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## TSU holds 30th Commencement Exercises

3,367 graduates received their diploma during the 30th Commencement Exercises of Tarlac State University on June 14, 17, 18, and 19, 2019 at the TSU Gymnasium. The first day of the graduation activities was intended for the School of Law, College of Engineering and Technology, College of Architecture and Fine Arts, College of Public Administration and Governance, and the College of Criminal Justice

Education with a total of 788 graduates. The ceremony was graced by Tarlac City Mayor Ma. Cristina Angeles.

Frederick Herman Israel and Ma. Queenie Anne Kate Galang, fraternal twins from the CCJE, were among the 33 honor students that day.

Also on the same day, Architecture graduate Danilo Soria Jr., who is suffering from muscular dystrophy, caught the

attention of the audience as he received his diploma on a wheelchair.

The second day of the ceremony consists of 322 graduates from the College of Arts and Social Sciences, 238 from College of Computer Studies, and 132 from the College of Science. The commencement speaker was Hon. Victor Yap, Second Congressional District Representative of Tarlac.

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# EARIST conducts benchmarking at TSU



The Eulogio “Amang” Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology (EARIST) conducted a benchmarking activity at the Internal Audit Services (IAS) of Tarlac State University on June 6, 2019. TSU-Internal Audit Services Director Prof. Jonathan A. Gabriel, together with his staff, welcomed the visitors from EARIST.

Dr. Melba S. Asuncion, the designated EARIST- Internal Audit Services Director, said that the office has just been created and they chose TSU to visit for their benchmarking. She also said that she needs knowledge on how the office functions which they will take as a reference.

Structure of the Internal Audit Services, scope of work in IAS, audit process, documents and records used, and the best practices of TSU-Internal Audit Services were discussed during the meeting.

EARIST-Internal Audit Services personnel also visited the TSU Student Affairs to benchmark on the different services that will address their concern on Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP) Accreditation Survey, CHED visit, and ISO issues. [Ma. Teresa Madriaga]

# TSU-JFINEX is Best Local Junior Finance Organization



Tarlac State University-Junior Financial Executive (TSU-JFINEX) was awarded as Best Local Junior Finance Organization by the Junior Confederation of Finance Associations - Philippines (JCFAP) in the JCFAP Awards 2019 held at the Prestige Tower Building, F. Ortigas Jr. Road, Ortigas, Pasig City last June 29, 2019.

To qualify for the award, the local organization must submit at least one entry for Scholastic, Innovative, Out of the Box, and Helping Hand categories in which TSU-JFINEX complied with.

Among the 162 colleges and universities, TSU-JFINEX is one of the five nominees under the said categories which also comprise the four major awards.

This award aims to recognize the overall excellence and leadership of the local organization with their exemplary performance with the JCFAP’s mission to promote financial literacy. “Being one of the nominees, napakalaking achievement na po sa university at sa org po

namin. Tapos ‘nung na-awardan kami na Best Local Junior Finance Organization, na-shock kami that night kasi hindi kami nakakuha ng major awards, so parang tumigil ‘yung mundo namin. Tapos

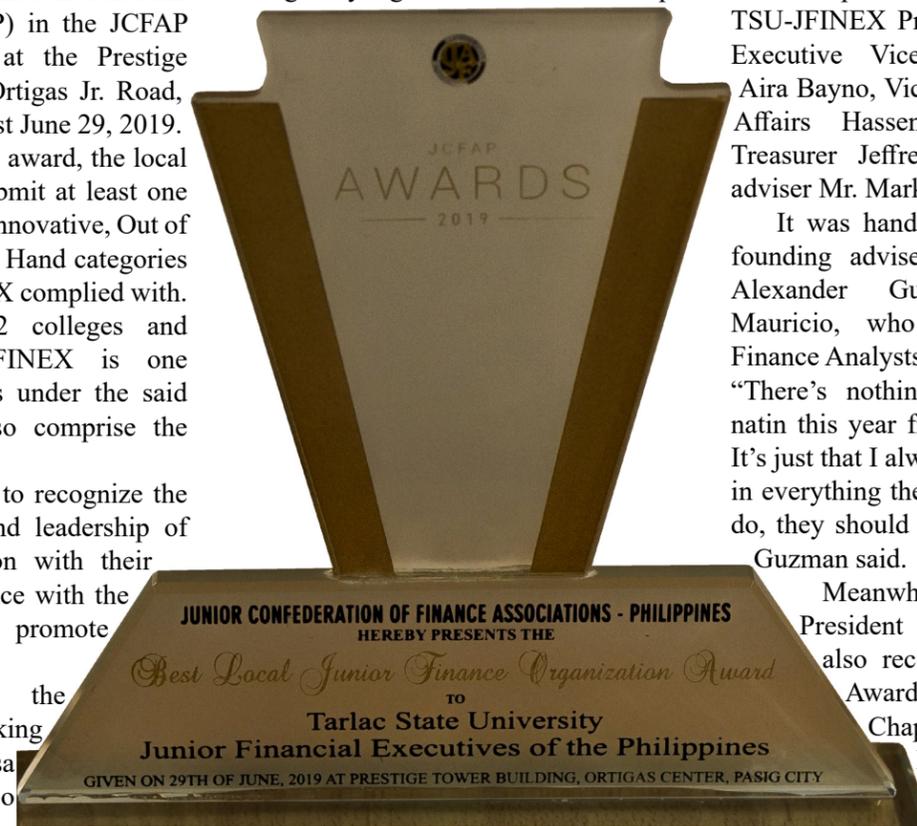
from province pa ‘yung nanalo wherein kasama namin na nominee halos from NCR,” Christine Aira Bayno, TSU-JFINEX Executive Vice President, said.

