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Hot on the heels of its World University Ranking for Innovation earlier this year, Ifugao State University (IFSU) added another feather to its cap by entering the UI Greenmetric World University Rankings (UIGWUR) 2023. IFSU ranked 2nd in the Cordillera, 21st in the Philippines, and top 1000 in the world in UIGWUR. IFSU also stood out as the only state-funded institution in the region to be included in this prestigious ranking.

University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon witnessed the unveiling of the results firsthand in UIGWUR ceremony held at Abu Dhabi University in Dubai on December 5, 2023. UIGWUR is a ranking on green campus and environmental sustainability of world universities which is determined by six criteria. It was initiated by the Universitas Indonesia in 2010.

In 2023 world rankings, IFSU recorded a total score of 4,220. In the six criteria, the University earned 1,100 in setting and infrastructure, 810 in energy and climate change, 300 in waste, 350 in water, 485 in transportation, and 1,175 in education and research. IFSU gained higher scores in two criteria: setting and infrastructure, where it ranked 4th, while education and research placed the university at 12th among all listed Philippine universities.

University President Dr. Dugyon expressed immense pride in the news, crediting the University's remarkable success to the "IFSU team who promptly responded and supported my immediate call to work on this undertaking just days before deadline." She further lauded the Commission on Higher Education's invaluable support in facilitating internationalization efforts, a key factor in propelling IFSU's global recognition. "This (achievement) manifests your

commitment and support to our leadership." Dr. Dugyon stated in a social media post. "May our global ranking inspire us more to continue improving, striding forward, and creating positive impact for God's glory. We're ending the year with gratitude."

The UI Greenmetric analyzes numerical data submitted by participating universities to generate scores that reflect the extent to which institutions are actively implementing environmentally friendly and sustainable programs. Only few Philippine universities, including two from the Cordillera region - IFSU and Saint Louis University - made it onto this world ranking this year. Globally, a staggering number of universities participated in the rigorous assessment process.//

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909	Yaseqj University	Iran	4225	695	1035	600	210	760	925
910	Ivan Franko National University of Lviv	Ukraine	4225	1025	815	450	310	875	750
911	Wasit University	Iraq	4220	635	1160	450	400	975	600
912	Ifugao State University	Philippines	4220	1100	810	300	350	485	1175
913	Bukhara State Medical Institute named after Abu Ali Ibn Sino	Uzbekistan	4215	470	960	525	550	610	1100
914	Politeknik Negeri Batam	Indonesia	4210	740	1085	450	400	535	1000
915	Navoi state university of mining and technologies	Uzbekistan	4210	900	950	525	410	675	750

Weaving workshop part of IFSU heritage preservation project

FAITH B. NAPUDO

In keeping with its vision of becoming a globally recognized university that upholds excellence amidst its rich cultural heritage, Ifugao State University (IFSU) launched the "Tanud di tinanudan (A gift to the generations): A celebration of resilience and continuity of the Ifugao heritage" on Nov. 6.

Spearheaded by the International Innovation Center for Indigenous Studies of the Research and Development Center for the Ifugao Rice Terraces as a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (R&D Center for IRT-GIAHS), the event

featured a lineup of activities centered on harnessing technology for heritage conservation, digital safeguarding of heritage, and empowering women in heritage conservation.

The initiative aligns with Sustainable Development Goals 11, 5, and 10, emphasizing the importance of preserving cultural heritage, promoting gender equality, and reducing inequalities.

IFSU President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon said the activity series exemplifies IFSU's commitment to safeguarding and

promoting Ifugao's heritage. By engaging students and the community in diverse activities, the University is ensuring the intergenerational transmission of Ifugao's traditions and knowledge.

The first event in the lineup was the heritage weaving and fashion design lecture-workshop, where nine participants from the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Agriculture and Sustainable Development, College of Health Sciences, and College of Education attended.

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The activity aimed to encourage youth participation in heritage conservation efforts while capacitating them with possible livelihood activities in the future. Ifugao Satoyama Meister Training Program alumna and Ifugao weaver Stephanie S. Ayahao shared her research titled "Inabol: The weaving culture of Ifugao."

Ayahao's presentation delved into the significance of weaving in safeguarding Ifugao's heritage and preserving the essence of its culture. She explained the diverse applications of weaving materials and demonstrated fundamental weaving techniques.

The students were taught how to wind the threads (mun-pudun) and participated in

the warping process. They were also given the opportunity to weave (mun-abol) as part of the return-demonstration. The participants designed and crafted their own weaves (inabol).

