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# URS Board Greenlights Promotions: 65 Faculty, 5 Staff Hoist Academic Boost

**M**orong, Rizal – In a major milestone for higher education in Rizal Province, the University of Rizal System Board of Regents has approved a slew of promotions for 65 faculty members and five non-teaching personnel, acknowledging years of dedication and expertise. These were announced through Implementation Orders issued in early 2026.

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## Faculty Members Publish Seven High-Impact Studies in Top Journals

Province of Rizal-- Members of the faculty of the University of Rizal System (URS) have been making ripples in the international academic community, with no less than seven peer-reviewed research papers accepted for publication in top international journals since 2025. Covering a range of topics from construction management to online education, financial literacy, sustainable fishing, and women in leadership, these research papers offer workable solutions to the most urgent problems in the Philippines.

The string of published research papers showcases the varied skills of URS faculty members. At the top of the list is

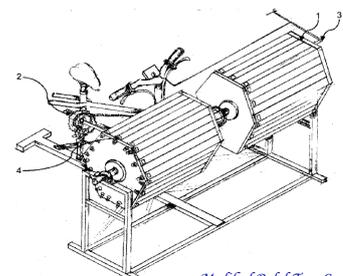
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## IPITSH Hits Record High: 137 Copyrights, Dozen Patents in 2025

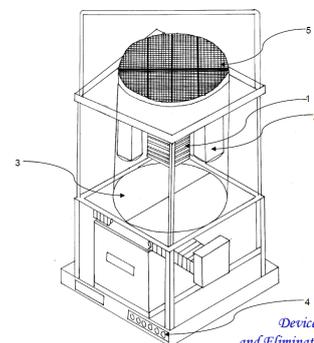
The University of Rizal System (URS) made history in 2025 through its Intellectual Property, Innovation, and Technology Support Hub (URS-IPITSH), with the registration of 137 copyrights at the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) and the advancement of various invention patents, utility models, and industrial designs.

Starting from March to October, various works were filed by faculty and students, including “Performance-Based Learning Activities in Cookery for Grade 9” by Christian Lee Luis Montiadora et al. (A2025-587, March 18), “TikTok-based Math Tutorials” by Karen San Juan et al. (O2025-838, March 18), and a series of comic-based pesticide warnings by Shielanie Dacumos, including “Bayluscide” (O2025-3391, September 23). These copyrights cover K to 12 teaching aids such as manipulative science kits, tracer studies for education graduates, IoT projects, and specialized modules,

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*Modified Pedal-Type Cassava Peeler*



*Device for Attracting and Eliminating Mosquitoes*

# URS Board Greenlights... from page 1



URS Board of Regents thoroughly reviewed and deliberated the qualifications of the university personnel before approving well-deserved promotions for faculty and staff.

## Board Meeting Highlights

In a special Board of Regents meeting held on February 3, 2026, at the Board Room of the Morong Campus, the Board of Regents headed by Dr. Desiderio Apag III, CHED Commissioner, approved faculty and non-teaching personnel promotions, which were recommended by the University Faculty Selection Board. These faculty promotions range from the rank of Associate Professor I to

## Faculty Promotion Surge

Out of 65 promotions granted to the faculty, the most distinguished promotions include 10 to the rank of Associate Professor I, such as Jonnah Bautista from Assistant Professor II and Russel May San Diego from Assistant Professor IV. Their salary grades went up from 16-18 to 19. Likewise, 10 promotions to the rank of Associate Professor II include Allan Anorico from Assistant Professor II and Eloisa Bayangos from Associate Professor I. Their salary grade was elevated to 20. This promotion surge continued to include 12 promotions to Associate Professor III, such as Celina Cerda and Wahinee Cruzada. Their salary grade rose to 21. Next in line are 17 promotions to Associate Professor

V and Professor I, V, and VI, which are in compliance with the Omnibus Rules on Appointments (ORA-OHRA), University of Rizal System Promotion Policy, and Civil Service Commission guidelines. In addition, the Board of Regents directed the revision of the Institutional Promotion Policy and Merit Selection to further refine the process.

