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## City LGU rep: 'USL is more than compliant'

JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.

University of Saint Louis (USL) received the Safety Seal from the City Government of Tuguegarao on December 10, 2021.

Prior to the inspection, USL has been adhering to minimum public health standards and regulations imposed by government authorities; thus, the University safeguards the safety of its employees, students, and other stakeholders. This is also to reassure clients of their safety since they will only deal

with vaccinated employees.

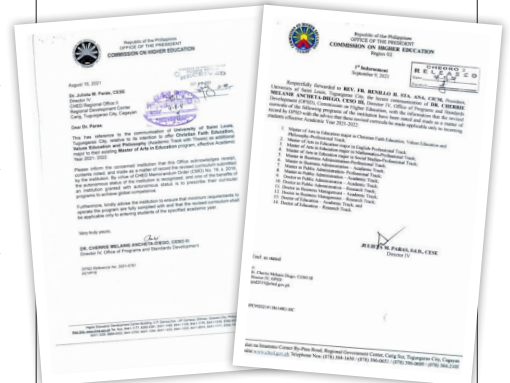
Atty. Jonanett Edillo-Sriban, Attorney III of the City Mayor, City Government of Tuguegarao, and the inspection team members were on deck to personally announce that USL passed the inspection and therefore received the safety seal certification.

Atty. Sriban even said that the University is more than compliant with the minimum health protocols set

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## USL offers MAEd major in CFED

MACEKRELL T. DE LA CRUZ



University of Saint Louis proudly announces the offering of a new curricular program, Master of Arts in Education (MAEd) major in Christian Faith Education, Values Education, and Philosophy (CFEVEP), in its School of Graduate Studies and Continuing Professional Development (SGSCPD) effective second semester of the present

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# USL is ‘Most Outstanding Institution’ for its blood donation program

MACEKRELL T. DE LA CRUZ

University of Saint Louis bagged the regional Most Outstanding Institution award during the 12th Northern Blood Services Zone Sandugo Recognition and Awards Ceremonies which were held virtually, November 5, 2021.

The Department of Health (DOH)-Cagayan Valley Center for Health Development (CVCHD) and the Cagayan Valley Medical Center’s (CVMC) Northern Blood Services Zone gave the award, recognizing USLs “support and commitment” to the DOH’s National Voluntary Blood Services Program.

USL received the award for satisfying the criteria of obtaining a minimum of 60 blood units in each of at least four bloodletting activities conducted for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019.

USL conducts bloodletting activities among its employees and students and other stakeholders in partnership with concerned agencies and organizations.

As well as academic institutions that support the government’s blood donation program, government agencies and local government units (LGUs) were also present during the Sandugo Recognition and Awards Ceremonies and were honored and awarded accordingly.

“The blood donation from USL was very helpful to the extent that it helped a lot of Louisians who availed of blood for themselves and their relatives,” Mr. Jayvin



Taguba, USL acting director for Community Engagement and CICM Advocacies, said.

The National Voluntary Blood Services Program is implemented pursuant to Republic Act No. 7719, an act promoting voluntary blood donation, providing for an adequate supply of safe blood, and regulating blood banks. **USLWB**

# USL Libraries notches Best Practice in Region 02

MICHELLE A. ABELLA

University of Saint Louis Libraries won first place in the Best Practice Contest of the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. – Cagayan Valley Region Librarians Council (PLAI-CaVRLC) during the celebration of the 31st Library and Information Services (LIS) Month last November 19, 2021.

The development of the USL Library Mobile App, which was launched on December 9, 2020, was the entry of the University

Libraries to the said contest.

The application was created with the aim of providing USL library customers with a user-friendly mobile app from which library services can be easily accessed during the pandemic. It was made possible through its creator, Mr. Jay Bee Elizaga, the Online Resources in charge and Library Database administrator.

The contest was open to all libraries and information centers in the Cagayan Valley region. The participants were to select and submit one well-documented best practice that their library or information center introduced and implemented during the pandemic.

The entries were judged according to creativity, uniqueness, relevance, and responsiveness. Five institutions from Region 02 participated in the said contest.

The USL Libraries received PHP 3,000.00 and a certificate of recognition.

Before winning the Best Practice award, the University Libraries was also champion in the “Library Mo, Promote Mo” contest of the Cagayan Provincial Learning Resource Center (CPLRC) on November 9, 2021, where USL submitted a vlog to promote the library.

The achievements of the USL Libraries are dedicated to customers to whom the staff members are committed to delivering excellent services regardless of a pandemic or not.

Louisians are urged to maximize their library use, and non-Louisians are likewise encouraged to access free online resources and useful links on the library’s website at <http://libraries.usl.edu.ph/>. **USLWB**

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# SEAS instructor tops LET '21

 JONATHAN T. SANGDAAN JR.



**Louisian SPOTLIGHT**

## Kudos Louisian Employees, now LPTs!

Nine (9) Louisian employees are now licensed teachers as they successfully passed the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) given last September 26, 2021.

With a national passing rate of 93.20%, Ms. Czendra Faye Mundoc Compares, a SEAS instructor, ranked #2 in the September 2021 LET- Secondary level.

**CZENDRA FAYE MUNDOC COMPARES, LPT**  
TOP 2 (NATIONAL LEVEL)

**MICHELLE A. ABELLA, LPT, JADE P. BELTRAN, LPT, MA. CARINA VICTORIA M. CATUAAN, LPT, LORLEINE M. DURIAN, LPT, LOUIE B. SAYAGO, LPT, MICHAEL ANGELO M. SURLA, LPT, PEE-JAY VIERNES, LPT, JOHN MOSEL B. BITONIO, LPT**

 University of Saint Louis 

examination. Still, she was inspired to do better in it because of her supportive family and friends.

She even shared that the secret for her in topping the licensure examination is to be a wide reader.

“Every LET taker should not just depend on what you think will come out. It’s good to be a wide reader - from reading books and watching movies and documentaries and assimilating as much knowledge as possible,” she said.

“Being a Louisian, you don’t put excellence first; you put the mission first. That is why I want them [students] to teach not only excellence but also to look for their mission. I want to teach them how to better themselves and to find their potential and how they will be able to help their community,” she added.

She also mentioned that she felt symptoms of the CoVid 19 but that did not stop her in reviewing for the examination.

“In the first week of September, I was not feeling well. It seemed like I had symptoms of CoVid, but luckily it was not. And in the week before the exam, I was experiencing brain fog - even simple math questions were a struggle,” she said.

It could also be remembered that she ranked number 4 (subprofessional) in the Civil Service Examination National level and top 2 (professional) Regional level.

Along with Ms. Compares, nine (9) Louisian employees successfully passed the LET 2021: Michelle A. Abella, Jade P. Beltran, Ma. Carina Victoria M. Catuaan, Lorleine M. Durian, Louie B. Sayago, Michael Angelo M. Surla, Pee- Jay Viernes, and John Mosel B. Bitonio.

The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) announced that 4,883 elementary teachers out of 8,726 examinees (55.96%) and 10,318 secondary teachers out of 17,863 examinees (57.76%) passed the LET. **USLWB**

**A**n instructor of the University of Saint Louis topped the September 2021 Licensure Examination for Teachers with a national passing rate of 93.20%.

Ms. Czendra Faye Mundoc Compares, a USLT Instructor of the School of Education Arts and Sciences (SEAS), managed to land second in the said examination even after doubting herself that she would become a topnotcher because of the postponements of the

## USL-HRMDO launches Project MODEL Employees

 JADE MICHELLE C. PABALINAS AND JOHN PATRICK A. PAGULAYAN

**T**o continue being a beacon of excellence and to establish a superior workforce, the University of Saint Louis (USL), through the initiative of the Human Resource Management and Development Office (HRMDO), successfully launched the Project MODEL (Molding Outstanding, Determined, and Empowered Louisian) Employees, November 19, 2021 via Zoom video conference.

The project aims to equip Louisian employees with comprehensive knowledge of branding and its significance in the workplace. It also seeks to elevate a strong sense of identity, recognize core values and a splendid representation of the institution they are working for.

Moreover, the said activity was attended by the Non-Teaching Personnel coming from the different offices of the University. The facilitation of the program was spearheaded by the fourth year Psychology students.

The HRMDO invited four (4) resource

speakers to discuss various topics that can aid in building and sustaining a strong and competent branding for the Louisian workforce.

The first speaker, Ms. Ma. Carina

Victoria M. Catuaan, Assistant to the Senior High School Principal for Administration, enlightened the participants on the importance of corporate    **Continued on page 19**



**UNIVERSITY OF SAINT LOUIS**  
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Launching of **Project MODEL Employees**  
Molding Outstanding, Determined, and Empowered Louisian Employees

**Ma. Carina Victoria M. Catuaan, M.A.**  
ASST. TO THE SHS PRINCIPAL FOR ADMINISTRATION  
Topic: Corporate Branding: Importance of Visual Identity and Brand Voice in the Corporate World

**Michelle A. Abella, R.I.**  
DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES  
Topic: Office Kit 101: Basic Etiquette and Manners on Phone Calls, Emails, and Social Media Engagements

**Martha Marie T. Maralli, RPM**  
GUIDANCE PSYCHOMETRICIAN  
Topic: Dress Code 101: Guide to Appropriate Office Attire

**Renz Marion C. Gavino, RPsy**  
LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM CHAIR  
Topic: The Art of Frontline Service: Keys to Effectively Deal with Difficult People

FRIDAY, 1:00PM - 5:00PM | NOVEMBER 19, 2021 | via 

# USL celebrates CICM day cum LAWIN relaunching

JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.

University of Saint Louis (USL), a CICM school, commemorated the CICM Founding Anniversary and relaunched the Louisiana Advocacy for Wellness Integrity and Nurturance (LAWIN) on November 29, 2021.

In celebration of the 159th founding anniversary of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (CICM), USL held a thanksgiving mass presided over by Most Rev. Prudencio P. Andaya Jr., CICM, DD, and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Renillo H. Sta Ana, CICM (University President), Rev. Fr. Emanuel Enjang Pranatal, CICM (University Chaplain), Rev. Fr. John Couvreur, CICM, Rev. Fr. Isidore Naweshi Nkiewu, CICM and Brother Sylvain Clerveau, CICM.

