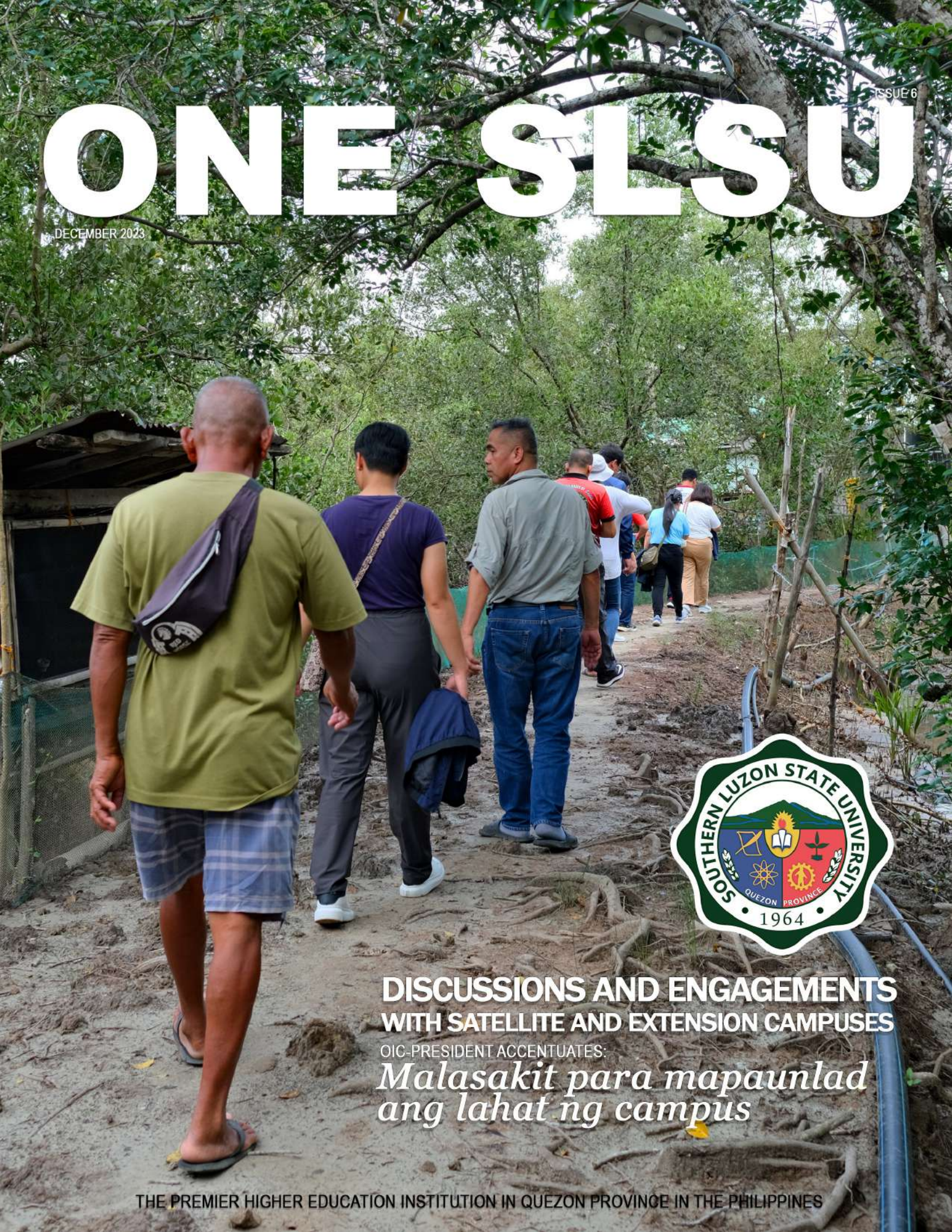


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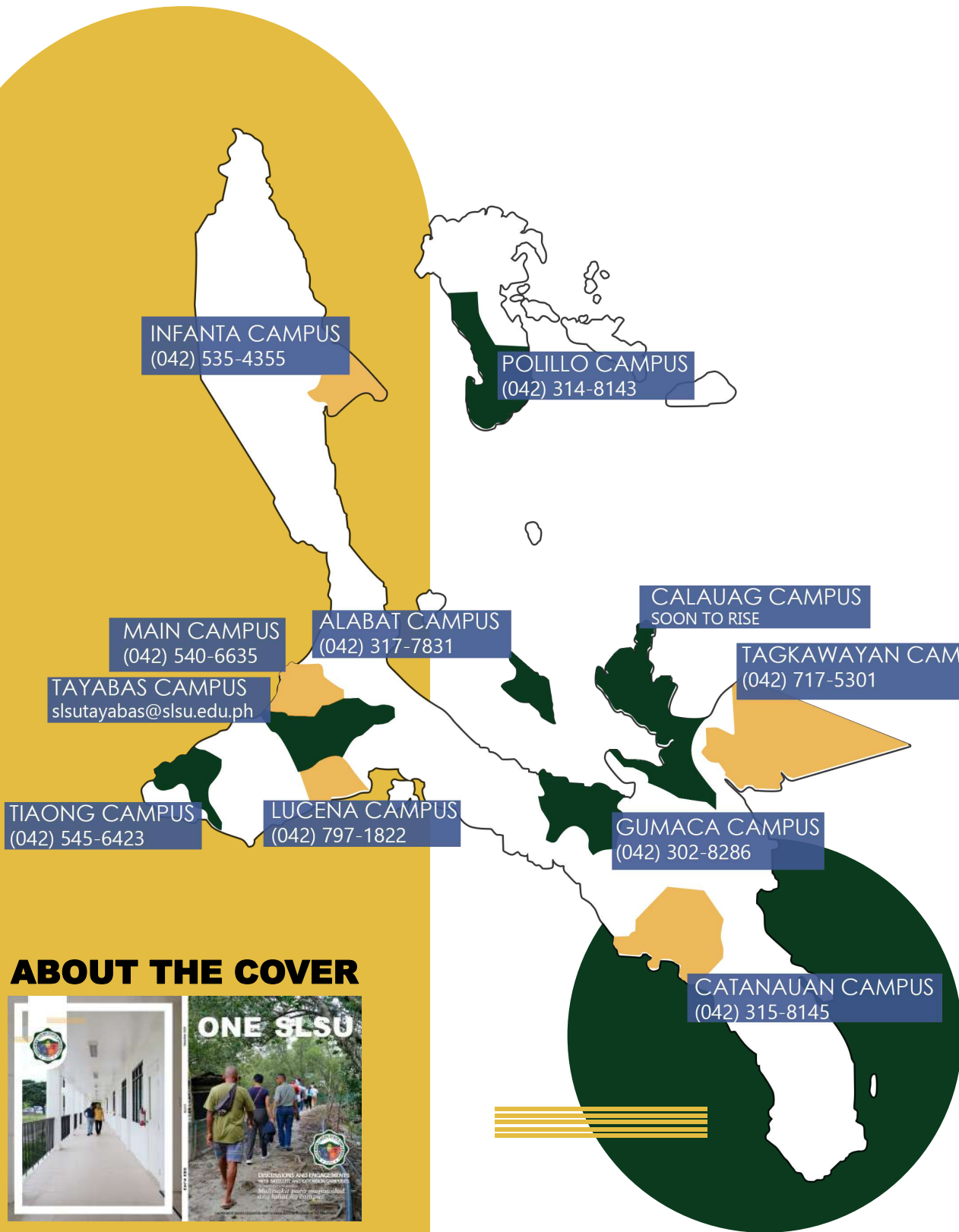
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5. FACILITIES THAT SUPPORT STUDENT LEARNING ENHANCEMENT AND PERSONNEL'S HEALTHY WORKING ENVIRONMENT
6. STRENGTHENING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACADEME-INDUSTRY AND ALUMNI LINKAGES
7. INTENSIFYING RESOURCE GENERATION AND RISK MANAGEMENT



FOREWORD

The Southern Luzon State University is recognized as a three-star institution by the QS Intelligence Unit. This demonstrates that SLSU is an institution that upholds a respectable standard of instruction and that employers are drawn to its alumni.

SLSU has ten campuses within the province of Quezon, which cater to students from geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas, some of whom are indigenous peoples and are the first generations among their families to finish tertiary education. In order to serve them better, SLSU and

the various stakeholders collaborated to improve all the campuses in terms of their infrastructure, program offerings, and other areas.

In the sixth issue of ONE SLSU, we acknowledge the dedication of each member of the SLSU community who helped build a fruitful university. Every task you did and completed, no matter how simple, had a significant impact on the institution. We would like to recognize your passion and hard work, and I know that we will continue to reach further heights together as one.



NILO H. DATOR, EDD
OIC—UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT



SLSU MAIN—LUCBAN COURSE OFFERINGS

College of Administration, Business, Hospitality and Accountancy

BS in Accountancy
BSBA major in Financial
Management
BSBA major in Human
Resource Management
BSBA major in Marketing
Management
BS in Hospitality Management
Bachelor of Public
Administration

College of Engineering

BS in Civil Engineering
BS in Computer Engineering
BS in Electrical Engineering
BS in Electronics Engineering
BS in Industrial Engineering
BS in Mechanical Engineering

College of Teacher Education

Bachelor of Elementary
Education
BSED major in English
BSED major in Filipino
BSED major in Mathematics
BSED major in Science
BSED major in Social Studies
BS in Exercise and Sports
Science
Bachelor of Culture and Arts
Education
BTLED in Home Economics
BTLED in Industrial Arts
BTLED in Information and
Communication Technology

College of Agriculture

Bachelor of Science in
Agriculture (General)
Bachelor of Science in
Environmental Science
Bachelor of Science in Forestry

College of Allied Medicine

BS in Nursing
Diploma in Midwifery
BS in Radiologic Technology

College of Arts and Sciences

BA in Communication
BA in History
BA in Psychology
BS in Mathematics
BS in Biology





SLSU MAIN—LUCBAN COURSE OFFERINGS

College of Industrial Technology

BS in Information Technology
BSIT major in Automotive Technology
BSIT major in Computer Technology
BSIT major in Electrical Technology
BSIT major in Electronics Technology
BSIT major in Food Technology
BSIT major in Garment Technology
BSIT major in Industrial Design Technology
BSIT major in Mechanical Technology

Graduate School

Doctor of Business Administration
Doctor of Philosophy in Development Education
Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Management
Doctor of Philosophy in Science Education
Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics
Master of Arts in Teaching English
Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology
Master of Arts in Mathematics Education
Master of Arts in Science Education
Master of Arts in Education major in Educational Management
Master of Arts in Education major in Elementary Education
Master in Arts in Nursing
Master in Business Administration
Master of Science in Environmental Science
Master in Forestry

