

Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa 2022 sa Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas

Voltaire M. Villanueva

Ang Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas ay nagdaos ng birtuwal na programa upang buksan ang Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa na may temang "Filipino at mga Katutubong Wika: Kasangkapan sa Pagtuklas at Paglikha." Sa pangunguna ng Fakulti ng mga Sining at Wika sa ilalim ng Kolehiyo ng Pagpapaunlad Pangguro, ang programa ng pagbubukas ay idinaos gamit ang Zoom at ang PNU Official Facebook Page noong ika-1 ng Agosto, 2022 mula ika-8 hanggang ika-11 ng umaga.

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Sa pambungad na pananalita ni Dr. Jennie Jocson, Pang. Pangulo para sa Akademiko, ipinaliwanag niya na ang wikang Filipino ay dapat pangyamanin at gamitin upang tayo ay masanay kahit ngayong panahon ng makabagong teknolohiya. Idinagdag pa niya na dapat ituloy ang pag-aaral ng ating sariling wika dahil ito ay nagbabago kasabay ng paglipas ng panahon.

Naimbitahan din ang dalawang alumni ng PNU na nagpamalas ng galing sa asignaturang Filipino. Si Gng. Winnaflor G. Gaspar ay nagtapos ng Masteral sa Filipino at ngayon ay isa ng dalubguro sa Mataas na Paaralang Ramon Magsaysay sa Cubao, Lungsod ng Quezon. Sinabi nya sa kanyang maikling presentasyon sa pamamagitan ng acronym na KAPE na dapat, bilang Filipino, “Tayo ang tagapagtaguyod ng *Kultura at wika*, na may *Adhikain at lumilikha*, hindi nawawalan ng *Pag-asa* kahit na pandemya, dahil tayo ay *Educational leaders* ng ating bansang Pilipinas.”

Ang sumunod naman ay si Dr. Christine Joy D.R. Aguila na nag-iwan ng mga tanong upang yumabong ang dahilan sa kaalaman natin sa wikang Filipino. Isinama nya sa kanyang makulay na presentasyon ang istorya ng kanyang buhay kung bakit Filipino ang kinuha nyang pinakadalubhasa nang sya ay nag-aaral pa sa PNU. Isinaad din nya na hindi naging madali ang kanyang hakbang upang mapagtagumpayan ang pagtatapos nya ng pag-aaral hanggang sa kanyang doctorate. Nag-iwan din siya ng katagang “Gamitin ang wika sa pagtuklas, sa paglikha, sa pagmulat, sa pagbabago, sa paglilingkod, at sa pamumuno”.

Sa huling bahagi ng programa, nagbigay ng mensahe si Dr. Voltaire Villanueva, Katuwang Dekano sa ilalim ng Fakulti ng mga Sining at Wika, na naglalahad ng layunin na ipagpatuloy ang pagmamahal sa Wikang Filipino sa pamamagitan ng pagbabahagi nito sa nakakarami at pagpatuloy na pag-aaral sa gitna ng pandemyang kinakaharap ng bansa.

LiSQuP’s Second Interim Report: The PNU Proposition for Model of a Standard-Based Professional Development Program

Cecille Baello

Dir. John Siena of the National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP) said that “It is through such a professional development program that teachers and education leaders can further understand the value of professional growth and development in their chosen career.” This is his fruitful message during the LiSQuP Second Interim Report presentation on June 24 2022.

service providers may comprehensively incorporate the Philippine Professional Standards into professional development programs. This second interim report focused on how the innovations and processes LiSQuP has developed that puts the program forward as a professional development program that comprehensively incorporates the Philippine Professional Standards and captures the spirit and goals of NEAP’s transformation.



PNU President Bert J. Tuga, LiSQuP’s Overall Project Lead, opened the second Interim Report presentation by introducing how the Philippine Normal University has designed LiSQuP to support NEAP in providing a model on how learning

The President was joined by the LiSQuP Core Team in presenting the program’s implementation updates: Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, Academic Programming Committee lead, Dr. Heidi B. Macahilig, Gateway Assessment Committee lead, and Dr. Celia M. Ilanan, Training Committee lead. Dr. Balagtas led the discussion on Scholar Profiling, highlighting how the program works heavily with data to address the needs of the scholars. Dr. Macahilig and Dr. Ilanan, as leads of their respective LiSQuP committees, gave valuable updates on how Gateway Assessment and Training are currently at work in the program.

LiSQuP is supported by the Project Development Team under the Office of the Vice President for Academics (OVPA).

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Fourteen U.S. scholars who are K-8 teachers, administrators, and curriculum specialist interacted with selected PNU faculty members and alumni from the College of Teacher Development (CTD).

The RTD covered topics on the Philippine K to 12 curriculum, opportunities drawn from the challenged brought by the pandemic, and integration of art, culture, and identity in teaching practice.

The objective of the event is to have American educators and PNU specialists engage in reflective dialogues to discuss common concerns in the teaching practice. The RTD covered topics on the Philippine K to 12 curriculum, opportunities drawn from the challenged brought by the pandemic, and integration of art, culture, and identity in teaching practice.

Themes such as integrating technology in instruction, fostering inclusivity in multicultural classrooms, rethinking pedagogies and assessments, and humanizing teaching-learning experiences emerged in the discussion.

Vice President for Academics, Dr. Jennie V. Jocson warmly welcomed the participants while PNU President, Dr. Bert J. Tuga and PAEF Executive Director, Mr. Julio S. Amador III delivered their special message to all the RTD participants.

CTD Dean, Dr. Ruth A. Alido and Institute of Teaching and Learning Director, Dr. Darryl Roy T. Montebon gave brief presentations on the K to 12 curriculum and the PNU Outcomes-Based Teacher Education Curriculum.

The event also included a campus tour courtesy of student volunteers from the Linkages and International Office (LIO) headed by Dr. Elvie Asuan.

The activities were successfully conducted through the coordination of different offices: College of Teacher Development (CTD), Linkages and International Office (LIO), University Events Management (UEMPRO) Management Information System Office (MISO), Promotion Business Development Office (PBDO) and the Security Services.

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In 2021, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) granted the Philippine Normal University P25-million for the implementation and development of the Smart Campus Project for the PNU system. The said project, entitled “PNU 4.0: Teacher Education for the Future,” is geared towards the enhancement of the IT infrastructure and network connectivity of PNU to better facilitate a more efficient, self-reliant, and stable delivery of hybrid-flexible learning modality.

In June 2022, the Smart Campus Project Team visited the PNU campuses to deliver, install, and configure the servers and core switch which will connect them to ePNU, the in-house learning management system of the university. Previously, only PNU Manila has access to ePNU. This project enhances the PNU’s IT infrastructure; thus, it will create opportunities for the students and faculty of PNU to innovate and guarantee learning continuity amidst the flexible learning environment.



