



## University's BOR challenges TSU admin to continue making an impact in the community



The new Tarlac State University administration along with the Board of Regents immersed in a four-day strategic planning workshop for the calendar year 2023 focused on making TSU a “go-to” university

for instruction, research, extension, and production.

The body convened from January 31 to February 3, 2023 at Acuatico Beach Resort in San Juan, Batangas with agenda consisting

of 2022 accomplishments and 2023 plans. The proposed TSU vision, mission, core values, roadmaps, and organizational structure were

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## TSU retains its 3rd runner up overall ranking in SUC III Olympics

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Tarlac State University once again secured the third runner-up spot in the overall rankings of the

recently concluded State Universities and Colleges Region III (SUC III) Olympics 2023.

The trophy was awarded to TSU by Tarlac Agricultural University President and SCUAA Executive Board of Management Chairperson Dr. Max P. Guillermo on February 18, 2023, at the TAU Covered Court in Camiling, Tarlac.



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# TSU AAI fulfills promise on water scarcity, donates plastic drums for some Lucinda campus buildings

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



The Tarlac State University Alumni Association Inc., through the Alumni Affairs Office, turned over 20 units of 55-gallon plastic drums on February 9, 2023 as a temporary solution to the water scarcity concern in some buildings at the Lucinda Campus.

This move is alumni regent Hon. Reynaldo Catacutan's response to the issue raised by some faculty members and students with classes at the Academic Building, College of Science, and College of Teacher Education during the

“Talakayan sa TSU” last January 27.

During the forum, it was opened that restrooms on the upper floors of the said buildings do not have water supply.

“Bale magbibigay po kami ng isang drum sa bawat restroom dahil hirap umakyat pataas ang tubig sa matataas na floors ng buildings. Lalo na face-to-face classes na tayo ngayon, kaya maraming estudyante [ang] gagamit,” TSU Alumni Affairs Office Dr. Winston Abalos said during the brief turnover program.

These drums were procured from

Dau, Pampanga for 1,500 pesos each using the alumni association's fund.

Dr. Abalos said this is just a “band-aid solution” while waiting for the solar water pump to be installed on the campus with the help of Prof. Rodel Botio.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes Macaraeg, who was present during the turnover ceremony, said the administration is eyeing to put up a water harvesting facility at the Lucinda campus to solve the water crisis.

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Among the university's entries in the 33 events this SCUAA, the TSU delegates brought home 31 gold medals, 34 silver medals, and 51 bronze medals. With this, TSU successfully maintained its overall

rank during the last in-person regional sports meet in 2020.

Athletes who won gold medals in baseball, boxing, karatedo, arnis, futsal women, chess, taekwondo, badminton men's singles, and

athletics, among others, will represent Region III in the National SCUAA.

According to the university's sports head, Dr. Ligaya Gina S. Salangsang, TSU sent more delegates this year as the SCUAA has returned to the in-person setup with a new set of athletes.

“Mas marami tayong delegates this year, una sa lahat, dahil sa 110% support ng administration natin. Para sa akin, why not give a chance to other teams na sumali. Nag-start tayo ngayon with new athletes, new set of students. Sabi ko nga kay President Velasco, return and come back ito,” Dr. Salangsang said in an interview with the Office of Public Affairs.

In addition, Dr. Salangsang mentioned that this is an opportunity to check on the athletes' and teams' performances.

“One more thing, nag start tayo ngayon as bagong team, at

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least makikita ‘yung mga pwedeng mag-stay. Marami tayong athletes, kailangan lang talaga ng pukpok at training,” she said.

Some members of the TSU Administrative Council participated in the opening ceremony spearheaded by Pres. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, and Vice President for Administration and Finance Dr. Grace N. Rosete.

Meanwhile, Dr. Salangsang stood as the representative of TSU during the closing and awarding ceremony.

This year's host institution is Tarlac Agricultural University.



