

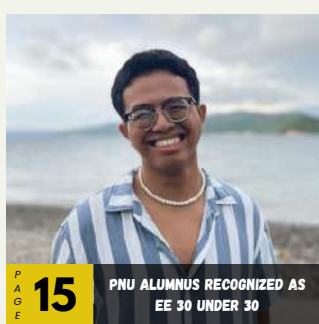
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[MANILA, August 4] Jude Russel Ulatan Cuntapay, PNU Batch 2016, was selected by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) for its eighth class of 30 leaders under the age of 30. He will join a growing class of young leaders using environmental education to build more just and sustainable communities around the world. Jude is the current Environmental Education Specialist of Save Philippine Seas and the previous Institutional Outreach and Sustainability Coordinator of Southville International School and Colleges.



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President Tuga's testimonial for the GEDI Policy of PNU

President Tuga's strong advocacy on GEDI, along with the many initiatives of PNU on GAD over the last few years, has been recognized by the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ranking as the top HEI in the Philippines on SDG 5: Gender Equality.

115TH COMMENCEMENT Ceremony

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Lagablab ng apoy, tampok sa Pagdiriwang ng Sulo 2023; Bahaghari, Inang Kalikasan, ipinakilala

John Ric B. Lago



Idinaos ang taunang selebrasyon na Pagdiriwang ng Sulo 2023 para sa mga ikatlo at ikaapat na taon ng Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas-Maynila, Miyerkules, Agosto 23.

Bitbit ng mga tauhan ang iba't ibang lagablab bilang tanda ng pagpapatuloy sa ningas at alab ng sulo; Inang Pilipinas bilang Lagablab ng Karunungan, Juan Dela Cruz bilang Lagablab ng Kagitingan, Inang Pamantasan bilang Lagablab ng Kahusayan, Lakan bilang Lagablab ng Kapangyarihan, Lakambini bilang Lagablab ng Katarungan, Inang Kalikasan bilang Lagablab ng Kapaligiran, at Bahaghari bilang Lagablab ng Kalinangan.

Tuon din ng selebrasyon ang pagbabagong bihis at kulay ng taunang pagdiriwang sa pamamagitan nina Bahaghari at Inang Kalikasan bilang bagong tauhan, at ang pagpapakilala kay Inang Hustisya sa katauhan ni Lakambini.



Nagsilbing kinatawan si Bahaghari, na binigyang-buhay ni Jan Mar Cuevas, ng mga bahagi ng LGBTQIA+, mga may kapansanan, mga katutubo, at iba pang nasa laylayang lipunan, na ang tuon ay bigyang-boses ang pagkakapantay-pantay sa kabila ng pagkakaiba-iba.

Tumindig naman para sa kaayusan at kalinisan ng kapaligiran si Inang Kalikasan, na ginampanan ni Belle Beatriex Aleman, upang magsilbing tagamasid sa mahusay na pagtupad sa 169 na target mula sa 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) ng United Nations (UN).

Nagbigay rin ng mensahe at inspirasyon ang iba pang tauhang sina Nikki Floranne Castolo bilang Inang Pilipinas, Marco Nathaniel Fidel bilang Juan dela Cruz, Nastazia Ydes Kyla Fernando bilang Inang Pamantasan, Ceedrick John Nuñez bilang Lakan, at Hannah Feliz Airoso bilang Lakambini.



Pinarangalan ang mga PNUans na nagkamit ng mataas na pwesto sa mga nakalipas na licensure examination.

Kinilala naman sa pagdiriwang ang mga mag-aaral na nagbigay-karangalan sa PNU sa mga nakalipas na Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay ng tropeyo ng pagkilala at cash incentive.

Kabilang sa mga pinarangalan sina

- **Elsa Mae C. Flotides** ng PNU Maynila, Ikalimang Puwesto, Agosto 2022 Guidance Counselor Licensure Examination
- **Alexander Robin Madrona Capito** ng PNU Mindanao, Ikapitong Puwesto, Oktubre 2022 Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers - Antas Elementarya
- **Michael Herrera Jr.** ng PNU Maynila, Ikawalong Puwesto, Marso 2023 Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers - Antas Elementarya
- **Kyla Mendoza** ng PNU Maynila, Ikatlong Puwesto, Marso 2023 Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers - Antas Elementarya
- **Jose King Clet** ng PNU Maynila, Unang Puwesto, Marso 2023 Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers - Antas Elementarya
- **John Aws Uy** ng PNU Maynila, Ikawalong Puwesto, Marso 2023 Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers - Antas Sekondarya

- **Jean Barug** ng PNU Mindanao, Ikapitong Puwesto, Marso 2023 Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers - Antas Sekondarya
- **Maria Olivia Agapay** ng PNU Maynila, Ikapitong Puwesto, Marso 2023 Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers - Antas Sekondarya
- **Aubrey Narca** ng PNU Mindanao, Ika-anim na Puwesto, Marso 2023 Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers - Antas Sekondarya
- **Alexis Sebote** ng PNU Mindanao, Ika-apat na Puwesto, Marso 2023 Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers - Antas Sekondarya
- **Alyzza Louize V. Malibiran**, Ikalawang Puwesto, Agosto 2023, Guidance Counselors Licensure Examination



Pinagpugayan ang panauhing pandangal na si Dr. Lerrie Ann Ipulan-Colet, Assistant Professor ng Unibersidad ng Pilipinas-Diliman, na nagbigay-inspirasyon mula sa mga karanasan sa pagiging mag-aaral ng Inang Pamantasan

hanggang sa kasalukuyan.

Samantala, naging tagapagsalaysay ng pagdiriwang sina Kirk Cyril Ramos at Decieh Marie Llanita na kapwa ikatlo at ikaapat na taong nagpapakadalubhasa sa Filipino.

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Bumuo ng imahe ng clover sa Grasslandia ang mga PNUans na nasa ikatlo at ika-apat na taon.

Nagbigay-ningas ang nasabing pagdiriwang sa tunay na hangad ng PNU bilang Pambansang Sentro sa Edukasyong Pangguro; ang maitaguyod ang edukasyong inklusibo, makamasa, at maka-Pilipino tungo sa kaunlaran ng kalagayang pang-edukasyon sa bansa.

PNU RECEIVES WIFI DEVICES FOR VR-BASED TRAINING PROGRAM

Celia M. Ilanan & Alexandra M. Cargullo



Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, VP for Academics (fifth to the right) receives Home Wifi and Smart LTE Pocket Wifi from PLDT and Smart Communications, Inc.

The Philippine Normal University received PLDT Home WiFi and SMART LTE pocket WiFi devices from PLDT, Inc., Smart Communications, Inc., and Ericsson on August 29, 2023. Present during the ceremonial turnover were Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, Vice President for Academics, and Dr. Celia M. Ilanan, Dean of the College of Flexible Learning and ePNU (CFlex). Also present were Ms. Mary Jane Francisco of Stakeholder Management (Group Corporate Communications) of Smart and Ms. Noemi Delfin, Customer Project Manager of Ericsson.

This is part of the project titled "Ericsson-SMART Virtual Reality (VR) Based Training Program" with PNU being the lead institution for implementation. It aims to provide teachers with a means to train and improve their skills in integrating ICT tools into their day-to-day classroom management. This initiative is part of Ericsson's "Connect to Learning Philippines Project," which was designed to allow teachers to delve into interactive pedagogies that integrate ICT.

The training date for the PNU core team composed of select faculty members and administrative staff from CFlex and the Institute of Teaching and Learning (ITL), as well as PNU student interns, is scheduled on October 2023.

PNU PRESIDENT TUGA PARTICIPATES IN GATE 2.0, PRESENTS STATUS OF TEACHER EDUCATION IN PH

PNU Presidential Management Staff

Dr. Bert J. Tuga, PNU President, participated in the Global Academic Teacher Education (GATE) 2.0 held on May 31-June 7, 2023 in Leuven, Belgium. It is a gathering of educators from across the globe aimed at exploring and sharing emerging insights and knowledge regarding various contexts in teacher education.