Because of this CHED grant project, the university was able to get a Hyper-Converge Infrastructure (HCI). This includes the Server Virtualization (aSV), Storage Virtualization (aSAN), Network Virtualization (aNET), and Network Function Virtualization (NFV). The HCI will provide PNU reliable and continuous access to the ePNU and fast internet access for the students and faculty. In line with this, all the campuses can utilize easily manage different applications such as PWEBSS and ePNU (LMS) plus any part of the University system.

The turnover and installation were attended by the campus EDPs and their respective Knowledge Management Officers: Prof. Jay-Ar G. Balauag (PNUNL), Engr. Dandy V. Surio (PNUUSL), Prof. Randy S. Recla (PNUV) and, Prof. June R. Dumanhug (PNUM); the team was also joined by internal auditors Ms. Dolce G. Joguilon and Mr. Ryan Anthony A. Olalia.

The Smart Campus Team is composed of PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga and Mr. Harry Huliganga as consultants, Mr. Joemar D. Sajona as project lead, and Prof. John P. Natividad, Mr. Roxan C. Ormita, Bryan Lester Tamares, Delsie Marie E. Reyes, Regiñino S. Palma, and Ronaldo M. Vizora as project members.

Gawad Parangal tradition returns; honors record-breaking number of student awardees

John Miko R. Ofalsa

After two years of limited graduation-related activities, a returning tradition has once again given the spotlight to student achievers who have shown extraordinary effort in their academic and extra-curricular craft. Last August 16, the 2022 *Gawad Parangal* was delivered through a blended approach in which a majority of the awardees and their guardians joined via Zoom while the top awardees are present at the AV Theatre at the Edilberto P. Dagot Hall.

Aside from the top awardees, top university officials, headed by University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga, were also physically present to grace the event. In her opening words, Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, Vice President for Academics, highlighted the importance of converting prestige into something worthwhile. She also placed premium on encouraging the awardees to be movers of societal change. The guardians of the awardees were also recognized by VP Jocson as she dubbed them as the perfect complement to the creation of innovative teachers and leaders.

The recognition of this year's awardees was cemented through the proclamation done by Dr. Teresita T. Rungduin, Dean of the Office of Student Affairs and Student Services, for the co-curricular awards and Mr. Cromwell L. Valeriano, University Registrar, for academic awards. Dr. Rungduin and Mr. Valeriano read the BOR resolution signifying the conferment of the recognition to the awardees.

The event was made extraordinarily special by the message of Dr. Marita R. Canapi, Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education and one of the PNU's eminent alumni. In her remarks for the awardees, Dr. Canapi challenged the awardees to amplify the needed skills to flourish in the workplace of today and of the future. She also emphasized that the awardees as future educators will play a crucial role in the country's recovery from the pandemic. She concluded with a statement of confidence for the graduates as they take a trailblazing role in the reshaping of the education landscape.

The symbolic donning of medals to the awardees



became the highlight of the event. The awardees beamed with pride as they receive their medals from their parents who are joining them in their respective locations.

The top co-curricular awardee, the recipient of the Jose Rizal Outstanding Student Leader Award, and the top academic awardee, the class valedictorian, gave meaningful remarks on behalf of this batch of achievers. Mr. Emmanuel G. Vecino took the opportunity to acknowledge various people who became instrumental to his achievement of the highest co-curricular award. In the same jovial manner, Ms. Hilary J. Ladesma recounted the tales of her humble journey towards academic brilliance. She likened the academic journey to a jeepney ride full of exciting yet challenging routes. Both of the top awardees tipped their hats to their co-awardees joining via the online platform as they reap the harvest of their extraordinary efforts inside PNU.

In his challenge, Dr. Bert J. Tuga recognized the hard work poured by the awardees as they have triumphantly completed their respective degrees. As he uttered the ubiquitous line “papunta pa lang tayo sa exciting part”, he made the bold demand for the awardees to top the licensure examination for teachers or the BLEPT.

This rendition of this award-giving program of PNU is etched in the history books. This *Gawad Parangal* commended a record-breaking number of 400 awardees this year.

PNU, RELO hold forum with collaboration program partners

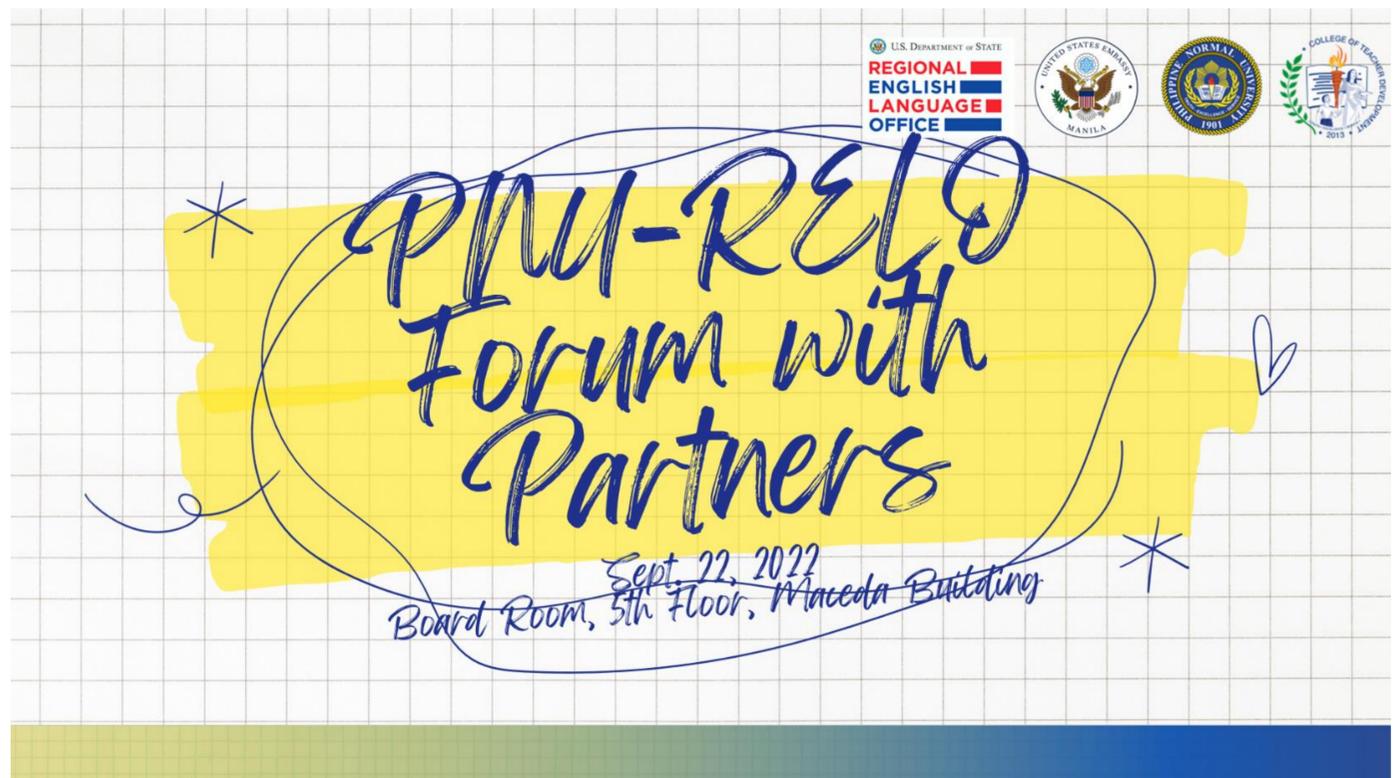
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PNU reported on 2018-2022 collaboration programs with RELO that have benefited students, teachers, and schools. The forum that focused on sharing of experiences centered how the training programs helped teacher learning and practice. The forum participants completed online courses, attended in-person workshops, and participated in webinars sponsored by the RELO. The conversations with the participants also highlighted important takeaways and reflections on continuing learning and how it made an impact on initiatives for literacy instruction and English language education.

