

## Researches Listed in Scopus Journals

Four URS faculty researchers had their research published in several Scopus-indexed international journals. The research title, the author, and the journal-title where the research has been published are listed below:

TITLE	AUTHOR	JOURNAL
<i>The Employability of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Graduates of the University of Rizal System - Morong Campus, School Year 2012 to 2016</i>	Engr. Eleonor Dilidili	Journal of Positive School Psychology Vol 6, No 7 (2022) ISSN 2717-7564
<i>Community Needs Assessment in Sitio Sapa, Barangay San Rafael Rodriguez Rizal: Basis of Social Welfare Extension Program of the University of Rizal System - Rodriguez Rizal</i>	Prof. Ma. Victoria Alarte	Journal of Positive School Psychology Vol 6, No 8 (2022) ISSN 2717-7564
<i>Stress-Related Factors and Performance of Academic Officials in a University</i>	Dr. Juan Abarro	Journal of Positive School Psychology Vol 6, No 8 (2022) ISSN 2717-7564
<i>Humor Styles of Faculty and Academic Performance of Students in the University of Rizal System</i>	Dr. Florencia Bautista	Journal of Positive School Psychology Vol 6, No 8 (2022) ISSN 2717-7564

## URS Recognizes 184 Personnel, 11 Units in 17th PRAISE

The University of Rizal System (URS) honored 184 faculty and staff and 11 organizational units including one center and a college as it held its 17<sup>th</sup> Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Awards at the Eulogio “Amang” Rodriguez Tanghalang Sining (EARTS) URS-Morong Campus on September 29.

The honorees include a total of 89 loyalty awardees, 20 service awardees, 15 career and self-development awardees, one best administrator, one exemplary behavior awardee, two outstanding staff and 45 research and extension awardees. The awardees also include one high performing institute, seven top performing courses in board and other government examinations, two best organizational units including one best college and one best administrative unit, and one high performing center.

Guest of honor and keynote speaker is Dir. Nancy Asilo, Director II of the Civil Service Commission, Rizal Field Office.



Themed *Transforming Public Servants Toward Resiliency*, the awarding ceremonies is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1050, series of 1997 declaring the month of September as the Civil Service Month. The Civil Service Commission (CSC) is spearheading the celebration of the 122nd Anniversary of the Philippine Civil Service in 2022. This is in observance of the establishment of the Philippine Civil Service by virtue of Public Law No. 5 (An Act for the Establishment and Maintenance of an Efficient and Honest Civil Service in the Philippine Islands) on September 19, 1900. *~A Campo*

## Government Exams Hurdled

The third quarter of the year saw various licensure examinations which include master plumber, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and agricultural and biosystems engineering licensure examinations for URS graduates.

For the master plumber licensure examination, URS posted a passing rate of 45.45%. Also, the electrical engineering examinations recorded a passing rate of 56.25% while the master electricians got a 76.47% passing rate for URS-Morong and a 50% passing rate for URS-Tanay. Meanwhile, the mechanical engineering licensure examination hit a passing rate of 69.57% while URS Tanay saw a 28.57% passing rate for the agricultural and biosystems enneering licensure examination.

~ *MK Rioveros/ RA Casas*

## 21st URS Foundation Feted

The University of Rizal System (URS) celebrated its 21st founding anniversary as University on August 11–12 at the Eulogio “Amang” Rodriquez Tanghalang Sining (EARTS) Morong campus with the theme "URS @ 21: Celebrating Service Excellence and Greater Opportunity for Internationalization."

The Thanksgiving Mass commenced the celebration. The second part was composed of a commemorative program graced by its key officials, faculty, alumni, and students. The final segment of the event was the URS Got Talent, which featured a group dance competition for faculty and staff, and a vocal solo faculty, staff, and student edition. The URS – Pililla Campus led by its director, Dr. Ariel Plantilla hosted the event.

