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101st Commencement Exercises highlight excellence and innovation for sustainable futures

Benguet State University celebrated its graduates in separate commencement exercises at the Buguias, La Trinidad, and Bokod campuses on June 23–26 and 29, 2026. This year's ceremony centered on the theme, "Cultivating Excellence and Innovation for Sustainable Communities and Global Futures."

At the BSU Buguias 29th Collegiate Commencement Exercises held on June 23, 2026, Lubon National High School Principal Teresa Palbuza Ngilac, an alumna of BSU Buguias, served as the guest of honor and commencement speaker.

In her address, Ngilac emphasized the interconnectedness of the disciplines represented by the graduates, framing them as a singular ecosystem necessary to tackle modern challenges. She offered practical advice for life after university, encouraging the class to view difficulties constructively.

Tracy B. Engawan, a Bachelor of Science in Criminology graduate who finished *magna cum laude*, delivered the

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Rejection is just data collection. It tells what didn't work so you can innovate a better approach for the next attempt. Excellence isn't about never falling. It's about navigating the messy parts without losing your integrity."

-TERESA PALBUZA NGILAC,
Guest Speaker
BSU Buguias Commencement Exercises

BSU Faculty Member is Gawad Saka Awardee



Nordalyn B. Pedroche of the College of Agriculture is the regional winner of the Outstanding Agricultural Researcher – Award. Pedroche received the award during the 51st Gawad Saka Awards held on June 30, 2026 in Baguio City.

This recognition reflects Pedroche's unwavering commitment to excellence, innovation, and meaningful contributions to agricultural research and development.

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VISION: A premier university in



transformative education,



innovative research,



inclusive extension,



sustainable development,



and stewardship of culture and the environment

MISSION

Cultivate resilient and future-ready human capital through excellent teaching, responsive research, proactive and sustainable community engagements, strategic partnerships, and progressive leadership

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1 (Instruction) Ensure equity in accessing quality higher education
Objectives
• Formulate and implement affirmative action policies aligned with Free Higher Education
• Sustain enrollment of disadvantaged students
• Sustain grants and scholarships for undergraduate and graduate studies students
• Develop learning continuity and student affairs services plan
• Implement inclusive education strategies for diverse learners
• Sustain optimal enrollment in all degree programs

GOAL 2 (Instruction) Advance quality and relevant instruction to boost regional economies
Objectives
• Enhance instruction through a supportive and innovative environment
• Continuously improve tertiary and advanced education standards

GOAL 3 (Research) Develop gender and culture-sensitive solutions, innovative and transformative research and technologies to reduce regional vulnerabilities and boost socio-economic activities
Objectives
• Strengthen policies, culture, linkages, and support for research and development
• Advance scholarly capabilities of faculty and staff through research-driven initiatives and activities

GOAL 4 (Extension) Develop proactive extension programs to sustain livable and resilient communities prioritizing disadvantaged areas and vulnerable sectors
Objectives
• Enhance extension system environment for effective community development
• Build capacity among extension service providers
• Implement culturally-relevant and gender-sensitive engagement programs
• Expand reach and inclusivity of extension initiatives
• Evaluate and amplify the impact of extension programs and projects

GOAL 5 (Administration and Finance) Promote integrity-based governance and efficient management of resources
Objectives
• Develop human resource capabilities
• Cultivate a culture of good governance and resource stewardship
• Develop smart and green campus solutions
• Establish sound financial policies and systems

GOAL 6 (Business Affairs) Balance progressive resource development while maintaining existing biophysical resources
Objectives
• Foster a supportive ecosystem for entrepreneurial ventures
• Create strategic and socially-responsible business partnerships
• Strengthen capabilities in revenue-generating activities
• Optimize existing income sources
• Pursue green enterprises and growth opportunities

GOAL 7 Strengthening and expanding strategic partnerships
Objectives
• Build a dynamic and enabling environment for partnerships
• Deepen engagement with alumni, government, and civil society
• Strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration among academe, LGUs, industries, and communities

BSU GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES
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BSU CORE VALUES: Integrity, Resilience, Innovation, Stewardship, Service, and Excellence
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Shaping Minds, Transforming Communities, Shaping Futures

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 hosts 14th Regional Health Research Conference

June 18-19, 2026 — Benguet State University (BSU) hosted the 14th Regional Health Research Conference (RHRC) at the BSU Gymnasium, bringing together researchers, health professionals, educators, and students from across the Cordillera region to discuss health research, innovation, and evidence-based solutions for community health concerns.

