

2 Alumni Topnotch, Board Passers Noted

The University of Rizal System recognizes two alumni passers as they set a new record placed 8th and 2nd respectively, in the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) secondary level and Electronics Technician board examinations held in January and April.

Mr. Justin Garrovillas obtained a rating of 91.20% which placed him on the 8th place in the Licensure Examination for Teachers (Secondary Level). Concurrently, Mr. John Carlo Baysic also topped the board having the rating of 93% placing him 2nd in the nationwide examination for Electronics Technician.

Garrovillas and Baysic are alumni of URS – Morong.

Likewise, the University acknowledges the new board passers

for this years' nationwide examinations from January to April in different fields of specialization across all URS campuses. Alongside, URS recognizes the following campuses who successfully had a 100% overall performance as per result of the board examinations: LET (elementary level) in January - Angono, Morong and Taytay; LET (secondary level) in January - Antipolo and Cardona; Certified Plant Mechanic in February - Morong; LET (elementary level) in March - Antipolo; LET (secondary level) in March - Antipolo; and Electronics Technician (ECT) in April - Antipolo and Morong.

The table at the right summarizes the number of board passers in URS from January to April.



GARROVILLAS BAYSIC

Number of URS Board Passers, January – April 2022				
Board Examination Per Course	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Licensure Examinations for Teachers				
Secondary	97		106	
Elementary	42		69	
Psychometric Licensure Examinations		7		
Social Work Licensure Examinations		17		
Mechanical Engineering Board Examinations		3		
Certification for Plant Mechanic		1		
Electrical Engineering Board Examinations				6
Civil Engineering Board Examinations				14
Electronics Technician Examinations				9
Electronics Engineering Board Examinations				6

Source: www.prc.gov.ph

Former URS Prexy is New CHED Commissioner



Dr. MARITA CANAPI

Former president of URS, Dr. Marita Canapi, was recently appointed by His Excellency Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte as Chair, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) vice Chair Lilian de las Llagas.

By virtue hereof, she may qualify and enter upon the performance of the duties of the office.

She was appointed February 9, 2022 for a term expiring on July 21, 2025. //

URS Expands Partners, Linkages

The University of Rizal System (URS) has expanded the number of university partners through the signing of various Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) within the period of June 2021 to June 2022.

	Local	International	Total
Number of Active MOA/MOU	12	1	13
Number of MOA/MOU under Development	3	3	6

To strengthen the presence of the University to the local community, URS has entered into different partnerships with various local government units as well as different private enterprises to enhance the involvement of the University to various local development projects as well as improving student career opportunities.

Some of the partners of the University are well-known companies such as Unilab, Inc. and Accenture which focus on student development and research, and different government units such as the Department of Interior and Local Government of Region IV-A (DILG IV-A) and National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) which deal with local development and extension programs.

In addition to the local partners, URS has also managed to extend its partnership to Pakistan through its MOU with the Government College University Faisalabad (GCUF). There are also other ongoing talks with other international universities from China, Korea, Malaysia and Pakistan for possible partnerships.

There is high hope between URS and its partners that these MOUs or MOAs will lead to beneficial partnership for both sides. // ~Renato Allen Casas

URS Campuses Undergo AACCUP Accreditation; ISO Recertification Granted

Three campuses of the University underwent Level II accreditation survey visit by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines, Inc. (AACCUP) on May 2-6. Likewise, URS had undergone the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 recertification on May 5 -6.

Two undergraduate courses - Bachelor of Science (BS) in Information Technology (BSIT) and BS in Office Administration (BSOA) - of URS – Binangonan, the BS in Fisheries of URS – Cardona; and the BS in Office Administration, Master in Public Administration, and Doctor in Public Administration of URS -Pililla underwent online accreditation.

