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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

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

Board Resolution # 2736, s. 2018

Revised 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."

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## MOU signed for open and distance education consortium

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by six universities on February 20, 2020 at the University of the Philippines-Los Banos (UPLB) to pave the way for the establishment of the Consortium of Open and Distance Education Institutions in the Philippines.

Benguet State University was among the six universities; the others are Central Luzon State University, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, Ifugao State University, Mariano Marcos State University and University of the Philippines.

The MOU provided for the Technical Working Group (TWG) to identify areas of cooperation among the consortium members which will include academic collaboration, capacity building, international collaboration and international accreditation.

The MOU was signed in the occasion of UPLB-Open University's 25th Anniversary.

"The consortium will partner with international associations of the same nature and then work out for cultural exchange, student exchange, scholarships, sharing of best practices, training of open distance faculty and training on module development," said BSU-OU Assistant Director, Dr. Leonardo S. Apilis.

A series of discussions were done before the MOU was signed. The first was a round-table discussion on November 27, 2019 among heads and representatives of universities offering distance education programs where the TWG was formed.

This was followed by the first meeting of the TWG on January 30, 2020 at Benguet State University.//  
*JSabado-Tabangcura*

## CAS to offer BS Chem, BS Bio, BS Math

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Biology, and Math will soon be offered as undergraduate programs of Chemistry, Biology, and Math-Physics-Statistics departments, respectively.

The CHED-CAR Regional Quality Assessment Team (RQUAT) conducted the latest evaluation visit last November 12 for the BS Chemistry and BS Math application for the issuance of A certificate of program compliance (COPC) to offer the program this year. The assessment team for BS Chemistry was composed of Dr. Eric G. Taclawan, Dr. Evelyn Oda, and Ms. Melody Labawig. With the team were Dr. Cecilia Mercado and Dr. Jeffrey Ingosan for the assessment of BS Math. The areas evaluated were Curriculum and Instruction, Dean and Administration, Faculty, Library Physical Plant, Assessment and Evaluation and Continuous Quality Improvement Systems. Having complied with all the minimum requirements set under CMO 47, s. 2017 and CMO 104, s. 2017, five recommendations were given by the RQUAT prior to the granting of the COPC: to fast-track the installation of upgraded electrical provisions for the new research building; to draft and implement an institutional chemical waste disposal system; to draft and implement an institutional guidelines for the hiring of the following personnel: full-time chemical technician to handle each of the laboratory sections and safety officers per building where laboratories are located; to immediately train staff and students for safety and emergency; and to





**BSU MILAP**  
2016-



**ISO 9001:2015  
CERTIFIED**

**TOP 3  
AMONG 111  
INSTITUTIONAL  
MEMBERS OF  
AACUP IN 2017**

**INTERNATIONAL &  
LEVEL II  
HISTORICAL SITE IN THE  
PHILIPPINES**

**DOST-PCAARRD  
TANGLAW AWARD  
2017**



**21** INTERNATIONAL  
PARTNER SCHOOLS



**30** FOREIGN  
STUDENTS WERE  
ACCOMMODATED  
FOR UNDERGRADUATE  
AND GRADUATE  
PROGRAMS



**8** INTERNATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS



**150** FOREIGN TRAVELS  
FACULTY, STAFF &  
STUDENTS  
(OUTBOUND )  
**83** SCHOOLS/  
INSTITUTIONS/  
ORGANIZATIONS  
(INBOUND)



**6** TOSP NATIONAL  
FINALISTS  
**5** TOSP REGIONAL  
FINALISTS



**12** GRADUATES  
MADE IT TO  
TOP 10 IN NATIONAL  
LICENSURE  
EXAMINATIONS



**22** PROGRAMS WITH  
CERTIFICATE  
OF PROGRAM  
COMPLIANCE  
BY CHED



**6** NEW DEGREE  
PROGRAMS  
OFFERED



**ESTONES**  
2019

## NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS

**FIRST STATE UNIVERSITY  
TO IMPLEMENT THE BUDGET AND TREASURY  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OF DBM**

