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GETTING READY: College of Education 4th year students attentively listen to the orientation as they gear up for their practice teaching in DepEd schools.

COEd Seniors prepare for practice teaching journey in DepEd schools

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

We are getting ready for the real thing! The College of Education (COEd) fourth-year students attended a Pre-Internship Orientation and Seminar on February 10 at the CatSU Auditorium in preparation for their practice teaching experience in DepEd schools in the

Division of Catanduanes starting on Monday, February 13 to April 2023.

The “EDUKHANDA” gathering featured topics such as Child Protection Policy, Positive Discipline, Safe School Environment, Anti-Sexual Harassment Act, Anti-Bullying Act, Building Resilient and Mental Fortitude, and the Roles and

Responsibilities of Stakeholders in the schools.

Speakers from DepEd were invited to discuss some essential topics from which the COEd’s interns will have first-hand guidance.

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Getting advice from DepEd's experts

Mr. Vernie A. Robles, Head Teacher III and Guidance Counselor Designate of the Catanduanes National High School, shared the importance of knowing the Child Protection Policy, Positive Discipline, and a Safe School Environment.

According to Robles, these three topics are crucial to ensuring that DepEd fulfills its mandate to provide a quality education that is safe, supportive, and promotes the well-being of all students

in its care.

"DepEd is responsible for the safety and well-being of millions of students in its care. Implementing a Child Protection Policy helps protect children from harm and abuse while in school," Robles said.

The policy helps DepEd comply with its legal obligations to protect children from abuse, as outlined in various national laws and international treaties.

"DepEd also aims to provide quality education and promote positive

values and behaviors in its students. Implementing Positive Discipline can help create a more positive and supportive learning environment that fosters a love for learning," he added.

Robles also further shared that the agency is committed to providing its students with a safe and secure learning environment.

"Implementing Safe School Environment initiatives helps ensure that students are protected from harm



Educational Program Supervisor in Science, Mr. Niño Gerard Cenete, gives valuable advice to student teachers as they prepare for their practice teaching in DepEd schools.

and have the necessary support to thrive in school. A safe school environment is essential for effective teaching and learning. Students who feel secure and supported are more likely to be engaged in their education and achieve better academic outcomes. The approach can also help build strong relationships between teachers and students, leading to a more effective teaching and learning process," he mentioned.

Another DepEd official present was Mr. Nino Gerard Cenete, Education Program Supervisor for Science of the Division of Catanduanes, who also shared the Roles and Responsibilities of Stakeholders in the school.

In the context of the Department of Education (DepEd) in the Philippines,

stakeholders can refer to a wide range of individuals, organizations, and groups that have an interest or investment in the education system. These stakeholders may include students, parents, teachers, administrators, government officials, community leaders, and other relevant organizations.

According to EPS Cenete, the roles of stakeholders in DepEd can vary depending on their specific interests and concerns. Still, generally, they play an essential role in shaping education policy, providing feedback and support, and advocating for the needs of their respective communities.

"For example, parents may be involved in parent-teacher associations and provide feedback on the quality of

education provided to their children. Teachers may be involved in curriculum development and implementation and may advocate for better resources and support for their schools. Government officials and community leaders may provide funding and support for education initiatives and work to ensure that education policies align with community needs and priorities," he said.

Cenete further said that the involvement and engagement of stakeholders in DepEd are critical for ensuring that education policies and practices are effective, equitable, and responsive to the needs of students and communities.

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Experts' advice from CatSU

CatSU's experts were also invited to guide the student interns on the additional preparation they need to learn.

Atty. Nikko Rey Aicetel T. Manlangit-Santelices, Attorney IV - Legal Assistant Services, and Interim Board Secretary V of CatSU discussed the topics of the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act and Anti-Bullying Act.

According to Atty. Manlangit-Santelices, learning about the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act and the Anti-Bullying Act is vital for creating a safe and respectful environment for everyone. By promoting awareness and compliance with these laws, individuals and organizations can work together to prevent and address incidents of sexual harassment and bullying and create a culture of respect and inclusion.

Mr. Noly T. Benavidez of the Guidance, Counselling, and Testing Office (GCTO) relays his expertise in Building Resilient and Mental Fortitude.

