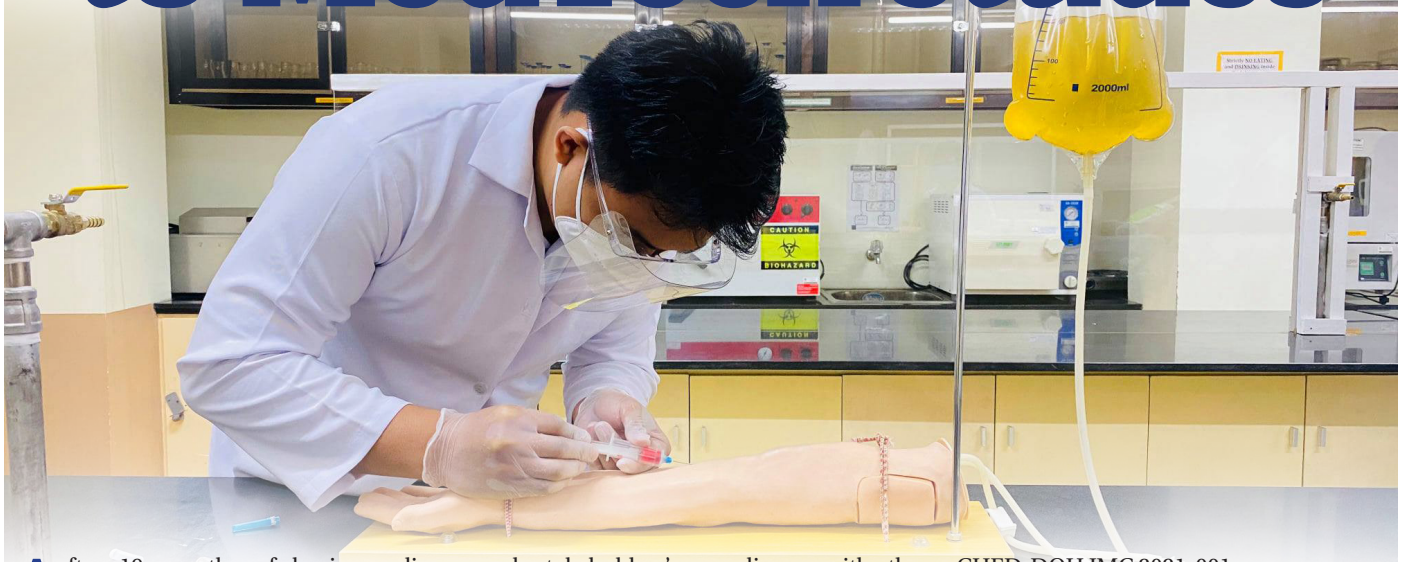


USL WISDOM Builds

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USL opens its gates to MedTech studies



After 19 months of having online classes, USL's School of Health and Allied Sciences (SHAS) finally opened its gates to third-year Medical Technology students on October 26, 2021.

MedTech's program chair, Mr. Alvin A. Aldea, RMT, said the university follows strict public health regulations to ensure students' safety.

"Safety measures include enforcement of the health and safety policies of USL

and stakeholders' compliance with the minimum public health standards," he said.

"For this semester, we have limited face-to-face classes in Clinical Chemistry, Hematology, Immunology & Serology, and Clinical Parasitology," he added.

With the permit granted last March 2021, USL was the first university in the region to conduct limited face-to-face classes among its health allied students in compliance with the requirements of the

CHED-DOH JMC 2021-001.

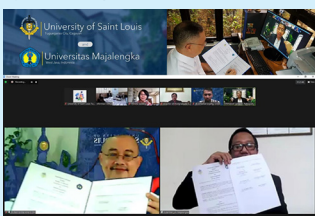
This permit was issued due to USL's rigorous preparations, which included forming the Campus Health and Safety Committee, reengineering facilities, and formulating a cyclical shifting model for lab classes.

Moreover, 4th year MedTech students will be deployed in its partner hospitals very soon for their limited face-to-face internship. *USLWB*

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USL Commits to ‘Laudato Si’ Movement

To build a sustainable environment and protect and preserve Mother Earth, the University of Saint Louis (USL), through the Community Engagement and CICM Advocacies (CECA) Office, committed to the Laudato Si Movement in September 2021.

The Laudato Si Movement, also known as Global Catholic Climate Movement, is an international organization that aims to inspire and mobilize the Catholic community to care for the common home and achieve climate and ecological justice.

In an interview with the coordinator of CECA's Integration of Creation Advocacy and also a member of the Asia Pacific and Oceanian Region, Mr. Ramil I. Corpuz said that the Laudato Si Movement had found itself at the forefront of creating spaces where Catholics can become more awakened to the ecological crisis, to spiritual communion with nature and each other, and experience God's love through environmental conversion.

