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THE UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES AN INDEPENDENT STUDENTS' UNION

New BatStateU mandate supports student council autonomy

Batangas State University (BatStateU) is supporting student autonomy, as strengthened by the Republic Act No. 11694 provisions. This new declaration upholds the independence of the University Student Council (USC), solidifying its role as the primary representative body of the student body.

Even before the passage of RA 11694, USC has a dedicated office in the University. USC on the other hand has demonstrated its commitment to student welfare by regularly reviewing the constitution and by-laws and approving the student body, outlining the council's structure, powers, and responsibilities.

To ensure objectivity and impartiality, USC has selected faculty members to serve as advisors. These academic mentors provide guidance and support, upholding the council's adherence to university policies and academic standards.

Under the new law, USC empowers to advocate for student interests, initiate projects, and organize events that contribute to the overall development of the student body.



RA 11694



USC Official Account

Source: University Student Council

Source: BatStateU Faculty Confederation

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The University Student Council (USC) Vice President for Student Development recently spearheaded the highly anticipated Breakthrough 2023, a three-day webinar designed to empower and inspire students. The event, held from August 29 to 31, 2023, featured a lineup of esteemed speakers who discussed topics ranging from gender equality to technological ethics.

The inaugural day of the event kicked off with a thought-provoking session by Mr. James Ryan Alzona, a renowned innovator and thought leader. Alzona encouraged attendees to challenge conventional wisdom and embrace unconventional thinking to unlock their full potential. By sharing personal anecdotes and professional experiences, he inspired students to break free from traditional norms and pursue groundbreaking ideas.

The same day, Mr. Aivan Alvarez, the executive director of Wagayway Equality Inc., took the stage to discuss the importance of gender equality. His talk, titled "HUNiverse: All Colors Mixed Together through Light is White," highlighted the need for creating inclusive environments where individuals of all genders can thrive. Alvarez emphasized the significance of breaking down gender barriers and promoting equality in all aspects of life.

As technology continues to advance, the ethical implications of artificial intelligence have become increasingly relevant. The webinar addressed this pressing issue, emphasizing the importance of responsible AI usage and the potential risks associated with its misuse.

Breakthrough 2023 served as a platform for personal and academic growth, equipping students with the knowledge and tools necessary to succeed in the 21st century. Through this, USC promoted critical thinking, innovation, and inclusivity, and has demonstrated its commitment to empowering the next generation of leaders.

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BREAKTHROUGH 2023 CONCLUDES WITH FOCUS ON TECHNOLOGY ETHICS, FAITH, AND MENTAL HEALTH

AUGUST 29 - 31, 2023

A three-day webinar hosted by the University Student Council (USC), focused on critical topics of technology ethics, faith, and mental health.

Asst. Prof. Noelyn De Jesus, a technology expert, led a thought-provoking discussion on the ethical implications of AI. Attendees were challenged to consider the responsible use of technology and its potential impact on society. To enhance engagement, participants were assigned short online tasks to reinforce the key points of the session.

Following the discussion on technology, Pastor Brian Dale Montano explored the theme of faith and spirituality. Montano emphasized the importance of believing in something greater than oneself, highlighting the role of faith in finding purpose and inner strength. The session provided attendees with a renewed sense of hope and optimism.

The event concluded with a session on mental health led by Mr. Ajay "Kyo" Bautista. Bautista addressed the challenges faced by young adults in today's fast-paced world, offering practical strategies for managing stress, anxiety, and other mental health issues. He also provided information on mental health hotlines where individuals can seek free consultations.

Breakthrough 2023 successfully addressed a wide range of topics relevant to the holistic development of students.



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UNICIRCLE: THE SECOND TIME AROUND

JANUARY - MARCH 2023

The "UNICIRCLE: The Second Time Around" project was a commendable initiative undertaken by the University Student Organizations Council (USOC) with the goal of fostering stronger bonds and enhancing interactions among university-wide student organization (UWOs) within a single cohesive platform. This virtual project aimed to create an environment where UWOs could connect, collaborate, and develop healthy relationships throughout the academic year.

