

8th SCAF Winners Announced

Competitions in visual arts, music, and the search for festival king and queen occurred in URS Morong Campus grounds, Campus Library, Alumni Hall, Audio-visual Education Center, and EARTS. Central to this year's theme, "Tayo na Timog Katagalugan, Kultura at Sining ay Isulong," contestants showcased their talents and passion before the judges, who meticulously evaluated their performances and outputs.

Below are the winners of the different contest categories held on November 25-29 at URS:

VISUAL ARTS

Pencil Drawing

- 1st Place - Batangas State University
- 2nd Place - University of the Philippines - Los Baños
- 3rd Place - University of Rizal System
- 4th Place - Western Philippines University
- 5th Place - Occidental Mindoro State College

Charcoal Rendering

- 1st Place - Laguna State Polytechnic University
- 2nd Place - Marinduque State University
- 3rd Place - University of the Philippines - Los Baños
- 4th Place - University of Rizal System
- 5th Place - Palawan State University

On-the-Spot Poster Making

- 1st Place - Cavite State University
- 2nd Place - Occidental Mindoro State College
- 3rd Place - Western Philippines University
- 4th Place - Palawan State University
- 5th Place - Mindoro State University

Painting

- 1st Place - Batangas State University
- 2nd Place - Mindoro State University
- 3rd Place - Cavite State University
- 4th Place - Marinduque State University
- 5th Place - Laguna State Polytechnic University

Photography

- 1st Place - Occidental Mindoro State College
- 2nd Place - Western Philippines University
- 3rd Place - University of Rizal System
- 4th Place - Southern Luzon State University
- 5th Place - Mindoro State University

MUSIC

Pop Solo

- 1st Place - Batangas State University
- 2nd Place - University of Rizal System
- 3rd Place - Marinduque State University
- 4th Place - Palawan State University
- 5th Place - Laguna State Polytechnic University

Vocal Duet

- 1st Place - University of Rizal System
- 2nd Place - Marinduque State University
- 3rd Place - Occidental Mindoro State College
- 4th Place - Mindoro State University
- 5th Place - Cavite State University

Live Band Competition

- 1st Place - Batangas State University
- 2nd Place - Mindoro State University
- 3rd Place - University of Rizal System
- 4th Place - Palawan State University
- 5th Place - Laguna State Polytechnic University

Kundiman

- 1st Place - Laguna State Polytechnic University
- 2nd Place - Batangas State University
- 3rd Place - University of Rizal System
- 4th Place - Marinduque State University
- 5th Place - Cavite State University & Western Philippines University

Instrumental Solo - Piano

- 1st Place - University of Rizal System
- 2nd Place - Mindoro State University
- 3rd Place - Batangas State University
- 4th Place - Palawan State University & Marinduque State University
- 5th Place - University of the Philippines - Los Baños

Instrumental Solo - Bandurria

- 1st Place - Southern Luzon State University
- 2nd Place - Batangas State University
- 3rd Place - University of the Philippines - Los Baños
- 4th Place - Laguna State Polytechnic University
- 5th Place - Palawan State University

Instrumental Solo - Guitar

- 1st Place - Southern Luzon State University
- 2nd Place - Western Philippines University
- 3rd Place - Batangas State University
- 4th Place - Laguna State Polytechnic University & University of Rizal System

Instrumental Solo - Violin

- 1st Place - University of Rizal System
- 2nd Place - Occidental Mindoro State College
- 3rd Place - University of the Philippines - Los Baños
- 4th Place - Laguna State Polytechnic University
- 5th Place - Southern Luzon State University

FESTIVAL KING AND QUEEN

Major Awards

- Best in Official Pageant Attire*
Yuan Gabriel Lugada, LSPU & Natasha Mae Ore, URS
- Best in Swimwear*
Jan Paolo Ratilla, UPLB & Natasha Mae Ore, URS
- Best in Barong Tagalog*
Yuan Gabriel Lugada, LSPU
- Best in Terno*
Winalie Kahulugan, LSPU

