

URS Congratulates 5147 Graduates

The University of Rizal System held its graduation ceremonies at the Ynares Center, Antipolo City on June 29-30.

This year's graduating class was composed of 203 doctorate graduates from Binangonan, Morong, and Pililla campuses; 4,757 undergraduates of all colleges from the nine campuses including Angono, Antipolo City, Binangonan, Cainta, Cardona, Rodriguez, Tanay, and Taytay; and 390 graduates from the senior high schools and laboratory schools from Tanay and Morong campuses for this Academic Year 2022-2023.

Batch 2023 graduates produced two summa cum laude, 10 magna cum laude, 177 cum laude from the colleges, 160 honorees from the senior high school, and 371 special awardees from all the university levels.

The graduation ceremonies were held by batch. Batch 1 which included Antipolo City, Pililla, and Taytay campuses was held at 8:00 a.m. on June 29. Meanwhile, Batch 2 graduation which was allotted for Morong Campus was held at 2:00 p.m. also on June 29. Lastly, Batch 3 graduation which included Cainta, Binangonan, and Cardona campuses was held at 8:00 a.m. on June 30.

Antipolo City Mayor Hon. Casimiro Ynares III, Philippine Senator Hon. Aimee Marcos, and Commission on Higher Education Region IV (CHEDRO IV) Director Dr. Virginia Akiate served as commencement speakers for batches 1, 2, and 3, respectively. // **abc**

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URSB Posts 8 CPAs in 2023

The University of Rizal System Binangonan (URSB) Campus congratulates its eight alumni who successfully etched their names among the successful passers of the 2023 Certified Public Accountant Licensure Examinations (CPALE) held in May and September.



NEW CPAs. L-R, New CPAs from URSB. Christopher John Bustamante, Marvin Rey Clemente, Gella Mae Cuyagbo, Patricia Marie Jose, Eunice Bumatay, Ana Clara Ceñidoza, John Ace Madriaga, and Mark Ian Nicolas.

The passers of the May 2023 licensure examinations are Christopher John Bustamante, Marvin Rey Clemente, Gella Mae Cuyagbo, and Patricia Marie Jose. They are among the 2,239 out of 7,376 passers who made it in May.

Meanwhile, the September 30 – October 2 passers consist of Eunice Bumatay, Ana Clara Ceñidoza, John Ace Madriaga, and Mark Ian Nicolas who are among the 2,740 out of 8,734 who passed the Licensure Examination for Certified Public Accountants given by the Board of Accountancy in NCR, Baguio, Butuan, Cagayan de Oro, Calapan, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Koronadal, Legazpi, Lucena, Pagadian, Palawan, Pampanga, Rosales, Tacloban, Tuguegarao, and Zamboanga in September 2023. //

Title	Author	Registration Date
1. URS PowerPoint Template	Gian Paolo Francisco, Jocelyn Gagalang, Arminda Campo, Kevin Aquino, Ella Mae Ramos	June 9
2. URS Certificate Template	Gian Paolo Francisco, Jocelyn Gagalang, Arminda Campo, Kevin Aquino, Ella Mae Ramos	June 9
3. URS Calling Card Template	Gian Paolo Francisco, Jocelyn Gagalang, Arminda Campo, Kevin Aquino, Ella Mae Ramos	June 9
4. Digital Interactivities in Science 9	Ronna Cel San Jose, Sunshine Cenina, Shaira Mae Salvan, Mary Jerielle Medrano, Jojimar Julian	June 9
5. Digital Interactivities in Information and Communication Technology 7	Jojimar Julian, Marc Limuel Cruz, Edrick Altamerano, Earl Josef Sison	June 9
6. Contextualized Worksheets in Modern Physics	Artche Suan, Desiree Reign Mogol, Ma. Jessabelle Dela Torre, Nicolai Cortes, Jannie Manimtim	June 9
7. Quiz Booklet in Science 10	Jojimar Julian, Marc Limuel Cruz, Edrick Altamerano, Earl Joseph Sison	June 9
8. Digital Interactivities in Information and Communication Technology 7	Ma. Aimee Antonio	July 10
9. Teachers Made Learning Materials : An English Tagalog Science Vocabulary Words for Grade 7	Ma. Aimee Antonio	July 10
10. Tagong Damdamin	Ma. Aimee Antonio	July 10
11. Alinsabay ng Isip, Kamay at Damdamin	Ma. Aimee Antonio	July 10
12. Tatag	Ma. Aimee Antonio	July 10
13. Daloy ng Panahon	Florante Solano, Ma. Heidee Marquez, Pearl Sheina Llona	July 25
14. Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English Program Book of Abstracts	Ma. Clarita Inofre	July 25
15. College of Science and Education-Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Mathematics Book of Abstracts	Ma. Clarita Inofre	July 25



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18th URS PRAISE Celebrates 256 Awardees

The University of Rizal System honored 237 faculty members and staff and 19 academic and administrative units as it celebrated its 18th Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) awarding ceremonies at the Eulogio “Amang” Rodriguez Tanghalang Sining, URS Morong on Friday, September 29.