The governor of the province of Rizal, Gov. Nina Ricci Ynares, served as the keynote speaker.

~*EM Ramos*

## URS Spearheads IMREC Confab

The University of Rizal System (URS) through the initiative of the Research Development, Extension and Production (RDEP) Division will hold the 2022 International Multidisciplinary Research and Extension Conference (IMREC) on November 17-18 via Zoom.

Themed *Leveraging Sustainable Research and Extension Services in the Prospects of the New Normal*, the conference aims to serve as an avenue for the exchange of information, research outputs, and best community development practices among researchers and extension practitioners from various academic institutions across disciplines both in the local and global environments.

Target participants are faculty researchers and extension practitioners from international and national universities and institution representatives from

sectoral and provincial line agencies, and other interested professional groups.

Plenary talks on Research Leadership Innovation in Local and Global Scale, Empowering Communities through Agricultural Extension Innovations, Nurturing Community Resilience Through Research and Extension and, Multidisciplinary Research and Extension Towards Leading Sustainable Edge will be delivered by Dr. Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela, Director, SEAMEO; Dr. Leila Landicho, University Researcher III, UP Los Baños (UPLB); Dr. Rowena Bacongus, Dean, College of Public Affairs, UPLB; and Dr. Rommel Sergio, Associate Dean, Canadian University of Dubai, respectively. Dr. Marita Canapi, Commissioner, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) will give the inspirational message. The keynote speaker will be Dr. J. Prospero De Vera, Chair, CHED.

The themes for the parallel sessions in multidisciplinary research are education innovation, humanities, and social sciences, climate change, mental health, psychology, agriculture and natural sciences, and, engineering, science & technology. Thematic areas for the parallel sessions in extension are poverty alleviation, food production and safety, sustainable agriculture, entrepreneurship and ecotourism, environmental preservation, social equity, and gender and development.

Selected papers will be published in Scopus through a dedicated journal. The best research and extension papers, best oral presenters, and best e-posters will likewise be chosen.

The conference will happen with URS in collaboration with the Philippine-American Academy of Science & Engineering (PAASE), Philippine Educational Measurement and Evaluation Association (PEMEA), Philippine Extension and Advisory Services Network Incorporated (PhileASNet, Inc), Department of Science and Technology (DOST) R IV-A, Family of Francisco and Enriqueta Angeles (FFEA), and Farmers Information and Technology Services (FITS) Centers - Rizal. *~A Campo*





## UPMEO Leads Strategic Planning 2023

The University Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Office (UPMEO) led the 3-day seminar and meeting for the University of Rizal System Annual Planning and Budgeting for the fiscal year 2023 at the First Pacific Leadership Academy, Antipolo City, on September 6-8.



The activity was attended by the URS Executive Committee, heads of units, deans, planning officers and coordinators, faculty, alumni, and student regent, representatives from the Personnel Organization of URS (POURS), the Budget Team, the Supply and Property Management Office (SPMO) Team, the Executive Secretary from the Office of the President, and the secretaries of the Vice-presidents. ~ *EM Ramos*

## PASUC Celebrates 55th Foundation

The Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) held its three-day Midterm Convention at the SMX Convention Center, from July 27 to 29 with the theme *SUCs as Innovation Leader for Global Competitiveness*.

The event was attended by more than 500 participants representing their universities and colleges including the University of Rizal System key officials. Hon Sen. Emmanuel Joel Villanueva, Senate Majority Leader, gave the keynote addresses emphasizing the lineup of priority bills. A pre-recorded inspirational message was given by Hon. Pia Cayetano. ~ *MK Rioveros*

## URS partners with PEMEA, POPCOM

The University of Rizal System (URS) has partnered with the Philippine Educational Measurement (PEMEA) and Evaluation Association through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed on July 13 via Google Meet.

The signing is for the partnership of URS and PEMEA for the conduct of the First International Multidisciplinary Research and Extension Conference (IMREC) that will be hosted by URS with the assistance of PEMEA.