Festival King Runners-up

- 1st Runner-up - Yuan Gabriel Lugada, LSPU
- 2nd Runner-up - Mark Joash Robles, BatSU
- 3rd Runner-up - John Victor Bautista, PSU
- 4th Runner-up - Dusteen Guy Cerita, URS

Festival Queen Runners-up

- 1st Runner-up - Winalie Kahulugan, LSPU
- 2nd Runner-up - Shaiane Jade Decal, BatSU
- 3rd Runner-up - Xyrisse Carpio, MinSU
- 4th Runner-up - Sheryll Shane Iglapina, PSU

Minor/Special Awards

- Mr. and Ms. Congeniality*
Mark Joash Robles, BatSU & Shaiane Jade Decal, BatSU
- Mr. and Ms. Photogenic*
John Paolo del Rosario, CvSU & Shaiane Jade Decal, BatSU
- ZB Photography Choice Award*
Jan Paolo Ratilla, UPLB & Natasha Mae Ore, URS
- SB Diamond Carwash and Coffee Shop Choice Award*
Jan Paolo Ratilla, UPLB & Natasha Mae Ore, URS
- Psalmstre New Placenta Kojic Choice Award*
Yuan Gabriel Lugada, LSPU & Winalie Kahulugan, LSPU



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URS Champions STRASUC Culture, Arts Fest

The University of Rizal System (URS) emerged victorious at the 8th Southern Tagalog Regional Association of State Universities and Colleges (STRASUC) Culture and the Arts Festival, taking the coveted championship title in this year's tilt participated in by 12 institutions.

It achieved 1st place in five competitions such as Radio Drama, Vocal Duet, Instrumental Solo-Piano, Instrumental Solo-Violin, and the Festival Queen; 2nd place in Short and Sweet Play and Pop Solo; and 3rd place in Street Dance, Photography, Pencil Drawing, Kundiman, and Live Band Competition. It placed 4th in the Classical Guitar and Charcoal Rendering and 5th in Folk Dance and the Festival King. Overall, it garnered 97 points.

Second Sem Set

The University of Rizal System through its Implementation Order No. 07, s. 2024 announces its Second Semester, AY 2024-2025 schedule.

Enrolment commences on December 16, 2024 with January 4, 2025 scheduled as last day. Classes will begin on January 11, 2025. Last day of changing subjects is on January 17-18, 2025.

Preliminary examinations are set on February 15, midterms on April 5, and final examinations on May 17, 2025. Commencement exercises are to be held on June 16-30 of the same year. //ABC



Alongside URS's victory, Batangas State University (BSU) claimed second place, with Laguna State Polytechnic University (LSPU) securing third, Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) in fourth, and Cavite State University (CavSU) and Occidental Mindoro State College (OMSC) rounding out the top five in fifth. Placing 6th is University of the Philippines-Los Baños (UPLB) followed by Marinduque State University (MarSU), 7th; Mindoro State University (MinSU), 8th; Western Philippines State University (WPU), 9th; Palawan State University, 10th; and lastly, Romblon State University (RSU).

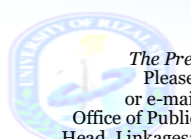
Their impressive performances highlighted the depth of talent and competitive spirit, making the event an unforgettable showcase of excellence. //MRA

Benefits Given to Faculty, Staff

A number of benefits have been granted to the faculty and staff of the University of Rizal System (URS) during the end of 2024 in recognition of their efforts and contributions to the University. These are in addition to the regular grants and benefits that they receive during the entire year.

The year-end benefits are the grants on Collective Negotiation Agreement (CNA) in the amount of P20,000; the Productivity Enhancement Incentive (PEI) in the amount of P5,000; and the Service Recognition Incentive (SRI) in the amount of P20,000.

