

Commencement exercises held, top grad says 'choose significance and not success'

"I believe it is time for us to leave the pursuit of success and engage in the godly pursuit of significance" advises Alladin A. Banez, Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness and magna cum laude during Benguet State University La Trinidad Campus 93rd Commencement Exercises at the Oval on June 14, 2018.

Bañez started his speech with an allegory of his father, who, despite his background has provided for his family during their hard times.

"Because of him, one of his sons is given the chance to stand in front of you to share a message that he thinks will give you inspiration," expressed Bañez. He also told the graduates that there is a huge difference between success and significance. He said that being significant impacts the lives of the people around us, while success only satisfies the desire of oneself to reach a certain goal, and if that goal is not reached, the desire deepens.

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BSN and BSA attempt AACCUP accreditation for Level 4 Phase 2

The degrees Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA) were revisited by the Accrediting Agency for Chartered Colleges and Universities (AACCUP) for Level 4-Phase 2 accreditation on June 29, 2018. The survey team included: Dr. Manuel T. Corpus, overall coordinator, Dr. Ester L. Mercado for BSA, and Dr. Marylou B. Ong and Dr. Celerino S. Palacio for BSN.

BSA was revisited in the areas of teaching and learning (curriculum) and community service (extension) while BSN was revisited in the areas of research, extension, teaching and learning, international linkages, and quality assurance and planning.

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BSU hosts ASCU - SN Olympics 2018

To promote camaraderie and friendly competition, the Association of State Colleges and Universities – Solid North (ASCU – SN) held its Athletic Olympics on June 19-21, 2018 with Benguet State University as the host venue.

Employees of 22 State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) started the olympics with a parade to the BSU Covered Court and held the opening program with the theme, "Gaining

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Goal I. To develop proactive programs to ensure relevant quality education

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 $1.\!$ 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

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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

Objectives:

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 Resolution # 2736, s. 2018 Approving the revised Quality Policy:

"Benguet State University is committed to provide quality services for excellent education and innovative research towards sustainable development amidst climate change."

Talk to us!





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COACH TO IMPACT. The Institute of Human Kinetics led the International Performance Sciences: Movement Screening and Corrective Exercise Workshops on June 5-7, 2018 at BSU covered court. The workshops aimed to equip and familiarize the participants with entough knowledge in injury prevention and movement assessment. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Timothy Dornemann, Director of Sports Performance and Assistant Professor of Exercise Science at Barton College, USA; Mr. Ryan Elizaga, Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Far Easter University Tamaraws; and Mr. Jose "Totie" Andres, Life Coach at Athletics in Action. //DSEmok



University Alumniand Faculty hurdle Environmental Planning licensure exam; admin mulls possible degree offering

Nineteen alumni and faculty successfully passed the Environmental Planner Licensure Examination on June 6-7, 2018 garnering an overall passing rate of total of 46.15% overall performance surpassing the national passing rate of 39.99%.

The 16 graduates who passed the exam are Rosita Apilis, Domelson Balangen, Mary Bintucan, Alice Busiley, Agusta Challis, Roshield Duguies, Judileen Gayaso, David Lampesa, Abner Lawangen, Fidela Luis, Lester Madino, Jocelyn Martin, Irene Pangpangdeo, Jovelyn Siena, Annalyn Valdez, and Sharmaine Vicente.

The three faculty members who passed the exam are Maricel Guron, Verna Duque-Lacanlale, and Roscinto Ian Lumbres.

According to Duque-Lacanlale of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), Environmental Planning focuses on urban development, on how to situate the commercial state of living to coexist with its environment.

"Ang pinaka trabaho niya, (his/her man job) is to find out the balance between an anthropological activity and the environment,".

She added that this will be the last year that the Philippine Regulatory Board will conduct the examinees Environmental Planning licensure exam.

"In taking the exams, parang doble iyong pressure. Because we had limited time to prepare, and it was our last shot," expressed Duque-Lacanlale.

Maricel Guron, also of CAS, said that it is sad not to consider others from different fields.