Selected PNU faculty who completed the American English E-Teacher Online Courses from PNU Manila and PNU South Luzon joined the event in-person and online. Pre-service teachers and faculty from PNU Manila, PNU Visayas, and PNU Mindanao were present virtually to participate in the discussion.

DepEd K-3 teachers from Epifanio Delos Santos Elem. School, Center of

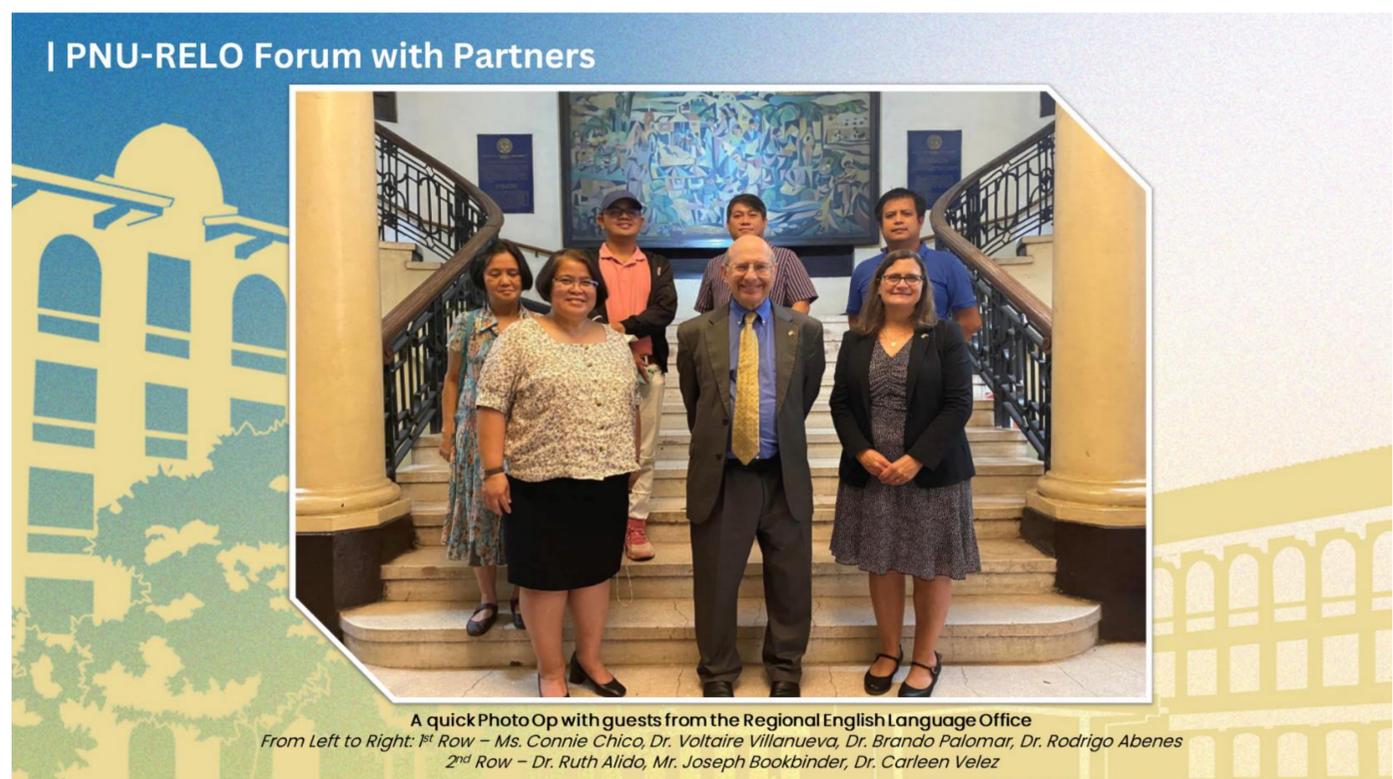


Excellence in Public Elementary Education, and Gregorio del Pilar Elementary School. Dr. Conchita Guiyab, school principal of Gregorio del Pilar Elementary school, also joined the forum.

Delighted with the expressions of gratitude and shared insights by the attendees, Mr. Joseph Bookbinder said that PNU and RELO partnership will keep on. “The testimonies I heard are moving. We will continue to collaborate and we will expand our future projects,” he said.

Dr. Carleen O. Velez, Regional English Language Officer, and Ms.

Conchita Chico, Cultural Affairs Specialist in the English Language Programs also graced the event together with PNU officials—Vice President for Academics, Dr. Jennie V. Jocson; Vice President for Research and Quality Assurance, Dr. Adonis P. David; Dean of the College of Teacher Development, Dr. Ruth A. Alido; ITL Director, Dr. Darryl Roy T. Montebon; and Associate Deans Dr. Voltaire M. Villanueva, Dr. Rodrigo D. Abenes, and Dr. Brando A. Palomar. PNU President, Dr. Bert J. Tuga gave his welcome message virtually.



PNU English faculty complete American English professional courses

Ruth A. Alido

Five English faculty members from the PNU Manila, PNU South Luzon, and PNU Mindanao completed different courses on the American English Online Professional English (OPEN) Program Spring 2022.

From the College of Teacher Development (CTD), Mr. Sammy Q. Dolba of the Faculty of Arts and Languages (FAL) and Dr. Joseph P. Erfe from the Institute of Teaching and Learning (ITL) finished the course on Content-based Instruction that was delivered by World Learning. Ms. Charmane T. Espejo, also from ITL, did the course on TESOL Methodology that was delivered by the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Dr. Elvie Charie L. Ortua from PNU Mindanao completed the course Teaching English to Young Learners that was delivered by George Mason University and Dr. Ma. Sheila M. Simat from PNU South Luzon successfully completed Teaching Grammar Communicatively that was delivered by World Learning.