Dr. Divinagracia De Guzman of Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) served as overall coordinator for the Binangonan and Cardona campuses. Other AACCUP team members include Dr. Rosemarie Lee from North Luzon Philippines State College (NLPSC), Prof. Roderick Vicente from Ifugao State University (ISU), Prof. Trinidad Pasong from Mountain

Province State Polytechnic College (MPSPC), Prof. Rosa Diestro of Rizal Technological University (RTU), Prof. Grace Brizuela of Bicol University (BU), Dr. Imee Perante of Carlos Hilado Memorial State University (CHSU) and Dr. Winda Cejas of University of Southeastern Philippines (USP).

For the Pililla Campus, Dr. Wilhelm Cerbo of West Visayas State University (WVSU) served as overall coordinator. Other team members are Dr. Aristeo Salapa of USP, Dr. Tere-sita Pepito of Central Mindanao University (CMSU), Dr. Marian Loren Valera of Abra State Institute of Sciences and Technology (ASIST), Prof. Vilma Sapil of MPSPC, Dr. Maria Blanca Sy of Jose Rizal Memorial

State University (JRMSU), and, Dr. Sarah Taupan and Dr. Benhur Asid, both from Western Mindanao State University (WMSU).

Similarly, the URS had undergone the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 recertification on May 5 -6. Organizations use the standard to demonstrate the ability to consistently provide products and services that meet customer and regulatory requirements. URS is a certified provider of tertiary and graduate education and a conductor of research and extension activities in the province of Rizal. TÜV Rheinland initially certified URS in 2019.

~ Charmaine Villarin/ Eden Grace Bustos

Pascual is Third URS President University Investiture Rites Held

The University of Rizal System (URS) held its Investiture Ceremonies for its Third President, Dr. Nancy Talavera - Pascual on Monday, May 2 at the URS - Morong Campus, Morong, Rizal.

With family members and friends in attendance, President Pascual was inaugurated before a large audience that includes administrators, faculty, staff, students, college and university presidents, Board of Regents and officials of URS, and government and private sector representatives at the Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Tanghalang Sining (EARTS) of URS – Morong Campus.

Dr. Pascual succeeded Dr. Marita R. Canapi who served as president since February 2012.

Investiture is the formal ceremony conferring the authority and symbols of the Office of the President on a new president. Usually held during the president's first year in office, the ceremony has symbolized the pursuit of knowledge since the Middle Ages. Today, universities and colleges view investitures, sometimes called installations or inaugurations, as opportunities to welcome a new era and celebrate as a community. ~ abc



INSTALLATION. Dr. Popoy De Vera, CHED Chair and Dr. Marita Canapi, CHED Commissioner led the installation.



Faculty Researches Published

Eight researches conducted by URS faculty members found their places in Scopus-indexed international research journals. The following table lists down the title, the author and the journal title in which the researches have been published.

Research Outputs Published in Internationally-Refereed and CHED - Recognized Journal