The MOA signing was attended by officials from both institutions with Dr. Nancy Pascual, URS President and Dr. Marilyn Balagtas, PEMEA President as representatives.

Meanwhile another MOA was signed between URS and the Population Commission (POPCOM) on July 20 at the AVEC Room, URS – Morong Campus for the conduct of various GAD projects.

The signing of the MOA with POPCOM is done at the same time as the launch of MR. GAD Katropa in the URS.

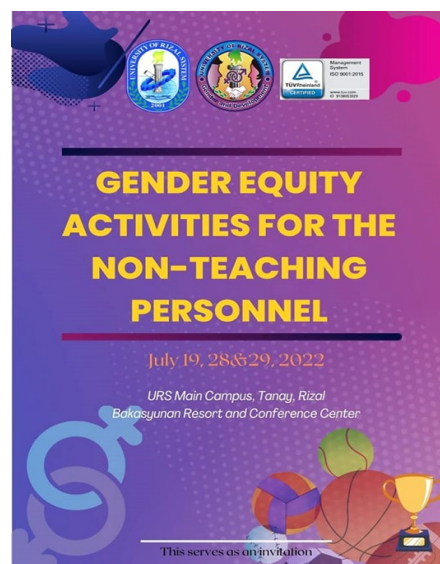
Dr. Nancy Pascual of URS and Dir Angelito Obcena, the Regional Director of POPCOM RIV-A served as the main signatories of the MOA. ~ *R Casas*



## Gender Equity Beefed Up in Seminar

The University of Rizal System conducted the Gender Equity Activities for the Non-Teaching Personnel on July 19 at the URS Tanay Campus and on July 28-29 at the Bakasyunan Resort and Conference Center, Tanay.

The "Inter-color Festival of Sports," "Group Dynamics," and "Health and Wellness Activity" were some of the events held during the activity. The highlight of the activity is the talk on the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence—Safe Spaces Act, which was discussed by Dr. Nelson Gonzales, director of the Office of Administrative Services; and The Role of Employee Unions in Creating Working Conditions that Promote Gender Equality which was discussed by Atty. Jansen San Juan, Executive Assistant to the URS president. ~ *EM Ramos*



## SUC Fair Fosters Talent, Camaraderie

Promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, and culture and arts for national development and global competitiveness, the University of Rizal System key officials joined the SUC Fair 2022 with the theme *Sustained Excellence, Unified Efforts and Competitive Standards* that was held on June 28, until July 01 at the SM Mall of Asia Music Hall in Pasay City.



Featuring various products and innovations from state universities and colleges and a daily cultural show from the regions, URS won First Place in Best Photo in Culture & Arts and Second Place in Best Photo in Entrepreneurship with Daniel Padilla, COE Student of Morong Campus and his coach Dr. Edna Herrera. For Jingle Composition, URS got 2nd place with the song *We are SUC, We are One* with Marian Flor Ragojo, Marc Acbangan, Rico Trazona and Herlene Joyce Anduque and coach Dr. Leo Rio as representatives.

The event was organized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) led by CHED Chair J. Prospero de Vera III and incoming House Speaker Leyte Rep. Ferdinand Martin Romualdez. ~ *MK Rioveros*

## First President's Cup Held

The University Sports Development hosted the "Health and Wellness Program: President's Cup: Faculty and Staff Competition Season 1" every Friday from August 12 to September 23 to encourage health and wellness among the University faculty and staff.

