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TSU is followed by six other schools which had 50 or more examinees and a passing percentage of at least 80 percent: King's College of the Philippines -

Bambang (96.23 percent); Cavite State University (95.38 percent); University of the Cordilleras (95.24 percent); King's College of the Philippines – Benguet (90.38 percent); Laguna State Polytechnic University – San Pablo (86.27 percent); and Data Center College of the Philippines – Laoag City (80.28 percent). [To page 5](#)

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EDITORIAL

Starting the Year Right

When 2019 opened this January, everybody at TSU was pleasantly surprised to find out that, for the second time in a row, we are number one in the Professional Regulation Commission’s nationwide list of top performing schools in the December 2018 Criminologist Licensure Examination. This means that, when 56 of our 57 examinees passed the exam, posting a passing percentage of 98.25 percent, we bested 575 other Criminology schools in the country. This is no mean feat.

Coming as it did only a year after TSU first made it to the top spot among Criminology schools in 2017 hints at the superb quality of education that we provide here at TSU. Not to mention the fact that our College of Criminal Justice Education is a relatively young entity in the university, and that during its first year of existence it already produced worthy graduates led by a 6th placer in that year’s board exam. Again, this is no mean feat.

In celebrating the CCJE’s, and thus TSU’s, latest success in the arena of government licensure exams, however, Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, TSU president, correctly pointed out what she sees to be an important factor behind it all: the CCJE students’ admirable self-discipline.

“Look at how they stand erect and quiet during flag ceremonies and during school activities at the gymnasium,” she said.

“They are a model of maturity and discipline, no doubt instilled in them by their teachers in the university,” she added.

This January we can start doing things right by developing self-discipline within ourselves and helping our students and other people do so as well.

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TARLAC STATE UNIVERSITY

Vision
Tarlac State University is envisioned to be a premier University in the Asia Pacific Region.

Mission
Tarlac State University commits to promote and sustain the offering of quality and relevant programs in higher and advanced education ensuring equitable access to education for people empowerment, professional development, and global competitiveness.

Towards this end, TSU shall:

- 1.) Provide high quality instruction through qualified, competent and adequately trained faculty members and support staff.
- 2.) Be a premier research institution by enhancing research undertakings in the fields of technology and sciences and strengthening collaboration with local and international institutions.
- 3.) Be a champion in community development by strengthening partnership with public and private organizations and individuals

Tarlac City Gov’t Honors TSU With Plaque of Recognition

In recognition of “the sterling performance of its graduates in the Professional Regulation Commission,” the Tarlac City Government and the Tarlac City Tourism Council awarded the Tarlac State University with a plaque of recognition during the celebration of Kaisa Festival last January 19 at the city square.

TSU President Myrna Q. Mallari and Vice President for Research and Extension Services Armee N. Rosel received the award from Tarlac City Mayor Ma. Cristina C. Angeles.

The award recognizes TSU’s “outstanding achievement as an academic institution which brought distinction and recognition to the City Government of Tarlac in all its mandates and endeavors.”

It cites “the sterling performance of its graduates in the Professional Regulation Commission’s Licensure Examinations” as one of the reasons for the award.

TSU is also being honored for the “exemplary education of its graduates which brought gainful employment to the youth of Tarlac City” and for its “community outreach programs that gave trainings, skills and productive jobs to its beneficiaries.”



TSU has produced over the past few years a record number of graduates who performed with flying colors in their respective government licensure examinations.

In 2016, Richard Macapulay placed 1st nationwide in the Licensure Examination for Teachers (Secondary) and Mark Castillo placed 1st in the Licensure Examination for Teachers (Elementary). Two other Education graduates of TSU, Melody Paraon and Rose Ann Tubay landed 10th in the LET-Elementary.

That same year, Lian Carla Caliboso Luzong ranked 6th in the Criminologist Licensure Examination and the TSU College of Criminal Justice Education, with 88.46% passing rate in the Board Exam, became the nation’s number three Criminology school.

In 2017, CCJE became the country’s number one Criminology

school with a Board Exam passing percentage of 98.21%. In addition, TSU graduate, Jalara Narciso, bagged 4th place in the LET-Secondary.

In the June 2018 licensure examination for Architects, Joan Fatima Reyes, who graduated from TSU in 2016, placed 2nd nationwide with a rating of 83.20%. This is at least the third time that TSU landed in the top five of the Architecture Licensure Examination. In 2013, Eric Yadao ranked third and, in 2015, Orlando P. Sangalang Jr. ranked second.

