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Around 2,500 college students in Tarlac province received their first dose of Moderna vaccine on October 23, 2021 at Tarlac State University Gymnasium.

This is the first province-wide vaccination program among state universities and colleges (SUCs) in Central Luzon which is intended primarily for Tarlac State University, Tarlac Agricultural University, and other college students residing in Tarlac.

This program is launched through the initiative of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in cooperation with the Provincial Government of Tarlac, City

Government of Tarlac, and TSU themed “Padyak para sa Flexible Learning: Sama-samang Vaccination Program for Tertiary Students.”

According to Tarlac City mayor Hon. Cristy Angeles, the vaccines are from the Department of Health and were handed over to the City Government.

In an interview, TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari said the TSU gym will be open for a second batch which can accommodate 15,000 students from TSU and 7,000 students from TAU in two weeks’ time. The City Government accomplishes

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TSU welcomes Chair Popoy for Community Sports & Wellness Program capacity building

• Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan

Tarlac State University welcomed once again the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) led by its chairperson, Dr. J. Prospero “Popoy” E. De Vera III, for the two-day capacity building and training write-shop on “Community Sports & Wellness Program” on October 21-22, 2021 at the Alumni Center, Lucinda Campus.

TSU is the first state university in the country to receive this capacity building program from CHED.

“The load on your shoulders is heavy. Kaya pag-igihin ho natin ito.

Let’s make it succeed,” Chair Popoy said in his message.

The program aims to enhance and raise the quality of sports education in the university and the entire province which is aligned with the mandate of CHED and Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) to upgrade the skills of tertiary sports key officials and faculty members. This is also in line with the institution’s objectives to promote lifelong, sustainable, and holistic development fine-tuned by

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 115th Foundation & 32nd Charter Anniversary Celebration

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Again, TSU holds virtual celebration of its founding and charter anniversary

• *Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan*

Bearing the theme “TSU@115: A Celebration of Courage, Unity, and Resiliency,” Tarlac State University celebrated its 115th founding and 32nd charter anniversary last October 11-16, 2021 through a series of virtual activities and webinars.

This is the second online foundation week celebration of the university to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 as the Province of Tarlac is still under the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) classification from October 1-31, 2021.

Highlights of the week-long event were streamed live and shared via the Office of Public Affairs Facebook page such as the opening program on October 12 and the Thanksgiving Mass presided by Diocese of Tarlac Bishop Most Rev. Enrique V. Macaraeg on October 13 – the actual day of the university’s charter anniversary.

Moreover, this year was made special with a congratulatory letter from the President of the Philippines Rodrigo Roa Duterte and video greetings from Vice President Maria Leonor “Leni” Robredo, Sen. Joel “TESDAMAN” Villanueva, Representative of the Lone District of Baguio City and Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education Hon. Mark Go, Governor of Tarlac Hon. Susan Yap, and Tarlac City Mayor Hon. Maria Cristina “Cristy” Angeles.

In her welcome message during the opening program, TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari said that TSU has had challenges not only during the pandemic but throughout the years.

“But what is more important? Hindi iyong [mga] pagkakataong tayo’y nadapa, kung ‘di iyong [mga] pagkakataong tayo’y tumayo sa pagkakadapa at ngayon tayo’y nakatayo upang harapin ang mga hamon ng buhay at mabuhay ng pagsisilbi ayon sa tinatawag po ng ating mga opisina,” Pres. Mallari said.

She also thanked the TSU community for serving as a witness to TSU’s courage, unity, and resiliency.

“Kung ano po [ang] meron ang Tarlac State University, ito po ay dahil sa inyong lahat. Ito po ay hindi natin magagawa kung hindi tayo nagkakaisa, kung hindi tayo matatag, at kung hindi tayo humarap sa [mga] hamon ng buhay sa araw-araw, hindi lang po during the pandemic. So muli, hindi po ako mapapagod [na] magpapasalamat sa inyo,” she added.

This year, more events are student-centered as the Office of Student Affairs and Services took charge of the program and activities.