The cornerstone of the project's execution was the creation of a private Facebook group. This online space served as the hub for interaction and engagement between members of different university-wide organizations. To ensure inclusivity and equity, a rotational system was established where every other month, one or a pair of university-wide organizations hosted a virtual assembly.

First Session (January 30, 2023)

PAPAGAYO – The Red Spartan Pride Council and Association of DOST SEI Scholars (ADSS)

The inaugural event was hosted by PAPAGAYO and ADSS, drawing a promising start to the project. Members from various university-wide organizations actively participated in the assembly. Representatives from PAPAGAYO and ADSS had the opportunity to provide insights into their organizations' missions, activities, and upcoming projects. This session facilitated a deeper understanding of the diversity and richness of student organizations within the university community.

Second Session (February 20, 2023)

FOCUS BatStateU Camera Club

The baton was passed to FOCUS in February. They organized an engaging virtual assembly that highlighted their organization's core values and initiatives. The event showcased their dedication to personal and academic development, which resonated well with the attendees. The interaction that followed allowed participants to exchange ideas, share experiences, and establish connections that extended beyond the virtual platform.

Third Session (March 27, 2023)

Sulambi Volunteers Organization Student Auxiliary

In March, SULAMBI VOSA took the reins, hosting a session that showcased their commitment to community service and cultural enrichment. The assembly not only presented their ongoing projects but also celebrated the rich cultural diversity within the university. The event sparked meaningful discussions about the role of student organizations in promoting cultural understanding and collaboration.

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The "UNICIRCLE: The Second Time Around" project yielded significant results in terms of promoting unity, collaboration, and awareness among university-wide student organizations. The project provided a platform for members to connect, leading to the establishment of friendships, partnerships, and collaborations that extended beyond the virtual realm. The initiative also proved to be an effective channel for disseminating crucial announcements and updates to a wider audience.

In conclusion, the "UNICIRCLE: The Second Time Around" project achieved its intended objectives of strengthening relationships among university-wide student organizations and fostering a sense of community within the university. Through virtual assemblies hosted by different UWOs, participants gained insights into the diversity of organizations and their contributions to the university's vibrant atmosphere. As the project moved forward, it continued to build a sense of unity and camaraderie among the student body, reinforcing the belief that a collaborative community enhances the overall university experience.

Problems Encountered

- 1. Technological Hurdles.** The project relied heavily on digital platforms, such as the private Facebook group and virtual assemblies. Technical issues, including connectivity problems, audio/video glitches, and unfamiliarity with virtual meeting tools, posed challenges in ensuring smooth communication and engagement during the assemblies.
- 2. Engagement and Participation.** Sustaining active engagement and participation from members of various university-wide organizations throughout the academic year proved to be a challenge. Balancing academic commitments, personal schedules, and extracurricular involvement hindered some members from actively participating in the virtual assemblies.
- 3. Hosting Responsibilities.** The rotational system for hosting assemblies required meticulous coordination among UWOs. Ensuring that each hosting organization adequately prepared, delivered informative sessions, and facilitated meaningful interactions was a challenge, especially considering varying levels of expertise in event planning and hosting.

Recommendations

- 1. Engagement Strategies.** Develop a variety of engagement strategies to maintain interest and participation throughout the academic year. This could include incorporating interactive polls, breakout discussions, and guest speakers to make assemblies more dynamic and appealing to a diverse audience.
- 2. Long-Term Sustainability Plan.** Develop a sustainability plan that outlines how the project will continue beyond the initial academic year. Consider forming a dedicated committee or task force responsible for overseeing the project's long-term implementation, managing the private Facebook group, and organizing future assemblies.
- 3. Evaluation and Assessment.** Periodically assess the project's impact, effectiveness, and areas for improvement. Use data from attendance, engagement, and feedback to inform strategic decisions and continually refine the project's execution.



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3RD SPARTANS AWARD

JULY 14, 2023

The spirit of recognition and celebration converged on July 14, 2023, as Batangas State University–The NEU held its esteemed annual event, the "3rd Spartan Awards: Victorious Leaders toward Sustainable Development." Organized under the auspices of the University Student Council, this event marked a significant milestone in the university's tradition, extending accolades and honor to exceptional student organizations and leaders who have demonstrated exemplary dedication to their community.