Dr. Simat was recognized as a High Performing Alumna (HPA). Grateful for the recognition, she shared how the program helped her grow professionally.

The American English (AE) Spring 2022 OPEN courses were delivered by various learning institutions in the USA. The intensive online courses ran from April 12 to June 7, 2022. Providing free professional development online courses to the faculty members is part of the continuing partnership of PNU with the U.S. Department of State through the Regional English Language Office (RELO).



IPEHRDS commences a Skill Intervention Program (SKIP) for PE Majors

Janina Rae A. Raymundo

After two years of online learning, the Institute of Physical Education, Health, Recreation, Dance, and Sports (IPEHRDS) initiated a Skills and Knowledge Intervention Program (SKIP) for the Physical Education (PE) majors of the Philippine Normal University (PNU) Manila. This is the first face-to-face student activity to be conducted at the University after being restrained due to COVID restrictions.



SKIP is a weekly program wherein the PE Majors will be involved in Dance production culminating activities and other Sports events. Aside from teaching new skills and knowledge to the PE Majors, the goal of this program is to initiate the subjects that have not been taught in an in-person class.

Different dances such as Lapay Bantigue, Chacha, and Hip-hop, were taught in the first week of SKIP. Each PE major had the chance to execute the movements properly since it was performed the whole day. The dances were taught by some of the exemplary dancers from



the PE Majors and were guided by the PE professors particularly, Prof. Romeo Rioflorido, and Prof. Richard Urgelles.

The second week was focused on team and individual sports. For the morning session, the learners were given the freedom to choose which sport they would like to participate in. Sports such as basketball, volleyball, and badminton were taught during this week. This was spearheaded by the different coaches of the Varsity Teams in the PNU namely, Mr. Erwin Blancaflor, Prof. James Bailon, and Mr. Rolando Bautista Jr. The afternoon session was solely focused on learning Taekwondo from Mr. Ramon Carlo Masagca, a Taekwondo coach and athlete. Everyone willingly participated in the activities. Some of the learners also had the chance to have a sparring match with some of their schoolmates which were successfully executed.

On the third week of SKIP, the swimming class was taught by the coach of the PNU Swimming Team, Dr. Jhomel Del Rosario. For this class, only the 4th-year learners were encouraged to participate since the 2nd and 3rd-year learners will be able to tackle this class in their course.

The last week ended with the recognition of awards for the outstanding students who participated in the event.



PNU-ARSO spearheads 2022 Gawad Sulo for Eminent Alumni

Ma. Stephanie E. Ramos

The Philippine Normal University (PNU) gathered its annual Gawad Sulo for Eminent Alumni on July 30, 2022 at the AV Theater, PNU Library. Gawad Sulo is PNU’s tradition of honoring outstanding alumni who exude the PNU core values of Truth, Excellence, and Service in their respective fields.

The program started by introducing the awardees of 2022 Gawad Sulo for Eminent Alumni and their respective fields. Educational Leadership was awarded to Elizabeth T. Manalo EdD; Arlene Gomez Bermejo, EdD.; Estefania S. De Guzman, PhD.; Jennifer Ellazar Lopez, PhD; Jocelyn O. Celero, PhD; Julieta A. Gregorio, PhD; Myrna Quilang-Adduru, PhD; Rachel Ramirez-Llana, PhD; Christopher R. Diaz, CESO VI; and George B. Borromeo D.E.M.. The Award for Literature was given to Marcelino Cavestany, PhD. The Public Service Award was given to Hon. Leonida Putong Manpatilan, Asec. Mari Belen Angelita V. Matibag and PLtCol. Sherlock Columna Gabana. The Award for Teacher

Education was given to Lilibeth Aquino- Magtang, EdD.; Aylin D. Zabski, Joyce Marasigan Giron; Levin Reyes Pabriaga; and Christopher San Gabriel Bejar.

After the procession, Dr. Jennie Jocson, Vice President for Academics, delivered an inspirational message to the awardees to keep the “sulo” burning in their chosen fields. She explained that the selection committee underwent a very tough process; hence, the awardees are indeed deserving for this year’s Gawad Sulo for Eminent Alumni.

Prof. Bryan C. Dayuta, Director of Alumni Relations and Services Office presented the well-deserving alumni of PNU and gave the overview of the Gawad Sulo awards and their corresponding criteria.

Meanwhile, Dr. Bert J. Tuga gave a congratulatory speech to all the eminent alumni awardees. He emphasized that the PNU recognizes its alumni’s talents and contributions that continue the legacy of the university.

Christopher S. Bejar M.A, one of the awardees responded on behalf of the 19 recipients of the Gawad Sulo. He is thankful to PNU as well to its faculty and staff that helped him to attain his life today. He added that the PNU really provides education that will let students be globally competitive or even better with others. He claimed that it is an honor to be a graduate of the *Inang Pamantasan*. He pledged to give 50,000 pesos to deserving student assistants because when he was studying at PNU, he also served as a student assistant. He is a mathematics teacher and is pursuing his career in New York, USA.

The PNU-ARSO and the Office of the Vice President, University Relation and Advancement spearheaded this event with the help of the PNU faculty and staff. Each of the 19 awardees received a bouquet of flowers, certificate and plaque of recognition with honorarium.



PNU faculty train in Bangkok University on Managing Knowledge for Organizational Effectiveness

Niño D. Naldoza

Bangkok University (BU) International Campus in Thailand was the venue for a training program entitled “Managing Knowledge for Organizational Effectiveness” of the Organizational Knowledge Sharing (OKS) of the World Bank Group. Five PNU faculty members participated in this training on June 13-22, 2022.

From the program, the team studied the areas of knowledge management on the eight pillars of knowledge sharing capabilities framework of the World Bank: (1) leadership and culture; (2) governance, skills, and systems; (3) financing; (4) partnerships; (5) identifying and capturing; (6) knowledge and learning products; (7) knowledge sharing; and (8) monitoring and evaluation.

This training is part of the University’s directions to strengthen knowledge management and futures thinking in education. The delegation was composed of the following faculty members: Prof. Marivilla Lydia B. Aggarao, Prof. Roaima Lynn B. Antonio, Mr. Ronald F. Gime, Dr. Celina P. Sarmiento, and Dr. Jandy S. Danzalan.



