



*University officials and LTECC members quickly pose for posterity after the Ecumenical Service on September 30, 2021 in celebration of BSU's 105th Foundation Anniversary.*

## BSU turns 105 highlighting its role as a pavilion

Benguet State University has remained persistent in showing resilience and perseverance despite the variety of challenges it addresses every year. This is shown through its various initiatives in continuing to serve its four-fold functions of instruction, research, extension, and production even with the current health crisis.

Through this pandemic, BSU continued to cater to students giving them opportunities to finish their studies, provided assistance for the community, and strengthened its local and international partnership. BSU continued to develop its researches and extended programs allowing different public or private organizations to take part in improving the University for the community.

BSU honored its 105th year of existence by highlighting its role as a pavilion or a home for its constituents and to others in the community. This is symbolized in the 105th Foundation Anniversary theme, "BSU as a Pavilion, CARES: Cherishing the past, Accentuating the future, Revitalizing the present through Excellent services for Sustainability." Different University offices and organizations arranged activities for the month-long celebration.

The academic sector has also organized several webinars and online activities in which the students can participate. Most of the 105th Foundation Anniversary activities were held online. Those that required face-to-face attendance adhered to strict health protocols being implemented by the University Health Services.

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## BSU inks MOA with German university

Benguet State University signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Protestant University of Applied Sciences also known as Evangelische Hochschule Ludwisburg (EH) on September 21, 2021. The MOA signing was done online through Zoom with BSU and EH officials introducing their offices and roles.

The MOA formalized BSU and EH's agreement to collaborate on programs and activities that promote the principles of environmental justice and human rights in teaching and research.

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## VISION

BSU as an International Smart University engendering graduates to walk the intergenerational highways.

## MISSION

BSU cares to: Challenge innovation, Advance technology and facility, Revitalize administration, Engender partnership, and Serve intergenerational role.

## DEVELOPMENT GOALS

### Goal I. Challenge Innovation in the four fold functions of the University

#### Objectives:

1. To provide quality education responsive to the needs of time;
2. To enhance research productivity contributing to sustainable development;
3. To disseminate relevant research outputs and other scholarly activities consistent with BSU's mandated programs;
4. To promote sustainable and appropriate resource generation strategies for the implementation of development plans; and
5. To advocate for resource management and effective energy efficiency in addressing the demands of climate change.

### Goal II. Advance Technology and Facility by shaping the University become responsive to modern needs.

#### Objectives:

1. To use information and communication technology learning resources to sustain and enhance quality of alternative teaching - learning continuity endeavors;
2. To upgrade facilities and enable researchers/extensionists to conduct activities using specialized facilities;
3. To acquire and upgrade state-of-the-art facilities in the projects innovation; and
4. To upgrade facilities and establish modern physical infrastructures.

### Goal III. Revitalize Administration by harmonizing performance monitoring, information, and reporting systems.

#### Objectives:

1. To elevate the BSU PRIME-HRM to a level of excellence for good governance and efficient public service;
2. To reinforce transparency, integrity, and objectivity in the delivery of service;
3. To regenerate instruction, research, extension, production, linkages, governance, management, and policies; and
4. To streamline operations to be efficient, effective, and responsive to challenges and changes.

### Goal IV. Serve Intergenerational Role by revitalizing the Spiritual, Physical, Economical, Cultural, Intellectual, Emotional, and Social (S.P.E.C.I.E.S.) state.

#### Objectives:

1. To establish academic partnerships with local, regional, national, and international institutions providing educational opportunities for faculty, staff, and students;
2. To increase and sustain university relations with academe, industries, GOs, NGOs, and LGUs for research funding;
3. To increase and sustain partnership with academe, LGUs, NGOs, Industries, and others; and
4. To comply with existing laws, policies and other requirements key indicators.

### Goal V. To strengthen and expand public-private partnership

#### Objectives:

1. To offer programs that embody social, cultural, economic and developmental needs both for local and global markets;
2. To champion local culture and languages in the University context through research, extension, and academic programs;
3. To document and sustain Best Practices.

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## Quality Policy

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.