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The event's agenda encompassed a range of topics including curriculum design, pedagogical strategies, technology integration, and teacher professional development. The participants engaged in critical dialogues where they examined the challenges and opportunities inherent in teacher education. The diversity of perspectives brought by educators from different corners of the world enriched the discussions, promoting cross-cultural understanding and fostering collaborative approaches.



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President Tuga also showcased PNU's teacher education program, highlighting its unique features, good practices, and transformative impact on future educators. His participation in GATE 2.0 not only placed PNU on the global education map but also facilitated valuable networking opportunities. The exchange of ideas with fellow academic teacher educators from various backgrounds will undoubtedly contribute to the continuous growth and enhancement of PNU's teacher education program.



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GATE 2.0 served as a platform for educators to engage in meaningful discussions, examine diverse perspectives, and delve into the realities of teacher education worldwide. This international assembly facilitated by experts from the Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven explored a wide array of approaches to enhance the quality of teacher education.

The event concluded with the signing of the Global Academic Teacher Education 2.0 Agreement, which outlines the role of quality education through research and teaching with a focus on the training of pre-service teachers, as well as recognizing the impact of digitalization, diversity, and globalization on education.

115TH COMMENCEMENT *Ceremony*

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PHILIPPINE NORMAL UNIVERSITY HOLDS 115TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: A FEAT OF EXCELLENCE AND DEDICATION

PNU Presidential Management Staff

Manila, August 29, 2023 – The Philippine Normal University, the National Center for Teacher Education, celebrated its 115th Commencement Exercises, culminating in a grand three-day affair from August 23-25, 2023, marking a triumphant milestone for its graduates who are now ready to make their mark in the world. The series of events leading to the graduation rites showcased the unique journey and victory of the graduates as they bid farewell to their alma mater and prepare for new challenges armed with their earned degrees.



115th Graduation Ceremony at PICC Plenary Hall

The activities leading to the 115th Commencement Exercises were as follows:

Ang Pagdiriwang ng Sulo (Torch Ceremony) and Salute to Excellence

August 23, 2023 (Wednesday) | 5:00 p.m. | PNU Quadrangle

Gawad Parangal and Hooding Ceremony: Undergraduate and Graduate Levels

August 24, 2023 (Thursday) | 8:00 a.m. | PNU Quadrangle

Baccalaureate Program: Undergraduate and Graduate Levels

August 24, 2023 (Thursday) | 4:00 p.m. | PNU Quadrangle

115th Commencement Exercises: Undergraduate and Graduate Levels and Awarding of Gawad Sulo for Public Service to Congressman Marquez "Mark" O. Go

August 25, 2023 (Friday) | 2:00 p.m. | Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) Plenary Hall

The Pagdiriwang ng Sulo or Torch Ceremony is special and unique, celebrated only by PNU. It has become a tradition and important activity leading to the Commencement Exercises. This event highlights the achievements of the University in the past year. The Torch Ceremony features distinct personalities such as Inang Pilipinas, Juan Dela Cruz, Inang Pamantasan, Lakambini, and Lakan. This year, in observance of the United Nations Strategic Development Goals (SDG) and Gender Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (GEDI), two (2) new characters were introduced: Inang Kalikasan and Bahaghari.

The Salute to Excellence was also included in the 2023 Torch Ceremony. The Guest of Honor and Speaker was Dr. Lerrie Ann Ipulan-Colet, Assistant Professor of Biology at the University of the Philippines Diliman and former Inang Pamantasan during her time. Dr. Ipulan-Colet recounted her experiences and struggles from being a teacher to becoming a scientist. She emphasized the significance of harnessing one's potential and continuously striving for excellence.

The topnotchers of the Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (LEPT) and Guidance Counselors Licensure Examination were recognized and awarded the Gawad Sulo plaque for their outstanding achievement. The LEPT passers were also invited to witness the event.

The ceremony culminated with the symbolic turnover of responsibilities from the Seniors to the Juniors and lighting of the torches.

The prestigious Gawad Parangal and Hooding Ceremony is an ode to academic excellence and leadership, celebrating the achievements of the graduating class both in the undergraduate and graduate levels. The Guest of Honor and Speaker was Dr. Christine Joy Aguila, Special Science Teacher V at the Philippine Science High School (PSHS). She is the recipient of the 2022 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos (Teacher Category) and 2023 Gawad Sulo for Eminent Alumni. Her speech centered on the significance of nurturing the spirit and embracing the challenges that come with academic and personal growth.

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President Bert Tuga presenting the awards to the students and delivering his speech

Graduates pledge to

The Academic and Co-Curricular Awardees, as well as graduates of the Master's and Doctorate programs, were joined by parents, guardians, relatives, friends, and loved ones in receiving their respective medals and hoods. It was a poignant reminder that behind their awards and achievements were people who worked hard to ensure they reach that point in their academic journey.

Later that day, the Baccalaureate Program was observed as a moment of reflection, thanksgiving, and blessing for the graduates. The Guest of Honor and Speaker was Dr. Winston C. Reyes, Pastor of Victory Katipunan, who emphasized the importance of putting God at the center of making important decisions in life.

The National Anthem resonates as PNU Officials gather, followed by an address from Dr. Winston C. Reyes.



Graduates pledge to uphold PNU's core values of truth, excellence, and service.



PNU officials donned in their graduation gowns for the Commencement Exercises.

The following day, the much-anticipated graduation rites took place at the PICC Plenary Hall. The Guest of Honor and Commencement Speaker was Congressman Marquez "Mark" Go, Representative of the Lone District of Baguio. Congressman Go is the Chair of the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education (CHTE), Commissioner of the Second Constitutional Commission on Education (EDCOM II) specifically on Higher Education & Teacher Education and Development, and member of the PNU Board of Regents (BOR). His speech echoed themes of growth, resilience, and pursuing excellence. He encouraged the graduates to pursue their aspirations as they strive to become the best version of themselves.



Congressman Mark Go giving his speech of encouragement for the graduates.



Congressman Go's speech and his entrance with Hon. Aldrin Darilag and President Bert J. Tuga.

Congressman Go authored R.A. No. 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education (UAQTE) and co-authored R.A. 11713 or the "Excellence in Teacher Education Act" where PNU sits as Advisor of the Teacher Education Council (TEC). As EDCOM II Commissioner, he personally met with the SUC presidents from all over the country to discuss ways in addressing the challenges of the Philippine Education System. As a member of the PNU BOR, he helped guide the University as we set course towards becoming a future-ready, nationally-responsive, and internationally-competitive teacher education institution.

To honor his exceptional dedication and contributions to education and nation-building, Congressman Go was bestowed with the Gawad Sulo for Public Service. The Gawad Sulo is the highest award given by PNU to outstanding individuals, groups, organizations, or institutions, inside and outside the University, local and national, who have significantly contributed to the development of Education, in general, and Teacher Education, in particular. Congressman Go expressed his gratitude and pledged to redouble his efforts in enhancing the quality and accessibility of education across the Philippines.

President Bert Tuga and Hon. Aldrin Darilag jointly award the Gawad Sulo to Congressman Mark Go.



President Bert J. Tuga, the driving force behind PNU's growth and prominence, delivered a compelling address and challenge to the Class of 2023. His speech was a call to action, urging the graduates to become catalysts for change in the realm of education. He highlighted the pivotal role PNU graduates play in spearheading the much-needed reforms and transformation within the Philippines' educational landscape. He encouraged the graduates to be lifelong learners, visionary leaders, embody PNU's core values of Truth, Excellence, and Service, and make their mark as proud Filipinos in whatever path they choose.

President Bert J. Tuga delivers his address and challenge to the graduates to embody the values of Truth, Excellence, and Service, and to make their mark.



