



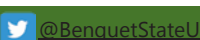
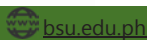
Winning entries of the Salad Making Competition during the Salad Crop and Flower Festival



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## BSU promotes agri-tourism with Salad Crop and Flower Festival

*Benguet State University (BSU) had its mini flower festival on February 20, 2017 at the Balili Experiment Station as one of the activities to celebrate its Centennial Foundation Anniversary as well as its longstanding partnership with the Allied Botanical Corporation (ABC).*

Dubbed as the "Salad Crop and Flower Festival", the event featured a short farm tour and a vegetable salad-making competition. This was attended by Department of Tourism-CAR Regional Director, Venus Tan; Benguet Provincial Agriculturist, Lolita B. Bentres; Allied Botanical Corporation Executive Assistant, Rowena Bienes; Jerick "Carrot Man" Sigmaton; and BSU officials and staff.

"It is really important now to pursue the program of agri-tourism... because we feel that there is a need for something more experiential. The paradigm of travel and tourism now has changed, hindi lang po gustong makita ngayon ang mga magagandang tanawin, mga waterfalls, mga bundok, (its not only beautiful sceneries like waterfalls and mountains that travelers want to see) travelers want a more experiential way to travel now and therefore farm tourism is something very experiential...it is also important for me to look for potential farms and certainly BSU has provided an exemplary way to moving forward," said Tan.

Participants were grouped into three; each group was toured around BSU promotes agri-tourism...page 6



The Salad Crop and Flower Festival on February 10, 2017 was graced by Department of Tourism-CAR Regional Director, Venus Tan; Benguet Provincial Agriculturist, Lolita B. Bentres; Allied Botanical Corporation, Executive Assistant, Rowena Bienes; Jerick "Carrot Man" Sigmaton; and BSU officials and staff.//JST



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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

**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.*

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## La Trobe University visits BSU for research exposure

**Students and faculty of the La Trobe University of Melbourne, Australia visited the University on February 3, 2017 as part of their undergraduate subject "Tracking Indigeneity in the Philippines: Stories, Identities, Pathways to Autonomous Development."**

The group was led by Dr. Trevor Hogan, a Senior Lecturer in Sociology; Dr. Julie Rudner, a Senior Lecturer in Community Development; and Dr. Minerva Chaloping-March, an Honorary Research Fellow of the Philippines-Australia

Studies Centre.

Activities included a lecture on Cordillera history by Dr. Stanley Anongos, Director of the BSU-Center for Culture and the Arts. Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences-Social Science Department also interacted with the students as regards to their research topics.

The group was also able to witness and participate in the performance of various Cordillera dances lead by the KONTAD.//



Students and faculty of the La Trobe University of Melbourne, Australia pose with BSU faculty at the ATI-CAR on February 3, 2017 after a forum.//JST

## BSU students stand out in national competitions

**Thirty one students from the Colleges of Teacher Education, Home Economics and Technology and Arts and Sciences performed well in various competitions including the Search for Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines (TOSP), Ayala Young Leaders Congress (AYLC) and Unilab Foundation Ideas Positive.**

Orly Primo, a Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management graduate and Chatelaine Wansi, a Bachelor in Secondary Education graduate of the University is among the Top 30 national finalists of the search for Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines. They were recognized during the awarding ceremony held on February 9, 2017 in Malacañan Palace.

Meanwhile, Rachele Anne Velilia, a Bachelor of Science in Applied Statistics student was qualified to the Ayala Young Leaders Congress (AYLC) held in Lima Park Hotel, Malvar, Batangas on February 7-10, 2017. Velilia is one of the 81 students who participated in the congress out of about 500 applicants from different schools nationwide.

The AYLC is the flagship leadership program of the Ayala group of companies. It is an annual student leadership summit for 81 of the most promising student leaders selected from the best colleges and universities in the country. According to the AYLC website, the congress is designed to build the delegates' confidence and hone their leadership skills, to nurture their commitment to integrity and principled leadership, to foster nationalism and idealism, and to encourage faithful stewardship of their communities and the country's future. Simultaneously, a group of Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics students was selected as one of the 14 national finalists to the Unilab Foundation's Ideas Positive. The students are John Phillip P. Gabriel, Phoebe L. Pondo, Paula Mae V. Malano, Chrislyn B. Gumayat and



Student achievers with BSU officials during the regular Monday Flag Ceremony on February 13, 2017.//Photos by Felipe Comila



Jubileen Rose G. Biaddang.