In August 2018, the PRC conducted in Singapore and in six Middle East countries the Special Professional Licensure Examination for Elementary and Secondary Teachers. Out of a total of 441 examinees, 73 passed, and among the passers were two TSU graduates—Fe Baltazar Nagum and Laarni Baldovino Labasan, who placed 8th and 10th, respectively, in

the exam for secondary teachers.

In October 2018, two graduates of the TSU College of Business and Accountancy joined the top 10 examinees nationwide of the Certified Public Accountant Licensure Examination. Aubrey Nicole David Jimenez placed 6th with a rating of 90% and Samuel Joshua Cortez Tongol ranked 7th with 89.83%. In this examination, TSU’s passing average (for first-time examinees) of 66.67% is 41.49% higher than the national passing average of 25.18%.

As of press time, TSU is once again the country’s number one Criminology school. According to the PRC, it is number one in the list of top performing schools in the December 2018 Criminologist Licensure Examination, besting 575 other Criminology schools in the country with a passing percentage of 98.25 percent.

TSU Returns to Capas Aeta Community Bearing More Gifts



Sitio Danum Mapali, Bueno, Capas--Fulfilling her promise to return to this far-flung community of Aeta families, Tarlac State University President Myrna Q. Mallari led last January 14 university officials in an early morning gift-giving activity conducted as part of TSU's corporate social responsibility.

The TSU president was accompanied by key officials of the university, including Vice Presidents

Louella F. Ona, Michaela P. Sagun and Armee N. Rosel.

Capas Mayor Reynaldo Catacutan joined the group. He also provided a four-wheel-drive vehicle which, at one point, he himself drove so that the university officials could cross the dry but soft riverbed.

A long line of smiling faces greeted the TSU visitors as they trudged their way up the river bank.

The university president stopped at the head of the line and, after the TSU vehicle carrying the packaged goods had backed up near her, started distributing the items to the village residents while greeting them and talking to them in Kapampangan.

The last time TSU visited Sitio Danum Mapali was on September 29, 2018, during which Mallari vowed to return bearing more gifts for the community.

373 TSU Students Receive Diplomas in 30th Graduation Rites

Tarlac City Mayor Maria Cristina Angeles graced the Tarlac State University's 30th Commencement Exercises as 373 students received their diplomas on the morning of January 23 at the university gym in the main campus.

Angeles, who was the graduation ceremony's guest speaker, urged the graduates "to find your purpose in life, to find your mission in life."

"Set goals and make it your mission to achieve these goals because when you do things for a purpose nothing is ever impossible," she said.

The table below shows the number of graduates from each college. The figures include

graduates of master's and doctorate degree from colleges that offer advanced degrees.

College of Business and Accountancy	134
College of Computer Studies	75
College of Education	59
College of Criminal Justice Education	34
College of Engineering	31
College of Public Administration and Governance	10
College of Architecture and Fine Arts	11
College of Arts and Social Sciences	10
College of Science	9

Role of Quality Assurance Expanded with Creation of 3 Units

Recognizing the need for the Quality Assurance Office of the Tarlac State University (TSU) to exercise "an expanded and enhanced role in the University," President Myrna Q. Mallari has created three units under QAO that will focus exclusively on accreditation standards.

In an administrative order dated January 22, 2019, the president established units that will be responsible for the following: (1) accreditation of the university by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP); (2) university accreditation by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and other government entities; and (3) maintenance of the university's Integrated Management System (IMS) certification.

In another AO, also dated January 22, 2019, Dr. Elizabeth A. Amurao, QAO director, is tasked to concurrently head the AACCUP Accreditation Unit, "which will be in charge of AACCUP matters pertaining to programs and institutional accreditation matters."

The CHED and Government-Entity Accreditation Unit, to be headed by Dr. Ma. Socorro D. Valdez, a senior faculty member and former dean of the

College of Science, is mandated to take care of accreditation and qualification requirements for several standards, such as CHED's Center of Excellence/Center of Development program, Institutional Accreditation, and State University and Colleges (SUC) Levelling. It is also in charge of TSU's International Accreditation, identified in the AO as "Washington (Engineering), Dublin (Technology), Canberra (Architecture), Seoul (Information Technology)."

The third unit, called the IMS Certification and Maintenance Unit and led by Engr. Maricar N. Banting, "will be responsible for the (IMS), which include(s) ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management System), ISO 14001:2015 (Environmental Management System), and OHSAS 14001:2007 (Occupational Health and Safety Management System)."