IV, highlighted by Ma. Merle Facultad from Associate Professor III and Michael Pascua from Assistant Professor II. Their salary grade was raised to 22. Furthermore, 11 promotions to Associate Professor V include Jesselyn Rafin from Assistant Professor IV and Jericho Inarda from Associate Professor IV. Their salary grade was boosted to 23. Meanwhile, Jerwin Mahaguay was promoted to Professor I at grade 24. Furthermore, from Professor III, Niclie Tiratira and Jocelyn Gagalang reached Professor V (SG 28) while from Professor III, Marvin Amoin, and Professor IV Marlon Bautista, both ranked for the Professor VI promotion with a salary grade of 29.

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# U-Registrar Logs 24,768 Enrollees for Second Sem SY 2025-2026

Office of the University Registrar— The University of Rizal System (URS) has recorded a total enrollment of 24,768 students across its campuses for the Second Semester of Academic Year 2025–2026, according to official data released by the Office of the University Registrar.

Based on the Statistics on Enrollment by Course and Curriculum Year, the figures reflect sustained demand for URS academic programs, particularly in Education, Engineering, Business, Health Sciences, and Graduate Studies, distributed across its multiple campuses in Rizal Province.

Among the campuses, Morong Campus posted the highest enrollment with 7,757 students, driven largely by strong numbers in Industrial Technology, Engineering, Education, and Hospitality Management, as well as its laboratory schools and Senior High School programs. Binangonan Campus followed with 3,522 students, showing large participation in Computer Studies, Business Administration, and Accountancy programs.

The Antipolo City Campus registered 2,708 enrollees, with notable concentrations in Hospitality Industry, Business, and Engineering. At the same time, Tanay Campus recorded 2,944 students, reflecting steady enrollment in Agriculture, Science and Education, and Agri-Business Management programs.

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# IPITSH Hits Record High.. from page 1

including “Principles and Strategies in Teaching Mathematics” by Paula Cristin Jade Peñaranda (A2025-1941, July 30).

Following the success of previous inventions such as the Hard Hat with Face Shield (registered December 2024), URS has filed 11 key inventions in 2025, including the Chicken Egg Incubator with Computer Vision for Fertility Detection (12025050897, November 13, by Jenadel Antipolo), the 3-in-1 Bean-to-Ground Coffee Processing

Machine (12025050933, November 25, by Jakki Stacy Wayne Serra’s team), and the Automatic Ball Tosser for Baseball and Softball (12025050653, September 17). Other highlights include the Automated Machine for Waste Paper into Biodegradable Pots (12025050827, October 24, by Merie Ann Dudang’s group) and an industrial design for a Series and Parallel Pump Apparatus (32025051567, September 10), both of which are progressing through IPOPHL

formality exams into early 2026 substantive reviews.

Coordinated with URS-IPITSH, its efforts underscore the university’s leadership in educational innovation, sustainable agriculture, AI-driven technologies, and community solutions across Rizal Province, empowering students and faculty to drive real-world impact.

# URSAC's Tourism Studies Dominate FAOP Training at PTC Aviation

Students and faculty from the University of Rizal System (URS) Antipolo City Campus Tourism Management program soared to the top in the rigorous Flight Attendant Operations Procedure (FAOP) training at PTC Aviation Training Center, January 19 to February 4, 2026, outperforming peers from major Philippine universities.



In Batch 26-03, URSAC dominated the honors, claiming Class Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Class Purser titles. Sofia Ella Marie Ibañez was named as Valedictorian, also earning awards for Customer Service and Best Team. Eldridge Joseph Zara followed as Salutatorian, securing the Customer Service Award and Class Purser role.

Other standout completers included Shakira Atejerra, Khazel Antonette Avila, Raiza Mae Yelomino, and Princess Hillary Olayvar, recognized for excellence in Customer Service and Situational Awareness. URSAC Tourism Program Head Prof. Russell May San Diego also completed the training.

