

## TSU – Collectively Moving and Achieving

Unity in diversity is one of the striking characteristics of the TSU community. Convened by the institution's dynamic president, Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, each one strives to work harmoniously and continually endeavors to arrive at a collective effort to accomplish, or even exceed, the targets set for the year.

October 2019 marked the university's 113th foundation and 30th universityhood celebration where the TSU community and its stakeholders savored its present status by looking back on what has been accomplished throughout the years attributed to the distinguished and valuable contributions of each one. What made the celebration even more meaningful is the presence of Hon. Marquez "Mark" O. Go, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of Representatives, 18th Congress.

One hallmark of TSU's encapsulation of milestones is the inauguration of the TSU Museo-Archivo Tarlaqueño in July 2019. Two classrooms at the main campus were converted into the museum which houses archives and historical mementos of the university as well as the rich history of Tarlac Province.

Regarding strengthening linkages with industries and other institutions, the university successfully conducted its first Government-Industry-Academe Roundtable Conference in July 2019 to seek for feedback on employed graduates and interns and entertain inputs on how the curricula can meet the needs of the industry. In addition, the university also conducted its first National Research Conference in October 2019 to adhere to its mission of becoming a premier research institution and to encourage collaborations.

Students and alumni are the epitome of quality education. One way to exemplify the brand of TSU education is the institution's performance in board examinations. The university was once again named as a top performing school in the June 2019 Criminologist Licensure Examination garnering the third spot along with the August 2019 Mechanical

Engineering Licensure Examination and the September 2019 Registered Master Electrician Licensure Examination where TSU is named as the eighth and tenth best performing school, respectively.

Other than the institutional performance, TSU takes pride in its topnotchers. Renzie Aldritz M. Pingol placed second in the April 2019 Electrical Engineer Licensure Examination, Kevin Michael D. Azur earned the ninth place in the October 2019 Chemical Technician Licensure Examination while Kent Adrian P. Mariano ranked 14th in the October 2019 Certified Public Accountant Licensure Examination.

In TSU, students always get the best in facilities. In September 2019, TSU launched the first campus FM radio station in the Tarlac Province known as Firefox Radio 87.5 which will be used as a laboratory for the BA Communication program and an information dissemination medium for the university.

In terms of infrastructure, the university made an immediate response to the law on the construction of dormitories for students (Republic Act No. 11396) through the deeds of usufruct agreement signing with the S.G. David Realty & Development Co., Inc. and David heirs which allows TSU to use approximately two hectares of their land as a location for the TSU Dormitory. This is located at the Lucinda Extension Campus of TSU.

As quality assurance is dubbed as a way of life in TSU, the university submitted itself to the CHED Institutional Sustainability Assessment in August 2019 where President Mallari remarked that she is grateful to the ISA initiatives that it enabled members of the TSU community to learn and appreciate the achievements, milestones, and present status of the institution.

All of these and more are the evidences to the collective efforts exerted by the TSU community in achieving what it has today. In the years to come, TSU will continue to take further steps to be united in becoming the premier university in the Asia-Pacific region.



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## TSU receives gift from Tarlac City Gov't



Christmas is indeed merry for Tarlac State University as it received a financial assistance amounting to ₱ 1.5 million and ₱ 30,000 research funding from the Tarlac City Government awarded during their flag raising ceremony on December 23, 2019 at the Kaisa Convention Hall.

TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, together with Vice President for Research and Extension Services Dr. Armee N. Rosel and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale, received the financial assistance from Tarlac City Mayor Honorable Maria Cristina C. Angeles.

The ₱ 1.5M is intended for the internationalization program of the university. Faculty members and students who will be sent abroad will be funded by said assistance, according

to President Mallari.

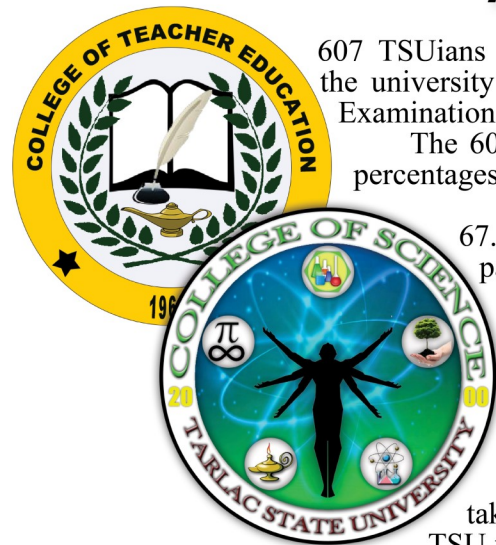
Meanwhile, the ₱ 30,000 research funding is for the project analysis of the traffic management system of Tarlac City which is a research proposal of Engrs. Ann Jeanette S. Lopez, Jayriz D. Dungca, Neil Andrew I. Meneses, Don Hero P. Alega, and Anna May M. Angeles, faculty members from the College of Engineering and Technology.