Ms. Kristine R. Cariaga and Dr. Mark Gil A. Vega present their valedictory addresses.

Dr. Mark Gil A. Vega of the Doctor of Philosophy in Science Education and recipient of the Best Dissertation Award took the stage to deliver his response on behalf of the graduate level. Dr. Vega expressed his gratitude to his family and to the higher power for guiding him on his academic journey. He also joyfully announced his upcoming marriage, symbolizing the beginning of a new chapter in his life.

In response, Ms. Kristine R. Cariaga of the Bachelor in Library and Information Science (BLIS) and class valedictorian, delivered her message on behalf of the graduates in the undergraduate level. Ms. Cariaga reminisced about the challenges she faced in choosing PNU and overcoming doubts about her chosen degree program. Her story of perseverance and self-belief resonated with her fellow graduates, serving as a testament to the power of determination.

The culmination of the celebration revealed the impressive achievements of the PNU Class of 2023. A total of 667 undergraduate students, 45 graduate students (comprising 34 Master's and 11 Doctorate graduates), and 27 post-baccalaureate students proudly stepped onto the graduation stage, ready to contribute their expertise and passion to their respective fields. For the second year, the graduates received their respective diplomas, transcript of records (TOR), and certificates of graduation during the actual ceremony.

The PNU Campuses also held their respective commencement exercises as follows:

50th Commencement Exercises of PNU Mindanao: Undergraduate and Graduate Levels

August 14, 2023 (Monday)
Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur

50th Commencement Exercises of PNU Visayas: Undergraduate and Graduate Levels

August 22, 2023 (Tuesday)
Cadiz City, Negros Occidental

47th Commencement Exercises of PNU North Luzon: Undergraduate and Graduate Levels

August 29, 2023 (Tuesday)
Alicia, Isabela

28th Commencement Exercises of PNU South Luzon: Undergraduate Level

August 31, 2022 (Thursday)
Lopez, Quezon

As the conclusion of the 115th Commencement Exercises approached, the air was charged with hope, inspiration, and determination. The graduating students stood as living proofs of the transformative power of education and the unstoppable determination that drives them to influence the times ahead. The occasion not only honored the scholastic achievements of the graduates but also recognized their resolute determination and dedication to shaping a better future. The Philippine Normal University's rich tradition of outstanding performance and its unwavering dedication to cultivating perpetual learners and committed nation builders continue to shine brilliantly, lighting up the pathways for numerous individuals towards a more promising tomorrow.

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TOP THE BLEPT: PBJT RAISES BAR FOR 2023 PNUNL GRADUATES

JOSHUA ANTALAN (The Torch North Luzonian)



ALICIA, ISABELA– University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga challenged the Batch 2023 graduates of PNU North Luzon to maintain the standing of the University in the Board Licensure Examination for Teachers (BLEPT) after placing third among the top performing schools in the national level in 2022.

During the graduation rites held on August 29, Tuga during his message told the graduates that his wish is for the institution to produce individual topnotchers, adding that incentives are to be appropriated for whoever ranks in the national level.

"Mahalin ang bayan saan man kayo dalhin ng inyong kapalaran, sa Pilipinas man o sa ibang ibayo. Lalong isapuso ang pagiging Pilipino. Maging proud na ikaw ay isang Pilipino at ipakita sa iba na ang Pilipino ay may kakaibang galing, talino, at puso. Huwag maging dayuhan sa sariling bayan. Bagkus, palalimin pa ang inyong pagkakakilanlan at gamitin ito para patuloy na umunlad at lumago sa buhay," [Do not forget your roots, even if your paths lead you within our country or beyond its borders. Embrace being a Filipino. Take pride in the unique talents, intellect, and love that define us. Do not be estranged from your motherland; solidify your identity and use it to foster growth] Tuga added as he also emphasized three more challenges to Batch 2023: to be lifelong learners, embody PNU's core values, and to never forget the Filipino roots wherever fate will take the graduates.

With high hopes, Yericia Hannah D. Ramos, the batch valedictorian accepted the said challenge on behalf of the 2023 graduates emphasizing in her speech for the graduates to be like a seed which is not afraid to be buried in darkness so it could grow and thrive in the end.

Meanwhile, the program kicked off with the processional, followed by the entrance of colors. In her message, Dr. Leticia N. Aquino, Executive Director and Provost, congratulated the graduates while underscoring that the graduates are future-ready teachers, which is one of the missions of the institution as the National Center for Teacher Education.

Moreover, in the message of the Guest of Honor and Speaker, Congressman Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V of the 6th Congressional District of Isabela, he highlighted the pivotal role of educators in shaping and molding every student that becomes part of their lives.

Along with the President were key University officials, Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, Vice President for University Relations and Advancement, and Dr. Jose M. Ocampo Jr., the Vice President for Finance and Administration. They were joined by Dr. Aquino, leading the local university officials including, Dr. Agnes S. Reyes, Director of Finance and Administration, and Dr. Madonna C. Gonzales, Dean of Academics and IPED.

PNUSL HONORS BATCH 2023 DURING ITS 28TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Stephanie Alyssa M. Lladonez

To mark another milestone, the Philippine Normal University South Luzon (PNUSL) celebrated its 28th Commencement Exercises with the theme “Edukasyong Pangguro na Handa sa Kinubukasan Tungo sa Makabuluhang Pagkatuto” on August 31, 2023 at PNUSL Gymnasium.

A total of 126 graduates completed their academic requirements based on their curriculum programs. Out of 126, 27 students earned Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Science Elementary Education (BMSEE), 65 pursued Bachelor in Technology and Livelihood Education with specialization in Home Economics (BTLE-HE), and 34 graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Technology and Livelihood Education with specialization in Agri-Fishery Arts (BTLE-AFA).



University officials and commencement guest speaker Hon. Atty. Keith Micah D. Tan

The event was graced by the presence of Hon. Atty. Keith Micah D. Tan, the Representative of the 4th district of Quezon Province, and distinguished PNU officials, including University President Bert J. Tuga and University Vice President for University Relations and Advancement, Dr. Lordinio Vergara. PNUSL faculty, guests, parents, and graduates were in attendance, underscoring the event's significance.

Dr. Leah Amor S. Cortez, Executive Director and Provost, proudly conveyed her congratulatory message to the graduates and their parents, emphasizing that Batch 2023 is now equipped to carry the torch of knowledge and contribute to society's development.



Len Rose V. Dungca, Batch 2023 Valedictorian
Photo by: PNUSL Multimedia Creative Team

Moreover, Rep. Tan acknowledged the efforts of Batch 2023 and highlighted the opportunity for graduates to make a difference in their community. He regarded the commencement as a remarkable and momentous occasion, especially due to the profession the graduates pursued. He expressed appreciation and gratitude to teachers whom according to him, are the molders of other professions.

Meanwhile, Dr. Bert J. Tuga challenged graduates to become catalysts in their community and teacher-leaders who uphold the university's philosophy of social transformation. He encouraged graduates to seek lifelong learning, growth, and impact.

Accepting this challenge, Len Rose V. Dungca, Batch 2023 Valedictorian, reassured them that Batch 2023 is equipped with knowledge and skills to conquer life's challenges due to how the university unleashed their talents and potential throughout their university years. To conclude her speech, she expressed her appreciation to her and her co-graduates' families, friends, and the whole PNUSL Community for the support and opportunities they were given.

The graduates took the alumni oath under the direction of Ms. Franc Lorraine C. Piñon, President of PNUSL Alumni Association.

The event concluded with the lighting of the graduates' torches and singing of the PNU Hymn.

PNUV HOLDS 50TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Ma. Sofia Y. Nemenzo

August 22, 2023 – Philippine Normal University Visayas (PNUV) celebrated its 50th Commencement Exercises with the theme “Edukasyong Pangguro na Handa sa Kinabukasan tungo sa Pagkatutong Makabuluhan” at Don Bernardo Benedicto Community Center, Cadiz City.