The achievement was made possible through the generosity of Mr. Joey Pacheco, founder of JCP Seminar and Training Consultancy and a renowned corporate training expert. He sponsored free tuition and allowances for

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## Faculty Members Publish... *from page 1*

“Curriculum Development and Feasibility Study of the Program, Master of Science in Construction Management” by Engr. Michael Pascua, Engr. Von Cyrell San Jose, Ar. Lyndon Sheridan Trinidad, Engr. John Troy Borromeo, and Engr. Joshua Tejada, published in the International Journal of Environmental Sciences (IJES) (Volume 11, No. 24, 2025), which recommends a new graduate program to enhance construction skills in the face of escalating infrastructure requirements in the Philippines.

Education and pedagogy are given prominence in two research papers. Prof. Jeremias Rivera’s “Embedding the Teaching of English Major Courses into Relational Pedagogy: A Parallel Convergence Study of Perceptions of Students and Teachers” (IJES, Volume 11, No. 23, 2025) is on the relationship between students and teachers in English education. Likewise, Dr. Norberto Nataño’s “Beyond and Across Online English Teaching: A Phenomenological Inquiry of the Experiences of Online English Teachers from ESL Companies” (TPM – Testing, Psychometrics, Methodology in Applied Psychology, Volume 32, No. S6, 2025) is on the human side of online ESL teaching.

Financial and community-oriented research completes the list of accomplishments. Dr. Ariel Plantilla’s “Financial Literacy of

Academic Personnel of the University of Rizal System: Basis for Intervention Program” (International Journal of Accounting and Economics Studies, Volume 12, No. 6, 2025) points out the shortcomings in the financial knowledge of educators, opening the way for intervention programs. In fisheries management, “Social Dimension of Fisheries Co-Management and Engagement of Fisherfolk Community in Rizal Province” by Prof. Jeremy Aterrado, Prof. Johanne Aterrado, Dr. Niclie Tiritira, Prof. Mannellie Liwayway Herrera, Prof. Czarina Ann Alfonso, Dr. Mariam Estrabo, and Prof. Norlyn San Juan.

Importantly, at the top of the list is Dr. Analyn Inarda’s “Enduring Spirit through the Odds: Phenomenologizing the Experiences of Women Academic Leaders in a VUCA Environment” (Educational Process International Journal, Volume 21, 2026, Article e2026025), which embodies the spirit of female leaders who persevere in the face of volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity.

URS President, Dr. Nancy Pascual commended the researchers, “These publications not only enhance our institution’s reputation in the global arena but also serve as key insights for policy, education, and community development initiatives.”

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### Administrative Advancements

Implementation Order No. 02 supports URS operations as five key officials are promoted: Clarissa Marino to the position of Chief Administrative Officer and Financial and Management Officer II at salary grade 24, alongside Rennie Mae De Lemon to the position of Chief Administrative Officer and Administrative Officer V at grade 24. Desiree Avellano to the position of Attorney IV at grade 23, Day Cabugawan to Supervising Administrative Officer and Administrative Officer IV at grade 22, and Maricor Eumague to the position of Accountant III at grade 19 under the Merit Selection Plan.

### Further Confirmations

Implementation Order No. 03 confirms 11 faculty appointments at the position of Assistant Professor IV (SG 18), such as Julius Carl Beringuel, John Troy Borromeo, and Reymily Rose Sta. Ana. The issued implementation orders are addressed to URS Vice Presidents, Campus Directors, and HR heads to ensure the swift implementation, reflecting a promising 2026 for the university.

# URS Campus Journos Victor at RHEPC 2026

University of Rizal System (URS) campus journalists from Antipolo City, Angono, Binangonan, Pililla, Morong, Rodriguez, and Tanay campuses win big at the Regional Higher Education Press Conference (RHEPC), held February 14-16, 2026, at Batis Aramin in Lucban, Quezon. Top 5 finishers in individual categories qualified for the Luzonwide Higher Education Press Conference in Tuguegarao, Cagayan, on March 17-19, 2026, showcasing URS as a unified force in campus journalism.



URS delegations beam with pride after the Regional Higher Education Press Conference Awarding Rites in Batis Aramin, Lucban, Quezon, securing multiple awards across various journalism categories. Their outstanding achievements highlight the dedication and talent of URS student journalists.