Since CECA advocates integrity of creation such as tree planting, protection of wildlife, and caring for rivers, the school joined this organization because they share the same advocacy and mission. The organization supports CECA in any activities related to its advocacy.

“Working together, we can feel part of a great story – a movement that is emerging in the church and world today and offering concrete opportunities and solutions to the crises we face,” Mr. Corpuz added.



When asked about his message to the youth, he said they should be at the forefront of this advocacy, especially Louisians, to live the school's mantra, “Once a Louisian, always a Missionary.”

Mr. Ramil said, “They should know how to protect and preserve Mother Earth, especially since our province, Cagayan, has been experiencing different calamities.” **USLWB**

USL signs partnership with Universitas Majalengka

With the University's thrust towards internationalization, USL inked a partnership with the Universitas Majalengka (UM) on August 20, 2021.

Universitas Majalengka, established in 2006, is a private higher education institution located in the metropolis of Majalengka, West Java, and officially recognized by the Ministry of Research and Technology/National Research and Innovation Agency of Republic Indonesia.

This partnership agreement aims to foster advancement

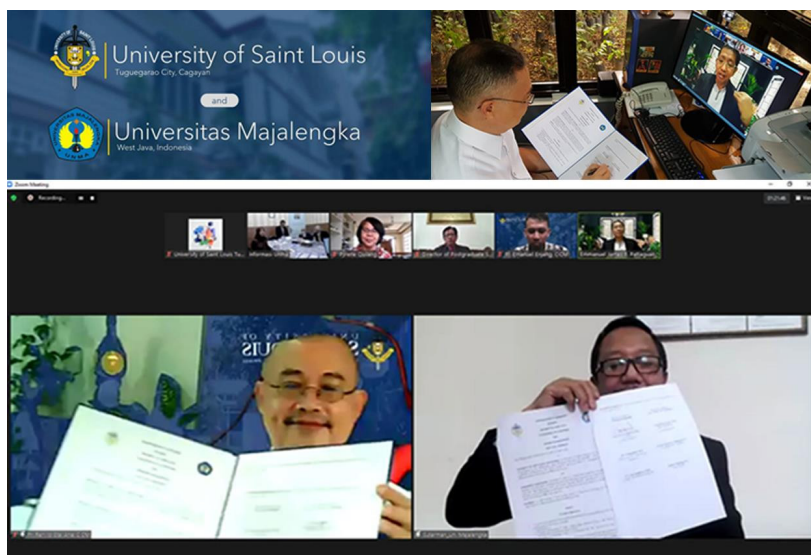
in teaching, research, and cultural understanding of both parties through collaboration in a research project, research development, curriculum development (wherein USL is a benchmark for the curriculum in Public Administration), the conduct of seminars and conferences (wherein USL can provide human resources for the development of Post Graduate Study-UM's faculty). And also the conduct of international workshops and or local seminars for the participation of USL and Postgraduate Study-UM's students), article publications, and visiting professorship.

According to Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan, USL's Vice President for Academics, both universities will focus on partnership in promoting the Public Administration Program by and between USL and UM in Graduate School.

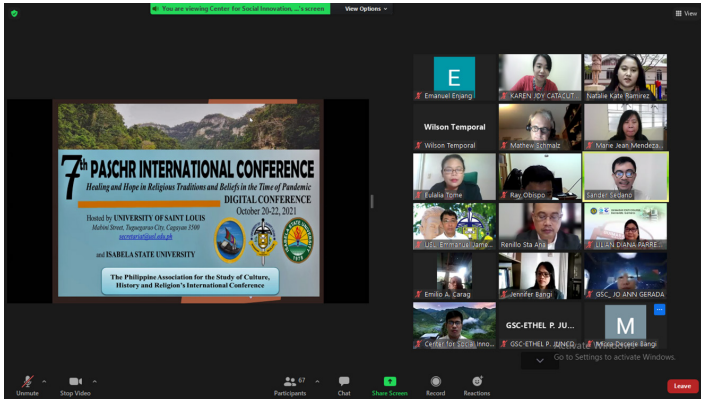
It is also expected that USL will share its best practices in the Public Administration program along with the curriculum. This also entails expanding in terms of visiting professorship then academic partnership, for example, the conduct of seminars by both Universities and students' attendance for USL and UM.

When asked about Dr. Pattaguan's insights regarding the partnership, he said it would open an avenue for USL to share its best practices and, in return, will also expand its coverage in terms of its globalization.

This Memorandum of Agreement will be in force from the date it is signed and will be effective for five (5) years and may be renewed upon agreement by both parties. **USLWB**



USL's CSILKER, ISU host 7th PASCHR Int'l Conference



Isabela State University (ISU), hosted the 7th PASCHR International Conference on the Study of History, Culture, and Religion on October 20-22, 2021 with the theme “Healing and Hope in Religious Traditions and Beliefs in the time of Pandemic.”