Mallari said the roles of these new units are not limited to the "implementation and monitoring of quality and standards in the performance of functions."

They are also expected to contribute to the "attainment of the University's vision of becoming a Premier University in the Asia Pacific Region," the president added.



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In 2012, TSU opened B.S. Criminology as a program under the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), which was then (and still is) headed by Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg. In 2014, Mr. Roel R. Alviar, a full-time lecturer in the college, was designated chairman of the Criminology Department.

In 2016, a graduate of the CASS Department of Criminology, Lian Carla C. Luzong, placed 6th in the Criminologist Licensure Exam. In November of that year, the Criminology program became independent from CASS when the TSU Board of Regents approved the establishment of the College of Criminal Justice Education (CCJE).

In May 2017, Dr. Theodore M. Timpac, a faculty member of the erstwhile Criminology Department, was designated as Dean of CCJE.

Also in 2017, TSU, for the first time, became number one top performing school nationwide with a passing percentage of 98.21 percent in the Criminologist Licensure Exam that year.

URO Releases List of Winners in December 2018 Review of Researches



The husband-and-wife team of professors Marlon Gamido and Heidilyn Gamido won first prize in the 2018 year-end in-house review of completed researches held by the University Research Office on December 14, 2018.

Titled “Development of Integrated Administrative Management System: Procurement Module for Tarlac State University,” the Gamidos’ award-winning research led 6 others in the Technology category.

A study by a team of six engineer-professors, which led successfully to

the development of an electric vehicle powered by a solar charger, placed second in the contest. Engineers Leo Piao, Raul Canlas, Adam Rombaoa, Arnel Punla, Bernardino Nalipay and Jessie Domingo composed the team.

An Internet application for energy management created by computer science professors Ronnie Mercado, Dennis Virtudazo and Valerie Simbol received the third prize.

In the Social Science category, Education professors Nelvin Nool and Jessie B. Aquino placed first with their research project titled “The Use of Edmodo with Journal Writing in

Teaching Mathematics.”

Prof. Mellany Masangkay’s study, titled “Talent Engagement and Leadership Abilities of College of Education Faculty Members in State Universities and Colleges of Region III: Basis of a Teacher Management Program,” placed second and Prof. Marie Paz H. Angeles’ “Achievement Motivation Vis-à-vis Personality Type: Implications for Academic Success” placed third.

The winners were awarded certificates of recognition and cash prizes, according to URO.

The office is led by Dir. Piao.

OIC, “understudy officers” designated for VPILEA, VPAA, CASS

Dr. Armee N. Rosel, Vice President for Research and Extension Service, will concurrently head the office of the Vice President for Institutional Linkages and External Affairs from January 14 to May 31, 2019 as officer-in-charge.

In an administrative order dated January 3, 2019, President Myrna Q. Mallari designated Rosel as temporary replacement for Dr.

Louella F. Ona, who will be on sabbatical leave starting January 15.

In related developments, Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, Dean of the College of Arts and Social Sciences, has been designated as “understudy officer of the Vice President for Academic Affairs” and Dr. Aloysius T. Madriaga, a CASS senior faculty member, has been designated as

“understudy officer” of the Dean’s office of CASS.

As “understudy officers” they will “study the administration and operation” of their new offices by spending half day there “on a daily basis.” It is understood that as “understudy officers” they are expected to eventually occupy their assigned office as full-fledged vice president or dean.

The Work Wins Regional Presscon Championship



It is an auspicious beginning, indeed, for the Tarlac State University as members of the editorial board of *The Work*, the university’s official student publication, bagged their first overall championship of the 18th Regional Higher Education Press Conference (RHEPC) held on January 9-11, 2019 at the TSU Lucinda Campus in Tarlac City.

Editor-in-chief Pauline Grace B. Manzano, a graduating student of the College of Engineering and Technology (CET), said that past participations by *The Work* in the regional competition yielded only runner-up awards.

Today’s win is “a memorable exit,” she said, explaining that majority of the editors, including her, will graduate this semester.

She expressed optimism that they will leave the publication with a legacy that will remain alive for many years.

She said she was proud of her fellow editors who sacrificed their academic works to prepare for the contests.

RHEPC is participated in by 20 public and private universities and colleges from all over Central Luzon and is a qualifying round for the Luzon-wide Higher Education Press Conference, slated to be held within the year.

