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## Comm'r Canapi honored as IFSU's daughter Olmaya

LIZA P. BUMIDANG & FAITH B. NAPUDO

**D**r. Marita R. Canapi, CHED Commissioner and Chairperson of IFSU - BOR, has been officially recognized as a member of Ifugao State University (IFSU) and bestowed with the name Olmaya.

This significant distinction was conferred upon her through Administrative Council Resolution No. 22, s.2023, on March 24, 2023, during the Project Launch of Masaganang Cordillera, Project STORE, CARASUC Hymn, and Cordillera Heritage 101 at Ifugao State University - Lamut Campus.

Olmaya represents a woman who radiates warmth and exhibits exceptional competence in her role, both within her

family and the broader community.

“In recognition of your untiring effort and support to Ifugao State University, we genuinely believe that you are undeniably an ideal woman worthy of emulation by the Ifugao people,” said Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, IFSU University President and now Olmaya’s adoptive mother.

During the event, esteemed guests and visitors witnessed the ceremonial wearing of the 'ampuyo,' a traditional wraparound skirt that symbolizes womanhood, beauty, wisdom, and care. This act further emphasized the deep respect and honor bestowed upon Commissioner Canapi as she embraced her new role as Olmaya.//

### IFSU takes center stage... from page 1

**I**fugao State University took momentous strides when it hosted the launching ceremonies of four groundbreaking projects, namely: Masaganang Cordillera, Project STORE, CARASUC Hymn, and Cordillera Heritage 101 with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Cordillera Administrative Region Association of State Universities and Colleges (CARASUC) at the Heritage Convention Center, Ifugao State University (IFSU)-Lamut Campus on March 24, 2023.

Said launching was joined by Dr. Marita Rana Canapi, CHED Commissioner and IFSU Board of Regents (BOR) Chairperson;

Dr. Demetrio P. Anduyan Jr., CHED-CAR Regional Director; CAR SUC presidents Dr. Edgar G. Cue, Dr. Eduardo T. Bagtang, Dr. Felipe Salaing Comila, Dr. Gregorio T. Turqueza, Jr., and Dr. John N. Cabansag represented by Dr. Randy A. Cabilatazan; Atty. Atanacio D. Addog, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples - CAR Director; Dr. Estela P. Leon - Cariño, DepEd-CAR Director; and Jerry U Dalipog, Ifugao Governor represented by Agustin C. Calya-en.

Masaganang Cordillera aims to develop a community model farm for sustainable

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## IFSU home gardening project wins in nat'l extension confab

FAITH B. NAPUDO

**T**estifying the University’s excellence in implementing sustainable extension and engaging the community, Ifugao State University (IFSU) reaped the Best Paper Award in the first National Extension Conference organized online by the Southern Leyte State University on March 21-22, 2023.

The project “Home Gardening: A Response to Household Food Security in Ifugao” by authors Ms. Marah Joy A. Nanglegan and Nemie Rex S. Guerzon emerged victorious among 33 papers presented under the Education Track.

Spearheaded by the Department of Extension and Training (DET), the project aimed to promote home/ backyard gardening in response to food security in Ifugao by engaging farmers/community members/ children in home gardening, promoting Organic Agriculture and Good Agricultural Practices, and augmenting vegetable food needs of Ifugao families.

Participants improved their knowledge, attitude, and skills in Organic Agriculture Production (OAP) and Agricultural Crops Production (ACP) technologies. It also contributed to the health and wellness of beneficiaries, considering that what they produced was free from chemicals and inorganic fertilizers. Aside from that, the project alleviated the boredom of the kids and the family during the lockdown.

“Financially/economically, home gardening can augment the food needs of families and can serve as additional income to households. Environmentally, participants showed adoption of OAP and ACP technologies and the patronage of OAP and ACP products,” added Ms. Nanglegan.//





## MPSPC benchmarks IFSU on 'Futures Thinking' initiatives

ELVIRA M. MATABYE



Officials from Mountain Province State Polytechnic College (MPSPC) visited Ifugao State University (IFSU) to learn about the university's best practices and initiatives on Futures Thinking and Strategic Foresight on March 8, 2023, at the Multipurpose Hall, Admin Building, Lamut, Ifugao.

The team was led by Dr. Mark Preston Lopez, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Epiphania B. Magwilang, Vice President for Research Development and Extension.

In her Welcome Remarks, University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, represented by Dr. Marissa P. Bulong, Vice President for Research Development, Extension and Training (RDET), stated that the benchmarking activity is a great performance measurement tool to help them start their plans and guide the direction of their interest for the benefit of their university.

