BU holds university-wide Christmas program

To celebrate the Christmas Season, the BU-Association of Non-Teaching Staff (BUANTS) and the BU-Union of Faculty Associations, Inc. (BUFAI) organized a university-wide Christmas party at the BU College of Engineering (BUCENG) Gymnasium on December 17, 2015.

All teaching and non-teaching staff of the different colleges, campuses, and units of Bicol University (BU) trooped to the BUCENG gymnasium for a communal Christmas program that highlighted dinner and dancing spiced up by a raffle draw at intervals. During the program, BU President Arnulfo M. Mascariñas gave a message of thanks for a bountiful year and of looking forward to 2016.

This is the first time that the entire Bicol University family came together for an institutional celebration of Christmas, which, in the past years had been done by college/unit. (Ma. Celina G. Meneses/OP)

BUCE programs to undergo Level IV accreditation

The Bicol University College of Education welcomed accreditors from Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities on December 16-17, 2015 when it underwent Accreditation Survey Visit (Level IV - Phase 2).

The AACCUP accreditors was headed by AACCUP Executive Director Dr. Manuel T. Corpus, the overall coordinator of the survey visit.

Dr. Helen F. de los Santos of the Philippine Normal University and Dr. Eligio B. Sacayanan of Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University evaluated the Bachelor of Elementary Education Program.

The Bachelor of Secondary Education program accreditors were Dr. Boyet L. Batang of Isabel State University and Dr. Isabelita S. Bacus of the University of Rizal System.

BU alumni notch places in September 2015 LET results

Three graduates of Bicol University (BU) notched places in the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) held last September 27, 2015 in at least 25 testing centers in the Philippines.

Gerry France

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### Institutional Highlights

- Germany, Singapore universities tied up with BU for the STEP program on January 20
- BUCAL held the first Andurog Awards on February 27 at Hotel St. Ellis
- Mascariñas was named BU’s 8th President on March 4
- Pitching Workshop on Bicol University-Based Technologies was held on June 24-26
- BU was recognized as one of the TOP PERFORMING SCHOOLS in Social Work in the July exam
- The BU Sentro ng Wika at Kultura was launched on August 3
- BU celebrated its 46th anniversary on September 4
- BUESC hosted the US EDEN Visit on September 18
- BUGS held the 2nd National Academic Colloquium on October 19-21 at the La Piazza Hotel
- BU hosted the PAEDA 50th Biennial Convention on October 22-23
- BU maintained its ISO certificate
- BU was named as the 3rd Top Performing School October CPA exam
- China Ambassador donated 1M to BU on October 15
- BU hosted the PASUC National Culture and the Arts Festival 2015 on November 30 to December 2

### Student Achievers

#### Leonard Mateos
Mr. State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association 2015

#### Monico Paulo B. Rañosa (CBEM)
January B. Merilles (CE)
Therese Isabelle Vega (CAL)
2015 TOSB awardees

#### Arlene Clerigo Borbor
84.50%  Rank 9
April 2015 Registered Master Electrician Exam

#### Carlo Cervantes Vibar
88.95, Rank 2
Gabrielle Castuera Carpio, 87.75, Rank 9
April 2015 Midwifery Licensure Exam

#### Benedict Rey Montas Serrano, 86.4%
, Rank 1
April 2015 Nursing Licensure Exam

#### Fauziah Gerine Segubiense Rey
Rank 3, 85.50%
July 2015 Social Work Licensure Examination

#### Gerry France Guardian
Gubat Campus, Rank 8, 85.20%
Jenny Rose Mapusao De Los Santos
Polangui Campus, Rank 9, 85.00%
Christine Novio Verga
BUCE, Rank 10, 84.80%
Licensure Exam for Teachers Elementary Level September 2015

#### Monico Paulo B. Rañosa, Rank 10, 90.86%
Certified Public Accountant October 2015 Licensure Examination

#### Chrystelyn Siena Quides
AB Broadcasting graduate, Batch 2013
2015 APEC Video Contest Winner

#### John Cyril Yee
AB Journalism
(Recipient of the Dongseo University Exchange Student Program in Busan, South Korea)

#### Rashiel James Cagampang
4th year, BUCEILS high school (Exchange student at Takatori Kokusai High School under the AFS Intercultural Program and Kamenori Foundation)
Faculty International Paper Presentations and Engagements

ENGR. MEDEL E. ALIGAN
“Evaluation of the BS Geothermal Engineering Program of the Bicol University College of Engineering, Legazpi City, Philippines”
World Geothermal Congress
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, Australia,
April 19-24, 2015

DR. JOCelyn I. BARTOLATA, DR. MA. CELINA G. MENESES, AND PROF. GEMMA B. BELLENA
“The Language Practicum Learning Experience of AB English 2013”, Job Performance of the Language Practicum Trainees 2013, Industry Profile of Sponsoring Organizations of AB English Language Practicum Trainees”
European Conference on Education (ECE) 2015
International Academic Forum (IAFOR), Brighton, United Kingdom,
July 1- 5, 2015

SYLVA ELENA B. PAYONGA
“Enhancing Income Generation in State Universities and Colleges”
15th Annual SEAAR International Conference: Internationalization and Inclusivity of Higher Education in South East Asia: Perspective, Practices and Pragmatics, Trade University, Hanoi, Vietnam,
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2015

TERESITA B. PEQUEÑA
“Purification Improvement and Sustainable Utilization of Native Chicken Strains in Bohol and Zamboanga Peninsula”
Joint Conference of ISSAAS 2015 International Congress and General Meeting, and 118th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Tropical Agriculture, Tokyo University of Agriculture, Setagaya, Tokyo, Japan,
Nov. 7-9, 2015