Board Resolution # 2847 S.2016

# BSU Bokod celebrates 105<sup>th</sup> University Foundation Anniversary and Teachers' Day

BSU Bokod celebrated the 105th University Foundation Anniversary and Teachers' Day through a set of activities held on September 28, 2021.

The first activity was the ribbon-cutting and turn-over of the newly built dormitory followed by the program. The program began with the welcome remarks from BSU Bokod Executive Dean Dr. Samuel Poliden.

Assistant to the Executive Dean presented "BSU Bokod campus throughout the years." Then, Associate Dean Ms. Shakira B. Herman, introduced the University's vision and mission and BSU Bokod's mission.



BSU and LGU Bokod officials assemble at the new students' dormitory facade before the ribbon cutting ceremony on September 28, 2021.



BSU and LGU officials with the employee-awardees of BSU-Bokod.

The program was highlighted with words of wisdom by Bokod Mayor Hon. Thomas K. Wales Jr. and University President Felipe Salaing Comila.

On the same occasion, President Comila administered the oath-taking of newly hired employees and also handed out awards to employees for their extensive services. Mr. Chester B. Esnara and Ms. Rachele B. Kiong received the Taraki Award, Ms. Shakira B. Herman received the Continuing Career Development Award, and Ms. Lorna L. Lino received the Outstanding Teacher Award. A heartfelt response was heard from Ms. Lino, encouraging all the teachers and employees to work hard and become an inspiration to students and other. The faculty and staff of BSU Bokod rendered a song titled "Kansiyon para soni ama ni Eskwedaan," thanking the University President and greeting him on his special day. The program ended with the closing remarks from the CBM Dean, Frederico B. Basco. //AKCariño

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"It is our sincere hope that our partnership will allow us to go beyond national borders as we attempt to contribute in addressing social problems affecting our global community," said EH VP for International Affairs Prof. Dr. Claudia Schultz.

The MOA was signed by President Felipe Salaing Comila and EH President Norbert Collmar. The witnesses are Dr. Carmen Grimm, International Program Coordinator of EH and Dr. Imelda O. Degay, BSU VP for Academic Affairs. //JSTabangcura



A seminar titled, "Anxiety and Depression during the Pandemic: Coping with Mental Health Issues" was conducted on September 2, 2021 at Lomon, Paykek, Kapangan, Benguet. GAD Director Dr. Estrellita M. Daclan, introduced the Resource speaker, Ms. Dorislyn A. Tabunda, BSU adjunct faculty and faculty member at New Era University. Students attended the morning session, while parents and teachers attended the afternoon session. The participants come from different schools and barangays of the Municipality of Kapangan. //PIGadang





The College of Nursing with the Gender and Development Office (GAD), University Health Services (UHS), and Philippine Red Cross-Benguet Chapter (PNRC) conducted a bloodletting activity at BSU Buguias on August 6, 2021 and BSU Bokod on September 10, 2021. The activity is done quarterly to facilitate and replenish the blood supply of the PNRC Benguet Chapter. Employees, students, and people from the community participated in the activity. //PIGadang,GAD

**BSU CARES!** With the assistance of the University Health Services, all University employees who underwent triage for the month of September each received one box of vitamins to help strengthen their immune system. It is one of the University's efforts to care for its employees and join the battle against the dreaded Covid-19. //MHDelRosario



The Annual Review and Planning Workshop for FY 2022 and Mental Well-being for Supervisors was successfully conducted by the College of Agriculture on September 1-3, 2021. The activity was spearheaded by the Dean of the College of Agriculture Dr. Janet P. Pablo. //CA

The Research and Extension Office held the Annual In-House Review on September 8-10, 2021. There were 57 ongoing research papers table-reviewed, while 57 completed research papers were presented. Throughout the review, 27 research papers were qualified for oral presentation and 18 research papers were qualified for poster presentation on the upcoming Regional Symposium on November 2021.



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## Eucharistic Celebration and Opening Ceremony of the 105th Foundation Anniversary, and the 121st Civil Service Anniversary Celebration

To formally start the month-long celebration, a Eucharistic Celebration was held on September 6, 2021. This was officiated by Rev. Fr. Mario, Parish priest at the St. Joseph Husband of Mary Parish of La Trinidad. This preceded by the opening program of the 105th Foundation Anniversary and 121st Civil Service Commission Anniversary celebration where Dir. II Josefina S. Tamondong of the CSC Benguet Field Office served as the guest speaker.