A wreath-laying ceremony happened in honor of Fr. Theophile Verbist, CICM founder. This was succeeded by unveiling the new “We love CICM” marker at the University Friendship Park.

After the blessing, a short program initiated by the Supreme Student Council (SSC) was organized to honor the CICM Missionaries who have committed and offered their lives to the missionary tasks.

Aside from celebrating the CICM day, USL also relaunched the LAWIN on the afternoon of November 29.

Different events happened, such as singing competitions, basketball, and volleyball games participated by Louisian employees.

LAWIN aims to encompass the holistic development of every Louisian employee. *USLWB*



## HRMDO holds open house job interview

JADE MICHELLE C. PABALINAS

Human Resource Management and Development Office (HRMDO) of the University of Saint Louis (USL), with the assistance of the BS Psychology interns, conducted an Open House Job Interview on December 14, 2021 at the Bishop Padilla Learning Hall.

With the theme “Transforming the Season of Giving into a New Beginning for Career-Driven Individuals,” the activity aimed to provide the manpower needs of the Louisian workforce and create a pool of competent applicants.

It was a one-day in-person hiring

process that started with submission and review of credentials, initial interview, psychological testing, and final interview of the Advisory Board of the University.

The applicants commended the process flow designed by the HRMDO and expressed their satisfaction in the implementation of the said activity.

“The open house was organized and well-planned. The process was also precise and specific, while the HR staff and interns were very accommodating,” said one of the applicants in the evaluation of the event.

According to the HRMDO, a total of 21 job hopefuls came to apply for various teaching and non-teaching positions. *USLWB*



# USL-VPMI, CM conduct Lector-commentator workshop to Louisian employees

 JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.



With the desire to form a pool of lectors and commentators, the University of Saint Louis (USL), through the Office of the Vice President for Mission Identity (VPMI) and the Campus Ministry (CM), conducted a workshop for old and new lectors and commentators with the theme “500 years of Christianity Gifted to Give: Bringing God’s Word to Life” on November 26, 2021.

Ms. Thelma C. Baricaua, Campus Ministry Director, conducted the orientation where she discussed the dos and don’ts of lectors and commentators inside the church.

Ms. Baricaua also played a video of Fr. Carmelo Jak Arada, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Penafrancia Parish in Paco, Manila, where he discussed the “10 utos para sa lectors” (10 commandments for lectors).

Moreover, 45 Louisian employees attended the webinar wherein 20 were old lectors and commentators and 25 were new.

The training of the orientation was planned to be conducted in 2022. *USLWB*

# USL holds relief ops to typhoon Maring victims

 STELLA MARIE R. LUMABAN

COMMUNITY	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES	DATE
Muslim Community of Libag	35	August 21, 2021
Quibal, Peña Blanca, Cagayan	70	November 12, 2021
Cagayan Provincial Jail, Cagayan Valley Medical Center (Frontliners), People’s General Hospital, and TODA in front of USL	260	November 19, 2021
Sta. Teresita, Cagayan	1,017	November 23, 2021
Sitio Padungsol, Gattaran, Cagayan	125	November 25, 2021
Buguey, Cagayan	390	November 25, 2021
Damortis, Sampaguita, Solana	50	November 26, 2021
Damortis, Sampaguita, Solana	20	December 3, 2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>1967</b>	



University of Saint Louis (USL), through the Community Engagement and CICM Advocacies (CECA) Office, distributed relief goods to Frontliners and to people who were affected by the typhoon Maring as part of their institutionalized activity dubbed as “Hatid Kapatid Relief Operations” in 2021.

Cagayan has historically been one of the provinces worst hit by floods in Northern Luzon. To live its mantra, “Once a Louisian, always a Missionary,” the

university has a way of responding to the community’s needs in times of flooding and other natural disasters by doling out relief packs and other necessities, especially to the most affected families in Cagayan.

On October 11, 2021, severe tropical storm Maring (Kompasu) battered Northern Luzon with torrential rains, triggering flash floods.

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## USL Libraries extends services to STS Tabuk

 JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.

As part of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed between USL and St. Theresito's School of Tabuk, Inc. (STS Tabuk) last December 2021, the USL Libraries kicked off the first wave of their series of deployments in STS Tabuk on January 26, 2022.

The activity was entitled Project Build and Beautify Libraries, and it involved USL donating books and creating library resources for basic library organization and beautification.

"We donated books and created materials such as catalogs for their library. Additionally, we are training their library-in-charge to be equipped with the necessary skills to sustain the work even without our assistance," Mrs. Michelle A. Abella, Director of University Libraries, said in an interview.

Moreover, the activity will last until March 2022, but USL's assistance, the extension of library services, will continue. *USLWB*



## USL brings joy this Christmas Season!

 JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.



University of Saint Louis (USL), through the "Alay Pasko" activity of the Community Engagement and CICM Advocacies Office (CECAO), brought joy to its partner communities as they gave Christmas gift packs on December 18, 2021, the season of gift-giving, sharing, and caring.

The activity extended to 625 pre-identified families in Sitio Cannaman, San Antonio Enrile (52), Purok Raniag, Liwan Norte, Enrile (67), Sitio Padungsol, Basao, Gattaran (106), Damortis, Sampaguita, Solana (278), and USL Community (122). USL community includes University scholars, ARGUS, USL maintenance personnel, USL security guards, and Ugac Street Sweepers.

USL's partner communities were identified and recommended by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWD), while the Barangay Captains chose a sitio or purok that was considered USL's adopted community.

Moreover, as part of CECA's activities, the office distributed 50 pairs of slippers to its partner community-Damortis, Sampaguita, Solana, on December 3, 2021. Further, during the distribution of the Alay Pasko, 108 slippers were given at Sitio Padungsol, Basao, Gattaran, donated by the JHS and SEAS departments. Three hundred twenty (320) slippers were given at Damortis, Sampaguita, donated by the Elementary, SHAS, and SHS departments. The SABH department and the SSC donated 65 slippers to Purok Raniag, Liwan Sur, Enrile, and the SEATE department gave 50 pairs of slippers to Sitio Cannaman, San Antonio.

"All outreach programs were conducted in our respective partner communities. These were done with the help of the USL employees, students, and alumni. The aim of the outreach programs is to share with other people and make them smile and give them hope and that as one USL community, we instill the value of sharing and giving," Mr. Taguba said.

Louisian employees were divided per department to distribute the Christmas gift packs to USL's partner communities. Moreover, expenses for the gift packs were from school funds.

The "Alay Pasko" is an annual activity of the University through CECA to spread joy to others, especially its partner communities.

On the other hand, "Tsinelas ni San Luis" activity is a new institutionalized activity initiated by the CECA office to provide a decent slipper to each community member. *USLWB*

# Project KARILINUNGAN: Book on Wheels

 JAYVIN TAGUBA

Through its advocacies, Youth Empowerment and Engaged Citizenship and Peace and Life, the Community Engagement and CICM Advocacies (CECA) Office, in collaboration with the University Libraries, launched the Book on Wheels Project entitled “KARILINUNGAN: Karili at Karunungan” on January 29, 2022.

When translated, the word “Libru ta Karili” is an Ybanag term that means book on wheels. Mobile libraries are a valuable addition to libraries and library services. To maximize the use of books, children and youth should be provided with books to increase their literacy rate. This will be an avenue to lessen illiteracy in the community.

KARILINUNGAN aims to assist the education of the partner communities’ daycare and the youth sector through books on wheels. This project also aims to promote early literacy and reading culture among children living in an

underprivileged community and to foster healthy use of community recreational space.

This activity will focus on USL’s partner communities and later be expanded to other communities. This can be accessed by adults deprived of education and who want to learn how to read and write. This project also targets children who lack access to quality education and relevant exposure to books and other reading materials.

CECA’s first wave of the project took place in Damortis, Sampaguita, Solana, Cagayan, where they handed 125 books to children. The CECA Office will also soon distribute to other partner communities.

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# Project HOPE gives goods in Tabuk, Kalinga

 JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.

University of Saint Louis, through its Guidance Center office, gave packed goods and school supplies to 150 recipients of Brgy. Bantay and Brgy. Lucog, Tabuk City, Kalinga, on December 17, 2021, through its annual Project H.O.P.E. (Holistic Outreach Program for Empowering Adult Learners).

Moreover, the office conducted a mental health webinar to Tabuk frontliners from Rural Health Unit

(RHU) 1, RHU 2, RHU 3, and City Health Office with the theme: “Building Resiliency and Advocating Well-being Among Tabuk Frontliners and Clients.”

Project HOPE, which is under the W.A.G.I. (Wellness Assistance and Guidance Initiatives) Program, is a yearly endeavor that aims to provide psychological well-being and psychosocial support to empower adult learners through community outreach and extension activities. **USLWB**



# VPMI organizes webinar on Educational, Social Leadership

 JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.

Office of the Vice President for Mission and Identity through the Department of Philosophy and Religious Instruction hosted a webinar on “Educational and Social Leadership in the Light of the Social Teachings of the Church” on December 11, 2021.

Rev. Fr. Rene Cabag, CICM, discussed the significance of the acts of charity vis-à-vis the will of God while Bro. Ed Karganilla gave a deeper insight into the essence of popular religiosity.

There were 107 participants from USL and other Catholic schools in Luzon (Religious Education teachers, priests, nuns) and catechists who attended the webinar. **USLWB**

# USL, STS Tabuk join forces to develop community outreach programs, extension activities, SLPs

 JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.

University of Saint Louis (USL) successfully inked a partnership with St. Theresita's School of Tabuk, Inc. (STS Tabuk), a school of Apostolic Vicariate of Tabuk (AVT), on December 17, 2021.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will mutually benefit both parties in promoting

and developing Community Outreach Programs, Extension Activities, and Service-Learning Programs.

The cooperation is done to promote and develop (a) Training and Consultancy that includes library development, guidance program, campus ministry, and academic supervision, (b) other Academic Support Services such as research and development program,

administration development program, strategic planning, succession plan, knowledge transfer, faculty training, and leadership training, and (c) other Collaborative Programs.

The said MOA signing was led by Rev. Fr. Renillo H. Sta. Ana, CICM, and STS Tabuk School Director, Rev. Fr. Roman A. Macaiba Jr. **USLWB**



## USL expands limited F2F classes to nursing program

 JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.

University of Saint Louis (USL) – School of Health and Allied Sciences (SHAS) expanded the limited face-to-face classes to the Nursing program.

