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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.

Quality, Environment, and Health and Safety Policy (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.

SOL spends “academic break” for relief ops



Tarlac State University-School of Law (SOL) sent four truckloads of relief goods to Cagayan Valley and Bicol after launching an “academic break for a cause” for flood victims during the onslaught of super typhoons Rolly and Ulysses.

According to Atty. Jose I. Dela Rama Jr., SOL dean, 3,000 food packs were prepared by law students who joined the relief operations during their academic break. Three military trucks of relief goods were sent to the provinces of Isabela and Cagayan while the other truck was sent to the residents in Naga City in Bicol.

“Naisipan ko na even before the call for academic break, gusto ko maituro sa students ang social responsibility sa mga nangangailangan ng tulong tulad ng mga nasalanta ng bagyo. May clamor na mag academic break but inisip ko [na] tumulong na lang ang mga students na mag empake ng relief goods na umabot sa halos apat [na] military trucks,” Dean Dela Rama said in an interview.

Dean Dela Rama also said they partnered with Handa and Shelter for Mankind foundations for their donations in Bicol and with Redjuice to provide the other food packs.

“In that way, we can teach our

students to be of service to our country and immerse them in social responsibility and corporate governance,” he added.

Aside from in-kind donations, they also raised 688,351.15 pesos from their online donation drive last November 17-21, 2020 which was also used to buy goods.

Around 100 students and volunteers helped in preparing the donations which were coordinated with the Philippine Army and Philippine Air Force for shipment to affected provinces. [Maria Adelaida Calayag]

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TSU bags 4 awards from AACUP, tops Level IV Re-accreditation

Tarlac State University ranked first with the highest number of level IV re-accredited programs, the highest in the accreditation hierarchy, in 2019 based on the consolidated and cumulative data from the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines, Inc. (AACUP) from 1992 to 2019.

The university's accreditation status also received commendations as one of the 14 state universities and colleges (SUCs) with Institutional Accreditation (IA) out of 112 SUCs in the country and one of the

five SUCs with 100% accredited programs, even garnering a special recognition from the accrediting body as the Most Improved IQA (Institutional Quality Assurance) office of 2019.

“There is a special committee [in AACUP]. Tinitignan kung anong mga SUCs yung nag-improve kasi makikita yung structure nila. Parang ‘di naman ganoon ‘yung culture of QA sa ibang SUCs – it’s not an ordinary thing. Pero sa atin kasi at TSU, it’s a culture – embedded na

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Photos: TSU School of Law Donation Drive



Academic break for a cause

While the rest of the student population all over the Philippines, including the university's very own Supreme Student Council, clamors for a schoolwork-related hiatus after typhoons Rolly and Ulysses ravaged certain areas of the Luzon island, the Tarlac State University-School of Law broke the ice as they opted to integrate social responsibility during an independently declared "academic break."

When the nine colleges of the university went for an academic ease on requirements and deadlines, the SOL pursued an online donation drive and repacking of goods in lieu of holding classes from November 17 to 21.

This worthwhile activity emphasizes that giving back to the community through humanitarian

acts is also a manifestation of the SOL core values (honor, integrity, and nobility) along with their academic quest towards the legal profession.

Their noble action has made rounds all over national media and has touched the lives of the beneficiaries especially in Cagayan and Isabela which they took to social media. The SOL also partnered with the Philippine Air Force for the prompt delivery of donations. Indeed, this endeavor has opened a lot of avenues and established connections not just for the SOL but also for TSU.

With this, TSU has started a movement – an undertaking worth emulating by other education institutions. If the academic break is meant to help students who

were affected by circumstances, the academic break for a cause ups the game and helps an entire community, not just students.

Although Tarlac was also hit by typhoon Ulysses resulting to massive power outage, fallen trees, and damaged homes, the province is still fortunate enough as the situation normalized in a span of two weeks — one solid reason why SOL students and some volunteers devoted their time to this cause.

To be vigilant and wary of rights is one thing; but being socially relevant is another. The TSU SOL administration, faculty, and students has proven that the mainstream shouting for academic break is immaterial nowadays that the "bayanihan" spirit is needed most.

