

## BSU is top performing in Nurse Licensure Examination

Benguet State University (BSU) ranked 4<sup>th</sup> among the top performing schools in the Nurse Licensure Examination held on November 17-18, 2018.

There were 56 examinees who passed the examination earning BSU a passing rate of 94.92% which is higher than the national passing rate of 39.99%.

In the past six years, the University has been consistently among the top five performing nursing schools in the Philippines.

"BSU has established a strong caliber in Nursing since all of our graduates are efficient and competent and those who continued in the profession are successful in their practice,"

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## Faculty and students reap awards in various tilts

Benguet State University (BSU) excelled in its four-fold function as faculty and students took home several awards and recognitions from different contests and award-giving bodies.

For research, Bernard C. Tad-awan, David Sumalang, Joel S. Acyapas, Johnwayne Tosay, Luis Calama and Marjoe S. Salavaria won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for their oral presentation of the paper "Shiitake Production Technology as component of Arabica-Based Agroforestry in the Cordillera" during the 30<sup>th</sup> National Research Symposium held at Philippine International Convention Center on November 7-8, 2018.

Under instruction, Belinda A. Tad-awan was awarded as Outstanding

Teacher (Higher Education Institution) during the 2018 Division Search for Best Performing Schools and Outstanding Teaching, Teaching-Related and Non-Teaching Personnel.

During the celebration of the 118<sup>th</sup> Benguet Foundation Day, College of Arts and Sciences Gregorio C. Taag, was one of the recipients of the Benguet Leadership Award. This award aims to give tribute to the unsung and ordinary Filipino citizens and organizations whose services

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Dr. Andrew A. Macalma, one of the speakers during the Corporate Values and Social Responsibility Year-End Experiental Learning: Reflecting, Giving and Merry-Making on December 19, 2018 challenged the employees to think of a strategy to survive in the moon.

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#### **Benguet State University**

#### **VISION**

A PREMIER UNIVERSITY delivering world-class education that promotes sustainable development amidst climate change

#### **MISSION**

To provide quality education to enhance food security, sustainable communities, industry innovation, climate resilience, gender equality, institutional development and partnerships

#### **CORE VALUES (SLIDES)**

Student-centered
Leadership
Integrity
Diversity
Efficiency
Service

#### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

- Goal I. To develop proactive programs to ensure relevant quality education Objectives:
  - 1. To benchmark curricular and co-curricular programs with national and international standards
  - 2. To develop alternative learning experiences to enhance skills that match industry needs
  - 3. To develop innovative and relevant curricular and co-curricular programs
  - 4. To enhance proactive student welfare and development programs
- Goal II. To develop proactive programs for quality service

Objectives:

- 1. To enhance relevant human resource development programs
- 2. To develop effective and efficient innovative platforms for cascading information
- 3. To enhance and develop employee welfare programs
- **Goal III.** To enhance responsive systems and procedures for transparent institutional development

Objectives:

- 1. To enhance and develop innovative financial management systems
- 2. To ensure transparency in all transactions in the university
- 3. To ensure inclusive and consultative decision making
- Goal IV. To develop relevant and gender sensitive research and extension programs for institutional development, sustainable communities, climate resilience, industry innovation, and partnerships

Objectives:

- 1. To develop relevant multimedia tools in disseminating technology, knowledge and information generated from RDE programs
- 2. To develop relevant RDE activities that will address current problems and support cultural advocacy  $\,$
- 3. To partner with strategic local, regional, national and international entities
- Goal V. To strengthen and expand public-private partnership
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  - 1. Sustain and pursue functional University-relation with the alumni and other organizations both in the government and non-government entities
  - 2. To strengthen the linkage among academe, industries, LGUs and community

\*Board of Regents Approved Resolution #2494, s. 2016.

Revised Quality Policy: Board Resolution #2736, s. 2018

"Benguet State University is continuously committed to improve its Quality management System, satisfy requirements of relevant interested parties and provide excellent service for quality education and innovative research aligned with sustainable development and client satisfaction."

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#### BSU FACULTY AND STUDENTS... FROM PAGE 1

contribute to the country's development priorities.

Likewise, Islay Erika A. Bomogao, a Grade 12 student of BSU- Secondary Laboratory School was given a plaque of recognition as an Outstanding Student Leadership Award in celebration of 118<sup>th</sup> Benguet Foundation Day. The province of Benguet affirms her extraordinary endeavors and pioneering efforts in her passion, determination and commitment to excellence.