PRAISE AWARDEES. L-R. Dr. Jocelyn Gagalang, outstanding faculty; Jaime Millare, and Floro Tisang, 40-year service awardees.

A total of 119 loyalty awards, 26 service awards, 24 career, and self-development incentives, one outstanding faculty, 51 research and extension awardees, one high-performing center, 10 top-performing courses in board and other government examinations, 5 top performers in program accreditation, and 3 best administrative units were given recognition during this year's celebration.

The awards are being given annually to encourage, recognize, and reward faculty and staff, individually and in groups, for their suggestions, innovative ideas, inventions, discoveries, superior accomplishments, heroic deeds, exemplary behavior, extraordinary acts or services in the public interest and other personal efforts which contribute to the efficiency, economy and improvement in the government operations, which lead to organizational productivity.

The awards are in accordance with the Revised Policies on Employee Suggestions and Incentive Awards System (ESIAS) provided under CSC Resolution No. 010112 and CSC MC No. 01, s. 2001. The URS PRAISE Awards was approved under the Administrative Council Resolution No. 06-037-04. The First URS PRAISE Awards was held in September 2006 at URS-Morong. // **abc**

First Sem Enrolment

Hits 25000

The University recorded a total of 25,000 enrollees for the first semester of Academic Year 2023-2024. It was learned from Marlene Julian, University Registrar, URS.

The enrolment is broken down as follows:

Angono, 1759; Antipolo City, 2848; Binangonan, 3666; Cainta, 572; Cardona, 432; Morong, 7911; Pililla, 1920; Rodriguez, 2154; Tanay, 2840; and, Taytay, 898. // **abc**

64 Staff, 7 Faculty Promoted

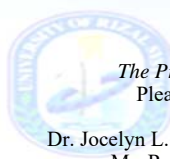
A total of 71 newly promoted faculty members and non-teaching staff have officially taken their oath of office and attended their onboarding program as part of the 2017 Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Human Resources Actions (ORA-OHRA) at the Audio-visual Education Center (AVEC) URS-Morong on June 7 and July 20.

Among the first batch of promoted non-teaching staff are Cyrus Dale Mercado, Niña Reyes, Maria Jessica Cristorum, Jemalyn Gonzales, Grace Ann Faulve, Jeffrey Lawas, Chrislynne Nicole Daduya, Romeo Vendro Cruz, Rolly Ceñidoza, Ella Mae Ramos, Marlon Alquiza, Roselle, Feligia Amabelle Cruz, and Rheybel De Lemon.

The second batch of promoted faculty members and non-teaching staff are Clarissa Marino, Enone Faulve, Marvin Baquiran, Mian Francisco, Eva Natividad, Blesilda Obias, Anjanette Capistrano, Steve Millare, Marlene Julian, Susan Cadiente, Jerlyn Bino, Charmaine Villarin, John Andrew Francisco, Jerwin Patangui, Phil Herson Capistrano, Karen Ciudadano, Mary Ann Cruz, Jouhara San Juan, Daniel Yuraba, Janelle Faulve, Khristian Ramos, Rothesa Dela Cruz, Joel Francisco, Julianne Aparejado, Paul John Lopez, Kim Carmie Enselay, and, Ma. Heizel San Jose.

Currently, the third batch of promoted faculty and non-teaching staff are Maria Kristina Ramos, Vanessa Joy Mira, Eden Grade Busto, Romalyn Bombita, Lynyrd Gutierrez, John Joseph Ojascastro, Louhengreen Luba, Ethel Claire Manal, Bill Cesar Ramos, Dalia Joy Llanes, Jarraine Racel Galinato, Irish Albos, Mark Vince Iglesias, Darryl Razalan, Karen Turbanada, Renalyn Gozaga, Kevin Aquino, Jem Mari Villagrancia, Harlene Castro, Eleonor Batalla, Clarissa Golla, Eric Joseph Dacillo, John Wilbert Campo, Ryan Guinto, Gilbert John Marquita, Ruff Jon Florendo Jr., Michael Pascua, Norberto Nataño, Dorcas Macapagal, and Merie Ann Dudang.

