

Dir. Reyna Keynotes PRAISE

Dir. Maria Leticia G. Reyna was the keynote speaker at the 2024 PRAISE. She is the Director of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Regional Office IV.



She assumed office in CSC RO IV on Sept. 1, 2022. She served as Assistant Regional Director of the CSC Regional Office 1 in San Fernando, La Union, from 2021 to 2025. She is a homegrown talent of the CSC, starting as a Personnel Analyst in 1983. She rose from the ranks, heading various Offices in the CSC Central Office, such as the Examination, Recruitment, and Placement Office (ERPO), the Human Resource Relations Office (HRRO), and the Integrated Records Management Office (IRMO).

She served as a resource person on the various flagship programs of the CSC such as the Values Orientation Workshop (VOW), Public Service Values Program (PSVP), Leadership and Management Certification Program or CPro, Supervisory Development Courses, Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM), and Omnibus Rules on Appointment and Other Personnel Actions (ORAOHRA), among others. She attended international conferences such as the EROPA or the Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and the Philippines, and the ACCSM or the ASEAN Conference in Civil Service Matters held in Brunei Darussalam. In 2020, she attended an online course on Business Intelligence and Data Analytics (BIDA) provided by

19th URS PRAISE Honors 160 Faculty, Staff 5 Admin Units Cited

One hundred sixty faculty members and five administrative units were recognized during the 19th University of Rizal System (URS) Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) celebration held at the Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Tanghalang Sining (EARTS) URS – Morong Campus on September 27.

A total of 113 received the Loyalty Award – 20 awardees for their 10th year in service, 15 for their 15th, 19 for their 20th, 38 for their 25th year, four for their 30th, 16 for their 35th, and one for her 40th year in service. The Loyalty Award incentive is granted to faculty and staff who have served the government continuously and satisfactorily for at least ten (10) years.

Meanwhile, 12 awards were given to Service Awardees. The Service Award is being conferred to retirees under optional or compulsory retirement schemes.

Career and Self-development Awards were also given to 16 faculty and 2 staff. This award is granted in recognition of an individual who has satisfactorily completed a course or degree within or outside the campus at one's own expense and/or to faculty and staff who completed a course on scholarship or with financial assistance.

Seven colleges likely received the Top Performer Course in Board and Other Government Examinations. The award is granted to a college/institute, which offers a regulated course where graduates pass the licensure examination given by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) or the Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

Awards on Best Descriptive Research, Best Developmental and Experimental Research, and Best Extension Paper were also granted.

The High Performing Center and the Best Administrative Unit awards were also distributed. This award is granted to the top organizational unit which may be a section, division, or office which meets the organization's performance targets and other pre-determined criteria.

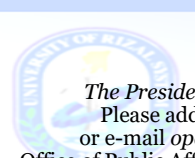
Similarly, the Outstanding Staff, Outstanding Faculty, Exemplary Behavior, and Distinguished Administrator awards were given.

The annual PRAISE Awards is being held to identify, select, reward, and provide incentives to deserving faculty and staff. It is also given to provide incentives and interventions to motivate faculty and staff who have contributed ideas, suggestions, inventions, discoveries, superior accomplishments, and other personal efforts. //ABC



the Australian Embassy. Recently, she also attended the Strategic Communication short course for HR Leaders.

Her educational background includes Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Santo Tomas, completed academic requirements in Master in Business Administration major in Personnel Management at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran, and graduated Master in National Security Administration (MNSA) from the National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP), and was commissioned as Lieutenant Colonel of the Philippine Marines, Armed Forces of the Philippines in 2002.



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URS Co-hosts APAMS

The Philippine-American Association of Science and Engineering (PAASE) held the Annual PAASE Meeting—Symposium (APAMS). This year's APAMS, bearing the theme "Filipino Scientists Across Borders: Towards Developing Regional S&T Innovation Ecosystems," was held from July 13 to 22 at four venues: the University of Rizal System, the University of the Philippines Los Baños, Batangas State University, and Eastern Visayas State University.



