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UNPARALLELED EXCELLENCE. Joyce France Usero (2nd from left) with Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) Officials is among the recipients of 2023 Alfredo M. Yao Intellectual Property Awards for her 'abaca burger patty enhancer' study.

CatSU alumna wins prestigious award for 'abaca core burger' study

Anjo G. Tugay

Joycee France Usero, an alumna of Catanduanes State University (CatSU), has been recognized as the 1st runner-up at the 2023 Alfredo M. Yao Intellectual Property Awards (AMY IP) for her novel thesis study on Abaca Core as a Burger Patty Enhancer.

Usero completed her Bachelor of Science in Education

and Master of Arts in Teaching Biology at the College of Education of CatSU. Her thesis adviser was Prof. Estrella Tribiana.

She is a licensed teacher and currently teaches at Catanduanes National High School (CNHS) Department of Science.

Her research on Abaca burger patties has garnered praise

from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), not only for its delicious taste but also for its eco-friendly characteristics.

Usero received this recognition during the recent Abacanobasyon 2023 event, which was hosted by DOST in partnership with CatSU during the 7th Abaca Festival.

Usero was among the 15

finalists of the Alfredo M. Yao Intellectual Property (AMY-IP) Awards, which acknowledge Filipino inventors, entrepreneurs, and students who have the capability to create products or services that enhance productivity or reduce operational costs for businesses.



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CatSU kicks off 2023 Multidisciplinary Research Conference with a 'Vision of HOPE for a Sustainable Tomorrow'

Darwin M. Bongon & Anjo G. Tugay

The 2023 Multidisciplinary Research Conference and Annual In-House Review of Completed Researches, along with the search for the prestigious USWAG Award, commenced on October 5 at the E-Crown Hotel and Resort.

With the theme, "Unveiling Knowledge and Innovation Horizons: Bridging Research, Development and Extension and Paglaom (A Vision of HOPE) for a Sustainable Tomorrow," the event promises to be an intellectual powerhouse of innovation and research excellence.

The event features 24 outstanding research presentations divided into two categories: the Science and Technology (S&T) Category, and the Non-S&T Category, which includes Social Science,

Business, Humanities, and Education.

A total of 10 research projects fall under the S&T Category, while 14 research projects encompass the Non-S&T Category.

In his opening message, Catanduanes State University (CatSU) President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, emphasized the institution's commitment to research and its significance.

Dr. Azanza expressed his pride in CatSU's efforts to cultivate a culture of research and academic publications.

"Our primary objective is to enhance the research capacity of our institution, as research holds paramount significance at CatSU."

The President likewise

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IMPARTING INSIGHTS. Professor VI Dr. Jimmy Masagca shares his expertise on research to fellow and aspiring researchers during the university-sponsored research conference at E-crown Hotel and Resort.

CatSU 'agripreneurs' ace Young Farmers Challenge 2023 Prov'l Awards, set sights in the reg'l tilt

Anjo G. Tugay

Four students from Catanduanes State University (CatSU) have been named Provincial Awardees in the 2023 Search for Outstanding Agri-Business Models under the Young Farmers Challenge (YFC) Program Start-Up Component (Open Category).

The awardees and their innovative business proposals include Irish Jean P. Tatac's 'IJ Veggies Food Snacks,' Reymund Lumabi's 'Reymund's Morenong Itlog,' James Patrick N. Malbarosa's 'Fiberverse Paperworks,' and Eduard Alfred B. Dasmariñas' 'Paminta Farm.'

Each awardee received a Php 80,000 financial grant to support their agri-fishery enterprises and will now advance to the regional level competition, where the

most promising agri-enterprise will receive an additional Php 150,000 for further development.

The regional validation team is set to monitor the implementation of these projects in October.

The Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPAg) is providing these young agripreneurs with business development services such as training, mentoring, market linkage, and networking to ensure the success of their enterprises.

In an interview, Reymund expressed his desire to inspire fellow youth to venture into agriculture, emphasizing the need for a younger generation in the industry.

"Gusto kong maging

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Give Blood, Save Lives

CatSU extends support to bloodletting drive of Scouts Royale, PRC Catanduanes

Albert G. Clemente

Staying true to its 'Social Responsibility' core values, the Catanduanes State University supports the 'Share Royale Blood' activity organized by the Scouts Royale Brotherhood - National Service Fraternity and Sorority Catanduanes Provincial Council, Philippine Red Cross, and Virac Municipal Health Office.

Apart from serving as the venue for the activity, some employees of the university participated in the activity, one of whom was Cyrine San Juan.

"Maogma ako kasi igwa ako nin possible na matuwangan [kan dugo ko] since I am an instructor, pwede ko ma-encourage ang youth by integrating it sa lesson na mag-donate," San Juan shared as one of the proud blood donors on October 4.