CEJPS pursues virtual career fair for seniors and alumni

To facilitate employment opportunities for graduating students and alumni, the Career Education and Job Placement Services (CEJPS) Unit, in collaboration with the Alumni Affairs Office and the Guidance and Counseling Unit, held its first online career fair themed "Connect to Careers: Virtual Job and Internship Fair" via Zoom and Facebook Live on November 25-26, 2020.

The career fair is an annual activity of the unit which also followed the paradigm shift from face-to-face to online means.

Four participating entities and 11 companies, who are partners of the university, joined the career fair through a virtual roadshow. The companies were given a schedule to present their background information as well as available internship and job opportunities.

The companies who accepted the

university's invitation to join the career fair are the following: We Support Inc., On Semiconductor SSMP Philippines Inc., Tarlac A+ Lending Co, Inc., VXI Global Holdings B.V., Fifth Discipline Paper Packaging Corp., and Accenture Philippines for day 1; Acabar Marketing International Inc., SGS Philippine Inc., Manmover Specialist Inc., New Hope Tarlac Agriculture Inc., SFI Multimix Corporation, and Central Azucarera de Tarlac for day 2.

The Department of Labor and Employment, Tarlac City Manpower Development and Employment Service Office, Tarlac Center for Learning and Skill Success, and Public Employment and Service Office of the Provincial Government of Tarlac delivered reassuring messages to job seekers that opportunities still await them despite the pandemic.



The CEJPS serves as an arm in crafting programs and services to address the career development needs of TSU students and prepare them for the transition from education to employment. [Mikaela Joy Gragasian, CEJPS]

DLSU law students donate Pocket WiFi to TSU



De La Salle University law students who launched "Project WiFi" handed 100 units of pocket WiFi and 600 pieces of load cards to Tarlac State University on November 20, 2020.

According to Rafa Reyes, 25, co-founder of Project WiFi who partnered with Smart Communications, they are targeting to give 2,100 devices to students all over the country where each student can get as much as six load cards for their online learning.

Reyes said they are targeting students from grade school to college who lack financial means.

Project WiFi was formed by seven working law students namely David Magbanua, Lawrence Paras, Jasper Yang, K Santos, Peachy Garcia, Denise Heredia,

and Reyes who also experienced hardships while studying online.

They were accompanied by their adviser Atty. Nico Martin and TSU School of Law (SOL) Dean Atty. Jose I. Dela Rama, Jr.

One of the recipients is Aljohn Salcedo, 25, fifth year civil engineering student, who also received a laptop from TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari on the same day. Salcedo is the student assistant of the TSU Faculty and Personnel Union.

Students from the SOL will also be given pocket WiFi and load cards as aid to their online classes. [Maria Adelaida D. Calayag]

TSU joins national campaign to end Violence Against Women



Tarlac State University supported the annual 18-day campaign of the Philippine Commission on Women to end violence against women and children in a ceremonial kick-off with the theme "VAW-Free Community Starts with Me" on December 1, 2020.

From November 25 to December 12, activities were held to raise awareness that VAWC (Violence Against Women and Children) is still a pervasive issue of national concern. This supports the Philippine government's goal to protect the human rights of women and its commitment to address all forms of gender-based violence.

This campaign was organized by the TSU-Gender and Development Office led Dr. Rita E. Pulmano under the Office of Vice President for Research and Extension Services led by Dr. Armee N. Rosel. [Jodie Andrea Pangilinan]

TSU hosts final leg of CHEDRO-III's internationalization webinar series



Tarlac State University, in cooperation with President Ramon Magsaysay State University and Angeles University Foundation, hosted the fifth and final installment of CHEDRO-III's (Commission on Higher Education Regional Office III) series of webinars on internationalization themed "Thinking Out of the Box: Internationalization During Pandemic" on November 27, 2020 via Zoom and Facebook Live.

This webinar covers Pillar 4 of CHED-IAS's (International Affairs Staff) "Internationalization Roadmap: Systems" which highlights the alignment processes and procedures, harmonization of policies and regulations, and revitalization of higher education (HE) governance.

Dr. Ethel Agnes Valenzuela, director of Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Secretariat and Mr. Cavin Pamintuan, Philippine director of the Confucius Institute at Angeles University Foundation were invited as resource speakers to share their best practices.