A lecture-workshop on photography and videography dubbed "Indigenous knowledge capture" was also held on Nov. 22 to 23.

This workshop aimed to equip students with the skills to document the rich indigenous knowledge and traditions of Ifugao. Students learned how to use photography and videography to create compelling narratives that highlight the importance of preserving cultural heritage.

To further encourage creativity and engagement among students, contests were opened for heritage mobile photography, one-minute video on heritage, five-minute video on heritage, and poetry writing.

These contests provided students with a platform to showcase their talents and perspectives on Ifugao heritage. A heritage exhibit was also held to showcase the outputs from the heritage weaving and fashion design lecture-workshop, indigenous knowledge capture, poetry writing, among others. The winning entries were recognized during the closing ceremonies at the Heritage Convention Center on Dec. 15.//



Qualified IFSU Students Get P5-K Educational Aid from Sen. Imee R. Marcos

FAITH B. NAPUDO

Students from the Ifugao State University (IFSU) received educational assistance on November 5, 2023 through the initiative of Senator Imee R. Marcos.

A total of 1,461 pre-identified student-beneficiaries from low-income families received Php 5,000 cash each from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the agency authorized to disburse the financial aid from Senator Marcos.

The list of student beneficiaries was submitted by IFSU to Senator Marcos' office and then to the DSWD, which cross-matched it with its records to ensure that no student was receiving other forms of financial support.

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IFSU celebrates Int'l, Nat'l Students' Day with engaging activities

ANGELICA P. DULNUAN AND AVIEGAY VIA MANUEL

Ifugao State University (IFSU) marked International and National Students' Day with an array of activities that showcased the University's commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive learning environment on November 17, 2023. Themed "Learning Beyond Borders: A Global Perspective," the event, spearheaded by the Department of Student Services and Development (DSSD), underscored the importance of fostering a campus environment that nurtures academic excellence, moral integrity, and social awareness.

Governor of the USSG Mr. Noli M. Linnog emphasized the significance of the event in cultivating a sense of responsibility and civic duty among students. He highlighted the University's dedication to creating a campus environment that fosters personal growth and prepares students for global citizenship.

The six colleges of IFSU showcased their creativity and talents in

the Battle of the Brains and Cosplay competitions held at the Heritage Convention Center. The College of Health Sciences emerged victorious in the Battle of the Brains, while the College of Agriculture and Sustainable Development took home the top prize in the cosplay contest.

Students also displayed their artistic prowess through vibrant Street Chalk Art. The school pavements transformed into a temporary canvas, showcasing a variety of colorful designs and patterns.

In response to the increasing prevalence of juvenile delinquency, a symposium on moral recovery and values formation was also held to provide valuable insights into the importance of upholding ethical and moral standards. Ms. Riezelle I. Echanova, Section Chief for Campus Ministry, discussed moral recovery and value formation, reminding the students to always anchor on the University Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives. Meanwhile, Dr. Florence N. Bahni,

Director of the Department of Research and Development, discussed values formation emphasizing the importance of redirecting one's own failures or mistakes towards success.

On the other hand, the University Student Supreme Government (USSG) organized a tree-planting and clean-up drive, involving the participation of students and faculty. The group worked together to clean the school premises, sidewalks along the perimeter fence and national highway, and the river banks along sitios Halog to Agang-ang. A total of 549 seedlings were planted, contributing to a greener and more sustainable campus environment.

Ms. Desiree Ballitoc, DSSD Director, in her Closing Remarks, reiterated the University's dedication to supporting students and fostering a strong sense of community. She commended the students for their active involvement in helping the community, even in small ways.//

IFSU achieves stellar results in November 2023 Licensure Exams

FAITH B. NAPUDO

Ifugao State University (IFSU) posted impressive results in the November 2023 licensure examinations, exceeding national averages across three disciplines. In the Philippine Nurses Licensure Examination (NLE), IFSU achieved a 98.08% passing rate, significantly higher than the national average of 80%. The College of Health

Sciences at the Lamut campus delivered an exceptional outcome with 51 out of 52 examinees passing the NLE, including a perfect 100% passing rate for first-time takers.

IFSU's Potia Campus also garnered success in the Midwifery Licensure

Examination, securing a 94.29% passing rate. This result placed them among the top 5 performing schools nationwide. In 2022, IFSU - Potia secured a 94.12% passing rate and positioned themselves as the top 3 performing school in the same exam.