"Kasi, one of the subjects na pigatuturo ko ngonyan is Readings in the Philippine History, covers about Philippine values, and one of the phases of Filipino values is bayanihan, with that pwede ko doon ma-integrate na with the simple act such as donating blood we can help other people," he explained.

Acknowledging the importance of the activity, Nurse Russel Petajen from the Department of Health is hoping that more volunteers would participate in the activity to help patients in need of blood.

"Kaya kami ga-conduct kauni



EXTENDING LIVES BY GIVING BLOOD. A man, lying down calmly, looks his hands being checked by a medical staff from Philippine Red Cross as he is set to donate blood.

kasi kulang an dugo [sa isla], maski sa region kulang man kita," Petajen said.

"Sabihon ta na sarong kapamilya ninda ang mangaipohan nin dugo, tapos dae nin dugo, kung dae nin dugo sain ka mapunta? So, dakula pong bagay ang blood letting kasi nakatuwang

po siya as in lalo na ngonyan na may naaksidente, mga gaaki na cesarean, dakula pong tuwang," he explained.

Interested donors could visit the university and proceed in front of the Medical and Dental Services on that day.

Red Cross volunteers,

together with other medical professionals, guided and assisted the volunteer-donors throughout the procedure.

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inspirasyon sa kapwa youth. This is not about winning but also inspiring the youth na pwede man mag-venture sa agri-business. Nasa 57-59 years old ang average age ning farmers ta, diit na sana po ang gawenture sa agriculture dahil sa negative

mindset kaya gusto ko man pong maging inspirasyon sa kapwa youth."

Eduard highlighted that while the award may not be directly related to his course, his mindset is firmly rooted in agriculture, and he sees the program as a valuable solution to students' financial

challenges, benefiting both individuals and the community.

"Not course related po ang award pero ang mindset ko po ay related sa agriculture. Makatuwang po ang programa sa financial problems ng mga students. Hindi lang ito for the prize but it will benefit yourself

and the community."

The YFC Start-up program aims to engage 546 new young farmers nationwide in agri-fishery enterprises in 2023, contributing to the country's food security.

CatSU Airlinks highlights educators, consumer welfare and local governance

Rochelle Jane C. Idanan

Exemplifying its commitment

to community engagement and knowledge dissemination, Catanduanes State University, in collaboration with Radyo Pilipinas-Virac, hosted another episode of CatSU Airlinks: Ugnayan sa Himpapawid, featuring selected faculty members from three of its colleges: the College of Education, College of Business and Accountancy, and College of Humanities and Social Sciences, today, October 4, 2023.

In a heartwarming tribute to educators worldwide, the College of Education took the lead in commemorating World Teacher's Day with a poem dedicated to all the teachers who play a pivotal role in shaping the future of their students.

On the other hand, the College of Business and Accountancy shed light on the Consumer Welfare Act as part of the Consumer Welfare Month being celebrated this October.

Emphasizing its significance

in the protection of consumers, the faculty members shared valuable insights on how consumers can safeguard themselves from unreasonable price increases and actively fulfill their role in the country's economic landscape.

Meanwhile, in anticipation of the upcoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Elections, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences faculty members shared significant points on the Local Government Code to educate voters in choosing the right candidates for the position. The discussion also coincided with the 32nd anniversary of the Code's enactment into law, which was on October 10, 1991.

The CatSU Airlinks is a weekly segment in Radyo Pilipinas that serves as a platform for faculty members to share their expertise, address pressing issues, and foster a stronger connection with the community.



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SHARED KNOWLEDGE. Three CatSU faculty from three colleges shared insights on the notable events for the month of October.

To foster a welcoming and informed work env't CatSU holds orientation-seminar for newly hired non-teaching staff

Albert G. Clemente

With enthusiasm and warm

embrace, the newly hired non-teaching employees of the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) had undertaken a two-day New Employee Orientation, which commenced on, October 12, and concluded on October 13.

The orientation seminar, a hallmark of CatSU's commitment to fostering a welcoming and informed work environment, is designed to equip new employees with the tools, knowledge, and connections necessary to thrive in their roles.

Addressing the newly hired employees, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza underscored the importance of the event in

cultivating a culture of honest and excellent service.

"Transparency, accountability, and integrity are the guiding principles of our university," Dr. Azanza said.

Meanwhile, a wide array of topics were discussed on the first day including the university's organizational structure, performance management, salaries, and benefits, to name a few.

It can be recalled that on September 28-29, a similar event was also conducted by the university's Human Resources and Management Services for newly hired teaching staff.



FRESH START. Addressing the newly-hired non-teaching staff, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza highlights the vital role of creating a culture of honest and exceptional service in the academe.

CatSU student organizations' officers sworn in; Student regent calls for inclusivity

Anjo G. Tugay

Officers of the 84 recognized student organizations at Catanduanes State University (CatSU) took their oath of office, spearheaded by the University Student Council (USC) with its President and Student Regent Francine Mae T. Tayo who called for unity and inclusivity in her inaugural address, September 30 at the gymnasium.