Dr. Valenzuela's presentation focused on SEAMEO's academic mobility programs particularly the "SEA Teacher" and "SEA-TVET."

SEA Teacher provides a one-month practicum opportunity for pre-service student teachers among universities in Southeast Asia (SEA), while SEA-TVET or Southeast Asian Technical and Vocational Education and Training aims to promote TVET student and staff exchange which shall include cross-country industrial attachment and internship programs.

Meanwhile, Mr. Pamintuan talked about the internationalization and localization of Chinese language teaching of the Confucius Institute, a non-profit educational organization devoted to satisfying the needs and demands of the global world to learn the Chinese language and to enhance the understanding of Chinese arts and culture.

Reactors for this webinar were Dr. Parsons Hail, unit head of the Intercultural Exchange and Linkages Unit of Central Luzon State University and Dr. Roel Palo Anicas, dean of Institute of Graduate Studies and concurrent director for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Gordon College.

In her welcome remarks, University President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari emphasized the importance of focusing more on opportunities brought upon by the pandemic.

"We wish that after all these webinars – the series of webinars, we will put into action what we have learned from these activities. Our dear Regional OIC-Director said that this is not the end of our internationalization program, this series of webinars is just the beginning of [a] more fruitful, more strengthened internationalization program for all higher educational institutions in the Philippines," Dr. Mallari said.

This 5-part webinar series is an initiative of CHEDRO-III to recognize not only the various roles of higher education in the inclusive growth of the nation, but also to give attention to the institutions' internationalization function despite the

pandemic.

The earlier webinars covered the following topics: 1) Orientation of the CHED IAS Internationalization Roadmap, 2) Pillar 1: Sector; 3) Pillar 2: Institutions, and 4) Pillar 3: Persons. These were broadcasted weekly in November via Facebook Live.

Internationalization and beyond

Ahead of CHEDRO-III's call for intensified internationalization amid the pandemic, TSU had already seized the opportunity to reach out globally through the International Lecture Series 2020 organized by the Office of International Affairs (OIA) in collaboration with the colleges.

The most recent was hosted by the College of Computer Studies in partnership with the United Nations - Asian and Pacific Training Center for Information and Communications Technology for Development (UN-APCICT) and OIA with the theme "ICTs, Sustainable Development, and #NewNormal" on November 26, 2020.

The guest lecturer is Dr. Faheem Hussain from Arizona State University and School for the Future of Innovation in Society who has over 15 years of experience conducting socio-economic development and technological interventions related research in Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and North America.

This virtual lecture series was launched on October 22, 2020 during the celebration of the university's founding and charter anniversary. [Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan]

Dean Gamido designated as new VPAF



Through TSU Administrative Order No. 51 dated October 22, 2020, Dr. Marlon V. Gamido was designated as the new Vice President for Administration and Finance which will take effect on November 2020 until March 2021.

Dr. Gamido, who is also the dean of

the College of Computer Studies since 2014, will serve in a concurrent capacity until a new college dean is appointed.

Prior to being designated as vice president, he served the university as director of the Management Information Systems Office from 2005 to 2014 and as OIC director of the same office from 2016-2019.

Under his leadership of the MISO, the university entered an advanced technology operation to support its productivity which includes the formulation and submission of periodic Agency Information Systems Strategic Plans (ISSP) and the materialization of the TSU data network for the staff, faculty members, and students.

Dr. Gamido finished Bachelor of Science major in Electrical Engineering at TSU in 1994 and entered the teaching workforce as a substitute instructor of TSU College of Engineering in 1995.

The new VPAF is a holder of two master's degrees. He earned his Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics from TSU in 2001. Meanwhile, he obtained his Master of Science in Information and Technology in 2003 at Han Nam University in South Korea where he was an MSIT scholarship grantee of the CHED-Han Nam University program together with the other 32 scholars from the different SUCs.

It was in 2020 when he finished his doctoral degree in educational management with a dissertation titled "ICT Resources Mobilization of State Universities and Colleges in Region 3: Towards an Enhanced Management."