The event was participated in by all campuses. The list of winners is shown in the table below. ~ *EM Ramos*

BASKETBALL MEN		BADMINTON MEN		BADMINTON WOMEN	
CAMPUS	RANK	CAMPUS	RANK	CAMPUS	RANK
TANAY	CHAMPION	SINGLE A		SINGLE A	
CARDONA	2nd PLACE	BINANGONAN	CHAMPION	BINANGONAN	CHAMPION
ANTIPOLO	3rd PLACE	CARDONA	2nd PLACE	MONTALBAN	2nd PLACE
VOLLEYBALL MEN		MORONG	3rd PLACE	CARDONA	3rd PLACE
CAMPUS	RANK	SINGLE B		SINGLE B	
MORONG	CHAMPION	MORONG	CHAMPION	MORONG	CHAMPION
BINANGONAN	2nd PLACE	TANAY	2nd PLACE	TANAY	2nd PLACE
TANAY	3rd PLACE	BINANGONAN	3rd PLACE	MONTALBAN	3rd PLACE
VOLLEYBALL WOMEN		DOUBLES		DOUBLES	
CAMPUS	RANK	BINANGONAN	CHAMPION	MORONG	CHAMPION
MORONG	CHAMPION	MORONG	2nd PLACE	BINANGONAN	2nd PLACE
PILILLA	2nd PLACE	MONTALBAN	3rd PLACE	MONTALBAN	3rd PLACE
ANTIPOLO	3rd PLACE				

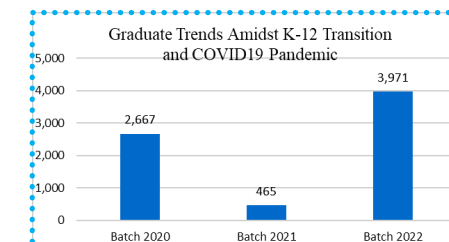
## PAUW Officers Elected



The Philippine Association of University Women (PAUW) URS Chapter recently elected its new set of officers for 2022-2024 via Google Meet on September 2. The final set of officers was determined after an online voting meant to select the final 15 women who will compose the officers and board of directors of PAUW.

On September 2, the 15 women with the highest poll scores convened virtually during which they had the elections. The following were elected: President, Dr. Wilhelmina Masinsin; Vice-President External, Prof. Dorcas Macapagal; Vice-President Internal, Dr. Marites Rio; Secretary, Dr. Niclie Tiratira; Assistant Secretary, Prof. Janice Hilao; Treasurer, Prof. Verna Gaston; Assistant Treasurer, Prof. Arminda Campo; Public Relations Officer, Dr. Juliet Fulgado; Auditor, Prof. Bernadeth Castalone. The Board of Directors was composed by Dr. Florencia Bautista, Dr. Eva Maranan, Dr. Marilou Pantaleon, Dr. Elvira Catolos, Prof. Belinda Lourdes Habulan, Prof. Marivic Reyes, Prof. Maricel Maniaol, and Prof. Liezl Francisco. Past presidents are Dr. Fe Esperanza Mateo (2013-2018) and Dr. Reneecilia Paz De Leon (2018-2022). Adviser is Dr. Nancy Pascual. ~ *A Campo*

## URS Celebrates 6638 Graduates



A total of 3,971 graduates from the Class of 2022 were joined by 2,667 graduates from the Class of 2020 in the Second URS Virtual Graduation held on July 25.

Batch 2022 is composed of 337 graduates from URS – Angono, 460 from Antipolo, 847 from Binangonan, 137 from Cainta, 52 from Cardona, 1,062 from Morong, 253 from Pililla, 397 from Rodriguez, 335 from Tanay, and 91 from Taytay, or a total of 3,971 for the school year.

A total of 2,667 graduates from Class 2020 joined the virtual commencement event distributed to 160 from Angono, 246 from Antipolo, 406 from Binangonan, 93 from Cainta, 71 from Cardona, 898 from Morong, 258 from Pililla, 240 from Rodriguez, 183 from Tanay, and 112 from Taytay.

Consequently, only 465 graduates were conferred in 2021 due to the K-12 transition period during the First Virtual Graduation held on July 30, 2021.

An aggregate of 6,638 graduated for this year's virtual celebration. Hon. Gov. Nina Ricci Ynares was the guest speaker.

~ *J Esperanza*