The student regent emphasized the central values of unity and inclusivity in the theme, *The Change Catalyst: Championing Youth Through Good Governance in Campus Politics*.

"Our council lives by the slogan of *Harmony despite Diversity*," the student regent said, highlighting the belief that differences in perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences should not hinder growth but instead act as catalysts.

"We recognize our role in ensuring that every student, irrespective of their background or aspirations, has equitable access to support, resources, and opportunities," she furthered, saying the USC will ensure that the spirit of harmony and inclusivity permeates all aspects of university life.

Stressing the importance of active student involvement, the student regent urged the students to contribute their ideas, passion, and voices for positive change.

"We are here to represent you, but we also need your active



ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY. Newly-elected student officials take their oath of office on September 30, signifying their full commitment to serve the studentry with honor and integrity.

participation to make our vision a reality," she empathetically said.

The induction of officials was presided by Atty. Mary France Soquerata for Publication, Religious, and Social Organizations, Atty. Michael Angelo Marquez for Sub-Organizations, Vice-Mayor Arlynn Arcilla for College Student Councils, and Mayor Samuel V.

Laynes for the USC representing Governor Joseph Cua, showed the local community's support and commitment to youth leadership in the university.

CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza echoed the theme's sentiments in his inspirational address, commending students for promoting unity and diversity on campus.

Dr. Azanza also acknowledged that the student leaders are not only leaders of tomorrow but are currently leading the way with their voices, ideas, and actions, which hold the power to shape the future of the university and the community.

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underscored the importance of academic research and its role in empowering students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

He emphasized that the distinction between true universities and aspirants lies in their dedication

to conducting research and disseminating academic work.

Dr. Rosana S. Abundo, the Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs, echoed the sentiment that this event goes beyond mere competition.

She emphasized that the in-

house review process serves as a platform to uncover knowledge and information that will advance research and extension efforts.

Dr. Abundo stressed the importance of focusing on acquiring fresh knowledge, novel insights, and innovative concepts from this intellectual exercise.

The event aims to showcase research and innovative solutions to address the pressing challenges in agriculture, climate resilience, social welfare, and economic livelihood.

CatSU celebrates weeklong 11th Charter anniversary with unveiling of markers of newly built facilities

Anjo G. Tugay & Albert G. Clemente

Newly built infrastructures to be used as spaces for academic activities and services in the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) were inaugurated on October 23 as part of the 11th University Charter Anniversary celebration.

CatSU officials, led by Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, together with Rev. Fr. Benju Royce T. De Jesus, facilitated the unveiling of the commemorative markers and the blessing of the newly-built facilities on campus.

The recently completed university sports complex-long course swimming pool, along with the Grandstands A and B, the College of Agriculture Buildings A and B, College of Science Buildings A and B, Men’s Dormitory, College of Education Laboratory Schools (Elementary), and the University Hostel, were among the facilities inaugurated.

This inauguration is in recognition of the important role of the university in producing analytical, skilled, and morally upright citizens committed to promoting social progress and nation-building attuned to the university’s Vision of HOPE.



MARKER UNVEILED. Catanduanes State University President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza (right) and Sports Director Dr. Rudy Tablizo unveiled the marker of newly-built Grandstand beside the Olympic-size swimming pool on Oct. 23

Training on DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP) cum Business Planning, Project Proposal Writing

Rochellee Jane C. Idanan

Committed to providing livelihood support for the university’s adopted organization, the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) - Extension Services office, in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), organized the ‘Training on DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP) cum Business Planning and Project Proposal Writing’ on October 16, 2023, at the university auditorium.

The training aims to equip the participants with the basics of Business Planning and Project

Proposal Writing as a business formation pre-requisite.

This is in line with the CatSU’s Vision of HOPE and the ‘Padagosa na Patanos Movement’ campaign of SUC President III, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, to provide opportunities for the adopted organization of the university to gain sustainable additional income and alleviate their economic statuses.



BEYOND BORDERS. Catanduanes State University President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza talks with the members of the university’s assisted organizations to avail DOLE’s livelihood grants.

CatSUans explore campus organizations through Org's Fair 2023

Albert G. Clemente

After battling the midterm week, Catanduanes State University freshmen, transferees, and returning students took a well-deserved break to de-stress and relax as they got along with their peers and became involved on campus for this year's 'Orgs Fair', organized by the Office of the Student Affairs and Development Services (OSADS) headed by Prof. Francis John B. Templonuevo, and the University Student Council (USC) led by Hon. Francine Mae T. Tayo.

CatSUans with diverse passions and interests had the opportunity to explore every participating registered organization, from performing arts to food bazaar and even community service initiatives.

The two-day activity kicked off on October 23, and run October 24, as part of CatSU's 11th Charter Anniversary.



LUCKY SPIN. A CatSU student is attempting to get Php10 cash prize in the game ORCSpin to WIN while holding a wheel bar.

