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## De Vera inaugurates CHED-Funded projects at BSU

Commissioner J. Prospero "Popoy" E. De Vera III of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and CHED-CAR Regional Director Demetrio P. Anduyan Jr. were in the University on April 21, 2024 to inaugurate the CHED-funded smart library facilities and engineering laboratories. The commissioner also planted a tree at the lawn near the BSU administration building.

The projects inaugurated are the "Smart Library Facilities for BSU Campuses (La Trinidad, Buguias, Bokod)" lodged at the BSU La Trinidad Library and the "Enhancement of Engineering and Technology Laboratories of Benguet State University" lodged at the College of Engineering (CE). The library project received a funding of PHP 7,500,000.00 while the engineering laboratory project received PHP 25,000,000.00. Both funds are under the Higher Educational Development Fund through the Institutional Development and Innovation Grant (IDIG) Program.

The IDIG Program assists higher education institutions in upgrading its instructional and learning facilities to ensure delivery of quality education to all students and produce locally-responsive, innovative, and globally competitive graduates and lifelong learners especially in the era of digital transformation.

"I am very happy to be here and I am very happy to see that CHED projects have already been implemented. Since I became Chair, we have been increasingly giving projects to State Universities and Colleges to improve their facilities to make sure the needs of the students are met," said De Vera.

De Vera was welcomed by the faculty and staff of the CE and the University Library and Information Services (ULIS) led by BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila.//JSTabangcura

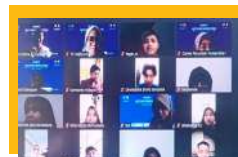


CHED Chair Prospero "Popoy" De Vera and BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila inspecting the Engineering and Technology Laboratory on April 21, 2024 as College of Engineering (CE) Dean Leonardo D. Dumalhin answers their questions.//

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## VISION

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

## MISSION

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

## DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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

## Objectives:

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

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

## Objectives:

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

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

## Objectives:

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

## Goal IV. Engender Partnership by proactively strengthening linkages

## Objectives:

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

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

## Objectives:

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

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## BSU students reap awards in various competitions

"More glories to thy name we'll bring, let our duties noble and loving..." is a line from the BSU Hymn quoted by BSU Secondary Laboratory School (SLS) Faculty Member, Rostom Niño Supsupin as he announced a batch of awards earned by students after the Flag Ceremony on April 15, 2024. For the whole month of April, BSU students brought home an array of awards from various competitions. These awards were announced after the Flag Ceremonies on April 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2024 to recognize the award-winning students.

### I quiz Bio Year 2024

In this competition held on March 23, 2024, SLS students Hannah Karylle Ugalde secured 6<sup>th</sup> Place and Ricardo Sacpa Jr. was a finalist.

### Project Proposal Competition

This competition, organized by the Department of Education (DepEd) was held on April 5, 2024 at the Cordillera Regional Science High School (CRSHS). Senior High School students Lester C. Sibaen, Ryan Kurt L. Laoyan, and Ricardo B. Sacpa Jr. coached by Cheryl C. Anton, ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> place with their proposal titled "Benguet Wetlands: A Solution to Water Shortage and Contamination."

Under the Junior High School (JHS) category, Emriel Xyke B. Likigan, Sondel Easan A. Paayas, and Christine Zoe B. Gomowad coached by Rostom Niño B. Supsupin, ranked first place with their project proposal titled "UPWARD: Upgrading Pipes, Water Advancement, Resilient Drainage-A Project Proposal."

### Samahang Kickboxing ng Pilipinas (SKP) Tournament

This tournament was held on March 30, 2024. CHK students Jessa Mea Attiw won the gold medal; Liezel Chaves and Haiza May Grace Alhido with College of Engineering student JV Haris Sopa won silver medals while Joan Lubin of the College of Public Administration and Governance (CPAG) won a bronze medal.

### Baguio-Benguet Educational Athletic League (BBEAL) Season 34

For the combative sports held on April 6-7, 2024, CHK student Jonifer Gaki won a gold medal in boxing while Rusbelt Salibad and Rhoendy Von Baguilat, also of CHK,

won silver medals. Russel Sacayanan and Von Bacali of the College of Numeracy and Applied Sciences (CNAS) both earned bronze medals in their respective categories.

