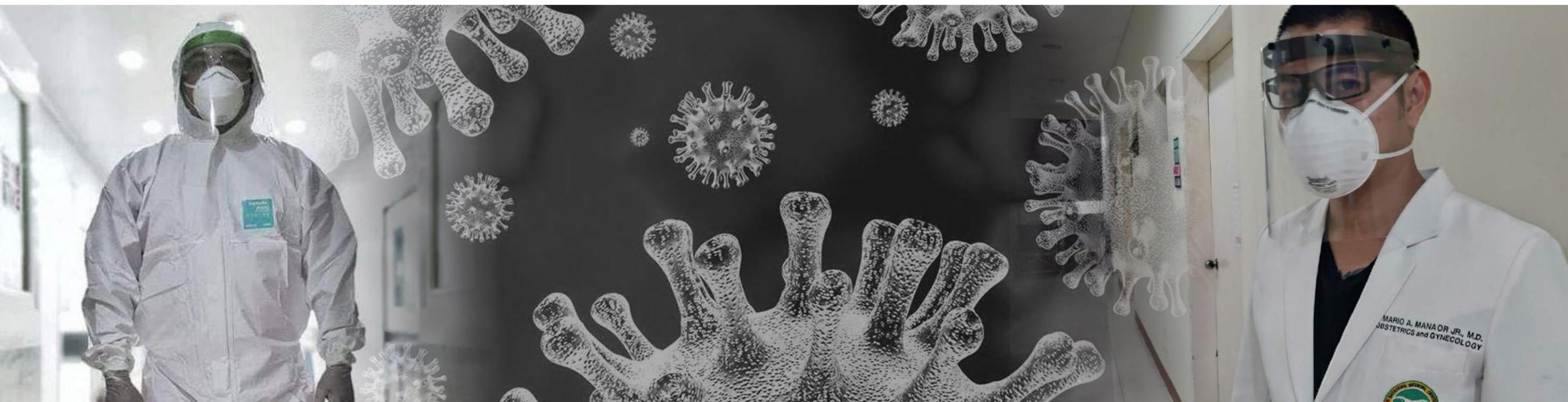
Out of the 3,469 examinees, 1,334 exam takers successfully passed the examination, 174 of whom came from the Batangas State University. This accounts to a 92.55% passing rate, lording it over the national passing percentage of 38.45%. Batangas State University

bested 155 other schools and universities in this year's MELE.

Meanwhile, PB Main II Executive Director and College of Engineering, Architecture and Fine Arts (CEAFA) Dean Dr. Jessie Montalbo congratulated the new Red Spartan Mechanical Engineers. He also thanked the faculty members who guided and gave their full support to the students during their review and examination preparations.



COVID-19: ***BatStateU's Initial Response***





Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo gathers the University Officials, Academic and Administrative Council to discuss the interim guidelines on BatStateU's CoViD-19 response.

Office work suspended due to COVID-19; BatStateU adopts Work From Home arrangement

In line with the memorandum circular on Community Quarantine over the entire Luzon and further guidelines for the management of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation, an additional memorandum was released

by the Office of the University President announcing a Work from Home Arrangement Plan (WHAP) for all concerned University personnel, starting March 19.

With the heightened alert against COVID-19, University

Officials headed by Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo assessed the productivity of employees and their continued work for the University. Since the declaration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), strict home quarantine must be strictly observed and implemented, which prompted the university to adopt work from home arrangements.

BatStateU suspends classes; designs precautionary measures amidst COVID-19 pandemic

Batangas State University suspended classes and rolled out its plans for action amidst the spread of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). These plans were discussed with university officials on March 13 at the Lecture Room, International Affairs Office, CITE Building, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I.

This is in line with the announcement of President Rodrigo R. Duterte to put the country under a State of Public Health Emergency on March 8 due to the heightened alert on the growing cases of COVID-19 in the country.