BSU employees during the offertorial of the Eucharistic Celebration on September 6, 2021.

## Ecumenical Service, 105th Foundation Anniversary Program and the Everlasting Awards

The month-long celebration was highlighted by the Ecumenical Service, program and the PRAISE Everlasting Awards Ceremony. All of these were livestreamed and premiered on the BSU Facebook page. The Ecumenical Service was officiated by the La Trinidad Ecumenical Council of Churches (LTECC).



The Ecumenical Service Followed by the 105th Foundation Anniversary Program was livestreamed from the University Gymnasium on September 30, 2021.

After the Ecumenical Service, the program began with the Opening Remarks by Atty. Andres Arnold W. Lampacan, the OIC-Chief of the Finance Division followed by Dr. Stanley F. Anongos Jr., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences who presented a video of BSU's Milestones through the years.

Inspirational messages were also heard from Balili Punong Barangay, Hon. Billy M. Bilango; La Trinidad Mayor, Hon. Romeo K. Salda; Benguet Governon, Hon. Melchor D. Diclas; and BSU President, Dr. Felipe Salaing Comila.

The program continued with the awarding of the Greatness in Achievement Award to immediate past members of the BSU Board of Regents: VP for Academic Affairs, Dr. Imelda

O. Degay; Dr. Milagros A. Rimando; and Atty. Delmar O. Cariño. The *Panunumpa ng Kawani ng Gobyerno* was led by Director Josefina S. Tamondong of the Civil Service Commission Benguet Field Office after the singing of the *Awit ng Serbisyo Sibil*. The program ended with the closing remark from VP for Business Affairs, Dr. Johnny G. Dati Sr.



University President Felipe Salaing Comila and Vice President for Academic Affairs Imelda O. Degay with the Excellence in Job Performance Outstanding Teachers.

The Praise Everlasting Awards 2021 was premiered on October 1. It started with an inspirational message from the University President and CHED-CAR Director Dr. Demetrio P. Anduyan Jr., Former BSU Presidents Fortunato A. Battad, Lucio B. Victor, Cipriano C. Consolacion, Rogelio D. Colting Sr., Ben D. Ladilad, Jones K. Feliciano, Feliciano G. Calora Jr., Atty. Marco Cicero, and Dir. Danilo B. Bose sent their regards through video messages. The streams of both programs are still viewable at the BSU Facebook Page.

## BSU Tagtag 105: Virtual Fun Run

The BSU Tagtag 105 is this year's edition of the University Foundation Anniversary Run. It is a 21-day challenge to finish at least 105 kilometers. There were two contests - one is the shortest time to finish 105 kilometers were starting from September 5, 2021. And the other is the longest distance ran within the twenty-one day period ending on September 25, 2021. There were 45 participants who registered for the event - 28 men and 17 women.

The shortest time in men's category was ruled by Vicente G. Panagan Jr. who completed 105 kilometers within nine days in six runs. He was followed by Aldrin V. Baniaga who finished in 13 days within 12 runs and Julio Peg-ed who finished in 15 days within nine runs.

On the women's category, Edeliza Antonio Demot is in top place completing the run within 15 days in six runs followed by Rose Marie B. Kiwas who finished within 16 days in seven runs and Jhelian T. Cabintos who finished within 19 days in 16 runs.

For the longest distance in 21 days, Aldrin V. Baniaga completed 284.21 kilometers to win the men's category. Baniaga is followed by Panagan and Peg-ed at second and third places respectively. Kiwas had 165.80 kilometers to rule the women's side followed by Cabintos and Demot respectively at second and third places.

Mr. Julio Peg-ed is the eldest runner who also had places in both the shortest and longest distance contests.

BSUGEA has been organizing the Foundation Anniversary Run since 2016. Last year and this year's edition though had to be in the virtual mode because of the pandemic.

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**Tree planting activities in BSU Bokod, Buguias and La Trinidad**

In BSU La Trinidad, the College of Forestry (CF), Land Reservation Office (LRO), and Human Resource Management Office conducted a tree planting activities in honor of BSU's 105th Foundation Anniversary. On September 21, 2021, a total of 105 trees were planted at the BSU Area in Gayasi, Wangal, La Trinidad. The participants were from various offices in the Administration Building.