Benavidez shared the importance of this discussion with the student-interns, for it would help them cope with adversity, improve mental health, and expect better performance, especially in their activities, leading to greater satisfaction.

"Building resilience and mental fortitude is an important aspect of personal development and well-being. By cultivating these qualities, individuals are better equipped to navigate life's challenges, achieve their goals, and experience greater satisfaction and fulfillment," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Joseph G. Zafe gave the general orientation in the conduct of the practice teaching in DepEd.

"This is a hands-on experience, professional development, preparation for licensure, and collaboration with DepEd," Dr. Zafe shared.

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Off to the exciting part

Other than the Pre-Internship activity, the student interns were required to undergo various tests, attend seminars, secure medical certificate, attend emotional fitness, and pass the neurological examination to qualify for the deployment.

“Nakaka-excite and at the same time nakakakaba lalo na at magpapractice teaching na kami. Sa DepEd school maeexperience na namin magturo sa mga studyante. Kaya mixed feeling din talaga. Hoping for the best learning experience kami sa yugto na to,” Leah Mhae M. Chavez, a Filipino Major student teacher said.

The Bachelor of Culture and Arts Education also expressed their collective view in this coming internship. The BCAEd said that this will be a training ground for them for two months with 360 hours in applying what they have learned for 4 years in college. This includes the application of educational philosophy in terms of strategies and approaches, and while deployed, they are also required to make a Classroom-based Action Research.

The DepEd schools where the students will have their internship are the Catanduanes National High School (CNHS), San Andres Vocational School (SAVS), Virac Pilot Elementary School, Juan M. Alberto Memorial Elementary School (JMAMES), Virac Central Elementary School, Taytay Elementary School, Calatagan High School (CHS), Palta National High School (PNHS), Bato Rural Development High School, Cabugao Integrated School, and San Miguel Rural Development High School.

Dr. Maria Sheila R. Gregorio, Dean of the College of Education expressed her excitement to the students who will have their learning exposure to the agency where they will likely serve soon.

“Practice teaching will provide our students with valuable experience and professional development opportunities and helps prepare them for successful careers in education. At the same time, it also benefits DepEd schools and students by providing them with enthusiastic and well-trained future teachers,” Dean Gregorio said.





Highest Distinction of Leadership Excellence in Administration Asia Award

is awarded to

DR. PATRICK ALAIN T. AZANZA
President, Catanduanes State University



CatSU President recognized with prestigious Leadership Excellence Award by ACLADEB

by Caroline I. Vecilles

CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza was recently conferred the Highest Distinction of Leadership Excellence in Administration Asia award by the Asian Council of Leaders, Administrators, Deans, and Educators in Business (ACLADEB) during the 9th ACLADEB Convention, held on January 26-27 at the Vigan Convention Center in Ilocos Sur.

The recognition was in appreciation of Dr. Azanza's efforts and achievements in good governance as he propels the institution toward transformation through his Vision of HOPE – Honest Service, Outstanding and globally-competitive academic standards; People-centered and planet-friendly policies; and Equal opportunity for all.

It can be recalled that Dr. Kristian Q. Aldea, now Assistant Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs, and Prof. Ma. Jugie R. Ramos, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Fisheries, were also honored by ACLADEB for their contributions to education development and ability to inspire others.

The Asian Council of Leaders, Administrators, Deans, and Educators in Business (ACLADEB) is a global network promoting the advancement of business and entrepreneurship in ASEAN+ countries. Its goal is to share best practices and implement the ASEAN Integration 2015, particularly with regard to educational standards and the liberalization of trade and licensing requirements.

On Research

Meanwhile, the President, along with his wife, College of Education Faculty, Prof. Jane Rose C. Azanza, successfully presented their research papers in both the Singapore and Hawaii International Conferences held on January 5-8, 2023, and February 10-13, 2023, respectively.

Prof. Azanza presented three (3) research studies entitled: "Modular Learning as an Alternative to Face-to-Face Teaching: An Evaluation," "Problems Encountered by Teachers During Online Learning at the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Catanduanes State University Experience," and "Modular Learning Approach at the Catanduanes State University During the COVID-19 Pandemic" which featured Ms. Patricia Azanza as co-author.