In Muay Thai, Ivan Bryle Bestre and Wilmer Salpad of CHK; and Criselyn Lusadan from the College of Social Sciences (CSS) won gold medals. Levi Dawaton and Erextor Taligan, both from the College of Agriculture (CA), bagged silver medals while Jessa Mea Attiw (CHK) won a bronze medal making BSU the overall Muay Thai champion.

### Benguet Festival of Talents—Technolympics

In this activity held on April 10-12, 2024 at the Benguet National High School (BeNHS), SLS student Lindsay Clarence Agtolao with her coach, Racquel Rose C. Lachica ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Feed Formulation Competition. In the same event, Princess Mae C. Dulay, Elijah Lane M. Del-ong, Yesha E. Demis, Alexandria Donaal, Amethyst Klein Murphy, Zsofia C. Nabus, Elaiza S. Kimeno, Marielle V. Carbonel, Aloysius Kahleil M. Bao-idang, Lianne Shant A. Longay, Cliff Daniel B. Apilado, Archeantus Craig Garambas, and Allena Lauro with their coach Praise Lynn U. Canggal won Best Product and ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> Place overall in the Bazaar Contest.

### STEMazing on-the-spot proposal writing and presentation competition

BSU-SLS students Emriel Xyke B. Likigan, Sandel Easan A. Paayas, and Christine Zoe B. Gomowad, coached by Rostom Niño B. Supsupin and Cheryl C. Anton ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with their proposal titled "Projects TUBIGS: Technology Upgrade by Insulation for Greater Storage" under the Junior High School category. The competition was held on April 12, 2024 at the CRSHS.

### YMCA Academic and Cultural Olympics

This event was held on April 14–15, 2024 at YMCA Baguio City. SLS students Aloysius Kahleil M. Bao-idang, Jannah Direen A. Pal-iwen, and Jonie Mae A. Besyag ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Team Quiz Bee Senior High School (SHS) category. For the Team Bible Quiz Senior High School Category, Jasmine Rose M. Canuto, Jesse Venice T. Salingbay, and Carah Joy T. Ticuan also won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Under the Junior High School Category, Jamien Boyon, Laureanna Canuto, and Shammah Domeris won 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

In the Essay Writing Competition, Khazemae Shaniah D. Luis won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place under the Senior High School Category and Jared Dwayne A. Decoyna also won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place under the Junior High School Category. Meanwhile, Kerin Naomi Esitigo won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the On-the-spot Drawing-Senior High School Category and Fraezel Ann P. Atimama won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place under the Junior High School Category. Liam Shane M. Botengan and Nikole Karl A. Curiman won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Vocal Duet under the Senior High School Category while Sondel Easan A. Paayas and Karla Kate Dolo won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Junior High School Category. For the Junior High School Hiphop Competition, Keino F. Bacasen, Bryle Jay Raza, Regina De Mesa, Amanda Lorraine Domiclong, Ella Lascano, and Jennie Lhou Ulban won 2<sup>nd</sup> place. In the Senior High School Traditional Folk Dance Competition, Ivan Carl B. Balinggan, John Lester D. Enggo, Chevalier C. Juan, Deneira Lindsay D. Esalley, Farrah Jonice T. Pagaduan, and Aeya Brea S. Ragura won 1<sup>st</sup> Place. The students were coached by Keano P. Ananayo, Aiza V. Binayan, Imee C. Cuadra, Jefferson D. Lumiib, and Rostom Niño B. Supsupin.

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## BSU faculty researchers attend research ethics training workshop

To better equip the university faculty researchers on the practice and understanding of research ethics, the BSU Research and Extension Sector held a two-day training and workshop on Research Ethics on April 18-19, 2024.

On the first day, five of the invited speakers simultaneously delivered their presentations. Cordillera Regional Health Research and Development Consortium (CRHDC) member Eleanor D. Cuarte presented a walk-through on the history of research ethics. This includes the inhumane conduct of experiments and research on humans during the war and the evolution of policies, laws, and guidelines that resulted from these.