The "3rd Spartan Awards" represented a grand gathering where student leaders, organizations, and key figures of the Batangas State University–The NEU community came together to celebrate accomplishments, inspire future endeavors, and embody the essence of sustainable development. The event, a continuation of the university's commitment to fostering excellence and leadership, aimed to recognize and motivate student organizations and leaders within and beyond the university. At its core, the Spartan Awards sought to provide due recognition and encouragement to student organizations and leaders for their outstanding contributions.

By acknowledging their remarkable efforts, the event aimed to inspire and catalyze even greater impact, extending beyond the university and resonating within the wider community. By honoring the best, the event sowed the seeds for a culture of sustainable development and transformative leadership. The grand occasion unfolded within the majestic confines of the Gov. Feliciano "Sanoy" Leviste Memorial Gymnasium at BatStateU The NEU Pablo Borbon Campus. The venue provided the perfect backdrop for the evening of celebration, festivity, and reflection on the journeys and achievements of exceptional student leaders and organizations.

The "3rd Spartan Awards" illuminated the spirit of sustainable development, transforming the event into a beacon of inspiration. By recognizing exceptional leaders and organizations, the ceremony catalyzed a renewed commitment to creating positive change and leaving a legacy that extends beyond the university's borders. As the event concluded, it ushered in a new era of purpose-driven leadership, guided by the shared vision of a brighter, more sustainable future.

In conclusion, the "3rd Spartan Awards: Victorious Leaders toward Sustainable Development" served as a testament to the power of recognition and encouragement. This annual tradition reaffirmed the university's dedication to nurturing transformative leaders and fostering a culture of excellence, innovation, and service. As each awardee stepped onto the stage, they not only received a trophy but also the honor of inspiring countless others to journey toward a future defined by leadership, impact, and sustainable development.



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The awards ceremony featured a diverse array of honors, each meticulously crafted to celebrate distinct facets of leadership, service, and commitment. Some of the notable awards included:

1. **Noble Spartan Award** – This prestigious award recognized Dr. Atty. LUZVIMINDA C. ROSALES, Vice President for Administration and Finance, for embodying the core principles of the university and demonstrating effective service to the community.
2. **Service Award** – Acknowledged council officers who served their respective campuses with dedication and commitment.
3. **Seals of Leadership Excellence** – These seals recognized Supreme Student Councils for excelling in specific categories such as student rights and welfare, financial management, student development, public relations, branding, marketing, patriotism, culture, arts, and community relations.
4. **Seals of Good Governance** – Awarded to Supreme Student Councils based on the number of Seals of Leadership Excellence they received, highlighting their commitment to effective governance.
5. **Outstanding University-Wide Organization** – Honored a University-Wide Organization that displayed excellence through impactful projects throughout the academic year.
6. **Outstanding Leadership in Upholding Students' Core** – Recognized the President of the University Student Council for their exceptional leadership.
7. **Ten Outstanding SHS Student Council/Government** – Celebrated the exemplary performance of SHS Student Councils/Governments within and outside BatStateU – The NEU, limited to the province of Batangas.
8. **Ten Outstanding SHS Student Leaders** – Commended SHS student leaders for their academic excellence, community engagement, and leadership prowess.