Mt. Breeze and Ang Tulay, the official English and Filipino publications of BSU-Secondary Laboratory School (SLS) also bagged awards during the 2018-2019 Regional Press Conference. Mt. Breeze ranked 5<sup>th</sup> place for its Sports Page. Ang Tulay, also landed on the 5<sup>th</sup> spot in the Best Paper Page Category for its Pahinang Agham at Teknolohiya.

Ang Tulay writer Crael Lawa won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the "Pagwawasto at Pag-uulo ng Balita" contest while Mt. Breeze writer Nicole Cayambas got 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Feature Writing contest.

Lawa will compete for the National Schools Press Conference which will be held in Lingayen, Pangasinan on January 28 to February 1, 2019.

"For the national press conference, we instruct the students to be updated and read on the current events and issues, we also they are well-trained and ready," said Agustin R. Nang-is adviser of Mt. Breeze.

Moreover, The Mountain Collegian, the official student publication of BSU raked 16 group awards and 18 individual awards during the 20<sup>th</sup> Regional Higher Education Press Conference.

Aside from writing, BSU also excelled in sports. During the Benguet Provincial Athletic Meet, BSU ranked 4<sup>th</sup> over-all with 28 golds, 38 silver, and 35 bronze.

In addition, BSU Glee Club won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Saniweng Songfest 2018 on December 16, 2018 at University Gymnasium hosted by University of the Philippines Baguio.

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The Children's Joy Foundation, Inc. and Benguet United Massage Therapist Organization of the Visually Impaired (BUMTOVI) filled the BSU gymnasium the spirit of Christmas as they sing Christmas songs during the Corporate Values and Social Responsibility Year-End Experiential Learning: Reflecting, Giving and Merry-Making on December 19, 2018.

A total of more than Php24,000 were collected from the employees. The collected were given to the beneficiaries. • MLPayangdo



Benguet State University celebrated its 32<sup>nd</sup> Charter Anniversary

BSU althletes contributed 13 medals to Cordillera Administrative Region in the SCUAA Games

BSU La Trinidad unveiled the Centennial Marker at the University Library



BSU co-hosted First Cordillera Weavers Forum

BSU and DOST launched Food Innovation Center

BSU-GAD and CCA hosted the 11th Luzon Tanghal Theatre

9 students of Saimitsuksa and Suupawit School in Thailand completed the Intercultural Communication Program of BSU-ILC







AACCUP conducted a preliminary survey visit for for BS Hospitality Management and Master of Library and Information Science

BSU Bokod and Buguias underwent AACCUP survey visit for the first time

21 Mayors and Health Officers graduated from the Municipal Leadership and Governance Program of Open University

BSU hosted the first InnoTAL Project Meeting

Softball women and Football Men team won in the 31st Season of Baguio-Benguet Athlete League

Mountain Collegian champed in Filipino Feature Writing and ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in Editorial English during the 17<sup>th</sup> Luzon Higher Education Press Conference

BSU Alumna Jackie Lynn Angayen (BSAS Batch 2016) won Ms. La Trinidad 2018

Dr. Imelda O. Degay is the new BSU-La Trinidad Faculty President

BSU confirmed a total of 1, 652 graduates (85 in Buguias and 68 in Bokod)

AACCUP revisited the BS in Nursing and BS in Agriculture for Level IV Phase II Accreditation

BSU won most medals during the Association of State Colleges and Universities- Solid North Olympics

19 alumni and faculty passed the Environmental Planner Licensure Exam

27 passed the Agriculturists Licensure Examination





There were 115 Junior and 322 Senior High graduates.

BSU paper win awards at the 50<sup>th</sup> Pest Management Council in the Philippines, Inc. Annual Scientific Conference and 18<sup>th</sup> Conference of Nature Studies and Innovations for the Environment

BSU Vice President for Research and Extension Dr. Carlito P. Laurean received an Achievement Award from Philippine Society of Soil Science and Technology Inc.

**Source: Shamag Publication** 

# BSU graduate received Outstanding Nutrition and Dietetics (Student Award) Two BSU graduates nominated as the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines

BSU Online Journal System launched in the world wide web

Three BSU student athletes bagged 3 bronze medals in Muay Thai in Pattaya, Thailand

BSU graduates ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Licensure Exam

31 alumni passed Veterinary Medicine Licensure Exam, 32 alumni passed the Nutritionist-Dieticians Licensure Exam

45 research papers were recognized in CorCAARRD Regional Symposium

BSU and PCAARRD launched four books on Organic Production of Carrot, Cabbage, Garden Pea, and Potato in the Highlands authored by Dr. Carlito P. Laurean, Darwin A. Basquial, Asuncion L. Nagpala, Jocelyn C. Perez, Belinda A. Tad-awan and Luciana M. Villanueva

BSU students excelled in Buwan ng Wika celebration by winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in Isahang at dalawahang pag-awit, Harana, and Dad-at under the singing category

10 Indonesian student teachers deployed in BSU

BSU becomes Top Performing School in the Librarian Licensure Exam

Arlyn O. Bayeng, (BLIS Batch 2018) ranked 9th place in the Librarian Licensure exam

21 retirees received plaque of Appreciation and gold watches for their years of service

61 alumni passed Forester Licensure Exam

Office of Extension Services launched 9
Knowledge Products

Open University produced 18 graduates of Municipal Leadership and Governance Program.