The third batch of promoted non-teaching staff are set to take their oath on October 20. // **JFa**



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URS, MTC Ink MOU

To enhance both universities' programs on medicine and health, the University of Rizal System (URS) and The Manila Times College of Subic (TMTCS) forged an academic cooperation program formally bound by a Memorandum of Understanding which was signed on June 15 via Google Meet.

The signed Memorandum of Understanding focused on developing collaborative programs on health sciences and journalism along with possible research collaborations and extension projects.

President Nancy Pascual and Dr. Allan Conde, Vice President of Academic Affairs represented URS. Meanwhile, TMTCS was represented by Dr. Honey Chille Tolentino, their Vice President for Academic Affairs and Special Programs who also served as a former regent of URS. Both universities have committed to nurturing stronger instruction programs with the help of collaborative efforts between both parties. // **RAAC Jr.**

U-GAMES

Fosters Camaraderie

Through the collaborative effort of the Office of the University Management Team for Sports Development, Campus Sports Coordinators, Faculty Association of URS (FAURS), Organization of URS Staff, and URS Morong Employee Association, the U-GAMES (President's Cup) was held on September 18 to 22 at the URS Morong Campus. The event is dedicated to all faculty and staff to strengthen camaraderie through teamwork and mutual efforts in all sports activities.

The opening program started with the welcome remarks of Dr. Xenia Canale, Director of Morong Campus followed by the rationale of the activity by Dr. Gary Ken Robles of the Sports Management Team – Operations, and the greetings from Hon. John Vincent Guillermo, President of FAURS; Ms. Blesilda Obias, President of OURSS; Mr. Jonathan Villegas, President of URSMEA; Dr. Marvin Amoin, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Dr. Marites Rio, Vice President for Research, Development, Extension, and Production; Dr. Allan Conde, Vice President for

GS, College Programs Undergo AACCUP Accreditation

Four programs from the Graduate School URS Morong Campus, 5 from the College of Engineering, and 4 other programs in the Antipolo City Campus underwent accreditation survey visits for Level 3 Phase 2 on September 13-15.

The AACCUP accreditation team was composed of Dr. Antriman Orleans as the overall coordinator for the GS programs; Dr. Alma Maranda and Dr. Juliet Masangcap, accreditors assigned in Master of Education; Dr. Jonita Literatus and Dr. Milano Torres, accreditors for Master of Arts in Teaching; Dr. Jaime Forbes and Dr. Sherrilyn Quintos for Doctor of Education; and Dr. Lourdes Santos and Dr. Divinagracia De Guzman for the Doctor of Philosophy programs.

For the Engineering programs, the AACCUP accreditation

team was composed of the following: Prof. Nestor Competente as the overall coordinator; Dr. Nelia Verzosa and Engr. Merricris Pangilinan, accreditors assigned in BS Civil Engineering program; Dr. Mayleen Dorcas Castro, and Engr. Pedrito Tenerife for the BS Computer Engineering program; Prof. Arnold Alburo and Engr. Mary Anne Sahagun for BS Electrical Engineering program; Dr. Geraldin Dela Cruz and Dr. Pepito for the BS Electronics Engineering program; and Dr. Grisom Gines and Dr. Marlon James Dedicataria for the BS Mechanical Engineering program.

Meanwhile, 4 programs for the URS Antipolo City Campus namely Bachelor of Secondary Education, BS in Tourism Management, BS in Hospitality Management, and BS in Business Administration underwent the same level of accreditation survey visits on September 11-13. The AACCUP accreditation team that scrutinized the documents of the programs were the following: Dr. Elsie Pacho as the overall coordinator, Dr. Lourdes Santos, and Prof. Mary Joy Castillo are the accreditors assigned for the Bachelor of Secondary Education, Dr. Sisenado Masangcap Jr. and Prof. Ma. Lolita Abecia for BS in Business Administration program, Prof. Lovella Christianne Gulle and Prof. May Ann Pulgo for the BS in Hospitality Management, and Dr. Jeanneth Darroca and Dr. Ria Monsale for BS in Tourism Management. The results were expected to be released by November 2023. // **CBVillarín**

Academic Affairs; Dr. Nancy Pascual, University President; and Hon. Jose Fred Feliciano Jr., Vice Mayor of Morong, Rizal; and the recitation of the Oath of Sportsmanship by Prof. Jonathan Luris, Office of Student Development Services and all the faculty and staff who joined the sports competition.