Ideas Positive is a venue where students may submit health-related proposals for funding. The group's proposal titled, "Live Proactively: End War on Obesity" was granted a fund of Php 100,000.00. The initial release is Php 30,000.00 for the start of the proposal's implementation. The rest of the amount will be released on August this year.

The group was inspired to make the proposal when they found out that the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) has the second highest obesity prevalence rate in the country based on an FNRI survey in 2013. The proposal begins with the Sayaw, Galaw, Hataw program and a series of nutritional education seminar and workshops which will involve Grade 1-6 pupils, their parents, teachers and staff of the La Trinidad Central School.//





ZFF, BSU, and DOH CAR and Region I signatories and witness after the MOA signing on February 10, 2017 for the continuation of the MLGP program.//

## BSU, DOH-CAR, Region I and Zuellig Family Foundation continue ties in health and governance program

**The University with the Department of Health and Zuellig Family Foundation inked a Memorandum of Agreement for the continuation and possible institutionalization of the Municipal Leadership and Governance Program (MLGP) on February 10, 2017 at the BSU Administration Conference Room.**

Parties were represented by Assistant Regional Director, Dr. Amelita Pangilinan of the Department of Health (DOH)-CAR; Chief Local Health Supervisor, Dr. Jimuel Cardenas of DOH-Region I; ZFF president, Prof. Ernesto D. Foundation; BSU VP for Business Affairs, Dr. Silvestre K. Aben; VP for Academic Affairs, Dr. Tessie M. Merestela; Open University Director, Dr. Romeo A. Gomez Jr.; and College of Nursing Dean, Dr. Doris Natividad of BSU.

Under the MLGP, the Open

University offers the Certificate in Community Health Development. The course is a one-year, two module leadership program provided to Local Chief Executives (LCEs) and Municipal Health Officers (MHOs) with the aim of enhancing health systems in their respective communities. It includes a practicum in between modules and regular monitoring and evaluation of program outcomes is done throughout the program. It culminates in the colloquium for those who are able to finish the course.

"Local Chief Executives are really your catchment and if you are able to upgrade their skills, upgrade their commitment, their talents, their vision, then it has impact to the region. We are your partners in terms of capacity building...we will help you in the program in seeing to it that LCEs become relevant and truly become

champions of development." This was according to ZFF president, Prof. Ernesto D. Garilao.

Since the program began in 2013, there have been 296 participants in the program from CAR, Region 1 and Region 2. Out of these, 101 were able to complete the course.

Recently, the MLGP Batch 3 of Region I composed of 11 Local Chief Executives with their Municipal Health Officers passed the selection process held at the Crown Legacy Hotel from January 31 to February 3, 2017. The MLGP qualifiers from Ilocos Sur are Hon. Ferdinand F. Hernandez of Sta. Lucia; Hon. Henry S. Gallardo and Dr. Rheul C. Bopis of Gregorio Del Pilar; Hon. Samuel B. Subangan Jr. and Dr. Mary Conception S. Simucao of Suyo; Hon. Edgar R. Rapanut and Dr. Lilibeth

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## CRAC conducts beekeeping training

**The Cordillera Regional Apiculture Center (CRAC) conducted its regular Introductory Beekeeping Training for beginners on February 7-9, 2017 at the CRAC Apiary, College of Forestry building.**

The three-day activity aims to train interested individuals to become beekeepers and to promote beekeeping industry in the Cordillera by increasing the number of beekeepers.

There were 25 participants from Atok, Buguias, Mankayan, Tublay, La Trinidad and Baguio City.

Paquito P. Untalan, CRAC Director and Leo E. Kimbungan, staff served as lecturers during the training.

The topics included bee biology and anatomy, tools and equipment, hive management, pest and disease

management, honey extraction and harvest, and queen rearing.

CRAC was established as a regional center of the National Apiculture Research Training and Development Institute (NARTDI) in the Cordillera through a Memorandum of Agreement between Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) and Benguet State University (BSU) on September 2013.//Elsie Maamo



Participants of the CRAC beekeeping training.//Photo courtesy of CRAC



# Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines graces workshop on People's Survival Fund

**Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines, John Holmes attended the orientation and workshop on how to access the People's Survival Fund (PTF) held at the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) on February 8, 2017.**

The workshop, organized by the Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities (ICSC) in partnership with the Canadian Government and Benguet State University, gathered Local Government Officials from Benguet and Mountain Province seeking to fund their efforts in protecting their harvests and further adapt to climate change.

The PTF was established through Republic Act 10174. The act amended the Climate Change Act of 2009 by adding a climate finance feature. The PTF provides long-term finance streams to enable the government to effectively address the problem of Climate Change. The Embassy of Canada committed \$2.65 billion in climate finance until 2020 for developing countries.