The CNA incentive is a form of reward to motivate employee efforts toward higher productivity. This was mandated thru Administrative Order (AO) No. 135, s. 2005 as supported by the Congress Joint Resolution (JR) No. 4, s. 2009. Executive Order (EO) No. 201, s. 2016 authorized the grant of the PEI for the purpose of improving government employees' productivity. The grant of one-time SRI for the Fiscal Year 2024 was granted to acknowledge all public servants for their collective and unceasing participation and invaluable contribution to the establishment of streamlined government processes and responsive delivery of services to the public. The grant is supported by AO No. 45 dated December 24, 2021. //ABC



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URS Places 8th among PH HEIs, 628th in UI GreenMetric World University Rankings

The University of Rizal System (URS) achieved a significant milestone as it participated for the first time in the 2024 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings, securing the 8th spot in the Philippines and ranking 628th among the 1,477 universities across 95 countries.



The 2024 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings evaluates universities' commitment to sustainability, focusing on setting and infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste, water, transportation, and education and research. This year's rankings were announced during the 2024 UI GreenMetric Awards Ceremony and the International Seminar on Circular Economy and SDGs held on December 12, 2024, at the Universidade de São Paulo in Brazil.

URS's impressive debut highlights its dedication to sustainable practices and environmental responsibility. As a new entrant, the University showcased strong initiatives and policies aligned with global sustainability goals, earning local and international recognition.

Dr. Nancy Pascual, president of URS, expressed pride in the achievement, stating, "This recognition reflects our collective efforts in promoting sustainability and integrating noteworthy practices into our university operations and programs. We are committed to continuing this journey toward environmental stewardship."

The ranking reinforces URS's role as a leader in sustainability among Philippine universities, emphasizing its vision of fostering a greener future while providing quality education.

Univ Planning, Budget Presentation for FY 2025 Held

The University of Rizal System (URS) held the Annual University Planning and Budget Presentation for Fiscal Year 2025 on October 4 and 7, 2024, at the Function Hall, URS Morong Campus. The event spanned two days, with the leadership and key administrative officers coming together to present, review, and critique programs, projects, and budgets across all campuses and units of the University. A total of 130 officials, unit heads, and staff attended this activity.



The event commenced with the welcome remarks delivered by the University President, Dr. Nancy Pascual followed by the key resource persons that represented units responsible for the financial, procurement, and general services of the University. These resource persons played essential roles throughout the two-day event, guiding the discussions and critiques for the day's presentations, ensuring that all programs, projects, and budget plans were rigorously reviewed.

The presentations commenced with a thorough overview of the Programs, Projects, and Activities (PPAs), the Program of Receipts and Expenditures (PRE), and the Project Procurement Management Plan (PPMP) for each campus.

After the last set of presentations, Ms. Grace Ann Faulve, Planning Officer II, presented the ways forward and institutional recognition component. This segment focused on the directions for URS and the possibilities it could explore.

Dr. Pascual delivered the closing remarks to conclude the two-day event. She thanked all the presenters, resource persons, and attendees for their active participation and hard work. She reiterated the importance of careful planning and financial prudence in ensuring that URS continues to thrive as a premier educational institution. //JFA

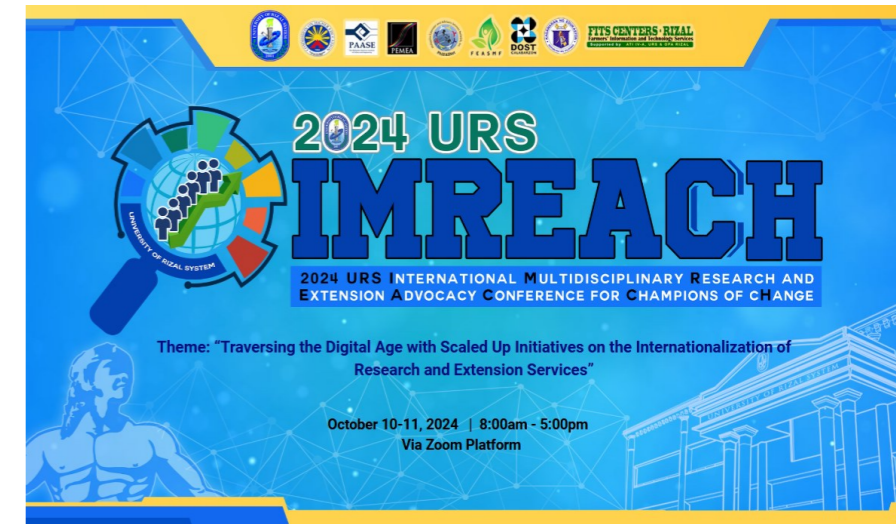


IMREACH Fosters Research, Extension in Digital Age

The University of Rizal System (URS) hosted the 2024 URS International Multidisciplinary Research and Extension Advocacy Conference for Champions of Change (IMREACH), held virtually via Zoom online from October 10-11, 2024.