Organized by the Cordillera Regional Health Research and Development Consortium (CRHRDC), the conference carried the theme, "Binnadang for Health: Bridging Communities through Research, Collaboration, Innovation, and Care," highlighting the importance of collaboration in advancing health and well-being across the region.

BSU President Kenneth A. Laruan welcomed delegates to the university and highlighted the role of academic institutions in fostering research and collaboration.

The opening program featured messages from regional leaders and members of the CRHRDC Governing Board.

Dr. Amelita M. Pangilinan, Regional Director of the Department of Health–Cordillera Administrative Region and Chair of the CRHRDC Governing Board, emphasized that research should be communicated clearly and translated into programs, policies, and services that benefit people, particularly those in underserved areas.

Meanwhile, Serafin L. Ngohayon, Regional Director of CHED-CAR, described health research as an investment in better decision-making, stronger health systems, and improved outcomes for communities. He also shared the importance of communication in ensuring that research findings create meaningful impact beyond academic and scientific circles.

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I challenge all of you to see binnadang not only as a tradition but as a way of thinking, working and serving through research. Be willing to offer what you know. Share what you have and support one another in improving the health and wellbeing of every Filipino through research."

-DR. LEAH J. BUENDIA,
DOST Undersecretary

Nancy A. Bantog, Regional Director of DOST-CAR, emphasized that scientific advancement thrives through collaboration. Citing DOST's vision of "Agham na Ramdam," she highlighted the importance of bringing together researchers, policymakers, students, and healthcare workers to generate knowledge that directly benefits communities and contributes to improved health services.

This was followed by the Pledge of Commitment by member institutions of the consortium, reaffirming their dedication to strengthening health research initiatives and supporting evidence-based solutions for the Cordillera region.

DOST Undersecretary Dr. Leah J. Buendia delivered her keynote address, encouraging researchers to continue pursuing innovative and responsive solutions to pressing health concerns.

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From 801-1000 to 601-800: BSU advances in the THE Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026

Benguet State University (BSU) continues to strengthen its global standing in sustainability, advancing from the 801–1000 band in 2025 to the 601–800 band in the Times Higher Education (THE) Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026.

The THE Sustainability Impact Ratings, formerly known as the THE Impact Rankings, is the only global ranking that assesses how higher education institutions contribute to sustainable development in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In 2026, the ratings evaluated 1,646 universities from 116 countries and territories across 17 SDG categories and one overall ranking.

BSU was evaluated across 12 SDGs, with improved performance across multiple indicators reflecting the University's growing impact in sustainability, education, research, and community engagement.

International Relations Office





BSU-CNS advances sustainable farming through seminar-workshop

June 17-18, 2026 — The Benguet State University convened farmers and focal point persons from the agricultural sectors of various local government units (LGUs) for the “Seminar Workshop on Pesticide Management and Integration of Biochar-Inoculated Plant Growth-Promoting (PGP) Microbes Towards a Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) for Sustainable Farming” at the College of Natural Sciences (CNS) Little Theater.

The two-day activity served as a platform for knowledge sharing on responsible pesticide management, proper fertilizer utilization, environmental stewardship, and innovative microbial technologies that support sustainable agricultural production. It also encouraged stakeholder participation in identifying policy gaps and developing recommendations to strengthen agricultural programs and services.

The first day featured a series of lectures from experts representing regulatory agencies, environmental institutions, and research initiatives.

Rowena F. Billig, Benguet Provincial Officer of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA)–Cordillera Administrative Region, discussed the agency's basic rules and regulations governing the sale, licensing, and registration of fertilizers and pesticides.

Meanwhile, Rogelio B. Tanguid, Regional Officer of the FPA–Cordillera Administrative Region, delivered a lecture on fertilizers and their handling and effective use. He underscored the importance of understanding soil properties and their influence on nutrient availability and fertilizer efficiency, highlighting how informed fertilizer management contributes to improved crop performance and resource utilization.