"The government of Canada is pleased to support this capacity building workshop on climate-inclusive planning to help enable local government units plan, mobilize and access climate finance from



existing sources such as the People's Survival Fund," said Holmes.

Before gracing the workshop, the Ambassador was also accompanied by BSU officials to the Strawberry Farm.// JST



Participants of the "Sustainable Development in a Changing Environment" held on February 18, 2017 at the CTE Function Hall with Mr. Leo E. Kimbungan and Dr. Perly Aquino Nuevo.//

## Chemistry department holds seminar on sustainable development amidst climate change

**The College of Arts and Sciences- Chemistry Department organized a seminar titled, "Sustainable Development in a Changing Environment" on February 18, 2017 at the College of Teacher Education Function Hall. This was in celebration of the Chemistry Month.**

The seminar featured Mr. Leo E. Kimbungan of the Cordillera Regional Apiculture Center and Dr. Perly Aquino Nuevo of the Postharvest Horticulture Training and Research Center of the University of the Philippines-Los Baños.

Mr. Kimbungan discussed how bees and beekeeping are helpful in climate change adaptation and in development. He presented ten good reasons why beekeeping is a sustainable livelihood. According to Kimbungan, beekeeping requires minimal land use, is low cost, easily generates profit, environment-friendly and is

beneficial to all community members. He added that bees are responsible for pollination which is vital for life on Earth.

On the other hand, Dr. Nuevo presented her paper on "Role of Postharvest Management in Assuring Sustainable Supply of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables in a Changing Climate Environment." She gave a background on the history of food preservation, postharvest losses, food quality and safety and how these are all affected by climate change. She explained how the effects of climate change threaten food security. The increased Carbon Dioxide levels alone would affect the photosynthesis, respiration, ripening, firmness and color intensity of crops.

The activity was attended by more than 200 participants from the Graduate School, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Agriculture and College of Forestry and the general public.//Jen Tabangcura



## BSU employees oriented on Public Sector Unionism and PDEA programs

**Employees of the University were gathered on February 15, 2017 at the BSU Gymnasium for an orientation on Public Sector Unionism and new programs of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).**

Speakers for the event are Dir. Cornelia S. Padinay, Director of the Civil Service Commission (CSC)-Benguet Field Office and Atty. Ernesto Lee Marzo, Chief Administrative Officer of PDEA-CAR.

Dir. Padinay began her lecture by enumerating the legal bases, responsibilities and roles of a Public Sector Union.

"The main purpose for organizing is supposed to be partners with management because we believe that the employees are partners of management in the implementation of its goals...in the name of good governance, we would like to have shared responsibility," said Dir. Padinay.

Meanwhile, Atty. Marzo discussed the PDEA programs including the Barangay Drug Clearing Program, service of search warrants, buy-bust operations, implementation of a drug-free workplace, IEC programs to reduce demand on illegal drugs and rehabilitation of drug users.

Atty. Marzo also took the chance to inform BSU employees about the physical appearance of illegal drugs such as shabu and opium poppy seed and the symptoms that can be seen on a person who is possibly abusing drugs.

After the lectures, the BSU Non-Teaching Association (BSUNTA) members and the Faculty Club

members had their respective general assemblies.

For the BSUNTA, the treasurer's and president's report were presented, a sectoral representative for Production was elected, retirees from 2012-2016 were given tokens followed by the turn-over ceremonies between the outgoing and incoming set of officers. For the Faculty Club, concerns on the federated Faculty Club and NBC 461 were discussed.//JSTabangcura & KSPanolong



Top: CSC Benguet Field Office Director, Cornelia S. Padinay answers a question in an open forum. Bottom: PDEA Chief Administrative Officer, Atty. Ernesto Lee Marzo receives his Certificate of Appreciation and token from BSUNTA and Faculty Club, presidents Mandy K. Catalino and Louisa B. Pladio on February 15, 2017 during the employees' orientation on unionism and PDEA programs.//



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the area where Allied Botanical Corporation has planted various vegetable and flower breeds for showcasing. These include sunflowers, marigold, tomatoes, lettuce, cucumber and spinach. Kohlrabi or turnip cabbage and Swiss Chard and new varieties of pepper were also planted to introduce them to the locality.

BSU and the Allied Botanical Corporation have been partners since 1984. Bienes related how ABC founder, the late Willy Co has worked out a partnership with BSU to be able to conduct field trials on crop varieties before distribution.