BatStateU ensured that all

efforts were in place to help avoid the spread of the virus. Guidelines were immediately developed to make sure that safety measures would be strictly employed, especially because on that same day, the Provincial Government of Batangas mentioned one confirmed COVID 19 case in Batangas City.

BatStateU Health Services Director Dr. Leila Manalo presented the general guidelines to the officials, who were expected to cascade the same to the offices under their supervision. Dr. Manalo was given authority to strictly enforce and monitor the implementation of the guidelines to ensure effective management in addressing the threat of the virus.

Alcohol dispensers and thermal scanners were put in all entrances and exits inside the university. Periodic cleaning and disinfection of offices and

classrooms were also done at least once a week. Mass gatherings were also strictly prohibited, as ordered by the DOH.

On March 11, the Public Relations Office released a public statement that some of the University's programs and events were postponed, such as the Commencement Exercises and the celebration of the 19th Charter Week Anniversary. The General Preventive Measures infobits were also posted to reach a wider audience.

Under the Executive Order No. 2HIM2-10, suspension of classes, both public and private, in all levels was extended until April 14 in Batangas Province. Mass gatherings were still prohibited and social distancing was encouraged to be observed at all times. The EO took effect on March 15 and is subject to daily monitoring and re-assessment.

What is WHAP?

Work from Home Arrangement Plan (WHAP) was a proposal by the members of the Executive Committee and Unit Heads, made collaboratively with their staff, to plot possible work from home arrangements for the workload that is feasible for each employee. This determined the work process to be done amidst the ECQ. Basically, it consisted of the work tasks/activities to be done, methods of accomplishing the activities, persons responsible, timelines, outputs, means of communication and monitoring, and other information such as problems, limitations for not completing the tasks, and the alternatives taken to address the situation.

Employee Position

Due to the unforeseen circumstance, and with the limited access to the University's equipment and internet/intranet that contains the work inputs, several factors were considered:

availability of laptops or desktop computers at home, stability of internet connections, and access to office files. An absence from any of these should be informed right away to the immediate heads to plan substitutes and other options.

WHAP General Guidelines

Since most of the employees were not prepared for this kind of work set-up, the Office Performance Commitment and Review (OPCR) were assessed. From there, the offices conceptualized strategies and alternatives to accomplish work.

Tasks that could be done at home were identified and determined, most especially those with deadlines and compliance requirements that cannot be postponed. Mentor-staff coaching were done online for the evaluation of the competencies and skills of the staff in relation to their work assignments.

Going to the office was only done if the nature of work was humanitarian in nature and the need to go was extremely necessary. The use of mobile applications such as Viber, Skype, E-mail and other tools, as agreed upon by the team, were highly suggested as the primary means of communication.

Four hours were allotted each day to accomplish the respective tasks, and two hours to gain updates on COVID-19 whether it be from TV or social media. Work communications, unless urgent, must be done not later than 7:00 PM each day. It was made clear that the University rules on data privacy must be strictly observed in all processes under this work arrangement.

The proposed ways to accomplish WHAP was expected to be met by each employee without violating the government's ECQ policies. At challenging times like this, the safety and convenience of its employees are the utmost concerns of the University without compromising the continuous delivery of services.

The “RED SPARTAN FACE SHIELD™” Batangas State University’s Shield of Protection for Frontline Workers Combatting COVID-19

Mindful of the danger posed to the frontliners of the COVID19 pandemic, the Batangas State University thoughtfully designed and produced the Red Spartan Face Shield, initially for the medical staff of Batangas Medical Center who, during an interview, shared the shortage of face shields in the hospital.

Having the idea of designing a low-cost adjustable face shield, the University President, Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo set up a virtual meeting with the VP for Research, Development and Extension Services, Engr. Albertson D. Amante, and the Head of the Labspace for Innovation, Knowledge Honing and Application (LIKHA) FabLab, Engr. Louie L. Villaverde. During the meeting, they discussed the technical details of the face shield design as to make, shape, materials needed, and the possible suppliers considering

the limitation on the movement due to the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ).

