



The BSU Marching Band, a staple of community parades, leads the academic sector parade during the Strawberry Festival 2017 on March 18, 2017. //Photo by Richard H. Kinnud



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BSU is Top 3 among 111 Institutional Members of AACCCUP

Benguet State University ranked third among 111 Institutional Members of the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCCUP).

The Quality Service Award was given on February 17, 2017 during the 30th AACCCUP National Conference held at the Grand Ballroom Hall, Century Park Hotel, Malate, Manila.

Dr. Feliciano G. Calora Jr., University President, received the award from Dr. Manuel T. Corpus and Dr. Luis M. Sorolla Jr., AACCCUP Executive Director and President, respectively.

Criteria in judging top ranking State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) include the number of accredited curricular programs, number of certified and active faculty accreditors, establishment of Quality Assurance Office, and support of the University to Internal Quality Assurance (IQA). West Visayas State University topped the list of awardees while Isabela State University ranked second.

Of the 111 SUCs in the Philippines, 109 have undergone accreditation by AACCCUP. Mindanao State University (MSU) and Tawi-Tawi Regional Agricultural College (TRAC) are yet to be accredited. //Janet Lynn Montemayor



Pose for posterity. BSU President, Dr. Feliciano G. Calora, Jr. receives the award from Dr. Manuel T. Corpus (third from left) and Dr. Luis M. Sorolla Jr. (fourth from left), AACCCUP Executive Director and President, respectively. Also in the photo are (left to right) Dr. Nenita I. Prado and Dr. Riceli C. Mendoza, members of the AACCCUP Board of Trustees, and Dr. Aurea Marie Sandoval, Prof. Janet Lynn Montemayor, and Dr. Kenneth Laruan, BSU Delegation to the 30th AACCCUP Annual National Conference.

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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

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COURTESY VISIT. Governor Bonifacio Lacwasan (2nd from right) welcomed the HAARRDEC Secretariat led by the RRDCC Chair Dr. Feliciano G. Calora, Jr. (3rd from right) and Consortium director Dr. Carlito P. Laurean (1st from right) to the MP Provincial Capitol. With them were (from L-R) Dr. Ruth Batani, HAARRDEC R&D Cluster Coordinator; Dr. Annie Grail Ekid, MPSPC-VP for RDE; Ms. Judith Bangaan, PLGU MP Personnel; Ms. Flordeliza Naje, HAARRDEC Knowledge Management Cluster Coordinator; Dr. Teresita Mangili, HAARRDEC Techno Transfer Cluster Coordinator; and Atty. Amador P. Batay-an, MP-Provincial Administrator.

HAARRDEC strengthens commitment to Member Institutions

The Highland Agriculture, Aquatic and Resources Research and Development Consortium (HAARRDEC) conducted consultation visits to its Consortium Member Institutions (CMIs) in the Cordillera Administrative Region on February 1-3, 2017. This visit aimed at reinforcing commitment and ensuring strong collaboration towards a responsive Research, Development and Extension (RDE) to the regions' Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources sectors.

BSU President Dr. Feliciano G. Calora, Jr., the newly elected HAARRDEC-RRDCC Chair with Consortium Director, Dr. Carlito P. Laurean led the consultation visits to Apayao State College (ASC), Kalinga State University (KSU), Ifugao State University (IFSU), Mountain Province State Polytechnic College (MPSPC) and to the Local Government of Mountain Province. Dr. Calora and Dr. Laurean were welcomed by ASC President Nieves Dacyon, KSU President Eduardo Bagtang, IFSU Director for Research and Extension Dr. Teresita Allig, MPSPC President Rexton Chakas and Mountain Province Governor, Hon. Bonifacio Lacwasan, Jr.

During the visit, the programs of HAARRDEC were reinstated to Gov. Lacwasan and he reassured the active involvement of the province. Meanwhile, the SUCs expressed gratitude and commendation for the consultation visits. At Luna, Apayao, Dr. Laurean had a live radio broadcast where he updated the Luna community on the consortium mandates and programs. The Consortium is set to continue the consultation visits to 14 other member institutions in the region in the succeeding months. Through the consultation visits, the consortium gears for collaborative efforts with its CMIs to provide meaningful RDE undertakings helpful to the valued clients in the Cordillera.