Out of the 105 trees, 45 are Alnus, 20 are Tibig, 20 are Deguai and 20 are Guava. According to CF Dean Dr. Conrado C. Bao-idang, the purpose of planting different tree seedlings was to create a bio-diverse surrounding. He said that Alnus are nitrogen fixers that would help the soil become rich while Tibig trees are water-producing trees. Furthermore, Deguai Trees are endangered tree species that could provide food for wildlife and even humans. Guava trees are planted for food and medicinal purposes. Another 105 trees were planted on September 30, 2021 at the College of Forestry area. Out of the 105 trees, 50 are Alnus, 50 are Guava, and five are Tamarind.



The tree planting at BSU La Trinidad on September 21, 2021.

The tree planting activity at BSU Buguias was on September 28, 2021, at the campus grounds. The event was graced by the University President Felipe Salaing Comila and Executive Assistant Atty. Andres Arnold Wadingan Lampacan planted their trees. Also present during the tree planting activity were BSU Buguias Executive Dean Florendo P. Comila, Dean College of Criminology Dr. Virgilio C. Ablaza, and some employees.

The BSU Bokod had its tree planting activity on September 17, 2021. They visited the trees they planted in 2020 and reported a high survival rate. The BSU Bokod



The tree planting at BSU Buguias on September 28, 2021.

employees were joined by their Batch of 2000 Alumni led by Williana Bato and their graduating pre-service students and NSTP students. A total of 1,500 pine trees and fruit-bearing trees were planted by the BSU Bokod and its partners since July of this year. The tree seedlings were provided by the CF Nursery and the DENR-CAR.



The tree planting at BSU Bokod on September 17, 2021.

**Virtual Kapihan sa BSU and the showcasing of BSU products and research activities**

A virtual Kapihan sa BSU was held on September 22, 2021 at the CHET Strawberry Hall to announce the activities for the 105th Foundation Anniversary and to inform the public of recent BSU milestones. This was in partnership with the Philippine Information Agency-CAR. The event was participated by BSU top officials as panel members and members of the local press. Most of the participants attended through Zoom and Facebook Live. Likewise, BSU products were showcased at the CHET lobby. The famed BSU orange yolk eggs remain to be the most noticed by the few Virtual Kapihan participants but the newly developed products such as the freeze-dried fruits also piqued their curiosity.



Joseph Zambrano of the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) CAR facilitated the virtual Kaphihan sa BSU on September 22, 2021 at the Strawberry Hall.

Meanwhile, the Research and Extension sector organized an exhibit that ran from September 28-30, 2021 to commemorate the 105th Foundation Anniversary. The exhibit became a window to the current research programs and breakthroughs of the University.

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*BSU VP for Business Affairs, Dr. Johnny G. Dati, Sr. with BSU products showcased on September 22, 2021.*

*The R&E sector opened an exhibit on September 29, 2021.*

**HRDO Activities**

The Human Resource Development Office held the FIT Habit, Career Ladder Jump Start, and Multi-Disciplinary Discourse on various during the month-long celebration.



*Benguet State University Employees danced to the music during the FIT Habit activity spearheaded by the Human Resource Development Office (HRDO). Lawrence C. Caranto, chair of the Department of Clinical Instruction, College of Nursing, led the first part of the FIT Habit (Tai Chi, Zumba, and Aerobics), while the faculty members from the College of Human Kinetics led the second part (Physical Exercise: Zumbathon). //PJGadang*



*The Human Resource Development Office (HRDO) aired the Multidisciplinary Discourse VIII Batch 2 on September 20 and 27, 2021. This is in celebration of the 105th Foundation Anniversary and 121st Philippine Civil Service Anniversary. The Multidisciplinary Discourse of HRDO is an annual activity where employee-scholars get to present their researches and discoveries to the general public.*

**The BSU Great Ride**

The BSU Great Ride held on September 27, 2021 started at BSU Bugias passed through BSU Bokod, Kabayan, and ended at BSU La Trinidad. In all, the road distance was about 110 kilometers. There were 40 expected participants based on the registration but only 32 showed up at the starting line.