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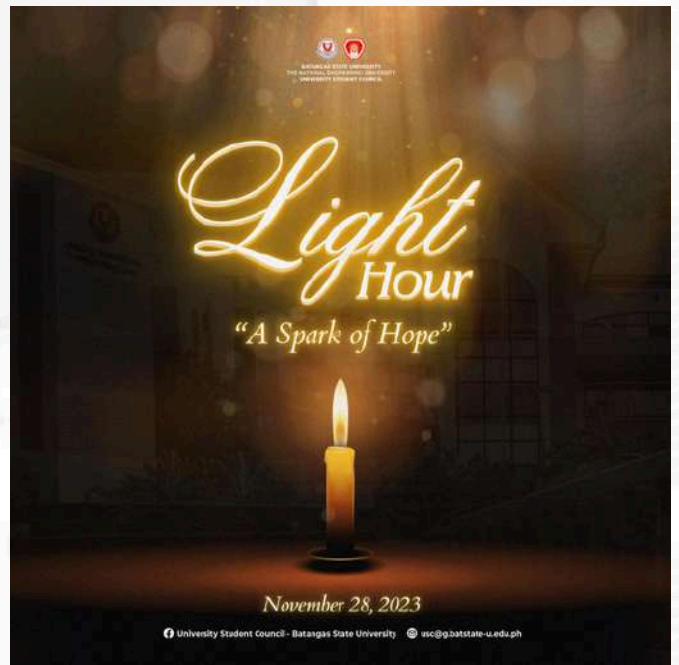
On the evening of November 28, 2023, the Red Spartan community gathered across various campuses of Batangas State University to celebrate 'Light Hour 2023: Spark of Hope.' The event commenced promptly at 5:00 PM, at designated venues: the Tower of Wisdom at Pablo Borbon, the CEFAA Building in Alangilan, the iconic Half Moon in Nasugbu, and the expansive Campus Grounds in Lipa. The Malvar community also joined in solidarity, though the specific venue was left to be decided.

PABLO BORBON CAMPUS

The 'Light Hour 2023: Spark of Hope' event commenced with a solemn opening prayer led by a university-wide organization representative, setting a reflective tone for the evening. This was followed by an inspiring opening reflection from Hon. Noel Christian D. Salas, the President of the University Student Council (USC), who emphasized the importance of unity and collective effort in igniting hope amidst challenging times. The program continued with 'Words of Enlightenment' by Dr. Lucille D. Evangelista, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Her speech highlighted the resilience of the academic community and the significance of perseverance and optimism.

Assoc. Prof. Eleonor E. Sepillo, the Director of Student Affairs and Services provided insights on the importance of mental well-being and support systems within the university. This was complemented by the contributions of a non-academic staff representative and a student representative, who both shared personal narratives of hope and the positive impact of the university's initiatives. The event's atmosphere was further uplifted by a praise and worship session led by students, which transitioned into a moment of silence, allowing attendees to internalize the messages conveyed throughout the program. The closing reflection by Mr. Nico D. Azaula, the VP for Finance & Resource Management of USC, encapsulated the event's theme by encouraging continued efforts towards a hopeful future.

The event concluded with a closing prayer, once again led by a university-wide organization representative, leaving participants with a renewed sense of purpose and a collective aspiration to be beacons of hope in their communities. The 'Light Hour 2023: Spark of Hope' was not only a testament to the university's commitment to fostering a supportive environment but also a reminder of the power of community in overcoming adversity.



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ALANGILAN CAMPUS

The 'Light Hour 2023: Spark of Hope' event, held at Alangilan, was a profound gathering that commenced with an opening prayer by Emmanuel M. Garcia, representing the university-wide organizations. This was followed by an inspiring opening reflection and words of enlightenment shared by Mr. Jefferson I. Cañada, the SSC - Alangilan Adviser. The attendees were further enlightened by Dr. Renson Robles, the faculty representative, and Ms. Myra Melo, the non-academic staff representative. The student body was represented by Joushua Beloso, who contributed to the evening's theme of hope. The MFC Campus of Batangas State University Alangilan led a soul-stirring praise and worship session, which transitioned into a moment of silence, allowing participants to reflect inwardly. The event concluded with a closing reflection by Arren Jhunn B. Rivera, President of SSC - Alangilan, and a closing prayer by Darlene Joyce A. Zaide, another university-wide organization representative. The event was a testament to the community's resilience and collective aspiration for a brighter future.