"We hope that your team can develop new procedures or enhance existing ones to meet the standard on Futures Thinking and Strategic Foresight," added Dr. Bulong.

Directors from the RDET Division: Marah Joy A. Nanglegan of the Department of Extension and Training (DET); Jude C. Baggo of the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) Center; and Dr. Elpidio B. Basilio, Jr. of the Department of Research and Development enlightened the team through a discussion of the Futures Thinking highlights, programs, and activities being undertaken by IFSU.

The visit concluded with a tour at the Ifugao Rice Terraces - GIAHS Center and the University Rice Cultural Museum.

"We hope to weave cohesive future-proof programs, projects, and activities together through collaboration and networking," added Dr. Bulong.

'Futures Thinking' is a scientific method of informed reflection on the major changes that will occur in the next 10, 20, or more years in all areas of social life, including education. This mindset, as applied to State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), will help university officials in analyzing post-COVID outcomes based on available technologies and intelligence worldwide.

The 'Futures Thinking' initiative of IFSU centers on creating a Knowledge Management System of IRT.

(IRT) for its sustainability and agricultural heritage conservation. Satoyama is a technical translation for "socio-ecological production landscape" similar to the landscape system of the IRT.//

### IFSU takes center stage... from page 2

food production that locals can adopt; develop the area for agricultural tourism; and conduct continuing research based on the principles of regenerative agriculture.

The model farm is a response of IFSU University President and CARASUC Chair Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon to the call of Dr. Anduyan for SUCs in the region to implement innovative projects that will uplift the lives of the communities. The project was funded by the IFSU Admin from its Higher Education Innovation and Research Fund under the University's General Appropriations Act. The first of its kind in the region, the farm is located beside the IRT-GIAHS center of the IFSU - Lamut Campus.

On the other hand, Project STORE, or Skills Training to Rejuvenate Entrepreneurship aims to enhance the intention of creating spaces for the Cordillera Region to climb the ranks of the entrepreneurship ladder in the country. It further aims to harmonize the activities of SUCs and establish a regional academy managed and initiated by Higher Education.

Meanwhile, the CARASUC hymn, composed and arranged by Rec. Fr. Daniel P. Cariño, was launched with MPSPC Minstrels singing it on stage for the first time. The hymn is a source of pride for SUCs in the Cordillera Administrative Region and a symbol of their unity and solidarity.

The Cordillera Heritage 101, the newest subject to be integrated into the general curriculum in higher education institutions in CAR, was expounded by IFSU Professor Serafin L. Ngoyahon. The 3-unit course preserves and focuses on the history and heritage of the Cordillerans.

"The launching of these four pioneering projects is a testament to CARASUC's commitment to excellence in education and its dedication to serving the people in the region by improving the agriculture landscape, promoting entrepreneurship, and preserving the culture and heritage of the Cordilleras," said Dr. Dugyon.//

LIZA P. BUMIDANG & FAITH B. NAPUDO



## Novel activities mark Nat'l Women's Month celeb in IFSU

FAITH B. NAPUDO & LIZA P. BUMIDANG



In solidarity with the National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC), Ifugao State University (IFSU) through the Gender and Development Research and Resource Center (GADRRRC) organized a series of activities throughout March to promote women's empowerment and gender equality.

To kick off the month-long celebration, University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon led a pledge on the first Monday of the month for IFSU to continue being on the frontline in raising awareness and helping solve critical issues hindering women's empowerment.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the "Serbisyo i Bugan" program, a free blood diagnostic test provided to employees in partnership with the University Clinic and EDD Diagnostic Laboratory. Participants were checked for cholesterol levels, glucose, and uric acid on March 30 at the University Clinic, Lamut campus.

GADRRRC, in collaboration with the University Clinic and the College of Health Sciences (CHS), organized a health seminar on breast and cervical cancer for students and employees on March 21, 2023.

Medical professionals Dr. Theresa H. Kalugdan, Municipal Health Officer of Lagawe, and Dr. Meynard Keynes Q. de la Cruz of Panopdopan District Hospital, shared vital information about women's health issues. They also provided practical advice on how to maintain a healthier lifestyle.

An orientation on "Gender and Development (GAD) and Gender Fair Language" and "Sex and Gender concepts, Sex and Gender Roles, and Gender Issues/Biases" was also organized for newly hired employees of all employment status on March 22, 2023. The activity is one of the strategies of the University in gender mainstreaming to stop gender bias and reduce gender stereotyping and discrimination in the workplace. On March 8, a training session on Digital Graphic Design was conducted, emphasizing the theme of International Women's Day: "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality."