It should be noted that on the 26th of October 2021, USL's third-year Medical Technology Students had their limited face-to-face classes.

Mrs. Janina C. Abad, Nursing Program Chair, said that students joining the expanded limited face-to-face classes are third-year and fourth-year students. Wherein, 95 students were included in the expanded limited face-to-face classes; 60 were third-year students, while 35 were fourth-year students. Moreover, third-year students were divided into two sets.

Students under set 1 were scheduled from Monday to Wednesday, while set 2 were scheduled from Thursday to Saturday.

She added that the school sanitized the classrooms before the students entered the campus, and the University

also placed thermal scanners to check students' body temperatures.

Additionally, students and teachers were oriented to observe minimum health and safety protocols like wearing face masks and social distancing.

The opening of classes under the Nursing program is for the BSN 3 and BSN 4 students to enhance their skills and prepare for their clinical duties in the operating room, delivery room, medical ward, surgery ward, and orthopedic ward.

"There are these skills that should be taught personally and not virtually; that is why we included BSN for them to gain skills using the University's state-of-the-art facility. Just like being in the emergency room and using the delivery room. They need to know what to prepare in the emergency room; what instruments are needed depending on the clinical clerk's needs. And they will also use the delivery room using Simulation Lab Equipment," Mrs. Abad ended. **USLWB**



# Future Louisian nurses receive caps, pins

JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.

Sixty (60) Third Year Nursing students received their caps and pins and lit their candles during the Pinning, Capping, and Candle Lighting Ceremony at the Good Shepherd Chapel on January 17, 2021.

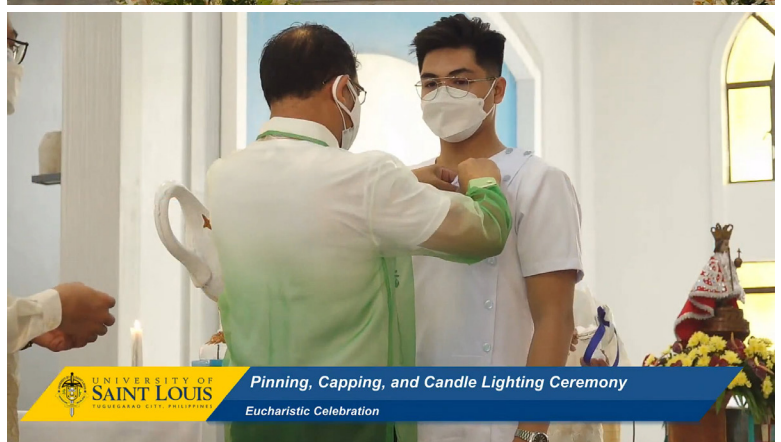
Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan, VP for Academics, with Mr. Alfrey Jay Corpuz, a Nursing Clinical Instructor, put on the nurse's pin to male students.

Mrs. Janina C. Abad, the Nursing Program Chair, and Mrs. Rosely A. Turingan donned the nurse's cap to female students.

The Capping Ceremony is a momentous ceremony wherein student nurses receive the caps (for females) and pins (for males). The nurse's pin and cap symbolize commitment and responsibility.

Moreover, the nurse's lamp symbolizes compassion, warmth, and genuine concern for the patients.

This event is a tradition that marks a nursing student's passage to practicing the acquired knowledge, skills, and attitudes in the clinical setting. *USLWB*



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by the government.

It could also be remembered that the University was the first school to conduct limited face-to-face classes in the region after complying with the minimum health protocols set by the government.

The Safety Seal Certification is a voluntary certification scheme that affirms that an establishment complies with the government's minimum public health standards and uses or integrates its contact tracing with StaySafe.ph.

Moreover, the Safety Seal is valid from December 10, 2021 to June 10, 2022, or is valid for six months and can be renewed. *USLWB*

# Office of VPA conducts webinar for college instructors

JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.

Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan, Vice President for Academics, shared his wisdom when he talked in a webinar titled "Transitioning to a Better Academic Year" on January 11, 2022.

The webinar was intended to inform and update Louisian faculty in the college department about the latest modifications to the Learning Continuity Plans for the second semester.

In terms of updates in academics, he noted that in education, technology is secondary while teachers themselves are primary.

"Technology won't replace teachers, but teachers who use technology will probably

replace teachers who do not," Dr. Pattaguan stated.

Dr. Pattaguan also said there would be limited face-to-face classes once the City returns to Alert level 2. Professional and major courses and Physical Education courses will be done via face-to-face classes. In contrast, general and minor courses will continue to be taught online. He noted that the school would continue to follow IATE, CHED, DepEd, and local government protocols while having limited face-to-face classes.

Additionally, Dr. Pattaguan highlighted the need for an advanced Service Learning Program (SLP), updates on the Learning Management System (LMS), and research

opportunities, especially for those who will be promoted.

Dr. Pattaguan stressed that the SLP is not a punishment for the students.

"SLP is not a punishment. It is part of holistic development that we would like to provide our learners," he said.

"SLP is new to the Philippines, but the world has always made this part of students' full training or holistic education. We are lagging, but we have been one of few schools in the Philippines who will step forward, higher and further; I'd like that, that is the emphasis," he added.

He ended the discussion by stating, "Every learner in USL is important." *USLWB*

University of Saint Louis conducted its 1st General Administrative Assembly cum REVIEW (Reorientation on Employee Values, Identity, Excellence, and Welfare) on January 14, 2022 through Zoom meeting.

This aimed to inform the employees of approved matters, other reports arising from the recent board meeting, and to give updates on new policies in the University.

In the morning, the University President, Rev. Fr. Renillo H. Sta. Ana, CICM, presented the President's Report, and gave a message, followed by the EAP-IDQA Report by Mrs. Luisa B. Aquino, Executive Assistant to the President.

Moreover, the Vice Presidents for Academics, Mission and Identity, Finance, and Administration provided briefings and updates on their respective areas.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Ma. Haydee C. Guillermo, HRMD Acting Director, talked about the topic "Mind Your Mind: Practical Tips to Safeguard Your Mental Health."

Further, Atty. Milagros F. Cayosa explained the Safe Space Act in the Workplace, and Dr. Dindo V. Asuncion, SHAS Academic Dean, discussed "No Safety, Know Pain: Dealing with Workplace Health Hazards."

A total of 389 teaching and non-teaching personnel attended the General Assembly cum REVIEW.

**Office of the University President**

Rev. Fr. Renillo H. Sta. Ana, CICM, University President, presented the video of the President's Report. After which, he gave a heartfelt message about being in communion despite the situation that we've been facing.

"I wish everyone to continue to take at heart the spirit of communion in the midst of the situation wherein we are advised to keep distance from one another," Fr. Sta. Ana said.

Fr. Sta. Ana continued saying that everyone must realize and rediscover the value of communion.

He then ended by expressing his gratitude to everyone who has been dedicating his life to serve USL's stakeholders.

"I am thankful to everyone who has been sharing herself or himself in honest dedicated work and meaningful productive presence whether in school or at home thus making USL to continue fulfilling its mission of education with utmost quality of excellence to serve our stakeholders especially our pupils and students," he ended.

**Office of the Vice President for Mission and Identity**

Rev. Fr. Emanuel Enjang Pranatal, CICM, Vice President for Mission and Identity, started his report by inviting everyone to do Synod or a walk together as one big community, to be in communion participation to the mission.

"We are invited by Pope Francis in participation of the mission to discuss about the church," Fr. Pranatal said.

Moreover, looking at the effort of the Louisian community, the VPMI collected an amount of 385,246.50 pesos and was shared to the construction of a chapel in Senegal, West Africa (PHP 100,000.00), renovation of primary school in Kaghoma, Jumbe, Chitipa Malawi (PHP 100,000.00), and financial assistance for livelihood program of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Castres (PHP 40,000.00).

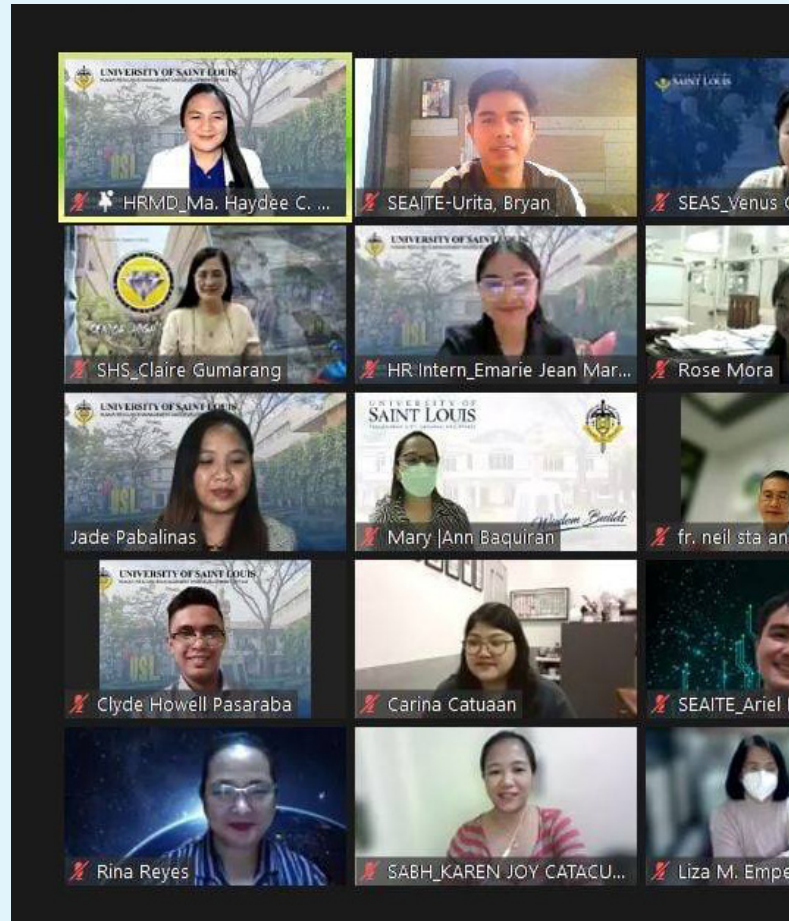
Further, a new project was introduced by the VPMI-the Project Offer (Ongoing Faith Formation for Employees' Rejuvenation) which is intended for the new employees to undergo the formation program for 5 months and to have an update on basic faith formation in the community.