CatSU agri students lead sustainable farming with hydroponic research

Anjo G. Tugay

To revolutionize farming practices and provide invaluable learning experiences to students, the College of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF) at Catanduanes State University (CatSU) is spearheading two research projects at the university's Smart Greenhouse facility.

Under the guidance of Dean Roberto Barba Jr., students are working on the "Lettuce Varietal Trial Using a Kratky Hydroponic System Under Greenhouse Conditions" and the "Yield Performance of Broccoli Applied with Different Microbial Inoculants Under Greenhouse Conditions."

Frank Daniel Dy is leading the lettuce research project, while Delbert Sebastian Jr. is the lead of the broccoli study. Both projects aim to determine which crops perform best under specific

greenhouse and hydroponic conditions.

Dean Barba, who holds a PhD in Plant Breeding at the UPLB under the DOST-PCAARRD GREAT Scholarship Program, emphasized the significance of these research endeavors, fully maximizing the learning of the students in the high-end agriculture facility of the university.

"Facilities like this one, once fully operational, will provide better hands-on learning experiences and research-based exposure among students," he said.

Committed to ensuring a rewarding educational journey for its students, CatSU President, Dr. Patrick Azanza, urged students to actively participate in research, leveraging the state-of-the-art technologies available at the

university to enhance their competitiveness.

"We want cutting-edge technologies to be part of the competitive edge of CatSU Agri students. With their involvement in researches such as this, they would develop analytical minds and innovative skills that would make our graduates highly employable and in demand upon graduation," the President said.

Understanding the scientific perspectives and the possible impact on the community of the research projects, the two lead researchers shared the challenges of doing the study and the benefits of their research to the local community.

"In this study of practically determining the best-performing lettuce varietal under the Kratky system, the challenge lies in those crops that have not fully

germinated and in gathering growth rates and sampling. With exposure to this facility, we are gaining more learnings, and I would say that when this becomes successful, we can contribute to the body of knowledge in agriculture," Dy shared.

"We want to determine if we can produce this high-value commodity in the province of Catanduanes. Broccoli is a high-value crop with a significant market value, compared to staple crops, selling for around 500 pesos per kilo in Catanduanes. This presents an opportunity to market this crop and produce it locally," Sebastian expressed his enthusiasm for the broccoli project.

Both students also shared insight into what motivated them

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To alleviate financial burden

250 CatSU students get educational aid from DSWD, Ako Bicol Partylist

Anjo G. Tugay

In support to students facing financial difficulties, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and AKO BIKOL Partylist partnered to provide financial assistance to 250 student-beneficiaries of Catanduanes State University (CatSU) on October 3, 2023, at the university gymnasium.

CatSU President, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, expressed his gratitude to AKO-BICOL Partylist and DSWD for their support in assisting CatSU students, highlighting the significant impact of this financial support on indigent students' education.

"Ini tabing programa, dakulang tabang sa satong mga estudyante sa CatSU. Kaya, ako man talagang naghihinguha maki-coordinate sa gabos na pwedeng hagadan nin tabang,"

the President shared.

The President also shared how the partylist has been helping CatSU, particularly the coliseum not just educational aid but also infrastructure development which is set to rise inside the Main Campus.

"Bako sana iyan ang natatabang kan AKO-BIKOL partylist, last year nagdulok ako sa opisina ni Congressman Zaldy Co, sa tabang syempre ni former Congressman Alfredo (Pido) Garbin, naghagad kita nin pondo para sa CatSU. Ang itutugdok na sarong dakula na colesium na ang pondo nasa 100 milyon this year," he announced.

The President further said that the university would secure a total of 300 million for the realization of the project.



EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE SECURED. The Department of Social Welfare and Development in collaboration with the AKO BIKOL PARTYLIST granted educational assistance to a number of students from Catanduanes State University.

CatSU submits three programs for AACCCUP preliminary Survey visit

Anjo G. Tugay



UNDER PRESSURE. COEd faculty gathered in the accreditation room to prepare necessary documents for evaluation of their college's curricular programs by accreditors.

The Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCCUP) preliminary survey visit commenced on Monday, October 2, at the Accreditation Room of Catanduanes State University.

Following the opening meeting, a breakout session took place for the College of Agriculture and Fisheries and the College of Education, for the evaluation of select programs.

The AACCCUP visit evaluated three academic programs, all for the first time: Bachelor of Culture and Arts Education, Bachelor of Physical Education, and Bachelor of Science in Fisheries.

The accreditation survey team was led by Dr. Christopher S. Vicencio from Bulacan State University (BulSU) with Dr. Karla

C. Salvallon of Central Philippines State University (CPSU), leading the accreditation process for Bachelor of Culture and Arts Education, Ms. Evelyn N. Dagami from Rizal Technological University (RTU), overseeing the accreditation for Bachelor of Physical Education; and Prof. Paul B. Doronila, also from CPSU, heading the accreditation for Bachelor of Science in Fisheries.