The special award was received by TSU-JFINEX President Rodel Longga, Executive Vice President Christine Aira Bayno, Vice President for Internal Affairs Hassen Timbol, Executive Treasurer Jeffrey Cabrera, and their adviser Mr. Mark Laurence Guzman.

It was handed to them by the the founding advisers of JCFAP, namely Alexander Gulles and Antonilo Mauricio, who are also Chartered Finance Analysts.

“There’s nothing unusual na ginawa natin this year from this previous year. It’s just that I always tell the officers that in everything they do, in everything we do, they should be giving [their] best,” Guzman said.

Meanwhile, Rodel Longga, President of TSU-JFINEX, was also recognized in the JCFAP Awards 2019 as Outstanding Chapter Officer in Central Luzon. [Maria Adelaida Calayag]



## 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.

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## TSU holds 30th Commencement Exercises



The College of Business and Accountancy, having the second highest number of graduates numbered 908, had TSU Board of Regents member Honorable Enrique Cojuangco, Jr. as their guest speaker.

The last day of the ceremony was filled with 979 graduates from the College of Teacher Education wherein Tarlac Province

Governor Susan Yap was the guest speaker. The college produced the highest number of graduates, particularly honor graduates who numbered 126.

From this college comes another set of fraternal twins who shared the stage in receiving their diplomas. Darshiell and Raniell Lopez, both cum laude, earned a bachelor's degree in Education major

in Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health.

The valedictory speech for the 30th Commencement Exercises was delivered by Christine Haira Cadiang, a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology major in Electronics and Information Technology from the College of Engineering and Technology.

## Panlilio, Seguira lead CBA

TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari designated Dr. Jonel C. Panlilio and Prof. Fabian P. Seguira as Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Dean and Associate Dean, respectively, through TSU Administrative Order Nos. 29 and 30, dated May 23, 2019.

Panlilio, who served as the

associate dean of the college from April 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019, will serve the unexpired term of Dr. Renato T. Mercado until March 31, 2020.

In a concurrent capacity as Alumni Affairs director, Seguira assumed the post of associate dean effective June 1, 2019. He will assist the dean of the

college in all aspects of the college's administration and operations according to the said A.O.

The A.O. further states that support and cooperation of the TSU institutional family is called for the success and happiness of their administration.

## URO facilitates 2019 Mid-Year In-House Review

The University Research Office held its 2019 Mid-Year In-House Review of Completed Researches last June 14, 2019 with a total number of 12 completed researches.

The office invited external panel members who were aptly described as passionate researchers.

The presented researches were adjudged by a set of external panel members from a wide range of fields and organizations. Among the panelists are: Mr. Wilfredo Sibal, the Assistant Regional Director of DOST for Science, Technology and Mathematics researches; Mr. Rainer Ric Dela Cruz from the University of the Philippines for the statistical data and methods of researches; and lastly, Dr. Marie Paz Morales, the current Director for Publication of the Philippine Normal University, for Social Science researches who also gave her insights

on how to effectively publish papers internationally.

After a thorough evaluation of the researches, Prof. Bertrand Aldous Santillan, a faculty member from the College of Science (COS), was declared as the first and second placer for the STEM category with his research papers entitled "Sediment Characterization and Heavy Metal Pollution Assessment in Laguna de Bay, Philippines" and "GIS Based Analysis of Urbanization and Water Quality Trends in Laguna de Bay, Philippines."