# EDITORIAL

# Is sustainability necessary?

In lexical definition, “sustainable” means “a method of using resources that is not depleted or permanently damaged.” Its root word, “sustain,” is synonymous to maintain or continue. Most educational institutions are considering the idea of “sustainability” in their operations, as evidenced by the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings. At Tarlac State University, the buzzword is a key feature of its vision statement in the proposal stage. Is sustainability then appropriate in the context of TSU?

Sustainability in educational institutions, such as TSU, pertains to how responsive they are in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). During the university's annual planning, the word “sustainable” in the TSU vision statement was probed on as it denotes maintaining the current status of TSU. However, sustainability can be understood as anchoring the university's operations on the 17 SDGs. Becoming a top sustainable university worldwide ensures how TSU could impact the community by addressing the SDGs, like how it has started to create a niche in solar

technology that is in accord with SDG 7 or Affordable and Clean Energy.

The UN defined sustainable development as “meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” TSU seeks to upgrade and improve its four-fold functions (instruction, research, extension, and production) with the guidance of sustainable development, particularly the SDGs. The “needs of the present” are fleeting – these can change depending on the current environment and challenges. The university aspires to be relevant in the community and responsive to these needs as dictated by the targets set in the UN SDGs. And this is how TSU sees sustainability.

Creating an impact in the community is important to TSU. The Board of Regents even challenged the university's administration to make TSU a “go-to university” for research and extension needs of government agencies, local governments, the private sector, MSMEs, and small communities. With careful consideration of the SDGs, being a go-to university is highly attainable.

The National Economic Development Authority even references the SDGs in its long-term vision for 2040.

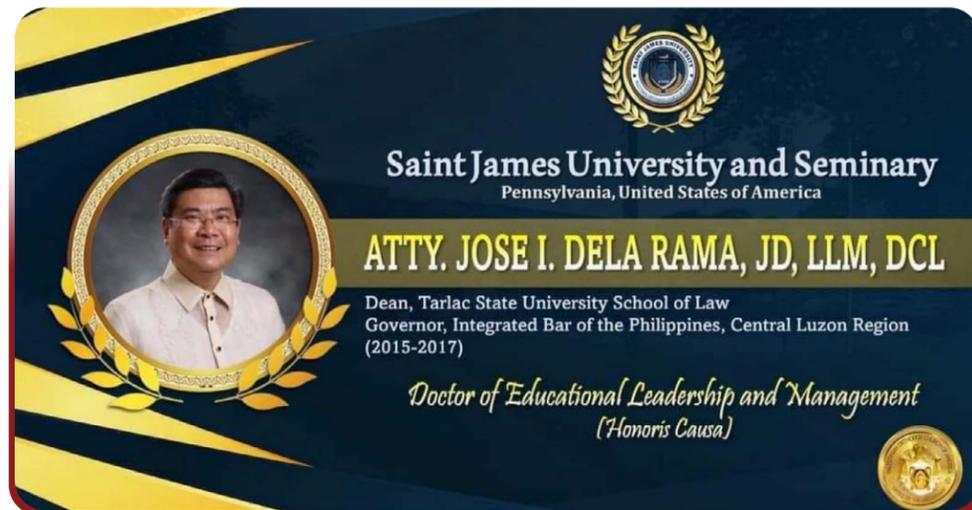
On the contrary, TSU cannot champion all SDGs. There is truth in one of the regent's remarks that the university must identify selected SDGs that it would like to focus on. As mentioned earlier, TSU is slowly building its niche in solar technology, and this is one of the areas the university can fortify. Food technology can be another target, along with engineering education. By getting to know the university's strengths, becoming sustainable is within reach.

Sustainability as a word cannot just be boxed by its denotative meaning. With the changing needs of the times coupled with the dynamism of language, to be sustainable has evolved as to its connotative meaning. Having stated that sustainability is a means to be responsive to the community shows that progress and improvement thrive within the institution. There is no space for stagnation in sustainability, and it is necessary for educational institutions like Tarlac State University.