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Meanwhile, 31 IFSU graduates passed the Agriculturist Licensure Examination (ALE), contributing to the national

passing rate of 34.23%. Also, IFSU Lagawe graduates Apolinarion P. Lupanti, Engr. Maffi Marlene B. Pinkihan, and Engr.

Silveryn P. Cacayuran conquered the November 2023 Civil Engineer Licensure Examination.//

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In addition to the financial assistance, Senator Marcos also donated 10 computer units to the IFSU campuses, affirming her support for quality education.

University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon thanked Senator Marcos for granting educational

assistance to IFSU students. She urged the students to excel in their academics, emphasizing that college education will accelerate their progress and is the greatest equalizer in society.

Student leader Jethro Bilibli expressed gratitude to Senator Marcos for the educational aid on behalf of the IFSU student body.

In a video message, Senator Marcos shared her delight in bringing home assistance to her fellow Northerners. A similar event will be held in the near future to provide the remaining 539 students with their PhP 5,000 financial aid, completing the 2,000 students requested by Senator Marcos' office to receive assistance.//

IFSU student wins gold at ASEAN International Students' Day 2023

CLYDE B. PUMIHIC

In observance of International Students' Day, Ifugao State University (IFSU) participated in the International Student Seminar and Awarding Day on Nov. 15, 2023. The event was hosted by Universitas Brawijaya in Indonesia and livestreamed globally. It featured a compelling Keynote Message, "Humanity in Crisis: Empathy, Compassion, and Action," delivered by Dr. Imam Muhammad Shamsi Ali, a distinguished US Muslim and Interfaith Leader and a UN speaker. This was followed by a student interaction talk show themed "Global Citizenship and Cultural Competence: Thriving in a Diverse World."

The ceremony also shone a spotlight on outstanding achievements in the ASEAN Virtual Student Opinion Competition 2023 (AVISOC 2023), where Christine Faith D. Gano, a second-year IFSU student in the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Program at the Lamut Campus, secured a gold medal. With participation from 749 students across 9 ASEAN countries, Gano's winning piece, titled "AI or People," critically examined the implications of AI in journalism, specifically addressing concerns raised by the introduction of AI sportscasters, "Maia and Marco," by GMA Integrated News. Gano eloquently highlighted potential issues such as job displacement, diminished critical thinking, emotional intelligence, security risks, and the peril of

misinformation. Her mentor, Dr. Jo Ann D. Doculan, a Faculty Member of the College of Computing Sciences, expressed confidence in IFSU's academic excellence and values, stating, "We are eager to bring our students into the global academic arena."

IFSU student participants claimed 3rd Place in the Project Presentation category at the Online Global Culture Exchange 2023, hosted by Universitas Islam Sultan Agung of Indonesia. This exchange program brought together 173 participants from 13 different countries, representing 41 universities. The winning

team comprised Criszaril N. Uyan, Maricar H. Bengwic, and Rickyziah Duladul Tid-ong from the College of Arts and Sciences, Cyrus Ray P. Manipon from the College of Education, and Lovelane B. Palatic from the DAT-BAT Program of the Hapao Campus.

University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, noting that these accomplishments align with the University's commitment to fostering global citizenship among the students, stated, "The holistic accomplishment of our university vision that eyes for global presence for excellence.//"



IFSU joins Cordillera NEXUS initiative to boost region's global profile

FAITH B. NAPUDO



Ifugao State University (IFSU) joined forces with 16 other Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) for the two-day launch of the "Cordillera NEXUS: Uniting Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for Internationalization Synergy" on December 5-6, 2023, at the University of the Cordilleras, Baguio City.

Organized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED-CAR), the activity highlighted a ceremonial uploading of Cordillera 101: "Cordillera Today and Beyond: Synergies for Promoting Tawid di Cordillera in the Curriculum" as one of the entries of the participating HEIs in the World University Rankings for Innovation, particularly on the Culture/Values framework.

Furthermore, IFSU, together with HEIs in the region, inked a commitment agreement with Reskills Malaysia, a skills-based learning institution that has partnered with CHED-CAR to provide 1,700 sponsored vouchers for accessing online classes from around the world. This collaboration aims to equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in the global workforce. // with report from CHED Official Facebook page

IFSU celebrates Int'l, Nat'l Students' Day with engaging activities

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

Ifugao State University (IFSU) hosted the Cordillera Regional Autonomy Summit and Youth Fora under the theme "Garnering People's Support for Regional Autonomy Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Regional Development." The event, held at the Heritage Convention Hall on December 1, 2023, aimed to champion regional autonomy in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) while emphasizing the importance of local support for inclusive and sustainable development.

Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, University President, warmly welcomed participants, expressing wholehearted support for the advocacy. In her address,

she underscored the significance of educating and raising awareness among the youth about the autonomy movement, empowering them to actively contribute to shaping the future of the Cordillera Region.

"We shine a spotlight on the YOUTH—the heartbeat of our future. The One Cordillera emphasizes that the 'Y' in AUTONOMY symbolizes YOUTH! You, our beloved youth, hold a significant role in the public discourse of an autonomous Cordillera," remarked Dr. Dugyon. She encouraged the youth to let their voices resonate, ideas flourish, and aspirations soar, emphasizing that their generation would reap the most benefits when

autonomy is successfully achieved. Dr. Dugyon called for unity, saying, "Let us join forces to champion regional autonomy. Let us stand united as One Cordillera! Together, let us declare our support with a powerful 'Yes to Autonomy!'"

The highlight of the event included the ceremonial beating of the gong and the signing of the Manifesto of Support, symbolizing IFSU's unity and commitment towards establishing the Cordillera Autonomous Region. Officials from Ifugao, including Governor Jerry U. Dalipog, Board Members,

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Bike ride promotes "Zero Male Suicide" for International Men's Day

FAITH B. NAPUDO

In a display of camaraderie and commitment to men's well-being, employees and a student of Ifugao State University (IFSU) joined participants from other State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in the region for a fun-filled bike ride dubbed "BSU Biking for International Men's Day, Pedal It Out."

This event aligned with the globally celebrated International Men's Day, which aims to spotlight positive male role models, emphasize the values they bring to their respective institutions, and raise awareness of the importance of men's

well-being. This year's global theme, "Zero Male Suicide," underscored the urgent need to address the issue of male suicide and promote strategies for prevention and intervention.//

The bike enthusiasts set off early in the morning of November 20, 2023 from Benguet State University – Buguias Campus, their wheels churning with determination as they embarked on a journey to the new highest point in Tinoc, Ifugao, then rolled on to the national road in Tinoc, going to Kiangan, Ifugao.

Reaching their final destination at IFSU's Lamut Campus, the cyclists included IFSU employees Ariel Bayudoc, Lester Dimog, Judito Latap Jr., Edward Laron, Stradivary Caro, Ivan Jake Tapo, Christian Henry Mission, Raffy Guinsiman, Jasper Ivan Nazarro, Alfred Charles Dait, alongside student Ivan Jericho Matute.



and Local Government Unit Mayors, expressed their wholehearted support for the cause.

The afternoon session focused on Autonomy Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities

and an open forum to discuss further movements toward realizing the vision of regional autonomy for the Cordillera Administrative Region.//



IFSU symposium tackles VAW, Role of Social Institutions in Ending the Violence

FAITH B. NAPUDO

Ifugao State University (IFSU), through its Gender and Development Research and Resource Center (GADRRRC), spearheaded a timely symposium on Violence Against Women (VAW) and the crucial role of social institutions in curbing it. Held on November 28, 2023, at the Luis Hora Gymnasium, the event aligned with the 18-Day Campaign to End VAW, carrying the powerful theme: "UNITED for a VAW-free PH."

Seasoned social worker Ms. Joseline "Joyce" P. Niwane, drawing from her 39 years of experience and distinguished tenure as former DSWD Undersecretary, shed light on the institutions shaping gender roles and socialization. These include family and community, schools, workplaces, churches, media (television, radio, and print), and social media.

Ms. Niwane expounded into the processes of gender socialization within families, highlighting manipulation, canalization, verbal labeling, and activity exposures. She further discussed the manifestations of gender bias, emphasizing its potential to marginalize and exploit women economically, limit their access to opportunities, and confine

them to subordinate roles.

The impact of gender bias extends far beyond economic and social limitations. Ms. Niwane emphasized the detrimental effects on self-esteem and the lack of control victims often experience. Violence, both physical and psychological, leaves lasting scars on the mind and spirit.

Empowering students is key to breaking the cycle of VAW. Ms. Niwane stressed the importance of fostering welfare, access to resources, critical awareness, participation, and individual control. She outlined actionable steps towards ending VAW, urging participants to: Speak up and break the silence, Educate themselves, Call out Abuse, Challenge harmful stereotypes, Redefine masculinity and move beyond limiting gender roles, Support women's organizations, Develop programs for perpetrators, Demand better responses and services, Push for stronger laws, Promote women's leadership, and Build solidarity.