URS Antipolo City-Tipolo Student Publication's Gan Louis Grencio earned 6th place in Feature Writing (English Category).

Meanwhile, Angono (The Petroglyphs) has pocketed multiple individual awards. Aaron Joseph Pulan took 2nd place in News Writing (Filipino Category); Jesse Israel Francisco secured 2nd place in Traditional Literary Graphics Illustration (English Category); Ma. Regine Andres claimed 5th place in Mobile Journalism and 6th place in Feature Writing (Filipino

Category); Giann Grafel Matawaran placed 5th in News Writing (English Category), and John Kenneth Letrodo got 10th in Traditional Literary Graphics Illustration (Filipino Category).

URS Binangonan's The Pillar attained numerous individual awards. Kent David Tan won 1st place in Comic Strip (English) and 4th place in Editorial Cartooning (English); Jubail De Lumen earned 2nd place in News Writing (English) and 4th place in Copyreading and Headline Writing (English); Kurt Anonical took 2nd place in Sports

Writing (Filipino); Sharmiel Albito placed 5th in Digital Comics Strip (Filipino); Eloisa Prudente secured 8th place in Feature Writing (Filipino) and 10th place in News Writing (Filipino); Alexis Jhon Dequina got 8th place in Copyreading and Headline Writing (Filipino), and Johna Victoria Beluso earned 9th place in Digital Editorial Cartooning (English). Meanwhile, the publication placed 10th in Best Page Design for Magazine.

URS Pililla's Dampol Dyorno has multiple individual qualifiers, including Jhon Christian Rebuena (4th place, Traditional Comics Strip-Filipino); Rossan Castelo (5th place, Traditional Editorial Cartooning-English; 3rd place, Traditional Comics Strip-English); Angela Arancis (3rd place, News Writing-English); Ryzza Abygaile Valencia (1st place, Digital Editorial Cartooning-Filipino; 8th place, Digital Literary Graphics Illustration-Filipino); Danielle Joy Espiritu (4th place, Feature Writing-English). Other winners were Janelle Benitez (10th, Development Communication-Filipino); Marc Gienel Jalimbawa (6th, Photojournalism-Filipino); Ma. Micael Cerbito (9th, News Writing-Filipino);

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## BOR Recognizes Seven U-Wide Research Centers

**Seven research centers of the University of Rizal System (URS) have been recognized officially by the Board of Regents, which aim to focus on advancing research in areas such as statistics, biodiversity, agriculture, and innovation.**

The research centers are the University Statistical Center (USC), Environmental Education and Biodiversity Research Center (EEBRC), Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource (SANRe), Regional Design and Creativity Hub for Innovation in MSMEs and Education (RDCHIME), Food Analytic and Research Service Laboratory (FARSL), Thinking Ahead through Networks in Academic Work

on Social Science and Education Research Center (TANAW SSERC), and Fish Processing Building within the Freshwater Resources and Agri-products Processing Center (FRAPC).

Under Implementation Order (IO) No 53, USC provides data processing services and statistical training. EEBRC with IO No. 48 fosters environmental protection programs while SANRe (IO No. 49) pursues sustainable agriculture practices.

RDCHIME under IO No 52 fosters MSME workshops and collaborations, while FARSL (IO No 51) provides food safety and water analysis. Additionally, TANAW

SSERC (IO No 47) uses 3D printing for urban design, and FRAPC (IO No. 50) improves agri-product processing.

According to Dr. Marites Rio, Vice President for Research Development, Extension, and Production, these research centers help in achieving financial sustainability and solving regional problems like food security, urban planning, and development.

The recognition of URS-Research Centers was carried out in the 85th BOR regular meeting of BOR last December 16, 2025, at ODRA Conference Room 2, 4th floor HEDC Bldg, CP Garcia, Diliman, Quezon City.

# Outreach 5 Starts Strong in Early 2026

**Community Extension – Outreach 5, with the theme “Kaalaman at Kasanayan: Tugon sa Hamon ng Pagsulong at Pag-unlad sa Makabagong Panahon,”** launched its series of sessions for 2026 with a good turnout through Google Meet.