SUC members of HAARRDEC

HAARRDEC was primarily established by the

Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD) to provide mechanisms for coordinating and monitoring the research and development (R&D) activities of all member-institutions and private institutions in the Cordillera. The Consortium has currently 19 members which includes two National Agencies, eight Regional Line Agencies, six SUCs, three LGUs, and a Non-Government Organization. These institutions are convened through its policy making body - the Regional Research and Development Coordinating Council (RRDCC). The consortium is turning 39 years by November 2017. The following are the SUC members of the consortium.

Apayao State College is guided by the vision to become a biodiversity R&D-centered Higher Education Institution. ASC has committed to dwell on the research and development of Apayao's products such as wine, Bigba, tilapia and environmental services.

Kalinga State University was one of the member institutions visited by evaluators of the Ugnay Award in 2012. Through its support, HAARRDEC was recognized as 2nd Runner-Up Best Performing Consortium in the country. While many researches are being implemented in the university such as one on the Philippine native pig, KSU manifests its interest to research more on the promotion of local products like heirloom rice, tilapia and other environmental services.

Ifugao State University has remarkably evolved over the years and has also been instrumental in conducting various researches on wine, dragon fruit, poultry and inland aquatic resources.

Mountain Province State Polytechnic College has signified interest to conduct research on its diverse local products like the famous 'patopat', legumes, rice, and other highland vegetables.//Marlo Abyado

CHET Faculty awarded Nutritionist-Dietitian of the Year



Sherilyn Balauro received the Nutritionist-Dietitian of the year 2016 award on March 8, 2017 at the Marriot Hotel, Pasay City during the 62nd NDAP National Convention. The NDAP Baguio Benguet Chapter also received the Most Outstanding Chapter Award on the same occasion. Photo shows CHET Dean, Dr. Pelin Belino and Ms. Sherilyn Balauro flanked by RNDs from the Cordillera after receiving the awards during the Fellowship Night.// Photo courtesy of CHET

Sherilyn Balauro, a Registered Nutritionist-Dietitian (RND) and faculty of the Department of Human Nutrition of the College of Home Economics and Technology was recognized by the Nutritionist-Dietitians' Association of the Philippines (NDAP) as Nutritionist-Dietitian of the Year (2016) for her "significant innovation and creative works as evidenced by numerous laboratory manuals as well as copyright registration and utility models of technologies, awards as teacher and researcher, continuous support to NDAP programs and activities through the years, active involvement in extension and community services and consistent outstanding work performance as educator." Balauro received the award on March 8, 2017 at the Marriot Hotel, Pasay City during the 62nd NDAP National Convention.

The Nutritionist-Dietitians' Association of the Philippines – Baguio Benguet Chapter (NDAP-BBC) has certified her performance and accomplishments as member and officer of the association over the years.

Balauro was also awarded Outstanding Teacher in the university in 2015. She was part of a team whose papers on "etag" research won awards in various fora. She published manuals in Meal Management and Food Service.

Balauro is the 4th RND (Registered Nutritionist-Dietician) from CAR to be awarded at the national level. The Most Outstanding Provincial ND was given to Mrs. Imelda Aboy of DOH-CAR and Mrs. Yasmin Abing of the Benguet General Hospital in 2008 and 2012, respectively. In 2011, this writer was also awarded as Outstanding ND in Education &

Research.

Likewise, the local Nutritionist-Dietitians' Association of the Philippines – Baguio Benguet Chapter (NDAP-BBC) where all other DHN faculty serve as officers over the years, received its 6th Most Outstanding Chapter award at the national level. Its first five (5) awards were received in 2001, 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2010. The organization conducts professional education programs, provides technical assistance to groups, agencies and communities while networking with government and non-government organizations in the delivery of nutrition, dietetic and related services. Most of its activities find its roots at and is greatly indebted to the Benguet State University with whom it has worked closely since 1998.