The tandem of Engr. Raul Canlas of the College of Engineering and Technology (CET) and Ms. Abigail Feliciano of the University Research Office (URO) won the third place in the same category with their research "Industrial Establishment of a Standardized Process for Producing Crispy Fried Pork/ Chicharon: Development of Prototype Industrial

Cooking Equipment: Phase I."

For the Social Science, Business, and Education category, the research paper authored by Dr. Niño Corpuz from the College of Teacher Education (CTE) entitled "Exploring the Experiences of Men as Early Childhood Educators" won the first place.

Second place was awarded to Ms. Ma. Tiara Fatima Galang from the College of Public Administration and Governance (CPAG) with her research "Local Public Enterprise: Its Impact in the Local Economic Development in the Province of Tarlac."

Ms. Patricia Ann Estrada, also a faculty member from CPAG, was declared as the third placer in the same category with her research "Level of Competitiveness on Resiliency in the 3rd District of Tarlac: An Analysis."

The winners were awarded with certificates and cash prizes.

## President Mallari confers new appointments and promotions

Thirteen faculty and personnel were given appointments and promotions by the TSU administration and had their oath-taking on June 26, 2019 which was presided by TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari.

Effective May 18, 2019, Architect Ferdinand Valencia, Director of the Facilities Development and Management Office, and Mr. Von Rex Reyes, faculty member of the College of Business and Accountancy and TSU Hotel Manager, are now permanent Instructor I.

Ms. Franchete Caingat of the College of Arts and Social Sciences, Engr. Adam Rombaoa of College of Engineering and Technology, and Mr. Ferdinand Silaran of the College of Business and Accountancy were

also promoted from temporary to permanent Instructor I which will take effect on August 5, 2019.

Three non-teaching personnel were also promoted namely, Mr. Marlon Dela Cruz, Ms. Leimina Alconcel, and Ms. Amelia Pamposa. Dela Cruz, the Director of the Human Resource Development and Management Office, rose from Administrative Officer IV to Executive Assistant III. Meanwhile, Alconcel was promoted from Administrative Officer IV to Student Records Evaluator III and is assigned at the Admission and Registration Office, while Pamposa moved from Administrative Officer II to Internal Auditor II to be assigned at the Internal Audit Services Office. These promotions are effective on

June 13, 2019.

During the same period, five non-teaching personnel were appointed with contractual items. Ms. Haydee Abriam, Ms. Marissa Gante, and Mr. Raymund Patrick Zapanta were appointed as Admin Aide I while Ms. Luzviminda Madrigalejos and Mr. Brodley Casipit are appointed as Admin Aide III.

Mallari encouraged the 13 faculty and personnel to dedicate and better themselves in their service to the university. She advised them to come early and work wholeheartedly since the positions they have now underwent a long process. She asked them to double their effort to prove that they are far more deserving with their reclassified positions.

# Synchronized Workforce for Levelling Up PMPC



Tarlac State University lends a collaborative workforce through its offices and colleges to provide assistance to the Pindangan 2nd Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PMPC) regarding the creation of a compliant floor plan and production layout for the processing area of its establishment.

PMPC, located in Camiling, Tarlac, is a producer of Chichacorn – a product developed from corn. It is also one of the ARBOs beneficiaries under the Synchronized Programs on Enterprise Development of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

The collaborating agencies sought assistance from the university to create a Good Manufacturing Practices-compliant floor plan

and the production layout for the processing area in compliance to the required standard of the Food and Drug Administration – License to Operate (FDA-LTO). Particularly, the Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering Departments were tapped to provide the needed assistance.

Also, the University Extension Services Office (UESO), in the person of Mr. Aljon N. Lusong together with Engr. Don Hero P. Alega and Engr. Maricar N. Banting from the Department of Industrial Engineering, teamed up to provide technical assistance in the production layout and flow improvement compliant to Administrative Order No. 153 s. 2014, also known as the Revised Guidelines on Current Good Manufacturing, Packing, Repacking or Holding Food.

As the PMPC celebrated their 28th anniversary on May 30, 2019, an

inauguration and turn-over ceremony of the Chichacorn Processing Center was also held in Brgy. Pindangan 2nd, Camiling, Tarlac. Representatives from DTI-Tarlac, DOST, TSU, and the Municipal Government of Camiling attended the event.