Dr. Gamido also served as the Philippine representative to the United Nations Asia Pacific Training Center in ICT (UN APCICT). [Maria Adelaida D. Calayag]

CASS student named best speaker panelist in international forum

Out of 11 finalists, Tarlac State University student Jahnella S. Zulueta from the College of Arts and Social Sciences was hailed as the one of the three best panelists in the Virtual Social Business Students' Forum (VSBSF) 2020 organized by Daffodil International University (DIU) of Bangladesh on November 25-26, 2020.

Themed "Role of Youth in Zeroing Poverty, Unemployment, and Net Carbon Emission," the VSBSF 2020 is the first virtual forum on social business which highlights the three major global concerns on eradicating poverty, unemployment, and net carbon emissions which are also called "three zeroes."

The forum, attended by more than 200 young leaders from 23 countries and 36 universities, features a panel discussion where panelists were selected based on submitted profiles and video messages of student-nominees during the registration. Afterwards, the selected 11 finalists discussed and presented their visions and

ideas on the three zeroes.

Joining Zulueta among the finalists are students from Russia, South Africa, Macau, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Ukraine, Indonesia, and Bangladesh. She is also joined by a finalist and awardee from San Pedro College in Davao, Philippines.

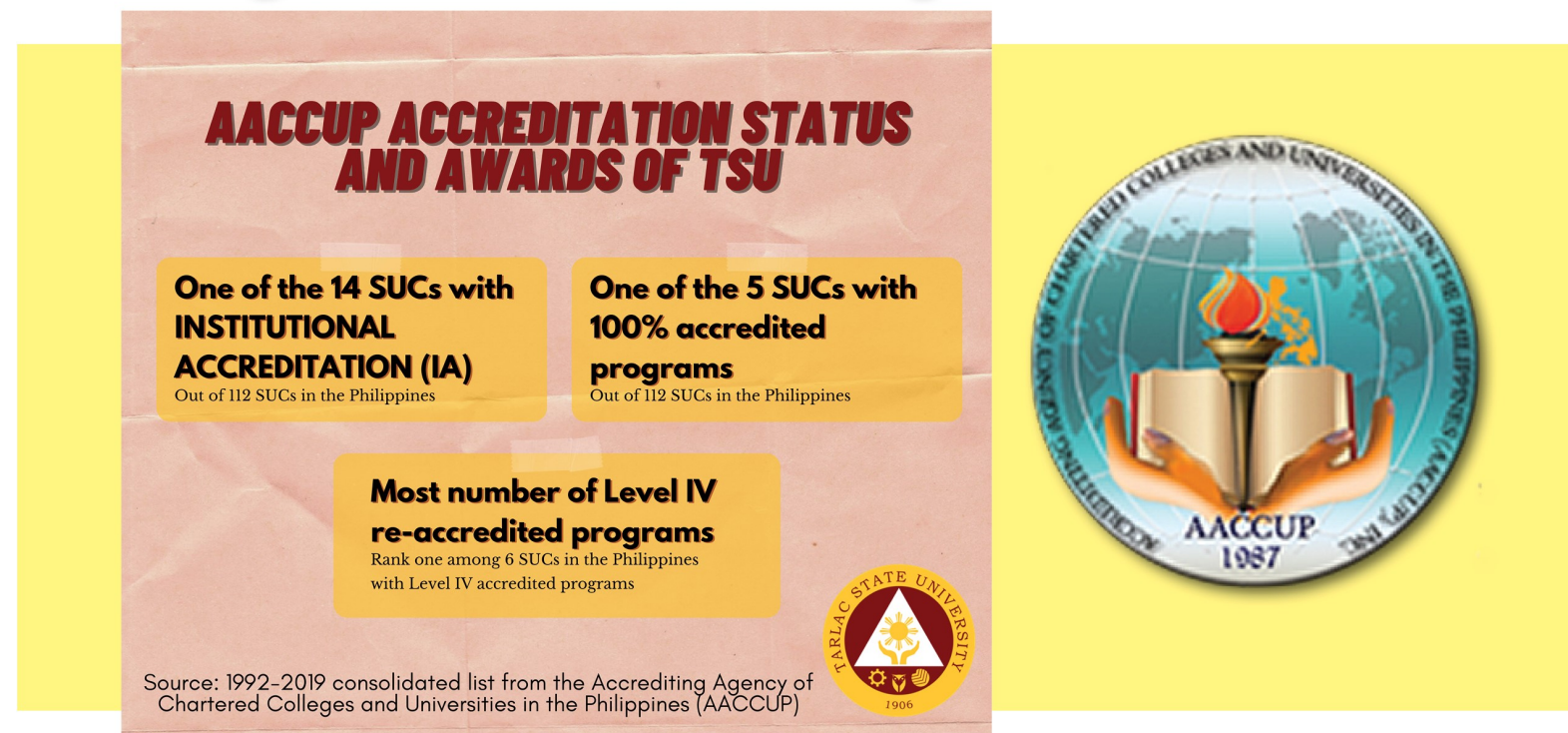
TSU nominated four other student-

delegates to join the forum, namely Dexter Ivan T. Fernandez (College of Science), Jay Ford L. Ringor (College of Public Administration and Governance), Nicole T. Nicasio (College of Teacher Education), and Kein Edriene B. Miranda (College of Architecture and Fine Arts). [Jazzel Llaneli M. Manabat]



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TSU bags 4 awards from AACCCUP, tops Level IV Re-accreditation



AACCCUP ACCREDITATION STATUS AND AWARDS OF TSU

- One of the 14 SUCs with INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION (IA)**
Out of 112 SUCs in the Philippines
- One of the 5 SUCs with 100% accredited programs**
Out of 112 SUCs in the Philippines
- Most number of Level IV re-accredited programs**
Rank one among 6 SUCs in the Philippines with Level IV accredited programs

Source: 1992-2019 consolidated list from the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCCUP)

sa atin yung sistema na 'yon. Mataas ang tingin natin sa quality assurance because of the increasing demand, the need [for] QA in the higher education," said Dr. Niño B. Corpuz, Vice President for Planning and Quality Assurance, in an interview.