Addressing environmental concerns associated with agricultural inputs, Alice B. Guerrero, Supervising Environmental Management Specialist of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB)–Cordillera Administrative Region, discussed agricultural hazardous waste management. Her presentation emphasized the significance of Republic Act No. 6969, or the Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990, and other environmental policies that guide the safe handling, transport, storage, and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes.

A highlight of the seminar-workshop was the presentation of Sherlyn C. Tipayno, Project Leader of the Bioremediation Project, on the utilization of biochar-inoculated

plant growth-promoting (PGP) microbes for sustainable soil and crop management. The discussion showcased the potential of beneficial microorganisms as an environmentally sound approach to enhancing agricultural productivity while mitigating the impacts of pesticide use.

Tipayno explained that beneficial bacteria can promote plant growth and development through nutrient solubilization, phytohormone production, and enhanced tolerance to environmental stresses. Moreover, certain microbial strains possess the ability to degrade and detoxify pesticide residues in the soil, reducing their persistence and ecological impact. When integrated into a Balanced Fertilization Strategy, these microbial technologies can contribute to healthier soils, improved crop productivity, and more sustainable farming systems.

The lecture sessions concluded with an open forum that enabled participants to engage directly with the resource speakers and discuss concerns related to pesticide regulation, fertilizer management, environmental compliance, and sustainable agriculture.

During the program Eliseo Opino Jr., a cooperating farmer from Mankayan, Benguet, shared his experiences in adopting improved farming practices and highlighted the value of science-based technologies in addressing challenges encountered by farming communities.

A workshop focusing on identifying gaps and needs in existing agricultural policies was held on the second day.

Through group discussions, participants examined policy implementation challenges and emerging concerns affecting the agricultural sector. The outputs were subsequently consolidated and presented, generating recommendations that may contribute to the enhancement of agricultural policies, extension programs, and support services for farmers and agricultural stakeholders.

The activity underscored the importance of integrating responsible agrochemical management, environmental protection, and science-based innovations in agriculture. This initiative also strengthened collaborative efforts toward developing resilient, productive, and environmentally sustainable farming systems.

  W. Marcos

NCWU and BSU sign MOU on academic collaboration



June 17-18, 2026 — As part of its continuing efforts to expand international partnerships and strengthen academic collaboration, Benguet State University (BSU) and North Carolina Wesleyan University (NCWU), USA, formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 17, 2026, at the BSU Administration Building.

This partnership, through the initiative of the College of Human Kinetics (CHK), aims to strengthen academic

collaboration and engagement between BSU and NCWU. The partnership covers various areas of cooperation, including academic exchange, collaborative programs, research initiatives, and sports-related activities that will benefit both institutions.

The MOU was signed by BSU President Kenneth Alip Laruan, Vice President of Academic Affairs Janet P. Pablo, and Coach Tim Dornemann, Associate Professor of Exercise Science,

who represented NCWU President Evan Duff. The event was witnessed by International Relations Office (IRO) Director Rex John G. Bawang, together with faculty members and staff of the College of Human Kinetics.

Following the ceremony, Coach Dornemann conducted a two-day lecture and drill session, including Physical Education, agility training, and athlete development for incoming second-year Bachelor of Physical Education (BPED) students in collaboration with CHK at the BSU Covered Court.

Moreover, students further participated in exercise demonstrations and group presentations according to their respective specializations, including Combative Sports, Volleyball, Swimming, Football, and Athletics.

 K. Pudos & F. Stanley, DevComm interns
 CD. De Guzman

DOST-CAR, BSU ink partnership to establish Mountain Knowledge and Innovation Center

Benguet State University and the Department of Science and Technology–Cordillera Administrative Region (DOST-CAR) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the establishment of the Mountain Knowledge and Innovation Center (MKIC), marking a significant step toward advancing mountain-focused research, innovation, and sustainable development in the Cordillera.

The collaboration aims to establish the MKIC as a premier regional

hub for mountain-related science, technology, and indigenous knowledge. The center will promote research, innovation, knowledge management, and stakeholder collaboration to address the unique challenges and opportunities of mountain communities.