The International Academic Forum (IAFOR) organized the international research conferences in partnership with the IAFOR Research Centre at Osaka University and the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

Prof. Azanza actively participated in the 3rd Southeast Asian Conference in Education (SEACE), the 8th IAFOR International Conference on Education in Hawaii (IICE2023), and the Third IAFOR International Conference on Arts and Humanities in Hawaii (IICAH2023), thereby contributing to the academic success of the events.

Dr. Azanza as Eagle – National Protocol Officer

by Caroline I. Vecilles

Eagle Nestor A. Sarapuddin, National President of The Fraternal Order of Eagles (TFOE), recently appointed Eagle Patrick Alain T. Azanza as the National Protocol Officer. The appointment is effective from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. This is the second time that the President has been appointed to the same position.

As the National Protocol Officer, Dr. Azanza is expected to fulfill his responsibilities with utmost dedication while always upholding the ethical standards and accountability inherent to the said office position.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles (TFOE) - Philippine Eagles Inc. is the first Philippine-born Fraternal Socio-Civic Organization founded in Quezon City in 1979, with a guiding principle of service through strong brotherhood and fraternal ties among its members as a keystone to humanitarian service.





CATANDUANES STATE UNIVERSITY
Hablon Dawani
**CALL FOR
AUDITION**

Catandungan Cultural Heritage to revive Hablon Dawani; Calls for Audition

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

The Catandungan Cultural Heritage of Catanduanes State University will revive its cultural group, the Hablon Dawani in preparation for its relaunching this year.

“It’s about time that we open the University’s cultural group again, which is the Hablon Dawani. For the past years since the pandemic, we have been unable to look for students with a passion and love for the cultural arts. That is why we are excited to have this audition,” Dr. Ramon Felipe Sarmiento, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs and at the same time the Director of Catandungan Cultural Heritage, said.

The Hablon Dawani Call for Audition is scheduled on February 16 – 17 (Thursday

& Friday) from 5:30 to 7:00PM and on February 18 (Saturday) from 3:30PM onwards, at the Audio-Visual Room, 3rd floor of the CatSU Main Building.

This audition is open to all students of the University, including the Laboratory Schools. Teaching and non-teaching staff are also invited for audition.

Audition process

During the audition, applicants are expected to come on time and dress comfortably. The audition will take approximately 15 minutes and will consist of a short self-introduction, non-verbal and verbal acting tryouts, and a question-and-answer session with a panel of three.

An audition piece will be provided 15 minutes before the actual audition, so applicants are advised to prepare themselves mentally and emotionally before the tryouts.

Focal Persons

Interested applicants are advised to contact Prof. Reashiela Khan, Prof. Francis Tatel, or Prof. Joerandy Tablizo through their Facebook messenger or in their office to fill out an application form and secure a schedule. In case of walk-ins audition, they may be accommodated if time permits.



HABLON DAWANI AUDITION. Dr. Ramon Felipe A. Sarmiento, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs and the Director of Center for Catandungan Heritage and Prof. Francis B. Tatel share valuable insights to aspiring members of Hablon Dawani during the audition process.



Bayani Love, Heroes in Concert by the award-winning Director, Vince Tanada receives praise, standing ovation from CatSU

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

The Philippines Stagers Foundation (PSF), led by the highly decorated and award-winning Director, Atty. Vincent M. Tanada, received a resounding applause and standing ovation from the Catanduanes State University students, faculties, and stakeholders during their three-consecutive shows last February 6, 2023 at the CatSU Gymnasium.

The PSF staged a musical play entitled "Bayani Love, Heroes in Concert," which was also written by Tanada. The play was an artistic presentation of the struggles of our national heroes as they try to fight for freedom for the people they love. The play is a jukebox musical and compilation of love stories that our known national heroes have lived in the past; Lapu-Lapu and Bulakna, Gabriela and Diego Silang, Antonio Luna and Nellie Bousted, Juan Luna and Paz Pardo de Tavera, Jose Rizal and Josephine Bracken and Andres Bonifacio and Gregoria De Jesús.

The PSF is highly acclaimed organization known for its outstanding musical productions, and has been recognized by the TAYO Awards Foundation and Dangal ng Bansa by the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino, as well as the Aliw Awards and Broadway World Awards for their multi-award-winning productions. PSF was awarded in the 22nd KBP Golden Dove Awards as the

Best Program for Culture and the Arts for 2013.