For 2017 and 2018, the NDAP-BBC looks forward to enhancing rather than merely

University personnel undergo re-orientation on quality service indicators



Dr. Cornelia Padinay, (right photo) Director of the Civil Service Commission (CSC)-Benguet Field Office served as the resource speaker of the PRIME-HRM orientation for BSU employees on March 14, 2017 at the Landbank Building.

Anchored on enhancing their performance as public servants, several personnel of Benguet State University (BSU) were oriented on the new indicators of quality service known as the PRIME-HRM. Said activity was organized by the Human Resource Development Office at the Landbank Building which started on March 14, 2017.

This is the first of the series of orientations to be given to all employees of the university.

Dr. Cornelia Padinay, Director of the Civil Service Commission (CSC)-Benguet Field Office served as the resource speaker. As such, she introduced the PRIME-HRM, a mechanism designed to help elevate public sector human resource management to a level of excellence through a process of assessment, assistance, and awarding of HRM systems, practices, and competencies. She said that this is the third assessment tool commissioned by the CSC to monitor the performance of employees and lay a ground

for developing best practices in the HRM.

"You are the most important resource of the agency because you are the ones who move the resources and make things happen," enthused Padinay, furthering that there is the need for the CSC and the BSU-HRM to discuss and deliberate about the policies being provided by the former and come up with a consensus on their implementation

An assessment program through the Individual Learning and Development Plan (ILDP) will be created by the trained personnel.

The said event is also an avenue geared towards relegating the status of the HRM Unit to Level II. Accordingly, BSU-HRM has already passed the set standards for the Level I accreditation and that there are only certain indications it has to meet to maintain Level II. This is akin to the newly-institutionalized vision of BSU.//Daniel Jason M. Maches, BSU Devcom Intern



Office heads and Information Coordinators of the University were oriented on the CSC PRIME-HRM on March 3, 2017 at the CTE Function Hall. The orientation was done by CSC-CAR Chief Human Resource Specialist, Josefina S. Tamondong.//

BSU strawberry products promote local berry industry



“BSU promotes the local strawberry industry through the production of processed strawberry products”, said Hilda L. Quindara, Manager of the BSU Food Processing Center.

The BSU Food Processing Center produces a variety of strawberry products such as jams, spreads, Choco berry and strawberry tart. Tons of fresh strawberries delivered to the center from the Strawberry Fields produces 500-1,000 bottles of strawberry jams.

Quindara explained that BSU strawberry products are different because the center uses pure strawberry; there are no preservatives and extenders added. Likewise, there is only one production process followed through the years. “A change in the process may change the products’ quality,” added Quindara.

BSU strawberry products are available at the University Marketing Center. Strawberries are one of the most popular fruit grown in La Trinidad, Benguet and Baguio City. They bear fruits in December and may last up to May depending on weather conditions. The peak of harvest is during months of February to April. However, as soon as the rain starts, the volume of harvest starts to decline. //Joy Ann Posayen (BSDC Intern)

CHED-CAR awards CoPC to 8 BSU Programs

CCHED-CAR OIC Ma Geraldine Casipit with Education Supervisors personally handed the Certificates of Program Compliance of six BSU programs to BSU President, Dr. Feliciano G. Calora Jr. on March 13, 2017.

The University applied for the Certification of Program Compliance (CoPC) to the CHED for the various degree programs being offered at the main campus. A team organized by the CHED Regional Office visited the University and evaluated the programs on December 5-16, 2016. A series of visits were conducted on February 20-21, 24 and March 1-2, 2017 to validate compliance to the minimum requirements set forth in the CMOs for the various degree programs and for Student Affairs and Services.