LOURDITA A. LLANTO
“Artificial Insemination for Cattle and Carabaos in Bicol Region, Philippines: Its Implementation and Assessment”
2nd International Conference on Agriculture, Animal Science and Aquaculture 2015 at Galadari Hotel, Columbo, Sri Lanka,
December 28-29, 2015

HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIETY (HKIEPS), HONG KONG, DECEMBER 16-18, 2015

PROF. RAMIL c. CHAVENIA
Third International Storytelling Festival Thailand, January 24-25, 2015

DR. SHIRLEY N. MALOLES AND DR. AURORA M. MONJARDIN
“Barangay Arimbay Indigenous Verbal Lore: An Anthology of Riddles” and “Barangay Arimbay’s Indigenous Verbal Lore: Án Anthology of Folksongs”
Sixth Asian Conference on Arts and Humanities (ACAH 2015), Osaka, Japan, April 2-6, 2015

DR. REBECCA ROSARIO O. BERCASIO
“Assessment of the Initial Implementation of the Ladderized Teacher Education Program for Preschool”
DR. HELEN M. LLENARESAS
“Model of the K-12 Aligned Teacher Education Program for Preschool”

DR. REBECCA ROSARIO O. BERCASIO, PROF. MERRIAM P. MALDO, AND PROF. AGNES M. REONAL
“Towards a Responsive Teacher Education Program in Bicol University, Philippines: Focus on Mother Tongue-based Multilingual Education”
DR. JOCelyn J. PAJE
“Feasibility of the Ladderized Teacher Education Program for Preschool”

PROF. ADRIAN B. AGUILAR
“Land for Landless”
4th International Conference on Disaster Management and Human Health (“Reducing Risk, Improving Outcomes”)
İstanbul, Turkey,
May 20-22, 2015

SHIELA I. ARROCO
“Assessment of waste Management Initiatives of Selected HEIs in the Bicol Region”
3rd Global Conference on Engineering, Business, Education and Sciences (GCEBES 2015), Grand Hyatt Taipei, Taipei, Taiwan
Dec. 11-12, 2015

FE L. BINALINGBING
“Perinatal Practices by Women in the Province of Albay: Implications to Maternal-Child Health”
International Workshop on Psychological Interventions After Disasters, Taipei, Taiwan,
November 9-12, 2015

DR. AURORA M. MALOLES AND PROF. GEMMA B. BELLENA
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PROF. RICHARD D. MADRILEJOS
“Chant then Act: Stage Acting through Mantra Meditation”
International Conference of Asia Scholars, Adelaide, Australia, July 5-9, 2015

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Guardian of BU Gubat Campus bagged the eighth place with a rating of 85.20 per cent while Jenny Rose Mapusao Delos Santos of BU Polangui Campus clinched the ninth spot with 85.00 per cent. Christine Novio Verga of BU College of Education (BUCE-Main Campus) secured the tenth spot with 84.40 per cent in the recent board exam for elementary teachers.

According to the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), out of the 68,442 examinees in the elementary level, 21,461 elementary teachers passed the exam. In the secondary level, 34,010 passed out of the 81,463 examinees throughout the country. (Suzene Cajegas)

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To be awarded a Level IV-Phase 2 accreditation, the academic program must have excellent outcomes in five areas: instruction, research, extension service, international linkages and consortia and planning processes.

Among the documents that the AACCUP Team examined were those pertaining to whether the program objectives are consistent with the VMGO, extent of researches in refereed journals, studies on the impact of extension service programs and the planning processes that sustain quality in the academic programs.

Programs that pass AACCUP standards and are awarded accreditation status lend prestige to member-institutions since it is evidence of quality standards. These also help parents know which program they may send their children to for quality education.

Accreditation of curricular programs is administered by Quality Assurance Team through Dr. Leonila B. Barbacena with the supervision of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs headed by Dr. Helen M. Llenaresas. On December 14, Dr. Barbacena scheduled a mock visit with Engr. Medel E. Aligan, Prof. Ma. Elaine I. Salazar, Dr. Celerino Palacio and Dr. Viola L. Amano.

BU College of Education first underwent the formal survey visit in 2001 and passed Level II accreditation in 2006, Level III in 2013 and Level IV-Phase I in 2014.

The BU College of Education has come a long way since its beginnings as Albay Normal School and Bicol Teachers College and as the teacher training college of the university in 1969. (Ma. Elaine I. Salazar/VPAAO)

BUTC conducts Orientation, Organization of Campus Disaster Response Team

Recognizing the importance of rationally engaging in matters that will prevent and mitigate, in its own capacity, man-made and natural disasters, the BUTC Extension Office, together with the Office of Disaster Response spearheaded a two-day orientation and organization of the BUTC Disaster Response Team from December 7 to 8, 2015 at the Dean Geronimo Lavilla Hall of the Campus.

Ms. Vanessa Biescas, Fire Officer of the Bureau of Fire Protection Regional Office No.5, an alumna of the Campus, talked about the importance of organizing a disaster response team, and the nature of disaster response along the areas of flood, earthquake, and fire. Her discussion revolved around the implementation of Republic Act 10121 otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction Management Act as well as some provisions of RA 9514 which is an act establishing a comprehensive fire code of the Philippines repealing Presidential Decree No.1185 and for other purposes. She stressed that panic occurs physically and emotionally after the occurrence of a disaster.

The speakers willingly accommodated and answered all the queries of the participants during the Open Forum.

The second day was spent on the conduct of a simple fire and earthquake drill as well as the organization of the Campus Disaster Response Team which was facilitated by FO Biescas.

Said undertaking was actively participated in by selected BUTC teaching and non-teaching personnel, including those on Job Order status. (Maria Luisa U. Tango, BUTC)

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