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Bright smiles and overflowing gratitude were visibly returned by the grateful students and parents, as they were blessed to be visited by the CHED Chair Popoy De Vera.

## CHED's 'Padyak' sets wheels in CALABARZON, visits three Red Spartan TES Grantees

The Commission on Higher Education's (CHED) 'Padyak' has finally set foot in CALABARZON bringing along the theme "Padyak! Moving Forward, Claiming Victory for Philippine Higher Education (Pamantasan: Pandayan Tungo sa Kaunlaran)" and visited three (3) Batangas State University students who are also Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) grantees last June 26.

Since January this year, CHED has been cycling in several regions within the country to personally visit select TES grantees from different Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The Tertiary Education Subsidy is a program under RA 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, which aims to provide and extend assistance to qualified college students. Financial support from the government is received by these students per semester, to cover the cost of their transportation, books, lodging, projects, and other expenses during the course of study in college.

In a short program prior to the ride, Dr. Ronquillo welcomed all the riders to the grounds of the University and expressed his warmest gratitude for taking part in the cause of the event. CHED Chairperson Dr. J. Prospero "Popoy" De Vera II, in his message, shared the very reason why he personally visits the TES grantees - "to listen to their stories."

Chair De Vera III led the group of cyclists en route to the residence of BatStateU TES grantees measuring 15 kilometers of travel distance from the BatStateU Pablo Borbon campus, all the way to Brgys. Talumpok West and Dumuclay in Batangas City. He was joined by BatStateU President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, and

UniFAST OIC Executive Director Atty. Ryan Estevez, select BatStateU Officials, alumni, faculty members, employees, students, and other cycling enthusiasts.

Incoming 4th year students John Rey Suarez (BS Petroleum Engineering), Catherine Eje, (BS Electrical Engineering), and Jericson Perez, (BIT Major in Instrumentation and Control Technology), all from the BatStateU Alangilan campus, are among the fortunate TES grantees personally visited by the CHED Chair in their homes. They willingly shared how they responsibly utilized the financial assistance in their studies and in helping their families with the expenses at home.

In a message to encourage young people to continue their studies despite the hardships and challenges, John Rey shared, *"Sa mga estudyante na bagong tapos lamang ng Senior High School, ngayon ang tamang pagkakataon para magpatuloy ng inyong pag aaral, at piliin ninyo ang Batangas State University, laib't higit ang mga kurso sa Engineering."*

Dr. Ronquillo also reminisced and related his humble beginnings to these students, imparting inspiration and motivation to do great and excel in school. He also underscored that no matter how hard life is, as long as there is determination, willpower, and a dream, everything is possible.

Before the 'Padyak' kicks off, the BatStateU Health Services staff, headed by Dr. Leila Manalo, followed a strict protocol and checked the riders' vital signs to ensure that they are fit for the ride. The Philippine Red Cross Batangas team was also on standby throughout the 'Padyak'. Moreover, coordination with the Batangas City Police was also performed by ACTION Center Head Dr. Nickie Boy Manalo to guarantee the overall traffic situation and the safety of the riders.



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A premier national university that develops leaders in the global knowledge economy

## **University Mission**

A university committed to producing leaders by providing 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment through innovations in education, multidisciplinary research, and community and industry partnerships in order to nurture the spirit of nationhood, propel the national economy and engage the world for sustainable development

## **University Enablers**

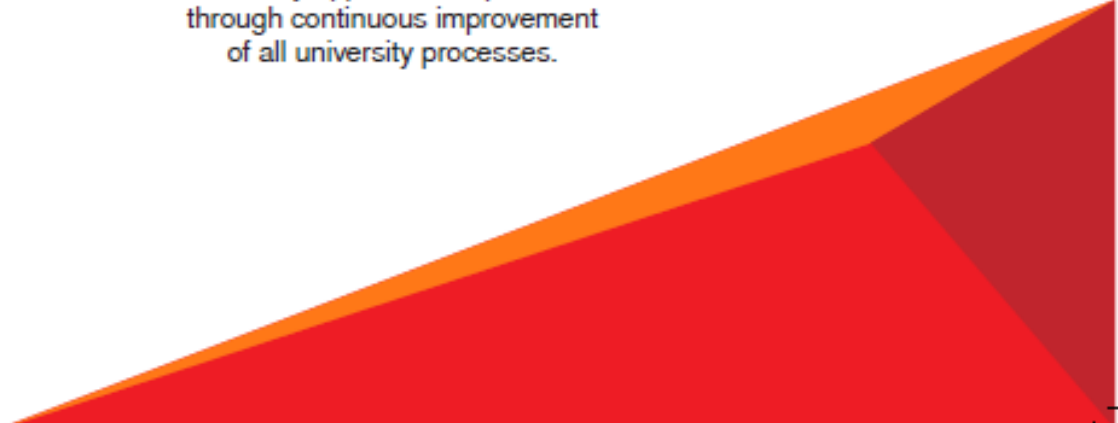
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## **University Core Values**

Patriotism  
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Resilience  
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Batangas State University is committed to provide quality service to all customers and satisfy applicable requirements through continuous improvement of all university processes.



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