This project was framed from the acronym MARIA which means M (Meaningful Liturgical Celebration), A (Active Social Involvement), R (Relevant Religious Instruction), I (Intensified Vision and Mission), A (Animating Organization).

"The MARIA leads us into a vision of establishing an Institute for Christian Education and Philosophy (ICFEP). It aimed to be the center

# USL conducts General Assembly cum REVIEW

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in the Region and nearby provinces that if something related to Christian Formation, Religion, Religious Study, and Philosophy, the first name that people will think of is the University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao," Fr. Pranatal also presented the vision of the Campus Ministry in establishing the Institute for Christian Faith Education and Philosophy (ICFEP).

As a Louisian, the bicentennial celebration of the birth of USL's Founder, Fr. Theophile Verbist, will be appointed as one-year celebration. It will start on June 12, 2022 to June 12, 2023.

Fr. Pranatal ended by saying that VPMI and the Campus Ministry Office are always open for those who need spiritual direction.

"If you need spiritual direction, if you need spiritual accompaniment, the office is always open," he ended.

**Office of the Vice President for Academics**

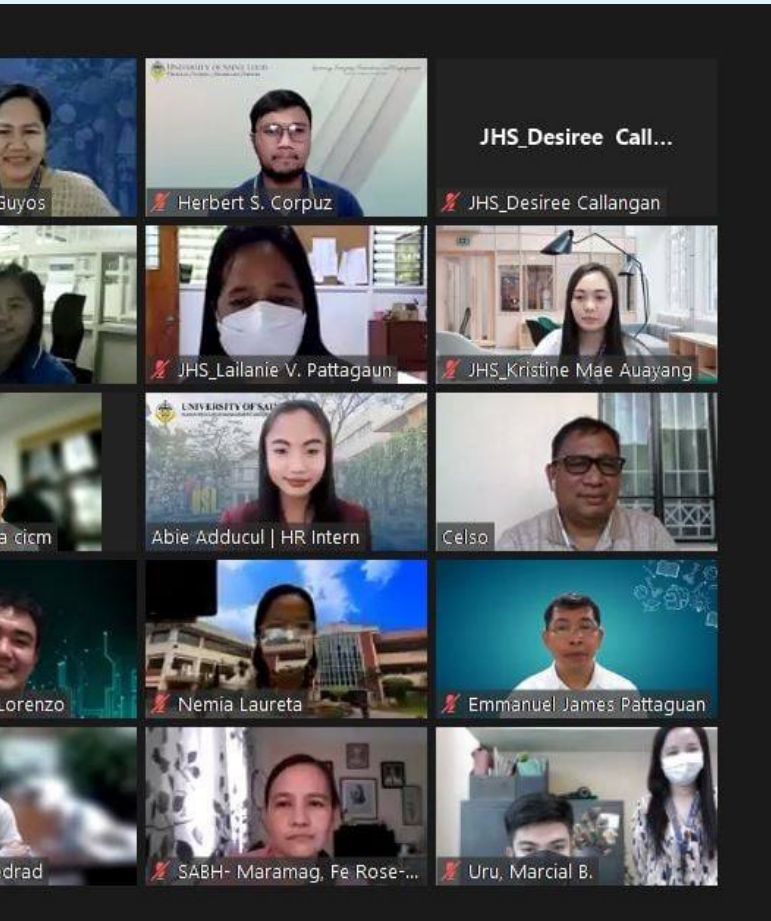
Amidst the surge of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country, Vice President for Academics, Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan was still hopeful that all things will really be better.

"We are opening the second semester full of hope, full

"I am thankful to everyone who has been sharing herself or himself in honest dedicated work and meaningful productive presence whether in school or at home thus making USL to continue fulfilling its mission of education with utmost quality of excellence to serve our stakeholders especially our pupils and students."

# General Administrative Summit REVIEW

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of wishes that the year 2022 will be better for each one of us,” he said.

Since the pandemic changed the way of teaching, the forefront was to respond to the change in the way education should be provided to all stakeholders. It should be remembered that USL is one of the many schools in the country that readily responded to the change in education.

In the academic sector, USL has had full-online, blended learning, this is a combination of full online and possible face-to-face, and correspondence learning, this is to address the needs of those who cannot be connected to the internet by virtue of a problem on internet connectivity in their respective places.

USL's Academic Council updated the learning modality offered by the University to make it more effective to the current educational setup. Thus, it was decided that printed modules will no longer be available to the current school year with its possibility to unknowingly spread the COVID-19 if parents will get the modules.

Moreover, in so far as USL's flexible learning is concerned, the United Board for Christian Higher Education Services, a partner of USL, provided a big assistance to the University to proceed with learning with

USL UB Connect.

Other than that, USL still continues to participate in partnership with the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) in which USL is now an institutional member.

USL also pursued a partnership with Kasetart University (KU), a University based in Thailand, along with a review of existing

partnerships in other countries like China, Vietnam, and Malaysia.

The office dreams to continue these partnerships, thus thinking globally in terms of program accreditation must be observed.

Dr. Pattaguaun reported that an initial review for the accreditation of USL's Business and Engineering Programs was conducted. For the business program, they will undergo Accounting Standards Board (AcSB) Accreditation, while the Engineering program will go through Philippine Technological Council Review, preparation for possible Washington Accord or ABET Accreditation in the future. It is also noteworthy that the administration already approved a support for this international accreditation by providing financial assistance to meet the accreditation requirements.

In terms of checking the quality of teaching, there will be a yearly academic summit which has already started and was completed towards the end of the SY 2020-2021. The results of the evaluation were part of the basis in deciding what kind of training would be given to teachers to prepare themselves for SY 2021-2022. True enough, USL was able to provide several training sessions for teachers in terms of assessment, updating the use of technology, classroom management, research, and creativity.

It should also be remembered that the first Project RISE and SERVE, the marrying of research and community engagement, was successfully conducted.

The office also reported that they look forward to the year 2022 and SY 2022 to 2023 to accept students, particularly college, back to the classroom under limited face-to-face conditions.

Dr. Pattaguaun also informed Louisiana educators that part of the Learning Continuity Plan, which is already approved by the Office of the University President for implementation effective this January 2022 would be the implementation of the limited face-to-face classes for all major courses, professional courses, and physical education classes. The general education courses will still be in full-online modality.

For the Basic Education from Elementary to Senior High School (SHS), they planned to have a pilot class to test the readiness of these levels for limited face-to-face classes.

For the Graduate School, the office hoped to have two learning modalities; the full-online for those students abroad and outside region 2, and blended learning for those who are within the region.

“These are plans that we cannot do alone. Therefore, we extended these to the Non-Teaching Personnel (NTP) for this year to understand the thrust as an institution to be the 21st Century Education Model in the future,” Dr. Pattaguaun added.

The 21st Century Education aims to develop creative thinking, critical thinking, communication, collaboration as the basic Cs of the 21st century education.

## Office of the Vice President for Administration

Dr. Rina Reyes, Vice President for Administration, presented all the benefits an employee may enjoy in the University. Benefits include sick leave, vacation leave, sabbatical leave, annual load pay, annual physical examination, COVID-19 assistance, uniform allowance, service recognition award, faculty loyalty scholarship, loyalty scholarship, rank acceleration, rice allowance, salary loan: cash advance and emergency loan, USL gratuity plan, bereavement leave, medical aid, bereavement aid, and USL retirement plan. This school year an additional employee benefit, annual load pay, will be given to the NTPs.

A joint initiative of the University and employees was approved. This aims to provide assistance to employees who tested positive from COVID-19. If tested positive on isolation or on home quarantine, an assistance pack will be provided by the University. If tested positive in severe conditions requiring

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hospitalization, cash assistance will be shared by the employees and the University.

With her commitment to support the employees in their continuing professional growth and development, USL revised the loyalty scholarship grant under the faculty development program.

The University also showed its generosity by revising guidelines on attendance to seminars or in-service training. With this, the University will give allowance to those employees who will be sent for seminars or training.

Moreover, scholarship packages for graduate studies or post-graduate studies include school fees, travel allowance for face-to-face classes, defense fees, dissertation production, data-gathering expenses, and study load.

Further, to lessen the possibility of being contracted with COVID-19, the office presented new interim policies applicable during the pandemic. This includes guidelines of work from home, make-up work for non-teaching personnel, and off-setting, an advanced work for another schedule.

Dr. Reyes ended stating that all must start right to end right.

“Our work in USL is not only work, it is a ministry... a mission... a vocation. It is most of all between you and God,” she added.

### Office of the Vice President for Finance

The Vice President for Finance, Mr. Celso Tuddao, reported various approved benefits for the school year 2021-2022. He said that these benefits were approved during the October 2021 Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting.

Mr. Tuddao reported that employees’ rice allowance, cash gift, and retirement pay have increased significantly. Moreover, an additional benefit called the “NTP annual load pay” will be given to the Non-Teaching Personnel (NTP) who has been working in the University for at least five years.

Further, he reported that the Retirement Executive Committee redefined the participants of the retirement plan that includes full-

time faculty members, part-time faculty members, and non-academic personnel.

“A USL employee is entitled to a retirement fee if the employee has 10 years of undisrupted services in the University,” Mr. Celso added.

He also discussed that there is an increase in the benefits of the normal retirement, early retirement, disability benefit, and death benefit.

He ended by stating the hope of the University to give more benefits to all employees.

### Office of the EAP- IDQA

Mrs. Luisa B. Aquino, Executive Assistant to the President, gave updates and reports on the institutional development and quality assurance.

Mrs. Aquino started her report about the continuing program on institutional and program accreditation.

Last November 2021, the Nursing program was visited for a resurvey for its level II application and a preliminary visit for the Pharmacy program was also conducted. The SHS department is also subjected to a preliminary visit scheduled on February 2 and 3, 2022. For this March 2022, the Information Technology Computer Science will be visited for a resurvey for its level II accreditation. The Junior High School Department will also be preparing all the needed documents for its level III application, the highest accreditation that they can get. Further, all documents will be prepared for the level IV application of programs under level III such as the Electrical Engineering program. Along with the application of level IV is also the application for institutional accreditation.

Secondly, the continuing program along the quality management system - a program to certify the University on ISO 9001:2015. The office also hopes that before the school year ends, the school will be ISO certified.