Atty. Tañada, a highly decorated awardee in FAMAS, STAR, GOLDEN DOVE, CMMA, and ALIW, and the award-winning Director of the movie KATIPS expressed his love and appreciation to all the students and faculties who gave their support and time in to be able witness the play about history, culture and values through the medium of theater arts.

"First, I would like to say thank you to your President, my dear good friend, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza for inviting us in your very accommodating and happy island. CatSU has been our home the past days and with all your generosity, we became more inspired to give our best performance in this musical play," Direk Atty. Vince Tanada said.

"Sa panahon na mas dumarami ang fake news, nawa'y magtulong-tulong tayo na labanan ito sa pamamagitan ng pagpapahayag ng kung ano ang tama. Kami at ang aming grupo ay masayang ibinabahagi ito sa pamamagitan ng pag-arte at pagtatanghal sa entablado. Kaya maraming salamat po sainyo."

Tañada, who is also the Founder and Artistic Director of the PSF also shared that the audience not only academically for it focuses on the holistic approach to study

Modern Literature and Philippine History, but it is also an Artistic masterpiece in Theater Production never before seen in Philippine Stage.

"Kaginayon po nin musical play na ini. Amazing performance and cast. Sulit ang P130 na ticket," a student from the CatSU Laboratory Schools said.

"Naka-ogma po tsaka first time ko po makanood ning musical play. Sana magkaigwa na ning club uya sa campus about theater arts," Ryan T. Suarez, a 3rd year BSED-English Major student, shared.

"Sa mga dai pa po nakapanood nin show na ini, panoodon ta ngonyan na 2pm or 5pm. Maorag ang musical play tungkol sa love story ng mga bayani ta. Thumbs up kami uya. Pagkaginayon," a BSN student said.

"Grabe ang reception. Na-exceed ang expectations," Prof. Zyra Mae T. Tumala, the Bayani Love, Heroes in Concert, Committe Chair on Secretariat said.

Direk Vince and the PSF also hoped that CatSU will support his upcoming movie, Ako si Ninoy which will be played in cinemas this month.

"Kahit sa Shopbox Cinema pa yan dito sa Catanduanes o gaya sa pagdala natin ng movie na Katips, we look forward on your support to us," the Director said.



CATANDUANES STATE UNIVERSITY

National Arts Month

FEBRUARY 2023

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

**BAYANI LOVE
MUSICAL PLAY**

FEB. 6

CATSU GYMNASIUM

**SURTE
PAGKAMOOT**

FEB. 13

CATSU GROUNDS

**LOVE AND
POETRY FORUM**

FEB. 15

CATSU AUDITORIUM

**ARTE
INSULARE DOS
ART EXHIBIT**

FEB. 17

CATSU MAIN
BUILDING LOBBY

**HABLON
DAWANI
AUDITION**

FEB. 16-18

CATSU AUDIO/ VISUAL ROOM

**MOA
SIGNING**

FEB. 28

CATSU MAIN
BUILDING LOBBY

**FILM
SHOWING**

MAR. 1

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
CATSU LITTLE THEATER

National Arts Month is celebrated annually throughout February in the Philippines. The theme for this year's celebration is "Ani ng Sining, Bunga ng Galing" "to immerse Filipinos in diverse cultural expressions and celebrate the bountiful harvest from the Filipino imagination."

It was declared through Presidential Proclamation 683 and signed by former President Corazon C. Aquino in 1991 "to celebrate the artistic excellence and pay tribute to the uniqueness and diversity of the Filipino heritage and culture."



GCTO launches Career Guidance Awareness Caravan for SY 2023-2024

by Francis John B. Templonuevo

The Guidance and Counseling and Testing Office (GCTO) of Catanduanes State University (CatSU) has now started its Career Guidance Awareness Caravan for school year 2023 – 2024.

Led by Ms. Janete O. Labayani, Guidance Counselor III, the team visited Panganiban National High School, and CatSU Panganiban Campus on February 9, 2023.

Topics discussed in the caravan are Career Planning and the courses offered at CatSU. The Senior High School graduating students were also given orientation about the College Entrance Assessment Schedule, Requirements, and Procedures for the upcoming school year.