2024 ANNUAL MEETING - PAASE SYMPOSIUM

July 13 - 22, 2024 | URS, UPLB, BatStateU, EVSU, Philippines

*Filipino Scientists Across Borders:
Towards Developing Regional S&T Innovation Ecosystems*
#BalikKaSaBayanMo



Theme: Technological Innovations towards Sustainable Education, Agriculture, and Ecotourism

July 13-14, 2024
EARTS, URS Morong Campus

The gathering brought together distinguished experts, scholars, and professionals worldwide. The 2024 APAMS aimed to provide a platform for exchanging knowledge and fostering collaboration among academic institutions. The event included talks on science, engineering, and technology; the Severino & Paz Koh award lectures; success stories in science education, research and development, and S&T-based community development; R&D commercialization pitches; and group discussions on S&T outreach.

Each university host sponsored the 10-day caravan on specific dates and venues covering particular themes during the event. The University of Rizal System (URS) on July 13 - 14 delved into Technological Innovations Towards Sustainable Education,

Agriculture, and Ecotourism. On the other hand, the University of the Philippines-Los Baños (UPLB) on July 15 - 17 focused on Technological Innovations Towards Health, Food, and Nutrition. Meanwhile, the Batangas State University (BatSU) on July 18 - 19 concentrated on Technological Innovations Towards Smart Cities/Communities and the Responsible Use of AI. Lastly, the Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU) on July 20 - 22 gave its share of Technological Innovations in Disaster Risk and Reduction Management (DRRM) Towards Resilience.

PAASE is a nonprofit organization composed of scientists and engineers of Philippine descent dedicated to advancing science, engineering, and technology. //ABC

University Leaders Named Global Women Peace Ambassadors

Dr. Nancy Pascual, University President; Dr. Marites Rio, VP for RDEP; and Dr. Fe Esperanza Mateo, Director of Extension Services Unit, were awarded as "Global Women Peace Ambassador" by the Women's Federation for World Peace-Philippines during its 32nd Founding Anniversary with the theme "Women Working for Peace, Reaching our Ambition," held at 32 Samar Avenue, South Triangle, Diliman, Quezon, City on September 27, 2024.

The award is based on their exemplary accomplishment in the area of Work for Society. Global Women Peace Ambassadors are peace leaders representing the religious, racial, and ethnic diversity of the human family and all disciplines of human endeavor. They stand on the common ground of shared values and are committed to promoting reconciliation, overcoming barriers, and building peace. //EMBR



URS Turns 23; Gov Nina Guests FD Fete

Themed “23 Years of URS Commitment: Weaving a Legacy of Excellence through Service and Integrity”, the University of Rizal System (URS) held the 23rd Foundation Day Anniversary celebration on August 7- 9 at the URS-Morong Campus. The event commemorates a significant milestone as the University dedicated itself to providing quality education and shaping students' lives over the past 23 years.