Lastly, Mrs. Aquino briefly discussed the Data Privacy Act of 2012. She presented that DPA Bulletin No. 1 states that teachers must always consider the privacy, equity, and peculiarity among students when conducting online classes. *USLWB*

# 1<sup>st</sup> midyear RISE held to beef up research, innovation

*KAREN CATACUTAN AND MACEKRELL DE LA CRUZ*

University of Saint Louis, through the University Research and Development Center (URDC), has launched its first midyear Research and Innovation in Scientific Endeavors (RISE) program virtually, Jan. 28-29, 2022.

Themed “Resiliency, Reinvention, and Raring for Breakthroughs in Research and Innovation,” the event aimed to increase faculty and student awareness and appreciation of research and innovation pursuits through research sharing.

At the opening of the program, Dr. Marie Jean N. Mendezabal, URDC director, presented the University research highlights for SY 2020-2021 which include research presentations, publications and awards.

### Ideathon

Dr. Mendezabal introduced the 33 entries for the Ideathon competition, which focuses on deriving innovative idea for a new product, service or technology to address an existing challenge, issue or problem of a specific sector, group, or beneficiary.

The Junior High School, Senior

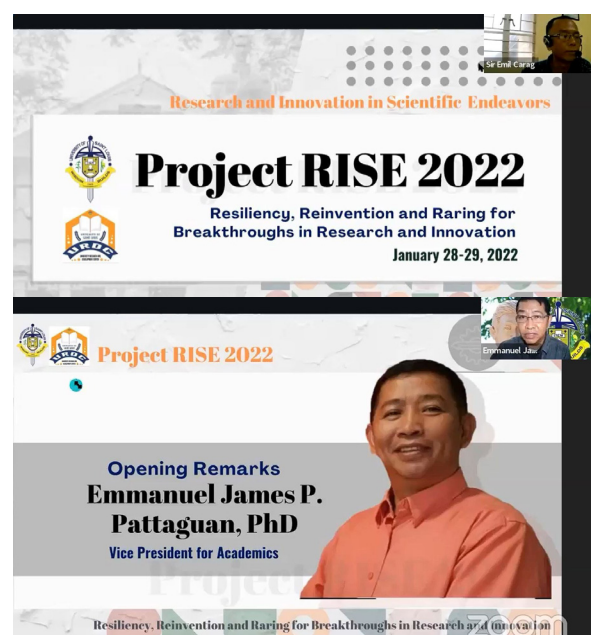
High School, and College presented their respective Ideathon entries, among which the finalists for final oral presentation at the yearend RISE 2022 will be duly announced by the URDC.

### Undergraduate research

As well as the Ideathon, the 28 undergraduate students’ research presentations from the different research centers were also a highlight of the midyear RISE event.

Ten presentations came from the Center for Business Research and Development (CBRD), titled as follows: (1) Level of Engagement of SABH College Students in Online Learning; (2) Stock Market Investment: Measuring the Level of Awareness of Small Business Owners in Tuguegarao City; (3) Survival Strategies of Informal Street Vendors in Tuguegarao City; (4) The Use of Journal of

Learnings in the Accountancy Program; (5) Working Capital Management and Profitability of Gasoline Stations



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# USL champs IIEE CSC regn'l quiz show

 JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.

USL's Electronics Engineering students champed the 34th Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers- Council of Student Chapter (IIEE-CSC) Regional Quiz Show on October 28, 2021.

Aaron Ed Joseph Acuña, team leader, Janderick Oñate, Christian Cerilo, Nicole Emmanuelle Pagalilauan, and Rouxanne A. Macoco, members, represented USL in the said quiz show, where they scored 20 big points; 3, 6, and 11 points from rounds 1, 2, and 3, respectively. Moreover, Engr. Marion James B. Ladia coached the team.

When asked about their preparation, Mr. Acuña said that despite the current situation, they did everything to meet online.

"We actually prepared for a month prior to the quiz show. We found ways to meet online for us to review. And that's it, all our efforts and time bear a good fruit," he said.

Engr. Ladia also shared that they revealed that they battled due to a lack of time for problem-solving and the school-related activities for the students.

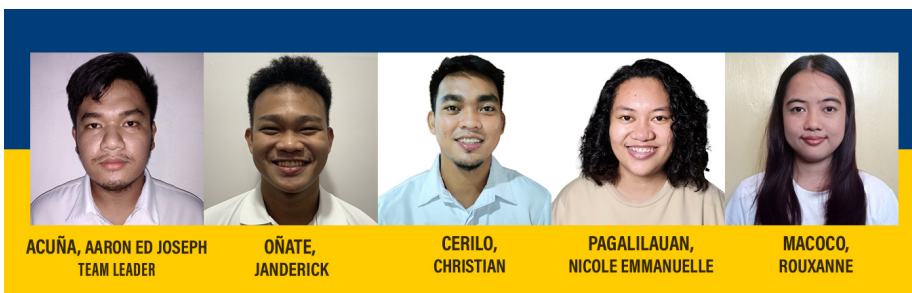
"As a coach considering that we have

a limited time in solving some practice problems and also we know the burden in our academics here in USL because most of these students are very disciplined in studying their present lessons, I may say that I am very proud of them, not only as a coach, but as a friend and as a brother because I am a witness on how each of them evolve to the person they are now," he said.

Despite the struggles that they had been through, the coach encouraged them to enjoy while partaking in the competition regardless of the outcome. Nothing will be lost, and nothing will vanish. If it is meant for them, they will receive it.

"God rewarded their effort. God immortalized their name through this competition by giving honor not only in the EE department but also in the Louisiana community, making them an inspiration or a goal for the upcoming generation of Electrical Engineering

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in Tuguegarao City; (6) Benefits of Charitable Giving of Local Business Owners in Tuguegarao City; (7) Exploring the Experiences of Digital Entrepreneurs in Adopting Blockchain Technology; (8) Success of Decade-old Businesses; (9) Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Personal Finances; and (10) Challenges and Coping Strategies of Tricycle Drivers during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Seven presentations were from the Center for Engineering Research, Technology and Innovation (CERTI): (1) AIDBOT: Medical Assistant Device for Reaching Infectious Patients; (2) Assessment of Coastal Erosion Using Geographical Information System; (3) Eco-Bricks using Animal Manure as Partial Replacement for Alluvial Soil; (4) Micro-Hydro Generator Turbine; (5) Architectural Lighting Development of USL Main Campus; (6) Information Management System with Project Monitoring for Barangays; and (7) AUDI: An Automated Fog Disinfecting Machine.

Six entries were produced from the Center for Health Research and Development (CHRD), titled: (1) Knowledge, Attitude and Practices about Medical Waste Management among Healthcare Personnel in Community Quarantine Facilities in Isabela; (2) Mature Green Coconut Water as Alternative Enriched Media; (3) COVID-19 Health

Literacy among Social Media Users; (4) Assessment of Self-medication Practices for COVID-19-related Symptoms among Adults in Tuguegarao City; (5) Community Pharmacists' Knowledge and Preparedness towards the Fight against COVID-19 in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan; and (6) Antifungal Activity of Lemon Grass Leaves Extract against Fungus Formulated as Ointment.

Meanwhile, five research studies were presented from the Center for Social Innovation, Local Knowledge, and Educational Research (CSILKER): (1) Enhancing Students' Writing Skills through Operation Email; (2) Living in the New Normal: Psychological Post-Experiences of College Students who Survived COVID-19; (3) Responsiveness of Barangays in the Implementation of IATF Protocols; (4) Writing Skills of Pre-service Teachers in Online Learning; and (5) The Novelty of Fake News in Social Media among Registered Voters.

### Faculty and graduate research

The faculty gave their research presentations covering various areas: (1) Philolanguaging Religious Education toward the Context of Inclusivity; (2) Language Teachers' Beliefs in Grammar Teaching; (3) Tourism Resources of Baggao, Cagayan towards a Proposed Development Plan; (4) *Panaddamman*: Our Cemetery, Our Memory-Preventive Maintenance

towards Disaster Risk Reduction of the Tuguegarao City Catholic Cemetery Portal; (5) Digitization of Faculty Evaluation Using Laravel Framework; (6) The Application of Nursing Leadership on Patient Safety Culture; and (7) Lived Experiences of Teachers in the New Normal.

Graduate school students also had their research forum wherein the following were presented: (1) Instructional Leadership and Teacher Efficacy in Online Learning: Basis for Proposed Professional Development Framework; (2) Faculty Development Program of a Private Catholic Educational Institution towards an Enhanced FDP Framework; (3) IT Problem Management System Architecture; (4) Teachers' Beliefs and Practices in Grammar Teaching; and (5) Grammatical Errors in Elementary Modules: A Basis for an Intervention Program for Teachers.

Participants in the Ideathon and the undergraduate research forum were USL students enrolled in Research or Thesis courses. USL faculty and Graduate School students attended their respective fora.

The midyear RISE was graced with the messages of the University president, Rev. Fr. Renillo H. Sta. Ana, CICM; VP for academics, Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan; and VP for administration, Dr. Rina M. Reyes.

The yearend RISE is expected to be held in June with the Ideathon and series of research presentations. **USLWB**

# SHAS research posters, presentations win in conferences

✍️ JONALYN P. SANTOS AND MACEKRELL T. DE LA CRUZ

Competing research entries of the School of Health and Allied Sciences (SHAS) garnered awards in two conferences held in November 2021.

The research poster “Isolation and Characterization of Pathogenic Bacteria in Sewage Wastewaters in Tuguegarao City Cagayan” was adjudged champion at the International Undergraduate Research

Conference held on November 19, 2021 via Zoom online conferencing.

Authors of said study are BS Medical Technology/ BS Medical Laboratory Science (BSMT/BSMLS) students Michaela Venus Tomas, Jerica Tubban, Dianna Joyce Tumbaga, Niña Ricca Angelice Tuliao, and Freyselle Faye Urmanita, and their research adviser and head of USL’s Center for Health Research and Development (CHR), Ms. Jonalyn Santos.

Additionally, the research poster “Coliform Assessment of Sewage Water Flowing into Cagayan River” authored by BSMT/BSMLS students Alyssa Joy Quinagoran, Jel Quindatan, Bethel Soliven, Angelika Suelen, and Shella Marie Tejada, and their research adviser, Mr. Romulo Junior Guzman, BSMT faculty, won first place, following the champions in rank.