"Nakakalungkot isipin na wala

ng chance ang iba, considering na environmental planning is a multisectoral discipline. Kumbaga, there are still a lot of potential environmental planners from different fields," she said.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kenneth A. Laruan, in an interview said that there are few schools who offer the degree, and that they are currently exploring the possibility of offering the degree, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Planning. He said however that there are many factors to consider and one requirement is that the faculty should be a licensed Environmental Planner. This then lead to encourage the faculty members in relation to environmental planning to take the licensure examination.

Laruan however said that one of the factors to consider is the employability of graduates under the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science. DuqueLacanlale added that agencies in the Philippines especially government offices prefer to hire individuals with a license as a quality measure.

"In terms of hiringemployment factor, they would go for the one that has a license. We are in dilemma right now kung paano namin ma-harmonize yung dalawang course na yun," said Duque-Lacanlale.

Guron on the other hand said that the an Ad Hoc committee was created to assess the feasibility of offering the degree within the university.

"Probably in the next days, we will convene to review our position if we are qualified or have now the faculty resources to offer Bachelor of Science in Environment Planning," said Laruan. //MDPenchog



BSU holds 3rd student Research Congress



To provide an avenue for young researchers to present their papers, Benguet State University (BSU) held its 3rd Student Research Congress at the Northern Philippines Root Crops Research Center and Training Center (NPRCRTC) on June 7, 2018.

The presentation of research papers were divided into three categories: Science and Technology Undergraduate category; Social Undergraduate category; and Social Graduate category.

In his opening remarks, Vice President for Research and Extension Carlito P. Laurean commended how BSU has been improving in terms of research that holding its 3rd congress proves its prowess in the field.

"I'm hoping that in the succeeding years, we will have more competitive researches that will be presented in this congress, most especially that we are trying to improve the facilities in our university," Laurean remarked.

Vice President for Administration and Finance John James F. Malamug gave his inspirational message with an allegory of his experience at a Luzon-wide conference.

"Naging feeling naming ng kasama ko... para kaming sumali sa sabong, na ang dala naming ay bibi," joked Malamug.

He said that in his experience, even if their research is equivalent to a *bibi* (duckling) in a cockfight, the *bibi* competes with other

researches aggressively. Malamug expressed that sometimes researchers feel small and insignificant when participating in research conferences against seemingly high-end research papers.

"We are all winners because of the knowledge that we have generated, and the impact the research results that contributed to impacting in our people's lives," expressed Paul Joseph A. Nuval, Master of Ceremonies as response to the inspirational message.

19 papers were presented in the Science and Technology undergraduate category, 18 in the Social undergraduate category, and 9 in the Social graduate category.

Besting the Science and Technology undergraduate category are Donalyn Macaburas, Diostonee A. Balinte and adviser Editha D. Carlos with their research titled "Water Yield of a Fog Harvester as Affected by Mesh Material and Its Orientation"; and Lester Clyde Angel and Joanna Cadao with adviser Mirafel T. Afuyog in their research titled "Design fabrication and Performance Evaluation of a Motorized Cocoon Deflossing



Machine."

Coming in second place is Jimmer John C. Bisaya and adviser Bonie S. Ligat with the research, "Pre-emptive Management Approach of Cofee Berry Borer (Hypothenemus hampei Ferrari) Coleoptera: Curculionidae in Arabica Coffee (Coffee Arabica L.) at Atok, Benguet; and in third place is Winslet J. Ramos with adviser Bernard S. Tad-awan in her paper titled, "Mycelial Growth of Scleroma sp. As affected by Culture Media.

In the Social undergraduate category, grabbing first place are Guerly Joy S. Bab-ating, Kreanjel Lei B. Sibayan, and Chelsea Mae G. Kim with adviser Lawrence G. Caranto in their paper titled, "Living Outside the Bars: Lived Experiences of Family Members of Offenders"; second place is Rojie Mae B. Lorenze with adviser Nora C. Sagayo in her research titled, "Understanding the Practice of Pasuplay System on Vegetable Production in Madaymen, Kibungan, Benguet";

third place is Aurita S. Budikey with adviser Paul Joseph A. Nuval in her paper titled, "Purging the Tunnels: Decision-Making Process of Kabayan Indigenous Peoples Community on Hydro Electric Power Project (HEPP)."