This was followed by Marina I. Sagandoy, another member of CRHDC who gave an overview of the general elements of research ethics which are social values, justice, and transparency among others. During the open forum, the issues of moral dilemmas in different contexts of conducting research were also deliberated.

CRDRDC member Pelin P. Belino then talked about the responsibility of the research adviser, researchers, and the institution as part of ensuring the quality of research works. In line with this, BSU Research Ethics Committee Chair (BSU-REC) Florence V. Poltic gave an overview of the university's standard operating procedures, guidelines for conducting research, and the ethics review process among others.

Finally, BSU-REC Co-Chair Ruth S. Batani discussed the ethical guidelines for social research; research involving indigenous peoples; and herbal research & environmental health research. Throughout her presentation, the question of whether controversial issues should be studied was rounded. According to her,

no scientific inquiry should be suppressed but it must be sensitive to the scientific, ethical, and political implications. On the last day, College of Nursing (CN) Faculty Member Jude L. Tayaben specified the ethical guidelines for both research in traditional and alternative health care and on health policy and systems research. Following this, College of Social Science (CSS) Faculty Member Agnes Kryza H. Sito also talked about the ethical guidelines for research in mental health and those involving minors or children.

The final presentation on the ethical guidelines for collaborative research, authorship, and publication was then given by the Research and Extension Publication Office (REPO) Director Cheryll C. Launio.

The VP for Research and Extension Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres shared his enthusiasm for the organized activity and challenged the university researchers to put into practice all the presentations and discourses.

To end the training workshop, the Office of Extension Services (OES) Director Anna Cris L. Langaoan closed the activity with a commendation saying, "This is a testament to our commitment to continuous self-improvement...at some point, we might have found ourselves in moments of discomfort. So, for those who have found themselves in moments of discomfort, that is a good sign. Meaning we are still capable of recognizing that there are shortcomings we have along the way in the conduct of research."// CANapiloy

## AACUP evaluates BSU degree programs

The Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines, Inc (AACUP) evaluated the four degree programs of BSU during the online Preliminary Survey Visit (PSV) on April 22-26, 2024.

The event intended to determine the readiness of the programs for the formal visits by the AACUP. The programs assessed were the BA in Communication, BA in English Language, BA in Filipino Language, and the BA in Exercise and Sports Science.

The AACUP accreditation team was led by Ricky G. Abaleña III of the West Visayas State University, as the overall coordinator, together with Jermine F. Alinea of the Southern Luzon State University, Lanie B. Tiu of the Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College, and Anthony J. Antonio of the Bulacan State University.

The week-long survey visit focused on the evaluation of documents under the areas of Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives; Faculty; Curriculum and Instruction; Support to Students; Research; Extension and Community Involvement; Library; Physical Plant and facilities; Laboratories; and Administration. It also included online ocular visits to the facilities of the University.

The event was concluded with the closing meeting on April 26 where the accreditors presented their findings about the strengths and recommendations to the programs evaluated.

Abaleña commended the BSU local task force and the management for their passion, commitment, and receptiveness that led to the successful accreditation process. He also encouraged the BSU team to continue working towards quality programs and excellent education.

"I encourage you communicate with us even beyond this accreditation. We can collaborate and become each other's helping hand in the years to come towards Philippine quality education," he said.

VP for Academic Affairs, Samuel S. Poliden in behalf of the University President, expressed gratitude and commitment that the University will continuously enhance the quality of its degree programs and services towards quality education.// EBawayan



# CTE Faculty Members serve as Guest Lecturers at Indonesian University

Leilani U. Estole and Russel Fitz P. Wadasen, faculty members of the College of Teacher Education (CTE), recently took on the role as international guest lecturers at Universitas PGRI Madiun (UNIPMA) in Indonesia. This collaboration marked another milestone in the ongoing partnership between the CTE and UNIPMA, which has flourished since 2023.

The engagement showcased the expertise of Estole and Wadasen in their respective fields. Estole enlightened Bachelor students of the Primary/English Education Department with insights into ICT in teaching and learning English. Meanwhile, Wadasen delved into the intricacies of the Concept of Relativity for 4th Semester Physics students pursuing a Bachelor of Education degree.

The virtual lectures took place on April 24-25, 2024, commencing at 13:00 Indonesian Time via Zoom. This digital platform facilitated seamless interaction between the lecturers and students.