Mr. Christian M. Salazar, Officer-in-Charge of the Cybercrime Policy and Plans Division (CPPD) of the Department of Information and Communications Technology - Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (DICT-CICC), focused on cyberviolence against women,

particularly Gender-Based Online Sexual Harassment (GBOSH) as defined by Republic Act 11313 or the Safe Spaces Act.

Mr. Salazar outlined the various forms of GBOSH, including: Online threats and harassment using misogynistic, transphobic, homophobic, and sexist language; Cyberstalking and incessant messaging; Sharing non-consensual intimate photos, videos, or voice recordings; Unauthorized recording and sharing of personal information online; Online impersonation or spreading lies to damage someone's reputation; and Filing false abuse reports to silence victims.

The Safe Spaces Act's reach covers beyond the digital realm, encompassing all forms of sexual harassment in public spaces, workplaces, and educational institutions.

The symposium, attended by over a hundred students from the Bachelor of Science in Social Work and Bachelor of Science in Information Technology programs, as well as representatives from local government units and church groups, served as a valuable platform for raising awareness, sparking crucial conversations, and empowering future social workers, IT professionals, and church leaders to play an active role in creating a VAW-free Philippines. //

IFSU studees scoop 3rd Place, Judges' Choice Award at Nutri-Infomercial Contest

FAITH B. NAPUDO

Ifugao State University (IFSU) students made a splash at the Nutri-Infomercial Video Contest for Higher Education Institutes, clinching third place with their informative and engaging video.

It also earned special recognition as Judges' Choice.

The IFSU team's video focused on the importance of nutrition for all, highlighting the benefits of a healthy




diet and providing tips for making nutritious choices.

IFSU delegates received their awards from the National Nutrition Council in November 2023 in Baguio City.//





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	APAYAO STATE COLLEGE P4,500
	KINGS COLLEGE OF THE PHILIPPINES P4,500

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-  **APAYAO STATE COLLEGE**

People's Choice

-  **SAINT TONIS COLLEGE** (Tabuk city)
-  **BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY**
-  **ABRA STATE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY**



IFSU holds annual in-house review to sustain strong research leadership and culture

FAITH B. NAPUDO

Over 130 research and extension proposals, along with completed extension activities, were presented for evaluation during the two-day Annual In-House Review (AIHR) held at Ifugao State University (IFSU) on November 23-24, 2023.

The AIHR provided a platform for researchers and extensionists to present their work and receive valuable feedback from external evaluators. This aligns with IFSU's commitment to fostering a strong research leadership and culture.

Dr. Marissa P. Bulong, Vice President for Research Development and Extension, representing University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, commended the faculty members who actively participated in the AIHR.

She emphasized the importance of embracing this event as an opportunity for refinement and growth. Dr. Bulong encouraged researchers to welcome constructive feedback that will propel their research endeavors forward.

A total of 15 Agriculture, Aquatic and

Natural Resources (AANR) proposals, 24 Social Sciences proposals, 33 Education-related proposals, and 12 Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology (IET) proposals were presented. Additionally, 46 proposals were presented for the Extension/Development Projects category.

Extensionists also presented seven (7) completed extension projects. Lorna C. Ildefonso's project, "Bayanihan to Heal as One: SPA for Ej: Soap Provision and

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Allocation for every Juan," was selected as the best paper. Regina B. Mendoza's project, "Information Dissemination and Psychological Support to Rape Victims and Social Handnrs of Rape Victims in Alfonso Lista," received recognition as the second-best paper.

The panel of evaluators comprised experts from various institutions: Dr. Madeline S. Kingan, Dr. Teresita K. Mangili, Dr. Darwin A. Basquial, Dr. Stanley F. Anongos Jr., Dr. Janet Lynn M. Balagtey and Dr. Jhordan T. Cuilan, and Dr. Johnny P. Cayabas Jr. of Benguet State University, Dr. Annie Grail

F. Ekid and Dr. Mark Preston S. Lopez of Mountain Province State Polytechnic College, Dr. Jessie Pascual P. Bitog of Nueva Vizcaya State University, Engr. Teofilo M. Sagabaen of Saint Mary's University, and Engr. Marcelo N. Lunag Jr. of Saint Louis University.//

Blood typing and blood-letting drive held to promote health awareness and ensure safe blood supply

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

Ifugao State University (IFSU)-Lamut Campus through the University Clinic held a blood typing and blood-letting activity on November 17, 2023, in collaboration with the Rural Health Unit-Lamut and Region 2 Trauma & Medical Center (R2TMC). The event aimed to promote health awareness and ensure an ample supply of safe blood for the community.