TITLE	AUTHOR	JOURNAL
Exploring Social Media Use of Filipino Learners: How it Impacts Reading Attitudes and Competence	Dr. Jocelyn Gagalang	Linguistics and Culture Review Vol. 6 No. S2 (2022) pp. 275-90 DOI : 10.21744/ling.cure.v6nS2.2034
Development and Validation of Work text in Basic Calculus	Dr. Jenius Dejarlo	Tianjin Daxue Xuebao (Ziran Kexue yu Gongcheng Jishu Ban) Journal of Tianjin University Science and Technology ISSN: (Online): 0493-2137 E-Publication: Online Open Access Vol. 55 Issue 03-2022
Challenges of LGBTQ Preservice Teachers	Dr. Jannie Manimtim Jansen San Juan Earth Padilla Johanne Aterrado Helen Blansisco	Journal of Positive School Psychology ISSN: 2717- 7564 2022, Vol.6, No. 4, pp. 2934-2939
Electrical System of URSM Science and Technology Building: An Analysis	Engr. Marlon Bautista	NeuroQuantology – An Interdisciplinary Journal of Neuroscience and Quantum Physics Vol. 20, No. 5 (2022) ISSN: 1303- 5150
Gender Identification of Embryonic Chicken in the Egg by Heart Beat Modulation Technique	Dr. Marvin Amoin	NeuroQuantology – An Interdisciplinary Journal of Neuroscience and Quantum Physics Vol. 20, No. 5 (2022) ISSN: 1303- 5150
Comparison of Classroom Performance and Review Performance as an Indicator of the Psychometric Board Examination	Dr. Nichie Tiratira	Journal of Positive School Psychology ISSN: 2717- 7564 (2022) Vol. 6, No. 3
The Mediating Effects of Positive Emotions to Community Resilience and Individual Resilience of Flood Survivors in Tanay, Rizal	Prof. Jeremy Aterrado Prof. Johanne Aterrado Prof. Mannelle Liwayway Herrera Prof. Czarina Ann Alfonso Prof. Helen Blansisco	Journal of Positive School Psychology ISSN: 2717- 7564 (2022) Vol. 6, No. 3
A Mixed-Methods Study on the Influence of Quality of Work Life on Commitment and Performance	Dr. Analyn Inarda	Problems and Perspectives in Management Vol. 20, Issue 2 (2022) ISSN Print: 1727 - 7051 ISSN Online: 1810 - 5467

Scopus is a bibliographic database containing abstracts and citations for academic journal articles. It covers three types of sources: book series, journals, and trade journals. All journals covered in the Scopus database are reviewed for sufficiently high quality each year according to four types of numerical quality measure for each title. Scopus has covered a total of 41,462 titles from approximately 11,678 publishers this 2022 (<https://scopusindexedjournals.com/>). ~abc

Dejarlo Named Best IRCISES Presenter

Dr. Jenius Dejarlo, Program Head, Bachelor in Secondary Education at URS – Morong was recently adjudged Best Research Presenter in the 2nd International Research Conference in Sports Education and Sciences (IRCISES) held at the Crown Legacy Hotel in Baguio City, May 21 – 23.



The conference is a combination of face-to-face and online gathering of researchers from all over the Philippines and abroad to promote and update the academe about the latest research findings, discoveries, news, and breakthroughs in education, sciences, and sports.

Dr. Dejarlo's paper titled *Development and Validation of Work text in Basic Calculus* also made it in the publication at the Tianjin Daxue Xuebao Journal of Tianjin University Science and Technology, a Scopus-indexed research publication. Other 7 researches from the University were likewise published in some Scopus-indexed research journals. //

CFA Recognizes DALOY, Mediantics

The URS Delivering Access to Quality Learning Opportunity for the Marginalized Community (DALOY) literacy program and Mediantics, URS - Angono journalism organization, are two of the recipients of the 2nd Lagerway Awards for Communication Excellence of the Communication Foundation for Asia on May 5.

DALOY was recognized as Communication Excellence Awardee for Community Building and Values Formation for its projects on Home-based Study Project for the Dumagat and Heart Start Play and Learn Literacy Project, among others in response to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nation Development Program (UNDP) which is "Quality Education for All".

This literacy program was founded by Dr. Marilou Pantaleon, director for Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) of the University of Rizal System, through the organization she established, the Heart Start Educators for Lifelong Learning, Inc. Heart Start is composed of dedicated teachers whose hearts are for volunteer service in the name of quality inclusive education for individuals in the marginalized sector.

URS is a constant partner of this program under the University's Research Development, Extension, and Production division.