Meanwhile, the poster titled “Isolation and Quantitative Analysis of Escherichia coli in Local Pancit Batil Patong in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan,” authored by BSMT/ BSMLS students John Patrick Ramos, LG Kevin Soriano, Adrian Velasco, Editha Valerio, and Jenine Maree Zingapan, and their research adviser, Ms. Wennalyn Maggay, also made it to the competing entries to the international conference.

The International Undergraduate Research Conference was sponsored by the Philippine Association of Students of Medical Technology and Public Health (PASMETH), Philippine Society of Medical Technology Students (PHISMETS), and the University of Santo Tomas (UST).

The event was participated by BSMT/BSMLS students from different schools and universities in the country and abroad. Its highlights were two contested events, namely: oral research presentation and poster presentation.

Fifty research outputs were included in the poster presentation category. They were posted on the conference website.

The SHAS also won in visual abstract poster presentations both

in the professional and student categories at the 2021 Cagayan Valley Health Research and Development Consortium (CVHRDC) Annual Health Research Conference conducted on November 17-19 via Zoom conferencing.

Mr. Romulo Junior Guzman placed third, under professional category, for his presentation of “Coliform Assessment of Sewage Water Flowing into Cagayan River.”

Ms. Niña Ricca Angelice Tuliao won second, student category, for “Isolation and Characterization of Pathogenic Bacteria in Sewage Wastewaters in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan.”

Two other USL SHAS visual abstract posters titled “Knowledge, Attitude, and Behavior regarding Antibiotic Use among Adults in Isabela” and “Isolation and Quantitative Analysis of Escherichia coli in Local Pancit Batil Patong in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan” were also presented at the 2021 CVHRDC conference.

Mr. Manuelito P. Talaue, Jr., BS Pharmacy program chair and faculty, and Mr. John Patrick Ramos, BSMT student, gave the presentations, respectively. *USLWB*



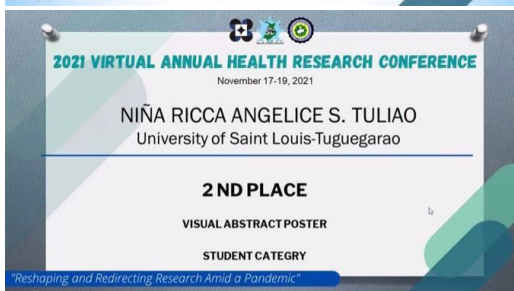
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# OSAS readies students for possible F2F classes

 JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.

With its aim to ready the students for possible face-to-face classes, USL, through the Office of Student Affairs and Services, hosted a webinar on Training Opportunities in Online Learning for Students (TOOLS) and Health & Safety Education on January 19 and 20, 2022.

Mr. Jerome Miguel, Assistant LMS Coordinator, presented key features of the NEO LMS, while Dr. Darin Jan C. Tindowen discussed strategies for students to succeed in the Online Learning Mode.

In the afternoon session, University Nurses, Ariane G. Cauan, RN, and Daisy Edel M. Manaligod, RN, and Occupational Safety and Health Officer Engr. Rolando A. Bitagun, offered their insights and addressed health and safety education ideas.

Nurse Cauan presented the equipment that can be found and used by the students in the clinic and the fees on how much they should pay if they will avail clinic services.

Nurse Manaligod discussed some health ideas for the participants. She presented tips to avoid contracting the COVID-19 and also having a healthy and happy lifestyle. She ended with a quote, “Be active. Be happy. Be healthy.”

Further, Engr. Bitagun shared tips and reminders if students will come to school for face-to-face classes and other transactions.

Martha Marie T. Maralli, RPM, MP, also shared tips to relieve students’ tension, especially during this pandemic. She ended up motivating the students to detach themselves from the outcome and that they should trust the process.

Lastly, Mr. Herbert S. Corpuz, Dean of Student Affairs and Services, noted that everything USL does is geared at ensuring that students enjoy and value online learning.

“These are life skills that students must possess, particularly in the workplace and current circumstances,” he ended. *USLWB*

## USL champs CpE regn’l convention ‘22

 JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.

University of Saint Louis (USL) bested six teams to emerge as Champion in the Quiz Bowl Competition during the Institute of Computer Engineers of the Philippines Student Edition (ICPEP.se) Regional Convention on December 10, 2021.

Joanne Darleen C. Gosiengfiao, Jansen G. Macabangun, and Allyce Mae D. Dayag, who are all third year BSCPE students, represented USL on the regional stage.

The following schools competed during the event: Cagayan State University (CSU), International School of Asia and the Pacific (ISAP), Isabela State University- Cabagan Campus (ISU), Saint Mary’s University (SMU), Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU), and University of Cagayan Valley (UCV).

Mr. Ceferino V. Llamelo, SEAITE CECA Coordinator, coached the team. He said that they had an intensive review prior to the competition.

“They are dedicated. I can say that they have passion for learning and can be gleaned from their attitude that they are Louisian toppers,” he added.

The team qualified for the national level round. However, the time of the national round was also the midterm examination of USL, thus, the team focused on their studies since they are all graduating students.

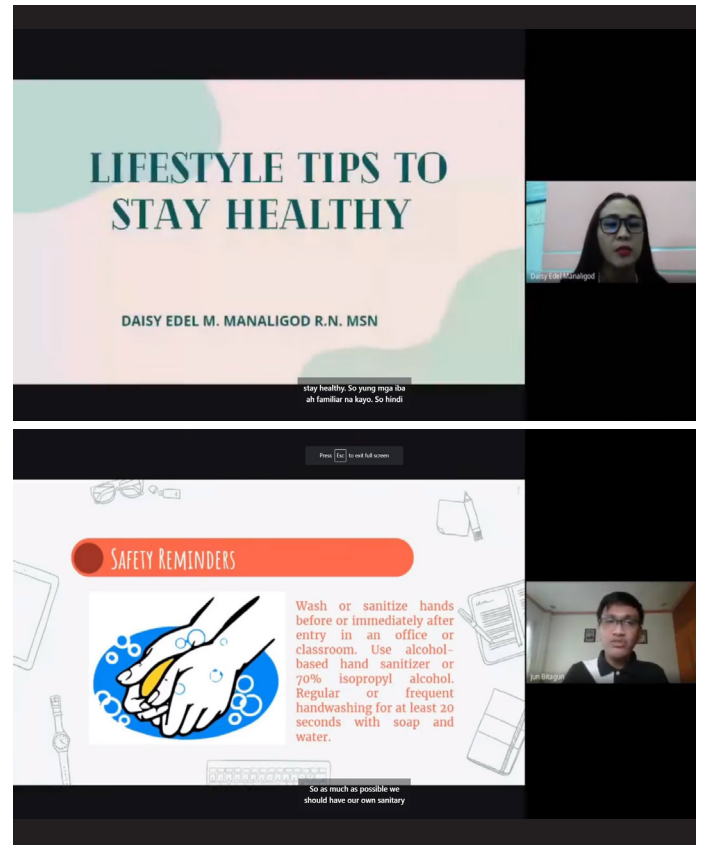
“We are still happy since we were able to experience competing on a national level,” he ended.. *USLWB*



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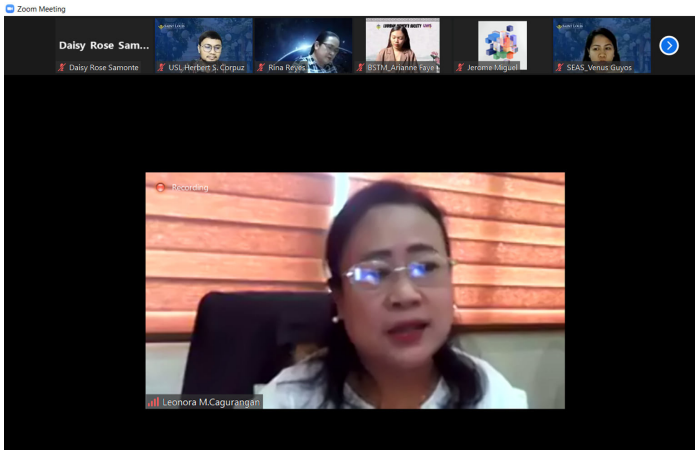
students,” he added.

The following schools competed for the title where Isabela State University (Ilagan Campus) and Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (Mid La Union Campus) both scored 16 points, Mariano Marcos State University got 10 points, Saint Louis University (Baguio City) garnered six (6) points, and the University of Saint Louis recorded 20 points from round 1 to round 3.

The team qualified for the national level round. That will happen in 2022. *USLWB*

# OSAS holds student discipline orientation

MACEKRELL T. DE LA CRUZ



As the College opens the new semester, the Office of Student Affairs and Services (OSAS) held an online orientation on student discipline among college students, January 18 afternoon.

Pursued in light of student empowerment and success especially in the context of online learning, the activity included topics on netiquette and social media use; the USL's Code of Discipline; and certain compliance concerns in a flexible learning environment.

Speakers in said event were Mr. Louie

Cagurangan, USL prefect of women.

### Online manners

"As the classroom is now online or in the cloud, appropriate behaviors and manners are expected of every Louisian student," Mr. Sayago said in line with his topics: "Netiquette Guide for Students" and "Policy on Use of Social Media for Students."

Specifically, netiquette was described as "a set of guidelines for acceptable online behavior" and as "concerned with the appropriate use of internet resources in an online setting."

Sayago, USL Annual Book graphics designer and part-time instructor at the School of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology Education (SEAITE); Mr. Nestor Cabrido, USL prefect of men, and Mrs. Ma. Leonora

Mr. Sayago presented the guidelines for every netiquette provision as for (1) security; (2) online interaction and communication; (3) electronic mail; (4) online discussion and fora; and (5) synchronous online learning.

On social media use, emphasis was given on the rationale of the University's social media policy, guidelines, offenses, and disciplinary interventions.

### Not on positive discipline

Mr. Nestor Cabrido discussed about the University's Code of Discipline, specifically students' duties and responsibilities in view of the University's vision, mission, rules and regulations; service; academic integrity; moral integrity; among others.

The prefect also pointed out the importance of the Louisian Positive Discipline Framework (LPDF), which espouses the principles of being proactive, restorative, inclusive, collaborative, and encouraging in promoting student discipline.