Pindangan 2nd PMPC Chairman Guadencio Lactaoen formally received the project on behalf of the whole members of the cooperative. This center will serve as the production area in manufacturing the corn-based products of the organization. It is hoped to pass the audit in acquiring a License to Operate Certification from FDA. The license will help the organization be put into another level and officially allowing them to participate in a number of trade fairs and listing food establishments.

[Jay Ann L. Pablo, UESO]

# TSU Launches its First International Leadership Seminar for Teachers



Through the efforts of the University Extension Services Office (UESO) under Professional Development Services, Tarlac State University launched the first International Seminar on Transformative School Leadership of the 21st Century. The seminar was held on June 15-17, 2019 at TSU Alumni Center, Villa Lucinda Extension Campus, Tarlac City.

A total of 93 participants composed

of educators, basic schoolteachers, school heads, and administrators participated in the said leadership seminar.

The TSU facilitators invited three international speakers for the three-day international leadership seminar. The speakers are Dr. Rodney P. Davis of Alabama, United States of America – an expert in contextualizing, evaluating, and developing action research, curriculum, ethical and leadership skills, and strategies; Dr. Safara Wa-Mbaleka of the United States of America – a well-published American author who makes a difference in peoples' lives through research, education, service, collaboration, and mutual respect; and Prof. Redemptor G. Toledano of the Philippines – an agricultural expert and has extensive experience in policy making, organizational management, quality control, industry and project development, and consultancy services.

The speakers helped the participants discover and make a great impact to influence and organize a

team. The speakers encouraged the participants to be more passionate in creating a core group in leading the transformation and preparing the leaders for the contemporary demands of school leadership.

Also, the seminar aided the participants to become more knowledgeable on how to provide school wide greatness as transformative leaders of their institution.

The seminar concluded with praises coming from participants who attended the seminar. Principal Asuncion A. Bitong, representative of DepEd Aurora, thanked the university, especially the TSU Hotel for giving them a warm welcome, and she also commended the smooth registration process rendered by the organizers. Another participant, Ma Fengyi from South Korea, expressed her high regards to the speakers for actively sharing their knowledge and expertise. While Mr. Rolando A. Espiritu, Principal of Tibag High School, shared that he and his co-teachers enjoyed the seminar. [Jay Ann L. Pablo (UESO), Benjamin M. Garcia (UESO Intern)]

## EDITORIAL

# To Graduate and be Independent

*To commence is to begin – and the commencement exercises of the university is the beginning of the full independence of its students.*

June marks the celebration of the commencement exercises of the Tarlac State University. Coincidentally, it is celebrated in the same month as the Philippine Independence Day – a commemoration of how truly free the Philippines has become for the past 121 years.

On June 14, 17, 18, and 19, 3,367 graduates received their diploma during the 30th Commencement Exercises of TSU. These are 3,367 individuals with their own beliefs and practices; these are individuals who, in years of learning, have been guided and molded by TSU. These are the recent graduates of TSU who are ready to face the world of work – those who are ready to challenge the status quo. Figuratively, they have already claimed their full independence.

But being independent after

graduation doesn't only mean landing a job the moment after receiving the diploma. Independence with responsibility means knowing how to look back and making a difference.

Hon. Mayor Ma. Cristina Angeles relayed the story of her grandmother which inspired the graduates to persevere despite all odds.

Hon. Victor Yap, 2nd Congressional District Representative of Tarlac, imparted two valuable tips. He told the graduates that building character takes time and that they must never forget their humble beginnings.

TSU Board of Regents member Hon. Enrique “Kit” Cojuangco, Jr. challenged the graduates to face the future with a heart of compassion. He shared the secret of success which is neither skill nor grades but a series of good decisions.

Hon. Susan Yap, Tarlac Province Governor, reminded the graduates that TSU helped them be prepared and educated in life. They have been equipped by TSU with the necessary skills and knowledge which they must

pass on.

After 121 years, the Philippines is now free to engage in various undertakings. The Philippine Constitution is a bold manifestation of the independence the country is enjoying. Partnerships and agreements with western and eastern countries also add up to the list of how freedom is enjoyed. But all of these are coupled with responsibility.

Like the graduates, the graduation activities symbolize their freedom from the academic struggle. That during their last moment as students, they get to receive the recognition they deserve for all their hard work.

Commencement exercises are held as a ceremony in academic institutions. In TSU, as the graduates shift their lambal to their left shoulders, the university hopes that they shift to a path of responsibility – that they learn to earn for a living and, at the same time, to give back to the university who helped them attain the full independence they are bound to enjoy.



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