The exercises started off at 7 A.M. with the Baccalaureate Program graced by the guest speaker, Rev. Leonin I. Leonares of Pahanocoy Baptist church. Reverend Leonares impressed the graduates with the value of character as prospective teachers. As he put it, “Technology may change, character doesn't.” He also cited Micah 6:8 to remind the graduates of the new chapter in life they are about to take.



The Baccalaureate was then followed by the Gawad Parangal 2023 to acknowledge and recognize the excellence and hard work rendered by the graduates. The event was honored by the presence of the guest speaker, Dr. Nemia V. Yorac, Dean for Academics at Colegio de Sta. Ana de Victorias. Dr. Yorac emphasized the difference between the past generation and the present generation of graduates. She recalled the different philosophers that are included under professional education. She also mentioned the core values teachers ought to embody and possess in the teaching field.



President Tuga with the officials, faculty, and graduates from PNU Visayas.

The last part of the commencement exercises was the Graduation Ceremony which began at 6 P.M. with the graduates and faculty donning their respective graduation gowns. Together with Dr. Bert J. Tuga, the President of Philippine Normal University, and vice presidents Dr. Jennie V. Jocson and Dr. Lordinio Vergara. Hon. Jose Francisco "Kiko" Bantug Benitez also attended the event as the guest of honor and resource speaker. In his message, he pointed out the relevance and impact of the advancement of technology, specifically Artificial Intelligence (AI) towards the field of teaching. He challenged the graduates to never cease learning and to equip themselves with 21st-century skills, essential for navigating the challenges posed by the 4th Industrial Revolution. He ended his message by wishing PNU to continue doing great work in training effective teachers not only for the province, but also for the country. The PNUV 50th Commencement Exercises ended with a photo opportunity for the faculty and staff, graduates, parents, and other attendees.

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PNU MINDANAO HONORS THE CLASS OF 2023

Glown Kyle D. Aparece

PROSPERIDAD — On August 14, The Philippine Normal University Mindanao honored its 285 graduates during the 50th Commencement Exercises held at Datu Lipus Makapandong Cultural Center, 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Uni Grace P. Porras, Campus Registrar, presented the 285 graduates with their respective degrees and curricula. Of the 285 graduates, 60 are from the programs of elementary education, 217 are from the programs of secondary education, and eight are from the Master of Arts in Education program. The graduates were conferred by Dr. Bert J. Tuga, PNU President.

The processional was led by Dr. Edelberta C. Goce, followed by the graduates and their parents, faculty, and staff, and the human pillars of the PNU system headed by Dr. Bert J. Tuga, PNU President, Dr. Adonis P. David, Vice President for Research, Planning, and Quality Assurance, Dr. Lordino A. Vergara, Vice President for University Relations and Advancement, and Dr. Elvira V. Chua, Executive Director and Provost.

Meanwhile, Atty. Winston Plaza, Director IV Civil Service Commission (CSC) Caraga Region, conveyed his inspiring message to the graduates and extended the accolades to include the parents, friends, faculty, administration, and others who became part of the student's achievements.

Emphasizing the vital role of teachers in this digital world, Atty. Plaza motivated the graduates to maximize the potential perks of technology as a catalyst for change to enhance teaching and learning experiences.

"As aspiring educators, you have a significant responsibility to shape the minds of the next generation, and to do that effectively, you must also be equipped with the latest tools and methodologies," he said.

Furthermore, Dr. Joy C. Capistrano, Director of Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology, extended her heartfelt congratulations to the graduates by reminding them that in their journey as teachers, they must always uphold the core values of "Maka-Diyos, Maka-Tao, Makakalikasan, at Makabansa."



Atty. Winston Plaza, Director IV Civil Service Commission (CSC) Caraga Region giving his inspiring message to the graduates and expressing his warm congratulations to their families.

In his speech, Dr. Bert J. Tuga, PNU President, challenged the challengers to become triumphant again in the next Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (LEPT). However, he believes they can achieve it because they are PNUans!

Moreover, Dr. Tuga also made three remarkable points in his speech.

"Una, huwag makuntento sa kung ano na ang narating mo ngayon. Mag-invest sa inyong sarili. Mag-aral at hasain ang iyong mga abilidad. Go out of your comfort zone and commit yourself to lifelong learning. Pangalawa, maging isang mabuting guro na may kalidad at pagmamahal sa kanyang napiling propesyon. Maging inspirasyon sa inyong mag-aaral, kapwa guro, at sa inyong komunidad. Patunayan na ikaw ay nagtapos sa PNU at make PNU proud. Pangatlo, mahalin at pagsilbihan ang ating bayan," he added.

As a response to the challenge, class valedictorian Jamaika Somio from Bachelor in Mathematics Education, Magna Cum Laude, took the podium and delivered her speech, imparting words of wisdom to the Class of 2023.

"Ang isang guro ay inaasahan na makakapagturo at patnubayan ang mga estudyanteng nasa ilalim ng kanyang pangangalaga. Patnubayan sila sa pagkatuto gamit ang iba't ibang estratehiya, integrasyon, at tugunan ang iba't ibang pangangailangan. Isang guro na nagbibigay inspirasyon sa mga estudyante, hindi lang sa larangan ng akademika kundi sa iba pa. Mapagkumbaba ko ring sasabihin na lahat ng ito ay makikita sa bawat PNUan na nagsipagtapos, kasi tayo ay hinubog upang maging kabilang sa mga natatanging guro," she said.

It was also a proud moment for the whole PNU community to offer the plaque of recognition to the retired professors, namely: Dr. Vivinia B. Daug, Professor IV, and Prof. Evelinda A. Patton, Associate Professor IV.

In the ceremony, 190 students graduated as Magna Cum Laude and 40 as Cum Laude which comprised 83.33% of the graduating class. Riding through the wavelengths of emotions, graduates shed tears as the PNU Hymn was sung at the end of the ceremony.

Indeed, the pressure to excel in everything that they do has always been attached to being a PNUan. But this batch carries more weight as they feel the urge to sustain the legacy that the last batch achieved in the last Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers.

This may be the end of their strenuous and exhausting training inside the premise of Inang Pamantasan, but surely, they are more than prepared to start their remarkable story in a more complex and draining reality.

PNU takes part in the 2nd AUAP Youth Development Programme

Zzyrene G. Mañago



PNU takes part in the 2nd AUAP Youth Development Programme

The Philippine Normal University participated in the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP) Youth Development Programme (YDP) from August 6 to 11, 2023, in Phuket, Thailand.

Represented by Zzyrene G. Mañago, a second-year Bachelor in English Education student, made the Philippine Normal University's presence in international academic communities' advancement foster internalization and professional network once again.

The six-day program, hosted by the AUAP in cooperation with the Master's Institute Development Academic and Seminary (MIDAS), created an inclusive environment along with great speakers, faculty, and student leaders from various universities in Asia and the Pacific to learn the principles of how to promote healthy development, including youth mentoring, positive mindset, strength building, and self-confidence/development. It also covers topics such as cultural diversity, intercultural communication, preparation to work in the real world, and international legal talk.

According to Zzyrene, the international conference is an exceptional platform that amplifies her skills in leadership, networking, and collaboration alongside like-minded individuals. During the conference, delegates were provided ample opportunities to introduce their respective universities and engage in authentic dialogues that equipped them with relevant skills to a pre-service teacher majoring in English Education.

The program also showcases different outdoor activities that allow participants to engage in development projects firsthand, and provide the opportunity to experience the uniqueness of Thai culture. Some activities done after the conference were island hopping, kayaking, and snorkeling. Aside from Phuket, they also visited various tourist spots like Rang Hill (Khao Rang), Maya Bay, Khai Nok Island, Phi Phi Island, Viking Cave, Monkey Bay, Pileh Lagoon, James Bond Island, Koh Panyee Island, Khoa Talu, Panya Beach that shows Thailand's preservation of their natural resources, clear water, and abundance of marine life.