Divina M. Yango, dean of BSU-CTE, expressed her satisfaction with the ongoing collaboration, highlighting its inception since 2023. This enduring partnership underscores the commitment of both institutions to enriching academic exchange and fostering mutual learning opportunities.

Through initiatives like these, the CTE and UNIPMA continue to nurture a culture of excellence in education and cultivating global perspectives among students and faculty alike. //JBelardo

Pimentel, Rhain Aera Gawigawen, Benny Hinn Agbalog, Friamae Langpawan, Jerainer Cañero, and Alethiea Dagwasi ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. For the online publication, Ylyonah Faith de la Cruz, Johannah Rudio, Pauline Guerrero, Jezyl Cambato, and Desiree Tica-won 5<sup>th</sup> Place. The students were mentored and coached by Annaliza Dagwasi, Marlo Aclis, and Melecio Palsaan Jr.

These awards made BSU-SLS 4<sup>th</sup> Place in the Overall Individual Contest, 5<sup>th</sup> Place in the Overall Group Contest, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Overall Ranking for Mt. Breeze and *Ang Tulay*.

## Scilympics 2024

With the theme, "Building Science, Understanding, and Literacy through Educational Games," this event was held on April 18, 2024 at the Dominador S. Garin Hall, CTE. Grade 8 students Makisig Earl P. Bandao, Azhleigh Raigne B. Sotto, Althea Ross G. Vivero, and Irene Kate Santiago won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Grade 9 students Kheiron Carlisle N. Dicang, Alexyra Caroline D. Kubota, Sondel Easan A. Paayyas, and Vivienne Cy A. Ngivas also won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Grade 10 students Jared Dwayne A. Decoyna and Cindy T. Compala won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.

The Grade 11 Senior High School (SHS) Team A composed of Shaira Mae E. Capiato, Aisha Errainna T. Lampacan, Riezle D. Salasa, Sophia Grace P. Pastor, and Queenee C. Sibaen won 1<sup>st</sup> Place. The Team B composed of Lindsay T. Apnoyan, Geltrude Claire C. Asbok, Jasmine Rose M. Canuto, John Lester D. Enggo, and Tristan B. Palasi got 4<sup>th</sup> Place. The Team A Grade 12 students composed of Aloysius Kahleil M. Bao-dang, Lianne Shant A. Longay, Richardo Jr. B. Sacpa, Cliff Daniel B. Apilado, and Hannah Karylle C. Ugalde won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place while Team B composed of Charina D. Arkias, Janler Craig C. Camodag, Cheska D. Feliciano, Ryan Kurt L. Laoyan, and Lester C. Sibaen ranked 4<sup>th</sup> Place.

## 2024 Science and Technology Youth Encampment

In this activity held on April 17-19, 2024, at the Rio Villa Nuevo Mineral Resort in Cavite were also announced. Mary Christine M. Yango ranked 9<sup>th</sup> Place in Photo Essay; Lara D. Busilan was elected as Vice President of the Philippine Consortium for Science, Mathematics, and Technology (PCSMT) National Student; Tristan A. Ticbayan won PCSMT Ambassador 2024; Nikhol Khaye D. Celestino won as Ms. Science 2024; Armi Jay R. Paragas and Frances Caye M. Nombre were elected as Press Relations Officers of the PCSMT National Student; and Shanna B. Tulic, Mike T. Degan, Dave Howard Salamat, and Mito P. Kiteng ranked 13<sup>th</sup> Place in the Essay Contest.

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Participants of the UNIPMA Guest Lecture Series 2024 held on April 24-25, 2024. CTE Faculty Members Leilani U. Estole and Russel Fitz P. Wadasen served as guest lecturers.

## Student awards...from page 3

These awards made the BSU-SLS first runner up in the overall ranking both for the Junior and Senior High School categories. The first placers represented YMCA Baguio in the YMCA North Luzon Cluster competition held on April 20-21 where they won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Team Bible Quiz Junior High School category, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Senior High School Traditional Folk Dance, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Vocal Duet for the SHS category and 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the on-the-spot drawing for the SHS category.