Successful completion of the said survey visit would grant the assessed programs a Candidate status, valid for two (2) years, a recognition that signifies a significant step toward achieving higher standards of academic excellence and quality assurance at CatSU.

2023 USWAG winners announced; CICT, CHUMMS faculty - researchers scoop top awards

Anjo G. Tugay and Darwin M. Bongon

The Search for USWAG

Awards held on October 5-6 at the E-Crown Hotel and Resort revealed the winners in both the Non-Science and Technology (N-S&T) and Science and Technology (S&T) categories, recognizing top research and contributions from the academe.

In the Non-S&T category, which includes research in the social sciences, humanities, business and education, the top spot was clinched by the research titled "Lived Experiences of Typhoon Rolly Survivors in Catanduanes," authored by Dr. Ramon Felipe A. Sarmiento, Dr. Joel Jordan, Prof. Maricel S. Cariaso, and Prof. Ma. Nena T. Vital.

The 2nd Place was secured by the research titled "Gender-Fair Language at Work-Recognition, Beliefs, Willingness, and Challenges from Government Agencies of Catanduanes," authored by Dr. Jimmylen Z. Tonio

from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUMSS).

Meanwhile, the 3rd Place was claimed by the research titled "Ang Kuwento Nina Kurakog at Kalarab: Mga Danas, Istorya, at Historya ng mga Bagamanocnon ng Ilihan Point," authored by Ma. Sofia S. Llaguno and Dr. Jovert R. Balunsay.

In the S&T Category, the top spot was secured by the research titled "Browser-Based Document Tracking System with QR-Code Technology for Catanduanes State University," authored by Dr. Gemma G. Acedo, Gregory M. Bola, and Andrea S. Morales.

The 2nd Place was awarded to the research titled "Utilization and Development of Libas (Spondias sp.) Leaves as Powdered Souring Agent," authored by Ms. Robelle M. Tapado, while the 3rd Place went to the research titled 'Knowledge Discovery in Database (KDO)-based Rice Farmer Registry

System at LGU, San Andres, Catanduanes: Prototype Development,' authored by Dr. Belen M. Tapado.

Special awards included the Research Productivity Award, which was earned by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUMSS), and the Best Publishable Paper Award in the S&T Category, which went to Ms. Robel L. Tapado for the research titled "Utilization and Development of Libas (Spondias sp.) Leaves as a Souring Agent."

The research titled "Gender-Fair Language at Work-Recognition, Beliefs, Willingness, and Challenges from Government Agencies of Catanduanes" was recognized in the Non-S&T Category.

The Best Scientific Poster Award was given to the research titled "Assessment of Blue Swimming Crab *Portunus Pelagicus* (Linnaeus, 1758) Fisheries in Northern

Catanduanes, Philippines," authored by Prof. Recie B. Bonaos and Jozem Niño I. Morales in the Scientific Category.

In the Non-S&T Category, the award was claimed by the research titled "Pagsusuri sa Pinagmulan ng Pangalan ng mga Barangay sa Catanduanes," authored by April Grace Lazado-Maca and Josephine T. Tomagan.

The board of evaluators for the event included Dr. Rosana S. Abundo, Dr. Kristian Q. Aldea, Dr. Jose Z. Tria, Professor Ma. Cecilia T. Arcilla, Dr. Mary Jean S. Romero, and Engr. Marie Grace T. Molina.

Winners and special awardees received a cash prize, a certificate, and a plaque and were honored during the Gabi ng Parangal on October 25, in celebration of the 11th Charter Anniversary of the university.



BEST SCIENTIFIC POSTER. Prof. Recie B. Bonaos And Prof. Jozem Niño I. Morales were recognized of the said award under the scientific category, last October 5-6, on the Search for USWAG Awards at E-Crown Hotel and Resort.

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to pursue degrees in Agriculture. Frank Daniel expressed that he chose to study BS in Agriculture because his "passion lies in being closely connected to nature." On the other hand, Delbert shared that he aspired to become a farmer since childhood and aims to acquire extensive knowledge and expertise in the field.

CatSU's vision is to become a globally recognized green research university, and the innovative research of students and faculty, such as hydroponics projects, contribute significantly to achieving that vision. The commitment to serve the community is evident in these projects to aim to improve agricultural practices and generate sustainable high-value crops for Catanduanes.*

CatSU celebrates 11 Charter Day with different college-sponsored contests

Albert G. Clemente

In an opportunity for the students to witness, participate in, and enjoy various activities for the university's 11th Charter Celebration, different college-sponsored events were held simultaneously on October 24.

Here are some behind-the-scenes from two events: Laro ng Lahi, organized by the College of Science, and the Singing Contest of the College of Education.