NEDA introduces ISAPLANO: PDP to Student Leaders from different Universities

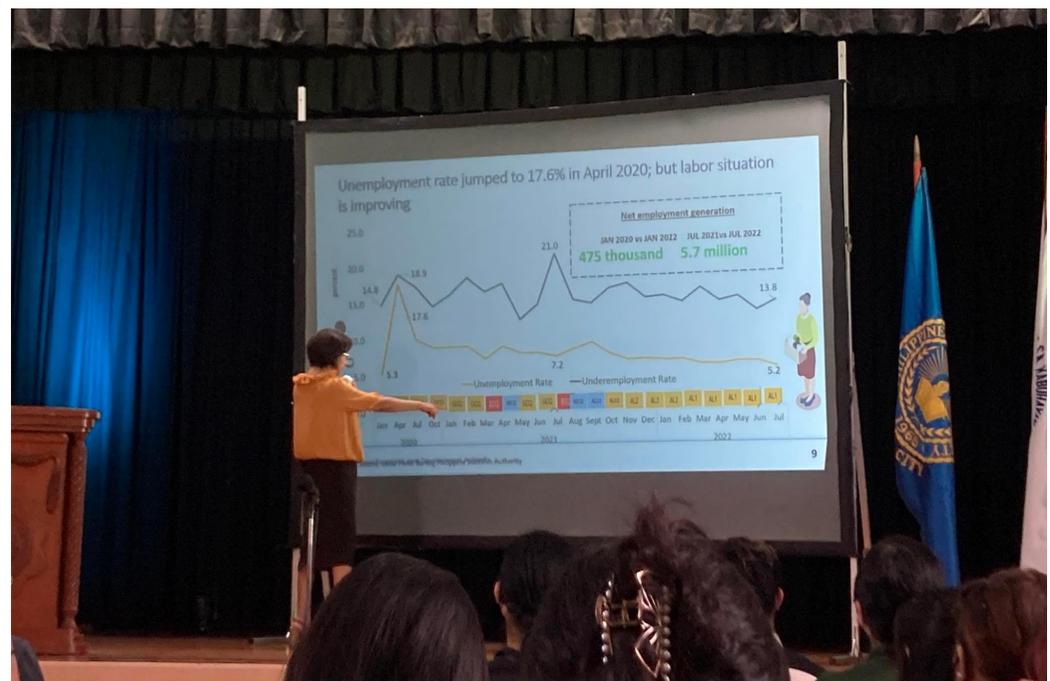
Janina Rae A. Raymundo

The National Economic and Developed Authority (NEDA) and the Junior Philippine Economic Society (JPES) hosted the ISAPLANO: Bagong Philippine Development Plan (PDP) Forum that was held at the Philippine Normal University’s (PNU) Audio Visual Theatre, Zoom, and Facebook Live on September 9, 2022. Student leaders from various universities, such as University of Santo Tomas (UST), San Beda University (SBU), and Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM), participated in the event. Dr. Bert J. Tuga, the PNU President, and other officials from NEDA were also present onsite.

The forum started with an opening statement from Dir. Nerrisa Esguerra, the Director of Development Information and Staff (DIS), who briefly introduced the PDP to the future leaders of the next generation. The presentation about the new Philippine Development was shown by Ms. Rosemarie G. Edilon, the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning of NEDA.

A survey about national development for the youth leaders was conducted during the forum. Their answers were collected and discussed all throughout the open mic session. This was followed by an open forum where the questions from the participants were answered by Dir. Nerissa Esguerra and Ms. Rosemarie G. Edilon.

It was mentioned that the suggestions, opinions, and ideas from the participants will be considered for the future plans and strategies for the next national development.



PNU culminates its plans for the new normal in Academic Summit 2022

Jennie V. Jocson

The PNU academic officials and select faculty members convened for the Academic Summit 2022 to finalize the new academic plans of the University towards the new normal on 24-31 August 2022 at The Monarch Hotel, Calasiao, Pangasinan.

In his message, President Bert J. Tuga emphasized the demands for PNU as the National Center for Teacher Education to innovate, highlighting its new role as advisor to the Teacher Education Council under Republic Act No. 11713, the Commission on Higher Education’s guidelines on graduate programs, the PNU Strategic Development Plan (SDP) 2023-2032 and its new vision and mission.

With all these demands affecting the academic, President Tuga emphasized the need “to come up with a blueprint of a future-proof PNU” that is anchored on the University’s five strategic commitments—quality, inclusivity, innovation, impact, and sustainability.

Months prior to the summit, the document *PNU Academic Plans in the New Normal* that contains a culmination of the lessons from the two-year shift to Kaway-Aralan sa Bagong Kadawyan (flexible learning in the new normal) was released for consultation and progressive unit planning. The data from the limited face-to-face implementation in 2021-2022 provided additional inputs to the academic plans.

PNU Vice President for Academics Dr. Jennie V. Jocson spearheaded the summit.



Participants discuss the operationalization of the academic plans for their respective units



VPA Dr. Jennie V. Jocson responds to queries about the academic plans.



Attendees of the academic summit with the PNU officials pose for a group photo on the first day.

PNU hosts SUC Fair 2022

Presidential Management Staff

State Universities and Colleges (SUC) Fair 2022 was an event that culminated in a cultural fashion show where representatives of SUCs, university officials, and CHED officials donned their best traditional clothing. This fair also served as a venue for different SUCs to exhibit their region's products and industry by displaying local products such as sugarcane products, cacao products, Medical Robot (myBESHIE), traditional costumes, and indigenous products, to name a few. The SUC Fair 2022 was held on June 28 to July 1, 2022 at the Music Hall, Mall of Asia, Pasay City.

Present during the Opening Program were Hon. Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Majority Leader and Incoming Speaker, House of Representatives; Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III, Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education; Dr. Bert J. Tuga, PNU President and PASUC-NCR Chairperson; Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) President; and Dr. Renato Carlos H. Ermita, Jr., National University President, represented by Prof. Rolando Averilla, Vice President for Corporate Affairs.

Special messages were delivered by Secretary

Bernadette Romulo-Puyat of the Department of Tourism

(DOT), represented by Assistant Secretary Maria Rica C. Bueno, and Secretary Ramon M. Lopez of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), represented by Assistant Secretary Napoleon K. Juanillo, Jr. Also present during the event were

presentation entitled "Luzon Extravaganza" which was composed of several presentations from the SUCs from Luzon. The cultural presentation displayed the rich culture and tradition of the Luzon Island.

On the second day of the SUC Fair, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Assistant Secretary, Dr.

Felipe M. De Leon, Jr., member of the National Committee on Music delivered on Culture and the Arts for National Development on the third day of the SUC Fair.

The cultural night titled "Mindanao Tapestry" hosted by SUCs from Mindanao and reeled the audience into the vibrant culture of the Yakan



the presidents, officials, faculty members, administrative staff, and students of the participating SUCs.

Performing arts groups from the Philippine Normal University, Polytechnic University of the Philippines, Rizal Technological University, and Technological University of the Philippines graced the afternoon program, which was immediately followed by booth/bazaar and SUC Fair competitions.

The first day of the SUC Fair concluded with a cultural

Napoleon K. Juanillo Jr. showed his support by delivering a talk on product innovation while Dr. Carl E. Balita, Chairman CEB Group of Companies delivered his talk on entrepreneurship.

