



# TSU hosts 2023 ROTC Games orientation; Sen. Tolentino gives extra push to cadets



To build up sports development among the ROTC cadets, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), in collaboration with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the Department of National Defense (DND), initiated the orientation on June 30, 2023 for the Philippine ROTC Games (PRG) 2023 at

the TSU Main Campus.

The PRG, or the ROTC Games, was conceptualized by its honorary chairman Senator Francis Tolentino, who graced the orientation's afternoon session at the TSU Gymnasium.

“The idea that we started when we thought of a way to revitalize the ROTC

program enabled us to craft this ROTC Games,” Sen. Tolentino said.

The sports activity will be participated by ROTC cadets from all over the country who are eyed to gather promising young athletes and train them to raise the Philippine banner in

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After a year of holdover in administrative positions, Tarlac State University's Board of Regents has approved the appointment of the Administrative Council members who

will serve under the term of Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, the fifth TSU President.

The 46 university officials were appointed through Board Resolution

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# SAS honors outstanding student leaders, orgs, pubs

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Exceptional student leaders, journalists, and organizations of Tarlac State University were given recognition during the Araw Ng Parangal 2023, organized by the Office of Student Affairs and Services on June 9 at the Kaisa Convention Hall in Tarlac City.

we shared to serve the students,” he said. Bote added that during his term, his primary goal was to prioritize the students’ welfare through the service provided by his council.

Meanwhile, The Work Editor-in-Chief Crystal Gayle Rosete was awarded the Student Journalist of the Year.



The awardees were determined based on their accomplishments and contributions to the university per their mandate for the academic year 2022-2023.

Student councils of the College of Business and Accountancy (CBA) and College of Engineering (COE) were named Outstanding Student Councils.

University-wide and college-based student organizations also received recognition for fulfilling their roles in serving the TSU community.

Moreover, individual awards were given to selected students for steering their respective groups toward excellence.

CBA Governor Timothy Julian Bote was recognized as the Outstanding Student Leader of the Year.

According to Bote, the best part of being a student leader is reaping what he has planted in the community.

“During the awards night, as I held those plaques where our awards were indicated, I felt that those were the tangible fruits of our hard work as a council. Engraved on those are the sacrifices we made, tears we shed, and sleepless nights

As a civil engineering student who spent five years in college, she considered writing, photography, and graphic design as instruments to manifest her passion while studying.

In an interview, Rosete shared that being a student journalist helped her become a more optimistic and well-balanced learner. “If it’s your calling, don’t hesitate and just grab the opportunity because there is more to life than just sitting in the four corners of the classroom,” she said.

Furthermore, Vice President for



Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes Macaraeg, Vice President for Research Development and Extension Dr. Murphy Mohammed, and SAS Director Prof. Gherold C. Benitez graced the awarding ceremony.



# USM visits TSU for benchmarking activity

Jeanne Arleigh Acio [OPA Intern]

Tarlac State University welcomed the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) for a benchmarking activity concerning the operations and best practices of the College of Engineering and Technology and College of Computer Studies on June 20, 2023 at the Engineering AVR.

USM officials, led by Dr. Francisco Gil Garcia, learned about TSU’s infrastructure, quality assurance, flexible learning, student and faculty mobility, and research and extension services.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco thanked the USM delegates for considering TSU in its benchmarking activities through a message read by Executive Secretary Dr. Ronnie A. Dungo.

“We appreciate you for including Tarlac State University in your team’s list of places to visit. I hope you’ll be familiar with our best practices and noteworthy performance in the CET and the CCS programs. Your confidence in our abilities and dedication to ongoing growth will motivate us to advance and enhance our procedures,” the message read.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg was



also present to welcome the guests.

The USM delegation is composed of Vice President for Administration and Finance Dr. Eimer M. Estilloso, Kidapawan City Campus Chancellor Dr. Ronielyn F. Pinsoy, College of Arts and Social Sciences Dean Prof. Marcos F. Monderin, and Chief Administrative Officer Ms. Quenielyn L. Durendes.

Meanwhile, the TSU officials

who answered the queries during the open forum are CCS Dean Dr. Alvincent E. Danganan, CET Dean Dr. Marie Wendy J. Frany, CET Associate Dean Engr. Susan Nina A. Sapad, Mechanical Engineering Chairperson Engr. Adam Romboa, and International Affairs and Linkages Office OIC Head for Academic Programs Dr. Marlon V. Gamido.

# FDA, Gov. Yap, Cong. Yap seek partnership with TSU food tech center

Engr. Dick Tuazon [CFTR]

Food and Drug Administration Director Dr. Samuel A. Zacate, Tarlac Governor Susan Yap, and Tarlac second district representative Christian Yap visited Tarlac State University’s Center for Food Technology and Research in Lucinda Campus on June 14, 2023 for an exploratory meeting and consultation for potential areas for partnership.

Dr. Zacate, together with the FDA team, pitched their plan to provide capacity building and training of trainers for some key personnel of TSU and accreditation of CFTR’s food processing laboratories and analytical laboratories to bridge the gap between the FDA and micro, small,

and medium enterprises (MSMEs) of the Central Luzon.

Gov. Yap and Cong. Yap both showed support for Dr. Zacate’s plans for the CFTR.

Meanwhile, the TSU representatives present in the exploratory meeting and roundtable discussion are CFTR director Prof. Leah T. Matias, Office of Extension Service director Dr. Lea B. Milan, Office of Research Development director Dr. Robert V. Marcos, Center for Natural Products Research director Ms. Geraldine R. Gamoso, and College of Science dean Prof. Mary Jane N. Rigor.



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No. 74, s. 2023 during the BOR special meeting last June 9, 2023, with most positions still filled by deans and directors from the holdover period of April 1, 2022 to June 8, 2023.

The new Administrative Council will serve TSU for one year until June 8, 2023. per TSU Memorandum Circular No. 6, s. 2023.

Moreover, Board Resolution No. 50, s. 2023 signaled the transfer of some offices, the creation of new offices and centers, and the unmerging of the College of Engineering and Technology into two separate colleges.

Three directors under the Office of the University President from the holdover period were redesignated. Meanwhile, the offices of Management Information System and International Affairs and Linkage were retained under the OUP with new directors.

Among the new offices under the OUP are the Culture, Arts, and Language and the Governance and Quality Management, to be manned by new officials. On the other hand, the offices of Quality Assurance, Planning and Development, and Alumni Affairs were transferred to the OUP with redesignated directors.

Under the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, all college deans were reappointed with the addition of the College of Industrial Technology dean.



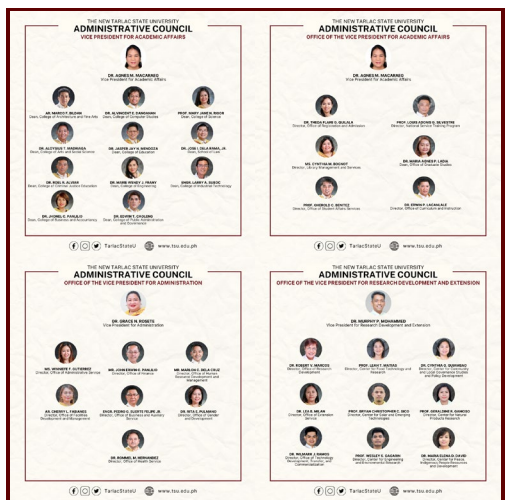
The CIT course offerings were merged under CET during the term of former TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari. CIT's programs are flagship courses of the university as a technological and technical collegiate institution in Tarlac since 1959, when it was known as the Tarlac School of Arts and Trades.

Four academic directors, also from the holdover period, were redesignated, and two new academic offices were created under OVPAA, namely the Office of Graduate Studies and the Office of Curriculum and Instruction.

Like the college deans, all existing directors of the Office of the Vice President for Administration were retained. The Office of Health Service was added to the OVPAA alongside the transfer of the Office of Gender and Development to the aforementioned division.

In line with TSU's vision to become a globally competitive university recognized for excellence in sciences and emerging technologies, the Office of the Vice President for Research Development and Extension now has five new centers with new directors.

The directors of the Research Development, Extension Service, Technology Development, Transfer and Commercialization offices, and the Center for Food Technology and Research have been reappointed.



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future international sports competitions, according to a December 2022 press release from Sen. Tolentino's office.

As a Brigadier General Philippine Army Reservist and Samahan ng Kickboxing ng Pilipinas President, Sen. Tolentino strongly advocates sports development among the ROTC cadets.

He encouraged the ROTC cadets of TSU to focus on honing their potential in sports as a platform for bringing glory to the country.



"Bakit hindi natin simulan sa ROTC pa lang hanggang mapakapag-produce tayo ng isang Hidilyn Diaz, Eumer Marciano, Carlo Paalam, Nesthy Petecio, and other great athletes," he added.