Kicking off the first day of the foundation week, the Supreme Student Council (SSC) showcased a virtual tour of the university through scale models in Minecraft – a sandbox video game where players can create and explore a blocky 3D world with infinite terrain.

Meanwhile, previous face-to-face competitions like the Festival King and Queen by SSC, the MUSIKATHA Song Writing Competition by the Technology Development, Transfer, and Commercialization Office (TDTCO), and the Intercollege Culture and Arts Competition by the Culture and Arts Unit were all held online via Zoom and Facebook

Live.

The Sports Development and Management Unit was also creative in organizing variety events like Online Bring Me, Songtinuous: Guess the Song Lyrics, Know Your University More: Online Quiz Bee, and Try Not Laugh Challenge for the TSU community to enjoy.

The first Intercollegiate Literary Festival titled “Hayag” was also conducted by the Office of International Affairs from October 12 to 13 via Zoom.

Informative webinars and online kumustahan were held as well such as TDTCO’s webinar on Basic Intellectual Property Rights, the College of Engineering and Technology’s webinar on GeoHECRAS – a river modeling software used to compute water surface profiles, and the IDIMSS’ (International, Differently-Abled, Indigenous and Marginalized Student Services) Online Kumustahan with indigenous students which aims to give updates on student opportunities and to serve as a platform for addressing students’ concerns.

For the teaching and non-teaching personnel, the Human Resource Development and Management Office also organized a virtual Zumba and other online games through Zoom.

To cap off the week-long celebration, the Alumni Affairs Office organized its first virtual alumni homecoming and a Thanksgiving Mass with Rev. Fr. Raymund Cruz as the celebrant on October 16.

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PSC's national sports agenda.

"The idea of CHED is to let state universities and local governments who are mutually interested to work together [to] create a project where they can work together not just in these high-level sports. It's not our objective to produce Olympic champions. It is really sports and wellness which is the responsibility of every local government, the responsibility of every state university, and the responsibility of every Filipino," Chair Popoy said.

On the second day, program leader Dr. Jasper Jay Mendoza, College of Teacher Education dean and International Affairs and Linkages Office director, successfully presented the final output titled "Tarlac State University PATH (Promotion of Awareness, Teamwork, and Health) Towards Community Sports and Wellness."

The panel was led by Chair Popoy together with PBA Partylist Representative Hon. Mark Aeron Sambar and CHEDRO III OIC-Director Dr. Maria Teresita Semana.

"This is a great honor for the university. [The program] could be used as a model to be implemented in the whole Philippines if they really want to," said Dr. Mendoza in an interview.

Moreover, he also shared that CHED will eventually call for similar proposals for Visayas and Mindanao wherein TSU will be a part of CHED's group for the sports and development program.

"This is what Coach Ana told me at that time – that [TSU] will be part

of the team that will eventually go around to teach others that will make the proposals," Dr. Mendoza further said.

Also present in this workshop is the CHED Executive Director Atty. Cinderella Filipina B. Jaro; CHED Deputy Executive Director Atty. Lily Freida M. Milla; Project Lead of CHED Sports Development and Management Unit Ms. Ana Dulce Yango; and the program's resource speaker, Professor Alberto Dimarcut of the UP College of Human Kinetics.

This event was held through the concerted efforts of CHED, PSC, Provincial Government of Tarlac, TSU, and the Sangguniang Kabataan.

TSU PATH

TSU's sports development plan called TSU PATH proposes a two-fold plan: 1) Community Sports and Wellness Activities and 2) Refurbishment of Sports Facilities. This aims to promote world-class physical and holistic health literacies and provide quality sports infrastructure in the local communities of the Tarlac Province.

With a duration of one year that will start from the 4th quarter of 2021, TSU PATH also aims to strengthen existing programs and craft new policies on grassroots sports and wellness targeting student athletes, sports administrators, managers, trainers, coaches, and the under-represented sectors of society like the out-of-school youth, indigenous peoples, among others.