The said proposal is a response to Mayor Angeles' challenge in her welcome remarks during the 2018 Regional Research Conference of TSU. She said that she will fund a research that will help ease up the traffic situation in the city.

In May 2018, the university also received a ₱ 1.5 million grant from the City Government of Tarlac also under the mayorship of Hon. Angeles.

[Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat]

# TSU produces 607 new LPTs, gets 76.92% in NLE



607 TSUians passed the September 2019 Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) while the university posted a 76.92% overall passing rate in the November 2019 Nurse Licensure Examination.

The 607 new licensed professional teachers (LPTs) gave the university overall passing percentages of 44.21 for the LET-Elementary and 42.08 for the LET-Secondary.

182 first takers of the elementary level passed the said board exam garnering 67.16% while the secondary level first-time takers who passed totaled 405 with 53.78% passing.

31.34% and 39.69% are the registered overall national passing rates for both elementary and secondary levels, respectively.

Last June 19, 2019, the University conferred the bachelor's degrees of 979 graduates from the College of Teacher Education (CTE) which produced 126 honor graduates. The CTE has the largest number of graduates and honor recipients in the 30th Commencement Exercises.

Meanwhile, the NLE institutional passing rate of 76.92% with 20 passers out of 26 takers fared better against the 55.20% overall national passing rate.

TSU first-time takers earned a 94.74% passing rate against the 84.75% national passing

rate for first takers.

The number of TSU takers increased from 23 in November 2019 to 26 this year with a 36 percent increase in the institutional passing rate. [Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat]

# TSU invited to present AFES at DAP

Tarlac State University presented its Automated Faculty Evaluation System (AFES) to the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) through Engr. Marlon V. Gamido, Dean of the College of Computer Studies, and Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza, Dean of the College of Teacher Education, last December 10, 2019.

Dean Gamido said TSU was invited to share its experience in the development and implementation of the AFES through a 15-minute online presentation held during the Public Sector Productivity (PSP) Innovation Laboratory Masterclass in Pasig City.

AFES is a web application that

allows students to evaluate faculty members using the QCE of the NBC no. 461 Instrument for instruction or teaching effectiveness which was previously done in print.

It is linked to the three portals of the university accessed through the TSU website namely, student portal, employee portal, and faculty portal.

Students must evaluate faculty members first before they can view their grades in the student portal.

The AFES was developed under Dean Gamido's leadership of the Management Information Systems Office through Mr. Daryl Macaspac, MIS computer programmer. The objective is to make the evaluation of

the teachers' performance easy and paperless.

The development of the application, which took two months, was first tested at the College of Computer Studies last March 23 to 31, 2018. The application underwent continuous development that adds generated reports to the system.

The university-wide implementation of the AFES was held during the first semester of A.Y. 2019-2020.

This sharing session aims to advance innovation in the public sector to make public services and transactions with government easier.

[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.

# 'PASKO SA TSU' brings the Christmas Spirit to every TSUian

Christmas spirit was felt early on at Tarlac State University during the "PASKO SA TSU" Christmas competition held last December 7, 2019 at the TSU Heroes' Park.

This year's Christmas celebration themed "#PaskongTSU-nayNaAtin" aims to capture the unique combination of Filipino and TSU Christmas celebration. It did not only showcase the skills and creativity of TSU students when it comes to Lantern Making competition, but further tested their resourcefulness and imagination with the addition of Christmas Village and Cosplay competition.

The Student Development

Services Unit of the Office of Student Affairs and Services, in cooperation with the Supreme Student Council, organized the competition.

The said activity is the annual Yuletide celebration of recognized student organizations in TSU.

The winners of the said Christmas competition are as follows:

### CHRISTMAS VILLAGE COMPETITION

- 1st Prize – CET Student Council
- 2nd Prize – MAHARLIKA (CTE)
- 3rd Prize – League of Prospective English Educators (LPEE)

### LANTERN MAKING COMPETITION

- 1st Prize – Institute of Electronic Engineers of The Philippines –

Student Chapter (IECEP)

2nd Prize – The Educators of Technology and Livelihood Education (TETLE)

3rd Prize – Student Catholic Action of the Philippines – TSU Chapter (SCAP)

### COSPLAY COMPETITION

MALE

1st Prize – Jan Rey Austria

2nd Prize – Sela Atendido

3rd Prize – Angel Ledda

FEMALE

1st Prize – LJ Diane Tuazon

2nd Prize - Student Catholic Action of the Philippines – TSU Chapter (SCAP)

3rd Prize – Bea Tagasa

[Daniel C. De Guzman]



## Year-End Thanksgiving Party celebrated at TSU San Isidro Extension Campus

Tarlac State University celebrated its Year-End Thanksgiving Party last December 10, 2019 at the College of Computer Studies grounds of the San Isidro Extension Campus.