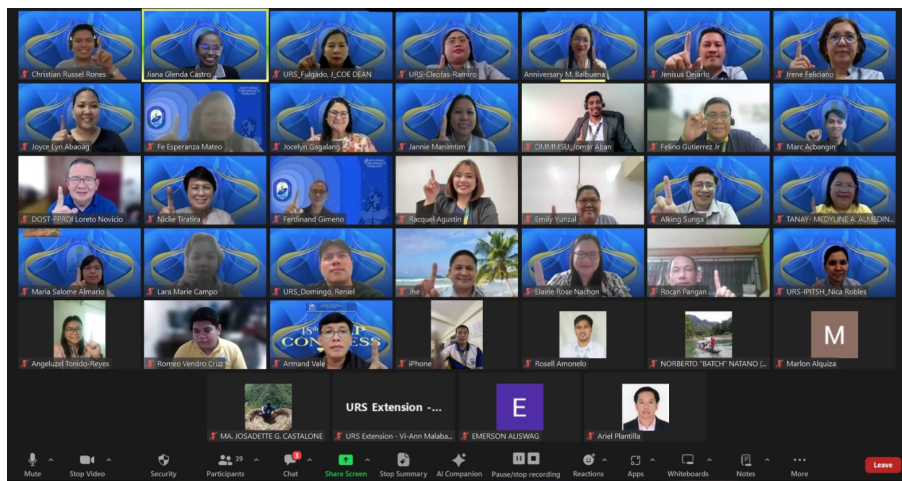


A culture and art competition consisting of visual, dance, music, and performing arts highlighted the event. The visual arts competition consisted of on-the-spot poster making, pencil drawing, charcoal rendering, painting, and a photo contest. The dance category consisted of contemporary and folk dances. The musical aspect included the bandurria, guitar, violin, and piano solo instruments playing, while a kundiman, pop solo, duet singing contest, and a live band competition were held. The performing arts included short and sweet plays and radio drama. Similarly, the Mister and Miss URS contest was held.

Hon. Gov. Nina Ricci Alcantara Ynares, Governor of the Province of Rizal, was the keynote speaker. In her speech, she remembered the brains behind the establishment of the University of Rizal System – former congressmen Cong. Gilberto Duavit, and Cong. Emigdio Tanjuatco, and the former governor of Rizal Gov. Casimiro “It”

18th RDEP Congress Winners Lauded

To recognize the efforts of URS faculty and staff in engaging in research and delivering extension services to the community, the winners in the 18th RDEP Congress were awarded in the PRAISE ceremonies at the Eulogio “Amang” Rodriguez Tanghalang Sining, URS-Morong.



The 18th University RDEP Congress was held last August 27 via Zoom platform, which featured presentations of research and extension services delivered by project implementers. It is divided into two main categories, research and extension, which are further subdivided into three overall sub-categories: descriptive research, developmental and experimental research, and best extension paper.

For the Descriptive Research category, Prof. Jose Elveña Jr. (Rodriguez Campus) and his study *Forecasting Solid Waste of Rodriguez, Rizal: An Input to Municipality's Solid Waste Management* won First Place, followed by Dr. Niclie Tiratira, Dr. Nancy Pascual, Dr. Marites Rio, and Prof. Jeremy Aterrado with their study *Project: Violence Against Women Psychosocial Intervention Program Study 1: LGU Social Services on Violence Against Women: Utilization of the CIPP Model* on the Second Place, and Dr. Armando Vale (Antipolo City Campus) with his study *Program Evaluation Utilizing Kirkpatrick's Model* on the Third Place.

In the Developmental and Experimental Research category, Dr. Jenius Dejarlo (Morong Campus) won First Place with his study *Development, Validation and Effectiveness of Worktext in Plane and Solid Geometry*, Prof. Joyce Lyn Abaoag (Binangonan Campus) won Second Place with her study *Development and Validation of Interactive Courseware in Statistics with Computer Application*, and Dr. Gilda Romano (Antipolo City Campus) won Third Place with the study *Utilization and Acceptability of Trichantera Gigantea Leaves as Alternative Ingredients in Making Laing (Taro Leaves)*.

In the Extension Paper category, Dr. Norberto Nataño and Dr. Wilhelmina Masinsin (Antipolo City & Morong Campuses) won First Place with their paper *IP Community Awareness, Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice (YAKAP): Serye ng Talakayang GAD*, followed by Dr. Jocelyn Gagalang and Dr. Mark Ray Sioson (Pililla Campus) with the paper *Advocacy on Communication Enhancement & Gender and Development (ACEGAD) Literacy Training Program* on the Second Place, and Prof. Irene Feliciano, Dr. Juan Abarro, Dr. Wilfredo Mariño, Dr. Armando Vale, Prof. Billy Berdan, Dr. Norberto Nataño, Prof. Russell May San Diego, Prof. Melvin Marcelo, Dr. Gilda Romano, Prof. Donna Marie Dela Vega, Engr. Juan Paulo Jurada, Engr. Allen Jake Discaya, Engr. John Dennis Espiritu, Prof. Salve Oandasan, Prof. Eloisa Bayangos, Prof. Marck Ferdinand Aguilar, Prof. Hernan Garado, Prof. Regine Urbano, Ms. Sheila Raguine, Dr. Danilo Pascual (Antipolo City Campus) with the paper *FLAP 4K: Katuwang at Kaagapay sa Kalinangan para sa Komunidad (Flexible Learning Assistance Program - Phase 4)* on the Third Place. //JLG