Other college-sponsored activities were essay writing (College of Agriculture and Fisheries), charcoal rendering (College of Engineering and Architecture), 'College Feud' (College of Humanities and Social Sciences), vlogging competition and mobile photography (College of Information and Communications Technology), quiz bee (College of Business and Accountancy), and photo essay (College of Health Science).

The events were organized by the different college student councils, through the University Student Council and the Office of Student Affairs and Development Services.



FUN-FILLED ACADEMIC BREAK. After completing midterms, students were able to unwind and participate in college-sponsored events during the university's charter anniversary in October.

AACCUP survey visit underway at CatSU

Anjo G. Tugay

The Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) commenced its survey visit on October 16, 2023, at the Catanduanes State University's Accreditation Room.

This visit marks the beginning of Phase 2 for various programs at the university, including the 4th Survey Re-Visit for the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics, 4th Survey Visit for Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Secondary Education, and Bachelor of Science in Economics, and the 3rd Survey Visit for the Master of Arts in Mathematics Education.

The opening meeting, which set the stage for this

crucial accreditation process, took place in the morning and brought together university administrators, faculty members, and AACCUP representatives.

The rigorous evaluation process went in until October 18.

Throughout the evaluation process, the accreditation team closely examined the programs' curricula, faculty qualifications, facilities, and other key aspects to ensure they align with the required standards.

The university looked forward for the positive outcomes as this would lead the university to an institutional accreditation status.



ONLINE FACE-OFF. Accreditors and faculty members of the College of Health Sciences face each other virtually for accreditation.

A dynamic and modern learning space is set to become the center of knowledge, creativity, and collaboration at the Catanduanes State University (CatSU).

The CatSU Modern Library brings a promise of vast digital collections, opening the door to endless knowledge within the fingertip's reach.

For BSED-English Major students Mae T. Bajaro, Kimberly A. Templonuevo, and Allysa Joy P. Taller, the library plays a special role in their campus journey as it offers them peace amidst the hassle of the academic requirements, providing them a conducive environment for interactive and focused learning.

"Para po samo, [ang library] ay lugar na makaadal kami, [dahil] may peace at walang istorbo. Gapalibrary po kami pag need mi nin peaceful place [para magadal]."

"Last time nagpa-library po kami ta ga-item analysis kami. Naghanap kami nin book sa item analysis for reference mi po," they added.

Among the remarkable transformations awaiting the students and faculty are the modern furniture designed to foster collaborative learning, air conditioning units, and free WiFi access to ensure that they are readily-connected with the digital world. The library's expansion will also boost its capacity, allowing it to accommodate more than 100 students and faculty.

With these world class upgrades, students are filled with excitement as the countdown to the library's

grand opening approaches, which is set to happen this November.

"Actually, maexcite na po kami. Nag-uusap kami kung saarin daw mabukas ang E-library kasi yaexpect mi po na mas maimprove pa po ang experiences mi po sa library," Mae eagerly said.

As the library continues to reach greater heights with its modernized developments, Ms. Jena T. Perez, College Librarian III, encourages everyone to make the most out of the E-library but also maintain the culture of respect amongst the users as well as with the facilities and resources offered.

Meanwhile, the college librarian emphasized on the significance of the E-library in an age where information is readily-accessible with just a single click.

"Kami sa library kung baga, ga adapt man sa mga changes. Ngunyan na information society na kita dakol na ang information na pwede mo nang makua kung sain. Pero importante man syempre na igwa kita nin library na maprovide nin relevant, updated, and appropriate resources."

While information is indeed more accessible than ever, the CatSU Modern Library symbolizes the university's active effort to keep up with the global educational trends, providing students with relevant and up-to-date content to ensure their ability to adapt to the ever-changing world.

The CatSU E-library shall serve as a beacon of hope in nurturing young minds and developing lifelong learners.



CatSU E-Library:

A dynamic and modern learning space

Rochellee Jane C. Idanan

CatSU's 'Padagos na Patanos' mobile medical mission reaches over a hundred patients in Bato, Catanduanes

Anjo G. Tugay



The **Catanduanes State University (CatSU)** hosted its "Padagos na Patanos" Mobile Medical Mission in Barangay Cabugao, Bato, Catanduanes in October as part of the university's 11th charter anniversary celebrations.

The mission successfully reached out to more than a hundred adult and pediatric patients, providing them with medical assistance and support.

A thoughtful gesture of the university's commitment to the well-being of the community, the

College of Education's EduKain Program, led by Professor Jane Rose C. Azanza, provided nutritious 'lugaw', while the president, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza served hot pandesal to those in attendance.

The spirit of giving did not stop there. Donations of essential medical supplies, including boxes, bottles, and tablets of medicines, poured in, amplifying the mission's impact and equipping the medical team with the necessary resources to address the patients' needs.

The university's commitment to community well-being was further solidified by volunteer doctors, Dr. Arman Jefferson Espinola and Dr. Robert John Aquino, who provided free medical consultations, enhancing the quality of care offered during the mission.