SUCs from Visayas gave an awe-inspiring presentation during their cultural night dubbed as "Visayas Vignettes." SUCs from the Visayas reeled in the audience into their performance as they showcased the diversity of the Visayas.

The third day of the SUC Fair witness the talk of Prof.

tribe.

On the fourth and final date of the fair, Dr. Alrdin A. Darilag, CHED Commissioner and Atty. Cinderella Benitez-Jaro, CHED Executive Director IV shared their support by encouraging the participating SUCs to foster collaboration, solidarity, and innovation particularly in the post-pandemic world.

The SUC Fair is one the highlights of CHED's anniversary. The first SUC Fair was held on March 9-11, 2020 at the Activity Center, Trinoma Mall, Quezon City.

PNU hosts a champion event for PWDs

Shirley N. Cerbo and Zhanina U. Custodio

The Philippine Normal University, in collaboration with Coventry University of London, hosted “Celebrating Inclusivity in the Workplace” at the Lucky Chinatown Hotel ballroom on July 23, 2022. The hybrid event, which was translated by the Philippine Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. in both settings, was one of the activities of the Project ASEAN Interdisciplinary Network on the Promotion of Access and Inclusion of Disabled Students in Higher Education (ALIGN). An interdisciplinary mix of partner universities from the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Vietnam comprise the members of Project ALIGN.

The local celebratory event was attended by a total of 72 on-site participants, 848 Zoom online participants, and 2,800 Facebook live viewers. All the participants were actively involved in the whole duration of the program that promoted empowerment of persons with disabilities (PWDs) by advocating an inclusive workplace. Dr. Zhanina U. Custodio and Dr. Shirley N. Cerbo, both members of Project ALIGN, organized and managed the event together with volunteer Master of Arts in Special Education students of PNU MAED SPED Program. Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, PNU Vice President for Academics, delivered the opening remarks. Dr. Zenaida Q. Reyes, former PNU Vice President for University Relations and Advancement and the original lead person in the forging of the Project ALIGN partnership, graced the occasion.

Ms. Lench Ann Perilla, an alumna of PNU, delivered a message on the difficulty she had experienced as a teacher applicant due to her visual impairment and the lack of accessible school materials and services. After the long wait and perseverance, she was finally hired and is currently working as a SPED teacher in San Vicente Elementary School. She inspired everyone to support and embrace inclusivity in the workplace.



the Deaf, Schools Division Office of Quezon City, Personal Collection, and Resources for the Blind, Inc.

The program was a very fitting way to observe this year’s 44th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week theme: Empowering Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) through Responsive Policies, Programs, and Services.



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Biliran Province State University's Academic Visit to PNU Manila

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The Philippine Normal University (PNU) welcomed the Biliran Province State University (BiPSU) for a benchmarking activity on September 7, 2022. The main goal of the benchmarking activity was to introduce PNU's best practices, including the graduate school's structure, goals, and objectives, including the clustering of the graduate programs and verticalization of undergraduate and graduate programs of PNU.



Dr. Maria Teresa L. Manicio of the Faculty of Arts and Letters (FAL) and Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Teacher Education Research (CGSTER) discussed the pedagogies and teaching strategies of the undergraduate level as well as the Outcomes-Based Graduate Teacher Education Curriculum (OBGTEC) of PNU. Prof. Lovely Airein D. Albania, Deputy Dean of the College of Flexible Learning and ePNU (CFlex) shared their strategies in ePNU and how PNU responded to the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic to teaching and learning.



BiPSU President Dr. Victor C. Cañez, Jr. was joined by Dr. Erwin G. Salvetierra, VP for Student and External Affairs; Dr. Marianne Agnes T. Mendza, VP for Research, Innovation, and Extension Services; Dr. Susan S. Bentor, VP for Academic and External Affairs; Mr. Ralph Arvic T. Arcenal, University and Board Secretary, and other university officials, faculty, and staff.



Southern Leyte State University and Southern Luzon State University visit PNU for Academic Benchmarking

Leigh Brian B. Salivio



The Philippine Normal University (PNU), through the Linkages and International Office (LIO), hosted the Southern Leyte State University (SLSU) and the Southern Luzon State University - Judge Guillermo Eleazar (SLSU-JGE) for a benchmarking activity on August 31, 2022.



The benchmarking activity was conducted to help SLSU and SLSU-JGE redesign their graduate programs and to learn about PNU's best practices in library services and resources, extension, and publication.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was also signed between the libraries of PNU and SLSU-JGE. The MOU will enable both institutions to facilitate inter-library lending as well as exchange of research journals between them.



Present during the benchmarking activity were the faculty and officials of SLSU headed by its Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Annabelle M. Hufalar. Representing PNU were Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, Dean of College Graduate Studies and Teacher Education Research (CGSTER); Dr. Rowena R. Hibanada, Director of the Community Partnership and Extension Office (CPEO); and Mr. John Carlo M. Ramos, Faculty Assistant of the LIO.

The SLSU-JGE delegation was accompanied by its OIC-Administrator, Dr. Felix B. Lamos Jr. From PNU, Dr. Rowena R. Hibanada of CPEO was joined by Ms. Helen A. Advincula, University Librarian while Dr. Marie Paz E. Morales of the Publication Office joined them via Zoom.



PNU Manila holds face-to-face 114th Commencement Exercises

Janir Ty Datukan and Edward Shiener Landoy



The PNU Campuses also held their respective F2F commencement exercises on the following schedule:

PNU South Luzon - Lopez, Quezon

August 10, 2022

PNU North Luzon - Alicia, Isabela

August 12, 2022

PNU Visayas - Cadiz, Negros Occidental

August 19, 2022

PNU Mindanao - Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur

August 23, 2022

The Philippine Normal University, the National Center for Teacher Education, held its first ever face-to-face (F2F) graduation ceremonies since the pandemic started in the 1st quarter of 2020. With the theme “**Forging Ahead: Reinventing Teacher Education in a Post-COVID World,**” the 114th Commencement Exercises was conducted on August 17, 2022 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) Reception Hall in Pasay City.

The event was divided into two parts. In the morning was the graduation ceremony for all undergraduate programs with Dr. Aldrin A. Darilag, CHED Commissioner and Chairperson-Designate of the PNU Board of Regents, as Guest of Honor and Speaker. The ceremony for the graduate and post-baccalaureate programs was held in the afternoon at the same venue with Dr. Hyun Mook Lim, Director of the UNESCO Asia Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU) as Guest of Honor and Speaker.

This year’s commencement exercises also included the investiture of Dr. Bert J. Tuga, 11th President of PNU, which preceded the graduation rites in the morning. Representatives from partner higher education institutions, government and private sectors, and international organizations attended the ceremony.