The online conference aimed to disseminate prospects of healing and hope in religious traditions and beliefs in the time of pandemic and to provide researchers and teachers an avenue to share the results of their studies centering on the study of culture, history, and religion.

In an interview, the head of CSILKER, Dr. Darin Jan C. Tindowen, said that this is an important event for the professionals and the students to broaden their cultural perspectives so that they are not just reliant on them as instructors.

“We invited students, pre-service teachers, and psychology students for their professional development activities since our speakers here are all experts in the field. Also, to expand their ideas about culture, history, and religion so that they will not only depend on us as their teachers,” he said. **USLWB**

The Philippine Association for the Study of Culture, History, and Religion (PASCHR), in partnership with the University of Saint Louis (USL), through its Center for Social Innovation, Local Knowledge and Educational Research (CSILKER) and the

Beliefs in the time of Pandemic.” The international conference was attended by 70 participants, including the seven research presenters who shared their papers about Philippine culture, history, and religion.

IPOPHL grants CERTI's project

The Automatic Vermicast Production Machine, a project of the Center for Engineering Research and Technology Innovation (CERTI), is now a Registered Utility Model after it was granted by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL).

The present utility model relates to an automatic vermicast production machine that would facilitate processing organic waste or matters into vermicast by employing a microcontroller assembly to monitor critical requirements, such as temperature and moisture, to raise redworms or African crawlers.

The project is an all-in-one machine that aids in the production of vermicasts through automatic shredding of substrates, pouring of fish amino acids, watering of vermibed, and harvesting and sieving of vermicasts.

The project was invented by the following Louisians: Rustonel Vergara, Kathrine Tio, Frynz Clyd Agustin, and Jayvee Castellon and were coached by Mr. Ertie Abana, CERTI Head, and Engr. Ariel Lorenzo, ECE Program Chair. **USLWB**

Arch. Tabao Notches 1st Place

Arch. Michael T. Tabao, a USL instructor, won first place in the Research-Project Proposal Competition held in conjunction with the Cagayan Heritage Conservation Series 2021, which ran from May 18 to August 24, 2021, and focused on the theme “Managing the Past in the Present and for the Future.”

Arch. Tabao's proposed paper entitled “Fuerza Cagayana: Interpreting and Visualizing the 18th Century Fortifications in Cagayan Under the Spanish Crown” presented that the six forts of Cagayan were strategically positioned but deteriorated over time.

It was for this reason, Don

Fernando Valdes Tamon ordered their documentation in 1738.

However, these six forts were finally destroyed and wrecked, leaving no remnants behind.

Thus, the paper of Architect Tabao attempts to interpret and visualize their remains based on what's left of them: sketches, maps, architectural plans, elevations, and perspectives.

This gives a reader a fresh idea of the vision of Spain as a Colonial Empire in Cagayan Valley in the 18th century Philippines.

Moreover, the paper won P10,000.00 from PGC and a Laptop from Crania Heritage Sciences, Inc. **USLWB**

CONGRATULATIONS

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THEME: “Managing the Past in the Present for the Future”

Research-Project Proposal Competition

Winners

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SEAITE bags Best Research Paper, Best Paper Presenter

Students and faculty from the School of Engineering, Architecture, and Information Technology Education (SEAITE) bagged the Best Research Paper and the Best Paper Presenter awards (Information System Track) in the International Conference on Information Technology Education (ICITE) 2021 with the theme “Research and Technology Innovation: Visions of the New Future” on October 27-29, 2021.

Cyrille Joyce Balilia, a BSIT 4 student, won the Best Paper Presenter. Moreover, Ms. Balilia, together with Lyanna Pagulayan, Alheizen Acoba, Jaye-Em Mebaña, Mrs. Lily-Ann Dela Cruz (IT Program Chair), and Ms. Diane Jenalyn Datul (SEAITE Faculty) notched the Best Research Paper award entitled “Windows-Based Information Management System with Project Monitoring for Barangay.”

ICITE 2021 is an international research conference organized by PSITE in partnership with Taylor’s University of Malaysia. *USLWB*

Best Paper Presenter: Cyril Joyce Balilia, BSIT-4

Best Research Paper: Windows-Based Information Management System with Project Monitoring for Barangay

Authors: Cyril Balilia, Lyanna Pagulayan, Alheizen Acoba, Jaye-Em Mebaña, Mrs. Lily-Ann Dela Cruz (IT Program Chair), and Ms. Diane Jenalyn Datul (SEAITE Faculty)

2 Louisian Teams advance in Project Incubator Round

In the Advocacy Pitch Competition of Project Niche conducted on August 14, 2021, two Louisian teams were chosen to advance in the project incubator round.

The project Green Hydra aims to empower families to create a clean, green, and healthy community through innovative and sustainable planting technologies.

While the project Plan Synergy seeks to provide local farmers with a solar-powered irrigation system to address the convergence of food, water, and energy issues.

They intend to commence work on these projects in October 2021-2022 in two Barangays of Tuguegarao City: Ugac Norte

and Ugac Sur.