MALVAR CAMPUS

The 'Light Hour 2023: Spark of Hope' event commenced with a solemn opening prayer by a university-wide organization representative, setting a reflective tone for the evening. This was followed by an inspiring opening reflection from Dr. Philip Y. Del Rosario, the Chancellor of the Malvar Campus, who emphasized the importance of hope in challenging times. The attendees were then graced with words of enlightenment from Dr. Amado C. Gequinto, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, who shared insights on the role of education in igniting a spark of hope. Representatives from the faculty, non-academic staff, and students contributed their voices to the narrative, culminating in a moving praise and worship session led by a student. A moment of silence offered a pause for reflection, succeeded by a closing reflection from Mr. Aldren Glen S. Molina, Vice President for Student Rights, USC. The event concluded with a closing prayer, leaving participants with a renewed sense of purpose and optimism.

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NASUGBU CAMPUS

The 'Light Hour 2023: Spark of Hope' event, held in Nasugbu, was a profound gathering that commenced with an opening prayer led by a representative from the university-wide organization, setting a reverent tone for the evening. This was followed by a reflective opening segment, which seamlessly transitioned into the 'Words of Enlightenment' delivered by Dr. Enrico M. Dalangin, the Chancellor, and Dr. Lorissa Joana E. Buenas, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Their inspiring messages illuminated the minds of the attendees, fostering a sense of unity and purpose.

The event continued with Mr. John Paulo Ruedas, representing the faculty, who shared insights that resonated with the academic spirit of the institution. Ms. Maribel E. Marasigan, the non-academic staff representative, then took the stage, offering a unique perspective that highlighted the diverse roles that contribute to the university's success. The student body was eloquently represented by Ms. Khylla Marie Calupig, whose speech was a testament to the vibrant student life and the potential of the youth.

The atmosphere was further elevated by a praise and worship session, led by students, which was both uplifting and invigorating. A poignant moment of silence was observed, facilitated by the AVP, allowing participants to internalize the evening's experiences. The event concluded with a closing reflection by VP Greicia William C. Botones, the Vice President for Student Welfare of the USC, and a closing prayer by the university-wide organization representative, encapsulating the hope and aspirations ignited during the 'Light Hour 2023.'

MALVAR CAMPUS

The 'Light Hour 2023: Spark of Hope' event, held in Lipa, was a resounding success. The program commenced with an opening prayer by a university-wide organization representative, setting a reverent tone for the evening. This was followed by a series of reflective and enlightening talks from esteemed members of the community, including Atty. Alvin R. De Silva and Dr. Nerrie E. Malaluan. Faculty, non-academic staff, and students alike shared their insights, culminating in a moving praise and worship session led by Mico Amplayo. The event concluded with a moment of silence and a closing reflection by Margaux Julia C. Libutan, leaving attendees inspired and hopeful.

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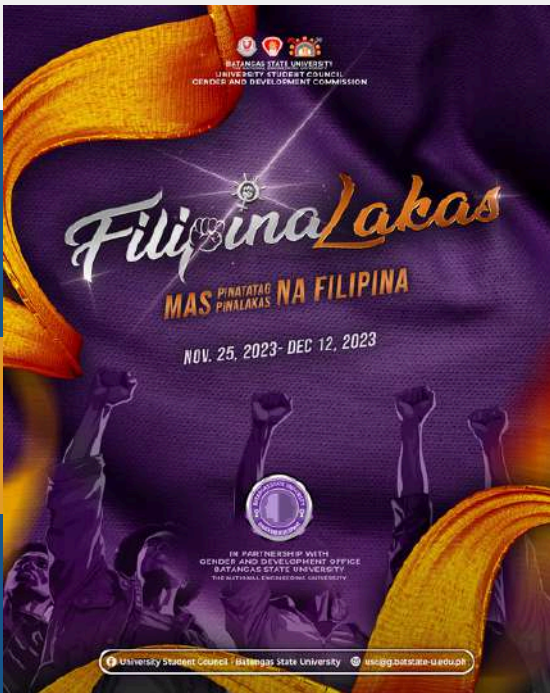
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FILIPINALAKAS: MAS PINALAKAS, MAS PINATATAG NA FILIPINA, NOVEMBER 29, 2023



The Philippine Commission on Women launch an eighteen (18) day campaign on violence against women aiming a violence against women free Philippines because of the rampant reports of domestic abuse. Batangas State University - the National Engineering University with the initiative of Gender and Development Office - Central and Gender and Development Commission of the University Student Council conducted an event prior to the campaign of the Philippine Commission on Women.