The goal was to design a shield that will serve as a full facial mask for frontline workers. They agreed on the following features of the face shield: (a) to complement the regular facemask; (b) to cover the entire face in order to provide a wider area of protection for viral transmission; (c) to put holes on the frame to make it easily adjustable depending on the size of the forehead of the user.

The University had only seven working units of 3D printers, which were available for the production of plastic bands out of the available filaments at the FabLab. Considering the work from home arrangement due to the lockdown situation in the area, the group decided to temporarily pull-out the 3D printers from the Lab so they could produce the face shields from their respective places.

To fabricate the Red Spartan Face Shield™, it only needed acetate and a 3D printed Face

Shield band using plastic made from Polylactic Acid (PLA). The current face shield design was customized based on the user requirements with reference to the available design of the Worldwide FabLab Network, in which BatStateU LIKHA FabLab is a member.

Since the LIKHA FabLab started their operations, they already fabricated hundreds of face shields distributed for the health care workers all over the Batangas province. Continuous and generous support from the academic community, private companies, line agencies of the government and some concerned individuals fueled the production of the Red Spartan face shields.

Under the Science, Technology, Engineering and Environment Research (STEER) Hub of Batangas State University, the LIKHA FabLab is a fabrication laboratory or makerspace established in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry of CALABARZON.



USC extends help to stranded Red Spartan students through “KAPATIRAN”



The University Student Council (USC) provided financial support to the Red Spartan students who were stuck in their dormitories due to the suspension of public transportation in light of the Enhanced Community Quarantine due to COVID-19.

In late March, the USC received reports about students who raised concerns about the probable effects of the Luzon-wide lockdown. Headed by their adviser, Dr. Daryl Magpantay, the USC stepped into action and launched the “Kapatiran” Donation Drive. This is to help the affected students financially through cash transfers and donations from the Red Spartan Community.

They used the features of online fund transfers such as GCash and Paymaya to extend assistance to their fellow BatStateU students and to centralize aid to those who are greatly affected.

The call for donation started on the last week of March and the Red Spartan community, as

well as other concerned citizens, responded positively. Once funds were sufficient, the USC began to disburse financial assistance to the affected Red Spartan students. An amount of Php 400.00 per student was given

per week, which was monitored and updated in their official Facebook account.

As of this writing, a total of Php100,000 was donated by the BatStateU community, benefiting over 170 students.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF DONATIONS FOR THE KAPATIRAN DONATION DRIVE PROJECT REACHED

PHP 100,000.00



Of this amount, **Php 93, 464.60** came from internal and external university stakeholders,



while the **Php 6,535.40** came from the University Student Council.

This benefited **over 170** BatStateU students stranded in their dormitories due to the restrictions specified in the Enhanced Community Quarantine rules.



Red Spartan employees receive early salary; JO and contractual workers included

Salaries of all the BatStateU employees were released in advance, as a form of support in light of the sudden enforcement of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) due to the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak.

Starting March 17, a series of advisories from the Office of the University President were communicated to the permanent and temporary faculty members and employees, job order (JO) personnel, contractual faculty members and undergraduate lecturers, notifying the early

release of their wages.

Permanent employees were able to receive their salaries in advance for the April 1-15 cut off on top of the payment for the services rendered on the March 16-31 cut off.

On the other hand, based on the Joint Circular No. 1 s. 2020 released by the Commission on Audit and Department of Budget and Management on March 19, Contract of Service (COS) and Job Order (JO) employees also received their wages for the duration of the Community Quarantine due to COVID-19.

All employees accomplished their pending deliverables through Work from Home (WFH) and Skeleton Workforce Arrangements

adopted by the University. The employees' work schedule was integrated depending on the means of transportation and WFH equipment. Services rendered from these alternative work arrangements were paid, corresponding to their salaries/wages.

Qualified permanent and casual employees also received a Php 6,000.00 uniform and clothing allowance as indicated from the Circular No. 2018-1 by the Department of Budget and Management.

Batangas State University continues to provide its full support to its personnel through these efforts in the midst of this public health emergency.

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