This plan is anchored on the holistic sports development framework of the PSC that focuses on strategic and functional organizational structure, integrated sports education and training skills development, long term athletes' development training, and students' successful athlete career pathway.

These frameworks are directed in realigning sports towards academic excellence, youth development, and good citizenry.

"Excited ako doon sa infrastructure na multi-purpose. Kapag na-construct iyon, papasok lahat. Since we are in an academic community, ma-strengthen natin 'yung Bachelor of Physical Education program natin. Tapos, parating na iyong Master of Arts in Education major in Physical Education – Sports Wellness. We are hitting two birds in one stone: physical educators plus the sports recreational managers. So, tayo ang magpo-prove niyan sa province," Dr. Mendoza shared.

He also asks for the cooperation of everyone, especially the students and faculty, to be united for the attainment of the project's goal.

"I'd like to thank our beloved university president for entrusting [to me] this big project; and the Commission on Higher Education for the opportunity and for selecting TSU to be the pilot SUC (State University and College) in the program for the whole Philippines. We are very blessed for that," he added.

 EDITORIAL

Colors and Perspectives

In advertising, colors evoke certain meanings. This is due to color psychology which can affect moods and emotions of people. It has a certain power over people; and sometimes, they do not even realize that their decisions and feelings have been unconsciously colored by a color.

The colors of Tarlac State University are maroon, golden yellow, and white as seen on its official seal. These colors are befitting to the theme of the usual October celebration – the founding and universityhood anniversary – which is “TSU @ 115: A Celebration of Courage, Unity, and Resiliency” wherein maroon symbolizes courage, white for unity, and golden yellow for resiliency.

In the Tarlac province and among SUCs in the region and the country, TSU is known for these colors. And in the spirit of the celebration, the meanings of these colors can be associated with the given theme. However, the meanings given to these colors are not entirely universal. In fact, meanings of all colors are transitory and may vary. In a graphic design webinar, colors are said to vary in terms of culture and even in politics. Hence, utmost care is important in designs.

But how can we balance designs if meanings of colors can be tainted? How can we be certain that design and colors will not be misinterpreted? How can we ensure

the appropriate use of colors? Just like the attribution of the TSU colors to the theme of the foundation week celebration, who can ascertain that the use of the colors is correct and consistent? The answer to this: no one.

In a Development Communication book, it says that “meanings are in people, not in words” — and this is absolutely true. How a person makes sense of the elements of design in front of him is based on his background, status, knowledge, attitudes, or also known as the “field of experience” in Schramm’s Model of Communication. Colors are innocent elements colored by a person’s perspective. A person can give meaning to colors whichever way he wants. Therefore, this resonates with the fact that colors, like perspectives, are indeed subjective.

No one owns any color – not even a university, company, organization, or political figure. TSU shares one or two of its colors with other SUCs in the country, but it does not really pose a problem. The subjectivity of colors dictates that it can be used and understood in any way possible. This also means colors and perspectives are bound to be misunderstood – but if wide understanding is employed instead of selective perception, colors will remain a colorful element in an empty canvas of life.


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TSU organizes 1st virtual homecoming, Alumni Association bares new projects

• Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan



The Tarlac State University Alumni Association Inc. held their annual alumni homecoming via Zoom or “ZoomComing” last October 16, 2021 presenting their new target projects and newly established local and international chapters.

Dr. Winston Abalos, TSU Alumni Affairs Office director, said members from the international chapters are planning to donate for the construction of a gazebo and benches for the TSU Lagoon at the Lucinda Campus. The beautification of the lagoon will soon be materialized together with the Alumni Food Park in the same campus.

The first international alumni chapter president and now the adviser of Alliances of Fraternities and Sororities, Engr. Jerone Jimenez, will team up with various civic groups for the lagoon projects.

Dr. Abalos also said they will establish a TSU Alumni Online Shop where alumni with businesses, products, or services can market their products. The shop is envisioned to function like Shopee and Lazada.

The Alumni Office director also announced the new target chapters to be established this November: the Defenders Chapter, a group for all TSU alumni uniformed personnel, and the Laboratory School alumni chapter.