BSU hauled 6 golds, 1 silver, 6 bronze medals at the 109<sup>th</sup> Baguio Day Charter National Arnis Championships 2018

BSU CHET bagged bronze medal in the Grand Finals of the National Food Showdown on October 25-28, 2018 at Elements, Elton Centris, Quezon City

BSU CHET hauled 2 silver, 8 bronze medals and 5 diplomas in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism week

11 research recognized in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Student Research congress in Kalinga State University

11 medals won in the 5<sup>th</sup> Philippine Sports Commission Women's Martial Arts Festival. 3 golds, 4 silver, 4 bronze medals

Students from Saimit Thailand finished their English Language Program for Individual Advancement at International Language Center

BSU received ISO 9001:2015 certification

Four BSU research won best paper in CorCAARRD

CAS celebrated 35th Anniversary

Noemi C. Tagudar is the new BSU auditor of Commission on Audit

BSU-on-Air radio segment "Saludsod Mo, Sungbatak" won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 12<sup>th</sup> Bright Leaf Agriculture Journalism Award in the Best Agriculture Radio Program or Segment

Master of Science in Agribusiness Management underwent AACCUP Level III-Phase I accreditation

The 7th National Agroforestry Congress was held in BSU

BS in Forestry underwent AACCUP Level IV-Phase I accreditation

BSU dominated the Cordillera Association of State Universities and Colleges Athletic Games and Arts Festival

BSU graduate Alladin Bañes, (BSAB Batch 2018) ranked 57th as national finalist in the ten outstanding student in the Philippines

BSU alumnus Glen Laoyan, (BEE Batch 2017) crowned as Mr. Benguet 2018

> BSU ranked 4<sup>th</sup> as top performing school in Nursing Examination









BSU colleges and institutes simultaneously held various seminars for faculty and students on December 14, 2018. The topics ranged from disaster prevention, Christianity, Violence Against Women (VAW) among others. The simultaneous seminars hope to enhance positive public service, values, moral renewal and strengthen integrity among personnel. This is in line with the ISO 9001: 2015 quality policy which accentuates providing quality service for quality education and innovative research calling for the need to enhance employee's and student's values in dealing with each others.

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said College of Nursing Dean, Doris S. Natividad.

She added that the college holds to the belief that all of the graduates can pass this year's nursing licensure examination.

"The results show that BSU-Nursing is worthy of receiving the recognition as a top performing school nationwide once again. We look forward to sustaining the recognition by: having a high standard on accepting nursing students; the faculty, regardless of their job status must keep improving their knowledge and teaching skills; and guide, hone and prepare the graduates the best way we can," she

continued.

Natividad encouraged the next takers to have a high confidence with the knowledge and skills they acquired in their years of nursing practice.

Meanwhile, in the Licensure Examination Teachers held on September 2018 BSU La Trinidad (Elementary Teachers) earned a 51.05% passing rate which is higher than the national passing rate of 20.29%. For the secondary teachers, BSU La Trinidad earned 75.97%, BSU Buguias with 40.58% and BSU Bokod with 35.08% passing rates.

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Atty. Matias Angiwan discusses the Freedom of Information (FOI) at the Gladiola Hall on December 12, 2018.

"It is the fundamental right of the people to access information but there are limitations," said Angiwan.

The seminar on Freedom of Information gives emphasis and clarity as to what information should be released to the public and be kept confidential. •MLPayangdo



In a forum-seminar about procurement on November 26 organized by the Human Resource Development Office (HRDO) together with the Procurement Management Office (PMO), I asked the participants, "Do you consider procurement a problem?" From the reactions, I gathered that nobody agreed that procurement is a problem. And indeed, that should be the case as procurement is a very necessary activity in the day-to-day operations of any organization or entity.

It was different when a questionnaire survey was distributed to the participants asking to rate the extent of problems related to procurements in the university. The possible problems listed on the questionnaire was drawn from a study some years ago by the Government **Procurement Policy Board** on the predicaments in procurement despite the implementation of RA 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act (GPRA) for over a decade already and the continuous enhancement by way of circulars and the evolution of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). The possible problems can be classified in general terms as those involving the internal procurement processes, budgeting issues, planning, leadership or the procurement organization, varying interpretations of rules not only of the GPRA and its IRR but including government accounting and audit regulations, concerns regarding procurement personnel, and matters relating to potential suppliers. The extents to which these were

experienced in the university were rated in a scale of one to four, one as the rarest and four as very frequent.