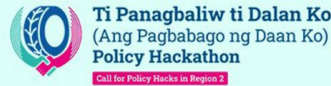
Both initiatives will be financed via a partnership between the Climate Reality Project Philippines and the East-West Center.

The Climate Reality Philippines Youth Cluster and the Wavefarers have partnered to create Project Niche: Claiming My Place in the Climate Space, with funding from the East-West Center, as part of Niche Fora 2021.

The Project Green Hydra was proposed by Nicole D. Andres (BS Accountancy 2), team leader, Humphrey A. Bago (BS Accountancy 2), presenter, Maria Angela M. Benitez (BS Accountancy 2), writer, Noemi A. Fajardo (BS Pharmacy 2), researcher, and Rodrigo B. Macarubbo (BS Architecture 4), researcher.

While Ryle Jan Bucao (BPED-2), team leader, Princess Rhea Balinbin (BSAC-3), presenter, Estrella Marie Eugenio (BSAC-2), writer, April Aaliah Albano (BSAC-2), researcher, and Kate Manangan (BSAC-2), researcher, proposed the Project Plan Synergy.

Both teams were coached by Mr. Sander T. Sedano, LMS Coordinator and Patrick Decena, Kabataang Kumakalinga sa Kalikasan (KKK) President. *USLWB*



CONGRATULATIONS

Top Policy Hack - TransporText



Cagayan Youth Advocates

(Rodrigo Macarubbo, Charlotte Ferrer, Ryle Jan Bucao)

Photo by FNF Philippines

CYA Notches Victory

Cagayan Youth Advocates: Rodrigo B. Macarubbo, Charlotte A. Ferrer, and Ryle Jan M. Bucao notched first place in the “Ti Panagbaliw ti Dalan ko (Ang Pagbabago ng Daan Ko) Policy Hackaton” on October 22,

2021. These three active Louisians are members of the CYA where Ms. Ferrer, Mr. Macarubbo, and Mr. Bucao are the President, Head of Programs and

Development, and Head of Sports and Art, respectively, of CYA.

This policy hack, “TransporText”, is an SMS-Based Tricycle Driver-Passenger Transport Management System that aims to address transport service accessibility and security by providing a user-friendly and innovative transportation system mobility service to the public. This Idea Hack integrates text messaging as a primary communication channel for a more efficient, human-centered, and practical, sustainable transport solution.

In an interview with the three, they said that the Idea Hack suggests solving the following key issues: (1) Lack of Accessibility of Public Transport, (2) Passenger Safety and Security, and (3) Digitalization and unavailability of ICT-facilitated Transport Management Systems/Policies.

The group also learned via the program that policies should always strive to create a more inclusive society, be human-centered, and economically and environmentally sustainable.

And when asked about their winning insights, they said, “Joining this competition, we never thought we’d win. The team joined because we want to gain purposeful insights and share our knowledge concerning transportation problems in our region. Of course, winning is just a bonus, but it is overwhelming because we are the youngest among all the competitors, and we never thought that our simple idea would be granted and be given a spotlight by the legislators.”

Moreover, FNF Philippines: It’s All About Freedom, in partnership with the National Movement of Young Legislators-Region 2, will provide support for the further development of the policy. **USLWB**

Mr. Cordova receives back-to-back win

Mr. Francis D. Cordova, a BSIT Alumnus, bagged a back-to-back win in the Asia World Model United Nations (AWMUN) Virtual Conference and International Model United Nations (IMUN) Virtual Conference held on August 27-29, 2021, and September 11-12, 2021, respectively.

Mr. Codova received Best Delegate in AWMUN- United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and Most Outstanding Delegate in IMUN- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

He is currently affiliated with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Region II. **USLWB**



Allag tops Bootcamp '21

Klein Van Kayle I. Allag, a BSHM 2 student, emerged as the TOP 1 Camper in the Junior Tourism and Hospitality Management Association of the Philippines (JTHMAP) BOOTCAMP 2021.

Featuring the theme "Hamon: We're Next In Line?" Mr. Allag bested among the 86 campers nationwide.

When asked about his learnings during the Bootcamp, he said it helped him grow and learn about managing an organization and in becoming a good leader.

"As a student leader, it improves my skills and teaches me new things about how to handle an organization and, of course, how to become a good leader. Also, I realized that being smart is not enough to win the Bootcamp; instead, you must become wise and you must maintain a professional attitude," Mr. Allag said.

Mr. Allag admitted that he struggled since he had to take his final exams and his project proposal simultaneously.

"I enjoyed all my activities, but the most difficult for me was the third week when we had to create our project proposal while also taking my final exam. It was difficult for me because it was my first time making a project proposal, and I didn't have any background to develop such. That's why I did a lot of research on project proposals, asked some of my good instructors to critique



my idea, and tried my best to make a nice presentation," he said.

The JTHMAP is a student-based organization that provides different platforms for strong membership and formidable leadership that hones students' skills and expertise in the tourism and hospitality industry. **USLWB**

2 Louisians finish 1st, 5th place in 2nd Samuel Misa Cup

Two (2) Louisians taking BS Accountancy notched the first and fifth place in the 2nd Samuel Misa Cup, themed, "LAHARI: The Seed of Humble Beginnings," last October 30-31, 2021.

Jedediah Renier B. Abad (BSAc 4)

won first place in 1 versus many category where he bested among the 12 regions who competed in the said event.

While, Yuree B. Brutas (BSAc 1) landed fifth place in the Whiz Bee 2: Financial Accounting and Reporting category.

The Samuel Misa Cup is an annual event of the National Federation of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (NFJPIA), which comprises different academic and non-academic events. **USLWB**



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YSEALI Qualifies Louisian



From a pool of 136 candidates, Mark Chester C. Tungcul, a BS Accountancy 3 student, was selected as one of the 20 Delegates of the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Camp Diversity 2021.

Launched in 2013, YSEALI is a U.S. government's signature program to strengthen leadership development and networking in Southeast Asia through various programs and engagements, including U.S. educational and cultural

exchanges, regional exchanges, and seed funding.

YSEALI seeks to build the leadership capabilities of youth in the region, strengthen ties between the United States and Southeast Asia, and nurture an ASEAN community.

It focuses on critical topics identified by youth in the region: Civic Engagement, Economic Empowerment, Social Entrepreneurship Education, and Environmental Issues. **USLWB**

Louisian champs 'Marker Category' in WAD '21

Jenic Shane Q. Dela Cruz, a Junior Architecture Student of the University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao, champed the Rendering Hope (Marker Category) contest conducted in conjunction with the World Architecture Day (WAD) on October 3, 2021.

Out of the 16 outputs submitted by the different bonafide UAPSA Members around the Philippines, Mr. Dela Cruz topped the Marker Category.

UAPSA's World Architecture Day 2021 presented "Rendering Hope: The New Shade of a Better World," a rendering competition with the theme "Clean environment for a healthy world." This, according to WAD, is a great opportunity for architecture students to shine, inspire, and define green architecture through their rendering techniques.

They were given a picture to imitate using a marker and a pencil for sketching in the event.

In an interview with Mr. Dela Cruz, he said that the competition is not just about getting a new title rather, it's about gathering life experience that will help him polish his architectural abilities. This again proves Louisians' expertise in visual arts.

"The champion titles I've gained from the competitions that

TOYV- Tugue selects 4 Louisians

Because of their passion for helping those who have less, those who are weak, and to an extent, those who are oppressed, four Louisian volunteers were named among the Ten Outstanding Youth Volunteers of Tuguegarao City Cagayan on October 17, 2021.

After the tedious screening process, only ten Outstanding Youth Volunteers were picked from the 25 final candidates presented on March 31, 2021.

Among them are the following Louisians: Mr. Charles M. Castillo, Junior High School Faculty, Sharlotte A. Ferrer, a BSEd- English 2 student and SSC Executive Secretary, Jose Marie S. Narag, a BSCE 2 student and PICES-USLSC Public Relations Officer, and Mr. Carlo Lana, a BSMA Alumnus.

The TOYV of Tuguegarao City was organized by JCI Tuguegarao Ybanag, Office of Coun. Atty. Marj Poblete Martin, TOSP-AC CaValYEROS, Rotary Club of Tuguegarao and GARAW Tuguegarao. **USLWB**



the UAPSA-USLT have indulged me in were all products of an entire process of training and, likewise, defeat. I proudly bear the Louisian insignia in joining contests that would prove our excellence in this University. I always keep in mind that this fight is not just because of another title to be claimed up the stage, but another life experience that would further hone my skills in this field of expertise in architecture," Mr. Dela Cruz said.

Despite his numerous competitions, he is still pressured and challenged to represent UAPSA- USL at a national level next year.

He said, "I feel more challenged to be honest. I've had similar experiences where annual competitions would consecutively take inspiration from the winning pieces of the previous year's event. And simpler to say, I still compete with myself at that point because I already am familiar with what they'd bring to the contest. Still, I would want to wave USLT's flag on the next competitions to come – win or lose; it is of great appreciation to be immersed in these events."

He also stated that his greatest motivators in each event he participates in are his family and friends.

"As a constant competitor to such events, the primary motivation comes from my family along with my friends because nothing compares to the level of faith they put up in my efforts when it comes to art. At the end of the events, however, I reflect on the significance of my participation – I think it is the experience that I am after. It is the lesson that I came for." **USLWB**

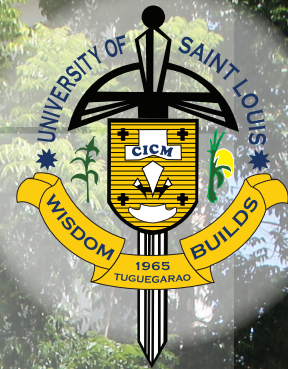
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USL ranks 2nd in 1st Cagayan Hackathon

USL's School of Engineering, Architecture, Interior Design, and Information Technology (SEAITE) won 2nd place in the 1st DTI Inter-School ICT Competition (Hackathon) during the DTI TECH TALKS 2021 last October 27, 2021, via Zoom.

The following Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT) students

participated in the event: Cyril Joyce M. Balilia, Lyanna I. Pagulayan, Jay Alheizen A. Acoba, and Jay-em C. Mebaa.

They competed under the title "Windows-based Information Management System with Project Monitoring for Barangay" and were coached by Mrs. Lily Ann dela Cruz and Ms. Diane Jenalyn Datul.

The team will be representing Cagayan in the Regional Start-Up Challenge 2021.

In the virtual meeting, DTI-Cagayan Business Development Division Chief Cynthia C. Talattad, welcomed the participants and provided a brief overview of the activity.

"We came up with this concept because we have

always believed that the youth of Cagayan are gifted with innovative ideas, talents, and skills to adapt to the fast-changing effects of technology... platforms such as this would showcase the gifts of Cagayano youth and would intensify their drive and inspiration to hone their crafts," DC Talattad said.

This event aims to inspire Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) in the Province of Cagayan to submit concept papers or "Idea Hacks" offering ICT-enabled solutions to the province's existing concerns or difficulties. (DTI Cagayan)

During the Hackathon, panelists were DICT Luzon Cluster 1 Regional Director Nestor S. Bongato, CHED Education Supervisor and ICT Focal Person Don Dela Cruz, and DTI Cagayan Senior Trade and Industry Development Specialist Dr. Charles Irvin P. Tagarino of the DTI Cagayan.

The Hackathon was the last component of DTI R2 Cagayan's "Tech Talks 2021: Hack to the Future" initiative after its first component, Webinar on Career and Business Opportunities in ICT, on October 19-20, 2021. **USLWB**



6th Gawad San Luis for Employees Goes Virtual

The prestigious Gawad San Luis Program had to skip ceremonies last year due to the pandemic but saw a revival of its 6th Gawad San Luis for Employees as it was held as a Facebook and Youtube event last August 7, 2021.

Dr. Rina M. Reyes, the Vice President for Administration, opened the program while the University President, Rev. Fr. Renillo H. Sta. Ana, CICM, gave a message.

The Award for Academic Achievement was first awarded and given to employees who upgraded their professional qualifications by completing all the requirements leading to a higher academic or professional degree, namely: Doctorate and Master's degree or TESDA NC-IV.

Germane to this, the University gave Academic Awards to nine (9) Non-Teaching Personnel who completed their Master's Degree (non-thesis). Moreover, the same award was also given to two (2) Elementary teachers, 10 Junior High School (JHS) teachers, 10 Senior High School (SHS) teachers, and five (5) College instructors for finishing their Master's Degree (Non-thesis).

Engr. Frances Lorane T. Calapini and Mrs. Melodie P. Espinosa received the award Academic Achievement for Master's Degree with Thesis.

Dr. Jay M. Ventura, SEAITE- Computer Engineering Program Chair, was a lone awardee for Gawad San Luis for Academic

Achievement for Doctorate Degree.

Nine (9) employees who received an accreditation, an award, or recognition for exemplary performance in their field of profession for a national or international professional organization accepted the Professional Excellence awards.

The research and creative works award was also given to employees who demonstrated excellence in research and scholarly works, as evidenced by a publication of a study in a national or international refereed journal (ISI and SCOPUS Indexed-Journal). At the same

time, 14 employees received the award for research published in Refereed Journals, where they co-authored with students and/or with faculty.

Two employees also obtained a patent for creative works through the leadership of Mr. Ertie C. Abana, the Engineering Research Center Head.

Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan, VP for Academics, got the Research Paper Presenter, and his abstract was one of the 20 chosen paper presentations throughout the country.

While Mrs.  [next page](#)



CEAP Elects Dr. Reyes –Secretary

Regional Council Officers of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) elected Dr. Rina M. Reyes, Vice President for Administration, as the Secretary of CEAP Region 2.

Along with Dr. Rina are Msgr. Gerard Ariston “Gerry” Perez, President of St. Joseph College of Baguio, elected as the trustee, Vice Trustee- Fr. Romulo Felix, Ph.D., Superintendent of the Diocese of Bayombong Educational System, and Treasurer- Sr. Myrna Fetalvero, FAS, Directress of St. Francis Academy.

They are the newly elected Regional Council Officers of CEAP Region 2.

CEAP is the national association of Catholic educational institutions in the Philippines. Founded in 1941, it now has 1,500 members, including universities and colleges offering academic and continuing education programs that are at par with many leading international schools globally. **USLWB**

HRMO conducts virtual REVIEW

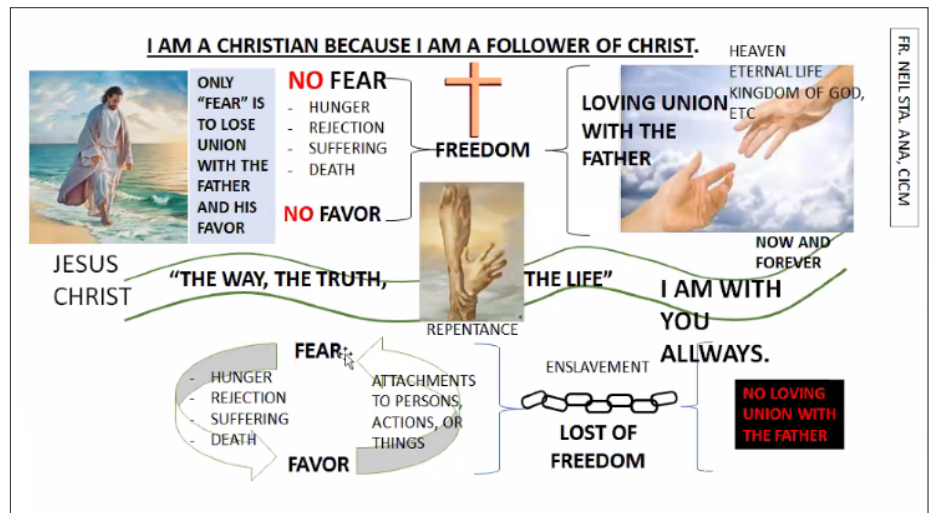
To emphasize the goals, values, and identity to be achieved and established, USL’s Human Resource Management Office (HRMO) conducted a virtual reorientation for Non-Teaching Personnel (NTP) on October 19, 2021.

During the morning session, the University President, Rev. Fr. Renillo H. Sta. Ana, CICM, presented USL’s Mission-Vision and Core Values. At the same time, the Vice President for Academics, Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan, who emphasized the role of NTPs in the 21st Century Learning.

Fr. Sta. Ana reaffirmed the genuine essence of Christianity in his discussion of the quotation, “I am a Christian because I am a follower of Christ.”

In the afternoon session, updates on administrative policies and institutional benefits, compensations, NTPs’ involvement in Christian Formation, CECA activities, HRMD programs, and occupational safety were discussed by Dr. Rina M. Reyes (VP for Administration), Mr. Celso L. Tuddao (VP for Finance), Rev. Fr. Emanuel Enjang Pranatal, CICM (VPMI), Mr. Jayvin M. Taguba (CECA Director), Mrs. Ma. Haydee C. Guillermo, (HRMD Acting Director), and Engr. Rolando A. Bitagun Jr. (OSH Officer), respectively.

NTP’s virtual reorientation sought to explain the University’s vision to employees and to guarantee that they understand and embrace all aspects of their work. **USLWB**



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Katherine Grace Ann Reynante-Ruma was a lone awardee for Gawad San Luis for Excellence in Creative Works, she professionally engaged outside the University of Saint Louis as an inspirational book writer.

In addition to those awards, a Special Institutional Award was also given. This award is given to entities (e.g., school, department, office, etc.) recipients of citations, awards, and recognition by national/international agencies, professional organizations, or accrediting bodies.

The Elementary Department received the Special Institutional Award for championing the National Quiz Show in the UP- PATALASANLAHI on March 27-29, 2021.

The School of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology Education (SEAITE)-

Computer Engineering Program, School of Graduate Studies and Continuing Professional Development- Master In Public Administration, Doctor in Public Administration, Master in Business Administration, Doctor in Business Management, Master of Arts in Education, and Doctor of Education Program also received the award for the LEVEL I Accredited Status by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU) on July 7, 2020.

17 faculty personnel and one (1) non-teaching personnel bagged the acceleration rank for a performance rating of 91 percent and above for five consecutive years: from 2015 to 2019-2020 or 2016-2021.

While 5, 11, 14, 12, and 2 employees received the Service Award for continuously serving the University for 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years, respectively, without a derogatory

record.

The University also paid tribute to three retirees who received a plaque of appreciation, namely Ms. Juanita Canapi (37 years in USL), Mrs. Teresita Castañeda (28 years in USL), and Mr. Noel Banauag (25 years in USL).

The retirees also received the most coveted- bust of Saint Louis, a token exclusively given to one who successfully retires from the university service, as a reminder that once a Louisian is always a missionary.

They also received the image of Our Lady of Piat as a token of gratitude for their faithful service to USL and a token from the CICM, a Marian Congregation.