For the first session on February 5, titled “Advance Editing: Creative and Captivating Infographics,” there were 277 participants. The second session, which was held on February 19 and titled “Rabies Awareness: Enhancing Knowledge and Initiative for Prevention,” recorded 365 participants.

The series is part of the larger Community Extension – Outreach 5 program, which is subtitled “Opportunities Within Reach for the Community Champions.” The program is the result of the achievements recorded in 2025, which included 5,662 beneficiaries, 19 evaluated completed projects, 22 partnerships, 33 ongoing projects, and 268 faculty extensionists since 2024.

For the immediate community, the Outreach 5 series means that there will be more sessions, infusing innovation and insights that can be applied in real



life. To get the latest updates and join the sessions, visit the official URS Extension Program’s social media page.

## URSAC’s Tourism ... *from page 3*

the URSAC group, removing barriers to this elite program.

“I am deeply thankful to our sponsor and incredibly proud of our students,” said Prof. San Diego. “This milestone highlights our dedication to hands-on excellence in aviation and hospitality.”

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Other campuses, including Pililla (1,990 students), Rodriguez (1,870 students), Cainta (633 students), Cardona (441 students), and Taytay (1,009 students), also contributed significantly to the system-wide total.

Graduate education remains a strong pillar of the university, with 1,986 graduate students enrolled across various campuses, pursuing advanced degrees in Education, Business Administration, Public Administration, Agriculture, and related fields. This reflects URS’s continuing role in professional development and leadership formation in the province.

The enrollment report was

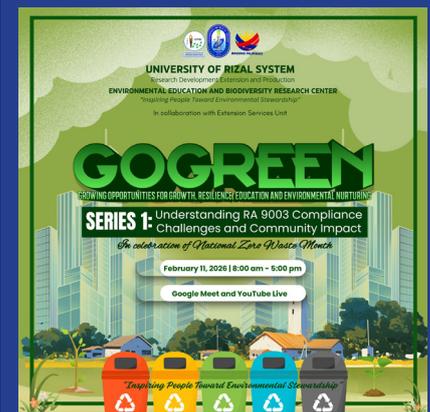
Delegations from top Philippine universities participated, yet URSAC’s skills took center stage. Participants expressed gratitude not only to Pacheco but also to PTC Aviation Training Center, the Philippines’ premier aviation school for flight attendant and related roles.

prepared by Mrs. Marlene Julian, University Registrar, underscoring URS commitment to transparent academic reporting and data-driven planning. University officials noted that the enrollment figures will guide institutional decisions on faculty deployment, facilities management, and educational program enhancement for the remainder of the academic year.

With nearly 25,000 students enrolled, the University of Rizal System continues to affirm its position as a leading public higher education institution in CALABARZON, serving diverse learners through accessible, relevant, and community-responsive academic programs.

# EEBRC Launches GOGREEN Series 1

In commemoration of National Zero Waste Month, the URS Environmental Education & Biodiversity Research Center launched the first series of GOGREEN – Growing Opportunities for Growth, Resilience, Education, and Environmental Nurturing on February 11, 2026. The activity aims to grasp a better understanding of RA 9003, the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, and its challenges in compliance and implementation.



Serving as the resource speaker, Engr. Carlos Inofre Jr. tackled the Disaster Risk Reduction and Crisis Management, Environmental Management and Protection, Search and Rescue Operations, Outdoor Safety and Risk Management, and Community Resilience and Disaster Preparedness.

A total of 804 participants joined the webinar, including 576 from URS (faculty, staff, and students), 228 community members, and representatives from other institutions, the private sector, and the public service.

The successful GOGREEN Webinar (Series 1) emphasized that RA 9003 is more than just a law; it is a collective responsibility. It urges every Filipino to observe proper segregation, recycling, composting, and disposal of waste. Taking care of the environment is not only the responsibility of the government but also of all educators, students, professionals, and members of the community.

# FOURS Elects New Officers, Celebrates Service, Honors Leadership



The new set of FOURS officers was officially declared winners immediately after the casting of votes concluded.

The Faculty Organization of URS (FOURS) of the University of Rizal System is a significant development in the faculty governance of the university, having elected a new set of officers

## FOURS Elects New Officers

Following the Faculty Organization of URS (FOURS) Election held on January 29, 2026, it exhibited a strong participation from faculty members across the university. The succeeding officers emerged as winners:

- President: Armando Vale – 240 votes
- Vice President: Billy Ines – 246 votes
- Secretary: Malvin Mendones – 265 votes
- Treasurer: Yvette Garrovillas – 240 votes
- Auditor: Susan Cadiente – 412 votes
- Business Manager: Eusebio Oliva Jr. – 228 votes
- PRO: Jose Calmada Jr. – 249 votes

The university extended its congratulations to the newly elected leaders and expressed gratitude to all candidates for their willingness to serve, as well as to every faculty member who participated. The high turnout and close tallies signaled strong engagement and support for shared leadership within the faculty community.

## Celebration of Service and Tribute to Leadership

Ahead of the elections, on January 27, 2026, the University of Rizal System Morong (URSM) Campus droned with pride and camaraderie as FOURS held a send-off program for its incumbent leaders. The event, themed “FOURS: Celebration of Service, Tribute to Leadership,” took place at the Eulogio “Amang” Rodriguez Tanghalang Sining (EARTS).

The program opened with a welcome message from Dr. Niclie Tiratira, Campus Director of URSM, who underscored the vital role of FOURS in promoting excellence and service within the university. This was followed by messages of gratitude from key Vice Presidents: Dr. Allan Conde, VP for Academic Affairs; Dr. Marvin Amino, VP for Admin and Finance; and Dr. Marites Rio, VP for Research, Development, Extension, and Production. They each highlighted FOURS’ unwavering commitment and recounted collaborative initiatives that helped elevate the standards of URS.

A major highlight of the program was the Individual Recognition and Awards segment, where outstanding faculty-leaders were honored for exemplary service and initiatives that strengthened faculty engagement and institutional development.

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# URS Secures 60.4% Overall Passing Rate in PRC Exams

The University of Rizal System (URS) shows a stronger-than-average performance in different 2025 licensure examinations administered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), posting an overall institutional passing rate of 60.47 percent, surpassing the national average of 58.80 percent.

Based on consolidated examination data from the University Planning office, URS recorded 1,748 total examinees, with 1,057 passers, reflecting the university’s sustained commitment to academic excellence and professional preparation.

## Strong Performance in Teacher Education and Nursing

In the March 23, 2025, Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (LEPT), URS outperformed the national rate in the Elementary level, achieving 61.15 percent compared to the national 49.13 percent. Meanwhile, in the Secondary level, URS also exceeded the national average, posting 64.35 percent against 62.27 percent nationwide.

The Nursing program emerged as one of the university’s strongest performers. In the May 2025 Nursing Licensure Examination, URS achieved an impressive 90.22 percent passing rate, significantly higher than the national average of 85.11 percent.

Similarly, the Social Work program posted an outstanding 95.38 percent passing rate, well above the national performance of 76.02 percent, while the Psychometrician Licensure Examination yielded 76.84 percent, remaining competitive with the national rate of 86.98 percent.

## Accountancy and Allied Programs

In the May 2025 Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Licensure Examination, URS produced 11 new CPAs out of 43 examinees, registering a 25.58 percent passing rate. While below the national average of 33.58 percent, the result reflects the rigorous nature of the CPA examination, widely regarded as one of the most challenging professional board exams in the country.

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8th, Editorial Writing-Filipino); Tom Christian Gondra (9th, Copyreading and Headline Writing-English; 6th, Sports Writing-English); Jaime Simon Quintos (Mr. RHEPC: Best Production Number). Group wins: 3rd Best Cover Design (Dulang); 9th Best Cover Design-Magazine (Afterglow Eclat); 10th Best News Page (Afterglow Eclat).

On important note, URS Morong's The Legacy Publication marked both group and individual standouts: John Raymart Nieva (1st, News Writing-English); Leonard Renzo Estrabo (highest individual pointer-Filipino; 2nd, Pagsulat ng Lathalain; 6th, Pagsulat ng Opinyon/Kolum; 3rd, Digital Comics Strip); Maria Kristel Santos (2nd, Digital Comic Strip; 8th, Digital Editorial Cartooning; 4th, Digital Literary Graphics); others like Katherine Faith Legatub, Jian Saira Añonuevo, Harley Pacoli, and Precious Avril Gonzales in top placements. Observers: Nazarene Kevin Jay Tiratira (4th, News-English); Marielle Faith Granale and Cassandra Kate San Diego (top Photojournalism-English). Group: 10th Best Literary Content; 3rd Best Page Design; 2nd Best Feature-Literary Page; 5th Best Newsletter; others top 10. Special: Ibhraime Ammed Paz (Mr. RHEPC 2026); 5th Opening Billboard team.

URS Rodriguez's Pamitinan bagged individual and group awards: Jhoanna Marie Badong (1st, Sports Writing-English; 10th, Column Writing-English); Emelyn Villamin

(9th, Feature Writing-English); King James Vilaroya (8th, Literary Illustration-Filipino). Group: 8th Best Editorial Page; 9th Best News Page and Sports Page (Magazine/Newsletter).

Significantly, URS Tanay's The Hilltop Chronicle attained various awards in different Individual categories. Nimfa Mae Monge (3rd, Poetry-English, LHEPC qualifier; 8th, Column Writing-English); Eduardo Detablan III (6th, Sports Writing-Filipino; 9th, Column Writing-Filipino); Chloe Rich Moleta (7th, Traditional Comic Strip-Filipino; 7th, Literary Graphic Illustration-Filipino); Carl Edward Lague (8th, Digital Comic Strip-English; 7th, Digital Editorial Cartooning-English); Jarence Pedida (9th, Sports Writing-English); Mikko Dee (4th, Photojournalism-Filipino, LHEPC qualifier). Special Category: Aerone Zelle Torcuator (Ms. RHEPC Finalist, Top 6).

As one University, these passionate journalists ignited the stage, earning URS widespread pride and positioning the system for Luzonwide glory. Their achievements reflect dedication, creativity, and skill in journalism.



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### Engineering and Technical Programs: Areas for Growth

Performance in several engineering fields showed varied results. The Mechanical Engineering Licensure Examination recorded a 40.91 percent passing rate, slightly below the national rate of 45.86 percent. Electronics Engineering posted 27.91 percent, compared to the national 43.12 percent, while Civil Engineering recorded 27.34 percent against 29.75 percent nationwide.

However, the Electronics Technician Licensure Examination stood out with 66.67 percent, approaching the national rate of 74.80 percent. The Electrical Engineering program achieved 50 percent, close to the national 54.17 percent.

In skilled trades, the Master Electrician Licensure Examination achieved a 100 percent passing rate, exceeding the national 69.12 percent, while the Master Plumber Licensure Examination posted 59.52 percent, higher than the national average of 52.40 percent.

### Agriculture and Fisheries' Competitive Results

The programs related to Agriculture demonstrated strong performance. The Agriculturist Licensure Examination recorded 73.24 percent, surpassing the national 68.55 percent, while the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Licensure Examination achieved 73.33 percent, significantly higher than the national 59.14 percent.

Meanwhile, the Fisheries Technology Licensure Examination posted a 45.00 percent passing rate for URS, compared to the national average of 69.61 percent.

### Commitment to Academic Quality

With more than 324,640 examinees nationwide and 190,890 passers, URS overall performance underscores its role as a competitive higher education institution in professional licensure outcomes.

In the end, as URS continues to invest in instructional innovation and quality assurance initiatives, the 2025 licensure examination results reaffirm its mission of producing competent, board-ready graduates who contribute meaningfully to national development across education, health sciences, engineering, business, agriculture, and fisheries sectors.

## FOURS Elects New...

### URS President Lauds FOURS as "Backbone"

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In her keynote address, Dr. Nancy Pascual, President of the University of Rizal System, described FOURS as the "backbone of our institution." She called on faculty members to sustain their commitment to transformative education, particularly in the face of the evolving challenges in higher learning, and emphasized the importance of unity, leadership, and innovation.

FOURS President John Vincent Guillermo delivered an appreciation speech, expressing thanks to the

university leadership and reaffirming the organization's dedication to future programs and partnerships. FOURS Vice President Reymily Rose R. Sta. Ana closed the program by calling for continued unity, active participation, and service among faculty members.

The event was attended by faculty, administrators, and university leaders. It concluded with a group photo capturing the joyful gathering, followed by fellowship snacks that provided time for informal networking and celebration.

# TESDA Rizal, URS Seal MOU for Skills Enrichment

Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Rizal and the University of Rizal System (URS) have entered into a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which was signed on March 17, 2026, at URS President's Board Room to improve and develop quality higher education and technical-vocational education and training in Rizal Province. TESDA Rizal Provincial Office's Acting Provincial Director Imee Sigua and URS's President Dr. Nancy Pascual signed the MOU, along with Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Allan Conde and TESDA center administrators.



Through this MOU, TESDA and URS are committed to producing globally competitive graduates and promoting academic excellence and quality education in the province. The MOU includes areas of cooperation such as Student and Faculty Immersion, TESDA National Certification for URS participants, curriculum enhancement and development, ladderizing of TESDA credentials and URS qualifications, and research on workforce trends and training, among others, which are to be implemented through separate implementing agreements without

financial obligations.

In the MOU, Dr. Pascual underscored the significance of the partnership in building up the employability of students and socio-economic development in Rizal, while Sigua added that it bridges skills gaps in line with TESDA's expertise and academic excellence of URS.

The non-exclusive MOU covers data privacy protection, friendly dispute resolution in Rizal via mediation or arbitration, and a five-year option for renewal.

## University Rolls Out HMO for 693 Faculty, Staff

The University of Rizal System (URS) had procured comprehensive Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) coverage for 693 faculty and staff members. The initiative listed down as 378 members newly enrolled for chosen HMO, 293 members subscribed on a cash basis, and 22 transitioning from existing HMO plans.

The move addresses rising healthcare needs for URS faculty and

non-teaching personnel across campuses, emphasizing the program's role in enhancing well-being, preventive care, and financial security, with benefits including hospitalization, consultations, and emergency services.

The HMO budget allocation and utilization came from President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s healthcare benefits program for government employees.

## URS Tanay's Dr. Ulat Wins Best Oral Presentation at SIRC

Singapore via Zoom— The University of Rizal System (URS) Tanay Campus researchers, under the supervision of Dr. Floricel Ulat, made a notable achievement in the 8th Seirei International Research Conference (SIRC2026), held on March 2-3, 2026, through Zoom virtually from Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) and Seirei Christopher University (SCU), as Dr. Ulat won the award for Best Oral Presentation under her research study "Fractal Dimension Analysis of Academic Performance and Pre-Board Examination Results: A Case Study of Teacher Education Students in a State University in the Philippines," showcasing URS's notable contributions to various fields such as education and social research.

URS Tanay delegation offered a variety of research works authored by Prof. Ma. Clarita N. Inofre, with her research "MATH TOGETHER: A Developed Supplementary Learning Materials in Geometry for Grade 8 Learners" and Prof. Erwin Peralta on "Development of Math Model."

Meanwhile, Prof. Cedrich Amoin, Prof. Pearl Llona, Prof. Teodoro Catuira, and Prof. Reuben Cainong served as advisers of the student-presenters. Importantly, students from the BEE4 fourth year student group, seven 4th year BSE4 Math, and three 4th year BS Psychology proudly presented and shared their research works.

Essentially, URS Tanay presented standout papers like "Silent Strength: Societal Expectations on Selected Firstborn COSE Students as Emotional Pillars" by Leslie Christine Miranda et al.; "Virtual Study Buddies: A Psychological Exploration on College Students' Interaction with Artificial Intelligence" by Jerome Anda et al., and O30 "Navigating Calculator Complexity in Solving Higher Order Thinking Skills Problems in Trigonometry" by Laila Alao et al., with Dr. Ulat co-authoring multiple entries, including mathematical modeling and culturally tailored math tools like "Yak-Aymatic."

Dr. Ulat's win highlights Filipino innovations in global contexts, together with the contributions from faculty and students.

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