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## SOL Dean receives honoris causa, 203 Best Legal Educator and Advocate

David Ande Gene P. Pabon



Tarlac State University's School of Law (SOL) dean Dr. Jose I. Dela Rama Jr. continues to put the university on the map after being conferred with an honorary doctorate (honoris causa) by the Saint James University and Seminary based in Pennsylvania, USA, leading to his receipt of the Best Legal Educator and Advocate award from the Igniting Dreams of Young Minds (IDYM) Foundation.

The honoris causa, an honorary degree given to selected individuals with significant contributions to the community, was awarded to Dean Dela Rama last January 15, 2023, at the UP Ayala Land Technohub in Diliman, Quezon City.

"When you recommend someone to receive honoris causa, it's an honor para sa university. Tinitingnan talaga nila strictly kung ano ba 'yung nagawa mo sa community. You will not be given honoris causa unless meron kang solid na mga activities na ginawa," Dean Dela Rama said in an interview.

Dean Dela Rama shared that after he passed the 1989 Bar examinations, his advocacy has been to help marginalized individuals free of charge.

"I do it on my own kasi maawain ako. Pag nakita kong 'yung isang litigant na sa tingin ko ay innocent ay talagang tutulongan ko. Nagvo-volunteer talaga ako. And that's a big help to humanity, to the people, to the marginalized sector. Tinitingnan 'yung activities mo sa academic standing, activities mo as a lawyer, socio activities, sa Intergrated Bar [of the Philippines] — lahat 'yan tinitingnan. Hindi ka naman kasi bibigyan ng conferment kung mayroong 'di kanais-nais sa'yo. 'Di ko naman sinasabing perfect ako. Pero salamat that I was considered after I was recommended to this award," he added.

Because of this conferment, Dean Dela Rama was endorsed by Saint James University and Seminary, in partnership with a local institution, to be chosen as the Best

Legal Educator and Advocate by the IDYM Foundation World's Best of the Best Award 2023 last January 28, 2023.

The IDYM Foundation is a platform based in India that promotes space and satellite education for every young mind. According to the foundation's website, they cater to the student community from any school and college globally.

Passing the international standard is challenging because of the strict criteria and high qualification levels, according to the SOL Dean.

Furthermore, he expressed his dedication and commitment to support continually, through partnerships, not just the university but, more importantly, the aspiring lawyers of TSU.

"Meron kaming estudyante na walang pera pero matalino. Sabi ko sa faculty, kung pwedeng tulongan natin, umulan ng suporta. The more you give, the more blessings you will have. I want to make sure that everybody will be happy when it comes to legal education. If other schools can do it, TSU can do it," he said.



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also discussed and critiqued.

With the TSU Administrative Council taking the helm of implementing the plans for the university, Regent Evelyn N. Castro, National Economic Development Authority Regional Office III OIC Director, posed a challenge to the "cream of the crop" to lead the university in a "witty way."

She went on to describe TSU using the acronym "Totally Scintillating University,"

"Please remind yourselves of that (scintillating or witty). Because that means, as the crème de la crème [or] cream of the crop of the university, as leaders, you need to really lead the university in a clever and witty way... People who are dazzling, brilliant, and exciting," she said in her inspirational message.

Moreover, Regent Castro stressed the importance of strategic planning as it dictates the direction of the university. This is in response to TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco's perspective on setting the direction of the university as the "captain of the ship."



"I liked the word that you (activity host Prof. Augusto N. Lulu Jr.) used; you addressed me as the 'captain of the ship.' With that naalala ko lang 'yung one quote from Jimmy Dean (award-winning country musician and actor). He mentioned 'We cannot control the direction of the wind, but we can always adjust our sails to reach our destination,'" Pres. Velasco said.

"In our planning today, of course, we are advancing actually the things that we will be doing, not only what we will be doing but also when it will be done, most especially how to accomplish these plans and also by whom these plans must be done," Pres. Velasco added.

#### TSU as a "go-to" university

Members of the Board of Regents gave inputs to the plans presented by selected university officials with a consensus that TSU must continue making an impact within the community.