Visiting Koh Panyee Island, particularly the Koh Panyee School, is the most memorable experience for Zzyrene as a Pre-Service Teacher, as the island is known for its special floating Muslim Village in Southern Thailand that was built on stilts and protected by a huge limestone rock formation. It gave the delegates a glimpse of how education can develop despite the atypical school location.

Zzyrene believes this kind of opportunity should be given to more pre-service teachers and student-leaders as the knowledge, skills, and experiences they will get are surely a once-in-a-lifetime experience that is irreplaceable by any textbooks. It is an experience for her that she will always share with her future students.



(From left to right) Mr. Stephen Krampl, Ms. Zzyrene G. Mañago, and Mr. Kok-Yin Lau

PNU PRESIDENT TUGA JOINS IMMERSIVE WORKSHOP ON GEDI, SHARES PNU'S GAD POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

PNU Presidential Management Staff



GEDI Workshop participants

As part of the Southeast Asia–United Kingdom Leadership Program on Gender Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (GEDI) co-organized by the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization – Regional Centre on Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO-RIHED) and the British Council, PNU President Bert J. Tuga participated in the Immersive Workshop on GEDI on June 26–30, 2023, at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) of the University of Sussex (UoS), United Kingdom.

Facilitated by GEDI experts from IDS, the workshop aimed to exchange ideas on the implementation of GEDI policies in various Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and learn from the best practices of IDS and UoS on GEDI policy development and implementation. The structure of the workshop was a mix of formal and informal meetings including lectures and immersive dialogues between the participants and various groups from IDS and UoS such as the Senior Leadership; Health and Safety; Equity and Diversity; Decolonization; and Disability, Gender and Identity Groups.

The workshop participants included Commissioner Aldrin A. Darilag, Commission on Higher Education (CHED); Director Edna Imelda F. Legazpi, Office of Student Development and Services, CHED; Dr. Juliet Millican, Consultant, IDS; Dr. Lai Suat Yan, University of Malaya (UM); Ms. Phetsavanh Somsivilay, Savannakhet University; Dr. Linda Waldman, Lead Consultant, IDS; Prof. Dr. Sity Daud, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM); Ms. Su Myat Noe, SEAMEO-RIHED; Ms. Mai Lan Phuong, Vietnam National University of Agriculture; and Dr. Violet Barasa, Consultant, IDS.



GEDI Participants exchange ideas through a discussion.

President Tuga's strong advocacy on GEDI, along with the many initiatives of PNU on GAD over the last few years, has been recognized by the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ranking as the top HEI in the Philippines on SDG 5: Gender Equality.

During the workshop, President Tuga and Commissioner Darilag presented the Gender and Development (GAD) policies and programs of PNU and CHED, respectively. In his closing statement, President Tuga stated that "the Philippine Normal University is committed to being a gender-sensitive, safe, and inclusive higher learning institution."



GEDI Participants share their insights and best practices.

GCC-Ph Deputy Director reports GCED Status in PH at the 2023 ASAIHL Conference in Tokyo

Carl O. Dellomos



(From right to left) Prof. Carl O. Dellomos, Ms. Hazel M. Maquio, Ms. Edmil Joyce P. Cabug-os, Prof. Portia R. Soriano, and Ms. Gretchen J. Silverio

Prof. Carl O. Dellomos, Deputy Director of the Global Citizenship Education (GCED) Cooperation Centre-Philippines (GCC-Ph), participated in the 2023 Association of Southeast Asian Institutions of Higher Learning (ASAIHL) conference on June 10-12, 2023 at Soka University in Tokyo, Japan. This year's theme is "The Role of Universities in Realizing Inclusiveness and Resilience in Global Society." It has the following sub-themes: 1) Global Citizenship Education through Innovation and Partnership; 2) Research, Science and Education Toward Achieving the SDGs; and 3) Digital Transformation in University Education.

Prof. Dellomos reported on the current state of GCED in the Philippines, highlighting the initiatives undertaken by government agencies such as the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), with the Philippine Normal University in the lead. These programs aim to promote and advance GCED through different approaches such as teacher training, research endeavors, and advocacy and mobility programs, as well as curriculum development and integration efforts. Prof. Dellomos emphasized GCED projects that were funded through strategic partnerships with UNESCO-Asia Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU) such as the establishment of the GCC-Ph located at PNU and serving as the country's secretariat for all GCED initiatives and projects. He also emphasized key recommendations regarding GCED implementation in the Philippines, which will require strong collaboration and support from CHED.



In-frame (from right to left) Prof. Carl O. Dellomos, Prof. Portia R. Soriano, Ms. Hazel M. Maquio, Ms. Edmil Joyce P. Cabug-os, and Ms. Gretchen J. Silverio.



In-frame (from right to left) Ms. Hazel M. Maquio, Prof. Carl O. Dellomos, Ms. Edmil Joyce P. Cabug-os, Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, Prof. Portia R. Soriano, and Ms. Gretchen J. Silverio.

Other than Prof. Dellomos, Edmil Joyce P. Cabug-os, Hazel M. Maquio, and Gretchen J. Silverio, students from the Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences (FBESS), were in attendance to present their paper titled "Detangling Twisted Truths on Social Media: The Philippines' Struggle Against Disinformation During The 2022 Elections." Prof. Portia R. Soriano, FBESS faculty member, also presented her research titled "The Abelling Story of Recovering and Reconstructing their Identity and Cultural Memory: Implications on Making Schools Inclusive and Culturally Sensitive."

One Goal, One SCUAA-NCR Team – Coaches Forum 2023

Jade Daniel P. Judar

The Coaches Forum transpired last 2nd of June, 2023. Trainers from participating universities in the 33rd State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association – National Capital Region arrived at the Philippine Normal University for the said event.

With its theme, "Global Collegiate Sports Trends," the Interim Chair of the Department of Sports Management from the University of Florida, Dr. Michael Sagas started the lecture for all the attendees. After the talk from Dr. Sagas, the event was followed by a round table discussion for the coaches to talk over their concerns for the upcoming competition. After the discussion, our Vice President for University Relations and Advancement, Dr. Lordinio Vergara, together with Dr. Jay C. Santos from Central Luzon State University, and Professor Geraldine Go Bernardo, the President of the Sport Management Council of the Philippines from De La Salle University facilitated the Athlete's Development Literacy Lecture that will surely help and can be utilized for future events.

It was indeed remarkable and full of wisdom forum. It assisted the attendees to know the real essence of why we are conducting this enormous occasion. This will not be the last and see you next year!



GCC-Ph Director serves as Resource Speaker of GCED Workshop in Cambodia

Serafin A. Arviola

Dr. Serafin A. Arviola, Jr., Director of the Global Citizenship Education (GCED) Cooperation Centre Philippines (GCC-Philippines), was recently honored with an invitation from GCC-Cambodia to share his expertise on GCED as a resource speaker. The event took place on September 2-4, 2023, and focused on the crucial topic of Training the Management Teams of Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) on GCED.

The three-day capacity-building initiative aimed to enhance the skills of GCED instructors in GCC-Cambodia and the TEI management training teams. The objective was to incorporate GCED themes into the TEIs' curricula using best practices in the Philippines and South Korea to identify and implement effective strategies for successfully integrating GCED in TEIs, not only in Cambodia but also in other countries.

Dr. Arviola, with his vast experience in GCED, played an important role in sharing insights into GCED methodologies and their real-world applications. He discussed the GCED Curriculum Development and Integration project in the Philippines, providing valuable context to the faculty members of the National Institute of Education (NIE) in Cambodia, as well as representatives from three (3) other TEIs. This was a significant step in advancing GCED in the country.