The LPDF applies the four approaches of educating, engaging, empowering, and enforcing with corresponding strategies or student programs per approach.

Mr. Cabrido further gave a guide on campus discipline especially since limited face-to-face classes will be conducted already this second semester after a hiatus for almost two years of on-campus studies due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The orientation's last speaker, Mrs. Ma. Leonora Cagurangan,

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# USAP recognizes Louisian scholars

ALDWIN D. TULIAO

Undergraduate scholars of the University of Saint Louis through the Association of Louisian Grantees and Scholars (ALGS) bagged awards in the 4th International Scholars Convention and International Young Leaders Congress 2021 held by the University Scholars Association of the Philippines (USAP) on November 25-27 via Zoom.

A total of 35 Louisian scholars participated in the different plenary sessions and competitions and displayed their prowess in leadership, academics and arts in line with the event's theme: "Promoting the Values of Diplomacy, Leadership and Resiliency towards Global Partnership and Sustainable Development."

USL's senior Hospitality Management student, John Carl Pagulayan, was awarded as one of the 2021 Ten Most Outstanding Scholars of the Philippines.

Mr. Pagulayan earned the award by demonstrating academic excellence as well as excellence in extracurricular activities, leadership, and public service. The award was based on the documents and credentials he submitted.

Mr. Pagulayan was awarded a certificate of participation and a plaque of recognition for making it to the top ten.

"I'm grateful to the University for sending us and allowing us to participate in this event, as well as to God for blessing me and allowing me to be a finalist in the just-finished Search for the Philippines' Ten Most Outstanding Scholars," Mr. Pagulayan expressed.

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# IIEE-CSC-USL is Northern Luzon Best Student Chapter

 MACEKRELL T. DE LA CRUZ

The Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers of the Philippines, Inc. – Council of Student Chapters – USL Chapter (IIEE-CSC-USL) has won the Best Student Chapter award for Northern Luzon region during the 1st DAGITAB Awards Night of the IIEE-CSC held via Zoom on December 19, 2021.

The award was bestowed by the Integrated Electrical Engineers of the Philippines, Inc. – Council of Student Chapters which operates on the national level.

The IIEE-CSC-USL Chapter bested 11 other schools in the Northern Luzon region, composed of Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, and the Cordillera Administrative regions, based on the following criteria: (1) chapter participation, (2) membership, (3) chapter performance, and (4) presentation of entry.

Chapter participation and chapter performance each amounted to 35 percent in the criteria for judging the best chapter. The former covers the chapter's participation in events or activities that IIEE-CSC and IIEE-regional CSC hold such as quiz shows and webinars.

Chapter performance, on the other hand, refers to the educational, sports-related, social or civic, and other qualifying activities as determined by IIEE-CSC.

"One of the biggest factors why IIEE-CSC-USL won this award is because of the activities that our organization did and participated from January 2020-November 2021," John Mark Sahagun, IIEE-CSC-USL Chapter president, said in an email interview.

"This is a collaboration effort of the student leaders last SY 2020-2021 led by the former president, Mr. Janderick Oñate, and the student leaders right now," he also said.

Sahagun personally noted that it is his honor to uphold excellence and "bag achievements" for the organization. Giving service to its body and making the Electrical Engineering community more active are a commitment of the organization accordingly.

Meanwhile, an alumnus member of the IIEE-CSC-USL, whose



name is withheld upon his request, was quoted as saying, "The award shows the improvements and efforts of the leader and members. Being the best student chapter reflects the hard work done with ambition and passion."

IIEE-CSC-USL's Best Student Chapter title is valid from Dec. 19, 2021 until December 2022.

Engr. Marion James B. Ladia, Electrical Engineering faculty, is IIEE-CSC-USL's adviser. Engr. Victor C. Villaluz is USL's EE program chair and concurrently dean of the School of Engineering, Architecture, and Information Technology Education (SEAITE).  
*USLWB*

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"It was difficult to develop the necessary documentation amid the pandemic. I'm eternally grateful to the Louisian Community for their assistance and support. Being selected as a finalist in this distinguished search is a blessing and an honor for me," Pagulayan continued.

The University Scholars Association of the Philippines, Inc. – Most Outstanding Scholars of the Philippines (USAP-MOSP) is an annual competition that recognizes and promotes the exceptional accomplishments of scholars and young leaders in academics and leadership.

Other USL scholars excelled in other contest categories in the international convention.

James Perlas, BS Architecture-2, placed second in the Poster Making Contest and third in the Digital Slogan Making Contest. Marjohn Baligod, BS Accountancy-2; Vernel Bucayu, Bachelor in Physical Education-2; Allyce Mae Dayag, BS Computer Engineering-2; Jennifer

Dulin, Bachelor in Secondary Education-3; and Bonivic Tamayao, BS Accountancy-2, won third place in the Radio Drama competition.

The Louisian scholars, through the ALGS, made a mark by participating in the conference for the first time and winning and making it to the finals. The scholars hope for further victories and more victors in future competitions and expect to continue to inspire others as scholars.

USL-ALGS is a member of USAP, the national organization for all student scholars' organizations in the Philippines.

The 4th International Scholars Convention and Young Leaders Congress 2021 aimed to honor college scholars in the country, both in private and public educational institutions for their accomplishments, to improve support for becoming holistic persons, to assure inclusive performance, and to advance nation-building and social development agenda. *USLWB*

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on the other hand, walked the students through a discussion of "Students' Non-compliance and Inactivity in a Flexible Learning Modality" and "Guidelines on Requests for Special Assessment." At her presentation, the Prefect of Women justified the value of student discipline by quoting a part of the Student Handbook.

"The University emphasizes the value of discipline for the realization of its vision and mission, assimilation of its core values by the employees and students, and shall have the right to promulgate reasonable norms, rules and regulations deemed necessary and consistent with the manuals of regulations for private higher education and other pertinent laws for the maintenance of school discipline."

On December 9 last year, similar orientation was given to College faculty with Mr. Sayago, Mrs. Cagurangan, and Dr. Herbert S. Corpuz, the dean of Student Affairs and Services, as speakers. Dr. Corpuz discussed about the University's Social Media Policy. *USLWB*

# Elementary school's 1st grand alumni homecoming: Project HOME welcomes Class '04 - '11

JEM V. PALATTAO

We learn the value of connection when we are apart.

Reconnecting the path separated by time and thousand miles, the University of Saint Louis Elementary Department led back home together the diverged pathways of its graduates as it launched its first-ever virtual Alumni Homecoming through Project HOME (Homecoming of Magnificent Elementary Graduates) last December 10, 2021, proposed by Dr. Emily T. Maborang, the Elementary Department principal.

The Alumni Summit started through a virtual gathering in the Zoom room with a short "kamustahan," Filipino term referring to when one or a group asks how another one or others are doing, among the alumni of class 2004-2011 and their teachers.

Vice president for Academics, Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattaguan, greeted the alumni in his welcome remarks during the opening program, and Rev. Fr. Renillo H. Sta. Ana, CICM, University president, also delivered a message.

One of the event's highlights was the election of the first-ever USL Elementary Alumni Association officers and coordinators

of each class.

The new elects are as follows: Ms. Mae Kathreene Aggabao, president; Ms. April Jamicah Sario-Estoque, vice president; Ms. Patrian Antonette Casem, secretary; Ms. Marilou Banatao, treasurer; Ms. Jessa Malittay, auditor; Mr. Prince Wilson Macarubbo, PRO; and Ms. Michelle Maguigad, business manager.

Having pronounced the new USL Elementary Alumni Association officers, the department principal emphasized the purpose of continuous support and involvement of the alumni in attaining the department's goals and objectives.

The homecoming's other scheduled event, a blended Bingo social activity, was held at the Bishop Padilla Learning Hall on December 30, 2021 with the participation of the department's alumni and teachers in person and some in the Zoom room.

Through the online festivities, the USL Elementary Department hopes to instill among the alumni a sense of pride and belonging to the University that they once called their home.

Finally, Dr. Maborang congratulated everyone who took part in the events,



Image courtesy of the Elementary School

especially the alumni groups who have been at the forefront of community service throughout today's quarantine while taking a different role in the University's mission. USLWB

## Road to 2021: Alumni Homecoming of '95 and '96

IMOJEN CLAIRE M. CALLANGAN

In 1996, when we were still the giddy, wide-eyed graduating students from the then Saint Louis College of Tuguegarao (SLCT), we had a batch testimonial – professing the future of each individual in our class. Fast forward to 2021, twenty-five (25) years have passed, our Silver Jubilee; we are to host the Alumni Homecoming. Our first FB GC prepared as early as 2016 was named Road to 2021. And yet, we didn't see it coming because the activity was initially supposed to be postponed, what with the pandemic still lurking. The five-year preparation did not materialize. Needless to say, we did not prepare.

So, when the news came out that the alumni homecoming was going to push through, we were dumbfounded and shocked. First, the announcement came the first week of December; second, it was the Mayor who pushed the idea. The Mayor, who happens to be a Jubilarian or rather a Jubilarian, who happens to be our Mayor, Hon. Jefferson P. Soriano, who said that we go through with it. Third, the challenge of producing the funds in such a short time was stress-inducing. And other concerns

such as we have just barely come out of the pandemic, etc. All these, not to mention the petty misunderstanding during meetings, easily made the homecoming impossible.

But then welcome to never... And here comes the story of "how two batches ('95 and '96) learned to organize a homecoming in two weeks, even while still amid the pandemic."

Thanks to the batch miracle workers, the organizers of Batches '95 and '96, the USLAA led by Mr. Reynaldo Adducul, and everyone who worked hard to make the homecoming possible. Thanks to the generosity inculcated in our minds, hearts, and spirit, without which the event would not have been possible. Without each and everyone's effort, we would not have done it.

So, it was a simple program that brought the batch testimonial to life. A great flashback! It's like being a high school student once again!

I was most grateful for being the one tasked to deliver the Batch '96 inspirational message. For me, it was indeed a dream come true!

Our batch is proud to say that despite

all the limitations, we are grateful to be back, and we can sing: *Here we are students of St. Louis, that is why we are so proud. We'll always stand in defense of it, for it makes us brave and fit.*

Despite the short preparation, we made it. Despite the threat of the pandemic, we did it. This is the Louisian spirit! Nothing can stop a heart that beats like the Louisian spirit.