A total of 74 individuals, including employees, students, and community members, participated in the blood typing activity. Of these, 62 were eligible to donate blood. The blood-letting drive was conducted in accordance with Republic Act No. 7719, also known

as the National Blood Services Act of 1994, which aims to ensure the effective regulation and availability of safe blood in the country's blood banks.

Blood typing is essential to determine blood compatibility and prevent the risks associated with receiving an incompatible blood transfusion.//



IFSU – ATBI trains entrepreneurs on citron lemon marmalade processing

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

In a concerted effort to boost local entrepreneurship and elevate farm productivity, the Agri-Aqua Technology Business Incubator (ATBI) of Ifugao State University (IFSU) conducted a seminar training on citron lemon marmalade production. The event, held at the IFSU Home Technology Building on November 24, 2023, was participated by 15 local business owners.

ATBI's Project Development Officer Ms. Norma Appoy underscored the significance of the training in empowering the participants with valuable skills. "This initiative aims to equip entrepreneurs with the knowledge and techniques essential for citron lemon marmalade processing and to address issues such as food security, waste reduction, and sustainable practices," she added.

Ms. Linda W. Tagtagon, a faculty member from the College of Agriculture and Home Science (CAHS), who served as the Resource Speaker discussed the importance of Food Preservation and



Fruit and Vegetable Processing, along with the actual processing of Citron Lemon Marmalade. The trainees conducted their return demonstration afterward.

Ms. Tagtagon guided the trainees through each step, from selecting citron lemons to the final bottling process. Following the demonstration, participants successfully produced 36 bottles of Citron Lemon Marmalade.

Expressing their gratitude, participants shared their experiences from the training. "Through this training, we were able to gain knowledge on food preservation and learn the process of citron lemon marmalade making that we can share with the community," remarked one participant. "It gave us also ideas that we can adopt and apply in our respective businesses," added another.//

Local business owners learn to make calamatis soap to reduce waste and boost profits

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

In an effort to add value to abundant agri-crops and combat wastage resulting from oversupply, the Agri-Aqua Technology Business Incubator (ATBI) of Ifugao State University (IFSU) conducted a training on Calamatis Soap Processing on December 7, 2023 at the IFSU Home Technology Building, participated by local business owners keen on expanding their ventures.

Ms. Norma Appoy, the Project Development Officer of ATBI, stressed the importance of the training in empowering participants with valuable skills. "The initiative aimed to equip entrepreneurs with the knowledge and skills for calamatis-based processing, addressing issues such as food security, waste reduction, and sustainable practices," she added.



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COE celebrates National English and Reading Month

ANGELICA DULNUAN



The English Educators League of the College of Education (COE) took the lead in celebrating the National English Month and Reading Month with the theme, "English as a Global Language: Bridging Cultures, Connecting the World," at the Heritage Convention Hall, IFSU-Lamut Campus, on November 15, 2023.

"It is important to note that proficiency in the English language is not exclusive to English majors," Dr. Desiree G. Nangpuhan, the college dean, emphasized in her Opening Remarks. She commended the EEL club for organizing the event and encouraged everyone to actively participate in the various activities they prepared.

Meanwhile, the event speaker, Dr. Marites D. Bumidang, highlighted the

significance of learning the English language. She stressed, "English serves as a tool for giving instructions, breaking down barriers, building bridges of understanding, and being a unifying force to come together and share goals for a better COE." Additionally, she emphasized that using the English language does not replace the dialect or the language of a Filipino citizen.

The diverse set of activities included extemporaneous speech, essay writing, quiz bee, read-a-thon, poem writing, and on-the-spot spoken poetry. These engaging events saw participation from different clubs within the College of Education, namely, Kapisanan ng mga Filipino Meyjor (KaFilMa), Social Studies and Physical Education Enthusiastic Developers (SSPEED), El Ciencia y Mathema (ECM), and Young Molders Club (YMC).