"Dapat yung mga ini-introduce na varieties should be tested first in the locality kung saan mo itanim, dapat confident ka when you market a certain product, masasabi mo na ito ay naitanim na sa lugar na to, ito ay magiging adapted sa ganitong kondisyon at higit sa lahat yung farmer na magtatanim, hindi sila madi-disappoint," (Varieties to be introduced in a locality should be tested first in order to confidently say that they are well-adapted in the locality's conditions, most of all, the farmer who will plant the varieties should not be disappointed)" said Bienes. She added that this was among the legacies of BSU to ABC. ABC employs a lot of BSU graduates and provides scholarship to BSU students as well.

Meanwhile, 11 teams of students from the different colleges and campuses got busy for the salad-making competition. The competition was managed by the College of Home Economics and Technology (CHET) and was judged by Chef Elmer Macalingay of Health 100

and 101, Chef Vonn Ryan Esquivel of 2600 Gastro Pub and Chef Lawrence Luna of Ingray Restaurant. The winners of the competition are Maria Elena Atos and Fernan A. Bangonan of BSU Bokod at 1st Place with their salad named "Lemonada Ensalada." At 2nd Place are Cherry P. Cuyan and Maravila M. Senado of CHET with their "Cordilleran Salad" and at 3rd Place are Megnon Lapo B. Tudlong and Raymond S. Salagat of the College of Agriculture with their "Globalization Dish."

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R. Ragasa of Sta. Catalina; Hon. Allen I. Nimo Jr. and Dr. Randolph A. Mamaril of Quirino; Hon. Juanito B. Balingsat and Dr. Mario Q. Santos of Galimuyod.

From Pangasinan, the qualifiers are Hon. Eric J. Verzosa and Dr. Genrao M. Meriño of Dasol; Hon. Rebecca M. Saldivar and Dr. Guillermo S. Rodrigo Jr. of San Nicolas; Hon. Amadeo T. Espino and Dr. Alfredo P. Laguardia of Bautista; Hon. Constante B. Agabayani and Dr. Erano Garcia of San Fabian; Hon. Ramil P. Ventenilla and Dr. Cesamia Ang-Pasion of Mangatarem.

Likewise, the final selection workshop for qualifiers to the MLGP Cycle 2, Batch 1 training from CAR was held on February 28, 2017 at the Eurotel Hotel, Baguio City. This was participated by OU Assistant Director, Dr. Desiree F. Botengan and BSU-OU MLGP point person, Mr. Emil M. Kisim. The qualifiers are from San Quintin, Abra; Calanasan and Flora, Apayao; Kiangon, Ifugao; Tanudan and Tinglayan, Kalinga; and Paracelis, Mt. Province.//JST and Glen Ryan Palao-ay





Ang pagtatanghal ng BES Rondalla na tinuruan ng BSU Rondalla noong ika-10 ng Pebrero taong 2017 sa Gymnasium ng Munisipyo ng Tublay.//Litrato kuha ni Elsie S. Maammo

## Mga batang tinuruan ng BSU Rondalla, nagtanghal

**Ayon kay G. George G. Gange, ang musika ay Amakapangyarihan, kayang pagbuklod-buklurin ang mga tao sa sanlibutan, pumupukaw rin ng damdamin ng bawat sinuman. Higit sa lahat, nagpapahinahon sa mabigat na nararamdaman.**

Ito ang napatunayan ng Basil Elementary School Rondalla (BES) noong ika-10 ng Pebrero taong 2017 sa Gymnasium ng munisipyo ng Tublay bilang pagpapakita at pagbabahagi ng kanilang natutuhan sa pagtuturo ng BSU Rondalla.

Binigyang buhay ng pangkat ang mga katutubong musika ng Cordillera na maging bahagi na rin ng kultura

tulad ng Olit ni Mangenop, Bagbagto, Chua-ay at Salidumay. Ang palatuntunan ay para rin sa pormal na paggawad sa BES ng mga instrumentong ipinahiram ng Pagyamanin Likas Musika (PLM) na pinamunuan ni Ginoong George G. Gange.

Sa katumayan, ang BES Rondalla ay bunga ng extension activity ng Benguet State University (BSU), Center for Culture and the Arts (CCA) Rondalla kasama ang College of Teacher Education (CTE) Rondalla. Pormal na sinimulan ang pag-aaral sa Rondalla ng BES noong ika-14 ng Mayo 2016.//Gemma Dupos Domerez

## Student and alumni activities fill VetMed Week Celebration

**With the theme, "One Health: Building up on the Foundation," the College of Veterinary Medicine lined up activities during the long week celebration of the Veterinary Medicine Week 2017.**

The celebration started on February 20, 2017 with a street parade with Dr. Purita Laisa- Lesing, an alumna and Veterinarian IV at the Provincial Veterinary Office as the speaker in the opening program. She shared her experiences as a student and encouraged students to study hard and be a licensed veterinarian. She said that veterinarians are in demand in the field, in fact, in the PVO, they need four licensed veterinarians for their programs.