These recognitions are included in the AACCCUP's annual publication titled Consolidated List of Institutions and Programs Granted Accreditation Status (From 1992 to 2019) – an unabridged abstract of institutions and programs accredited by AACCCUP over the span of 27 years.

Special citations and awards are usually given during the AACCCUP Annual National Conference where SUCs all over the country also attend to listen to local and foreign experts on quality assurance. However, with the continuous threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency has indefinitely postponed this activity.

"These awards are for everyone [TSU Community]. It's attributed to the cooperation [and] commitment of everyone," Dr. Corpuz said, further seeking the support of the officials, faculty, and personnel to sustain quality assurance feats.

"Ang accreditation 'di pwedeng QA lang ang gagawa diyari. Sana, I hope, I'd like to believe na masu-sustain natin yung commitment towards higher accreditation," Dr. Corpuz added.

Continued challenges of online accreditation
All programs that underwent online accreditation this month ended on a positive note.

AB English Language Studies, BSBA Financial Management, and AB Psychology had their 4th survey visit, phase 1 on November 9-13, while BS Information Systems, BS Information Technology, and BS Nursing had their 3rd survey visit, phase 2 on November 23-25.

This is the first online accreditation for the colleges of Science, Arts and Social Sciences, Business and Accountancy, and Computer Studies.

During the virtual assessment, the programs subjected to AACCCUP's 4th survey visit, phase 1 had endured the onslaught of Typhoon Ulysses, strongest typhoon in the Philippines for 2020.

According to Dr. Corpuz, he was thankful that the essential data needed were already sent before the suspension of government work on November 12 and

13. He also mentioned that the accreditors were very understanding and gave a two-day extension to send other requested documents.

Meanwhile, the closing meeting for programs under 3rd survey visit, phase 2 ended with a "very merry Christmas" greetings from the accreditors to the colleges.

"Sabi ko nga lagi sa mga orientation ko sa mga colleges, lalo na sa mga level IV, mataas ang expectations. When much is given, much is expected. Eh tayo, ang direction natin hindi pababa, pataas ang level ng mga courses. So, whether we like it or not, dolehin natin yung commitment kasi tumataas na yung program accreditation natin," Dr. Corpuz said when asked about the recent survey visits.

The assessors' reports will now go through AACCCUP's technical review whose instruments are also undergoing major changes to accommodate online submissions. The results are expected to be available later than the usual waiting time of three weeks. [Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan]