

## University Rolls Out Key Financial, Planning Preparation Program

To bolster financial accountability, strategic procurement, and efficient program implementation, the University successfully conducted a comprehensive preparation program for its Program of Receipts and Expenditures (PRE), Project Procurement and Management Plan (PPMP), and Programs, Projects, and Activities (PPA). The essential orientation sessions, led by key university officials, were held from July 28-29 and 31 reaching various departments.

The initiative aimed to equip faculty and staff with the necessary knowledge and tools to meticulously prepare their respective financial and project plans, ensuring alignment with the University's overall goals and compliance with established guidelines.

The preparation program kicked off on July 28, with sessions for Academic Affairs (AA) and Research Development, Extension, and Production (RDEP) held concurrently at the AVEC, URS, and the session for the Office of the President (OP), conducted virtually via Google Meet, along with the Administration and Finance division on July 31.

The orientations were spearheaded by a team of expert university officials, such as Mrs. Clarissa Marino, University Accountant, who provided in-depth insights into the intricacies



L-R. Office of the VPAF, VPAA, and RDEP

of the PRE, guiding participants on proper financial recording and forecasting. Also, Ms. Mian Francisco, University Budget Officer, elaborated on the crucial aspects of the PPMP, emphasizing efficient resource allocation and procurement processes. Meanwhile, Mrs. Marie Chelka Francisco, Supply Officer, offered practical insights into procurement policies and procedures, ensuring compliance and efficiency in the PPMP. Lastly, Ms. Rose Ann Tiburcio, Head of Planning Unit, focused on the development of comprehensive PPA, ensuring strategic planning and alignment with institutional objectives. ~abc

## URSM-CIT Awarded COPC for BIT

The College of Industrial Technology (CIT) has been awarded the Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) by the Commission on Higher Education Regional Office IV-A (CHEDRO IV-A). The award was presented by Regional Director Dr. Rogelio Galera Jr., along with Dr. Freddie Bulauan, the Chief Administrative Officer, at the Board Room, URS Morong Campus on September 17.



L-R. Prof. Verlee San Juan, Program Head, BIIndTech; Dr. Gary Ken Robles, Director, Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Allan Conde, VP for Academic Affairs; Dr. Nancy Pascual, URS President; Prof. Frederick Feliciano, Dean, CIT; Dr. Niclie Tiratira, URS Campus Director; and Engr. Allan Anorico, Head of Curriculum Development and PARC, receive the certificate.

The course given COPC is Bachelor of Industrial Technology (BIIndTech) with the following majors: Automotive Technology; Electronics Technology; Electrical Technology; Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVACR) Technology; Mechanical Technology; Construction Technology; and Architectural Drafting Technology. ~embr

## New Faculty, Staff ...

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officer; Amiel Albito, Brandy Natividad, and Woheh Yvonne Lagman, administrative assistants; Kristine Benavides, Vi-ann Malabanan, Jen Louise Dalope, and Cristopher Vivas, administrative aides.

Adding to the academic force of URS is Charlene Anne De Leon, who was officially sworn in as an instructor. In her address, Dr. Nancy Pascual extended a warm welcome to the new members of the URS community, emphasizing the vital role each individual plays in achieving the university's mission and vision. She underscored the importance of commitment, integrity, and collaboration in serving the students and the broader community. The President also took the opportunity to commend the dedication of the staff who received promotions, acknowledging their hard work and continuous pursuit of excellence.

On July 28, two other new instructors were appointed, adding to the URS teaching workforce. They are Jandee Dolores and Jasmin Garcia. ~



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## International, National Acclaim in Latest University Rankings Gained

The University of Rizal System (URS) continues to solidify its position as a leading educational institution, both nationally and globally, by achieving significant recognition in various prestigious university rankings and certifications this 2025. These accolades highlight URS's commitment to academic excellence, sustainable practices, quality management, and societal impact.



To cite, URS proudly holds the distinction of being a Level III State University, a recognition granted by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

To continually improve its operational efficiency, URS has achieved ISO 9001:2015 Certification for its quality management systems. This internationally recognized standard ensures that URS consistently meets the needs of its stakeholders through effective processes in the provision of tertiary education and the conduct of research and extension activities.

The University likewise received the Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM) Bronze Award from the Civil Service Commission (CSC) on September 5, having complied with each core human resource management system – recruitment, selection and placement; learning and development; performance management; and rewards and recognition.

Also, the University of Rizal System has made a remarkable impact in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings, which assesses universities' environmental commitment and sustainability initiatives. URS's impressive performance places it 18<sup>th</sup> in the Philippines, 343<sup>rd</sup> in Asia, and 628<sup>th</sup> in the World.

URS has also gained international recognition in the World's Universities with Real Impact (WURI) Rankings, which evaluates universities based on their innovative approaches and real-world impact across various categories. It proudly secured significant rankings in key areas, including Rank 34 for Empowerment-Based Management and Rank 70 for Crisis Management.

Further solidifying its global standing, URS has been ranked among the Top 1001–1500 globally in the prestigious Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025. These rankings assess universities against the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), highlighting their contributions to societal well-being and global challenges. ~abc

## URS Gets PRIME-HRM Bronze Prize

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CSC Resolution No. 1600730 dated June 30, 2016, provides the guidelines on the conferment of HR recognition and awards. Agencies which achieved Maturity Level 2 in any HRM system are given a certificate of recognition, while agencies that have achieved Maturity Level 2 in all four (4) core HRM systems are conferred with a Bronze, Silver, or Gold award and entitlements to certain privileges and incentives, specifically the CSC accreditation or the authority to take final action on appointments. ~



## New Faculty, Staff Welcomed

Dr. Nancy Pascual, University President, administered the oath of office to newly appointed and recently promoted faculty and non-teaching staff at the URS-Morong Boardroom on July 21. The ceremony marked a significant step in bolstering the university's administrative and academic capabilities.

The event saw a fresh wave of professionals officially join the University, ready to contribute their skills and expertise to the institution's continued growth. Among the newly appointed non-teaching personnel are Marie Chelka San Jose, administrative

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## URS Lands Top 10 in Social Workers Licensure Exam

The University of Rizal System-Rodriguez (URS-Rodriguez) campus has achieved an outstanding feat, securing the 10th spot among the Top Performing Schools in the recent September 2025 Licensure Examination for Social Workers, as released by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

The achievement places URS-Rodriguez in the prestigious Category B of top-performing schools, which requires institutions to have 51 or more examinees and register an impressive passing percentage of at least 80%. This distinction is a clear affirmation of the high-quality social work program and the dedication of the faculty and students at the Rodriguez campus.

"This milestone reflects the commitment of our students to their studies and the unwavering guidance of our College of Social Work and Communication Development faculty," Dean Victoria Alarte of the College noted.

The University community is celebrating this success, recognizing the new batch of licensed social workers for bringing honor to the institution and the province of Rizal. Their excellent performance ensures a new wave of competent and dedicated professionals ready to contribute significantly to social welfare and development across the country. ~

## COS Alumni Return Home to URSM

The First College of Science (COS) Alumni Homecoming of the University of Rizal System (URS) - Morong Campus was a resounding success, drawing former students back to their roots on August 24.



College of Science alumni and faculty celebrate their first-ever URSM homecoming.

Held at the Gusaling Sglakas, the event served as a joyous reunion for COS graduates. The alumni had the chance to reconnect with former classmates and mentors, reminisce about their college days, and witness the growth of their alma mater.

The homecoming was spearheaded under the leadership of Dean Wilma Lomangaya, who expressed her delight at the large turnout and the commitment of the alumni to the college's continued progress. The gathering highlighted the enduring bond among COS graduates and their dedication to supporting the future endeavors of the college.

The program included various activities designed to foster camaraderie and celebration, marking a memorable milestone for the URS-Morong College of Science community.

Over 700 alumni attended the affair. ~

B. WITH 51 OR MORE EXAMINEES AND WITH AT LEAST 80% PASSING PERCENTAGE				
RANK	SCHOOL	TOTAL NO. OF EXAM.	TOTAL NO. PASSED	PERCENTAGE PASSED
1	BICOL UNIVERSITY-DARAGA	113	113	100.00%
	DAVAO DEL NORTE STATE COLLEGE	88	88	100.00%
 <b>Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila</b>  <b>LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR SOCIAL WORKERS RESULTS RELEASED IN THREE (3) WORKING DAYS</b>				
2				
3				
4				
5	MANILA)	73	71	97.26%
6	PAMANTASAN NG LUNGSOD NG MAYNILA	91	88	96.70%
7	UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO-DAVAO CITY	147	142	96.60%
8	CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY-TUGUEGARAO	67	64	95.52%
9	OCCIDENTAL MINDORO STATE COLL-LABANGAN CAMPUS-MAIN(PTMSRP)	109	104	95.41%
10	UNIVERSITY OF RIZAL SYSTEM-RODRIGUEZ	65	62	95.38%
NOTHING FOLLOWS				

## NMAC, PSIM

### Tilts Won

Five (5) Mechanical Engineering students from URS-Morong (URSM) emerged champions in the **Pambansang Samahan ng mga Inhinyero Mekanikal (PSIM)** National Mechanical Engineering Students' Conference 2025 skills competition, while 5 other Marketing Management students from URS-Binangonan (URSB) secured the top 10 honors at the Philippine Junior Marketing Association (PJMA)'s Annual National Marketing Competition (ANMC).



BSBA-Marketing Management students from URSB, and BS Mechanical Engineering contestants win recently in the NMAC and PSIM skills contests.

## Tanay LGU, URS Officials Attend Climate, Disaster Resilience Event

Officials from the University of Rizal System (URS) joined a crucial multi-stakeholder engagement event focused on climate and disaster resilience governance on Tuesday, August 27, 2025, at the Hilton, Manila Hotel.



Dr. Marites Rio, VP for RDEP, represents URS in the TRANSFORM MOA signing. With her are Mayor Tanjuato of Tanay and BuCor DENR, DILG and A Brown Co. representatives.

The event, titled 2025 Project TRANSFORM (Transdisciplinary Approach for Resilience and Environmental Sustainability through Multistakeholder Engagement), carried the theme, "From Science to Action: Local Government Units (LGUs) at the Forefront of Climate and Disaster Resilience Governance."

Representing the University of Rizal System were Dr. Marites Rio, Vice President for Research Development, Extension and Production (RDEP); Dr. Esther Recla, Head of the Environmental Education and Biodiversity Research Center (EEBRC); and Ms. Rheybel De Lemon, Planning Officer I.

A significant highlight of the event was the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing for the implementation of Project TRANSFORM in the Municipality of Tanay, Rizal. This collaborative agreement unites several key partners, signaling a unified approach to climate action at the local level. The signatories included the University of Rizal System (URS), the Municipality of Tanay, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor), A. Brown Company, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Province of Rizal. The signing officially launches the project in Tanay, which is expected to utilize a transdisciplinary approach to create concrete, sustainable, and community-driven solutions for environmental and climate-related challenges.

Project TRANSFORM aims to bridge the gap "From Science to Action," empowering LGUs like the Municipality of Tanay to take proactive leadership in safeguarding their communities and environments. ~

## Board Exams, Assessment Passers Celebrated

The University of Rizal System (URS) announced the successful examinees for its board exams and professional assessment examinations held in the Third Quarter of 2025. These individuals have demonstrated competence and dedication in their respective fields, marking a significant milestone in their professional journeys.

Five (5) candidates excelled in the rigorous Certified Financial Management Specialist (CFMS) assessment examination, proving their mastery of financial principles and management strategies. They are Rivaolimae Calmada, Arlenett Paula Salangsang, Sheryl Castelvie, Marychele Matela, and Cherry Be Francisco.

The Certified Human Resource Associate (CHRA)™ Assessment Examination saw six (6) passers, ready to take on the dynamic challenges of human resource management. They are Allia Marie Labonete, Kristine Anne Ferido, Merly Ann Tenedero, Bert Louise Galleto, Miezy Labor, and Reiner Cayabyab.

URS also celebrates the outstanding performance of its graduates in the professional licensure examinations, with eight (8) new Registered Electrical Engineers welcomed into

the profession, consisting of Peter Allyzon Buenaventura, Bryan De los Santos, Khenn Garofil, Jimuel Lopez, Mark Raven Mallo, Jeremiah Psalm Monzon, Christian Russel Picones, and Rolando Reyes, Jr.; nine (9) new Mechanical Engineers, namely, Jefferson Astronomo, Phovie Adrielle Bautista, Erika De Leon, Jan Manette Llona, Jigo Clint Pantaleon, Marc Ernest Romero, Earl Garret Tekiko, Zenkie Valencia, and Jette Vidanes.

Three (3) newly licensed Master Electricians: Fernando Ceñidoza, Jr., Sherwin Clemente, and Carmelo Matela were also noted.

Completing the list of URS's successes are the 62 Social Work licensure examination passers from URS-Rodriguez. ~

## NMAC, PSIM...

Team Air-volution from URS composed of Jeric Aquino, John Allan Cabala, Hanz Gabriel Certeza, Ross Eisen Escobar, and Julius Ray Gatapia, with their coaches Engr. Alliken Jett Ruallo and Engr. Lean Jo Anievas won

the First Place in the aircon troubleshooting contest during the conference.

With the theme *ANMAC 2025: Into the Supply Chain Continuum!* URSB's team called Sustainably Yours, advised by Prof. Jonas Ynares, made it with entry business plan called *Dear Ani*. Team

*Sustainably Yours* is composed of Allen Renier Aran, Jerwin Rein Benipayo, Geruel Cabello, Ryza Mariz Caugiran, and Keith Garette Riva.

The PSIM conference was held at Vista Hotel, Laguna, on September 17, while the NMAC was held at One San Miguel Avenue, Ortigas, Pasig City, on August 24. ~