## Division School Press Conference 2024

Mt. Breeze, the English student publication of SLS, ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Sports Section), 9<sup>th</sup> Place (Science Section), and 10<sup>th</sup> Place (News Section). Mt. Breeze staff Lianne Shant Longay ranked 6<sup>th</sup> Place in Science Writing and Charina Arkias ranked 7<sup>th</sup> Place in Feature Writing. For the Group Awards, SLS students Liane Shant Longay, Haiver

Bagayao, Cheska Feliciano, Danica Kaye Frias Pamayan, Stacey Balli, Ricardo Sacpa, and Jackson Caburian bagged 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Collaborative Publishing while Peter Ramos, Hana Ugalde, Stacey Balli, Martee Ganado, and Haiver Bagayao won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Online Publication. Their adviser and mentor is Agustin Nang-is.

The Filipino student publication of the BSU-SLS, *Ang Tulay*, also earned awards in the same competition. Lester Sibaen ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in *Pagsulat ng Editorial*, Christine Gomowad is 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in *Pagsulat ng Kolum*, Ryan Kurt Laoyan ranked 8<sup>th</sup> Place in *Pagsulat ng Pampalakasan*, and Rheana Galidan is 5<sup>th</sup> Place in *Pagwawasto at Pag-uulo ng Balita*.

*Ang Tulay* also won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in *Pahinang Agham at Teknolohiya* and 8<sup>th</sup> Place in *Pahinang Balita*. In the radio broadcasting competition, Harry Wen Salo, Covey Bryan



## 6<sup>th</sup> ThinkTalk features communication and negotiation in diverse contexts

As part of the ThinkTalk: Language, Literature, Arts and Communication Series, the Benguet State University-College of Arts and Humanities (CAH) in collaboration with the Institute of Social Research and Development (ISRD) held its sixth webinar with the theme “The Role of Communication and Negotiation in Diverse Contexts” on April 12, 2024.

Four seasoned researchers presented their research results gleaned from their studies encompassing media and information literacy, finding your identity in a multicultural space, indigenous healing as a communicative phenomenon, and the representation of *Kankanaey* women in local films.

In her opening remarks, College of Arts and Humanities Dean Myrna B. Sison-Kuiper expressed, “In an era where the landscape of communication is as dynamic as it is challenging, our coming together today is more than just a conference. It is a commitment to excellence and understanding in the disciplines that will shape human progress.”

Moreover, VP for Research and Extension Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres encouraged the research community of the university to work together as “the name of the game right now is no longer competition, but collaboration.”

In the morning session, Janet S. Tibaldo of the School of Teacher Education and Liberal Arts, Saint Louis University talked about the crucial role of being a media and information literate amidst information overload.

According to her, most Filipinos are over-entertained but under-informed. Thus, understanding the context and the underlying messages of information is necessary to combat the spread of fake news and false advertisements. This can be achieved by the use of the mnemonics AFTOM which refers to author, format, target

audience, objective, and manage. Additionally, Communications and Change Management Lead Gretchen Shagami C. Mangahas of the Toronto Catholic District School Board in Toronto Canada shared her lived experience as an immigrant in a foreign and individualistic society.

With this, she also presented in detail the challenges encountered by Filipino immigrants in maintaining their identity while practicing cultural adaptation in an unfamiliar space.

During the afternoon portion, two faculty researchers from the university also presented their findings. Christine Grace S. Fuchigami of the Department of Development Communication, College of Information Sciences shed light on the place of indigenous healing in our contemporary times where biomedicine is more widely recognized by today’s generation.

In her research, Fuchigami argued that indigenous healing still proves effective and easily accessible to the indigenous communities. Further, it is still rooted as part of their indigenous identity and should thus be integrated into the practice of biomedicine.

Lastly, College of Arts and Humanities-Department-of Arts and Communication Faculty and Chair Peter P. Dalocdoc Jr. expounded his study on the representation of *Kankanaey* women in indigenous films.

His study revealed the changing landscape of women’s roles within the household and the community as a whole as compared to the convention of tradition. This includes the recognized ability of women to lead among others. On the other side of this progress, however, representation of women as victims and expectations of motherhood remains unchanged.