As part of the celebration, employees participated in the #PurpleWalk, a trek along the University eco-park trail in Mabato-bato, Lamut, Ifugao.

Wearing purple shirts and carrying purple balloons, they journeyed to the peak of the mountain, enjoying a breathtaking view of the plains of Lamut town.

To prioritize the health and fitness of employees, the University organized ZUMBAYOLET sessions every Friday afternoon.

In a visual display of support, offices across the campus decorated their spaces in purple. Additionally, since the launch of the celebration, the University encouraged the observance of #PurpleWednesdays, where students and staff wore anything purple to show their solidarity.//

### CAS studes prepped as mental health, psychological support champs

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

Ifugao State University (IFSU)-College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) equipped 135 students with skills and knowledge on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support through a two-day training at the Heritage Convention Hall, Lamut Campus on March 27-28, 2023.

The training aimed to protect, promote mental health awareness, and strengthen

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the College's Peer Support and other student services programs.

In his Opening Remarks, Dr. Donato O. Abaya, Dean of CAS, expressed optimism for the training to arm students with skills and knowledge essential to their chosen profession.

"Through this training, I hope you can become peer counselors and mentors who touch someone's heart by listening, promoting, and empowering them," Dr. Abaya said.

Mr. Aiken Dale K. Magaya, Program Chairperson, who shared the Overview of the Activity identified 'academic stress' as a common problem among IFSU students based on local research by Dulawan and Umoltog (2021).

"You will be stewards of hope for those in need, helping someone deal with their academic challenges, and aid in achieving the mission of the University to produce employable graduates upholding excellence," stressed Mr. Magaya. Guidance Counselors from Saint Mary's University (SMU) and Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) served as resource speakers and trainers.

Mr. Reiner Dulawan, Guidance Counselor of SMU, centered his topics on Understanding Crisis and Its Impacts and Peer Support and Guidance Services. Mr. Jefferson L. Callangan, Guidance Counselor of NVSU, administered the Introduction to Psychological First Aid (PFA) training.

PFA is an intervention that seeks to reduce stress symptoms and assist in a healthy recovery following a traumatic event, natural disaster, public health emergency, or even a personal crisis. Moreover, Mary Ann B. Lorenzo, Guidance Counselor from NVSU, discussed the importance of Practices and Self-care to reduce or eliminate anxiety and depression, reduce stress, and increase happiness, among others.//



## IFSU hosts Phase III of Project Cordillera Heritage 101 ELVIRA M. MATABYE

Ifugao State University (IFSU) being the lone Higher Education Institution in the province hosted the 3rd Leg Heritage AIM (Advancement of Instructional Materials): Content Review and (Re) aligning of Learning Outcomes and Reinforcing Activities in Cordillera HERITAGE Workbook under the Project Cordillera Heritage 101 on March 23-24, 2023 at the Hapao Campus, Hungduan, Ifugao.

Delegates from the Commission on Higher Education-Cordillera Administrative Region (CHED-CAR) and various State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) within the Cordillera Administrative Region attended said event.

Bearing the theme "FRAMING CORDI 101," also known as Fortifying, Reinforcing, and Adapting Methodologies as Impetus to Narratives and Goals of Cordillera HERITAGE 101, aims to speed up the publication of Instructional Materials to be used as the general reference in the teaching course.

During the arrival, participants convened and had a sharing on their Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices (IKSPs) in their respective places.

IFSU President, Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon in her Welcome Remarks, represented by Campus Executive Director, Dr. Jose Daniels expressed delight and support for the initiatives undertaken.

Ms. Menzie Kuengan, Supervising Education Program Specialist, in her

Opening Remarks, thanked all the people involved in the project Cordillera 101. "This project will lead us as guardians to preserve Indigenous cultural legacy and understanding of our IKSP to the present generation and all the generations to come since culture is fundamental in our identity," stated Ms. Kuengan.

She further expounded on the the Cordillera Regional Development Plan, the Promotion of Culture, Advocacy on Autonomous Region, and Outcomes.

Dr. Serafin L. Ngohayon, University Professor of IFSU, led the discussion on FRAMING CORDI 101. The book titled "INABOL: Traditional and Contemporary Ifugao Textile, and Ifugao Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices," was distributed to representatives of CHED-CAR and SUCs including Mayor Dumulag (complete name) of Hungduan, and Hapao Elementary School, among others.