The winners of the contested activities were as follows:

Extemporaneous Speech:
1st - YMC (Ms. Proverbs Medalla)
2nd - KaFilMa (Mr. Cyrus Manipon)
3rd - SSPEED (Ms. Marjorie Dumelod)

Essay Writing:
1st - YMC (Ms. Gezzle Julien Tuguinay)
2nd - ECM (Ms. Anie Mae Buccahan)
3rd - SSPEED (Feliza Cabbigat)

Quiz Bee:
1st - Mr. Jeffrey Bustamante and Ms. Angelica Bolla

Read-a-Thon:
1st - KaFilMa (Shana Ambuya)
2nd - YMC (Faryll Hedchugan)
3rd - EMC (Keanna Lou Buyagawon)

Poem Writing and On-the-Spot Spoken Poetry:
1st - YMC (Mr. Jonathan Dacanay and Ms. Yve Lorimei Dulnuan)
2nd - KaFilMa (Ms. Shana Ambuyao and Ms. Jessa Castillo)
3rd - ECM (Ms. Aiza Dominong and Ms. Waveney Dulawan)

Ms. Julie M. Guay delivered the Closing Remarks, commending the success of the event and emphasizing the importance of creating opportunities for learning and continual improvement. The event concluded with the presentation of certificates to the board of judges and the winners of the competitions, followed by a group picture-taking session with each club and their advisers.//

Psychology program bridges borders thru academic exchange with Indonesia's Universitas Muhammadiyah Jember

CAROLINE BAZA

In pursuit of the University's commitment to academic excellence through internationalization, the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Psychology program of the Ifugao State University (IFSU) successfully concluded an international online lecture series in partnership with Universitas Muhammadiyah Jember in Indonesia.

This collaboration, initiated on May 25, 2023, aimed to strengthen international cooperation and knowledge exchange in the field of psychology research, particularly focusing on cross-cultural perspectives.

The online lecture series, conducted via Zoom on December 13, 2023, at the

IFSU Heritage Convention Hall and Multi-purpose Hall, welcomed all BS Psychology students. The event served as a platform for sharing knowledge and gaining diverse insights on cross-cultural psychology topics, facilitating a deeper understanding of human behavior across

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different cultures.

"As we embark on this journey together, I invite you to open your minds to new perspectives," said Dr. Donato O. Abaya, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Dean. "Let us utilize this platform to explore the fascinating world of psychology and contribute to the advancement in our institution and beyond."

Dr. Abaya, Mr. Aiken Dale K. Magaya, Psychology Program Chairperson, and other faculty members facilitated the webinar series. The program featured

two distinct topics presented by Psychology instructors from Universitas Muhammadiyah Jember.

Ms. Panca Kursistin Handayani of Universitas Muhammadiyah Jember shared "Forensic Psychology in Correctional Practice: Research in Recidivist Prisoners" that explored the criminal tendencies and the influence of values on recidivism. Recidivism refers to the act of re-offending or returning to criminal behavior after punishment or intervention. This session was specifically attended by third and fourth-year BS Psychology

students. Moreover, "The Role of Family in Adolescent Mental Health" which was presented by Dr. Nurlaela Widrayini emphasized the crucial role families play in supporting the mental well-being of adolescents. This topic was attended by first and second-year BS Psychology students.

"This webinar is significant because it provided additional information about how other universities conduct research, specifically on inmate recidivism," remarked Kristeen Laggao, a third-year BS

Psychology program receives positive feedback following regulatory board inspection

ELVIRA M. MATABYE

In a significant development for Ifugao State University (IFSU), the Professional Regulatory Board of Psychology conducted an inspection and monitoring of the Bachelor of Science in Psychology program at the Lamut Campus. The visit, led by Hon. Hector M. Perez and Ms. Zarah Mae I. Common, aimed to ensure the program's compliance with regulations and standards, emphasizing the commitment to delivering high-

The inspection, held on December 4, 2023, at the IFSU DQuA Conference Room, Lamut Campus, involved a thorough validation of the College of Arts and Sciences facilities, programs, systems, and processes.

Mr. Nathaniel F. Dimog, the Campus Executive Director, extended a warm welcome in his Opening Remarks, reaffirming the institution's support for the regulatory visit.

Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, represented by Dr. Mary P. Caclini, Vice President for Academic Affairs, conveyed the University's enthusiasm for excellence. Dr. Codamon-Dugyon highlighted



IFSU's commitment to international quality standards in administrative services, instruction, research, extension, and resource generation—a commitment integral to the pursuit of delivering top-notch education.

Hon. Hector M. Perez, during his address,

outlined the objectives of the site visit, underlining the importance of adhering to set standards for the enhancement of the Psychology program.

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Students and faculty gain data science and analytics expertise thru DICT Lecture- Workshop

RECHINA BELERAN

Nine (9) senior students and six (6) faculty members of the College of Computing Sciences (CCS) of the Ifugao State University (IFSU) – Lamut Campus participated in an informative lecture and workshop on Data Science and Analytics conducted by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) – Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) on November 20-22, 2023. This event aimed to provide awareness, skills training, and competency across all sectors of the Philippine society using DICT-developed and/or acquired courseware.