The Europe Chapter, composed by alumni from Italy, England, Iceland, and Norway, will be formed early 2022 to be headed by Ms. Vella Tacusalme. This will be followed by the establishment of the Cambodia and Vietnam chapters.

The office is also eyeing to form chapters in Japan, Australia, Canada, and Hong Kong which are dominated by engineers.

“Natutuwa ako dahil bumabalik kayo para gunitain ang contributions ng Tarlac State University sa inyong career at buhay whether it is academic or the bonding and the time you spent together with your classmates and your teachers at TSU. [It] ay isang malaking bagay na po,” TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari said in her speech during the event.

Pres. Mallari’s dream is to have more international chapters especially in the United

States before she steps down as university president.

Previously, existing alumni chapters have ventured on providing scholarships for TSU students. One of the recipients is Ms. Jessica Biag, a 4th year student from the College of Public Administration and Governance, who receives a 5,000-peso assistance per semester.

“Ang laki po ng naitulong po sa akin ng scholarship dahil unang-una po, wala akong magulang na magpapa-aral po sa akin. Kaya sobrang nagpapasalamat po ako sa alumni na nakakapag-aral po ako kahit na mahirap,” Biag said,

“Pero napakalaking tulong po nung nabigay [na] financial assistance from alumni. Sana po marami pang matulungan na estudyante na katulad ko para po magsilbing daan at matulungan pa po ‘yung mga estudyanteng may pangarap,” Biag added.

Capas mayor and TSU Alumni Association president Reynaldo Catacutan expressed his delight in the numerous international chapters established in the recent years along with the donations of the university’s alumni.

“As a president of this association, natutuwa ako dahil marami na tayong international association na na-create, and then likewise dito sa TSU ay napaka-active. Dahil sa totoo lang, kapag tinawagan ako ni Madam President [Mallari] at kailangan naman ng tulong ng association ay lagi po tayong nakahanda [para] sa kapakanan ng university at ng ating mga estudyante,” Mayor Catacutan said.

Prior to the alumni homecoming celebration, a thanksgiving mass was offered which was presided by Rev. Fr. Raymund Cruz of Radio Maria Tarlac.

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10,000 jabs per day in its two mega vaccination hubs – Kaisa Hall and TSU Gymnasium.

Among the students who received the first dose is Richelle Ann Borja, 22, a 4th year TSU Nursing student.

“Dahil sa vaccination, ready na kami to have face-to-face learning dahil kailangan talaga na magkaroon kami ng ganito dahil we’re handling lives. And through this vaccination, mahalaga na dapat protected kami at protected din ‘yung mga soon-to-be patients namin na aming hahawakan,” Borja said in an interview.

Borja said she is the first to be vaccinated in their family.

“Excited na po ako na magkaroon ng face-to-face learning para ‘yung proper care na kakailanganin ng mga pasyente ay maibigay namin na kailangang i-perform sa

mga lab at mahirap pong matutunan sa modules at online class,” Borja further said.

CHED chairperson Dr. J. Prospero “Popoy” De Vera III said that the government should add vaccination sites to facilitate faster roll-out for students. Chair De Vera said they are targeting to vaccinate more students by the end of November 2021.

Tarlac province is the first in Northern Luzon to vaccinate students under this CHED program following the vaccination for student-athletes last October 20 at the CHED auditorium in Quezon City and tertiary students in Cabuyao, Laguna.



TSU student was inoculated with Moderna vaccine during the CHED Padyak vaccination program.

TSU relauches website with a fresh, new look

• Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan



Tarlac State University launched a fresh, new look for its website last October 15, 2021, during its 115th founding and 32nd charter anniversary, giving the TSU community an updated and modern space for information, resources, news, announcements, and more.

The university website, www.tsu.edu.ph, now loads faster and presents a contemporary and accessible design which is more engaging and user-friendly. It now contains more up-to-date content about the different colleges, departments, offices, and units of the university as well as their respective contact details.