In the Social graduate category, grabbing first place is Joanne B. Aliping with adviser Imelda G. Parcasio in her paper titled, "Training Design Facilitation Framework for Adult Education: An Application of Andragogy"; second place is Jorenz A. Belleza with adviser Esper L. Feliciano in his paper titled, "Multi-grade Intermediate Mathematics Teaching Schemes: The Case of Tublay"; third place is Warren Ambat with adviser Kara S. Panolong in his paper titled, "Mobile Learning and Its Effect to the Performance of Grade 9 Students in Unreal Conditionals.

In her closing remarks, Office of the Extension Services Director Ruth S. Batani thanked all who participated into making the congress a success. //MDPenchog



Research expert capacitates University on publication & journal writing

"Doing and teaching research in the way it counts," said Dr. Roberto C. Pagulayan, executive director of Center for Research and Development of Angeles University Foundation, stressing out the importance of publishing research articles in ISI, Scopus, and CHED journals to be counted in the national and international publication accreditations.



Pagulayan presented the status of Benguet State University research publications in the International level (Clarivate formerly ISI/Scopus publications) during the "Sharing on Publication Writing Practices" held at AC 201, College of Agriculture, BSU, La Trinidad, Benguet on June 21.

Based on the database acquired by Pagulayan, BSU has a total of 76 documents (63 research articles, 10 conference papers, one book chapter, one article in press, and one review) published in Scopus publications since 1992 with a total of 335 citations. In his presentation, Dr. Pagulayan highlighted that BSU published research publications mostly in the areas of Agriculture (56.6%), Environmental Science (23.7%), Biochemistry (17.1%) and Social Sciences and Medicine (14.5%) and other fields.

Pagulayan shared strategies in publishing papers in scholarly journals. One is to incorporate a critical review of literature early in the research design. He emphasized the used of the Google Scholar as a model for doing research. "Your model should be a published article," said Pagulayan.

Moreover, Pagulayan encouraged the researchers to learn the science and the art of scientific writing and whenever applicable to integrate research publication and Intellectual Property as a research outcome.

Dr. Carlito P. Laurean, Vice

President for Research and Extension, said that it is a big challenge to the Research and Extension Publication Office (REPO) to translate completed publishable researches into research articles. With this, Dr. Laurean said that the research will hire an additional personnel that will coordinate with the different research centers to help them in the write-up of their completed researches for publication purpose.

"BSU should not just concern only in local, regional, and national accreditation but BSU should be international," challenged Pagulayan.

As a step in establishing the Mountain Journal of Science and Interdisciplinary Research (MISIR) into the **Journal** Incentive Program (JIP) of CHED and Scopus or ISI journal, REPO is establishing the online visibility of MJSIR through the Open Journal System in which more than 100 articles published in the MISIR and BSU Research Journal will be uploaded for BSU research be cited or used not only in the Philippines but also in the International level.

In addition, REPO started to establish the editorial board of MJSIR which includes national and international experts in technical and social fields and strengthen publication guidelines and protocols that are based on the national and international accredited journals. //REPO

BSN AND BSA ATTEMPT ACCREDITATION... FROM PAGE 1

During Opening the Program, Dr. Corpus reminded the University faculty and staff that for Level IV- Phase II, it is mandatory to excel in five areas which are research, instruction, community service, international linkages and planning. He explained that in order to pass, the degrees being accredited must have a rating of no less than 4.5 in each of the areas. He added that obtaining a Level IV-Phase 2 Accreditation Level means that the degree program is at par with international standards.

After the Opening Program, College of Nursing (CN) dean, Prof. Doris S. Natividad and College of Agriculture (CA) dean, Dr. Janet P. Pablo presented their achievements in the said areas through PowerPoint presentations.

Part of the Prof. Natividad's presentation consisted of CN's researches in line with their research agenda: food security and poverty reduction and gender and development. The college was able to present 44 papers in national and international conferences. The dean also highlighted the CN partnership with the Open University and the Zuellig Family Foundation for the Municipal Leadership and Governance Program (MLGP). The impact of the program among its graduates is shown by a testimony from Mayor Amadeo T. Espino of Bautista, Pangasinan which reads, "We established a responsive and functional municipal health board to include DepEd and some civic society group. By co-creating health policies and program with other sectors of the community, a significant change or improvement on our Basic Health Roadmap from 2016 to 2017 were achieved."