In the group categories, *The Work* was adjudged “Overall Best Tabloid” after it won 1st places in the News Page, Development Communication Page, Feature and Literary Page and Page Design categories, and 4th place in Editorial and Opinion Page category and 6th place in the Sports Page category.

The Work magazine, *Metanoia*, was adjudged “Overall Best Magazine” after it placed 1st in News Page, Development Communication Page and Page Design categories; 2nd place in Editorial and Opinion Page and Cover Design categories; and 3rd place in Sports Page and Feature and Literary Page categories.

The TSU student publication also received the “Overall Newsletter” award by harvesting four 1st places in the News Page, Editorial and Opinion Page, Development Communication Page and Sports Page categories. It also received 2nd place and 4th place awards in Feature and Literary Page and Page Design categories, respectively.

The Work’s Literary Folio landed 6th Best Literary Folio overall.

In the individual categories, the results are as follows: Pauline Grace B. Manzano (1st place, Comic Strip Drawing Filipino, 1st place, Photojournalism English & 5th

Individual Highest Pointer); Kenneth Leo V. Pamlas (2nd place, Literary Graphics Filipino, 2nd place, Editorial Cartooning Filipino & 7th Individual Highest Pointer); Joseph Carlo M. Pineda (2nd place, Layouting, 2nd place, Copyreading and Headline Writing Filipino & 7th Individual Highest Pointer); Gabriel Jan S. Inocencio (2nd place, Editorial Cartooning English, 4th place, Comic Strip Drawing English & 8th Individual Highest Pointer); Isaih Kyle C. Umipig (1st place, Development Communication Writing English); Nica Joy A. Calma (1st place, Photojournalism Filipino); Andrea Nicole B. Sapnu (1st place, Poetry Writing English); Lorddan U. Faller (1st place, News Writing Filipino); Crystal Gale O. Rosete (3rd place, Feature Writing Filipino & 1st runner-up, Ms. YJAR 2019); Eugene Quiazon (4th place, Development Communication Writing Filipino); Lander Victor G. Tejada (5th place, Sports Writing Filipino); Janelle Pamela R. David (7th place, Feature Writing English); Adam Albritch A. Labiano (10th Place, Poetry Writing Filipino); Jerico T. Manalo (10th place, News Writing English); and Jejomar B. Contawe (10th place, Opinion Writing English).

TSU Makes Community's Dream of Own School a Reality



The school's benefactress, Charity Soliman Lacsamana, turns over to the school officials the six-classroom building that is now home to the Balanti Integrated School.

To attend classes, high school students in Balanti, a remote barangay in Tarlac City, had to walk many kilometers through dusty unpaved roads and muddy mountain trails.

But this is no longer the case. Thanks to the newly-built Balanti Integrated School, which is close to where they live, getting an education is no longer a physical sacrifice and a hazard to life and limb.

And the Tarlac State University, through its extension program for community development, has helped make Barangay Balanti's dream of having its own high school come true.

On January 10, in a simple ceremony, the six-classroom BIS building was turned over to school officials.

Charity Soliman-Lacsamana, the school's benefactress (her family, the Solimans, donated the 1.2-hectare lot on which the building

was constructed), thanked TSU for its contribution in the success of the project.

A few years earlier, she wrote the TSU president, Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, a letter requesting assistance in the development of the facilities in the school, which was then a Day Care Center housed in a dilapidated building.

Dr. Arnel Punla, then dean of the College of Technology, visited the school and discovered it lacked educational facilities.

Through TSU, the school obtained eight tables and 32 chairs.

The electrical wiring of the school building was also repaired, and its walls and the stage outside it had a new paint courtesy of the students of the TSU College of Fine Arts and Architecture.

The Department of Education and Senator Bam Aquino made the construction of the six classrooms

possible.

In February 2017, Engr. Leonides Tatu and Engr. Randy Policarpio, both from the TSU College of Engineering, were tapped to conduct a field survey for the preparation of the high school's site development plan.

In addition, the TSU College of Technology and the Electronics and Information Technology Society donated two computer sets each.

Lacsamana said many elementary school graduates of Balanti stopped going to school because the barangay had no high school and the nearest one was many kilometers away.

She said the few students who opted to continue with their high school education would walk long distances or cross rivers to attend school.

Prospects for our students are now brighter with the new Balanti Integrated School, she said.

At present, there are 24 Grade 7 and 24 Grade 8 students enrolled at BIS.