“We have upgraded the TSU website using the latest version of CMS which made the creation and publication of updated content a lot faster,” Dr. Heidilyn V. Gamido, Management and Information Systems Office (MISO) director and project leader, said in a message.

The content management system (CMS) is a software application that is used to create, edit, collaborate on, publish, and store digital data.

New additions have also been made. The website now includes the latest virtual campus tour and publications which can be accessed through the About and Publications tabs on the

navigation menu. Alongside these features, a new search functionality has been added for the convenience of the users to find the necessary information that they need.

“[Our] office will be conducting a capacity building (training and orientation) for the different data managers of the [TSU] offices who will manage and update their respective pages to ensure the timeliness of information for our students and stakeholders,” Dr. Gamido added.

Furthermore, she thanked the offices who contributed and assisted the MISO in the relaunch of the university website as well as the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) for the pictures, videos, news, and other articles.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, students and other stakeholders are discouraged to visit the university for safety and security reasons. Though most of the information, procedures, and forms are available at the website, its interface was outdated. Thus, there was a need to review and update the TSU website prompting the establishment of a committee to review and update the TSU website via TSU Administrative Order No. 11, s. 2021 on March 10, 2021.

Dr. Heidilyn Gamido serves as the chairperson of the said committee with its members, Vice President for Administration and Finance Dr. Marlon V. Gamido, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale, Vice President for Research and Extension Services Dr. Armee N. Rosel, Director of the Office of Public Affairs Ms. Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat, and Unit Head to the International Academic Agreement and Faculty and Student Mobility Programs Prof. Myrel M. Santiago.

Meanwhile, the development team is led by Mr. Jesus R. Valdoz, Jr., head of the Software Development Unit, and Mr. Ethel Patrick F. Ramos, programmer in-charge of website maintenance.

According to Mr. Valdoz, even before the creation of the committee, the MISO already has an idea of creating a new website for the university as early as February 2020 as they were having a hard time updating the contents of the old website.

Its creation was also given priority despite the other projects lined up to be developed this year as it was concluded by the committee that a more engaging and content-rich website is needed to be at par with other websites internationally.

When asked about their struggles, Mr. Valdoz said that it was a bit overwhelming because of the numerous pages to be designed and created and content to be updated.

“Getting updated information from the different offices was a little bit tricky, too. Because of the pandemic, most of the employees are working from home. But at the end of the day, we managed to get all the necessary information to be able to launch the website on time,” he shared.

Furthermore, he said that the TSU community can look forward to a more appealing and content-rich website with a mobile friendly interface that can be viewed using whatever device one may have.

The new TSU website is managed and constantly updated by MISO in cooperation with OPA.

TSU, Taiwan university meet for food technology research partnership

• Rolien Mark M. Balisi, IALO

An exploratory meeting for a joint research project on food technology between Tarlac State University and National Chung Hsing University (NCHU) of Taiwan was held on October 6, 2021 via Google Meet.

Said research project titled “Project GRAIN” (Generative Research-based Advancements and Initiatives Network) was initiated by the Commission on Higher Education’s International Affairs Services through the leadership of Atty. Lily Freida Macabangun-Milla.

Project GRAIN aims to implant and propagate research-based advancements and initiatives in food technology by creating

opportunities in the areas of research, instruction, extension, best practices, mobility programs, and laboratory equipment funding, among others.

Moreover, it seeks to strengthen the human resource capacity of faculty, students, and staff towards pedagogical advancements and innovation aligned with the theme “Resilience Rural Development and Smart Food Technologies.”

This project will be participated by the TSU Food Technology and Research Center headed by its director, Dr. Lea B. Milan.

“The Project GRAIN will be one of the vital milestones in the FTRC roadmap towards

the realization of its goal [to become] an industry 4.0 model for students, researchers, extensionists, and other stakeholders in the region,” Dr. Milan said.

“With this project, there will be an avenue for us to be engaged and be acquainted [with] the emerging food technologies, state-of-the-art facilities, and globally accepted practices on instruction, research, and extension towards the realization of our vision of becoming a premier university in the Asia Pacific Region,” she added.