Both regents Castro and Engr. Dennis Norman T. Go, BOR member representing Hon. Mark O. Go, remarked that TSU must be a relevant and reliable partner of government agencies and the private sector since it is recognized as a premier state university in the northern part of Central Luzon.

"So, when it comes to research and extension, dapat go-to university rin tayo.



When you say local governments would need something, would like to study something, let's say, for example, the impact of making Capas a city... magtanong tayo sa TSU kung anong maitutulong nila to research... Punta tayo sa TSU, ipaaral natin. So, 'go-to,' Regent Go said.



Regent Castro also commented that the university must come up with niche projects and programs that can impact the community and strengthen relationships with universities outside the country.

Meanwhile, regent Dr. Alvin P. Belarmino, private sector representative, shared the concept of minimizing the instance of migration and urbanization in the context of offering quality academic programs, particularly the in-demand medical programs, within the borders of the province.



"Yung mga anak natin they really have to go to Metro Manila just to get their college studies. Kung itong mga pangangailangan na ito we consider them and put these courses as part of our curriculum and courses that we will be offering, then malaking tulong sa ating mga kababayan," he said.

This was seconded by Regent Go noting that the university could pioneer program offerings that are responsive to the needs of the community and the industry.

On the other hand, alumni regent Dr. Reynaldo L. Catacutan commended the

engineering and architectural designs of buildings at TSU, particularly at the Lucinda Campus, which are outputs of its graduates.



"I do believe that the graduates of TSU are really magagaling... Ako ay naniniwala sa mga kabihasan ng mga engineering graduates at engineers natin sa TSU," he said.

Regent Jose D. Lacson, also a private sector representative, highlighted the relevance of studying the financial investment in education and focusing on the cost correlation in curriculum development for data-driven decision-making.



He also commended the university's information systems, hoping to see more of the learning component in the system by having smart classrooms and campuses.

Faculty regent Prof. Douglas C. Ferrer and student regent Bea Claren D. Tagasa also provided inputs in support of the sectors they represent.



# URO pursues 2-day writing and presentation workshop for TSU researchers

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With the mission to improve the research standards of faculty members, the University Research Office (URO) spearheaded a two-day seminar-workshop on writing research presentations from February 8 to 9, 2023 at the TSU Hotel in Lucinda Campus.

Groups of research authors from the colleges of Architecture and Fine Arts, Arts and Social Sciences, Business and Accountancy, Computer Studies, Criminal Justice Education, Engineering and Technology, and Public Administration and Governance took part in the said workshop.

According to URO Director Dr. Robert Marcos, the workshop serves as a remedial activity for the authors with pending research presentations due to the lack of research elements.



the highest professorial rank within 15 years in the service because of research.

Pres. Velasco also mentioned that despite the challenging nature of research, the basic pillars of producing one should always be applied.

"It's a good move from the URO to have this research capability enhancement of which the things that I presented are just the basics, but it will be a good start for them to be motivated and make them realize that doing research is not difficult", he said.

Furthermore, Technology Development, Transfer, and Commercialization Office Director Dr. Wilmark J. Ramos talked about the right use of research citations and intellectual property, while Dr. Marcos led the workshop on research writing and publication.



The participants were given time to present and evaluate their outputs on the workshop's second day.

Dr. Marcos guarantees that their office will constantly upskill faculty members into competent faculty researchers that will be possible by conducting a series of research enhancement seminars with the support of the administration.

Vice President for Research and Extension Services Dr. Murphy Mohammed also showed his support in the two-day workshop. In his message, he encouraged faculty members to produce quality outputs as this will supplement their promotion.



Moreover, Pres. Velasco is optimistic about the future of the university in the field of research.

"As a president and as a researcher, I want TSU to be recognized as a research university not only in Central Luzon but throughout the Philippines," Pres. Velasco highlighted.

# TSU inks partnership with Korea Nazarene University; engages in a three-day linkage program

Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan; Carise Joy Dacayo [OPA Intern]

Tarlac State University and Korea Nazarene University (KNU) signed both memoranda of understanding and agreement for developing academic and cultural interchanges in education and research, among others, on February 15, 2023, at the TSU Main Campus VIP lounge.