Representatives of partner government agencies and sports directors of higher education institutions (HEIs) from Northern and Central Luzon attended the morning session in preparation for the upcoming PRG, while the university's ROTC cadets participated in the afternoon activity.

During the morning discussion, Coach Ana Dulce Yango, CHED Sports Development and Management Programs project leader, said the program would

strengthen the ROTC cadets through sports.

"Sports is one avenue where we develop physical fitness, mental, psychological, emotional, and social well-being, which is mandated in NSTP," she said.



TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco expressed his support for the PRG as he agreed it would unleash the ROTC cadets' potential to become well-rounded athletes.

"As the President of TSU, I strongly support all the programs of CHED. 'Yung ganitong competition (sports) ay magbibigay ng magandang resulta, of which made-develop ang mga mag-aaral natin. Hindi lang 'yung essence ng panalo, kundi mabuo ang camaraderie at pagkakaibigan," Pres. Velasco said.

"Eventually, ito 'yung magiging dahilan para makapag-produce tayo



ng mga graduates who will compete not only in the Philippines but also in other countries," he added.

PRG registration procedures and the rules and guidelines were also discussed with partner agencies and HEI sports directors in an open forum.

Athletics, arnis, basketball, boxing, e-sports, kickboxing, and volleyball, among others, will be part of the inaugural year's schedule from July 31 to August 6, 2023.

Ms. Lora Yusi, CHED Regional Office III OIC Director, also attended the second part of the program.





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# EDITORIAL

## Choosing the best leaders for the university

Should choosing leaders be complex and challenging? Is it difficult to put trust and confidence in the leaders who are currently sitting in office? Or is trust and confidence enough? These are only a few questions now that it has been a year of change at Tarlac State University, followed by the Board of Regents' approval of the new Administrative Council members.

A year of holdover in administrative positions may seem too long for a university striving for excellence. Since the incumbent TSU president is from a different university, it is not that easy to put people in positions without knowing them personally. That one year of working with the previous administration's officials could be challenging. Still, it is a must, a make-or-break scenario where the university's

chief executive would get to know their potential. He may have put his trust and confidence in some, but is it enough?

Like the national government's landscape, choosing cabinet secretaries and heads of agencies depend on how the appointing official knows the would-be appointee; how the appointing official trusts the would-be appointee. However, the collective success of the country through the administration also rests on the appointee's capacity, capability, and qualifications. Choosing the leaders for TSU is not at all different. Trust and confidence would be a factor, but qualifications are non-negotiable. In addition, the willingness to cooperate towards attaining the university's vision, mission, and strategic directions is paramount. After all, attitude weighs more than skills.

The TSU BOR's approval of the appointments signals another chapter in the university's governance. Most of the officials from the holdover period were retained in their positions, showing their competence and positive attitude to work with a new administration. Some unit heads were promoted to director positions, while other familiar faces returned to the administrative body. This speaks volumes about how the university president puts his confidence in these members of the TSU community.

Moving forward and anticipating a stellar TSU requires able and available leaders and participative members. Naming leaders can be simple if biases and prejudices can be set aside without compromising principles. With TSU at the top of each one's mind, the call to serve would not be a complex matter.

## CHEDRO 3 recognizes TSU for transparency, accountability in financial transactions

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Tarlac State University was awarded by the Commission on Higher Education Regional Office III for its prompt submission of accurate and complete liquidation reports during its 29th CHED Founding Anniversary celebration in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga on May 31, 2023.

Said award is congruent with CHED's mission of elevating higher education standards through transparency and accountability.

"This institution's consistent submission of complete and well-prepared documents demonstrate adherence to quality standards befitting of a higher education institution," the certificate further stated.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg and Vice President for Administration Dr. Grace N. Rosete received the award on behalf of TSU.

In a message, VP Macaraeg congratulated the university's Administrative Council and staff.

"Congratulations, TSU! We owe this to everyone from the Administrative Council [and] to our staff. Let us continue being reliable and dependable," she said.



## TSU's College of Industrial Technology welcomes MSC delegates for benchmarking

■ Jeanne Arleigh Acio [OPA Intern]

Marinduque State College (MSC) visited Tarlac State University for a benchmarking activity focused on the best practices of the newly created College of Industrial Technology (CIT) and the Office of Quality Assurance (OQA) on June 29, 2023 at the TSU Main AVR.