Prospective results will be disseminated and utilized by the HEIs (higher education institutions) in the region and in the country along with their various stakeholders.

TSU Food Technology Center opens Honesty Store, pursues food innovations amid COVID pandemic

Tarlac State University has helped 42 micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the province which were affected by the pandemic by putting up a Batanes-inspired Honesty Store.

The Honesty Store, located at the Food Technology and Research Center (FTRC) of the TSU Lucinda Campus, features products from eight MSME-partners of the university and some TSU-made products. It underwent pilot testing from October 19 to 22, 2021 and will operate soon in full swing for its employees and students.

Some of the MSMEs' products are the famous alamang (shrimp paste), chili garlic, and garlic paste of Potter's Hand; Danilia's duhat wine, bignay wine, bignay jam and banana vinegar; gourmet tuyo; bignay concentrates; and aromatic rice coffee.

TSU also introduced its first Muscovado-based products like muscovado choco milk tea, muscovado custard spread, buttery inuyat spread, MuscoBITES or muscovado-filled bars, and muscovado-glazed donuts. This also comes with ready-to-drink fruit juices, pickled mango, dips and dressings, and the TSU Chicharon Liempo.

"The concept of the FTRC [honesty] store is to test the viability and marketability of the produced food products inside the university before translating it [as a] business outside

through our partner beneficiaries. It also aims to promote the TSU signature food products and showcase the products of local MSMEs in Tarlac," said Engr. Dick S. Tuazon, FTRC Production Services Unit Head.

The most affordable product available is the NutriPandesal priced at two pesos, while the highest priced product is the TSU Chicharon Liempo sold at 375 pesos per pack (approximately 450 grams). The Chicharon Liempo is available on a made-to-order basis.

Moreover, the best sellers are the MuscoBITES and calamansi and bignay concentrates.

According to FTRC director Dr. Lea Milan, TSU has been assisting local entrepreneurs since 2006 by providing trainings, consultancy, research and development, and the like through research and extension as it aims to become a food industry 4.0 model for students, professionals, and entrepreneurs.

FTRC will also serve as a processing plant for cottage food processors and micro, small, and medium food enterprises.

The FTRC has three processing laboratories equipped with advanced and industrial types of machines and equipment used for processing various food products. FTRC is also open to local farmers, food manufacturers, and MSMEs in Central Luzon.



2019 Musikatha 2nd placer emerges as champion for this year's songwriting competition

• Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Guiane Pasetes, who came in second place during the 2019 Musikatha of the Technology Development, Transfer, and Commercialization Office (TDTCO), was named as champion in the Musikatha 2.0 Songwriting Competition and Musikatha 1.0 Virtual Album Launch held last October 15, 2021 via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Pasetes, together with Leo Kyle Gonzales on guitar, bested five other contenders and received a 10,000-peso cash prize for their winning entry titled "The Ones That Remain" — the sole English entry in the songwriting event.

According to Pasetes, this song is quite similar to her Musikatha 2019 entry titled "Do'n sa TSU" because both songs are her way of reminiscing memories before the pandemic hit the country. She has also connected her song to the problems commonly encountered by people in the past months.

"Meron at merong tao na magchi-cheer sa atin at sila 'yung magiging lakas natin to continue. At gusto ko po na habang naririnig ng mga tao 'yung kanta ko na ito, they will have the courage to continue fighting their own battles," Pasetes said.

"Kaya po 'The Ones That Remain' kasi meron tayong mga mahal sa buhay na wala na po sa ngayon at 'yung mga nandito po, sila po 'yung mga mangangailangan talaga ng lakas ng loob para po mag-continue sa buhay po nila," she added.

Aside from the cash prize, the champions also took home Musikatha shirts and certificates.

Following the winning entry is "Sambit," a song by a group of second year students from the College of Arts and Social Sciences and College of Computer Studies, namely Ma. Juliana Ysabel Palasig, Beatrice Mancile, Joshua Sioco,

Rachel Nathalie Pun, and Emmanuel Paulo. They received a cash prize of 7,000 pesos.