KNU is a private Christian university located in Cheonan, South Korea, which aims to foster leaders with the nation's educational philosophy and Christian spirit.

University President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco led the ceremonial signing together with KNU Taekwondo Department Chairperson Dr. Chung Young Lee and KNU Taekwondo Head Coach Prof. Hyung Jun Noh.

In his message of commitment, Pres. Velasco thanked KNU and gave assurance that TSU would uphold the terms, duties, and responsibilities stated in the contracts.

Likewise, Dr. Lee expressed his gratitude towards the university for the opportunity to collaborate and promote cultural exchange.

Other TSU officials who joined Pres. Velasco during the signing ceremony are Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg and Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza, College of Teacher Education Dean and International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO) Director.

Meanwhile, Taekwondo majors Yeon Ah Yoo and Yong Ran Song also witnessed the forging of partnerships as part of the KNU delegation.



The Korean visitors, who arrived in the Philippines last February 13, actively participated in the three-day linkage program organized by IALO.

Sparring activities between the KNU black beltlers and the TSU Taekwondo team were held last February 13 at the Lucinda Campus covered court, while the Martial Arts Exhibition was held on February 14 at the TSU Gymnasium.

After the exhibition, the KNU delegates worked with TSU's Bachelor of Physical Education (BPE) Department and Sports Development and Management Unit (SDMU) in training Taekwondo players of Tarlac National High School under a joint extension project.



## Bridging boundaries and culture

Themed "Fighting! Breaking Down Barriers and Linking Cultures," the linkage program with KNU aims to benefit student-athletes from the TSU Taekwondo and Arnis teams.

In an interview, Dean Mendoza said this event is a good opportunity to improve students' skills in sports.

"We can have international trainers, and our students will probably develop their skills more in Taekwondo. Along with that, another benefit is that we are competing in different sports competitions. With that upskilling, the skills of the TSU students then [are] more likely [to win] the competitions especially [for] the Bachelor of Physical Education here in our university," he added.

The sparring and exhibition activities also served as an avenue for both student parties to experience each other's traditions through martial arts.



Moreover, Filipino martial arts were displayed through performative and combative routines under the direction of Mr. Joshua Fontanilla, TSU Arnis Team head coach and BPE faculty member.

According to Mr. Fontanilla, their intensive training with KNU boosted their confidence in playing Arnis. He also

emphasized that the international students shared their routines for improving flexibility, which is a "great factor" in the said sport.

"It is an honor to be able to share our sports with other nationalities and see them enjoying playing it," he said.

KNU Taekwondo students Yeon Ah Yoo and Yong Ran Song also demonstrated their abilities while assimilating the Pinoy culture by practicing Arnis.

Meanwhile, Mr. Nestor Bautista, TSU Taekwondo Team head coach, also a BPE faculty member, led the Taekwondo athletes in showcasing their competitive routines featuring the Korean martial arts values of courtesy, integrity, and perseverance. This was likewise held at the TSU Gymnasium.

This partnership with KNU was recommended by Dr. Jiyoung Lee, a foreign language lecturer under the English Language Studies Department of the College of Arts and Social Sciences, according to IALO technical staff Mr. Rolien Balisi. Since last year, the Korean university's officials have been interested in collaborating with TSU.

Mr. Balisi said this event opened opportunities, and they are hopeful that this partnership will be further strengthened not just in sports but also in various academe-related fields.



## TSU launches first-ever SAS week on Valentine's day

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

Tarlac State University kickstarted the first-ever Student Affairs and Services (SAS) week on February 14, 2023 to familiarize students with its various services now that the face-to-face learning setup has been re-implemented.

The celebration, which coincided with Valentine's Day, ran from February 14 to 17 bearing the theme "Isang Linggong Pag-Ibig" and commenced with an opening activity at the Lucinda Campus football field.