The activity encouraged building connections, collaboration, and mutual respect to foster a sense of community among them. They had the opportunity to deepen their comprehension of GCED concepts by sharing their individual experiences. The task included curriculum mapping; for example, they reviewed the history and civics curricula to determine how seamlessly GCED concepts may be incorporated.

Guest speakers included experts from the Philippines and the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU), Republic of Korea.



PNU ALUMNUS RECOGNIZED AS EE 30 UNDER 30

Jude Russel Ulatan Cuntapay, PNU Batch 2016, was chosen for his work to engage education stakeholders through EE.

Bon Jasper V. Taligatos



Mr. Jude Russel Ulatan Cuntapay in all smiles for the camera.

[MANILA, August 4] Jude Russel Ulatan Cuntapay, PNU Batch 2016, was selected by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) for its eighth class of 30 leaders under the age of 30. He will join a growing class of young leaders using environmental education to build more just and sustainable communities around the world. Jude is the current Environmental Education Specialist of Save Philippine Seas and the previous Institutional Outreach and Sustainability Coordinator of Southville International School and Colleges.

Jude contributes to this network of leaders by using environmental education to engage education stakeholders and the wider community from creating campaigns on plastic pollution, training emerging student leaders in Southeast Asia to engaging teachers around the country on

integrating Climate Change and Environment Education in their respective curriculums. "The EE 30 Under 30 Community exemplifies diversity and learning which will allow us to exchange ideas with other environmental educators, scale up our initiatives, and learn from the stories of community empowerment," said Jude.

As EE 30 Under 30, these exceptional young leaders in EE will not only create change in their communities but also inspire and mentor others with their commitment to meaningful change. The Class of 2023 will join the global EE 30 Under 30 community of passionate and forward-thinking leaders and will receive ongoing support through networking, peer mentoring, global recognition, grant opportunities, and professional development.

Since 2016, NAAEE's EE 30 Under 30 program has recognized 241 individuals from 47 countries who are making a difference through environmental education. This program is made possible by the NAAEE, the Global Environmental Education Partnership, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Executive Director of NAAEE Judy Braus says, "We are honored to recognize and celebrate young people working at the forefront of environmental and social change. These 31 innovators and influencers are using environmental education and their ingenuity to build healthier and more just communities around the world. Join us in congratulating NAAEE's EE 30 Under 30 Class of 2023!"



Source: North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)

Learn more about Jude in this link: <https://naaee.org/people/jude-russel-ulan-cuntapay>

For more than five decades, the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) has served as the professional association, champion, and backbone organization for the field of environmental education (EE), working with EE professionals across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, as well as globally, to advance environmental literacy and civic engagement to create a more equitable and sustainable future. For more information on NAAEE, visit <https://naaee.org>.

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PNU's Participation in the Project CIPHER and Visit to UC Merced, California

Vic Marie I. Camacho

Associate Professor Vic Marie I. Camacho, from the esteemed Faculty of Science, Technology, and Mathematics at the Philippine Normal University (PNU), proudly represented PNU as a key participant in the exchange visit of Team CIPHER to the University of California Merced, located in Merced, California, USA. This enlightening journey took place from August 18 to 26, 2023.

The collaboration between PNU and the University of the Philippines Diliman – College of Chemical Engineering, under the leadership of Dr. Joey D. Ocon, a distinguished Professor and UP Scientist III, was focused on the Research Project CIPHER. This initiative was generously funded by the Commission on Higher Education – Philippine California Advanced Research Institutes (CHED-PCARI).

During this educational sojourn, orchestrated with precision by Prof. Abel Chuang, a series of activities awaited the participants. These activities encompassed a visit to the Thermal and Electrochemical Energy Laboratory (TEEL) at the School of Engineering, University of California Merced, where venerable professors expounded upon their cutting-edge research endeavors. Additionally, there were comprehensive discussions on the ongoing research and development efforts within the scope of the CIPHER project. Participants also received hands-on training in fuel cell station operation and testing, further enhancing their expertise. An exciting facet of this expedition involved active participation in the preparation of collaborative research publications centered around the project's themes.

Prof. Camacho delivered a captivating presentation during the Joint Research Workshop alongside esteemed faculty and researchers from UP Diliman and UCM.

Furthermore, as an extension of this enriching study tour, a forthcoming workshop is scheduled to be held at PNU. This workshop will cater to pre-service science teachers, in-service science teachers, and Higher Education Institution Science professors. These dedicated participants will gain invaluable insights into the latest developments in the realm of energy topics, alongside the esteemed CIPHER Team from UP Diliman.



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Participants watch a demonstration on fuel cell station operation and testing.



The CIPHER Team headed by Dr. Joey Ocon (far right) and facilitated by Prof. Abel Chuang of UC Merced (2nd from right) and Prof. Camacho (4th fr right).



Participants exchange ideas and insights.

OSASS HOLDS PRE-EMPLOYMENT WEBINAR FOR PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS

Sheila Marie P. Dela Peña

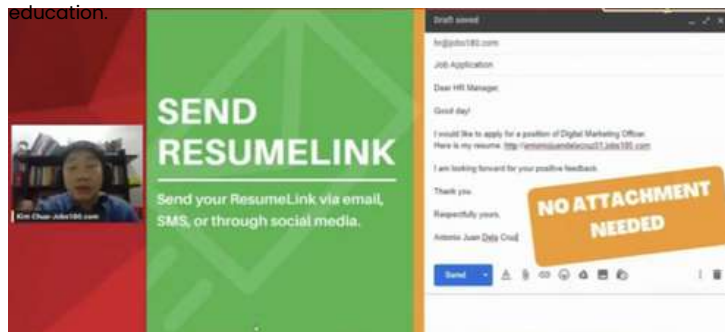
Manila, Philippines – The Philippine Normal University, through the Office of Student Affairs and Student Services (OSASS), conducted its annual Pre-Employment Webinar on August 11, 2023. The webinar provided aspiring graduates with invaluable insights into career readiness and realities.



Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, Vice President for Academics, opened the Pre-Employment Webinar with an inspiring welcome message.

The first part of the event was hosted by the leading job portal, Jobs180.com. Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, Vice President for Academics, opened the program with an important message to the participants. She invited the audience, particularly the graduating students, to listen intently as the webinar featured insights and strategies that would be helpful as they entered the workforce. The main presentation commenced with Mr. Kim Chua, Managing Director of Jobs180.com, who discussed the advantages of using ResumeLink, a digital portfolio that job applicants can use as a curriculum vitae. According to him, Jobs180.com ensures privacy as the account holder decides what information can be shared and with whom. Other benefits include a shorter hiring process, cost efficiency, and accessibility.

For the second talk, Mr. Patrick Stevens, Talent Acquisition Consultant of Manulife IT Delivery, discussed how applicants can prepare for their job interviews, including guidance on dressing up and responding to basic interview questions. This was followed by Ms. Mariel December Palomares, a Senior Associate in Talent Attraction and Talent Acquisition at Ernst & Young Philippines, who shared how individuals can develop financial literacy through her presentation titled "Guide to Achieve Financial Freedom." Ms. Palomares emphasized that as soon as an employee starts earning, they should prioritize insurance and investments instead of accumulating debts. She also encouraged the audience to establish a "happy fund" to enjoy the rewards of their work. Lastly, Mr. Robert Chua Pangilinan, General Manager/Managing Director of ACTS Achi & Ahia, discussed how those working in academia can become innovative leaders in the field of education.



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Mr. Kim Chua explained the edge of using ResumeLink when applying to schools and companies.