Ynares. She also expressed gratitude to them for helping the youth of Rizal achieve their dreams by bringing the University near them. She likewise mentioned how the education of these youth has contributed to the province's progress in general. // *abc*

URS Posts 25,821 Enrollees

The university admissions for Academic Year 2024-2025 opened its online registration last February 1, followed by a screening of submitted documents, interviews, and examinations. The qualified student applicants were scheduled to enroll in the first week of July. By August 5, the University opened its first day of classes.

Compared with the past academic years, there is a percentage increase among the campuses such as Angono, Antipolo City, Binangonan, Cainta, Cardona, Pililla, Tanay, and Taytay.

Campus	SY 2024-2025	SY 2023-2024
URS Angono	1,919	1,759
URS Antipolo City	3,092	2,848
URS Binangonan	3,822	3,666
URS Cainta	636	572
URS Cardona	455	432
URS Morong	7,670	7,911
URS Pililla	2,110	1,920
URS Rodriguez	2,146	2,154
URS Tanay	2,969	2,840
URS Taytay	995	898
TOTAL	25,821	25,000

Although there is a decrease in the number of student enrollees in the Morong and Rodriguez campuses, the overall student population of the University increased by a total of 3.28%, garnering over 25,821 student enrollees for this academic year. //JFA

URS Taytay CON Holds 11th Capping, Pinning

The University of Rizal System (URS) Taytay College of Nursing (CON) held its 11th Capping, Pinning, and Candle-lighting Ceremonies at the Eulogio Amang Rodriguez Tanghalang Sining (EARTS) at URS - Morong. This symbolic rite of passage was participated by 206 second-year nursing students.

The ceremony, which carried the theme “Caring Beyond Boundaries: The URS Commitment to Compassionate Nursing,” was graced by URS key officials and dignitaries. Dr. Lourdes Tejada, Campus Director, URS Taytay; Dr. Nancy Pascual, University President; Dr. Allan Conde, Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Hon. Reynaldo San Juan, Jr., Vice Governor of Rizal, delivered their congratulatory and inspirational messages which emphasized the significance of the nursing profession and its impact on public health highlighting the crucial role of future nurses in today’s society.

Dr. Gemma Lavara, CON Faculty, introduced the keynote speaker. Hon. Merle Salvani, PhD, RN, inspired the nursing students with her words of wisdom, encouraging them to uphold the values of compassion, dedication, and excellence in their future careers.

The awarding of certificate and token of appreciation followed, as well as the presentation and con-



-firmation of candidates for capping and pinning by Prof. Ma Teresita Cerapion, Dean of CON, and Dr. Conde.

Another highlight was the entrance of the “Mother of Nursing,” Florence Nightingale, portrayed by Amelie del Rosario Cervo, a 2024 URS Taytay graduate and now a registered nurse. This was followed by the imposing of caps and pins, candle-lighting led by the CON faculty, and the recitation of the Florence

Nightingale Oath, led by Prof. Etheldreda Santos, as the students committed themselves to the ideals of the nursing profession.

The event concluded with Prof. Ma. Teresita Cerapion's closing remarks and the students donning their caps and pins, symbolizing their readiness to embrace the responsibilities and challenges of their chosen profession. //JFA