SLSU CAMPUSES COURSE OFFERINGS

SLSU Alabat

BS in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences

BSIT major in Computer Technology

SLSU Calauag

BS in Agriculture

SLSU Catanauan

BSIT major in Computer Technology

BSIT major in Mechanical Technology

Bachelor of Elementary Education

BS in Agriculture major in Crop Science

SLSU Gumaca

BSIT major in Computer Technology

BSBA major in Human Resource Management

BSED major in Mathematics

BSED major in Social Studies

BS in Nursing

SLSU Infanta

BSED major in Mathematics

BTLED in Home Economics

BSIT major in Electrical Technology

BS in Agriculture major in Horticulture

SLSU Lucena

Bachelor in Industrial Technology major in Computer Technology

Bachelor of Technical Teacher Education major in Food and Service Management

BTVTEd major in Automotive Technology

BTVTEd major in Civil Technology

BTVTEd major in Computer Programming

BTVTEd major in Electrical Technology

BTVTEd major in Electronics Technology

BTVTEd major in Mechanical Technology

SLSU Tayabas

BS in Agriculture major in Crop Science

BS in Hospitality Management

BSIT major in Computer Technology

SLSU Tagkawayan

Bachelor of Elementary Education

BSED major in English

BSED major in Mathematics

BSED major in Sciences

Bachelor of Public Administration

BSBA major in Financial Management

BSBA major in Marketing Management

BS in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences

Bachelor in Industrial Technology major in Computer Technology

Bachelor in Industrial Technology major in Food Technology

SLSU Polillo

Bachelor of Elementary Education



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SLSU Main obtains COPCs for All its Programs

The Main Campus of the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) obtained a Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) for all of its programs after the program assessment on July 25, 2023.

From three programs with COPCs in 2019, SLSU gained COPCs for all 49 programs in 2023.

Meanwhile, the programs of the other campuses are yet to attain COPCs for all of their programs. As of April 2023, eight out of the 28 programs on all the satellite and extension campuses have COPCs.

SLSU secures 1st Runner-up in the 2023 FOI Awards

The Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) was recognized as the first runner-up during the 2023 FOI Awards under the State University and Colleges Category, held on Nov. 21, 2023.

The university's contributions to the

development and achievement of the Freedom of Information Program were recognized by the Presidential Communications Office (PCO). Additionally, it is said that SLSU has shown an exceptional dedication to accountability, transparency, and the advancement of FOI principles.

SLSU also received a plaque during the 2021 FOI Awards for being the second runner-up in the SUC category on Nov. 25, 2021.



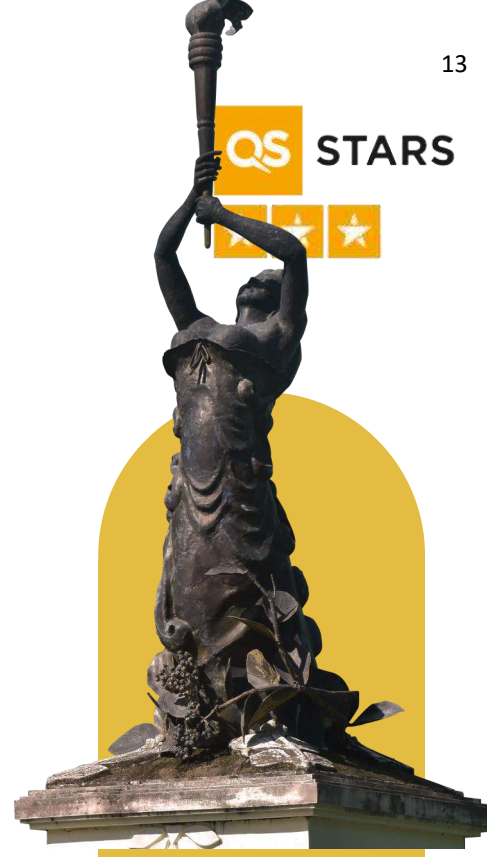
QS Intelligence Unit recognizes SLSU as a 3-Star Institution

The Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) through the Office of International and Alumni Affairs (OIAA) was recognized as a three-star institution by the QS Intelligence Unit, on Oct. 9, 2023.

Through comprehensive data collection and analysis of performance criteria according to the QS Stars™ methodology, SLSU was rated with three stars.

The QS stars rating for SLSU is an outstanding

opportunity to build the university's global reputation, assess its strengths and potential improvement areas, and maybe review and realign resources and plans to boost the enrollment of international students and fortify relations with other countries. The institution may be able to establish new partnerships across regions as a result, paving the way for increasing internationalization. The current partners of SLSU will feel more secure as a result.



SLSU conducts Cultural Exchange Program with TUCST, Vietnam

The Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) Office of International and Alumni Affairs (OIAA) facilitated a cultural exchange program with Thanh Hoa University of Culture, Sports and Tourism (TUCST) on June 22, 2023.

SLSU welcomed its international partner, TUCST, to the Main Campus. TUCST is among the international partners of SLSU for the College of Teacher Education—Institute of Human Kinetics BSESS program. Among the delegates who visited the campus are the following: Dr. Dong Huong Lan, Ms. Nguyen Thi Lan, Ms. La Thi Tuyen, Ms. Pham Thi Hoang Hien, Mr. Tran Viet Anh, Mr. Nguyen Nhu Hai, Ms. Nguyen Ha My, and Ms. To Thi Huong.

The delegates witnessed a Putungan Ceremony



TUCST delegates learn to dance Tinikling

OIAA

organized by the College of Teacher Education – Institute of Human Kinetics (IHK). The SLSU Sinag Banahaw Cultural Troupe also presented a cultural performance in which the representatives from TUCST joined and danced Tinikling.

Officials from SLSU presented programs, projects, and activities, whereas TUCST

Vice President Dr. Dong Huong Lan emphasized the benefits of their programs by highlighting students' participation in regional, national, and worldwide athletic competitions. Through the facilitation of OIAA, the delegates also toured SLSU Main Campus and the National Museum on the next day.



SLSU Representatives (middle) receives the award
DR. RONALD CALDERON

SLSU AMIA Project bags Outstanding Extension Research Award

The research project, “Development of Community-based Enterprise Development in the Adaptation and Mitigation Initiative in Agriculture (AMIA) Villages in San Francisco, Quezon, Philippines,” won the Outstanding Extension Research Award in the 2023 PhilEASNet Virtual Extension Symposium and General Assembly held on Nov. 28–29, 2023.

The R&D project, funded by the Department of Agriculture, was made through the collaborative efforts of Dr. Leomar C. Miano, Prof. Gino A. Cabrera, Dr. Claire Ann M. Yao, Dr. Chona V. Cayabat, and Prof. Aurita A. Laguardor.

It can be remembered that the same research project was hailed as the Best Paper in the Agriculture Sector as well as the Overall Best Paper during the 7th CALABARZON Research, Statistics, and Innovation (RSI) Forum on Oct. 14, 2022.



CHED gives Recognition to SLSU for Internationalization, Top-Performing HEI in Extension

The Commission on Higher Education Regional Office IV (CHEDRO IV) gave recognition to the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) on Dec. 14, 2023, for the acknowledgement of the university’s achievement in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Stars Award and in its internationalization effort in community extension.

During the 2023 CHED CALABARZON IZN Awards, SLSU was recognized as one of the top four performing HEIs in internationalization for community extension and was acknowledged for its unwavering support to the internalization of Philippine

Higher Education through its exemplary initiatives and accomplishments, which resulted in the QS 3 Stars Award in September 2023.

In addition, SLSU received a certificate of appreciation from CHED for its steadfast support of the internationalization of Philippine higher education through its outstanding initiatives and achievements in achieving a high-quality education that is competitive worldwide.

Dr. Roland Calderon and Dr. Maria Fara Cadeliña of SLSU Lucena received the award.

Pres. Marcos approves RA 11971— SLSU College of Medicine

Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., approved Republic Act No. 11971, An Act Establishing a College of Medicine in the Southern Luzon State University-Main Campus Located in the Municipality of Lucban, Province of Quezon, to be known as the Southern Luzon State University-College of Medicine, and Appropriating Funds Therefor, on Dec. 20, 2023.

Through RA 11971, SLSU College of Medicine is granted permission to be established in compliance with the requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). As stated in the act, qualified and deserving students can avail of scholarships under RA 11509, also known as the Doktor Para sa Bayan Act.

Meanwhile, the College of Medicine still awaits CHED's permit to operate before opening the college.

SLSU College of VetMed pass Senate Third Reading

The House Bill for the establishment of the College of Veterinary Medicine of the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) was approved under the third hearing of the Senate Committee on Sept. 25, 2023.

Under House Bill 7398, the College of Veterinary

Medicine will be established at SLSU Catanauan.

The institutionalization of the College of Veterinary Medicine will help address the need for veterinary and animal science professionals in Quezon Province and in its adjoining provinces.



Ceremonial Signing of Addendum with EAMC and SLSU, July 10, 2023

SARAH RIVERA

East Ave Medical Center joins SLSU College of Medicine as Base Hospital

The East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) collaborates with Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) as a base hospital for the to-be institutionalized College of Medicine.

EAMC, through the representation of Dr. Alfonso G. Nuñez III, signed an addendum to the memorandum of agreement with SLSU on July 10, 2023, which states that the mentioned hospital will serve as the base hospital of SLSU for family and community medicine, surgery, internal medicine, ophthalmology,

orthopedics, otorhinolaryngology, radiology, rehabilitation medicine, anesthesiology, neurology, psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatrics training. It was also agreed upon that EAMC will provide the students, student clerks, medical interns, and faculty with access to appropriate resources for medical student education.

The said memorandum of agreement is one of the required documents in the institutionalization of the SLSU College of Medicine.

IAPES declares Prof. Ceribo as the Most Outstanding IHK Head

Prof. Federico A. Ceribo was named the Most Outstanding and Innovative Head of the Institute of Human Kinetics (IHK) by the International Association of Physical Education and Sports Incorporated (IAPES) on Nov. 18, 2023.

IAPES is an organization that promotes sport, physical education, and physical exercise in educational settings as well as in the community at large.

Prof. Ceribo, Assistant Professor IV at Southern Luzon State University, has been head of IHK since March 1, 2022.

Prof. Baudin publishes "The Dream Hunter" under NBDB

Prof. Jomar Saif P. Baudin, MA, LPT, was able to publish "The Dream Hunter" under the National Book Development Board (NBDB).

Prof. Baudin, a faculty member of the AB Psychology program of the College of Arts and Sciences, wrote the creative work on dreams.

"The Dream Hunter" is now in commercial distribution nationwide.