Under the agreement, DOST-CAR will lead the project's implementation and provide funding support, while BSU will serve as the host institution, providing facilities, technical personnel, and administrative support to ensure the

successful establishment and operation of the center.

The establishment of the MKIC reinforces BSU's commitment to research excellence, innovation, and community engagement while supporting DOST-CAR's mission of advancing science and technology for regional development.

  BSU-Office of the President



GAD spearheads activities in celebration of Men's Health Month



In celebration of Men's Health Month, the Gender and Development (GAD) led activities in celebration of the Men's health Month and the Prostate Cancer Awareness Month on June 2026.

GAD Office hosted a hybrid two-day orientation and capacity-building workshop on the Men Opposed to Violence Against Women (VAW) Everywhere (MOVE) advocacy held on June 17-18, 2026.

GAD Director Jude L. Tayaben, in his message, noted that while MOVE focuses on involving men, BSU also includes women as advocates against violence toward women and children. He emphasized that launching the BSU MOVE aligns with the university's goals and objectives.

MOVE Department of Social Welfare and Development – CAR President Rogelio M. Colting Jr. oriented the participants regarding MOVE advocacy. He presented the national and local data regarding reports on physical, sexual, and emotional violence and discussed the differences between VAW, Violence Against Women and their Children, and Gender-Based Violence.

PMAJ Willy D. Dumansi, MOVE–PNP PRO CAR president, traced MOVE's history in the PNP, described regional chapters' work, and highlighted the importance of men's role in opposing violence against women.

Ylona Veronica A. Bayod, head of the Department of Psychology at Saint Louis University and a registered psychologist, also discussed children in conflict with the law, child-abuse risk factors, and the emotional effects of abuse and deprivation. She cited case examples involving children and urged adults to act as protectors and promote positive parenting practices such as consistent communication, non-violent discipline, involvement, and respect.

On the second day, Tayaben shared the BSU MOVE future programs. Afterwards, BSU Committee on Decorum and Investigation (CODI) Chairperson Ruth D. Lalio explained the university's CODI procedures in handling complaints of misconduct and violence. She cited examples to illustrate how CODI process is applied and to clarify common due process inquiries.

The GAD Office also held an information drive in observance of International Men's Health Week and Prostate Cancer Awareness month on June 23, 2026. The activity aimed to raise awareness on men's health issues, promote early detection of diseases, and encourage healthy lifestyle practices among faculty, staff, and students.

During the activity, Dr. Revilla talked about men's wellness, different diseases and its symptoms, and the importance of seeking timely medical care. Revilla also shared the Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) benefits available to employees.

Afterwards, GAD Director Jude L. Tayaben urged the employees to maximize the use of their HMO benefits and emphasized the importance of undergoing regular medical checkups to support early detection and prevention of health-related concerns.

The activity concluded with an open forum, followed by a closing message from VP for Administration and Finance Richard H. Kinnud.

 P. Gadang

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She emphasized the role of research in addressing community needs and contributing to the overall well-being of the population.

Throughout the conference, participants engaged in plenary discussions on emerging and relevant issues in health research. One session explored the application of artificial intelligence in health research and healthcare, examining both its opportunities and ethical considerations.

Another plenary session examined health equity, culture, and social responsibility, encouraging researchers to adopt community-

centered and culturally responsive approaches in conducting studies.

The conference also featured discussions on translating research findings into policy briefs, highlighting how scientific evidence can be transformed into actionable recommendations that support informed decision-making and strengthen health programs and services.

Beyond the plenary sessions, the conference provided opportunities for researchers and students to present their work through podium presentations, poster presentations, exhibits, and the 3-Minute Pitch to Policymakers competition.

A total of 49 presenters participated in the conference's competitive categories. Winners will advance to represent the Cordillera region in national health research competitions.

In her closing remarks, CRHRDC Consortium Director Maria Rowena C. Madarang emphasized the importance of utilizing research evidence to guide decisions and improve health outcomes. She encouraged participants to continue strengthening partnerships and advancing research that addresses the needs of communities.

The Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center will host the 15th RHRC in 2027.

 CD. De Guzman

ATBI holds Masterclass for CAR-SUCs

June 22-25, 2026 — Representatives from the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) - State Universities and Colleges completed the Agri-Aqua Technology Business Incubation (ATBI) Masterclass at the BSU ATBI/IC Training Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet.

The activity aims to enhance the knowledge and competencies of participating institutions in incubation management, enterprise development, and effective service delivery. The four-day activity deepened the participants' appreciation on the preparation of feasibility study, business plan, and operational manuals which help them contribute and support the establishment of the agri-aqua technology-based enterprises in the region.

BSU VP for Research and Extension, Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres highlighted the importance of the

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May this masterclass inspire you to think creatively and boldly, and pursue innovations that will contribute to a more resilient and prosperous Agri-Aqua sector."

-KENNETH A. LARUAN, BSU President



masterclass in advancing agricultural and aquaculture innovation.

"This masterclass is more than just training. It is an investment in the systems that will help bring agricultural and aquaculture technologies from the laboratory and the field into the market, where we can truly create meaningful impact," Lumbres said.

BSU President Kenneth A. Laruan also emphasized the role of innovation and entrepreneurship in advancing the agri-aqua sector amid challenges such as climate change, resource limitations, shifting market

demands, and declining vegetable prices in some parts of the Cordillera.

He hoped that the innovations and technologies developed in their respective institutions would ultimately benefit farmers and local communities.

The masterclass was organized through the Regional Agri-Aqua Innovation System Enhancement in CAR, Project 5, led by Ruth C. Diego, Program Leader and ATBI/IC Director.



Nylmher Ace F. Degay, BSDC Intern

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valedictory address on behalf of the Batch of 2026. Reflecting on the academic and personal hardships faced by the students, Engawan reminded her peers that perseverance is a core component of attainment. "Failure is not the opposite of success, but it is a part of it," Engawan stated, dedicating the milestone to every student who persisted despite wanting to quit, as well as the families and faculty who supported them.

BSU Buguias conferred 345 graduands this year.

At the La Trinidad Campus, the University conferred degrees upon 2,905 graduates at its 101st Commencement Exercises held on June 24-26, 2026, at the BSU Gymnasium. The graduation ceremonies took place across five separate cluster schedules.

During each ceremony, valedictory addresses were delivered by the five graduates who all finished *magna cum laude*. In their speeches, they honored their families, teachers, and mentors who supported their studies.

Ishtar Karylle D. Songot, a BS Mathematics graduate, shared the true spirit of the academic journey. She emphasized that beyond classroom

lessons and shared documents, the most vital skills learned are the abilities to grow, adapt, and discover meaning in every endeavor.

Jasmin D. Hadsan, a BS Entrepreneurship graduate, inspired her batchmates to build businesses, connect globally, and smile—even at the difficult customers.

"Create food innovations that nourish lives, promote health through proper nutrition, discover life, create impact, explore matter, create solutions. Protect nature and build a sustainable future," Hadsan urged.

Reflecting on a different path to success, BS in Agribusiness graduate Maria Teresa T. Velasco shared how taking a one-year academic break taught her that unexpected shifts in life's "beat" are not failures, but preparations for a greater purpose.

"Hindi lahat ng paghinto ay katapusan at hindi lahat ng paglihis sa plano ay nangangahulugan na ligaw na tayo ng landas. Ito rin ay paghahanda para sa mas malalim na pag-unawa sa sarili, mas matatag na pananampalataya, at mas malaking layunin na hindi pa natin nakikita sa kasalukuyan" Velasco expressed.

Focusing on the role of compassion and service in nation-building, BS Development Communication Graduate Olive Faith Bayao Montes encouraged her fellow graduates to use their education not only for personal success but also for the betterment of their communities. She urged the Class of 2026 to remain empathetic, socially responsible, and committed to creating meaningful change, emphasizing that "the future will not be shaped solely by the smartest individuals but also by those who care enough to make a difference."

Highlighting the value of educational opportunities, Zhaena Angelee T. Bailen, a BS Psychology graduate, reminded graduates that earning a diploma is a privilege not afforded to everyone. She emphasized that while students often face academic challenges, many young Filipinos must also contend with financial hardships, family responsibilities, and other circumstances that prevent them from pursuing or completing higher education.