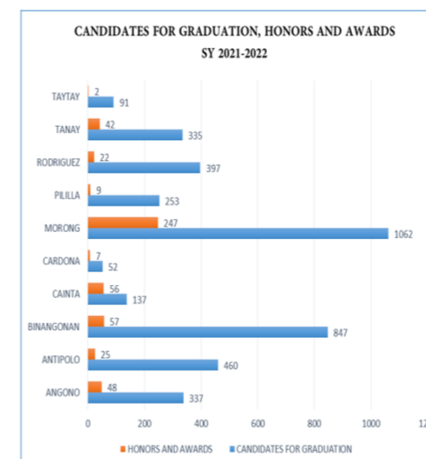
Likewise, Mediantics, the official student organization of AB Journalism students at URS - Angono Campus, also received a special citation for promoting journalism education and for enhancing the skills and knowledge of the students through its various activities. The organization is advised by Prof. Maria Cecilia Villegas, program head of AB Journalism in the campus. John Eiron Raymundo Francisco is the organization president.

This year, CFA recognized Communication Excellence in various areas of CFA's advocacies, namely: peace, social justice, democracy and social accountability, environment stewardship, youth engagement, transformative digital citizenship, community building, family integrity, and values formation. With all its advocacies, CFA aims to harness the power of communication in order to promote *Christian* values and empower people in need towards social transformation.

CFA was founded by Fr. Cornelio Lagerwey in May 1968 in Manila (Philippines), as *Social Communication Center - Development Research Foundation (SCC-DRF)*. It was renamed CFA in 1973. // ~Norberto Nataño

34th Acad Meet Approves Graduates, Awardees

The University of Rizal System held its 34th Academic Council Meeting 8:30 am via Zoom video conference on May 11.



The agenda of the meeting included the approval of the candidates of graduation as well as the honors and awards to be granted for school year 2021-2022. The breakdown of the approved candidates for graduation follows: Angono Campus – 337, Antipolo – 460, Binangonan – 847, Cainta – 137, Cardona – 52, Morong – 1,062, Pililla – 253, Rodriguez – 397, Tanay – 335 and Taytay – 91. This brings a total of 3,971 graduates for this school year.

Furthermore, the honors and awards to be given total to 515 across all campuses. Details are as follows: academic excellence awards – 98, special awards – 219, graduate school academic excellence awards – 4, senior high school academic excellence awards – 144, and laboratory school academic excellence awards – 50.

Commencement exercises for the different levels will be held in June 30. // ~Ella Mae Ramos

URS Gets COPC Compliance

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) approved on February 13, 2018 the inclusion of 78 local universities and colleges (LUCs), which have undergone institutional and program evaluation by CHED since 2017, to be eligible to accept students who will avail of free tuition and other school fees under the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act or RA 10931 starting Academic Year 2018-2019.

These LUCs are given 2 years to comply with all other institutional and program requirements in order to be part of RA 10931 and failure to do so will result in their exclusion from the list of LUCs to avail benefits under RA 10931.

Furthermore, on June 18, 2018, the Commission approved the provision of financial assistance for capacity building of LUCs towards obtaining Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) as a requirement for continuous availment under RA 10931.

The Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) is a recognition that the specific degree programs being offered by SUCs/LUCs are fully compliant with the policies, standards and guidelines of CHED. To ensure that the existing programs of the SUCs/LUCs are quality assured, the issuance of COPC is being requested from CHED.

Four undergraduate courses in URS, namely, BS in Music Education, BS in Hospitality Management, BS in Tourism and BS in Computer Engineering are already COPC certified. Other 48 undergraduate courses are undergoing the same process of application. //

STRASUC 2022

URS Dominates Men's Basketball

The URS basketball men's team was declared champion in the Southern Tagalog Regional Association of State Universities and Colleges, Inc. (STRASUC) bubble olympics held at the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) in Lucban, Quezon on April 23 – 29.

The basketball men's team composed of Prince Lozada from Antipolo campus, Edmund Contapay from Pililla, Allen Marvin Hernandez and Fortunato Lico from Rodriguez each got a gold award after beating Laguna State Polytechnic University 18 - 14 in the finals.

Meanwhile, Ryan de los Santos and Gene Kenneth Estrellado got silver and bronze after winning second and third in badminton and chess, respectively.

Overall, URS ranked fifth in the said Olympics. The team was led by Prof. Adrian Maniaol, Head, URS Sports Division. //