The week-long event concluded with the closing ceremony held on September 22 at the Gymnasium, URS Morong Campus with the official announcement of the winners with their corresponding events and the campus where they come from:

Chess, Jerwin Patangui, Morong;

Table Tennis men single A, Prof. Rosalio De Leon, Tanay; single B, Mr. Wilbart Pagalunan, Pililla; women single, Prof. Soteriana Lagrada, Rodriguez;

Badminton men single A, Prof. Allan Dieta, Cardona; single B, Prof. Albert Clemente, Binangonan; women single A, Ms. Jennilyn Sta Maria, Cardona; single B, Prof. Arabella Pabilonia, Binangonan; doubles men, Prof. Jeremias Rivera and Mr. Justin Lloyd Masinsin, Morong; doubles women, Ms. Lorelie Anthony and Ms. Kristine Benavidez, Morong; mixed doubles, Prof. Crystaleene Jade Santos and Prof. Reynaldo de Lemon, Morong;

Billiards, Antipolo City and Taytay campuses; volleyball men, Morong staff; women, Morong; basketball, Tanay Campus; e-games (Mobile Legends) Morong; and, Amazing race, Tanay and Morong campuses. // **JFa**

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CSC, URS Hold Plant Run Series

The Civil Service Commission hosted the PCSA Plant Run activity as part of the celebration of the 2023 Philippine Civil Service 10th Year anniversary with the theme “Transforming Public Service in the NEW Decade: Honing Agile and Future-Ready Servant-Heroes” at the YES City, Brgy. Cuyambay, Tanay, Rizal on September 17.

Present in the program are Hon. Rafael Tanjuatco, Mayor of Tanay; Hon. Nina Ricci Ynares-Chiongbian, Governor of Rizal; Atty. Karlo Alexei Nograles, Chairperson, Civil Service Commission; GM Senando Santiago, Acting General Manager of the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA); and, Fire Marshall Sr. Insp. Argie Baniel of Tanay Fire Station.

Volunteers from the different campuses of the University participated in the activity. The event engaged the participants in a trail run which ended by planting a seedling at the designated site. The participants are Clarissa Marino, Jarraine Racel Galinato, Irish Albos, Marimel Dadulla, Dr. Carina Publico, Chrislynne Nicole Daduya, Manuel Publico, Rodante Sajo, Cleofas Ramiro, Engr. Maribeth Esteva, Grace Ann Faulve, Maria Jessica Cristorum, Joemer Llorera, Lyndeen Cordial, Renee Cordial, Marisoc Cimat, and Marilyn Asupardo.

Not only will the activity rehabilitate forests in the different parts of the country by planting trees, but also the proceeds of the said event will go to the *Pamanang Lingkod Bayani* (PLBi), a program that honors government workers who died in the line of duty through the provision of one-time financial assistance plus scholarship opportunities to their family members. // **JFa**

8 Qualifies as FY 2023 PSA Scholars

Eight URS students – 6 from Binangonan, and 2 from Morong campuses - qualified for this year's Panasonic Scholarship Asia grants.



The Panasonic Scholarship Asia is a scholarship program that supports students studying at local universities and vocational training schools. The scholarship award ceremonies were held in Indonesia, Philippines, and Taiwan, marking the start of the program activities in FY 2023.

The ceremony was attended by the President as well as Managing Directors of Panasonic group in each country, along with representatives from the scholars' universities. After the representatives of the scholars expressed their determination and aspirations for the future, each scholar who was awarded a scholarship received a certificate. In FY2023, a total of 106 scholars are expected to be awarded scholarships in eight countries and regions, with award ceremonies to be held in Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Cambodia, and China.

In the Philippines, the award ceremony was held at the Panasonic Manufacturing Philippines Corporation on July 31 attended by Kazuya Higami, President of PMPC, as well as top management of the Philippines Group companies. A total of 8 out of 14 new scholars from the University of Rizal System were awarded for this fiscal year's program. The recipients from the Binangonan Campus are Camila Joy Opiana, Justine Lorrenz Ceñido, Michelle Soleta, and Christin Camposano under the BS Accountancy program, and Rhea Tinambacan under the BS Information System; while the recipients from Morong are Mary Jane Mendiola who takes up BS Electronics Engineering and Roxette Reyes who takes up BS Computer Science. // **abc**

AF Orients Campuses on Financial Processes, Procurement

The URS Administration and Finance Division conducted the Campus Orientation on Financial Processes and Workshop on Program Receipts and Expenditures (PRE), Project Procurement Management Plan (PPMP), and Annual Procurement Plan (APP) Preparation for CY 2024.