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The result showed that to the participant perceive that these problems are happening either in the scale of 2 or 3 with adjectival descriptions of "rarely" and "occasionally" happening respectively. The problems with the highest extent of occurrence as perceived by those who responded to survey are, "delays in approval of procurement document," "too many signatories involved in procurement activities," "technical specifications of items purchased are not complied with by supplier," "lengthy review processes of goods to be procured," "realignment of funds," "different interpretation of accounting and audit rules," "late submission of Purchase Request," "timelines in procurement are not strictly followed," "poor assessment of projects or goods before the procurement process starts," and "unforeseen projects implemented by management." All these have been rated as occasionally

happening.

The chief of the Procurement Management Office, Ms. Arsenia Bavawa, commented that these could indeed be taking place. She cites that process from purchase request to the abstract of quotations/ bids, to the purchase order, needs at least a dozen signatories. The taking of the signatures may take time as they are from different units in the university. On the issue of technical specifications. she says that sometimes end-users do not indicate the proper specifications which are only known when the item is already delivered by the supplier. An example is on the purchase of a machine wherein the end-user would have wanted one that is electricpowered but only the term "heavy duty" was prominent in the specifications. The supplier soon delivered a manual machine which was rejected because it was not the desired specs of the enduser. She was quick to point out though that instances like this are to a great extent the responsibility of the end-user as they are part of planning process together

with forecasting the needed procurements by a particular unit for each year, and the allocation of proper budgets. On the other hand, the issues perceived to be least occurring in the university are the "late submission of PPMP," "lack of skilled manpower to take care of procurement activities," "delayed submission of APP," "no bidders due to high cost of bidding documents," "possibility of admin charges due to violations of procurement law," "an absence of procurement plans." These are rated as "rarely" happening in the university. The results indicated that there will be issues to address in the university's procurement activities. And these are not for PMO or the procurement organizations (BAC, BAC Secretariat, and TWG) alone to address but also other units of the university. Some of the problems were perceived to be rarely which is a good mark for the university that always strives for improvement in its activities, through continuous apprising the university personnel on procurement matters.



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### ACADEMIC CALENDAR SECOND SEMESTER S.Y. 2018-2019

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| ACTIVITIES  | 2ND SEMESTER          |
|---|-----------------------|
| LAST DAY OF WITHDRAWAL OF ENROLLMENT WITH REFUND  | FEBRUARY 8, 2019      |
| MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS   | MARCH 11 - 16, 2019   |
| DEADLINE OF APPLICATION FOR EVALUATION FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS  | MARCH 15, 2019        |
| START OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR FINAL EXAM CLEARANCE   | APRIL 22, 2019        |
| FINAL EXAMINATION: LABORATORY CLASSES   | MAY 6 — 10, 2019      |
| FINAL EXAMINATION: LECTURE CLASSES  | MAY 13 - 17, 2019     |
| FINAL EXAMINATION: GRADUATE SCHOOL *  | MAY 11, 2019          |
| SEMESTRAL/SUMMER BREAK OF STUDENTS - SEMESTRAL BREAK  | MAY 20 — JUNE 9, 2019 |
| LAST DAY OF ENCODING OF GRADE IN THE ENROLLMENT SYSTEM *  | MAY 25, 2019          |
| DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION OF COMPLETION GRADES FOR FIRST SEMESTER,<br>S.Y. 2017-2018*                        | MAY 25, 2019          |
| DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION OF HARD COPIES OF GRADES TO THE OUR INCLUDING THESIS/DISSERTATION GRADE            | MAY 31, 2019          |
| DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS BY GRADUATING STUDENTS (INCLUDING BOUND COPIES OF MANUSCRIPT) | MAY 31, 2019          |
| COLLEGE RESEARCH CONGRESS   | MAY 27 — 28, 2019     |
| UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CONGRESS  | MAY 29 - 30, 2019     |
| COLLEGE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING TO ENDORSE CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION                                     | JUNE 5, 2019          |
| UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING TO ENDORSE CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION                                  | JUNE 7, 2019          |
| ACHIEVEMENT AND RECOGNITION DAY (MAIN CAMPUS)   | JUNE 18, 2019         |
| COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: BUGUIAS, BOKOD & LA TRINIDAD CAMPUSES   | JUNE 20-21, 2019      |