Platforms for questions, clarifications, and discussion were also entertained in between presentations. To close, CAH faculty member

Lory Rose Supsupin delivered the activity’s synthesis followed by a closing remark from the Director of the Institute of Social Research (ISRD) and Development, Ann Heather B. Kiwang. Commending the concluded event, she highlighted the close correlation between communication and language to social science and resounded the spirit of collaboration among researchers.

She further announced to keep updated on future events and activities that will transpire in the future. //CANapiloy



**Ready-to-eat dehydrated chayote research wins best paper award.** The paper “Development of Ready-to-eat Dehydrated Chayote (*Sechume edule*): Nutritive Value, Profitability, Consumer Buying Behavior, and Shelf-life” by Lesley Dale G. Umayat, Jeftee Ben B. Pinos-an, and Zinnia B. Dasilen was adjudged Best Paper during the 4<sup>th</sup> International Research Summit by the Philippine Association of Collegiate Schools of Business held on April 18, 2024 in Tagbilaran, Bohol. Additionally, Umayat with Sheena Wasig and Daena Mariele Dar also won 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the Regional Sustainability Hackathon by the Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR) held on April 23-25, 2024 in Baguio City. Their entry was titled, “Bean-to-Bite: Developing Legume Based Noodles and Meat Alternatives for Kalinga’s Sustainable Enterprise.”



## BSU's intercultural exchange activity features Cordillera and Lowland songs, dances, and indigenous cuisine



The Department of History-College of Social Sciences (CSS), Gender and Development Office (GAD) and Kritikal na Kamalayan sa Kasaysayan (KKK) of Benguet State University hosted the semestral inter-cultural exchange activity with the theme, "*Naila Mi Naadal Mi: Inter-cultural Exchange Showcasing the Gender and Cultural Expressions of the Cordilleras and the Lowlands*" held on April 23, 2024 at CAS Annex Grounds, Benguet State University.

The Dean of the College of Social Sciences Stanley F. Anongos Jr. emphasized the importance of our culture. He encouraged both students and teachers of Benguet State University to continually practice and

showcase our culture as Indigenous Peoples. He recalled that some of the students first learned how to perform cultural dances at school. He further reminded the audience about the Goals and Objectives of the College in promoting gender and Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

Additionally, CSS Extension and GAD Coordinator Gigy G. Banes, mentioned that the activity is a space for inter-cultural exchange among students, educators, researchers, and community stakeholders. It is also an avenue for the BSU Students (BSE III E, BSE IB, BEE IC, and BEE IB) to showcase the result of their research on IKS and Gender.

BSU faculty members, Alumni, and guests from DepEd-CAR, CHED-CAR, King's College of the Philippines (KCP), Benguet National High School (BeNHS), and Mil-an National High School were invited as panel of evaluators of the students performances on indigenous songs, dances, and native delicacies.

In the afternoon, the faculty members and students of BSU and BeNHS, the extension partner of the CSS participated in the indigenous games and community dances.

The activity is a regular college event of the CSS to provide experiential learning for students.//CANapiloy

## CCA holds 2024 Intercollegiate Socio-cultural Competition



The Center for Culture and the Arts (CCA) conducted its Intercollegiate Socio-Cultural Competition at the College of Human Kinetics (CHK) Function Hall on April 5, 2024. The event goes with the World Earth Day theme: Showcasing our concern for Mother Earth through Arts. After the inauguration of the University Glee Club, CCA Director Leonardo Samonte said the opening remarks with an Indigenous chant welcoming the participants from all campuses of Benguet State University (BSU).

This was followed by a rendition of a classical guitar piece from PASUC contestant Johnraye Gonzalo. In a message, Pres. Felipe Salaing Comila explained the essence of appreciating, valuing, and performing our own native culture and its arts because no one will truly love the beauty of the Cordilleran culture but the Cordilleran people themselves.

Following his message was a *Bendian* Dance performed by the BSU-Kontad and a classical piece played by the BSU-Rondalla.

The visual arts competition was held at the Secondary Laboratory School (SLS) gym, while the competitions for singing and instrumental playing were held at the CHK function hall. According to Samonte,

the competition is a university annual event that aims to enrich the talents of BSU students and prepare them for any upcoming socio-cultural competitions such as the Cordillera Administrative Region Association of State Universities and Colleges (CARASUC).