According to SAS Director Prof. Gherold Benitez, the office is still aiming to establish a common bond with the students and familiarize them with the different services that they can avail of.

"Kada may event and kada unit dapat ipapakilala muna 'yung 13 services. Mas malaki 'yung magiging orientation [during the SAS week] at para mas marami rin kaming ma-cater [na students] at ma-enjoy din nila ang stay nila dito sa TSU," Prof. Benitez said in an interview.

During the opening program, he introduced the units and sections creatively in a guessing game through songs.

Meanwhile, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco welcomed the students to the event with several pickup lines making sure that they are enjoying the program.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg also graced the activity noting that the cooperation of the TSU community is necessary for the success of the university's services.

"Nothing will happen if it will



only be the administration who will be working for it (sic). It should be two-way; it should be a collaboration of everyone: the administration, the faculty, the non-teaching staff, and you, our very dear students," VP Macaraeg said in her speech.

Immediately after the opening activity, the Supreme Student Council hyped the students with the Battle of the Bands themed "PASAHILI: Para Sa Hindi Pinili" which was also held at the Lucinda Campus football grounds.

The band Lucy Barzaga bested

nine other competing bands garnering a 95.8% total score through their rendition of Kamikazee songs Halik and Martyr Niebera.

Moreover, the SAS units, college student councils, and some organizations put up booths and organized activities in the three campuses, such as "Org Olympics," spoken word poetry, chalk art competition, a "love wall" where students can write random messages on sticky notepads, and a seminar titled "Situationship: Finding the Real Meaning of Love."

## CAASUC III National Arts Month celebration concludes at TSU

■ David Ande Gene P. Pabon



The 13 state universities and colleges in Central Luzon gathered at the Tarlac State University Gymnasium on February 28, 2023 as TSU hosted the National Arts Month celebration of the Culture and the Arts Association of State Universities and Colleges in Region III (CAASUC III).

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, as the current chairperson of the CAASUC III Executive Board, and Culture and the Arts Head Prof. Marcelino P. Balanquit, as the current chairperson of the CAASUC III Board of Management, debuted a service awards to recognize the contributions and dedication of former and current members of the Executive Board and Board of Management.

Awardees are members who rendered three years of service in CAASUC III.

"Being the host of this very significant event is exciting and an honor. Being with the state universities and colleges' presidents and representatives of Region III should be

treasured and proud of," Pres. Velasco said in his message during the program.

The celebration also featured performances from SUC representatives who showcased their talents in music and arts. Majority of the performances are chorale singing and folk dancing.

Some performers danced to the contemporary and hip-hop genres, while a couple of musicians belted OPM songs and played musical instruments. Moreover, rap singing and spoken word poetry were accomplished by the student artists as well.

Pres. Velasco extended his gratitude to the officials who made the celebration possible.

"I commend the effort and determination of the individuals who support our culture, which prioritizes cultural diversity and communal life. I appreciate everyone who has supported this, especially our SUC presidents, Board of Management,

service awardees, key officials, and guests," he said.

The month-long National Arts Month celebration, also known as "Ani ng Sining," dates back to 1991 when President Corazon C. Aquino declared February as the National Arts Month by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 683.

The participating SUCs under the CAASUC III are Aurora State College of Technology, Bataan Peninsula State University, Bulacan Agricultural State College, Bulacan State University, Central Luzon State University, Don Honorio Ventura State University, Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology, Pampanga State Agricultural University, President Ramon Magsaysay State University, Philippine Merchant Marine Academy, Philippine State College of Aeronautics, Tarlac Agricultural University, and Tarlac State University as the host institution.

## Black Knights and White Knights win championship in 1st TSU Solidarity Cup

■ Marianne T. Sarmiento, [ OPA intern ]

Black Knights and White Knights clinched the championship trophies in the first-ever Tarlac State University Solidarity Cup held at the TSU Gymnasium last February 18 and 22, 2023.

The Black Knights sealed the championship this season in the 40-above category last February 18 as they recorded two straight victories over the Blue Area Dragons in the best of three games.