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## IFSU Intellectual Property Center holds training on Patent Search, Patent Mining

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

In celebration of National Intellectual Property Month, the Intellectual Property Creative Works and Technology Business Management Center (IPCWTBMC) of Ifugao State University (IFSU) conducted a four-day workshop and mentoring session on Patent Search and Patent Mining for University researchers at the Multipurpose hall, IFSU Lamut Campus from April 25-27, 2023.

Patent search and patent mining are two essential tools for researchers and inventors to analyze and identify gaps in the capabilities of their innovation systems to enhance their research output. The workshop aimed to equip the university's researchers with the necessary skills and knowledge on patent search and patent mining.

The resource speakers for the event were Engineers Wilfredo O. Calaguan, Francis Louise Gutierrez, Ma. Concepcion Zabala, together with Ms. Brianna Nicole Sanchez, and Ms. Ma. Winelma M. Garcia, all from the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines. They shared their expertise on the subject matter and provided valuable insights on the importance of intellectual property rights protection.

During the workshop, ten research outputs were produced and critiqued for their utility model, copyright, and patent. The university's researchers worked closely with the resource speakers to evaluate and identify possible patentable ideas, which could be further developed and registered under their names.

As part of the celebration, the IPCWTBMC also held a caravan in all IFSU campuses to promote the center's services.

Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon expressed her delight and gratitude to the panel of evaluators for sharing their time and expertise. "I hope that these proposals will see completion, publication, and extension to our local communities and stakeholders," remarked Dr. Dugyon.

Experts from Mountain Province State Polytechnic College, Benguet State University, Apayao State College, University of the Cordilleras, Saint Louis University, and host University served as panel of evaluators.

Dr. Marissa P. Bulong, Vice President for RDET commended participants, organizers, and the team headed by Dr. Elpidio B. Basilio, Jr.//

## IFSU Career Dev't Center, COE educate students on marriage, family relationships

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

Ifugao State University (IFSU) through the Department of Career Development Center in collaboration with the College of Education (COE)-Potia Campus conducted a Millennial Bedroom Talk on Family, Marriage, and Sex Education to student teachers on March 10, 2023 at the ICDC Talent Co-creation Lab, Potia Campus, Ifugao.

Director Ryan R. Tejada of ICDC said the activity aimed to educate and inspire students, especially those who got married at a young age or during their studies. It further sought to empower and recognize women in their contribution to the society. Dr. Patricia A. Aliguyon, Chairperson for Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE) program, gave an overview of the Bachelor of TLE (BTLED) programs.

In his Opening Remarks, Dr. Matronillo M. Martin, Dean of the College of Education, expressed delight in having students participate in activities and discussions on marriage and family relationships. His message was read by Dr. Aliguyon stating that it's high time that topic on sex education, previously considered taboo was openly discussed among students to further enhance their knowledge and understanding as future educators.

Topics discussed were Family Orientation and Relationship by Ms. Judith L. Javier; Marital Counseling and Smart Parenting by Ms. Rosalia G. Daguio; Marital Talk in Cordilleran Culture by Dr. Hilda N. Immangdul,

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# IFSU features products of incubatees in 2nd Nat'l AGRI-AQUA Incubatee Summit

ELVIRA M. MATABYE



Ifugao State University (IFSU) through the Promoting Agri-Based Technologies Yielding Towards Organizational Growth and High Economic Impact (PAYOH)-Technology Business Incubator showcased products of three assisted incubatees in the 2nd National AGRI-AQUA Incubatee Summit at Baguio City on April 22-25, 2023.

With its theme, “Creating and Growing Agri-Aqua Startups Towards a Vibrant Economy,” this served as an avenue for incubatee/s’ technologies and products to be featured through an exhibit and trade fair and to

promote collaboration and networking among incubatees/acceleratees.

Ifugao Midland Coffee by Milagros Dulnuan, Jan Rhiest’s Cacao-based products by Lorena Tucpi, and Ifugao Highland Coffee by Ferdinand Dulnuan were among the products featured.

The event was participated by the different State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in the Philippines hosted by Benguet State University- Agribased Technology Business Incubation/ Innovation Center (BSU-ATBI/IC).//

## IFSU hosts Phase III... from page 5

A visit to the Hapao museum and a community cultural dance led by the IFSU-Hapao Campus students highlighted the event.

Prior to the rigorous activity, the participants led by Dr. Ngohayon had a courtesy visit to the Municipality of Hungduan and were enlightened through a presentation about the tourist spots of the municipality.