The event, themed "Traversing the Digital Age with Scaled Up Initiatives on the Internationalization of Research and Extension Services," gathered international leaders and advocates to discuss how research and extension can contribute to positive societal changes in the digital era. A total of 187 participants from 22 universities attended, and 137 presented their completed research and extension projects.

The conference was conducted in collaboration with collaborators the Commission on Higher Education-Region IV-A (CHED-IV-A), Philippine-American Academy of Science and Engineering (PAASE), Philippine Educational Measurement and Evaluation Association (PEMEA), Philippine Extension and Advisory Services Network, Inc. (PhileASNet), Francisco & Enriqueta Angeles Science Memorial Fund (FEASMF), Department of Science and Technology-Region IV-A (DOST-IV-A), the Department of Education-Rizal (DepEd-Rizal), and the Farmers Information and Technology Services (FITS) Centers-Rizal. These organizations contributed their expertise and resources to make the conference a platform for advancing knowledge and empowering communities.



The 2-day event featured plenary sessions with Dr. Rommel Sergio, Associate Dean and Professor at the Canadian University of Dubai; Dr. Marvin Cinense, Director of the Philippine Sino-Center for Agricultural Technology at Central Luzon State University; and Dr. Genaro Japos, a Social Science Research specialist and Founder/President of the International Association of Multidisciplinary Research (IAMURE) and the Philippine Association of Institutions for Research, Inc. (PAIR).

The fourth plenary session was led by Dr. Yong-Chao Su, Assistant Professor at Kaohsiung Medical University, Taiwan. Following the plenary, participants were divided into parallel sessions, focusing on five key

themes: quality education, gender equality, good health and well-being / sustainable communities, sustainable cities, industry and innovation, and extension services.

The closing program included the awarding of plaques to collaborating organizations and certificates to individuals who excelled in the conference. Awards were given for Best Paper, Best Presenter, and Best e-Poster, celebrating the outstanding contributions of participants.

Dr. Florante Mercado, Director of URS Rodriguez Campus, gave the closing remarks, thanking all those who participated in and contributed to the event's success.

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Post-Teacher's Day Fete, GAD Mainstreaming Conducted

The University of Rizal System (URS) held the Post-Teacher's Day Celebration and Gender and Development (GAD) Mainstreaming via Microsoft Teams on December 6. Spearheaded by the URS Office of Public Affairs, Gender and Development Center, University Alumni Affairs, and the Student Federation, the gathering accentuated the theme, "Breaking Barriers: Fostering Gender Equality in Every Classroom."

The event also featured an "Inspiration Station" segment and an array of interactive activities, including a raffle, a TikTok Challenge showcasing entries from various URS campuses, and entertaining games led by Dr. Mark Ray Sioson, Mr. Christian Russel Rones, Prof. Darryl Razalan, and Prof. Christian Nievera. Winners in the contests were Prof. Mark John Bugarin for Rainbow Rumble, Prof. Jona Talisay for Kahoot, Prof. Esther Recla for Category Game, Prof. Lodilee Abenza for Guess the Song, and Prof. Elvira de Asis for Guess What. Meanwhile, 71 faculty members won items and cash prizes in the raffle.



To cap off the event, Dr. Jocelyn Gagalang, Director of the Office of Public Affairs, announced the winners of the day's contests. Closing remarks from Dr. Marvin Amino, Vice President for Administration and Finance, who thanked all participants and organizers for making the event a resounding success, formally closed the event.