**CSC PRIME-HRM  
MATURITY LEVEL II**

**eNGAS AND eBUDGET SYSTEM  
FORERUNNER AWARD**

**FREEDOM OF  
INFORMATION  
COMPLIANT**



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BSU  
TECHNOLOGIES REGISTERED  
AS UTILITY MODELS



**339**

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REGISTERED



**131**

RESEARCH ARTICLES PUBLISHED  
IN NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL  
PUBLICATIONS



**881**

RESEARCH  
PAPER AND POSTER  
PRESENTED IN LOCAL  
AND INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCES



**634**

TRAININGS/  
SEMINARS  
CONDUCTED

**37, 850**

INDIVIDUALS  
INFORMED AND  
TRAINED



NEW BUILDINGS,  
FACILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION  
VEHICLES  
WERE BUILT &  
PURCHASED



**330+ MILLION**

WORTH OF RESOURCES  
(RESEARCH PROJECTS)  
GENERATED FROM  
INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL &  
REGIONAL FUNDING AGENCIES



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NEWLY BSU  
DEVELOPED PRODUCTS



## #BSUak: An office-full of BSU graduates

One of the partners of the College of Agriculture and College of Engineering and Applied Technology is the Tublay Municipal Agriculturist's Office (MAO). Incidentally, the office is composed of BSU graduates from the College of Engineering and Applied Technology and College of Agriculture.

Tublay MAO promotes the practice of organic agriculture and has been instrumental in the national recognition of Tublay as Best LGU in terms of their Organic Agriculture Program. The office currently employs Jeffrey D. Sotero, a graduate of BS in Agricultural Engineering (now BS in Agricultural and biosystems Engineering) as the Municipal Agricultural Officer; Elvin P. Sumayao, also a graduate of BS Agricultural Engineering; Cristifan A. Toring, a BS in Development Communication graduate; and Anita P. Sinakay, Daisy B. Wallang, Jones T. Limwas, Alizer A. Menes, and Susan K. Aniban-Lino who are all BS in Agriculture graduates.

Jeffrey, Elvin, Susan, Alizer and Cristifan shared one thing in common regarding their most significant accomplishment to date—that is seeing their farmer clients become successful. Meanwhile, their colleagues Satur, Anita, Jones and Daisy are proud to have finished their studies and work as agriculturists.

The group described the environment in BSU as friendly, relaxing and practical with comfortable classrooms although they felt that something could be done with having to transfer from one building to another to attend classes as it is time consuming and inconvenient especially during the rainy season.

They however attested that their former instructors are knowledgeable and competent. They also appreciated the classroom, field and laboratory activities because it taught them how to combine knowledge and skills. Jeffrey commented that BSU

has a clear vision, mission, goals and core functions.

On the other hand, student amenities and programs supported Satur through college. He was a student assistant at the Men's Dormitory and a member of the Highland Cultural Performing Arts Group.

Jeffrey and his colleagues related their learnings from BSU and how these are applied in their jobs. Elvin said he learned time management; Satur learned practical skills along with technical knowledge; Alizer learned to work independently or with a group when it is crucial; Jones picked up farming techniques and strategies that improve life and Anita honed her skill in dealing with and organizing farmers for activities. To this, her colleagues gushed over how everybody attends when Anita is the one who invites even only through text messaging.

"The things I did during my internship is the same with what I am currently doing but now I am able to apply the lessons I learned during my internship," shared Cristifan.

"I learned the basics from BSU and taught myself the rest as an Agricultural Extension Worker," said Susan. "In a way iyong four core functions ng BSU parang ginagawa din naming dito and if we have problems we know that there is BSU we can consult," added Jeffrey.