The program ended with the awarding of certificates for the artists who won in their respective categories: Pencil Rendering - BSU Buguias (1<sup>st</sup> Place), CPAG (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), CTE (3<sup>rd</sup> Place); Charcoal Rendering- BSU Buguias (1<sup>st</sup> Place), CTE (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), CSS (3<sup>rd</sup> Place); On The Spot Poster Making- BSU Buguias (1<sup>st</sup> Place), CA (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), CE (3<sup>rd</sup> Place); Painting- CHK (1<sup>st</sup> Place), BSU Buguias (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), CAH (3<sup>rd</sup> Place); *Kundiman*- CIS (1<sup>st</sup> Place),CHK (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), CAH (3<sup>rd</sup> Place); Vocal Duet- CTE (1<sup>st</sup> Place), BSU Bokod (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), CAH (3<sup>rd</sup> Place); Pop Solo- CHK (1<sup>st</sup> Place), CIS (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), BSU Bokod (3<sup>rd</sup> Place); *Banduria*- CA (1<sup>st</sup> Place), CTE ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Place), CHK (3<sup>rd</sup> Place); and Classical Guitar- CAH (1<sup>st</sup> Place), CE (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), CNAS (3<sup>rd</sup> Place). //SS.Salvacio & FC.Labad-dan (BAComm Intern)







**Lithuanian Professor Lectures on AI in Education.** Vytautas Magnus University Professor Lina Abraitene conducted a lecture series about the use of AI in Education on April 2, 2024. The event commenced with an introduction by IRO Director Rex John G. Bawang, who warmly welcomed the participants and introduced the esteemed speaker. The first session was about Integration of AI in Personalized Learning while the afternoon session was on Gamification and AI in Education. A total of 270 students actively participated in the two-session event attended by students from the College of Arts and Humanities (CAH), College of Information Sciences (CIS), College of Human Kinetics (CHK), and College of Teacher Education (CTE). The event was facilitated and organized by CAH IRO Focal Person Jhordan T. Cuilan, CIS IRO Focal Person Jovelyn P. Lao-e, CHK Focal Person Jandy U. Gay-as, CTE IRO Focal Person Desiree F. Botengan, the IRO Staff and interns.//IRO



**BSU hosts Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair.** BSU opened its doors to the community and to more than 50 line agencies participating in the Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair (BPSF) on April 21-22, 2024. The BPSF is a service caravan aimed at providing major government services to less fortunate Filipinos in various communities across the country, featuring the government's flagship programs such as Kadiwa ng Pangulo, Passport on Wheels, Driver's License registration/assistance, among others. It is organized by the national secretariat consisting of the Office of the President, the Office of the Speaker, the Presidential Communications Office (PCO), and the House of Representatives. Various facilities and personnel of BSU were tapped for the fair.//EJBawang

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John Raye Gonzalo of the BSU Rondalla Club won 5<sup>th</sup> Place in the Classical Guitar Competition. His award was presented by Rondalla Club Adviser, Alma Gallardo.

#### 15<sup>th</sup> Inter-High School Brain Collision

SLS students Lindsay T. Apnoyan, Ricardo B. Sacpa Jr., and Hannah Karylle C. Ugalde with their coach, Ariston B. Canayon won 4<sup>th</sup> Place.

#### Cordillera Administrative Region Athletic Association (CARAA) Meet 2024

The Benguet Futsal Stingers garnered the prestigious Fair Play Award, in recognition of the athletes' promotion of the fair play spirit and compassion. This award was given to futsal players Gianfirah G. Balacwid, Trisha Gayle S. Butangen, Franzene Xyza P. Farangan, Alhaze Dane I. Fuchigami, Faith Anne B. Haduca, Gwynn Natalie M. Ham, Brisei Avery A. Kefa, Ziarin Colleen D. Labi, Charity S. Lapisac, Dastine A. Morales, Jana Eila G. Nitron, and Czarina Trisha C. Satu. Their coaches are Kin Jay B. Basngi and Martes D. Donisio Jr. In Pencak Silat, Floyd Ryan S. Batinay garnered the bronze medal.