Slated for the next mobile medical mission are the towns of Viga and San Andres, as the university continues expanding its services to the community.

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CatSU's Cabugao basketball clinic: shaping future stars

Anjo G. Tugay

Catanduanes State University hosted a basketball sports clinic in Cabugao yesterday, with one clear mission: to cultivate young talent with the 'star' values of sportsmanship, teamwork, attitude, and respect.

Led by brother coaches John Winston Dianela and John Earl Dianela, assisted by CatSU varsity players Marvin Leosala and Kirk Darell Molina, 30 kids were nurtured on and off the court during the clinic.





Giving back through an artwork: CatSUan cum laude grad's inspiring 'milktea craze' story

Albert G. Clemente

In the bustling heart of the campus, an inspiring story of connection and appreciation unfolded within the academic community.

It all began with 'sobrang sad ako now' Facebook post in November 2021, when 23-year-old Michael Andrew S. Bobier, together with his two friends, joined the bandwagon of milk tea craze requests, tagging the university president, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza.

Little did they know that their request would be answered. In a matter of minutes, the CatSU president saw the post and replied, 'ta padarhan'.

Drawing inspiration from milk tea, the cum laude graduate and now an employee of the university shared how Pinoy's favorite sweet drink led him to quench his thirst for creativity by collaborating with a local artisan to craft a one-of-a-kind keychain resembling Dr. Azanza and his leadership symbol the 'Padagos na Patanos Movement'.

The attention to detail of the artwork was striking, capturing the president's dignified presence and commitment to education and public service.

Although he has come a long way since that playful Facebook post, Michael's gratitude and admiration for the president remains unwavering, even describing Dr. Azanza as a 'Man of Consistent Words and Actions'.

"Bilang new graduate, saro po ako sa tawong nakaeksperyensya nin pagkamatuwangon nin satuyang maboot asin mahigos na president, Doc Pat," Michael explained.

"Dae po kami masawang magpasalamat sainya, Dios an magbalos po," he added.

During an event organized by the university, Michael had the chance to personally give his artwork to the president.

Dr. Azanza accepted the keychain

with warmth, "sobrang nakakatuwa at nakakawala ng pagod 'yong mga ganitong expression of thoughtfulness. Talagang sobrang appreciated ko lalo na dahil alam kong ibinuhos ang talento, oras at pagmamahal para lang maparamdam sa kapwa na special sila," he stated.

As Michael continues to make his mark as an employee, the president carries with him a keychain, not just as a symbol of gratitude but as a reminder of the connections that can be forged in the most unexpected ways—whether through a simple tag or a shared cup of milk tea.

The story underscores the power of social media to bridge the gap between students and university leaders and showcases the remarkable potential for personal and professional growth that can be nurtured within the supportive environment of an educational institution.

Enhancing pedagogical skills: CoEd organizes Paggiya Seminar

Anjo G. Tugay

In an effort to equip aspiring educators with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the world of teaching, the College of Education (COED) hosted "Paggiya," a pre-service teacher development seminar.

The event, named after the Bicol term for guidance, reflects the college's commitment to nurturing and guiding its students toward becoming quality graduates.

COED has a history of producing exceptional educators who go on to make a positive impact in their communities.

With "Paggiya," they aim to further enhance the skills and abilities of their pre-service teachers, ensuring that they are well-equipped to meet the demands of modern education.



Maalab na pagbati sa kahusayang ipinamalas ng nag-iisang Batikang Direktor ng Catanduanes State University (CatSU) - Sentro ng Wika at Kulturang Filipino, Dr. Jovert R. Balunsay!

Kinilala ang kahusayan ni Dr. Balunsay bilang Best Research Presenter, sa pagtalakay ng kaniyang pananaliksik na may pamagat na 'Mga Varayting Okopasyonal Hango sa Isang Komunidad

Pangwika ng mga Paraoma sa Rehiyong Bikol: Batayan sa Pagbuo ng Mungkahing Etnikong Talatinigang Bikol-Filipino' sa ginanap na Lirip 7: Pandaigdigang Kumperensiya sa Pilipino, nitong Setyembre 28-30, 2023, sa University of Southern Mindanao, Kabakan, Cotabato.

Muli, mainit na pagbati!

Relieving the moments of inspiration

Anjo G. Tugay

More snaps from September 29, the final day of the 'PADAYAW SA ISLA' exhibit, when Senior High School students from Catanduanes National High School and Bato Rural Development High School, especially those from TVL and STEM strands, flocked to witness research outputs and innovations of Catanduanes State University students and faculty.



#CatSUUpgrade Chronicles of Campus Life

Men's Dormitory as an enduring symbol of aspirations and brotherhood

Rochellee Jane C. Idanan and Joy Antoinette G. Ordoña

As Catanduanes State

University (CatSU) welcomes another chapter in its history of groundbreaking initiatives for student development, the first-ever Men's Dormitory is met with excitement and anticipation from male students who are ready to take on the experience that will redefine their college journey.