Allan T. Lao, Head of the Technical Operations Division of DICT – CAR served as the resource speaker for the lecture and workshop. He delved into the fundamentals of Data Science and Analytics, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of this rapidly evolving field.

A key focus of the lecture was an introduction to R, a free, open-source programming language widely used for data science, statistics, and visualization projects. Mr. Lao discussed the versatility of R, highlighting its ability to handle a wide range of data analysis tasks, from data cleaning and transformation to

statistical modeling and visualization.

The workshop provided participants with hands-on experience in utilizing R for data manipulation and analysis. Students and faculty members were guided through various techniques, including data cleaning, transformation, and analysis. They also learned how to leverage different R packages and functions to perform these tasks efficiently.

To solidify understanding of data science concepts and their practical applications, the workshop incorporated real-life examples and hands-on exercises. Participants were tasked

with applying their newfound knowledge to solve real-world data analysis problems, reinforcing their understanding of the concepts and their practical value.

Following this event, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be forged between IFSU and DICT to concretize collaboration in the pursuit of providing and accelerating ICT awareness, literacy, and skills development. This MOU will serve as a framework for future partnerships between the two institutions, paving the way for more initiatives aimed at enhancing the ICT proficiency of the Philippine workforce.//

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facilities followed the introductory sessions. The monitoring and inspection phase delved into the Psychological and Science laboratories, various processes associated with the program, as well as the Guidance Office and the University Library for books and journals.

Faculty profiles and qualifications, curriculum details, psychological tests, licensure examination performance, and mechanisms for improving licensure exam results were addressed

in the afternoon.

The concluding segment involved the presentation of findings and recommendations by the Inspection and Monitoring Team.

In his closing remarks, Dr. Donato O. Abaya, the College Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, expressed gratitude to the monitoring team. Dr. Abaya assured that the institution would earnestly consider and implement the findings and

recommendations to enhance the delivery of services, contributing to the continuous improvement of IFSU's Psychology program.

“The positive feedback received from the Professional Regulatory Board of Psychology reaffirms IFSU's dedication to providing quality education and highlights the institution's ongoing efforts to meet and exceed industry standards and further improve the program's overall efficiency,” said Dr. Abaya.//

From scraps to sweets: IFSU celebrates Christmas with sustainable flair

FAITH B. NAPUDO



Ifugao State University (IFSU) upcycled landfill-bound materials by transforming these into Christmas decorations with "Dessert Land" theme.

Scrap papers and used tarpaulins, once destined for landfills, have been reimagined into delightful decorations, showcasing IFSU's commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production. This approach not only saves resources but also minimizes pollution and reduces the need for new materials. The spirit of the season ignited with a luminous lantern parade. Students, staff, and even senior leaders proudly held aloft their handmade lanterns, culminating

in the oval with a joyous singalong of Christmas songs led by the Payadon Band, a student group of singers and instrumentalists. This festive procession culminated in the lighting of a Christmas tree, crafted from repurposed scraps. As twilight painted December 1st, the University community gathered to witness this symbol of hope reborn from discarded materials.

University President Dr. Eva Marie Codamon-Dugyon, in her warm message, reminded everyone of the true meaning of Christmas: Jesus Christ's sacrifice for the world. Her heartfelt wishes for joy and good tidings to the whole IFSU community resonated before everyone

was guided to the official opening of IFSU's Christmas Village.

From gingerbread houses to candy cane sculptures, every piece spoke to the community's creativity and dedication to sustainability. The village itself, embodying another core value of IFSU – creativity – stood as a testament to upcycling.

Born in 2018 with Dr. Dugyon's appointment, this tradition embodies IFSU's core value of Faith: a powerful belief and faith that there is God Almighty who guides the University in all its undertakings and endeavors.//

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Dr. Lorna Ildefonso, Dean of the College of Business Administration-Potia Campus, served as the Resource Speaker. She delved into the medicinal and skin benefits of tomatoes and calamansi based on her research. Dr. Ildefonso presented the necessary ingredients and demonstrated the safe processing of tomato and calamansi-based soaps. The participants had the opportunity to

showcase their learning through a return demonstration.

Expressing gratitude for the training, participants highlighted that it introduced new ideas for consideration in their business ventures. "We thank IFSU for this learning opportunity. Besides enhancing our businesses, this is timely, especially as farmers nowadays grapple

with significant losses when the price of tomatoes drastically drops," remarked by one woman business owner.

"The positive response from participants indicates the potential impact of this program in supporting local businesses and communities," concluded Ms. Appoy.//



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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

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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
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