The GCTO expressed their appreciation to the school's faculty and staff especially to Ms Jane B. Molina (Career Guidance Coordinator) and to the School Principal, Sir Eddie S. Ogalesco for the support and partnership in the said caravan.



The GCTO team with the School Principal, Mr. Clemente Olarte, and the students of Viga Rural Development High School, Viga, Catanduanes.

On arts and theaters

A moment with the highly decorated awardee in FAMAS, STAR, GOLDEN DOVE, CMMA, and ALIW, and the award-winning Director of Katips, Atty. Vince M. Tañada

Carl: Hello, Direk Vince. Thanks for giving us this moment. What brings you here in our island, Catanduanes?

Direk Vince: My pleasure, Carl. It's great to be here in Catanduanes with CatSU inviting us. My group is the National Mobile Theater Company, and we've been in the business for 22 years. We've traveled to many cities and municipalities in Bicol, but this is our first time here, and we're thrilled to be here.

Carl: You're here because of the Bayani Love, Heroes in Concert. Tell us something about it.

Direk Vince: We're performing Bayani Love, a story of six heroes and their love story. It's important for us to humanize our heroes and not just see them as monuments or statues. They're just like you and me, and by doing so, we can find a hero in all of us. We don't have to die to become a hero; we can be a hero through ordinary means and help others. That's one of my objectives.

Carl: Why theater arts?

Direk Vince: I use theater arts as a medium for education, and I don't have to import anything from Broadway or West End in London. Instead, we create our own plays based on our history, tradition, culture, and national identity.

I've been told that the attention span of today's youth is limited to 15 minutes, so we can't just confine education within the four walls of the classroom. For the past 13 years, I've been advocating for the use of art as a tool for learning, and it's great that our students and youth appreciate this. They enjoy being entertained, and at the same time, they learn from the art that we do. Nowadays, with the power of social media, we can interact with them, unlike in the past when I started in theater. Back then, the only time you could interact with students was when they signed a souvenir program. Now, they can send messages through social media, and it's heartwarming. It's through them that we find inspiration, and we continue what we're doing.

As artists, our major objective is not just to entertain and educate people, but more importantly, we aim to transform people, mold the minds of the youth, and possibly change their lives. And that's what we're happy to do.

The basics of theater may be considered quite conservative and traditional, but that's part of what makes it such a timeless and beloved art form. Across generations and cultures, people continue to find joy and inspiration in theater. As artists, we strive to use our craft to uplift and inspire others, and I think that's something truly special about theater. It's still thriving not only in different parts of the world, but also here in the Philippines.

Carl: Days from now, your movie Ako si Ninoy will be in the cinemas. What was the inspiration behind that?

Direk Vince: Speaking of using art to inspire and educate, I actually created a musical play back in 2009 about the life of Ninoy Aquino, which ended up being quite successful. We toured it throughout the Philippines, and it even helped the campaign of PNoy in 2010. But now, with the rise of disinformation and fake news in the country (not just on social media, but also in film), we want to combat that. And what better way to do so than through film? It's a medium that can reach a wider audience than theater, and I think it has a lot of potential to get our message across. What prompted me to create this film was actually something I saw on Twitter. When we were celebrating the death anniversary of Ninoy last August, the hashtag #NinoyWasATraitor was trending. I saw a lot of tweets claiming that Ninoy was involved in the Plaza Miranda Bombing, or that he founded the CPP NPA - all of which are fake news. It's really disheartening to see these kinds of lies being spread about someone who fought so bravely for our country. So, I decided to revive the play I created in 2009 and turn it into a film. It's going to be shown nationwide on February 22, in commemoration of the EDSA Revolution, and our objective is to fight disinformation and show people that there's a hero in all of us. Ninoy isn't just a historical figure - he represents a concept that we can all aspire to.

Carl: Thank you for giving us a moment. We appreciate your time, Direk Vince.

Direk Vince: By the way, I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who's helped us with our BAYANI LOVE project, especially the students, faculty, and administrators of this university, most especially my dear good friend, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, the President of CatSU. We're really grateful for the opportunity to stage our production here, and we hope that through this, we can help educate young people about our history. After all, as they say, those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it. We believe that by looking back at our history, we can pave the way for a brighter future. Thank you so much!