*Photo shows participants of the BSU Great Ride before taking off at the BSU Bugias on September 27, 2021*

Due to exhaustion, most of the cyclists chose to rest in Bokod and others, in Kabayan. The University President met the cyclists while resting and commended them. He said weathering the road is already great. He added that it was a show of strength, courage, hope and life after. He added that hope and life will later translate into the workplace. Five were able to finish the whole course.



*Participants pose as they arrived at BSU Bokod.*

The finishers were Robert Jan Allan, Leo Kimbungan, Richard Kinnud, Franklee Peraso, and Genaro Saliyoc. Special mentions were accorded to Pedro Y. Decina and Orlando H. Parocha as senior citizen participants; and to Donato R. Wanawan Jr., Bryant O. Botengan, Arsenio S. Sibayan, Oscar S. Saldet, Genrao G. Saliyoc, and Phillip T. Atulba dubbed as the 50s riders. Another special mention was given to Jullianne Grace L. Lampacan for being the lone lady rider. //AKCariño,RHKinnud,JSTabangcura



*Great Ride participants at BSU La Trinidad.*



# DA Secretary is BSU Centennial Alumni Lifetime Achievement Awardee

Department of Agriculture Secretary William “Manong Willie” Dollente Dar was honored as recipient of the first Benguet State University’s Centennial Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award during the Virtual PRAISE Awards Programme on September 30,2021.

The Program was a highlight of the celebration of the University’s 105th Foundation Anniversary and in observance of the BSU Alumni Association, Inc. centennial, since its founding in 1920.

According to Dr. Lita Molitas Colting, administrative officer and Ad hoc member of the BSUAAInc Board, the award is the highest distinction given to individuals who gave exemplary service with honesty and dignity in building institutions to meet the challenges of the times.

Similarly, BSU University President Felipe Salaing Comila conveyed that the accolade to Secretary Dar is but fitting for Secretary Dar, BSU’s very own graduate and a colleague who has risen from the ranks and achieved a prominent position in the country and in the international sphere”.

Dr. Dar finished his Baccalaureate degree (Bachelor in Agricultural Education)

and Master’s degree (MS Agronomy) when the University was still Mountain State Agricultural College. He joined the school as a faculty member and later on rose to the position of Vice President for Research and Development and Consortium Coordinator of the Highland Agricultural Research Center (HARC), now Cordillera Consortium for Agriculture, Aquatic Resources Research and Development (CorCARRD).

At HARC, he pioneered projects such as the Village Level Management Approach Project (VILMAP), Highland Research Development Program (HRDP),with funding from Ford Foundation and the Highland Agricultural Development Project.

From serving the University, his skill and knowledge in research management took him to a position of national magnitude. He was appointed as Director of the Bureau

of Agricultural Research, Department of Agriculture (DA-BAR) and later on as Director General of the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Aquatic Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD) and was appointed as Acting Department of Agriculture Secretary.

His passion as “servant leader” was also evident as he led the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), based at Hyderabad,India for two terms. Dr. Dar was and is the first Filipino and Asian for that matter to serve as Director General (DG) in the said Center. His stint as DG earned him awards from the government of India, particularly from Prime Minister Abdul Kalaam.

He also founded the InangLupa Movement, “a social movement advocating inclusive, science-based, resilient and market-oriented Philippine agriculture.”

In his recorded video message, Secretary Dar mentioned that “ for 105 years, BSU has continued to be the center of quality education and training for sustainable development” He added that the life he spent at BSU as student, researcher, faculty member and administrator accorded him an enormous impact in his 40-year career in Agriculture and Rural Development.”

He thanked the University Leadership, the men and women of BSU and the Alumni Association for the Award.

He ended his message with an endearment note in the vernacular : “*Diyos manen ti agngina kada kayo amin nga kabsat iti BSU ken Probinsya ti Benguet ken iti Cordillera.*” //GTBengwayan



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## Blood Letting Activities

As bloodletting activities is fast becoming one of the traditional ways of celebrating BSU occasions, the College of Nursing (CN) in partnership with the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) has scheduled a blood-letting activity on October 13, 2021 at the SLS Gymnasium.



Photo taken during previous blood letting activities at BSU.