In Bokod, the campus celebrated the graduation of 174 students in its 52nd Commencement Exercises.

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CVM Ad Victoriam Class of 2026 embraces next chapter

June 24, 2026 — College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) honored its Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Class of 2026 during its Second Hooding Ceremony, celebrating the graduate's academic journey and their transition into the veterinary profession.

Carrying the theme, "From Unmarked Beginnings to Earned Excellence: A Victory Shaped by Dedication, Compassion, and the Calling to Heal and Serve Life," the ceremony recognized the perseverance, resilience, and commitment of the graduating class after years of rigorous academic training and clinical practice.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Richard Dumapis, Director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, described the hooding ceremony as more than a recognition of academic achievement, emphasizing that it symbolizes the graduate's transformation from students into future colleagues in the veterinary profession.

Representing University President Kenneth A. Laruan, Executive Assistant Maridel P. Langbis delivered the President's message. She congratulated the graduates and reminded them that the hood signifies not only the completion of their degree but also their readiness to uphold the responsibilities, integrity, and compassion expected of veterinarians.

Guest speaker Dr. Ofelia M. Pacio, a distinguished alumna of the CVM, likened the occasion to a farmer's harvest after years of hard work and sacrifice. She encouraged the graduates to view the ceremony not as the end of their journey but as the beginning of continuous learning and professional growth.

Sharing her own experiences of overcoming personal and academic challenges, Dr. Pacio reminded the graduates that failures are growth opportunities. Quoting Ecclesiastes 11:6, she encouraged them to continue sowing seeds of excellence, persevere through adversity, and remain committed to becoming compassionate veterinarians and responsible citizens.

Meanwhile, Dr. Karen B. Gaerlan, Chairperson of the Department of Clinical Sciences, provided the historical background and significance of the hooding ceremony. She explained that the tradition dates back to medieval European universities, where academic hoods symbolized scholarship, discipline, and dedication to learning.

She noted that today, the doctoral hood has become a universal emblem of scholarly achievement and professional readiness. Relating the symbolism to the graduate's theme, Dr. Gaerlan emphasized that the hood represents years of perseverance, compassion, and dedication to the veterinary profession while reinforcing the graduate's commitment to the principles of One Health.

In her closing remarks, Dr. Maureen Theresa P. De Vera, Dean of the CVM, encouraged the graduates to pursue their chosen careers with confidence while carrying the values and excellence instilled by Benguet State University.

She recalled that the Class of 2026 began their veterinary education during the COVID-19 pandemic, making them the University's "pandemic babies." Despite the unprecedented challenges they faced, they persevered and emerged stronger, proving their resilience and determination.



Wherever you go, always carry the name of Benguet State University with pride. Show the world the excellence, diligence, and character that define a BSU veterinarian."

-DR. MAUREEN THERESA P. DE VERA,
CVM Dean

The hooding ceremony formally marked the graduates transition from veterinary students to future professionals committed to advancing animal health, public health, and environmental welfare.

 N. Sudaypan, D. Paydowan,

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CHED-CAR Officer-in-Charge Regional Director Serafin L. Nghayon served as the keynote speaker. In his address, he encouraged the graduates to pursue excellence and innovation as they move forward from their academic journey. He emphasized that earning a degree is not only a recognition of academic achievement but also a responsibility to contribute to their communities and beyond.

In her valedictory address, May Ann Gabao Padon, a Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Social Science graduate, reflected on the challenges she encountered throughout her studies, including physical and financial difficulties. Despite these hardships, she remained committed to her goals and academic performance.

 E. Bawayan, CD. De Guzman,
J. Tabangcura, M. An-naway,
MB. Lasaten, J. Urban

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Pedroche is also the Deputy Consortium Director of the Cordillera Consortium for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development (CorCAARRD).

Her researches focus on biological control of plant pests, host resistance, heirloom rice production, coffee diversity, and plant-parasitic nematodes, and she has led several studies on biopesticides and biological control agents in crop production systems.

 CorCAARRD