**Ani ng Sining
Bunga ng Galing**
NATIONAL ARTS MONTH

FEBRUARY 17, 2023

CULTURAL PARADE
ASSEMBLY TIME: 4 PM | ASSEMBLY AREA: CAPITOL GROUNDS
4:30 PM | START OF PARADE FROM CAPITOL GROUNDS TO VTC METROWALK

CULTURAL SHOWCASE
6 PM | VIRAC TOWN CENTER METROWALK

CATANDUANES STATE UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOLS
You are cordially invited

Ani ng Sining, Bunga ng Galing

Makisaya at makibahagi sa pagdiriwang ng National Arts Month ngayong Pebrero 2023 at ipagdiwang ang mga bunga ng tunay na galing sa sining ng ating mga artista sa larangan ng pag-arte, pagtutula, at pagpipinta.

Ang Bayani Love musical play ay isang pagtatanghal sa entablado tungkol sa mga buhay pag-ibig ng ating mga iniidolong bayani sa dereksyon at panulat ni Atty. Vince Tañada kasama ang Philippine Stagers Foundation.

Sa SurTe Pagkamoot, tayo ay magbasahan ng ating mga tula para sa pag-ibig at iniibig sa Pebrero 13, 5PM sa CatSU Grounds. Sasamahan tayo dito

ng mga myembro ng grupong Kulturang Catandungan (SurTe). Bukas din ang aktibidad sa lahat na nais magpahayag ng kanilang pag-ibig para sa iniibig.

Sa Love and Poetry Forum, makinig tayo at magkaroon ng pagkakataon na matuto sa lecture ng isa sa pinakamagaling na manunula sa bansa sa kontemporaryong panahon, si Allan Popa, at sa ating propesor sa Departamento ng mga Lenggwahe, si Prof. Francis Tatel.

Sa Hablon Dawani Audition, ang lahat na may potensyal sa pag-arte sa entablado ay inaanyayahan na mag-audition para makalahok sa susunod na pagtatanghal ng Hablon Dawani. Sa mga interesado, maari pong makipag-

ugnayan sa opisina ng ating Director ng Catandungan Cultural Heritage, VP-REPA Dr. Ramon Felipe Sarmiento.

Tayo din ay mamangha sa mga likha ng ating pinakamagagaling na pintor sa isla sa ngayon sa Arte Insulare Dos. Ilan sa mga likhang sining na makikita natin sa Pebrero 17 ay mga gawa ni Maruja Panti, tubong isla na ang mga likha ay naipakita na rin sa iba't-ibang bansa.

At sa pagtatapos ng Buwan ng Arte, magpapalabas tayo ng piling pelikula na atin ding hihimay-himayin sa isang mainit na palitan ng diskurso at kuro-kuro pagkatapos ng panonood.

Sa muli, atin pong ipagdiwang ang bunga ng ating galing sa sining!



Getting to know Dr. Jovert R. Balunsay

by Caroline I. Vecilles

Dr. Balunsay is an Associate Professor V at Catanduanes State University's College of Humanities and Social Sciences. He is currently the director of the Sentro ng Wika at Kultura, an office created by the SUC President III, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, and approved by the Board of Regents in January 2022.

Among his administrative designations, Dr. Balunsay served as the Graduate School Chairperson for Non Education-related graduate programs in 2021, and was previously the research coordinator at the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). He also guided the CatSU Statesman, the university's student publication as its former adviser.

From his teaching experience at DepEd in Sto. Domingo National High School in Sto. Domingo, Albay, Dr. Balunsay transferred to CatsU and began his journey in 2013 as an Instructor I. This was the start of his rising through the ranks to his current position.

Dr. Balunsay has provided expert services in Research with involvement in committees covering Specialization for Undergraduate Thesis in the different programs in the College of Education, as well as in Filipino, Graduate School Level IV, and the Accreditation Task Force for Master of Arts in Filipino Education. He also served as a committee member for its Dissertation.

With his expertise, he has become

one of the most sought-after resource persons for Consultancy services, serving as a Panelist/Evaluator for Master's Thesis, editor and adviser of Masters in undergraduate thesis, and a LET Review lecturer. He also takes resource speakership as well.