In the afternoon, social welfare agencies such as the Social Security System (SSS), Home Development Mutual Fund (also known as Pag-IBIG), and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) conducted an orientation program. They explained the registration process and the benefits they offer their members. Four scholars from the Linking Standards and Quality Service (LiSQuP), who are also doing internships at OSASS, collaborated to facilitate an interactive session with the audience with a focus on identifying ways to remain mentally tough and resilient while searching for a job or progressing in a career. In one of the sharing segments,

a 4th year student from BFE-4, Maria Janine U. Macion, initially expressed anxiety about finding a job since classes already started in most schools. She added that she participated in the PNU Career Fair held on August 4 and 5, 2023 where she received a job offer. Given this experience, she extended her gratitude to the University for organizing such an event and providing valuable training.

Dr. Teresita T. Rungduin, Dean of OSASS, officially closed the program. She encouraged participants to continuously pursue personal and professional growth and reminded them to uphold the teachings and values they have learned from Inang Pamantasan. These teachings would serve as the foundation for reflecting values and skills in their work and lives outside the University. Qualities such as resilience, courage, love, critical thinking, collaboration, and understanding are important to exemplify to thrive in the world of work.

The webinar was conducted via Zoom and Facebook Live. The event was attended by 190 participants consisting of graduating students from various undergraduate degrees, BSMA Psychology and Counseling, interested third-year students, and LiSQuP Counselors-in-Training at OSASS.



Mr. Patrick Stevens responds to questions about what can happen during job interviews.



Ms. December Palomares stressed the importance of financial management as soon as one finds employment.



Mr. Robert Chua Pangilinan reminded the pre-service teachers that leading by example is an effective approach to motivating students and colleagues.

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Ms. Donnabel Adolfo, IV-10 BSSE, shared her key takeaways from the talks.



Mr. Forty T. Remandeman, Senior Communications Analyst, Member Education Department of SSS responded to SSS related-inquiries read to him from the chat box.



Ms. Ma. Clarizar J. Magluyan, Marketing Specialist, HDMF Intramuros Branch, introduced the Pag-IBIG services and benefits available to its members.



LISQuP Scholars and Counselors-in-Training, Mr. Jerikho De Jesus, Ms. Cecilia Ponce, Ms. Lodjean Pama, and Ms. Mary Judith Cuevas facilitated an interactive session with the audience that focused on improving resilience and mental toughness while job seeking and at work.



Dr. Teresita T. Rungduin, Dean of OSASS, gave the closing remarks to the full-day event.

PNU Collaborates with DOST-NCR and DepEd-NCR in Training Teachers on Earth Sciences

Brando C. Palomar



FSTEM Associate Dean Dr. Palomar, STSC Head and Project Leader Dr. Sia-Pastor, and Project co-leader Mr. Pelgone were awarded a plaque of appreciation by DOST-NCR.

The DOST-NCR proudly presented the Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week under the captivating theme, "Siyensiya, Teknolohiya, at Inobasyon: Kabalikatan sa Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na Kinabukasan."

The grand opening ceremony took place on August 30, 2023, at the Samsung Hall of SM Aura Premier. This event was marked by the unveiling of diverse exhibitions and the launch of several groundbreaking projects, all of which were realized through collaborative efforts involving the DOST Regional Office, various industries, local government units (LGUs), and esteemed academic institutions.

One project, prominently featured during the event, was the capacity-building initiative for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) educators in the NCR. This program, conducted in partnership with DepEd-NCR, unfolded from August 8 to 11, 2023. The program saw the participation of 50 educators, who underwent comprehensive training conducted by distinguished speakers from DOST PHIVOLCS, PAGASA, and experts from Philippine Normal University. The participants were also granted the invaluable opportunity to visit the offices of DOST PHIVOLCS and PAGASA, offering them a firsthand glimpse into the intricacies of monitoring various natural hazards.

The esteemed Faculty of Science, Technology, and Mathematics (FSTEM), represented by Associate Dean Dr. Brando C. Palomar, STSC Head and Project Leader Dr. Shila Rose Sia-Pastor, and Project Co-Leader Alfons Jayson O. Pelgone, graced the opening program with their presence. In recognition of their significant contribution to this endeavor, they were presented with a plaque of appreciation from DOST-NCR. In return, DOST-NCR received draft copies of the initial activities produced during the training.

The project's second phase, which focuses on mentoring the teacher-participants, is scheduled to commence in November 2023, promising further strides in advancing STEM education in the region.



PNU-InVoLB Proceeds with in-person Capacity Building 2023

Capacity building day 1

Angel Mae Y. Decipulo and Josef Vincent P. Reyes



Philippine Normal University International Leaders' Body (PNU-InVoLB), together with the Linkages and International Office (LIO), organized this year's capacity building on September 11 to 13 at Hotel Lucky Chinatown.

The event aims to amplify the knowledge and skills of the student-leaders from PNU-InVoLB and be more responsive to the promotion of the university's internationalization efforts.

The theme, "ReVoLVE: Reigniting Volunteerism and Leadership through Visionary Empowerment," marks the first day of a three-day agenda of the event with words of wisdom from the director of Linkages and International Office, Mr. Bryan C. Dayuta.

A part-time faculty member of Geography at the Philippine Normal University-Manila, Prof. Timothy James Cipriano, started the lecture workshops by highlighting the significance and impact of understanding the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) from a historical and geographic perspective.

PNU-InVoLB's international ambassadors were inspired and taught to take cultural awareness and sensitivity into consideration while communicating with foreign nationals and constituents at future events hosted by the university.

Mr. Allen Taclas, a digital creator of IMAHE by anonymous tale, conducted another lecture workshop on video documentation and editing. Technical concepts from the discussion were emphasized in a comprehensive question-and-answer session with the participants of the organization.

The introduction of newly elected officers in the organization, along with the promotion of probationary members and reallocation of committees, concluded the first day of the capacity building in 2023.

Revamping Service for A Better Future

Capacity building day 2

Christine A. Rivera

PNU International Volunteers and Leaders' Body (PNU-InVoLB) resumed their extensive training and deliberated the organization's constitution of 2023 on the second day of capacity building 2023.

A thorough lecture about the organization's constitution was spearheaded by the Linkages and International Office's Director and PNU-InVoLB's Adviser, Mr. Bryan Dayuta. Followed by a group discourse, with each committee focusing on a specific article and dissecting details that need improvement and further revision.

During the open discussion on the articles, assigned committees imparted suggestions for the betterment of the constitution. PNU-InVoLB's international ambassadors were subsequently introduced to and trained on the functions and work assignments of their designated committees through a workshop led by their respective chairpersons.

In the last part of the event, a presentation of plans by each committee in furtherance of the organization took place. This was to state how each committee will help the organization achieve its goals for inclusivity and internationalization.

The second day of capacity building has been fruitful. The members learned a lot in terms of understanding the focus and goals of the organization and, at the same time, honed their skills in excelling in their respective committees.



PNU-InVoLB deemed a remarkable end for a three-day Capacity Building 2023

Capacity building day 3

Samantha G. Honrado



The highlight of the three-day Capacity Building 2023 of the PNU International Volunteers and Leaders' Body (PNU-InVoLB) was a team-building activity that was intended for the third day of the event with the theme "Passing the Torch: Thorough, Objective, Responsible, Competent, and Honorable Leadership."

The purpose of the team-building activity was for everyone to get to know each other, especially the new members of the organization.

The event began with a recap from the selected student-leaders of the organization, followed by the introduction of the title of the game "House of Cup 2023", which is a Harry Potter-inspired team-building activity facilitated by the core officers.

The games, called Hogwarts Legacy Puzzle, Wingardium LevioASSA, The Magic Jar, Catch the Snitch, Deathly MalloWS, Horcrux Hunt, and DumbleDRAW challenged the quick thinking and unity of the volunteers. Of the four houses, the House of Gryffindor won as they were able to ace the activities.

For PNU-InVoLB, Capacity Building was a successful and noteworthy event, as it was the part where each individual welcomed a new horizon for the organization. Lastly, the event was concluded with an inspirational message by the outgoing president of the organization, Ms. Kayla Angelica Esguerra, and closing remarks by Mr. Bryan Dayuta, director of Linkages and International Office.

PNU Career Fair 2023: Bridging Opportunities and Aspirations for PNU Students and Alumni

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Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, VPURA, and Dr. Teresita T. Rungduin, OSASS Dean led the opening of the University Career Fair with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Office of Student Affairs and Student Services (OSASS) hosted the University Career Fair last August 4 and 5, 2023 at the Edilberto P. Dagot Hall. The fair provides a platform for student and alumni applicants to connect with employers, hiring managers, or administrators from academic institutions and other companies that provide services related to education, teaching, coaching, training, and tutorials.

Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, VP for University Relations and Advancement, and Dr. Teresita T. Rungduin, Dean of OSASS led the opening of the University Career Fair with a ribbon cutting ceremony. In his opening remarks, VP Vergara emphasized that professional growth entails widening horizons and exploring ventures that would happen once the graduating students enter the workforce.

An impressive lineup of 35 academic institutions and companies, such as Ateneo De Manila University, Enderun Colleges, Southville International School and Colleges, Asian Institute of Management, Don Bosco Technical Institute- Makati, Prulife UK and Autism Partnership Philippines to name a few, joined the fair.

The two-day event drew a total of 150 student and alumni applicants who were eager to explore career opportunities while impressing their potential employers with their professional competencies. Meaningful interactions occurred between applicants and employers, where employers shared their current job openings and interviewed interested student applicants.

As the career fair came to a close, many participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity. Some applicants even secured job interviews, scheduled teaching demonstrations, and got hired on-the-spot, showcasing the immediate impact of the event. Ms. Roze Jasmin Reyes, a IV- BEE student, expressed her appreciation of the event, "I was able to find schools that were looking for English majors and were also located near my place. The career fair helped me find my match, whose mission is aligned with my own, which is to contribute to the betterment and transformation of the lives of young Filipinos through teaching language and literature." Meanwhile, one employer commented, "The accommodations provided during the event were excellent, and their responsiveness to our inquiries, and they are also prompt in answering and assisting us if there are concerns. Meanwhile, it might also be good to consider increasing the number of invited students for the job fair."



The Social Security System Team assisted participants in account registration and membership verification.

The PNU Career Fair 2023 demonstrated the university's commitment to nurturing innovative educators and preparing them for professional development. By providing a platform for students to engage with employers and gain real-world insights, the OSASS continues to advocate for students' career development through purposeful and productive events and activities. The success of this event became possible through the help of the Seniors' Committee A.Y. 2022-23, with its main representative, Jeremy Aira Castrillo IV-10 BSSE, and through the steadfast support of Dir. Helen Advincula of the University Library, Prof. John Natividad, Director of the Facilities Management and Sustainability Services Office (FMSS), Dir. Jenny Malitao of the Administrative Services Office (AS), University Vice Presidents, Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, Dr. Jose M. Ocampo, Jr, and University President, Dr. Bert J. Tuga.



The Academic and Industry Partners prepared for their potential applicants.



A student-applicant (left) having an interview with a recruitment staff from Enderun Colleges (right).

HR Representative from Asian Institute of Management (left) shared the career opportunities they offer to interested student-applicants (right).



THERE IS A NEW WAY TO HANDLE AND MANAGE EVENTS

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Handling and managing events is a rigorous and significant task. It requires planning, time management, and the right skillset in organizing an event face-to-face or virtual. With that, the University Events Management and Public Relations Office organized a seminar entitled "UPSKILLING Training for Supervision and Managing Events" on September 11-13 2023, at PNU Audio Visual Theater, E.P. Dagot Hall Library Building. In line with that, we have invited key speakers from Red Root Artists and Artisans Multi-Purpose Cooperative to shed light and impart wisdom on managing and organizing events.



PNU employees showcased their output for the upskilling activity.

Highly Efficient Teams

For a particular team to be efficient, it should have members that develop an eye-catching trait or character that would fill up the role and demands of the team and reach its goal with efficiency.

Companies nowadays are getting diverse and some of the events are vastly upgrading. Therefore having a dynamic personnel that could provide all the essentials for the team's needs is a vital key in team building. With that, Mr. Mark Christian Villarin, Vice Chairperson, Red Root Artist and Artisans Multi-Purpose Cooperative gave a brief talk on how to produce high-performing teams for events.

To illustrate this topic further, he provided an activity that would distinguish how a person would fit into a certain role by determining their strengths and weaknesses. He also provided insights into essential factors such as team diversity, team size, traits of high-performing teams, clear goals, leadership, communication, trust and respect, managing conflict, diversity, and heterogeneity. He also discussed the System 7 model which is a framework that represents and emphasizes the importance of having at least one or two skill sets, duplicating highly trained people, and having a backup plan.

To wrap up, Mr. Villarin made a wonderful point, which states "Before everything starts, make sure that once you create a team there should be leveling off so that each key member can function and command in accordance to their current role and not based on the hierarchy from your organizational structure. Establishing a team is a big task but when you apply the dynamics to it the possibilities are endless!

Managing conflict, understanding strengths and weaknesses, proper communication, building trust and respect, and having a clear goal make a team more efficient.

-Mark Christian G. Villarin

Emerging Events into One

With the emergence of technological advancement, events can be modified and reach a wider scope audience and they can be accessible to anyone, anytime and anywhere by a simple click or through an app anyone can jump into an event even at the confines of their own space.

Hybrid events are a sustainable way of creating events. More people are getting hooked on organizing and establishing events in a hybrid setup.

In line with this, Red Root Artists and Artisans Multi-Purpose Cooperative Chief Technology Officer Mr. Francis Roderick Villarin shed light on how to produce hybrid events and the types of equipment used in organizing one. He briefly explains the difference between physical, virtual, and hybrid events. Also, he showed the essential equipment used in producing hybrid events and explained its function.

To provide a clearer picture, Mr. Villarin gave an activity on producing a hybrid event. This activity gave participants a clear view and perspective in planning, organizing, and executing a hybrid event. This simulation includes the execution, and checking of audio, using application software for a hybrid event.

Through this seminar, the participants learned that organizing hybrid events can be a daunting task. But if everyone has proper knowledge on utilizing the equipment with their function. Anyone can run a hybrid event smoothly with unlimited possibilities!

It's important to know the equipment and its functions in organizing Hybrid Events.

-Mr. Francis Roderick Villarin



PNU employees' hands-on experience on utilizing event equipment.



PNU employees prepare for the upskilling activity.

Blend and Arranged: Principles of Designs

Having an eye-catching design is an effective way of enticing people to get involved in your event. Thus, designs are a great marketing scheme for promoting events.

Designs play a vital role in event promotion. The greater the design the more people are enticed to join your event. These are the things discussed by Ms. Teresa Paula Gile, CEO of Red Root Artists and Artisans Multi-Purpose Cooperative.

According to her, to come up with a great one must consider the following: design principles, components such as balance, contrast, emphasis, rhythm, repetition, movement, font pairings, font hierarchy, position, and alignment. She explained that once you blend these elements into one you can come out with a design that is dynamic and would be a great marketing tool to get people hooked on your event.

To provide a real feeling of creating designs for events, Ms. Gile provided an activity that allows everyone to create designs for a specific event that requires the composition of the elements and principles she discussed. During the course of the activity, participants learned that proper composition and arrangement of a design can be attractive and elegant. After the activity, she also showed one of the projects they made which is a virtual museum that would give you a real feel of the museum being featured as it provides details and facts and you can even play songs. She also shared the application she used to come up with that virtual museum.

Everyone has creative juices and it's just a matter of arranging and putting everything into perspective to come up with a beautiful design. Once you blend everything in a nutshell your design will go a long way!

Blending elements, arranging designs, and knowing the right principles can give you greater output in designing your event collaterals.

-Ms. Teresa Paula Gile