Part of the immersion was a trip to Bogyah hot spring and to the Rice terraces. They were able to experience trekking along the terraces and had a bath at the famous hot spring and cold river of Hungduan.

Survey tool on CORDI 101 and Author’s Workbook Timetable and Concerns were tackled in the evening.

The event concluded with the team’s participation in the Regional launching of CHED Initiated Programs on Teaching of Cordillera Heritage 101; Masaganang Cordillera Project (Project MARCOS); Skills Training to Rejuvenate Entrepreneurship (Project STORE), and CARASUC Hymn on March 24, 2023 held at the IFSU Lamut, Campus.//

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Dean of the College of Advance Education (CAE); Health Support from IFSU by Ms. Rachele G. Baguilat, Campus Nurse; Financial Management by Ms. Celeste Talde, Agency Leader of PNB Allianz; Business Start-Up Ideas by Ms. Florence June C. Dela Cruz; Sex Education by Ms. Myra P. Abbugao, Dean of the College of Health Sciences; and Contraceptive and Safe Sex by Ms. Sheryl A. Ngipol, Clinical Instructor.

“The students will be soon tapped to capacitate other students through the Student Community Volunteerism Service of ICDC,” stated Director Tejada.//





## Psychology dep't prep students, alums as future psychometricians

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

To aid in achieving the mission of the University to produce employable graduates upholding excellence, the Department of Psychology of Ifugao State University (IFSU)-Lamut Campus conducted a Crash Course in Developmental Psychology to further enhance the learning experience of Psychology

The Crash Course in Developmental Psychology is a lecture type that shall transform the traditional textbook model by presenting information in a fast-paced format to address the learning gap among students and alumni.

In his Opening Remarks, Dr. Donato O. Abaya, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said that through the crash course, students can gain more knowledge in Developmental Psychology, and learn and appreciate human life. It is also a way

for students who have taken the course and are still taking it to refresh, review, relearn, and see the connections between all the concepts of Psychology.

Ms. Florence Nawew- Bahni, Psychology Faculty at Saint Mary's University (SMU), centered her discussions on the study of human development throughout the lifespan in the areas of physical, social, cognitive, emotional, and moral development along with some major theories of development.

As an offshoot of the endeavor, the participants were able to demonstrate and understand more about the process of human development that they can apply in their upcoming Board Licensure Examination for Psychometricians in June 2023.//



## IFSU student receives aid from private firm

CHRIZEL JOY U. DUMANNOP

Ms. Cedeline E. Alvarez, a second-year Bachelor in Secondary major in Filipino received a laptop with a bag and a headphone from the private company San Miguel Corporation (SMC) on March 23, 2023, at the DSSD Office, Ifugao State University (IFSU)- Lamut.

"Iyong gift-giving from the SMC is out of compassion for hard-working students striving to finish their studies despite the struggles and difficulties in life," said Ms. Desiree Ballitoc, Department of Student Services and Development (DSSD) Director.

Ms. Alvarez is a visually impaired student, a wife, and a mother.

"It is one of the heartwarming moments in my life. I feel overjoyed with the fact that

there are genuine people beside me who are supporting me in my journey as a future educator. With this new blessing, I know that I can do my duty as a student more efficiently. It is also a great help for me as a transcriptionist," Ms. Alvarez said.

"I know that thanking those people will never be enough but I will certainly do my best to maximize their help as I hit my goal to become an educator in the future," she added.//

## Buwan ng Panitikan '23, matagumpay na ipinagdiwang

JESSA C. EREJEDOR

I dinaos ng Ifugao State University (IFSU) ang taunang selebrasyon ng Buwan ng Panitikan na may temang "Kultura ng Pagkakaisa: Pagsisiyasat ng Pagkakaisa sa Pamamagitan ng Panitikan" noong Abril 27 at 28, 2023.

Layunin ng aktibidad na bigyang importansya ang panitikan na nakalimbag sa iba't ibang wika sa Pilipinas upang linangin ang kaisipan at damdamin ng mga susunod na henerasyon. Ito ay alinsunod sa proklamasyon Blg. 968 s. 2015 ng Komisyon sa

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Wikang Filipino (KWF) at iba pang ahensya ng pamahalaan.

Inorganisa ng Sentro ng Wika at Kultura (SWK) ng IFSU sa pakikipag-ugnayan sa KWF ang kulminasyon ng nasabing selebrasyon.

Binigyan diin ni Dr. Alma Binwag, Direktor ng SWK ang kahalagahan ng pagbibigay pansin sa kultura ng Ifugao na dapat siyasatin at pag-aralan upang mas pagyabungin pa ang Panitikang Ifugao.

Ang pagtitipon ay dinaluhan ng Bise Presidente ng Gawaing Pang-akademiko (Vice President for Academic Affairs) Dr. Mary Caclini, na nagbalik-tanaw sa mga katutubong awit, maikling kwento, at iba pang panitikang binibigkas ng ating mga ninuno.

“Sa panahon ng globalisasyon, ang layunin ng IFSU ay matamo ang pagkakakilanlan sa buong mundo, ngunit hindi dapat kalimutan ang napakayamang kulturang pamana na nagsisilbing pagkakakilala sa mga Pilipino,” saad ni Dr. Caclini.

Nagbigay din ng kani-kanilang mensahe ang mga mahahalagang indibidwal ng KWF sa pangunguna ng kanilang Tagapangulo na si Dr. Arthur P. Casanova.

Samantala, ipinagdiwang rin ng College of Education ang nasabing selebrasyon sa pamamagitan ng pagdaos ng iba’t-ibang paligsahan tulad ng Masining na Pagkukwento, Tagisan ng Talino, Bayani Lookalike, Slogan Making, Folk Dance, and the Search for Ginoo at Binibining Bughaw, na layong buhayin at itaguyod ang mga tradisyon sa panitikang Pilipino.//



**IFSU shines in CARASUC '23 Athletic Meet and Socio-Cultural Fest** FAITH B. NAPUDO & LIZA P. BUMIDANG

Ifugao State University (IFSU) made a remarkable comeback at the CARASUC 2023 Regional Athletic Meet and Socio-Cultural Festival after a two-year pause due to the pandemic. The event, held from April 18-22, 2023, at Kalinga State University, focused on the theme "Sustaining Sports, Culture, and the Arts for Post-Pandemic Nation Building."

IFSU's 305 contenders demonstrated exceptional talent and achieved multiple victories, securing a total of 25 golds, 58 silvers, and 53 bronzes. Moreover, IFSU outperformed Apayao State College (ASC) and Abra State Institute of Sciences and Technology (ASIST) in the over-all result.

Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, IFSU University President and Chairperson

of the Cordillera Administrative Region Association of State Universities and Colleges (CARASUC), commended the student contestants for their outstanding representation and hailed them as true winners.

"Congratulations to our talented students for brilliantly representing IFSU! We extend our gratitude to the dedicated coaches and supporters who helped them

reach their full potential. Our success is attributed to the Almighty Father, our source of strength and inspiration," added Dr. Dugyon.

The event brought together 6,000 delegates from state-funded higher education institutions in the region, namely IFSU, Benguet State University, ASC, ASIST, Mountain Province State Polytechnic College, and Kalinga State University.







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A globally recognized University upholding excellence amidst rich cultural heritage

## Mission

Produce employable graduates who are morally upright, socially and culturally responsible professionals through quality, relevant, and innovative INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND RESOURCE GENERATION

## Goals and Objectives

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

1. Assure quality of programs
2. Ensure effective student lifecycle management and career development
3. Provide unique and lifelong learning experience in the entire student lifecycle
4. Integrate internationalization perspective towards global connectedness
5. Strengthen student welfare services for a successful academic formation of students
6. Integrate indigenous knowledge, system and practices (IKSP) in the academic programs to intensify conservation of the rich cultural heritage

### STRONG RESEARCH LEADERSHIP AND CULTURE

1. Establish a strong brand and strengthen image building of IFSU as a research leader
2. Intensify conduct of research and dissemination of RD outputs
3. Intensify conservation of the rich cultural heritage.

### SUSTAINABLE EXTENSION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Package and transfer knowledge and technologies relevant to the needs of the clientele
2. Create a widely shared organizational culture that encourages, promotes, and rewards extension and community engagements
3. Establish/Strengthen/Sustain linkages with LGUs, industries, and other organizations/stakeholders for resource sharing, extension program, and service complementation

### EXCELLENT PUBLIC SERVICE AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

1. Ensure efficient, transparent and accountable delivery of administrative services
2. Forge strong network system and resource sharing through collaborative activities conducted regularly
3. Strengthen the university's local and international visibility
4. Enhance efficiency in resource generation and mobilization
5. Upgrade competencies of human resources
6. Technologize front line services and other services of the University
7. Ensure a clean, green, safe, and GAD-responsive University environment
8. Intensify conservation of the rich cultural heritage integrating culture in the administrative services

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