As part of its commitment to ensuring the safety and protection of the public, the PNU Management strictly adhered with the minimum public health standards (MPHS) implemented by the Department of Health (DOH), Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID), and the local government units of Pasay City; Lopez, Quezon; Alicia, Isabela; Cadiz, Negros Occidental; and Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur.

PNU Manila holds in-person commencement rites and University President’s investiture

Edward Shiener S. Landoy



For the first time since the pandemic, the Philippine Normal University resumed its in-person graduation rites on August 17, 2022. This year’s theme is “Forging Ahead: Reinventing Education in a Post-Pandemic World. The Class of 2022, together with their parents, gathered at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) Reception Hall to celebrate the official granting of their degrees in a solemn ceremony.

The 114th Commencement Exercises was held back-to-back with the Investiture of the 11th President of PNU, Dr. Bert J. Tuga, who assumed office on December 10, 2019, just a few months before the pandemic.

In his speech, President Tuga stated that the prevailing academic and non-academic concerns during the peak of the pandemic was a determining factor for not holding his investiture in 2020.

According to him, “There were many important and urgent concerns that we have to look into as a university—both academic and administrative matters. But after two years and seven months, we decided to hold it now because we see this as an opportunity to gather our stakeholders and partners and to share with them the new directions of the University in the years to come.”

The investiture program, according to President Tuga, is a means “to signify our earnest desire to move forward towards education recovery.”

“And why hold it as part of the commencement program? We want to share this moment with the most important stakeholder of the University, the students, our *raison d’être*.” He added.

The investiture rites was attended by former PNU heads of institutions and members of the Board of Regents (BOR); officials and representatives from partner institutions such as the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Education (DepEd), UNESCO Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU), Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges-National Capital Region (PASUC NCR), South Manila Educational Consortium (SMEC); presidents, officials, and administrators of state and local universities and colleges (SUCs); and representatives from the private sector.

As part of his investiture address, President Tuga presented the new mission, vision, and strategic development plans (SDP) of PNU for 2022-2032.

“[The SDP] contains the new vision and mission of the University and the new strategic directions that will achieve the new mandate in the next decade. In crafting this, the University has considered the impact of the pandemic, the demands of Education 4.0, the national and global development goals, the significance of internationalization and global cooperation, and the emerging trends leading to education 5.0.” he added.

Investiture of the 11th PNU President



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114th Commencement Ceremony (Undergraduate Level)



In the morning, Dr. Aldrin A. Darilag, Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education and Chair-Designate of the PNU Board of Regents (BOR), served as the Guest of Honor and Commencement Speaker during the commencement ceremony of the undergraduate programs. He congratulated the graduates for their hard work, dedication, and commitment in completing their academic degrees as they pursue academic excellence despite the challenges they faced during the pandemic.

Commissioner Darilag expressed his optimism that the graduates will continue to share their “talents, time, and treasure; a high degree of public service; and genuine love for the country.” He also reminded them to “manifest a marked difference for the benefit of the community with the full intention and initiative of maintaining a good name that can be modelled by the next generation.”

Addressing Batch 2022, he issued three distinct messages: (1) congratulations to the graduates and their families; (2) serve the nation; and (3) top the LEPT (Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers).

The response came from this year’s valedictorian—Ms. Hilary J. Ladesma, Bachelor in English Education, magna cum laude. In her address, she described the experiences of Batch 2022 as a book written by them. Each chapter describes their journey from being accepted to PNU to the time they finished and beyond.

She ended her speech with these important reminders, “Let’s all create the change that we are waiting for. *Ang lahat ng ating gagawin ay lagi’t laging para sa bata at para sa bayan!*”



114th Commencement Ceremony (Graduate Level)



In the afternoon, UNESCO APCEIU Director Hyun Mook Lim served as Guest of Honor and Speaker for the commencement exercises of graduate and post-baccalaureate programs. He assured the graduates that their new degrees will surely enhance and upgrade their professionalism and commitment as teachers and school leaders. He also shared APCEIU’s initiatives toward the promotion of global citizenship education (GCED), an advocacy he shares with President Tuga and PNU.

In his message, he emphasized the importance of the partnership between the Philippines and South Korea. According to him, such partnership is “crucial in the challenging times of complex crisis that requires solidarity and cooperation beyond national boundaries.” Director Lim also stressed that education has been given a special place and task in promoting justice, liberty, and peace and in promoting mutual understanding between people regardless of their nationalities.

“[...] there have always been educators who care about the purpose of education, who care about responding to the challenges of the time through education, and who care about learning to live together,” he added.

The program concluded with President Tuga reminding the graduates “to inculcate the culture of research, embed foresight and anticipatory leadership in school governance, to invest on building connections through partnerships and linkages, and to continue to learn.”

In response, Dr. Ryan V. Lansangan, recipient of the Best Dissertation Award, said that receiving their most coveted MA and PhD diplomas is not the end their journey; instead, it is a part of greater responsibilities ahead.

Dr. Lansangan emphasized that, as products of an internationally and nationally responsive teacher education university, they need to reinvent their practices that will respond even in the post-COVID world. It is therefore incumbent for the members of the academe to use this crisis-driven opportunity to reimagine how the learners, teachers, and education at large not only thrive during difficult circumstances, but also respond to a highly globalized world that is equitable for all.

BATCH '22 marches as first K-12 Curriculum products of PNUNL

The Torch North Luzonian



The graduates of Batch 2022 became the first ever products of K-12 Curriculum of the Philippine Normal University North Luzon (PNUNL) in its 46th Commencement Exercises on August 12 at the University Gymnasium.

In 2016, K-12 Basic Curriculum Education was implemented resulting to non-enrollment of first-year students in the university for two years until 2018 when the batch enrolled and finished as the first batch of K to 12 graduates of PNUNL.

Moreover, the graduates received their official diploma and Transcript of Records (TORs) on the same day of graduation which happened for the first time in



the history of the campus and the university system through the order of Dr. Bert J. Tuga, University President to Executive Directors and Provosts including Dr. Leticia N. Aquino of NL.

Meanwhile, Joseph Mark A. Natividad of Bachelor in Mathematics Education bested all 145 graduates leading batch 2022 roster of honors of 19 Magna Cum Laude and 60 Cum Laude who were also inspired by Hon. Ian Paul L. Dy, Congressman, Third District, Isabela as Guest of Honor and Speaker.



The University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga, during his message, extended his felicitations to the batch as he acknowledged their unswerving grit and determination in climbing the ladder of success reminding them to always use their education and be of service to others. With him during this occasion were Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, Vice President for Academics and Dr. Lordino A. Vergara, Vice President for University Relations and Advancement.