The blessing ceremony of the Cordillera Center for Research and Development (CCARD) followed shortly. VP for Business Affairs Silvestre Aben, ATBI Director Ruth Diego, retired CVM dean Anatalia Castrence together with Dean Marietta Amatorio and Dr. Lesing led the ribbon-cutting. The Anatomy, Paraclinical and exotic pet exhibits were likewise opened on the same day. A total of 4, 075 guests from BSU and various schools around La Trinidad visited the exhibits during the weeklong celebration.

In the following days, Venerable Knight and Lady Veterinarians (VKLV), Rodeo Club Philippines (RCP) and Interdependent Study Organization of Students (ISOS) hosted seminars and updates for veterinary students, pet owners and farmers. They also sponsored quiz contests—Paramihan ng Alam, Mentalympics and Word Wizard, which were joined by BSU students as well as

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Students from nearby schools in La Trinidad were amazed by the Anatomy, Paraclinical and exotic pets exhibits during the VetMed week celebration from February 20-24, 2017.// Photos by Hayde Palaleo and Michael Padiclas



## University welcomes 608 visitors in February

A total of 608 visitors composed of officials, faculty members and students from different agencies visited Benguet State University on February 2017.

The agencies included the High Value Crops Development Program of DA Region 7 that conducted a benchmarking Survey on Ube (Yam) in the Province of Benguet and the Saint Louis University of Aurora Hill, Inc. that implemented its career exploration and career exposure in the University.

Also, the University of Eastern Philippines and the Iloilo State College of Fisheries came to benchmark on the best practices in graduate education of the Graduate School and the best practices of the College of Teacher Education departments,

respectively.

The Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA) Calabanga Campus conducted industrial immersion on the best practices and state of the art facilities existing in different state universities and colleges. Also, CBSUA, San Jose, Pili, Camarines Sur came to gather information on the organic agriculture programs as basis in developing their organic agriculture curriculum.

The places visited were BSU Marketing Center, Food Processing Center, Bakery, BSU Museum, Organic Farm and Strawberry fields.// Elsie S. Maammo



**CA CELEBRATES 31ST FOUNDATION DAY.** The College of Agriculture celebrated its 31st Foundation Anniversary on February 13-17, 2017 with the theme, "College of Agriculture Towards Global Competitiveness: The Global Challenge." In photo are the CA faculty with BSU President, Dr. Feliciano G. Calora Jr.; VP for Business Affairs, Dr. Silver K. Aben and VP for Administration and Finance, Dr. Estrelita M. Daclan after the opening program on February 13, 2017.//



The Strawberry Festival of La Trinidad began on February 8, 2017 through the Kapihan sa La Trinidad held at the Strawberry Fields. The Kapihan sa La Trinidad was organized by the La Trinidad LGU and the Philippine Information Agency to announce scheduled activities for the Strawberry Festival. In photo (l-r) are La Trinidad Mayor Romeo Salda, La Trinidad Councilor Arthur Shontogan, BSU President Dr. Feliciano G. Calora Jr. and DOT-CAR Director Venus Tan.//Elmar Walsi-en

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participants from universities in Baguio and La Trinidad. In addition, the three departments of the college prepared quiz contests exclusive for vet med students. The Department of Basic Sciences sponsored the Basic Sciences Quiz Contest; the Department of Paraclinical Sciences organized the Clash of the Microbiologists and the Department of Clinical Sciences headed the Veterinary Medicine Quiz Contest.

On February 24, the CVM Rodeo Team managed a mini-rodeo competition for interested teams. Games included load carrying, lassoing, soda drinking, wood chopping and tug of war among others. The students' activity was capped with a dinner and barn dance headed by the Vet Med Supreme Government (VMSG). Meanwhile, the 2nd Grand Alumni Homecoming for BSU BSAT and DVM also happened on February 24. Dr. Jones Feleciano, one of the first graduates of BS AT welcomed the alumni while Dr. Feliciano Calora Jr., gave the inspirational message. A bonfire was lighted after the program and each alumnus present gave their commitment to their organization and support to the college. The Alumni Homecoming was headed by CVMAA President, Dr. Charlie Foronda.

Meanwhile, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital gave free anti-rabies vaccination for the entire month of February as an extension service.//Monaliz Nagrampa