For the College Agriculture, Dr. Janet P. Pablo showed that the college completed 84 researches from 2013-2017 and published these in 67 international and national refereed journals. The college had 101 technologies patented and commercialized and also conducted 460 activities for community service. These are only few of the achievements presented.

The presentations were followed by a question and answer session and validation of the supporting documents with the survey team who later had a closed-door discussion.

While the survey team pointed out areas for improvement, they commended the CA and CN for their accomplishments and the University as a whole for its willingness to participate in accreditation.

"Please continue with the good work. Accreditation is not just moving from one level to the next but it is a continuous improvement," said Dr. Corpus.

Results of the survey visit will soon be announced by the AACCUP. //JSTabangcura





GRADUATE SMILE. BSU Graduates of different courses make their way to the commencement grounds as they ready their tassles awaiting their turn to go up the stage to receive their diplomas. //KJDPagada

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"There is a greater call besides being successful. If you want to be selfless, then go on and walk on the paths of significance, significance is making a difference in the lives of people over time. Successful people have come and gone but those people who pursue significance left a legacy of lives behind," he said.

"The choice that we have to make, is to be successful or to be significant. Let us choose a higher purpose; let us live a life of meaning, let us choose to be significant," Bañez concludes.

BSU Buguias Campus' Ortiza Elias, Bachelor of Elementary Education and cum laude in her valedictory address expressed her gratitude to her parents, colleagues, schoolmates, and teachers in their college journey.

Elias recalled on how she haggled with college life, forever thanking the institutions, agencies, and individuals who provide scholarships to struggling students such as herself. She attested that her graduation is the evidence that poverty does not

hinder education.

"Thank you for your unending support in our college life. I know that you are more proud than any of us here, for having a son or daughter receiving his/her diploma. I know you deserve more praises and gratitude from us for we owe you this bittersweet day of success," Elias expressed.

BSU campuses held their Commencement Exercises simultaneously on June 14.

La Trinidad campus produced a total of 1,652 graduates, Buguias campus produced 85 while Bokod campus produced 68. Data include students who graduated during the first semester and summer of School Year 2017-2018.

Vice President for Business Affairs Silvestre K. Aben and Institute of Highland Farming and Systems Agroforestry (IHFSA) Director Andres A. Basalong officiated the program at the Bokod campus. Vice President for Research and Extension, Carlito P. Laurean accompanied by Chief Administration Officer Matias C. Angiwan, Jr.; Office of Research Services Director, Constantino T. Sudaypan, and Extension Office Director Ruth S.

Batani officiated the program at the Buguias campus.

In his inspirational message to Buguias campus graduates, Dr. Laurean challenged the graduates that even if the society demands conformity, they can still dare to be different.

"We have to consider that everything in our life is an examination, everyday we either fail or pass the test, everyday is an opportunity for us to grow beyond our present barriers and circumstances. Everyday is a chance to become a better person, the saddest part of it however, we

let society's common sense grade us," he expressed.

Laurean added that he also came from a struggling family and with the help of scholarships coupled with hardwork, he became the person he is now.

"Being different means: not being afraid to challenge the norm; being willing to take the chance; asking why; making your own trap, not just following the well-trodden path, sharpening your own course and destiny; and being the person you are meant to be," he concluded. //MDPenchog





BSU TOPPED ASCU-SN... FROM PAGE 1

Skills, Advocating Gender Sensitivity and Developing Ties thru Sports and Wellness" in the morning of June 19.

In his welcome remarks, BSU President Feliciano G. Calora, Jr. said that it is an honor to hold the ASCU – SN Olympics to promote camaraderie among SUCs.

He added that the University is working closely with local government units to give back to the communities from various municipalities of the province.

"Each of our universities has its own specific specialization. That's why we like to work with you in terms of research so that we can all see through the research in the Philippines and the research paradigm that we currently have," said Calora.

La Trinidad Mayor Romeo K. Salda welcomed the ASCU – SN participants and assured their safety while staying in the municipality.

Benguet Governor Crescencio C. Pacalso also boasted of the province's tourism spots and products that the ASCU – SN participants can enjoy. He bade the athletes good luck and wished them well.

BSU Board of Regents member representing the private sector, Dr. Ryan C. Guinaran, and guest speaker emphasized the importance of diplomacy and gender sensitivity in playing sports. He started his speech with the folk story "Legend of the Apesang Rock". In the story,

ASCU-SN President, Dr. Eduardo T. Bagtang of Kalinga State University (KSU) formally opens the ASCU-SN Summer Olympics on June 19, 2018. //MDPenchog

the smallest among three birds, broke the Apesang rock to help a community. The smallest bird represented women and from there, Guinaran dreq his points.

"It's about gender sensitivity, Tiktik was the smallest, the most powerless, the woman, among the three," said Guinaran adding that each individual regardless of sexual orientation should be given the opportunity to look at his/her potential.

Guinaran also related the story of how North Korea and South Korea decided to unite because of the Winter Olympics in February this year.

"If there is one thing that must have changed the world, in terms of peace and order, it was not about threats of missiles and nuclear wars, it was sports diplomacy," expressed Guinaran.

Guinaran pointed out in his speech that the ASCU – SN is a medium to penetrate the interpersonal barriers between employees through sports and friendly competitions.

"So this is the time for us to be more efficient, to be developed as a team. Because we are not really here to compete, but we are here to complement. We are not here to suppress, but are here to supplement. And if you have to compete, compete only in one way, and that is to be the best team player in your school," Guinaran concludes.

Ryan B. Batinay, a faculty of BSU lit the symbolic urn, oaths have been spoken, and with ASCU – SN President Eduardo T. Bagtang announcement, the ASCU – SN Olympics was declared open.

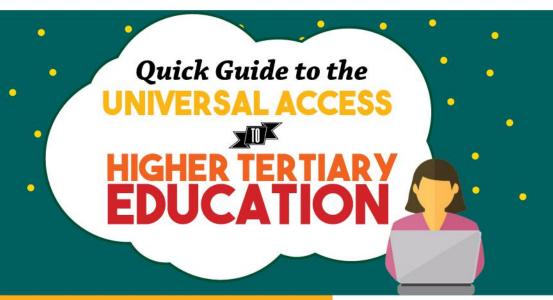
After three days of friendly competition, BSU reigned supreme with 20 gold, 13 silver,

and ten bronze medals; following them is Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University with 12 gold, 12 silver, and 13 bronze medals; and ranking third is the Mountain Province State Polytechnic College with six gold, eight silver, and nine bronze medals.

Viscava State University landed fourth, Bulacan State University, fifth, Tarlac Agricultural University, sixth, Pampanga State Agricultural University, seventh, Ifugao State University, eighth, Pangasinan State University, ninth, Kalinga State University, tenth, Isabela State University, 11th, Mariano Marcos State University and Quirino State University, 12th, University of the Northern Philippines, 13th, Ilocos Sur Polytechnic College, 14th, Cagayan State University, 15th, Abra State Institute of Science and Technology and Batanes State College, 16th, and ranking 17th are Northern Luzon Polytechnic State College, Apayao State College, Central Luzon State University, and Tarlac State University.

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Republic Act 10931 basically means that all Filipino students currently enrolled or shall enroll in any bachelor degrees in any State University and Colleges (SUCs) shall be exempt from paying tuition fees.

Free miscellaneous fees, which include:

- a. library fees
- b. computer fees
- c. laboratory fees
- d. school ID fees
- e. athletic fees
- f. admission fees
- g. development fees
- h. guidance fees
- i. handbook fees
- j. medical and dental fees
- k. entrance fees
- l. cultural fees





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Students are only eligible to receive free tuition if they qualify with the admission and retention requirements of SUCs

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THE OPT - OUT MECHANISM

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> He/she however, will still be allowed to change their decision in subsequent semester/terms.

The student who would opt out shall of course pay the assessed tuition and other school fees.

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Students who contributed will deduct the number of hours in his/her civic obligation depending on the amount of finanial contribution.

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