The topics discussed were the Accounting Rules and Procedures, Procurement Process, Planning and Priority Setting, Procurement Planning (PPMP and APP Preparation), Budget Review, and Preparation (IOB Preparation). Among the representatives of the division were Mr. Benjie Ingco, Director for Finance Services; Clarissa Marino, Supervising Administrative Officer and Head of Accounting Office; Rennie Mae De Lemon, Director of University Planning Office; John John Faulve, Head of Procurement Office; Joel G. Francisco, Procurement Officer III, Mian Francisco, Head of Budget Office; Mary Ann Cruz, Budget Officer II; and Marie Germaine Cabauatan, Finance Services Office Staff.

The first campuses that were oriented were Pililla and Morong on August 16 and 17, followed by all other campuses of the URS on August 29. // **JFa**

National Research, Extension Confab Nears

The University of Rizal System is set to hold the National Research and Extension Advocacy Conference for Change (NREACH) with the theme "Redesigning Opportunities in Advancing Research and Development and Extension for the iGeneration" on November 15-17, 2023. The conference will be held at the URS Tanay Campus, Tanay, Rizal, for on-site participants and via Zoom for online attendees.

The event aims to provide a meaningful avenue where scholarly minds can meet and connect for knowledge sharing and partnership in conducting multidisciplinary collaborative research. This consists of different parallel sessions under the research and extension categories.

The research category includes other subcategories such as education innovation, humanities, social sciences and business, mental health, and psychology, climate change, agriculture, and natural science, engineering, and technology. The extension category includes food production and safety, sustainable agriculture, social equity, gender awareness development, poverty alleviation, and environmental preservation.

The conference is in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology-Region IVA (DOST IV - A), the Philippine-American Academy of Science and Engineering (PAASE), the Philippine Educational Measurement and Evaluation Association (PEMEA), the Philippine Extension and Advisory Services Network Inc. (PhileASNet), the Francisco and Enriqueta Angeles Science Memorial Fund, and the Farmers Information and Technology Services (FITS) Centers-Rizal. // **embr**



URS-YSP NBEIRDD Conducted

The University of Rizal System and the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP) organized a three-day event called "Nature's Breath, Education, and Innovative Research Development and Demonstration Hub" (NBEIRDD) to celebrate International Youth Day in 2023. The event took place at the URS Morong Campus on August 22-24.

Mr. Rene Lansangan, the President of IAYSP Pilipinas, led a group of 15 Korean students and 7 staff members to join 15 Filipino students in various activities. The first phase of the project involved renovating the "KUBO" near the RDEP Center. The South Korean participants and URS student leaders were responsible for the renovation. Other activities included mural painting, planting, and soil cultivation.

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Pepaño Bags PSA Bronze

Dr. Charlton Pepaño of the College of Industrial Technology bagged 3rd place in the Regional PSA Quiz Bee held at the Philippines Statistics Agency (PSA) Region IV-A Office, Lipa City, Batangas on September 22.



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Dr. Pepaño represented the University of Rizal System in the said competition against nine other agencies and higher education institutions in CALABARZON. The competition was a close battle among the three winners with the representative and champion from NEDA CALABARZON scoring 40 points trailed by the 1st runner-up from UPLB scoring 39 followed by URS with 37 points. For securing third place, Dr. Pepaño was awarded a plaque of recognition along with tokens from PSA CALABARZON.

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KMU, UPLB Visit URS

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COLLABORATION. Delegates from Kaohsiung Medical U, UPLB, and URS pose for a souvenir.

The University welcomed Dr. Yong Chao-Su of Kaohsiung Medical University (KMU) of Taiwan and faculty members of the Institute of Chemistry of the University of the Philippines - Los Baños (UPLB) namely: Dr. Gladys Cherrie Completo, Vice President and President-Elect of PAASE, Dr. Sheryl Lozel Arreola, Prof. Annabelle Abrera, Prof. Rochelle Ibabao, and Prof. Melvin Castrosanto. They were treated with a tour of the Museong Pambayan ng Morong where they were immersed in the history and culture of Morong, Rizal, followed by a brief glance at the URS Morong Campus, and a visit to the *Tara na sa Banggandang Baras* Public Ecopark on September 17.

Dr. Completo of UPLB discussed the overview of PAASE and its activities in a meeting with the URS Executive Committee members, RDEP directors and heads of units, IDSP, UPMEIO, OPA, and Campus RDEP coordinators. Likewise, Dr. Su presented his two pieces of research titled Native Wolbachia occurrence and distribution in the urban populations of Aedes mosquitos demonstrating a potent utility for dengue vector control: An application of metagenomic techniques; and Bee the light of darkness: Sustainable development project in Namasia District, Kaohsiung City (An introduction to KMU).

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