Recently, Dr. Balunsay was pleased to share the availability of physical copies of the copyrighted books which were outputs of his research in CatSU. These research outputs are for utilization in some Filipino subjects in CatSU.

"All outputs were submitted to the National Library for copyright registration and were approved in December 2022," Dr. Balunsay said.

"I am really motivated because I get to discover new knowledge, and because of that, I am more driven to create and finish instructional materials that could help our students," he added.

Dr. Balunsay remarked that students need to be supported in terms of helping them understand, especially Education students, that research and teaching are two essential things they need to learn to produce higher learning outcomes, which is a vital effort in improving our quality of instruction.

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Dr. Lily P. Custodio as CatSU's first ever EVP: A Leader with a Proven Track Record of Success

by Caroline I. Vecilles

To ensure that the plans and programs under the Vision of HOPE are properly implemented, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza created the position of Executive Vice President, a first for the institution in 62 years.

Because of her integrity and proven track record as a faculty member and an administrator, Dr. Lily Custodio came on top of the list and personal choice of Dr. Azanza for the position.

Upon approval of the creation of the EVP position by the Board, President Azanza recommended the designation of Dr. Lily P. Custodio as the first ever Executive Vice President of Catanduanes State University. Said designation was unanimously endorsed by the Administrative Council during its meeting on January 9, 2023.

Dr. Lily Custodio's designation was approved by the Board of Regents during its 212th (Regular)/4th Quarter Board of Regents Meeting on January 18, 2023.

As EVP, Dr. Custodio serves as the Chief Academic Officer of the University and holds the second highest position in terms of authority.

Fondly called "Doc Lily" by many, she graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce Major in Accounting from the Catanduanes State Colleges (CSC) in 1979, and subsequently became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

Dr. Custodio completed her Master of Science in Management, Major in Business Administration in 1989, where she received the Outstanding Research award for her thesis titled "Comparative Cases of Growth Rates Among Small Scale Manufacturing Businesses in

Region V: Implications to Financial Management."

She was among the faculty members sent to study in Australia for her graduate studies during the time of then visionary CSC President, Dr. Rodolfo V. Azanza, the father of the present CatSU President, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza.

She finished her Master of Educational Administration (MEAd) at Flinders University of South Australia and continued to pursue her Post Graduate studies in the same institution, earning her Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Strategic Management in 1996 with a dissertation titled "Career Perceptions in the Philippines: Study of Academic Executives."

Dr. Custodio began her CatSU journey in 1980 as an instructor and climbed up the ranks, achieving her current academic position as Professor VI.

She also served as the Dean of the College of Business and Accountancy from 1998 to 2009, and held several administrative designations, leading major divisions such as Academic Affairs (AA), Administrative & Financial Affairs (AFA), and Research, Extension and Production Affairs (REPA).

She also chaired the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) and served as the Dean of the Graduate School.

Prior to her appointment as the first ever CatSU Executive Vice President, Dr. Custodio was the Vice President for Academic Affairs. In this role, she worked hard with the President to create 11 new academic programs, including those that required accreditation.

As EVP, Dr. Custodio's principal responsibilities include overseeing and administering the planning process of

the University, providing leadership to all academic programs and Units, leading the assessment of the University's strategic plan, promoting linkage and modification of academic programs to meet the evolving missions of the University, aligning academic programs with the University's strategic plan, and meeting the needs of students and faculty.

The EVP is also expected to provide leadership to departments and offices responsible for the following functions: diversity and equal opportunity, external academic affairs, faculty development, academic assessment, institutional research, international programs, undergraduate affairs, and others as assigned.

Furthermore, she is expected to provide leadership and guidance to all College Deans to enhance effective operation, cost efficiency, and high-quality academic programs while working with all constituency groups to ensure that the University's academic programs have achieved or are approaching high national ranking or are well-placed with respect to the University's peer or aspirational benchmark group.

Lastly, the EVP is responsible for ensuring effective communication with the Office of the President, monitoring the agenda for inclusion in different councils such as the Administrative Council, Academic Council, University Research Council and Extension Council, and Resource Generation and Utilization Council.

With her exceptional knowledge, intellect, and leadership skills, Dr. Lily P. Custodio is undeniably the ideal one for the position.