Dr. Maaliw retains Title as SLSU's Outstanding Researcher

Dr. Renato R. Maaliw III of the College of Engineering (CEN) remains SLSU's Outstanding Researcher for two consecutive years.

Dr. Maaliw was once again hailed as this year's Outstanding Researcher during the Program on Awards and

Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) held on Dec. 14, 2023.

In the year 2022, he had a total of seven research publications in Q1 and Q2 journals, three in scopus-indexed book chapters, and 12 in conference papers.



DA-ATI presents Plaque of Appreciation to SLSU

The Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Training Institute, Regional Training Center IV-A gave a plaque of appreciation to the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) during the Techno Gabay Program Summit 2023 on Nov. 15, 2023.

The award is given in appreciation of the university's tremendous assistance with the Techno Gabay Program (TGP),

especially concerning the monitoring of Quezon Province's Farmers Information Technology Services (FITS) Centers.

Meanwhile, Dr. Leomar C. Miano, director of the Office of Extension Services and project team leader, presented the consolidated accomplishments of Quezon FITS Centers during the first day of the summit via video conference.



Prof. Barrera takes over Pinoy Scientists Page

Prof. Wilfredo Barrera, Jr. took over the Pinoy Scientists, an online platform that features scientists from the Philippines, from Oct. 1-7, 2023.

During the week-long takeover of Prof. Barrera, he shared his experiences as a researcher and as an educator. His stories include his motivation to pursue his work focused on the assessment of water footprints and modelling the impacts of climate change on yield, water productivity, and soil water balance of soybean in the context of climate change, among others.

Further, Prof. Barrera, one of the international faculty scholars of SLSU, was the first Filipino to be awarded with a scholarship for the National PhD in Sustainable Development and Climate Change in Italy.

Society of Filipino Foresters recognizes Dr. Almazol as Outstanding Forester of R-IVA

For. Amalia Esclanda-Almazol, PhD was named as the Outstanding Forester in Region IV-A by the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI) during the 2023 SFFI National Conference at Olongapo City, Zambales on Nov. 9, 2023.

Dr. Almazol, Professor V and the Program Chair of the BS and Master in Forestry programs of the College of Agriculture, was beyond grateful for the award and the contributors to it.

“To GOD BE ALL THE GLORY, if it rains it really pours! I am sharing this blessing to all of you guys, I am so blessed, my heart is full... Thank you very much,” Dr. Almazol posted in her social media.

SSFI is a SEC-registered, accredited integrated professional organization of foresters in the Philippines and recognized by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

Dr. Guinto, Dr. Devanadera join the ASEAN Journal Editorial Board

Dr. Nicanor L. Guinto and Dr. Aprillette C. Devanadera of the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) joined the ASEAN Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (AJOSSH) as members of its Board of Editors in September 2023.

Dr. Guinto and Dr. Devanadera are joined by other researchers from the Philippines and all over the world.

The Mamtua Saber Research Center at Mindanao State University Marawi publishes the ASEAN Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (AJOSSH), a multidisciplinary research journal with the goal of fostering knowledge and information exchange in the ASEAN research and academic community in the areas of social sciences, humanities, and other related fields.

Prof. Arasa wins the DOST-PCHRD Undergrad Thesis Grant in Natural Products

Prof. Aaron A. Arasa won first place in the 2023 DOST-PCHRD Undergraduate Thesis Grant in Natural Products Oral Research Paper Presentation on Oct. 27, 2023.

With the title “Phytochemical and Pharmacological Profile of Tea Extracts from Cat’s Whiskers’ Leaves (*Orthosiphon aristatus* (Blume) Miq.),” Prof. Arasa attained first place.

Prof. Arasa is among the six national finalists who were awarded the 2022 DOST-PCHRD Undergraduate Thesis Grant in Natural Products.

Prof. Arasa presents research at 2023 DOST-PCHRD Undergraduate Thesis Grant in Natural Products

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CEN Alumnus Ian Porta ranks 5th in Certified Plant Mechanic Exam

Ian Ruz Porta, an alumnus of the College of Engineering, emerged fifth in the August 2023 Certified Plant Mechanic Licensure Examination.

The result, released by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), announced that out of the 187 examinees in the mentioned examination, Porta ranked fifth with a rating of 85.20%.

Meanwhile, 104 out of 187, or 55.61%, passed the certified plant mechanic licensure examination.

CEN achieves 100% Passing Rate in Plant Mechanics Exam

The College of Engineering (CEN) achieved a hundred percent passing rate in the August 2023 Certified Plant Mechanics Licensure Examination.

According to the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), 104 out of 187 examinees, or 55.61%, passed the said licensure examination.

The Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) through CEN, on the other hand, not only passed all of its exam takers but also produced a topnotcher, Ian Ruz Porta, who ranked fifth with a rating of 85.20%.

SLSU poses Higher Passing Rate than NPR in ME Exam

The Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) College of Engineering (CEN) performed better than the national passing rate in the August 2023 Mechanical Engineers Licensure Examination with a rating of 53.13%.

Among the 32 examinees, 17 passed the licensure examination. This showed a higher passing rate compared to the 50.34% national passing rate.

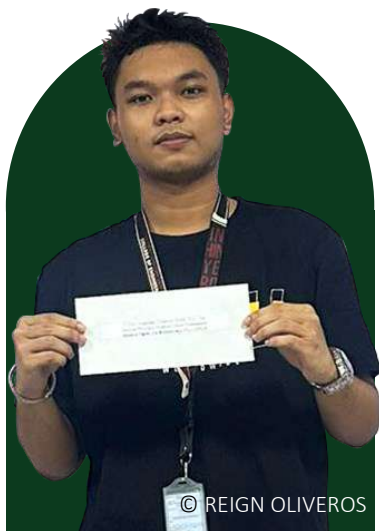
Meanwhile, the country has produced 2,133 newly registered mechanical engineers.

BA History Student Catapang receives Natatanging Kabataan Award

Carl Anthony I. Catapang, a student from BA History, was recognized as a “Natatanging Kabataan na Alagad ng Sining at Kultura ng Timog Katagalugan” by the Kabataan Partylist during the ABLAZE International Students Day 2023, Awarding of the Natatanging Kabataan ng Timog Katagalugan 2023 on Nov. 25, 2023.

Catapang is among the renowned youth and students who actively promote social change through their multiple initiatives and endeavors.

Alongside her, other people received awards for their achievements in a variety of categories, including media and journalism, human rights and peace, the environment, leadership and good governance, and arts and culture.



SLSU finishes 3rd in the MLBB Esports Luzon Showdown

The Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) Esports took third place in the semifinal round of the Mobile Legends Bang Bang (MLBB) Tournament of the 2023 Philippine Collegiate Championship Luzon Group Stage Showdown on Nov. 21, 2023.

Among the 300 collegiate team contenders from all over Luzon, Kyle Samuel Aniñon, Michael Apuada, Rovie Endigado, John Oshrick Mañago, Julius Ceasar Villarante, and Zyruz Zurbano of SLSU Esports fought to secure third place.

Meanwhile, Panthera Esports, and UPHSL Saints advance to the next round against the National Capital Region (NCR), Visayas, and Mindanao brackets.

EE Students bag Awards in Regional Student Conference

The Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers (IIEE) – SLSU Chapter joined the 18th Regional Student Conference on Oct. 28, 2023 and won awards in various competitions.

The teams for the basketball, volleyball both earned second place. Meanwhile, individuals were also recognized for second place in their respective categories: Kate Angel Trinidad in Table Tennis (Singles), and Kin Lun Blastique in Mr. RSCon.

Meanwhile, Jhon Mark Bagac was recognized as a Mythical Six Awardee.

CEN's Reign Justine Oliveros clinches 2nd Place in the Student Provincial Chess Tournament

Reign Justine Oliveros, a first-year BS Electrical Engineering student, ranked second in the open division category of the Students' Chess Tournament 2023, held on Nov. 25, 2023.

Oliveros triumphed with six consecutive wins, but a tiebreaker prevented him from

winning the championship title, where 276 student chess players competed.

Meanwhile, representatives of Quezonian Education College (QEC) – Atimonan and De La Salle University – Dasmariñas nabbed the first and third ranks, respectively.

SLSU Alumna Alzaga ranks 9th in the Agriculturist Licensure Exam



Maria Eunice Alzaga, an alumna of Southern Luzon State University, ranked ninth in the November 2023 Agriculturist Licensure Examination.

Alzaga finished his BS Agriculture major in Crop Science in 2022 and ranked ninth in the said examination with a rating of 85.50%.

Meanwhile, SLSU Infanta, SLSU Main-Lucban, SLSU Tayabas, and SLSU Tiaong had an overall rating of 11.11%, 62.07%, 61.54%, and 57.14%, respectively. Three of the four results performed higher than the national passing rate, which is 34.18%.

Dr. Gutierrez receives College Academic Excellence Award for 1.07 GWA

For. Felino Gutierrez Jr., PhD, a faculty member of the College of Agriculture, earned an Academic Excellence Award during the 23rd Recognition Rites of the University of the Philippines—Los Baños, Laguna (UPLB)—College of Public Affairs (CPAf) conducted on August 4, 2023.

Dr. Gutierrez, who completed the program of Doctor of Philosophy in Community Development, was recognized for his general weighted average of 1.0769.

He was a recipient of a scholarship grant under the Faculty and Staff Development Program (FSDP) for the mentioned program.

CTE ranks 3rd at PAFTE Regional Quiz Bee

The representatives from the College of Teacher Education (CTE) of the Southern Luzon State University ranked third in the 15th Region IV-A Philippine Association for Teachers and Educators (PAFTE) Quiz Bee for Education Students held on Dec. 8, 2023.

The team of SLSU, consisting of Arjay Lusterio of the BSED major in Filipino, Mike Janssen Gliane of the BSED major in Social Studies, and Hannah Ira Cueto of the BSED major in Mathematics, competed against 47 groups.

The CTE representatives were selected via a quiz bee on Nov. 17, 2023, at the SLSU gymnasium.





BIR RDO 060 Lucena City, North Quezon awards Gabog 2nd place in the tax quiz bee

BIR REVENUE DISTRICT OFFICE 060 - LUCENA CITY, NORTH QUEZON

Accountancy Student Mark Leonard Gabog ranks 8th in PH Brightest Buwis Master 2023

BS Accountancy graduate and then student, Mark Leonard Gabog ranked eighth in the Philippine’s Brightest Buwis Master 2023 held at the BIR National Training Center Auditorium, Diliman, Quezon City, on July 28, 2023.

Gabog showcased his knowledge of taxation and placed eighth among the 15 finalists in the championship round. In an interview with The Wheel, he said he was happy to represent the

university in an academic event on a national level. He was grateful to his family, friends, and acquaintances who had provided their support towards his journey in the competition.

Gabog represented Revenue Region 9B (RR9B)—LaQueMar after emerging as champion at the regional level on July 6, 2023. He was among the graduates of batch 54, which took place on August 1, 2023.

SLSU Psych performs Better than NPR at PLE

The Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) performed better than the national passing rate in the August 2023 Psychometricians Licensure Examination after 33 of its 40 examinees passed.

Overall, SLSU CAS scored 82.50%, whereas the national passing rate is 73.27%.

Meanwhile, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) noted 6,133 new registered psychometricians.



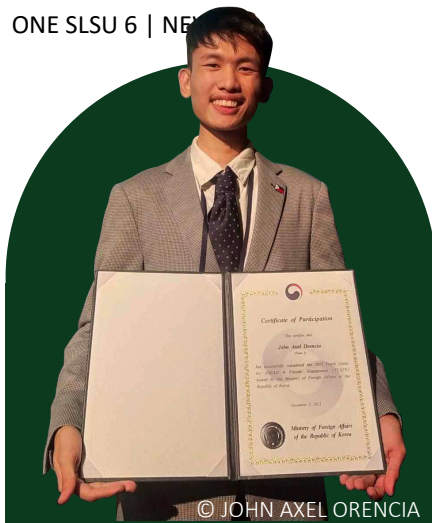
3 CEN Alumni top Master Electrician Examination

Three alumni from the College of Engineering (CEN) ranked among the top 10 of the Registered Master Electricians (RME) Board Examination held on Sept. 2-4, 2023.

John Emmanuel Tan Orig earned the 4th ranking with a score of 90.50%. Meanwhile, Jay Michael Yanoria and Sheena Mae Sandoval placed in the 6th and

8th spots, respectively, with ratings of 90.50% and 88.50%.

The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) announced that Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) had a 78.57% passing rate in the RME examination, which is a high passing rate compared to the national passing rate of 53.69%.



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BS Bio Student Orenca completes International 2023 Youth Camp

John Axel Orenca, a third-year BS Biology student, completed the 2023 Youth Camp for ASEAN & Friends' Engagement (YCAFE) from Nov. 27 – Dec. 2, 2023.

Orenca was invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea to represent the Philippines at YCAFE. The six-day event aims to develop ASEAN-Korea collaborations through increased understanding and awareness among the youth, heighten awareness on the common issues facing the Indo-Pacific region, and distinguish the role of youth in peace and prosperity promotion, network building, and the facilitation of exchange and communication among youth.

The privilege, as Orenca described it, was a great opportunity to learn about diverse cultures and to meet talented individuals with the same ambition.



SLSU Chorale sings to 1st Runner-up at the Provincial Chorale Contest

The Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) Chorale was hailed as the first runner-up in the Paskong Quezonian 2023 Christmas Chorale Contest held on Dec. 16, 2023.

SLSU Chorale took home the title of first runner-up along with a cash prize.

Meanwhile, the Calayan Minstrels triumphed as the grand winner.

The Provincial Chorale Contest was attended by choirs from all over Quezon Province. The competition was initiated by the Provincial Government of Quezon through the Quezon Provincial Tourism Office.

SLSU JPIA claims Victory Over Accountancy Students in General Assembly

The Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (JPIA) of the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) claimed victory during the QUENECT! : Quezon Federation of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants General Assembly (QFJPIA GA) 2023 held at the SLSU Gymnasium on Dec. 9, 2023.

SLSU JPIA also obtained the title for the Largest

Delegation, the overall champion in “Halina’t Sumayaw,” and the Top Performing Local Chapter in Academics.

Meanwhile, Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation (MSEUF) – Lucena followed in the first runner-up, and Tayabas Western Academy (TWA) and Dalubhasaan ng Lungsod ng Lucena (DLL) ended up as a draw in second runner-up.

SLSU Students undergo Pre-employment Career Coaching

The students of Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) underwent pre-employment career coaching throughout the month of July 2023.

The Career and Job Placement Services (CJP) spearheaded the activities that discussed how to dress up for success, career pathways, and career sustainability. All graduating students from all the campuses attended the coaching during their respective schedules. Further, CJP partnered with the Regional Agricultural and Fishery Council (RAFC) for the students in the agriculture-related courses and the Universal Robina Corporation (URC) for the engineering courses.

Under SLSU Memo No. 10 s. 2023, the graduating students shall undergo a series of activities, including pre-employment career coaching and orientation, through the OSAS CJP.



Pre-employment career coaching at SLSU Lucena

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CEN SC extends Blessings to Elementary Students

The College of Engineering Student Council (CEN SC) of the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) conducted an outreach program at the Paaralang Elementarya ng May-It Manasa (PEMM) on Dec. 7, 2023.

Christmas CENLebration was able to serve and give gifts to 85 students from grades 2 and 3 of the said school.

The activity led by Councilor Zyrel Deapera, Committee on Community Extension Services and Linkages, collected at least Php 20,666 in financial donations.

The Merry Little



Discussion proper by the speaker from RAFC

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200 SLSU Students to Receive Scholarships Through Sen. Marcos' Initiative

A total of 200 students from the different campuses of Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) will benefit from the scholarship initiative of Sen. Imee R. Marcos this coming academic year.

Through the Tulong Dunong Program under the Office of Senator Imee R. Marcos, 200 students will receive the scholarship. Sen. Marcos specifically aimed to help incoming freshmen and/or 2nd-year students since the scholarship grant will cover four years' worth of studies.

In line with this, the then university president, Dr. Doracie B. Zoleta-Nantes, advised the Office of Student Affairs and Services (OSAS) to equally distribute the number of grantees throughout all the campuses.



Jaro (middle) receives cheque for first place

STAARRDEC HEADQUARTERS

CAG Alumnus Joepet Jaro wins Best Paper at STAARRDEC Congress

Joepet Jerome S. Jaro, an alumnus of the College of Agriculture (CAG), won Best Paper during the 1st Regional Research and Innovation Week on Oct. 24, 2023.

The Southern Tagalog Agriculture, Aquatic, and Resources Research, Development, and Extension Consortium (STAARRDEC), organizer of the said event, recognized Jaro's paper, "Where do our masks go?

Hospital's definition and management practice of COVID-19-related wastes in Quezon Province," as the best paper under the Social Science Category.

Jaro also won Best Paper and Best Poster for the same paper during the Intercollegiate Research Conference 2022, held on Oct. 26–27, 2022, as part of SLSU's celebration of Science and Technology Week.

SLSU's Raagas, Napoles, Añoaso bring Home Gold and Bronze

Representatives from the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) in the categories of swimming and lawn tennis brought home gold and bronze medals from the State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SCUAA) National Games 2023, New Clark City and Tarlac Province, Oct. 6, 2023.

In the boys' 4x200 LC (long course) meter freestyle relay event of the swimming

competition, Samuel Raagas won the gold medal. Whereas Luis Alfonso Napoles and Yuki Zinc Añoaso earned a bronze medal for their teamwork in the men's single-double-single category of the tennis tournament.

Overall, the CALABARZON and MIMAROPA regions acquired the fifth runner-up rank with 74 medals: 13 golds, 31 silvers, and 30 bronzes.

95 Scholars under the TDP-SUC of Sen. Legarda gather for Orientation

Beneficiaries of the Tulong Dunong Program-SUC under the Office of Senator Loren Legarda assembled for an orientation at the College of Allied Medicine Auditorium on Nov. 29, 2023.

Sen. Legarda, through a recorded message, expressed her support for the 95 scholars of the said program and

pledged commitment to the future beneficiaries of TDP-SUC.

Meanwhile, Mark Andrei De Chavez, one of the beneficiaries, expressed his gratitude on behalf of the recipients and even expounded on the impact of the one-time assistance in their academic journey.



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SLSU Personnel undertake Training on Capacity Development on Futures Thinking and Strategic Foresight

The teaching and non-teaching personnel of the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) underwent training on capacity training and strategic foresight entitled Futures Thinking: A Seminar-Workshop on Value Creation, conducted on Sept. 27–28, 2023.

Through the support of Hon. Pia S. Cayetano, 71 administrative officers, and faculty members from different

campuses attended the training. Mr. Emmanuel De Guia and Ms. Jalaine Joyce V. Malabanan served as resource persons in instilling a forward-thinking mindset and exploring methodologies in anticipation of future trends.

Aside from the Futures Thinking Program, Hon. Cayetano also facilitated the additional funding for the establishment and/or support of the SLSU College of Medicine.

SLSU Personnel train for Basic Life Support

Teaching and non-teaching personnel of the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) were trained for basic life support, standard first aid, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, and ambulance management from Sept. 25–29, 2023.

Aside from the basics, the trainees also participated in a simulation wherein a supposed person is in need of an urgent response.

The training was possible through the University Risk Reduction Management Office, headed by Asst. Prof. Vanessa S. Cadeliña, and in collaboration with the Red Cross Lucena Quezon Chapter.

SLSU Research Office acknowledges Research Contributors at Gawad Pagkilala Awards Ceremony 2023

The SLSU Office of Research Services (ORS) gave recognition to the research contributors during the Gawad Pagkilala Awards Ceremony 2023, held on Dec. 14, 2023.

A Citation Award was each given to the following 33 faculty researchers for their impactful contributions: Renato R. Maaliw III, Julie Ann B. Susa, Carla May C. Ceribo, Wendy C. Nombrefia, Zoren P. Mabunga, Maria Rossana D.L. De Veluz, Aube T. Mahusay, Dhenalyn A. Dejelo, Mariebeth P. Seño, Frederick T. Villa, Gino A. Cabrera, Helene D. Daya, Noreen P. Echague, Kathleen O. Pornobi, Maria Camila N. Obdianela, Ma. Patricia Venice V. Guanlao, Essex Vladimer E. Samaniego, Al John Cabañas, Wilfredo B. Barerra, Jr., Joepet V. Brosas, Mar D. Sacil, John Benedick O. Perida, Hazel Ann A. Peñaverde, Krizz Audrie D. Trinidad, Jeric A. Presas, Robert Riggs L. Rondilla, Nicanor L. Guinto, Jennifer Edytha E. Japor, Geraldine B. Advincola, Chona V. Cayabat, Joy Therese L. Villon, Kathreena E. Guitierrez, and Eraldwin Dimailig.

In acknowledgement of their research paper published in reputable publications, 36 individuals were each given a Publication Award: Jess Mark L. Alinea, Reyzel Ann O. Magallon, Joy Therese Villon, Maria Corazon B. Abejo, Julie Ann B. Susa, Roldan D.



Jallorina, Zoren P. Mabunga, Brian Aaron R. Bermudez, Carloui R. Cruz, Jushua D. Ramos, Renato R. Maaliw III, Bethrina Ira A. Carreon, Camille Y. Dequito, Cristel Joyce M. Esmerna, Pitz Gerald G. Lagrazon, Roland A. Calderon, Richard Nepomuceno, Cherry C. Favor, Felix B. Lampos, Jr., Reydante P. Gordula, Nicanor L. Guinto, Jeric A. Presa, Krizz Audrie D. Trinidad, Wilfredo B. Barrera Jr., John Vincent G. Navalán, Louise Angeli Asnan, John Benedick O. Perida, Hazel Ann A. Peñaverde, Kristiane R. de Villa, Kathreena E. Guitierrez, Eraldwin Dimailig, Amalia E. Almazol, Ronald C. Garcia, Maynard M. Vitoriano, Mary Ann R. Agudilla, and Frederick T. Villa.

Researchers who have secured external funding were also given recognition. The awardees are as follows: (1) Amalia E. Almazol, Ronald C. Garcia, Francisco Beltran,

Eraldwin Dimailig, and Kathreena Gutierrez; (2) Doracie B. Zoleta-Nantes, Diana Elizabeth A. Reyes, Sarah May R. Rivere, Ricaryl Catherine P. Cruz, Maricel O. Lingatong, Jerwin D. Campita, Jacinta L. Maledeo, and Lendel D. Racelis; (3) Leomar C. Miano, Aurita A. Laguador, Claire Ann M. Yao, Gino A. Cabrera, Chona V. Cayabat, Felino J. Gutierrez, Jr., Ma. Isabel V. Caringal, and Roy S. Dayo; (4) Aurita Laguador, Claire Ann Yao, Alma J. Caringal, Maria Luisa Enal, and Nona D. Nagares; (5) Sarah Dane B. Lising, Judeimar Ungriano, Richard M. Veluz, and Charly Lacorte; and (6) Roy S. Dayo, Cleofe A. Calanasan, Ma. Isabel V. Caringal and Aldo Shem Hanniel A. Quides.

Further, the following researchers who timely completed institutional papers were each given a Research Completion Award: Helene D.

Daya and the group of Aileen V. Elarco, Francis B. Laguardia, and Kervin Morris.

The Award for Best Paper in an External Research Conference was each given to the following: (1) Leomar C. Miano, Gino A. Cabrera, Claire Ann M. Yao, Chona V. Cayabat, and Aurita A. Laguardor; (2) Julie Ann B. Susa; (3) Renato R. Maaliw III, Zoren P. Mabunga, and Maria Rossana

D. De Veluz; and (4) Renato R. Maaliw III, Manuel P. Delos Santos, Maria Rossana D. de Veluz, Pitz Gerald G. Lagrazon, Mariebeth P. Seno, Devie R. Salvatierra-Bello, Reynaldo V. Danganan, and Reyzel Magallon.

In addition, Dr. Renato Maaliw III was declared the SLSU Most Outstanding Researcher for two consecutive years.



PRAISE 2023 recognizes Teaching and Non-teaching SLSU Personnel

Southern Luzon State University (SLSU), through the Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) 2023, recognized all the employees who have performed exceptionally well and who have proven their loyalty to the university, as well as the offices who excelled in their work.

Among the awards presented is the Outstanding Teaching Personnel Award, which was given to Dr. Antonio V. Romana, who was also a service awardee for his 15 years at SLSU. Meanwhile, Ms. Marilyn R. Baer from the Production Office received the Outstanding Non-Teaching Personnel Award.

The Exemplary Behavior Award was given to Aurita Laguador for the teaching category and Eliza P. Beltran for the non-teaching category. Ms. Beltran is also a service awardee for her 10 years of service.

The Office of International and Alumni Affairs was hailed as the Best Office and the College of Allied Medicine (CAM) as the Best College. Meanwhile, the College of Teacher Education (CTE) was given recognition for its performance in the licensure examination.

Moreover, the following was given Recognition of Program Accreditation:

Level 2:

Graduate School:

- Master of Arts in Science Education
- Master of Arts in Mathematics Education

College of Agriculture

- BS in Environmental Science

College of Arts and Sciences

- BS in Mathematics

On the other hand, faculty members who graduated under the Faculty and Staff Development Program were also acknowledged: Jose Arnel Sarmiento, Bernardita E. Brillon, Maria Fara A. Cadeliña, Cherry C. Favor, Rebecca D. Jason, Noreen P. Echague, Maurino N. Abuel, Jess Mark Alinea, and Felino J. Gutierrez.

Meanwhile, the service awardees are as follows:

- 40 years:

Ramuelito M. Babat

- 35 years:

Jimson F. Oliveros, Arsenia A. Abuel, Anita B. Aquino, Recie E. Beatriz, Emelita N. Cada, Nilo H. Dator, Jacinta A. Maledeo, Pacita S. Origenes, Godelina A. Radovan,

Marietta A. Villaverde, Alexandra Wanda L. Villon

- 30 years:

Ronaldo V. Altovar, Josephine A. Camson, Rigeno Rigen V. De Asis, Jobert G. Lomboy, Angelito L. Mangubat, Nordeliza A. Mancenido, Gilberto C. Venezuela

- 25 years:

Leody O. De Leon

- 15 years:

Maria Corazon B. Abejo, Mary Ann R. Agudilla, Gilbert N. Andaluz, Roderick L. Bagaslao, Dennis R. Buerano, Maria Luisa E. Barretto, Winnie N. Camigla, Madonna D. Castro, Carolina D. Dayapan, Joan M. Dizon, Maria Luisa A. Enal, Carl B. Monterey, Reydante A. Oabel, Rizaide A. Salayo,



Frederick T. Villa, Rene P. Zubieto, Roldan Jallorina

- 10 years:

Angelo V. Panganiban, Devie S. Belo, Joanna Paula E. Verano, Renato R. Maaliw III, Melvin A. Makipagay, Michelle V. Ramirez, Gerald Villaseñor, Kathreen E. Gutierrez, Marife S. Magpantay, Mariabeth P. Seño, Julieta A. Lindo

In addition, the following retirees were also recognized during the event for their dedicated service: Espiridion G. Canino, Marissa M. Sacopla, Maria Elizabeth P. Abuy, Thelma R. Babia, Pelagio D. Medel, Wenceslao S. Durante, Noemi R. Villaverde, Julie E. Avila, Adela A. Abaricia, Rodela Cristina L. Baslan, Carolina B. Pedrido, and Jimson F. Oliveros.



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Hon. Nelson continues the Licup Legacy as BOR Private Sector Rep.

Hon. Nelson C. Licup took oath as the representative of the private sector of the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) Board of Regents (BOR) on Oct. 17, 2023.

Although it is the first time that Hon. Nelson sits as a part of the BOR; he has been helping SLSU in various ways. To continue the legacy of his father, the late Dr. Roberto C. Licup, Sr., Hon. Nelson donated the following: (1) Php 500,000.00 to support the establishment of the treatment and disposal of toxic waste generated by the BS Radiologic Technology program; and (2) Php 500,000.00 to augment the budget for the purchase of land for the SLSU Main Campus Annex in Brgy. Piis, Lucban, Quezon. Hon. Nelson provided financial assistance to (1) the poor and deserving students under the scholarship



program of the Office of Student Affairs and Services (OSAS), (2) the Southern Luzon Command (SOLCOM) personnel who are pursuing MBAs at SLSU, and (3) the doctors of the to-be-instituted College of Medicine who will pursue a Master in Public Health Education as required by the CHED Technical Working Group. He also sponsored the CABHA-JPIA project, "Padayon," which aims

to generate funds to upgrade the quality of education in the BS Accountancy program and to incentivize students who will top the CPA Licensure Examination.

Moreover, Hon. Nelson sponsored various events at SLSU Main and SLSU Tiaong.

With his unwavering assistance, Hon. Nelson was awarded as a major benefactor of SLSU during the PRAISE Awards in 2019.

CAM Alumnus Jethro Conde enters the Overseas Nurse of the Year Shortlist



An alumnus of the College of Allied Medicine, Jethro Conde from BS Nursing Batch 2009, was among the nurses who had been shortlisted in the 2023 Nursing Times Workforce Summit and Awards under the category of Overseas Nurse of the Year.

The aforementioned summit is among the most esteemed organizations in the

UK that bestows awards to nurses. Representing the East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust, Conde joined the ten other nurses nominated under the Overseas Nurse of the Year.

Meanwhile, it was announced on Nov. 21, 2023, that Paul John Alegado from the University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust won the said award.

Sen. Marcos gives Financial Assistance to 2,000 SLSU Students



The Office of Senator Imee R. Marcos provided financial assistance to 2,000 students of the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) from its different campuses on Oct. 3, 2023.

The one-time grant gave the qualified students a Php 5,000.00 cash as part of the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) Payout Educational Assistance Program.

In a video message, Sen. Marcos explained that the educational assistance was given to the students to acknowledged their difficulties and their position as the hope of the nation.

SLSU Library celebrates National Book Week 2023

The Southern Luzon State University Main Library conducted various activities in observance of National Book Week 2023 from Nov. 13-28, 2023.

With the theme, “READ. REREAD. RELIVE.” students from the Laboratory School and the different SLSU campuses participated in activities and contests such as ZumBook, on-the-spot poster making, the BookFace Photo Contest, the Reading as Bonding Photo Contest, and the Haiku Writing Contest.

Through the event, the library was able to acquire 108 books through ZumBook, which will be donated to libraries damaged by calamities and help communities build libraries. Meanwhile, cash prizes and certificates were awarded to the winners.



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Alumni Federation conducts Health Caravan for SLSU Employees

The Southern Luzon State University Alumni Federation Inc. in partnership with the Rotary Club of Lucban, SLSU Office of the President, Municipality of Lucban and Rural Health Unit, and SLSU Faculty and Employees Club conducted a Health Caravan under the program, Balik Tanaw sa Paaralan on Nov. 10, 2023 at the SLSU Covered Court, Lucban, Quezon.

The activity covered 250 slots for free eye check-up and free eye glasses, 50 slots for free cervical cancer test, 50 slots for free breast cancer test, 38 slots for free personalized wheelchairs, and 50 slots for free cataract screening test for the teaching and non-teaching employees of SLSU as well as other stakeholders.

This initiative was funded by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Life + Saver, and the Rotary Clubs of Tanauan, Makati, and Lucban.



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CABHA Alumni gives back to their College

Alumni officers of Southern Luzon State University (SLSU)—College of Administration, Business, Hospitality and Accountancy (CABHA) of the years 2020–2022 donated items to their college on July 19, 2023.

The officers, led by Hon. Ayelah B. Deveza-Deloraya, the then president, donated the following: 15 stand fans, one printer, a binding machine, a paper cutter, and a mascot. Also among the donors are Dhonne Nataniel Mata, Rosemarie N. Gella, Percy S. Abcede, Anna Peachy E. Maguyon, and Elvie B. Oblefias.

Hon. Deveza-Deloraya signed the deed of donation, whereas CABHA SC received the items.



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Engineering Alumni League donates to CEN

The SLSU Engineering Alumni League (SEAL) donated chairs to the College of Engineering (CEN) on Sept. 6, 2023.

In a post, SEAL stated that the donated stool chairs are part of the organization's goals to continuously serve and support the college and its students.

The turn-over of donations took place at the CEN Drawing Room. The event was attended by CE Representative Engr. Airah Mae Alsol and ME Representative, Engr. Ronelito San Jose and received by the dean of CEN, Dr. Maria Corazon Abejo, together with department chairpersons and faculty.

SLSU Employees Association highlights Inclusivity, Mental Health in GAD Agenda

A two-day learning and development activity organized by the Gender and Development (GAD) Office and Employees Association was held on Aug. 16-17, 2023, at Lemery, Batangas.

The topics tackled on the two-day activity are GAD agenda formulation and mental health sensitization. Dr. Bernardita E. Brillon, former head of the GAD Office and HRMO, and Prof. Gino A. Cabrera, officer-in-charge of HRMO, served as the resource speakers and workshop facilitators.

The event was also attended by the then University President, Dr. Doracie B. Zoleta-Nantes, who expressed her admiration and

appreciation to the non-teaching personnel of the university, as they are the unsung heroes working at the forefront of the university's operations. She emphasized that formulating their own GAD agenda and addressing issues that center around their own welfare is a testament to the university's quest for excellence and equality.

During the workshop, the best efforts of SLSU employees were manifested in the "Living Gallery" activity, reflecting their commitment to the SLSU Employees Association's GAD agenda formulation. In the mental health sensitization seminar, participants were given assignments that included creating happy

memories, cultivating their inner potential, and considering expressive arts as a form of relief from stress.

The employees had it as a form of a short time-off from their usual work responsibilities and self-care too; a fellowship activity was made part of the program, which also showcased the talents of the non-teaching personnel and fostered camaraderie among themselves.

All in all, activity conveys that the SLSU administration as well as the Employees Association give prime importance to inclusivity and mental health.



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Dr. Alinea garners 2 Awards in International Conference

Dr. Jess Mark Alinea of SLSU Lucena earned Best Paper and Best Presenter at the First International Research and Innovation Conference on Education, Engineering, and Agriculture 2023 held on Dec. 4-6, 2023.

Dr. Alinea won with the paper, “A Gender and Industry -Responsive Curriculum Model for Technical-Vocational Teacher Education Program”.

The purpose of the IRICEEA 2023 is to bring together professionals in the domains of engineering, agriculture, and education to exchange ideas and experiences as well as to talk about creative solutions to pressing problems.



Dr. Coronacion hailed as SLSU’s Innovator of the Year

Dr. Violeta N. Coronacion from SLSU Infanta was acknowledged as the 2023 Innovator of the Year during the Gawad Pagkilala Awards Ceremony on Dec. 14, 2023.

The SLSU Innovation and Technology Support Services Office (ITSSO) stated that Dr. Coronacion was chosen based on the evaluation of the innovators’ contributions to intellectual property, technology readiness, and affiliation with the university.

In this regard, Dr. Coronacion registered six utility models: (1) Nipa Sugar (2/2021/050996), (2) Nipa Syrup (2/2021/050998), (3) Nipa Juice (2/2021/050993), (4) Process of Making Nipa Sugar (2/2021/050997), (5) Process of Making Nipa Syrup (2/2021/050994), and (6) Process of Making Nipa Juice (2/2021/050995).



2023 Clubs for UNESCO awards Dr. Tangalin as Outstanding Educator

The National Coordinating Body of UNESCO Clubs the Philippines (NCBUCP) recognized Dr. Imelda A. Tangalin, director of Southern Luzon State University—Judge Guillermo Eleazar, as an outstanding educator.

Dr. Tangalin was chosen as the 2023 Clubs for UNESCO Outstanding Educator after gathering unanimous approval from Awards Committee NCBCUP. The committee recognized the contribution of Dr. Tangalin to the attainment of UNESCO’s goals and of the Sustainable Development Goals.

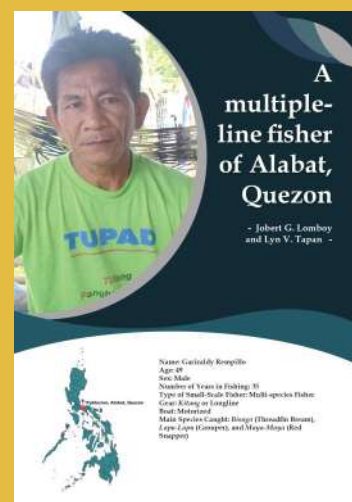
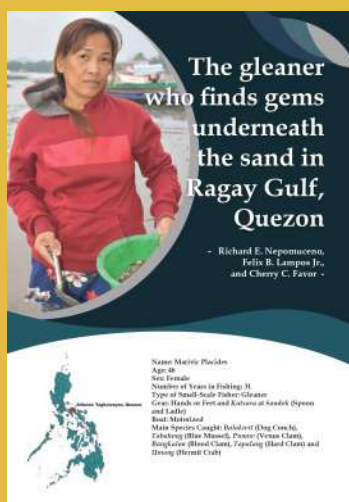
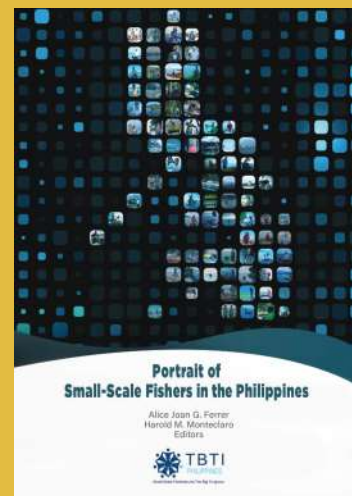
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SLSU JGE - Tagkawayan, SLSU Alabat contribute to TBTI Global Book Series

The faculty members from the campuses of JGE Tagkawayan and Alabat made a contribution to the 2023 release of Too Big To Ignore Global (TBTI; toobigtoignore.net), "TBTI Global Book Series: Portrait of Small-Scale Fishers in the Philippines".

Faculty members from SLSU Alabat, Dr. Jobert G. Lomboy and Lyn V. Tapan, authored the article "A multiple-line fisher of Alabat, Quezon," while Prof. Richard E. Nepomuceno, Dr. Felix B. Lampos, Jr., and Dr. Cherry C. Favor of SLSU JGE Tagkawayan produced the article "The gleaner who finds gems underneath the sand in Ragay Gulf, Quezon".

The publication series features 83 fishers which emphasizes the need for us to pay attention to small-scale fisheries. The book was made possible by 125 contributors from 61 coastal provinces and two coastal cities across 16 administrative regions in the Philippines.



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SLSU Gumaca Student Chrisanto Glindro bags 2nd place in National Agri Innovation Pitching

BSED major in Mathematics student of Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) Gumaca, Chrisanto C. Glindro, together with Leanne Quina B. Cabangon of Holy Child Jesus College, earned 2nd place in the agri-innovation pitching during the 70th Farm Youth (4-H) National Convention held at Malay, Aklan, on August 1-4, 2023.

Glindro and Cabangon presented AYY! LABanos

products of SLSU College of Agriculture (CAG) Singko Señoritas which include Filipino-style pickled radish and radish-made siomai.

The Youth National Convention, an annual event organized by the 4-H Club Philippines in partnership with the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), aims to highlight the abilities and initiatives of young people working in the agricultural and business sectors.



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Lucena, Tiaong Campuses dominate the PSA Newsletter Making Contest

The campuses of Lucena and Tiaong conquered the 34th Newsletter Making Contest facilitated by the Philippine Statistics Authority – Quezon Province on Oct. 26, 2023.

Under the theme “Accelerating Progress: Promoting Data and Statistics for Healthy Philippines,” SLSU Lucena earned first place with the headline “Philippines’ Literacy Rate Increases by 1.2% in the Year 2023.”

Meanwhile, SLSU Tiaong ranked third with their main story, “Organic Agriculture: A Statistical Perspective on its Benefits.”

SLSU Polillo Student Jhachein Rosario joins PH Dragon Boat Racing Reps

Third-year BEED student from Southern Luzon State University – Polillo, Jhachein Rose Rosario, joined the delegates of the Polillo



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Dragonboat Association (PDA) and paddled alongside the Philippine Dragon Boat Federation as the country’s representative in the 16th International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) World Dragon Boat Racing Championships held at Rayong -Pattaya, Thailand, from August 7-13, 2023.

Their team landed fourth in the 500 and 2000-meter races and placed fifth in the 200-meter category.

Meanwhile, PDA faced competition from six nations in the 500-meter, ten nations in the 2000-meter, and six nations in the 200-meter categories.

SLSU Tayabas BSA Student Bolfane conquers Regional Search for Kabataang OA

Melody Bolfane, a student from Southern Luzon State University Tayabas under the program BS in Agriculture major in Crop Science, conquered the Search for Kabataang OA (Organic Agriculture) held at Trece Martires City, Cavite, on July 14, 2023.

SLSU emerged as this year’s champion over six other participating state universities and colleges from Region IV-A CALABARZON after Bolfane won against 34 representatives. Meanwhile, Mary Grace Landicho of SLSU

Tiaong and Angela Clares Rea of SLSU Main-Lucban ranked second and third, respectively.

Afterwards, Bolfane earned fifth place among 13 regional competitors in the Second National Kabataang OA Quiz Bee held from Nov. 22-24, 2023.

The Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) administers the Kabataang OA program, which aims to increase interest in organic farming and enrollment in agricultural and agriculture-related courses.



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Polillo SC conducts Reading Caravan for Daycare Students

The Supreme Student Council of Polillo conducted a reading caravan mission, “The Whole World Opened Up to Me When I Learned to Read,” for daycare pupils on Dec. 15, 2023.

Various activities, including a storytelling session, were held for 42 students of the Daycare School of Barangay Sibulan, Polillo, and each participant also received an ABAKADA book.

Prof. Denise Kristine S. Ong, SSCP adviser, stressed that the student council will collaborate with other school-based youth organizations to expand its benefits to the students from various barangays.

Polillo, Alabat Students conduct Coastal Clean-up Drive

Students from the campuses of Polillo and Alabat of the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) conducted a coastal clean-up drive in their respective municipalities in Sept. 2023.

The faculty and ROTC officers and cadets, along with other groups and

organizations, united to tidy the coastal area near the Alabat Port on Sept. 16, 2023. This activity was part of the movement, International Coastal Clean-up.

Meanwhile, under the celebration of the Linggo ng Kabataan, students of SLSU Polillo cleaned the coastal area.



SLSU Tiaong learns Safety Training under BFP Tiaong

Freshmen students, student leaders, faculty, and other personnel of SLSU Tiaong participated in the fire safety training and education facilitated by the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) on Sept. 13, 2023.

Tiaong Fire Station representatives, FO2 Niño

Montaña, FO1 Mark Joseph Sangalang, and FO1 Donleo Tan, lectured on general fire safety measures and demonstrated the proper use of fire extinguishers.

The said event was part of the fire prevention program of BFP.





Rotary Club donates Books to SLSU Tiaong

The Rotary Club of West Bay - District 3820 donated a total of 2,086 books and research journals to SLSU Tiaong on Sept. 15, 2023.

The donation was possible through the initiative of Mr. Ray Atienza, Mr. Ryan

O. Maglinao, and other members of the Rotary Club.

The academic articles and books published through the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) would benefit the BS Agriculture students of SLSU Tiaong.

SLSU Tiaong receives Donations from Licup, Tan, Johannas Chicken

The Southern Luzon State University—Tiaong received various donations from Hon. Nelson Licup, Mr. Regie Tan, and Johannas Chicken Processing Center in the fourth quarter of 2023.

Hon. Nelson donated eight smart televisions, eight tables, and partitions for two classrooms. Meanwhile, through Mr. Tan, 30 ventilators were distributed in all the classrooms on campus.

On the other hand, Building C of SLSU Tiaong received a repainting through the sponsorship of the Johannas Chicken Processing Center.

Gumaca LGU pledges P2M Subsidy

The local government unit of Gumaca, led by Mayor Webster D. Letargo, pledged financial subsidies, additional personnel, and 32 ceiling fans to the Gumaca Campus of the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU).

A financial subsidy worth Php 2 million was promised to SLSU Gumaca on Oct. 2, 2023, in support of the programs and needs of the campus.

In a separate meeting on Oct. 12, 2023, Mayor Letargo

met with SLSU officials, including the oic-president, Dr. Nilo H. Dator, the vice president for administrative and financial affairs, Dr. Frederick T. Villa, and the oic-campus director of Gumaca, Kirstina N. Manalo. The LGU pledged additional utility personnel to answer the needs of the growing campus. Further, due to the insufficient number of ceiling fans, Gumaca LGU expressed its willingness to donate 32 ceiling fans.





SLSU Polillo celebrates its 31st Founding Anniversary

The Southern Luzon State University-Polillo commemorated their 31st founding anniversary on Nov. 8, 2023, with the theme, “Celebrating the past, committing to the present, and creating a sustainable future through academic excellence.”

The campus director, Prof. Ethel Q. Quesa,

reminisced about the humble beginnings of SLSU Polillo, which started with 50 students. She further emphasized that the collaborative efforts of all the stakeholders helped the campus get this far.

In the same event, SLSU Polillo gave recognition to its valuable stakeholders.

SLSU Alabat students Showcase their Talents at Pailaw 2023

In light of the tradition of SLSU Alabat, students showcased their talents at the Pailaw 2023, held on Nov. 30, 2023.

The students, faculty, and staff of SLSU Alabat participated at the said event to entertain attendees and express their gratitude to their families and other stakeholders.

The Pailaw Project was initiated in 2013 as a project of the students under the program of the National Service Training Service, which then became a major project of the campus and a much-awaited attraction for the people of Alabat. Also, it served as a venue to give back to the Alabat community.



Pailaw 2023 gift-giving

SLSU as One: Discussions and Engagements with Satellite and Extension Campuses

Upon his assumption as the officer-in-charge of the Office of the President, Dr. Nilo H. Dator aims to pursue his goals, one of which is to ensure that the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) will continue to uphold the best service for its clientele, particularly its students. In order to achieve this, the members of the Administrative Council (ADCO) conducted campus visits among the satellite and extension campuses of the university with the intention of engaging the teaching and non-teaching staff in discussions.

For the month of October, four campuses have been visited, including Tiaong, Lucena, Catanauan, and Gumaca. In November, ADCO members went to the campuses of Polillo, Infanta, and Alabat.

SLSU JGE Tagkawayan was visited in December, while the other campuses will be visited in January 2024.

In the course of the campus visits, it has been shown that infrastructure concerns and water and electricity supply are among the persisting problems on the campuses. Dr. Dator, the Director of the Planning and Development Office—Infrastructure, Engr. Melvin Makipagay, along with the Director of the Physical Plant and Facilities, Engr. Ronelito San Jose collaborated with the campus directors and concerned authorities to address the said issues.

Dr. Dator would emphasize the importance of being empathic with the satellite and extension

SLSU Tiaong, Oct. 10, 2023

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SLSU Infanta, Nov. 9, 2023



SLSU JGE Tagkawayan, Dec. 1, 2023



campuses. *“Malasakit para mapaunlad ang lahat ng campus,”* he would say while noting that the campuses should be more developed. Through this activity, the administration helped produce better collaboration and created a space for sharing best practices among the personnel of the satellite and extension campuses. Likewise, the activity encouraged faculty members and administrative staff to provide high-quality service for the university’s stakeholders.

SLSU Gumaca, Oct. 12, 2023



SLSU Polillo, Nov. 8, 2023



SLSU Alabat, Nov. 30, 2023

Madel Rotaquio, 35-yr-old LET Topnotcher on *Chances and Changes*

“Parang nagkaroon ng purpose ulit... Parang bagong chapter ba siya. Binigyan ako ng chance.”



Madel Rotaquio, the 35-year-old LET Topnotcher from the Southern Luzon State University – Polillo, describes topping the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) as a game-changer.

Madel, as she is called, was born and raised in Burdeos, Quezon, and is now settling in Tayabas City, Quezon, as a wife and a mother for two kids—an elementary and a high school student. She once studied social work in Lucena City, got pregnant, and got married. Years later, her father-in-law offered to sponsor her studies and pushed her into going back to school.

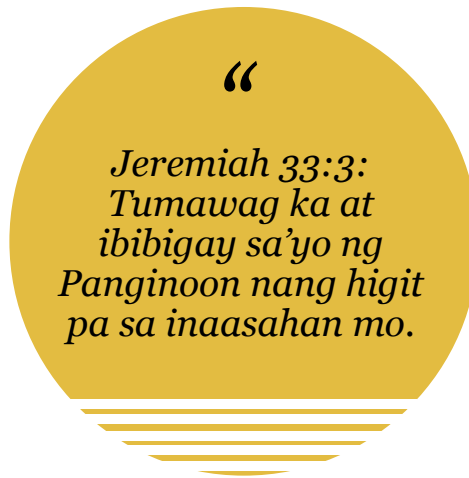
“Mag-aral ka kasi iba na ‘yong may pinag-aralan. Mas mabilis kang makakakuha ng trabaho,” her father-in-law said. With constant support from her family, Madel ended up studying at SLSU Polillo, with her allowance and boarding house paid for by her in-laws. In addition, Madel was also a beneficiary of the scholarship of the local government unit of Polillo, which greatly helped her financially. Her husband also did multiple jobs to support the studies and living expenses of his family.

She also struggled with computer literacy. Using technology in reporting and other tasks was challenging for

her and her peers, who are high school graduate students. Acknowledging this issue, the faculty of SLSU Polillo would assign groups that balance out the computer literacy in a team.

Along with the other challenges, Madel would question her decision to go back to studying: *“Worth it ba na magkahiwalay tayo para makapag-aral ako,”* Madel would ask her husband whilst studying far from home, on which he would reply that it would be for their family, *“Isipin mo na lang na gift mo ‘yan sa pamilya mo, na kahit may asawa ka na ay nakatapos ka pa.”*

And true enough, as she held on to her dream of finishing her studies and passing the licensure examination, God had given her more than what she wished for.

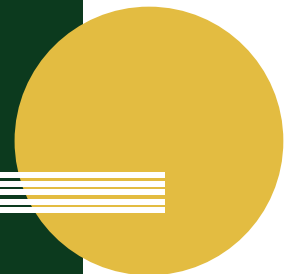
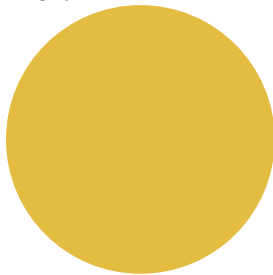


Passing the board examination and ranking fifth among all the examinees led to finding more opportunity and more chances to give back to the people who aided her along the way and to help other people with what she can.

“Ako naman ang magbibigay, hindi ‘yong ako lang lagi ang tumatanggap. ‘Yon ang main goal ko, ang makapagbalik.”

With the future shining brightly on Madel, she emphasizes that God has planned something better for everyone and that no chance is too late to grab.

“Na-late, nagkaroon man ng sagabal kaya hindi sila nagpatuloy, huwag silang sumuko. I-grab nila ang mga opportunity na ibinibigay sa kanila ng Panginoon, sa tulong ng mga iba’t ibang tao sa paligid nila... Lagi nilang isipin na hindi lang ang nagmamahal sa kanila ang naghihintay ng tagumpay mo.”



Rediscovering the Spark:

Engr. Feej Remojo on Topping Board Exams, Twice

“Gusto kong magising ulit ‘yong competitive side ko kaya ako nag-take ng master plumbing.”

In order to rekindle the spark, Engr. Fernando M. Remojo, Jr., better known as Engr. Feej decided to take another licensure examination, but this time in secrecy.

Engr. Feej finished the program in mechanical engineering in 2018 and topped the licensure examination in August 2018. He was the first on both sides of the family to become an engineer. Eldest among four siblings, he is currently the breadwinner of the family, and with great consideration of his responsibilities to his family, Engr. Feej decided to delay his plans to study again amidst his thirst for reigniting his fire to get out of his burnout phase.

“I have plans on taking specialization on Mechanical Engineering but not right now kasi may kapatid pa akong kailangang pag-aralin. I can't give up my work to study again.”

In search of a spark, he found himself studying for the Master Plumber Licensure Examination.

“...Nababagalan ako sa nangyayari sakín so nag-isip

ako kung paano ako makakaalis sa complacency. Nami-miss ko ‘yong competitive ako. Hinanap ko ‘yong hanging fruit, something na easily attainable pero fruitful kaya nag-take uli ako ng isa pang lisensya kasi hindi naman ako pwede mag-masters kasi may pinapaaral nga ako.”

From there, his secret plan of taking another licensure examination began. He explained that although the secrecy would mean that he must hide all the studying away from his family, friends, and colleagues, the pressure will not be present when he take the test. Engr. Feej further stated that his record of being a topnotcher has an invisible anchor tying him up to be intellectually good.

“Isinekreto ko because nakakahiya if ever hindi ako mag-top kasi may record na ako na nag-top.”

Engr. Feej admitted that studying was not easy, especially when he had to hide it from everyone.

“Nagre-review nang patago and ‘yong work ang naging problems ko while reviewing kasi hindi ko pinaalam sa mga katrabaho ko pati sa parents ko na magte-take ako.”

Engr. Feej emphasized the need to study smart and master the basics of engineering in order to understand the other subjects, which are derivations from the foundation. He further discusses that the result will take a positive turn if the examinee thinks of it as his or her only chance of taking the test.

“Iba yung feeling na may kinakapitan ka larger than you. Pinakaimportante ay mentality or mindset mo, you will only take the board exam once so do your best. Para ‘to sa mga gusto mag-top, mind over matter talaga. Mental shift, certain side para sa certain tasks, attack the questions as you see fit.”

With that in mind, Engr. Feej once again ranked among the topnotchers, placing third in the Master Plumber Licensure Examination. His dream does not stop at becoming a name among the licensure examinations, but to become an official in government agencies such as the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), and more importantly, to have all his siblings earn a degree.



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Bringing Home Glory and Lessons from STRASUC-CAF 2023

Amidst taking home medals at various competitions, the head of the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) Culture and Arts Program, Prof. El Doulus Chua, highlighted the need to train longer in preparation for the next Southern Tagalog Regional Association of State Universities and Colleges—Culture and the Arts Festival (STRASUC-CAF). After being hailed as the overall champion last year, SLSU grabbed the title of first runner-up at the STRASUC-CAF 2023 with 65 points.

“Kailangan nating mas galingan [pa sa susunod],” Prof. Chua said in an interview with *The Kingfisher*, a student publication of SLSU. Further, he acknowledged the improvement of the majority of the competitors in all areas of the festival. However, this did not scare the delegates of SLSU; in fact, the competitors fueled their fire by giving their all.

The *Sining Pandayan ni Hermano Puli (SINDAYAN)* moved the audience with “Kombo,” a 10-minute play about how the indigenous Badjao group confronts the issue of poverty. The production team includes Dir. Mario Eleazar, Asst. Dir. Mark Canlas, writers Lana Klariz Alcantara and Axel Aloner, stage manager Arjay Lusterio, technical director Chrishell Niña Lacopia, props head Jhe Ann Camacho, wardrobe

mistress Chrismae Marie Lacopia, adviser and make-up artist Edsel Paroan, finance manager Aira Bea Melarpis, and the food committee: Aleah Albrando, John Howell Camitan, and Shaira Fe Melarpis. Meanwhile, the actors include Ronnel Bautista, Maria Nathalia Royo, CJ Sarmiento, Xander Bebida, and Georgina Aveliz. Through their hard work and dedication, *SINDAYAN* was hailed as the champion in the short and sweet play category.

Meanwhile, Christian Seguerra, a second-year student studying BSED with a major in science at SLSU JGE Tagkawayan, snapped first place in the photography competition. Seguerra has proven that skills and technique matter more than the advancement of photography gear.



SLSU representatives Yaz Gabriel Maranan and Patricia Marie Mendiola had their crowning moment as they were declared the 2023 Festival King and Queen, respectively. Alongside the crown, both were awarded Best in Production Attire. Maranan also grabbed the award for Best in Swimwear.

On the other hand, Plorence Molata, a third-year BA Psychology student, ranked second in the pencil drawing contest with a realistic drawing of fruit and crops. Molata also represented the university in the same category last year and placed third.

Showcasing Negros Occidental's Pamulad Isda, the Sinag Banahaw Cultural Troupe struts their moves to the second spot in the folk dance competition. This was possible through the coaching

of Prof. Ian Michael Lopez and the dedication of the dance troupe members: Vince Neil Rodelas, Den Cavin Jarasa, Marwel Cabuyao, Gino Laguardia, Joshua Hernandez, Kyrt Jondhel Caliwara, Yohan Villaverde, Althe Jane Marasigan, Jayme Eucharist Balisacan, Anne Kylene Sanchez, Louiella Peramide, and Chistine Joy Madayag.

The Siklab Sanggalaw Dance Troupe (SSDT) demonstrated various sleeping disorders through their dance moves and gained the third rank in the street dance competition. Among the highlights of their performance is their synchronized movements while in blindfolds. SSDT delegates Jasper Bautista, Jayven Casinello, Marc Leandro Fortunado, Marc Justine B. Inojosa, Vien Xymon N. Zubieta, Shela Labores, Carla Jane L. Placino,

Kier D. Rufo, Ian San Antonio, and Ven Angelo H. Villasanta shared that the countless challenges were overcome through their common passion for dance.

Meanwhile, SLSU ranked fourth in the Bandurria and Classical Guitar Competitions, which were represented by Nikki A. Andaya and Erick Abragon, respectively.



59th Founding Anniversary and the Future It Holds

ARTICLE: PROF. GINO CABRERA

In light of the 59th Founding Anniversary celebrated on August 3, 2023, Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) gave a spotlight to the major contributors to the identity of the university and to the achievers who continue to showcase the core values of the university.

Graced by the son of SLSU benefactor, Dr. Roberto Licup, Mr. Nelson C. Licup, a businessman and philanthropist, served as the guest of honor and speaker during the opening of the 59th Founding Anniversary of the University. The program highlighted how the university has evolved since its establishment in 1964 as a Municipal Junior High School.

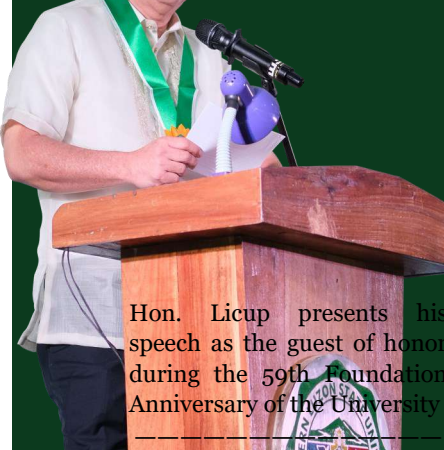
Embarking on another milestone, the celebration also recognized the outstanding achievements of the university's topnotchers in the recently concluded PRC Examinations, a testament to the continuous quest for excellence of the university. Included among the acknowledged topnotchers are Nikki B. Mendez, Elma D. Umali, Fernando M. Remojo, Jr., Martin Emil F. Rosales, Paulene Rose S. Alcoreza, and Ingrid Eunice S. Concordia.

Tracing the past and honoring the pillars of the university, Dr. Angelo Quevedo

Peña, the founding president, was also honored through a BOR resolution and a posthumous service award. Likewise, Maestro Rustico Babat, a former faculty member and composer of the SLSU Hymn "*Awit ng Paaralan*" and the SLSU Graduation Song "*Awit ng Pagtatapos*," was also honored.

Outgoing officers of the Faculty Association, Employees Association, and Faculty Employees Club were also recognized, while the incoming officers took their oath of office before the University President, Dr. Doracie B. Zoleta-Nantes. Also, part of the program is the awarding of plaques of appreciation to former administrative council officials and posthumous service awards to Dr. Rosie C. Dulay, Prof. Salvo O. Salvacion, Ms. Cheryl B. Bundalian, Prof. Fidel J. Lasconia, and Engr. Jane Rose Caja, recognizing their dedicated service to the institution.

The seeds of knowledge planted by them are engraved deep within the students, and with it, just like how SLSU continuously excels in licensure examinations, among others, the future is brighter because of the life and service they have dedicated to the university.



Hon. Licup presents his speech as the guest of honor during the 59th Foundation Anniversary of the University

Meet the Faculty: Internationally Acclaimed Teacher, Ms. Denise Ong joins SLSU Polillo Faculty

ARTICLE: PROF. GINO CABRERA

Ms. Denise Kristine San Juan-Ong, MECE, LPT, has inspired, engaged, energized, and motivated young learners in early childhood development programs and demonstrated a high level of passion at work and in life.

She has worked with state-wide and international professional development initiatives designed to learn, model, lead, and empower children to effect change. She was sent to Shandong, China, to be the lead English teacher in an early childhood program and an assistant curriculum specialist in Singapore. She also joined the head delegates of Salesian educators in Thailand for class observations and cross-cultural immersion.

Denise has extensive experience creating content on developmentally appropriate

practices, media and young children, play, equity, and other topics for educators and families. She began her career as a preschool teacher in Singapore. She holds a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from KLC International Institute, Singapore, and obtained a Philippine professional license as a Licensed Professional Teacher.

Recently, she joined the roster of faculty members of the SLSU Polillo Campus and became a tenured college instructor. Aligned with outcomes-based education, her teaching centered on the importance of considering varied learning styles, classroom management, the art of questioning, modern materials and tools, and lesson planning to arouse the interest of her students.



Meet the Faculty:

Ms. Geri Mae Tolentino in Pursuit of Academic Excellence

ARTICLE: PROF. GINO CABRERA



Geri Mae A. Tolentino is an instructor in the Forestry and Environmental Science Department (FESD) at the College of Agriculture (CAg). While Geri takes joy in teaching a variety of courses each semester, her true passion shines in courses such as Environmental Education and Advocacy, Environmental Ethics and Policies, and Science Communication.

Graduating magna cum laude from the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) with a degree in Development Communication (major in Science Communication), she furthered her academic journey by pursuing an MS in Environmental Science at UPLB as a DOST-ASTHRDP Scholar, igniting her fervor for environmental education. To seamlessly blend her passion for understanding the intricate relationships among culture, history, and environmental issues, Geri pursued and earned a master's degree in Asian Studies at the University of the Philippines Diliman.

Beyond teaching, Geri directed the Innovation and Technology Support Services Office (ITSSO), advised the

student-led environmental organization, Kybernetes Society, and contributed to pivotal projects funded by the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Agriculture.

At present, she is on study leave and pursuing a Ph.D. in Environmental Science at the State University of New York-College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) with a Fulbright-CHED Ph.D. Scholarship. Her research delves into the colonial legacies within green spaces and probes into decolonization strategies that span these landscapes' visual, cultural, and ecological dimensions.

As an international student in the United States, Geri finds navigating Syracuse's snow-laden landscapes challenging. Nevertheless, she perceives each obstacle as a stepping stone in her personal and professional journey. Every challenge metamorphoses into an opportunity, shaping her into a more adept educator for future environmental professionals in the Philippines.



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