The 19 MSC delegates, led by Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Institutional Quality Assurance Director Asst. Prof. Raoul J. Magcamit, learned about TSU's linkages, research, extension services, and quality assurance.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg welcomed the group and hoped that MSC and TSU would learn from the said activity.

"Thank you very much po in visiting our humble university. And accordingly, if the university will be visited as a part of their benchmarking, that would mean there is development... We believe here at TSU – and I think this is also yours, that benchmarking is also a two-way process... Where you will be learning out of our best practices, and we will be learning as well," VP Macaraeg.

Moreover, CIT Dean Engr. Larry A. Suboc and CIT faculty Prof. Arnel A. Punla answered the group's queries and



gave their insights on increasing linkages, noting that online communication could provide unlimited growth opportunities.

Despite being a newly created college, CIT's programs are flagship courses of TSU. Its roots trace back to the university's thrust as a technological and technical collegiate institution in Tarlac

in 1959 as Tarlac School of Arts and Trades and in 1965 as Tarlac College of Technology.

On the other hand, OQA Director Dr. Niño B. Corpuz shared the university's quality assurance framework and advised the visiting state college on accreditation matters.

## CAFA student artists bag awards in DAP painting competition

■ David Ande Gene P. Pabon

Once again, the College of Architecture and Fine Arts (CAFA) proved to be the home of excellent artists as CAFA students and instructors took home awards during the Development Academy of the Philippines' on-the-spot painting competition on June 19-20, 2023, held at DAP Conference Center in Tagaytay City.

John Ronn Aviguetero, first-year Fine Arts student, won third place in the tertiary category with his work titled "UGKA - Ugat ng Kaunlaran."

Myjo Maj Perez, a second-year BS Architecture student, and Ira Jho



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Cacanog, a first-year Fine Arts student, were awarded an “honorable mention” under the same category.

Perez’s artwork is titled “ISA-BUHAY” (to put into practice),” while Cacanog’s entry is called “Ang Huling Piraso.”

Meanwhile, Mr. Edno Josen, Fine Arts faculty member, secured second place in the mentor category with his piece called “Batang Makabayan.” All entries used acrylic on canvas.

The TSU delegation to the competition, composed of eight student artists and two faculty members as mentors, was thoroughly selected by the coaching team to represent the university.

The coaching team members are Fine Arts Department Chairperson Mr. Jessie Tadeo Jr., Ar. Rex Sicat Jr., Ar. Jenny Estrada, and Ms. Jenifer Bernardo.

According to Mr. Tadeo, also the student artists’ head coach, the support they received from CAFA and the administration motivated them to perform well in the competition.



“Gusto ko ring magpasalamat sa full support ng CAFA, Tarlac State University, at kay President Velasco sa support when it comes sa pag-provide ng service (for transportation) and also sa moral support na binigay nila. Nakaka-motivate din as their coach na ganun ‘yung binigay nila sa amin,” he said.

In an interview, Aviguetero expressed his high spirits in

representing TSU in the national arts competition, which he considered a dream come true.

“Masaya po sa pakiramdam na mairepresenta yung school namin. Dream ko po na makasali isang araw sa national competition at ‘yung makapag-uwi pa po ng award ay malaking karangalan”, he stated.

Mr. Tadeo also played a significant role in encouraging instructors to contend in the mentor category, as claimed by Mr. Josen.

“Unang nag-invite sakín na sumali ay si Sir Jessie kasi kung hindi rin dahil sa kanya, hindi rin ako makaka-participate sa mentor category,” he said.

Aside from certificates of recognition, the winners also received cash prizes. Mr. Josen received 10,000 pesos, and Aviguetero brought home 5,000 pesos. Meanwhile, Perez and Cacanog accepted 1,000 pesos each from DAP.

Furthermore, the coaching team pledged to continue honing student artists as potential representatives in upcoming national and international arts competitions.



**Association of State Colleges and Universities-Solid North (ASCU-SN) Midyear Festival**  
June 26-29, 2023 | Tarlac Agricultural University (Host SUC)



Tarlac State University sent more than 200 delegates to the Association of State Colleges and Universities-Solid North (ASCU-SN) Midyear Festival, which commenced with an opening ceremony on June 26, 2023 at Tarlac Agricultural University.

Themed “Sulong Norte: Solidifying Northern Relationships Thru Games of Agility and Ingenuity,” the annual sports event is participated by faculty members and non-teaching personnel of 22 state universities and colleges (SUCs) from Regions 1, 2, 3, and the Cordillera Administrative Region.

The ASCU-SN Midyear Festival concluded on June 29, 2023.



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