How is it like for them working as a team of fellow BSU graduates? Jeffrey clarified that it was never intended, it's just that the office needs people with agriculture background and BSU is the only school offering agriculture courses. Susan said that having a common ground with her officemates makes identifying the needs of their clients easier.

"We know how to recommend solutions and



there's the actualization of the things we learned," said Jeffrey.

Tublay MAO has the following words of wisdom for current BSU students:

1. Finish your studies no matter what. Persevere. There will be other times for relaxing and travelling. Patience is the key to success. Alizer claimed that as long as one graduates, opportunities will always come. Satur commented that for graduates of agriculture courses, even if they will not be fortunate to find employment, they can always employ themselves. Alizer added that there are many government programs for those who want to establish their own farms.
2. Select your friends and avoid vices.
3. Manage your time and stress while grabbing every opportunity.
4. Learning nowadays is easier due to technology so make use of it. Learn positive things; increase your knowledge, skills and profit but never forget the basics. Learn as much as you can to improve your living and gain profit for yourself, family, church and

community. Every big success starts from simple ones so they should never forget their humble beginnings.

5. Having basic agriculture knowledge and skills will be handy no matter which field you will go into. Satur cited police officers who had agriculture as their four-year courses.
6. You are lucky to be in BSU. Jeffrey told the story how and when he did a short presentation in Colorado, USA, he was asked where he graduated from afterwards. When he meekly said BSU, the person who asked actually knew BSU as one of the best schools in the Philippines.
7. Value your free education. Susan shared how she struggled with the boarding house rent and allowance as a student. "Now students only have to think about their studies so they should value that," she said.
8. You are in a very important field and that is agriculture. "If we look at it, the world will not exist without food and we are in food production" said Jeffrey. In jest, Susan said the lawyer will not eat without an agriculturist. //JST

## ALUMNI GRACE VETMED & IT WEEK OPENING

Dr. Luis P. Lang-oy, (top) OIC-Chief of Research Division from the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office-CAR, graced the opening program of the celebration of Veterinary Medicine week held at the College of Veterinary Medicine Social hall on February 19, 2020. He graduated with the degree Bachelor of Science in Animal Technology in 1981.

Meanwhile, Khavee A. Botangen (below) inspired BSIT students during the opening of the Information Week celebration held at the College of Arts and Sciences quadrangle on February 24, 2020. He graduated BS in Information Technology in 2005 and now a faculty member of Central Luzon State University.





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## TOWARDS QUALITY EDUCATION

The faculty of the College of Teacher Education attended a seminar-workshop on equipping and engendering outcomes-based education quality assurance on February 19, 2020 at the CTE Function Hall. Dr. Aurea Marie M. Sandoval, of OQAA served as one of the resource speakers in the seminar.



## PRESIDENT'S FORUM

Benguet State University students, faculty and staff including representatives from the different sectors were present in a forum held at the College of Teacher Education on February 28, 2020.

Dr. Feliciano G. Calora, Jr. University President presented the achievements of the University from 2016 to 2019 and answered the questions from the participants during the forum.

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draft and implement an institutional safety manual to be used by the entire University.

Meanwhile, BS Math also succeeded in its overall evaluation in compliance with the requirements under CMO 48, s. 2017. The six recommendations center on the presentation of courses and coding in the curriculum, course description and summary listing; faculty development programs; library requirements; and formalization of the Program Assessment and Evaluation Systems and Continuous Quality Improvement Systems both on the context of OBE and ISA.

Moreover, after passing the RQUAT evaluation on June 11, BS Biology will also be opened in four specializations—Medical Science, Ecology Microbiology, and Plant Biology. The evaluation was focused on the areas of curriculum and facilities as the program passed in all the areas inspected.

Accordingly, the CHED Technical Working Group (TWG) said that the programs are ready to be offered and granted of the COPC after a visit to the said departments by the Regional Director of CHED-CAR, Atty. Marco Cicero D. Domingo. //Luisita L. Ely, Candice Grail Macli-ing.