"Nakakaexcite po," Ryan T. Suarez, a 4th Year BSED English student gleefully shared. "Mabawasan na rin 'yong mga nasakitan maghanap ng boarding house. Also, dae na masakitan yung mga hadlayo ang uwian [alog sako] ta adiyang lang ang Men's Dorm, inside the campus lang."

As a graduating Education student, Ryan plans to stay in the Men's Dormitory for his Teaching Internship because of the convenience offered by the dorm's location.

"This November kasi, we will have our FS 2 or Teaching Assistanship either sa Catanduanes National High School or Calatagan High School. Kaya I'm planning to stay sa men's dorm kasi malapit lang and para dae na ako magpala biyahe for the reason [na] taga San Andres ako."

"Habo kong malate kapag na assign na ako sa school. Kasi as a future educator, dapat perming agap sa school," he added, emphasizing the facility's role in shaping responsible, diligent, and purposeful individuals.

Similarly, Michael John S. Eusebio, a first-year Physical Education student, shared that

he had been looking forward to moving to the Men's Dormitory because of its affordable price and close proximity to the CatSU Oval.

"Matagal ko na pong balak lumipat sa dormitory ng CatSU. Bukod po sa mura lang ang rent, hindi na rin po ako mamroblema sa pamasaha... It is very helpful especially to those students na malalayo ang bahay na inuwanian. Isang dahilan na rin po ay yung distance nito sa oval. Mas may chance makapag training or practice ang mga male athletes or students na sporty (like me po)."

The excitement surrounding the Men's Dormitory goes beyond its strategic location inside the campus as it also offers complete housing amenities in each room, free WiFi connection to all its residents, and security cameras for enhanced safety features. For just P1,200 per month, students can enjoy all the benefits that the new dorm has to offer.

"Barato lang unlike sa ibang dormitories na gaabot ning P2,000+, mas makakatipid ang students kung ma stay sinda sa men's dorm... [Looking forward din] sa free Wi-Fi kasi kaipo ko yun sa pag adal and sana makusog ang internet," Ryan stated, delighted with the inclusion of free WiFi among the many perks offered by the dorm.

With excitement buzzing throughout the campus for the opening of the Men's Dormitory, the new building will represent a new chapter in CatSU's history books as a testament



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RYAN T. SUAREZ

a 4th Year BSED English student, gleefully shared as he looked forward to the opening of the Men's Dormitory

to the university's commitment to providing an exceptional, inclusive, and well-rounded educational experience at an inexpensive cost.



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MICHAEL JOHN S. EUSEBIO

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The historical Men's Dormitory will stand as an enduring symbol of aspirations and brotherhood of young men who will soon call it home.

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CAMPUS NEW

LOOK



First in History: CatSU reveals newest residence hall for male students

Rochellee Jane C. Idanan

For the first time since the university's inception, Catanduanes State University is poised to extend its on-campus boarding facility for male students with the establishment of the new Men's Dormitory, marking a monumental endeavor in CatSU's history of elevating students' campus experience

With a total of 62 rooms, the newly established Men's Dormitory offers a sleek and modern facility designed to accommodate more than 200 students, with separate lodgings

for visitors, and an office for the dorm manager. Each room can cater to four students, offering comfort and efficiency with its ergonomic bunkbeds and readily available foam mattresses.

The two-story building also boasts a spacious kitchen and common study area to provide students with a conducive learning environment as they build a sense of community and camaraderie among themselves. A free WiFi connection for its residents is also provided to assist students in their academic

journey while ensuring that they are connected with their families without incurring additional costs.

The building is also equipped with CCTV cameras and security guards on duty to provide its residents with an added layer of security as they experience all that campus life has to offer.

With an affordable monthly rental of P1,200 per student, the Men's Dormitory aims to open its doors for occupancy before the year ends.

With its exceptional facilities at a cost-effective rate, the

Men's Dormitory will serve as the cornerstone of CatSU's commitment to providing its students with a well-rounded education as they prepare to become individuals who are destined for success and excellence.



Unleashing creative prowess through Writing

Rochellee Jane C. Idanan

In a bid to foster literary talent and promote cultural heritage, Catanduanes State University (CatSU), through its Center for Catandungan Heritage and Sentro ng Wika at Kultura, in collaboration with SurTe, hosted a

lecture on literary arts featuring esteemed writers from the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA), on October 5.

Offering a dynamic platform for creative expression, the event aims to empower students, faculty, and local

writers to unleash their creative prowess through writing and elevate their cultural awareness of the rich literary heritage of Catanduanes.



The Catanduanes State University answers the call to transform teaching into a more attractive and valorized profession where teachers are valued, trusted, and adequately supported to meet the needs of every learner.

In celebration of World Teachers' Day, #Together4Teachers, we continue to honor your unwavering service to help every child develop their full potential.

Happy Teachers' Day to the CatSU Faculty!



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