USL conducted the 6th Gawad San Luis to appreciate the achievements of its employees, may it be in academics or other factors that made them an asset of the school. **USLWB**

Darkness is not Emptiness at All, Fr. Que during the USL Employees' Recollection '21

Featuring the theme “500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines Gifted to Give: Igniting the Zeal of Mission in this Time of Pandemic,” the USL employees’ recollection was conducted via Zoom on September 23 and 30, 2021.

Rev. Fr. Nolan A. Que, Chairperson of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) National Christian Formation

Commission, facilitated the spiritual activity to 384 employees.

Fr. Que stressed in his statement that the absence of light is not the absence of nothingness. There is always a God-given



solution to every problem that you face.

“As an employee, you should always remember that darkness is not emptiness at all. Listen to what you want, and this happens in silence, and in the darkness

that we go through, God is there with us,” Fr. Que said.

Sharing his reflection, Mr. John Emmanuel Dulin, Senior High School Faculty, said, “Joy is the expression of the heart in receiving what it truly loves. God is love. Hence, receiving God in our hearts hereby conceives thereof. God made us gifted with the joy of receiving Him so that we may be able to give and share Him with other people.”

When asked about the significance of recollection, Dulin said its conduct is critical in ensuring the emotional, professional, and spiritual growth of the Louisian employees. **USLWB**

USL-CECA holds two blood donation drives with CVMC-NBS

The University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao (USLT), through the Office of the Community Engagement and CICM Advocacies (CECA) and the School of Health and Allied Sciences (SHAS), partnered with the Cagayan Valley Medical Center’s (CVMC’s) Northern Blood Services in conducting two (2) Bloodletting Activities with the theme “Bring a Life Back to Power, Make a Blood Donation Your

Responsibility.”

To help provide a sufficient supply of safe blood and regulate blood banks, CECA, under the advocacy of Nutrition and Health Development, held two bloodletting activities this year.

The team had its first bloodletting activity on May 7, 2021, at the Bulwagang Teodulfo Domingo- New EMC from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

While the second bloodletting was conducted on October 13 and 14, 2021, at USL’s Learning Hall from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The activity was participated by all the departments, security personnel, students, and the Philippine National Police R02.

More than 69 individuals stepped forward to donate blood to help save lives.

During the drive, all precautionary measures were followed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to tailor to the donation requests of all those who joined.

The need for blood is significant. More than two thousand blood units are transfused to patients in our country on any given day. Some may need blood during surgery, while others depend on it after an accident or because of a disease that requires blood components.

The efforts of CECA and CVMC’s Northern Blood Services and all donors will positively impact saving lives and improving the health and well-being of Cagayanos. **USLWB**



17 Student Orgs Stage Webinars for USL Organizational Caravan 2021



collegiate level, and some students from other universities joined in the Google Meet, Zoom conferences, and Facebook live streams of the different student organizations.

The caravan was graced by Louisiana alumni and professionals who attended as resource speakers in the parallel webinars. Some of the topics discussed include The Power of Time and Prioritizing; Python Programming; The Roles of Nurses in the Fight Against COVID-19; Voter's Education; Teaching Competencies in the 21st century; Banking Industry Today; and Rule of Law in the Pandemic.

The event ended with various learning takeaways from the webinar attendees.

Crystal Rain Peralta of JAPS shared, "When there's a chance to grow and widen our KSAOs, we should grab it because our future profession requires a lot of skills, training, and competencies."

The different organizations showcased their efficiency, competence, and versatility in hosting their knowledge and skill-filled webinars. **USLWB**

Geared towards providing students with diverse knowledge and experience across courses and sectors while strengthening the University's partnership with its alumni, the

annual organizational caravan of the school was held virtually on September 17, 2021.

A total of 2,776 participants composed of various organizational members at the

12 Louisians receive Wi-Fi kits

Responding to a timely need of Louisian learners, the University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao (USLT), thru the Community Engagement and CICM Advocacies (CECA) Office and Scholarship Office, in partnership with Globe TSSI Team, Radio Engineering Circle Inc., Institute of Electronics Engineers of the Philippines (IECEP) National - CSR Committee, and PTC - Young Engineers Section, distributed Globe prepaid Wi-Fi kits to remote areas in Sampaguita and Nabbotuan,

Solana, Cagayan on September 18, 2021.

A total of 12 Louisian students received the Wi-Fi kits that will surely aid them in carrying out their learning tasks and activities administered online.

Engr. Gerhard Tan, USL Alumnus, Director & Head of Technology Strategy Globe Telecom Inc., and one of the project leaders, shared, "As part of our continuing community extension program dubbed as Brigada Pagbasa: A project adopting student's Wi-Fi kit for online learning, our third batch

recipients were select students of University of Saint Louis."

Mr. Jayvin Taguba, CECA Director, also mentioned, "This project is very timely since there are students who are having a hard time with their online classes. And I hope that the student-recipients would take advantage of this and help them improve and cope with their online learning. Special thanks to Sir Gerhard Tan for the sponsorship of the gadgets thru Globe Telecom." **USLWB**