The Blue Area Dragons gave the Black Knights a tight match during the second game that went into a tie after two quarters as they rode the momentum of their eagerness to claim the trophy.

However, the still unbeaten Black Knights heated the game in the third period with more precise shots leading to a score of 68-59 in the final quarter.

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The unstoppable Black Knights seized the chance to score as the other team's defensive strategies fell short.

This game's best player is Mr. Kenjie Lim of the TSU Hotel after making multiple successful baskets when the Black Knights grayed the Blue Area Dragons in the two-round matchup.

On the other hand, the Red Pandakaps and White Knights square off to climb the standings and claim the 39-below title for the Solidarity Cup.

After the White Knights secured the first game in the best of three last February 11, the Red Pandakaps regained composure as they slowly climbed up the standings in the second game on February 18, forcing another match to determine the champs.

The White Knights and Red Pandakaps set the TSU Gymnasium on fire on February 22 as the two teams on a roll have their eyes set on the 39-below trophy.

During the third game's first half, the Red Pandakaps seemed invincible as they scored points in quick succession, running ahead of the White Knights.

Yet the White Knights are keen on winning the championship as they bounce unstoppable and intensify the game with



a series of 3-pointers, turning it around at the 53-48 mark into the final quarter.

The White Knights crushed the Red Pandakaps with an 80-65 final score making the most out of the remaining time to score points and grasp the moment while the game favors them. With their string of baskets and great defensive strategy, the White Knights successfully won the championship.

Mr. Sherwin De Vera from the College of Teacher Education, the game's

Most Valuable Player (MVP), said that togetherness, confidence, and the team's trust drove them to the championship title.

"Pagtitiwala sa isa't isa, walang sisihan, basta kung ma-shoot ang bola at hindi depensa-opensa, importante manalo kami sa game," De Vera said in interview with the Office of Public Affairs.

Said championships were streamed live via the Office of Public Affairs Facebook page.

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sa aming mga kababayan lalo sa kanilang kabuhayan," he added.

Vice Mayor Balmores also mentioned that most of the municipality's income comes from farming, particularly rice and corn.

During the program, CBA Extension Chairperson Prof. Christine Janelle Santiago shared some of the upcoming initiatives that will improve the livelihood and quality of life of the Puranians in support of the college's vision to be a catalyst in terms of economic growth and enterprise development.

Among the future projects mentioned are the Gender and Development seminar series, Magna Carta of Women seminar, tinapa production, development of byproducts from corn, malunggay capsule and turmeric powder fabrication, and mats and rugs making.

Prof. Santiago said they are set to launch the activities this March 2023.



## TSU and Pura LGU forge partnership for community dev't

■ Marianne T. Sarmiento, [ OPA intern ]

Tarlac State University, through the College of Business and Accountancy and the Extension Services Management Office, and the local government of Pura signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to strengthen partnership for community development on February 23, 2023 at the TSU Main AVR.

The MOA outlines how the two parties will work together to improve the community of Pura and uplift the skills of Puranians by teaching them how to establish businesses.

Moreover, the agreement presents the provisions on resource utilization for the adoptive community through "Project Pura" where TSU will train and provide informal education via seminars and training services. These will be directed to various community sectors to develop human resources.

In a statement of commitment, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco expressed his gratitude to LGU Pura and pledged to support and sustain the partnership's vision.

"I would like to thank LGU Pura for trusting us for allowing us to partner with you. I am assuring you po, LGU Pura, that you will not regret partnering with us as we will be giving our very best to deliver the goals that you are expecting from us," Pres. Velasco said.



Meanwhile, Pura town Vice Mayor Atty. John Paul L. Balmores, representing the LGU, thanked the university and committed to fulfilling their obligations in the agreement. He is hopeful that the needs of their town and constituents will be addressed through this collaboration.