PNUSL holds 27th Commencement Exercises face-to-face

Ma. Sheila M. Simat

After two years, the Philippine Normal University South Luzon (PNUSL), the Technology and Livelihood Education Hub of the PNU System, was able to hold again its traditional honoring of the academic achievements of the graduating students in Bachelor in Technology and Livelihood Education with Specialization in Agri-Fishery Arts and Bachelor in Technology and Livelihood Education with Specialization in Home Economics. Themed “Forging Ahead: Reinventing Teacher Education in a Post-Covid World,” PNUSL conducted its 27th Commencement Exercises in-person on August 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the University Gymnasium. Hon. Angelina “Helen” D. L. Tan, MD, Governor of the Province of Quezon was the Guest of Honor and Commencement Speaker. In her message to the graduates, she inspired the graduates to contribute to the progress of the society despite the difficulties in life. Gracing the event were Dr. Bert J. Tuga, PNU President; Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, Vice President for Academics; Dr. Jose M. Ocampo Jr., Vice President for Finance and Administration; Dr. Adonis P. David, Vice President for Research, Planning and



Quality Assurance; and Dr. Glenda O. De Lara, Director, Campus Development Office.



The day-long events commenced with a Eucharistic Celebration earlier

in the morning. Thereafter, the Baccalaureate Ceremony and *Gawad Parangal* were held with Asec. Alex V. Avila, CESO IV, as the Guest Speaker. Being the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment, his message centered on encouraging the graduating students to have a long-term planning in their teaching careers. Of the 60 students who received their diplomas, 60% of them had academic honors.

The historic *Sulo* Ceremony was held on August 8, 2022. During this symbolic passing of the torch from the graduating students to the junior students, the following portrayed the traditional iconic characters: Rose Jane B. Hernandez as *Inang Pilipinas*, Christian A. Gonzales as Juan Dela Cruz, Joy Tricia Mae P. Corpuz as *Inang Pamantasan*, and Martina Maria Angela P. Gaza as *Lakambini*.

In all of these events, the PNUSL administration, faculty, and staff and the graduates’ parents were in attendance to take pride and witness the achievements and success of this batch that survived the tests of the COvid-19 pandemic and the first batch who took the K-12 Curriculum in their basic education.

PNU Visayas holds 49th Commencement Exercises

Ma. Sofia Y. Nemenzo

The recently concluded 49th Commencement Exercises of the Philippine Normal University Visayas, held on August 19, 2022 at the Cadiz City Arena, is the first face to face commencement exercises of PNU Visayas since the onset of the COVID Pandemic.

The Thanksgiving Mass and Baccalaureate Program were held in the morning with the Rev. Msgr. Erwin D. Magnanao, VG as celebrant and speaker. The Honorable Member Teofilo Sixto Roxas V. Guanzon of the Second District, Province of Negros Occidental attended the morning affair.

The Baccalaureate Program was followed by the Gawad Parangal with Dr. Renante A. Egcas, Northern Negros State College of Science and Technology (NONESCOST) President and a PNU Visayas alumnus as the guest of honor and speaker.

The Commencement Exercises was held at five o'clock in the afternoon with Director Raul C. Alvarez Jr. of the Commission on Higher Education, Region VI as keynote speaker. PNU Manila officials, Dr. Bert J. Tuga, President, Dr. Dr. Adonis P. David, Vice President for Research, Planning and Quality Assurance and Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, Vice President for University Relations and Advancement graced the graduation rites.

With its theme **“Forging Ahead: Reinventing Teacher Education in the Post-Covid World ”**, PNU Visayas forges ahead despite the pandemic and will continue to lead in teacher education.



259 graduates conferred in 49th PNU Mindanao Commencement Exercise

Sophia B. Aloy

Two hundred fifty-nine (259) of the undergraduate and graduate programs of Philippine Normal University (PNU) Mindanao were conferred with their academic degrees during the 49th Commencement Exercises on Tuesday, August 23 at the Covered Court with the theme "Forging Ahead: Reinventing Teacher Education in a Post-Covid World."

This year's graduating class is composed of 191 magna cum laude and 40 cum laude which comprised 76 % of the graduating class..

Dr. Rennie Saranza led the processional, followed by the graduates and their parents, the faculty and staff, while former Student Regent for two consecutive years, Hon. Alexis Sebote escorted the top management; Dr. Elvira Chua, Executive Director and Provost; Dr. Jennie Jocson, University Vice President for Academics; Dr. Lordinio Vergara, Vice President for University Relations and Advancement; Dr. Bert J. Tuga, University President along with the Commencement Speaker, represented by Sanguniang Panlalawigan, Hon. Cesar Alonte.

Mrs. Marife G. Padilla, OIC Campus Registrar presented the candidates for graduation: 22 for Bachelor in Early Childhood Education (BECED), 33 from Bachelor in English Education (BEE), 35 from Bachelor in Filipino Education (BFE), 38 from Bachelor in Mathematics Education (BME), 16 from Bachelor in Mathematics and Science Elementary Education (BMSEE), 35 from Bachelor in Physical and Health Education (BPHE), 37 from Bachelor in Science Education with specialization in Physics (BSE), 34 from Bachelor in Social Science Education (BSSE) while nine (9) from Masters of Arts in Education from different specializations. A total of 259 degrees were conferred by Dr. Bert Tuga, PNU President.

"I know the circumstances that you had to overcome in order to reach the finish line and how difficult it was for you



Student Regent, Hon Alexis Q. Sebote of PNU Mindanao led the processional.



Mr. Deejay Moreno of BSE delivered his valedictory address during the 49th Commencement Exercises of PNU Mindanao.

to carry on with your studies during the pandemic, but you did not allow the restrictions, limitations and challenges hinder you from forging the path that you are now walking on," Dr. Bert Tuga said after his conferment.

The commencement speaker, Hon. Alfel Bascug, Representative of District 1 Province of Agusan del Sur was introduced by Dr. Elvira Chua, Executive Director and Provost. He was ably represented by Hon. Cesar Alonte, Sanguniang Panlalawigan first member in Education Committee.

"There's only one reason why you're all here today, God's infinite grace. No doubt your academic journey was hard and extraordinary yet with your prayerful resolve and resilient you are here today," Hon. Cesar Alonte emphasized.

On behalf of the class 2022, Mr. Deejay Moreno, Magna Cum Laude from the BSE gave his valedictory address and sincere gratitude.

"From being the guinea pigs of the K-12 Program to being confronted by the challenges brought by the pandemic and online classes, we never surrendered. We may think that we are placed in a very discouraging circumstances, know that even though we continue to be challenged by the changing times, causing us to lose sight of hope due to the darkness it had cast over our lives, keep in mind that these made us stronger and better equipped to bounce back better." Mr. Deejay Moreno expressed as the class recovered from the sting of pandemic.

Subsequently, the awarding of plaques of appreciation for PNU Mindanao retirees was handed by the top management. The awardees are Prof. Cesario C. Galanida from the Mathematics and Sciences Faculty of Teacher Development; Mr. Efren Jamito and Mrs. Milagros Miguel both from Administrative Staffs.