As a personal testimony, I remember how I loved St. Louis from the moment I stepped foot at its gate for the first time when I was interviewed for admission. Indeed, as we reminisce our experiences with our teachers back then, especially when Batch '95 introduced our former mentors by how notoriously we knew them, the students back then, it made us not only proud but most of all happy to reminisce about our high school life back in the day. As happy alumni of this institution, the batch made it a point to show appreciation to dearly beloved mentors, and this time made them feel like the Silver Jubilarian honorees.

It brought back a lot of memories. I remember, way back in high school, we

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were housed in the wooden Don Bosco Building, which is now the new high school building. As one walks around the campus, one cannot fathom and stand there in awe of the numerous improvements around the campus. If there is one thing that was memorable for me at the alumni homecoming was the happiness that I saw in the faces of our former teachers. They were instrumental in how we have made our batch testimonials come alive. Being our second parents, they were genuinely instrumental to who we have become. I realized as I went along that it is not really about how our batch had produced lawyers, accountants, engineers, leaders, and teachers...or how the University has accomplished so much in that span of time.

What mattered the most was the feeling of happiness of getting back together once again and seeing the joy in our mentors' faces. At the end of all the preparation, the program, and everything, what mattered the most was who we have become and who we are deep inside in the process.

The most important thing, beyond our titles, beyond the façade of our school, is who we have become as a result of the teachings, of the principles taught to us by our dear alma mater. The new buildings, our titles, and our positions, yes, are a manifestation of our accomplishments and how our school has evolved through the years. But at the end of the day, what's essential is how each of us has evolved as Lousian in heart and spirit – the essence of the transformation we have experienced from the time we stepped foot here in our beloved alma mater up to this time and throughout our lives even as we keep

coming back perhaps as we now send our children this time to USL whether in grade school, junior or senior high or even college.

As we have overcome the hurdles of organizing this homecoming, even as the rain poured during the motorcade and even towards the latter part of the activity, we had proven our mettle as true Louisians. Once again, the school witnessed how we survived and even thrived in the battle of life. This was where Fr. Jessie Hechanova said our love is tested; this is where we are purified. This is where our childish image of God is constantly put through the challenges of human relationships and even the trials of the times.

Praise God for we have come out of the battle alive and kicking as high school students and now as alumni. Some jubilarians were even injured, and despite the challenges and the trials of the pandemic, we have proven our Lousian spirit deep within, the God within us that thrives in adversities. This is what defines us Louisians; it is who we are, our DNA, our identity, our mission, and our values to excel and to achieve. We came, we saw, and we conquered!

Despite everything, I pray that day when we went our separate ways; we would have it in our hearts to continue to inspire and commit ourselves every day to live to the Lousian mission of continuously transforming ourselves; as Father Neil said, most especially in the light of the signs of the times and that we can serve as instruments to bring about a community that God dreams for His people and the world! Indeed, Sapientia aedificat! **USLWB**

## USL offers MAEd major in CFED...

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school year.

The program is intended to prepare Religious and Values Education teachers in understanding curricular content and pedagogical and technological knowledge in Christian Faith Education, Values Education, and Philosophy. It is offered in two tracks: Academic (Thesis) and Professional (Non-Thesis).

Among the program learning outcomes include “teaching about Jesus and Christian community to those communities who are in need of evangelization,” and “connecting educational endeavors to various professionals and communities through extension, service learning programs, and outreach activities.”

The USL MAEd major in CFEVEP curriculum was crafted by the Office of the SGSCPD in consultation with the University's Christian Faith Education

(CFED) teachers. It was reviewed by the University president, Rev. Fr. Renillo H. Sta. Ana, CICM; the VP for Mission and Identity, Rev. Fr. Emanuel Enjang Pranatal; the VP for Academics, Dr. Emmanuel James P. Pattagan; the Campus Ministry director, Ms. Thelma C. Baricaua; Religious coordinators, and some CFEd teachers.

A feasibility study on the offering of the new program was conducted prior to the crafting of its curriculum. Also, the Policies, Standards and Guidelines for Graduate Programs, particularly the minimum requirements for a master's program, per CHED Memorandum Order number 15 series of 2019, were considered according to the SGSCPD Office.

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## USL-HRMDO launches...

branding and how to use corporate branding strategies to make an excellent first impression.

Ms. Martha Marie T. Maralli, Guidance Psychometrician, discussed the appropriate office attire and provided the dos and don'ts in selecting clothes and wearing makeup and accessories to keep a professional look.

The Director of University Libraries, Ms. Michelle A. Abella, gave an all-inclusive presentation on the basic etiquette and manners in communicating through phone calls and emails. She also discussed how to engage when using various social media platforms properly.

Lastly, Mr. Renz Marion C. Gavino, Liberal Arts Program Chair, discussed with the employees ways to deliver a professional frontline service. He highlighted the importance of maintaining composure while dealing with difficult clients and presented some helpful steps in solving transaction problems.

The activity ended with the launching of the Well-Dressed Wednesday and the announcement on the implementation of the Customer Service Feedback in every office in the University by Mrs. Ma. Haydee C. Guillermo, HRMDO Director.

The Well-Dressed Wednesday is a power-dressing campaign that encourages employees to wear their business casual or smart casual attire every Wednesday to boost morale and motivation in the workplace through a professional style and look. On the other hand, the Customer Service Feedback will serve as one of the institution's ways to improve transactions and provide efficient services to its clients. **USLWB**

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## USL holds relief ops...

again did a great deal of charitable work by extending its hands to those affected. USL- CECA distributed 1,967 relief packs to frontline workers and families affected by the typhoon Maring.

A total of PHP 85 375.51 was raised from the call for donations from the university. The Hatid-Kapatid Program started in 2019 and was initiated by the University President, Rev. Fr. Renillo H. Sta. Ana, CICM.

Hatid-Kapatid aims to help people impacted by typhoons and other calamities, as well as partner communities and organizations in need of support. **USLWB**

# USL subscribes to Google Workspace

*JONATHAN SANGDAAN JR.*

To equip Louisian employees and students in utilizing a new digital tool and platform, the Office of Student Affairs and Services, in collaboration with Globe Telecommunications Inc., hosted a webinar on using Google Workspace on January 17-18, 2022.

Google Workspace is a chargeable service that consists of Gmail, Contacts, Calendar, Meet and Chat for communication; Currents for employee engagement; Drive for storage and the Google Docs suite for content creation.

In an interview with the Dean of Students Affairs and Services, Dr. Herbert S. Corpuz said that the subscription to Google Workspace for Education aims to advance the students' learning experience and have a standard communication tool.

He further discussed that everyone who has a corporate Gmail may enjoy all the features of Google and minimize the work of teachers in checking the attendance because of its feature that lists the name, Gmail address, and time in and time out of students attending the meeting.

"With our subscription to Google Workspace for Education, every employee is now entitled to use all the features of Google Meet. And I think teachers will enjoy it because of the attendance tracking feature of the platform," Dr. Corpuz added.

"With the corporate Gmail of the students, they may now enjoy the use of free google apps and other applications that may advance their Online Learning," he ended.

A total of 308 employees attended the webinar on January 17, 2022, while 1,200 students in the in-domain live stream and 320 students in google meet attended on January 18, 2022. *USLWB*

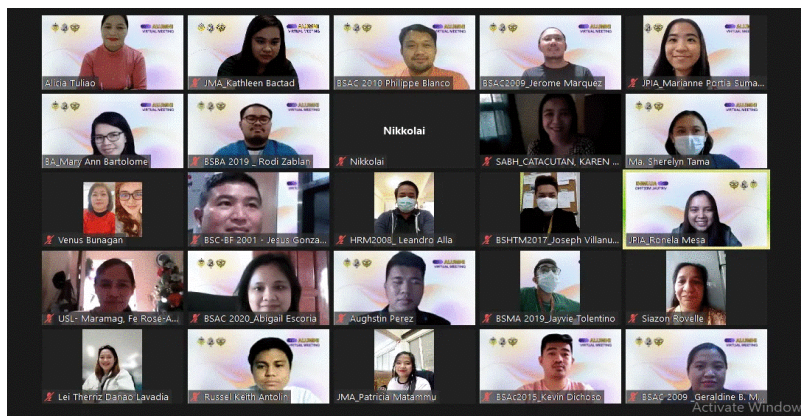
# A Return to Alma Mater

*MACEKRELL T. DE LA CRUZ*

Homecomings of SY 2021-2022 were an initiative to connect alumni amid the pandemic, thanks to technology, which enabled them to see one another albeit generally among departments on a four-angled frame. Yet, what enclose the images that beam of joy, of longingness, and maybe of a tinge of curiosity, are the good memories of days past when their dear SLCT or USL was the platform for connections that would last a lifetime.

The Elementary School (December 10 and 30) and Junior High School (December 26) staged their virtual and limited face-to-face homecomings. The Senior High School (November 30), School of Accountancy, Business and Hospitality (December 28), and the Graduate School (October 23) held their respective programs for alumni meetings with election of officers.

Someday, the homecomings and meetings could be all in-person, but whatever means there will be, pursuing a return to Alma Mater USL is all that must count. *USLWB*



## A Christmas POEM

*MACEKRELL IVON T. DE LA CRUZ*

It's when every December  
That such a feeling's here  
Behold Christ is born  
Our Immanuel and Savior.

And the lights were lit  
Flickering and dancing, flashing and merry  
Whilst some chose to be still  
As cold as night, some warm as daylight

A stalwart Christmas tree at sight  
Stop to your souls' delight  
Five centuries of Christianity in our land,  
Gifted to give, and Christ is the Light.

The cross, the ship, the sun, the fish,  
the rosary, the Holy Spirit, the hand of God  
Of blue and yellow, of red and brown  
The USL Christmas tree was of faith and art.

The nine Novena and Christmas eve Masses held,  
Her pews gather the faithful, the altar at the fore  
O, the beloved Good Shepherd Chapel  
Strong, resilient, and guides even online.

Now the Friendship Park hosts the festival of lights  
The hands that made them were eager and bright.  
Soon there's the Family Night with the Light  
Christmastime bond spent with the Light.

Spin and win in a game not for two  
Cross your fingers now it could be you  
The winners, the hopefuls, the givers in glee  
Christmas greetings we hear and presents we see.

It was just another Christmas,  
It's Christmas at heart,  
We've all said a prayer...  
And Christ is the answer sure.