"Marami na rin po kasing mga development sa bayan ng Pura. Fortunately, may nagpapa-reclass po for commercial purposes, so nababawasan na po ang aming mga farmlands. Kaya

'yung mga ganitong training po, seminars na ibinibigay po mga partner, [malaking tulong po] kasi hindi po namin kaya 'pag kami lang sa LGU. Hindi po namin kaya ibigay lahat ng services," Vice Mayor Balmores said.

"So, we are really humbled and grateful po na napili po ninyo ang aming maliit na bayan para bigyan po ng ganitong serbisyo. Maraming, maraming salamat po talaga. Makakatulong po ito ng malaki

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## TSU receives award as top criminology school in PH

■ David Ande Gene P. Pabon

Again, Tarlac State University was recognized by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and the Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology for garnering first place among the top-performing schools nationwide in the December 2022 Licensure Examination for Criminologists.

Other than ranking first, TSU was also awarded an exemplary passing performance after 100 percent of its takers passed the said board examination among all participating schools, colleges, and universities in the country.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco and College of Criminal Justice Education Dean Dr. Roel R. Alviar received the plaque on behalf of the university on February 25, 2023, at the PICC Plenary Hall in Pasay City.

On the same day, the passers took oath as licensed criminologists and new members of the Professional Criminologists Association of the Philippines (PCAP).

Among the oath takers is Erika



Joy Saludez, criminology boards top 10 passer from TSU, who received a medal and certificate during the ceremony.

Meanwhile, Dean Alviar expressed his gratitude to former CCJE Dean Atty. Theodore M. Timpac for his significant contributions to the success

of the passers and the college.

This is the third time the university was named by the PRC as the number one criminology school in the Philippines. In the previous years, TSU has been included among the top performing schools for seven times.

## TSU SOL organizes Kasalang Bayan for Aeta couples from Capas town

■ Jean Lara F. Bondoc [School of Law]

Twenty Aeta couples from Sitio Manibukyut in Brgy. Bueno, Capas town of Tarlac tied the knot in a mass civil wedding ceremony on February 28, 2023. Dubbed the first “Kasalang Bayan,” the mass civil wedding was organized by Tarlac State University’s School of Law, headed by its dean Dr. Jose I. Dela Rama Jr., in partnership with the Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar, led by Atty. Marco Polo E. Cunanan, and the TSU SOL Alumni Association, Inc., with its president, Atty. Karen Cayetano-Tinoyan.

Officiating the wedding ceremony is Capas town mayor Atty. Roseller B. Rodriguez.

Moreover, the Rotary Club of Muntinlupa North, through the leadership



of President Karen Camille Constiniano, served as one of the event’s sponsors.

After the couples were officially recognized as husband and wife, a short

program and reception were prepared by the locals and by the TSU SOL Dean’s Office, Student Council, and student volunteers.

## CBA associate dean, students participate in COMMTECH Camp Insight 2023

■ Jhayvi Dizon [IALO]

Putting a premium to the thrust of internationalization through academic mobility programs, selected delegates from Tarlac State University joined the COMMTECH Camp Insight 2023 in Surabaya, Indonesia from January 26 to February 6, 2023 organized by the Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS) of Indonesia. The camp aims to immerse

students and faculty members in four sub-courses featuring discussions on global issues and trends.

Dr. Henry D. Rufino, College of Business and Accountancy Associate Dean, and CBA students Mr. Timothy J. Bote and Ms. Kristina Marcelle A. Bildan represented TSU in the in-person camp.

The TSU delegates participated

in sub-course B “Sociopreneurship in Action” anchored on their business and accountancy specialization.

Moreover, sub-course B focused on activities and meaningful discussions regarding the viability of new and emerging business ventures and engaged students in idea-generating activities such as the conduct of feasibility studies.



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### Vision

Tarlac State University is envisioned to be a premier University in the Asia Pacific Region.

### Mission

Tarlac State University commits to promote and sustain the offering of quality and relevant programs in higher and advanced education ensuring equitable access to education for people empowerment, professional development, and global competitiveness.

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- 1.) Provide high quality instruction through qualified, competent and adequately trained faculty members and support staff.
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