The CoPC for the following programs were awarded to the



following programs on March 13, 2017: BS in Forestry, BS in Agriculture (Agricultural Economics, Agronomy, Agroforestry, Animal Science, Horticulture, Entomology, Extension Education, Organic Agriculture, Plant Pathology, and Soil Science), BS in Agricultural Engineering, BS in Nutrition and Dietetics, Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Secondary Education, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness. //JST and Lynn Talkasen

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sustaining the usual activities while consciously striving to further develop its members. Before everyone gets committed for the Nutrition Month Celebration in July, three activities have already been slated – participation in

the Duting Tan Dukto component of the Strawberry Festival, a symposium on The Art of Emceeing on April 22 and the Pre-Nutrition Month Seminar on June 8, 2017. //Imelda O. Degay, NDAP-BBC President (2017-18)

NPRCRTC celebrates 40th year, hosts root-based food sale



The NPRCRTC's 40th anniversary celebration on March 21, 2017 featured a root-based food sale.

Anchored on the theme, “*Root & Tuber Crops: For Health, Food, and Industry,*” the Northern Philippines Root Crops Research & Training Center (NPRCRTC) celebrated its 40th anniversary on March 21, 2017.

The event kicked off with a thanksgiving mass celebrated by Fr. Benedict Jason P. Lopez of the San Jose Parish Church of La Trinidad. This was attended by officials and staffs of the NPRCRTC including students from the College of Home Economics and Technology (CHET) and the College of Agriculture (CA).

In his homily, Lopez stressed on the importance of root crops and related it to biblical scenes. “Root crops signify life, because they grow from the very land that Jesus Christ made to sustain living. In the Cordilleran setting, root crops have been a manifestation of the industry of the people who have been used to tilling the land”, he said.

As part of the celebration, NPRCRTC hosted the Root-based food sale showcasing the different root crops being researched by the center. The food sale featured various products processed from root crops such as ube ice cream, camote lumpia, sweet potato loaf bread, binubudan, ube and camote shake, potato salad and ube cupcakes.

The other colleges were also invited to showcase and sell their products to help in their Income Generating Project (IGP). One of the staff of NPRCRTC also said that the Root-based Food Sale is a way to promote the root crop products.//Jenny Joy Nabaysan, Joy Ann Posayan, UPAO DevCom Interns



The Collective Negotiation Agreement between the University Administration and the BSU employee organizations was signed on March 29, 2017 by BSU President Feliciano G. Calora Jr., BSU VP for Administration and Finance, Dr. Estrellita M. Daclan and BSU Faculty Club President, Prof. Louisa P. Pladio.//

BSU completes 1st phase disaster risk reduction of climate change projects, updates 2nd phase

BSU and the World Food Program (WFP) recently finished the 1st phase of the project titled, "Disaster Risk Reduction of Climate Change Impacts on Highland Vegetables in Benguet."

The 1st phase was in partnership with the municipalities of Atok and Buguias while the 2nd phase is in partnership with the municipalities of Bokod and Kabayan. The 1st phase was a 10-month project which was already implemented.

Under the 1st phase, demo farms were established. The project team shared that vegetable terraces under threat of erosion due to extreme rainfall could be reinforced and crops can be protected. Capacity building and

barangay planning were also conducted as final activities.

BSU with WFP completed the first phase with Dr. Carlito Laurean as the program leader.

Three farmer cooperators of Benguet received the BSU package of technology . One of them is Winnie Taynan of Atok who received a water tank and wind breaker for her garden. The water tank was anticipated as a common service facility (CSF). "The principle of providing the CSF and more participatory engagement are also envisioned in the next phase," Dr. Ruth Batani, member of the project team, explained. She also noted that there was already an initial approval of the 2nd phase.//Rose Dagupen



BSU officials, faculty and staff joined the Civic Parade on March 18, 2017. The activity is part of the La Trinidad Strawberry Festival.

To commemorate the Women's Month, the BSU-GAD Unit invited students from the Institute of Human Kinetics to facilitate an early morning exercise during the regular Monday Flag Ceremony in front of the BSU-Administration Building on March 13, 2017. The theme for the 2017 Women's Month is We Make Change Work for Women. This theme was discussed by Ramon Fiangaan Jr.//