Meanwhile, the song "Padayon" by Yogene Halili ranked third. Halili, a first-year student from the College of Engineering and Technology, won 5,000 pesos cash prize.

All song entries are centered on the theme "Padayon."

The event was graced by three versatile musicians and artists in the province who served as judges: Ms. Jhaye Cura Arzaga of the Mernuts band; Mr. Angel Simbol, songwriter, vocalist, and drummer of Brown Outfit Bureau and The Reserves; and Mr. Oliver Romblon, lead guitarist of Tanya Markova. Joining the roster of judges is Dr. Andrew Cervantes, a professor at the Philippine Military Academy.

Winning entries from the 2019 Musikatha themed "Buhay TSU" were also performed during the Musikatha 1.0 Virtual Album Launch.

Prior to the event, the TDTCO held a webinar on copyright which was attended by around 600 students.

According to the TDTCO, the university shall own the copyright of the songs. Proper credits or acknowledgement will be given to the finalists each time their songs are played. Finalists are also entitled to related rights of their work.

The TDTCO launched Musikatha last 2019 aimed at providing students an avenue to express their ideas, thoughts, and creativity through songwriting.

TSU honors service awardees at 2021 Gawad TSU

• Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan



Tarlac State University, through the Human Resource Development and Management Office (HRDMO), honored 42 employees for their dedicated service to the university during the 2021 Gawad TSU (formerly TSU Service Awards) on October 14, 2021.

The event was held via Zoom, Facebook Live, and onsite at the Academic Building of the Lucinda Campus in line with the 115th founding and 32nd charter anniversary of TSU.

All 42 awardees were given plaques of appreciation as well as different gold tokens tantamount to their years of service: medallion for 10 years, pin for 15 years, ring for 20 years, necklace for 30 years, and pendant for 35 and 40 years of service.

Dr. Armee N. Rosel, Vice President for Research and Extension Services, expressed a heartfelt congratulatory speech focusing on the message behind the tokens.

“Kaya po today, to all service awardees – virtually and physically present in this affair, cherish these symbols of courage, unity, and resiliency. Value your medallion, value your pin, your ring, your necklace, your bracelet, and your pendant, because these are symbols of love. Love of TSU to you, and your love for TSU,” she said.

Majority of the awardees attended via Zoom while twelve awardees agreed to be physically present during the ceremony following health protocols.

Pres. Mallari, whose term will end by March 31, 2022, said she does not want to miss the last Service Awards under her presidency and insisted to have a few attendees at the venue.

“I don’t want to miss this affair, because I will always remember that this part of the celebration of the founding and charter anniversary of Tarlac State University is not complete without recognizing the

dedication, the courage, the unity, and the resiliency of the people or the stakeholders of Tarlac State University,” she said.

“Ito po’y napaka-importanteng affair para sa akin. It’s about the public service that we are recognizing today. It is the public service that we are bestowing simple tokens which I believe are not even enough to thank them for the dedication they have contributed to Tarlac State University. So, sa inyo pong lahat na ating mga awardees, saludo po kami sa inyong dedikasyon, at sa inyong walang sawang paggawa ng inyong mga tungkulin dito sa Tarlac State University,” she added.

Aside from the service awardees, retired faculty and personnel were given due recognition. Posthumous awards were also given to Asst. Prof. Luzviminda B. Pascua and Ar. Julius Caesar A. Sison, both of whom had an early demise this year.



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.

Quality, Environment, and Health and Safety (QEHS)

Tarlac State University is committed to improve continually for:

- Global competitiveness and excellence in the delivery of education, research, extension, training and consultancy services, hotel operation and administrative support services;
- safe and healthy working conditions to prevent injury and ill health of its employees, students, guests, visitors, suppliers and contractors;
- management of environmental aspects towards the prevention of pollution;
- compliant to regulatory and statutory requirements for the utmost satisfaction of its valued customers.