In her inspirational message, TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari thanked the Lord and everyone for the university's milestones this year. She also emphasized how everyone should learn to forget and forgive the misgivings and focus on

the brighter year ahead. "While you dedicate your life to TSU, I know, along the way there are heartaches, there are challenges, there are pains in our hearts. I know that, because I feel all of these! The only wish I have for today, my dear colleagues, is that we'll be able to forget and forgive all the heartaches, stress, challenges, pains, and some painful experiences for the year 2019. Let us just forget them and look for a

brighter and a new 2020," Mallari said. The event was well attended by teaching and non-teaching members of the TSU community. Clusters of colleges and the non-teaching personnel performed during the program including the Administrative Council members. There were also raffle draws and special numbers as the evening wore on. Present also in the festivity is Ms.

Judy M. Cayabyab, the state auditor currently assigned at TSU, and Ms. Lorna Halili, assistant auditor, from the Commission on Audit; as well as Hon. Dennis Norman T. Go, representative to Hon. Mark O. Go, the Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the 18th Congress; and Engr. Jerone C. Jimenez, President of the TSU Alumni Organization Singapore Chapter. [Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan]



## TSU conducts OBQA retooling for AACCUP Luzon group



Tarlac State University held two batches of a three-day training and seminar on the “Retooling of Accreditors on Outcomes-Based Quality Assurance (OBQA)” for the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP), Inc. at the Alumni Center, Lucinda Extension Campus on October 16-18 and December 4-6, 2019.

The retooling is a combination of updating, reviewing, and reminding the trained accreditors to the AACCUP OBQA frameworks.

With over 60 participants, TSU is the base camp for training for the AACCUP Luzon Group according to Quality Assurance Director, Dr. Niño B. Corpuz.

“Well attended yung mga training kasi marami talagang gustong mag-update. You can’t be assigned to a higher level of accreditation kung hindi ka nag-train, na-retrain, and na-retool sa OBQA,” Dr. Corpuz said in an interview.

The event covered six modules

authorized by the AACCUP board: the AACCUP OBQA System; OBQA Instruments and Program Performance Profile (PPP); Appraisal: Rating, Outcomes, Basic and Supporting Documents, Best Practices; Technical Writing; Professional and Ethical Responsibility of Accreditors; and Dress Code.

These were discussed by Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, TSU President and Chairperson of the AACCUP Board of Trustees; Dr. Niño B. Corpuz, Member of AACCUP training team for Luzon; and Dr. Maria Glenda O. De Lara, AACCUP Member Board of Trustee and Treasurer.

The participating universities and colleges are as follows:

- Benguet State University
- Bulacan Agricultural state College
- Cavity State University
- Central Bicol State University of Agriculture
- Central Luzon State University
- Don Honorio Ventura State

University

- Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College
- Mariano Marcos State University
- Mountain Province State Polytechnic College
- North Luzon Philippines State College
- Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology
- Occidental Mindoro State College
- Palawan State University
- Pangasinan State University
- Quirino State University
- Romblon State University
- Tarlac State University

- Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa, Sr. Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology

“Maraming requests for training. This is also for the advantage of their own institutions. They will be able to help their institutions during their accreditation,” Corpuz added. [Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan]

## Sitel management invites TSU to Sitel Tarlac 3 opening

Sitel invited its partners including Tarlac State University in the opening of its third site in San Miguel, Tarlac City on December 5, 2019 which was attended by TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari and Vice President for Research and Extension Services Dr. Armee N. Rosel.

The inauguration and ribbon cutting of Sitel Tarlac 3 indicates more job and internship opportunities for TSU

students and graduates alike. As reported in the company’s website, Sitel sustains its steady growth trajectory in the Philippines and reiterates its commitment to bringing jobs to the countryside. This new site will create additional jobs for roughly 1,500 talents in Central Luzon.

During President Mallari’s encounter with the Sitel management, she learned that 80 percent of its workforce are TSU graduates and they are lauded for their outstanding performance.

Sitel Tarlac has been a partner of TSU since 2018. The company is one of the instruments to TSU students’ exposure and further training to the corporate world. [Maria Adelaida D. Calayag]



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