November 25, 2023 at Batangas State University - The National Engineering University - Pablo Borbon campus kicked off the advocacy campaign on VAW - Philippines with the theme of "United for a VAW - free Philippines" headed by the Gender and Development Office Central. The launch of the eighteen (18) day campaign on a VAW - Free community includes engaging activities boosting the awareness of the students about the advocacy campaign making the movement huge. The activities were short story writing competition, digital arts, and infographics making competition, all in line with the theme of the event. These activities were to acknowledge the reality of violence against women and children and also to find resolutions on a little action, first steps towards achieving the goal.

The eighteen (18) day campaign on violence against women has one over almost three weeks with students joining different awareness campaign competitions. Students from different constituent campuses have submitted their entries. As mentioned, competitions were short story writing completion which hailed Ms. Eula Denise N. Faltado as the winner, followed by Ms. Danezhanelle. Moreover, an infographics making competition also took place during the eighteen (18) day period of the activity which hailed Mr. Aeron Salem as the winner followed by Mr. Rafael Nilo and Mr. John Carlo Javier. Lastly the digital arts competition which had Ms. Sheena Fiedacan as the winner then Mr. Carlos Yajie Fetizanan and Ms. Anne Kristine C. Cosico.

This awareness campaign could stop the violence and to achieve the VAW free Philippines. The last sharer was, Ms. Maria Theresa Arellano, the assistant director of the Gender and Development office Central. She shared the wide ranged advocacy campaign of Filipinalakas: Mas Pinalakas, Mas Pinatatag na Filipina. The movement also offered vigil prayer that sets to empower the attendees and the survivors, a tribute to every women who experienced abuse and violence.

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ASCENT 2023: PREPARATORY LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND USC ELECTION

JULY 14, 2023

Amid the verdant expanse of BatStateU The NEU - Malvar Campus, from June 30 to July 2, 2023, the university community witnessed a convergence of passion, leadership, and determination at the grand event titled "ASCENT 2023: Preparatory Leadership Camp and USC Election." This three-day extravaganza brought together the Supreme Student Council (SSC) officers of each campus, aspiring student leaders, and visionaries, all united by a shared purpose – to hone their leadership acumen, ignite transformation, and pave the way for the selection of the next set of university-wide student leaders.

"ASCENT 2023" encapsulated the essence of leadership, camaraderie, and democratic participation. The event encompassed a rich tapestry of activities, from insightful leadership talks to challenging team-building exercises, culminating in the momentous election of the new University Student Council (USC) officers and the Student Regent for the academic year 2023-2024. This event signified not only a gathering but also a springboard for aspiring leaders to ascend towards greater heights of service and impact.

SLOPES: Leadership Talks

The event commenced with a series of leadership talks, each a beacon of wisdom, guidance, and inspiration. Esteemed speakers included:

- Dr. DARYL M. MAGPANTAY, Vice Chancellor for Research Development and Extension Services, Pablo Borbon Campus, who delved into the significance of the University Student Council and its pivotal role.
- Ms. VICTORIOUS LOIS LUALHATI, Former SSC-PB Officer, who shared insights on leadership within the community, underscoring the essence of connecting with and serving others.
- Engr. JOEY ESPINO, Former Student Regent, who shed light on leadership's interface with industry, offering a perspective on real-world impact and responsibility.
- Mr. BRYAN CABREROS, Former Student Regent, who delved into the core of self-leadership, emphasizing the journey of personal growth and empowerment.

CREST: The Chosen Few

This segment comprised an array of team-building activities that served as crucibles for leadership development. These exercises, encompassing physical challenges and mental puzzles, aimed to fortify participants' leadership capabilities while fostering camaraderie among attendees. Mini-games and activities further enriched the experience, providing participants with opportunities to forge connections and learn from one another.

SUMMIT: Miting De Avance and Election Proper

The pinnacle of the event arrived with the "SUMMIT" segment. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as the participants engaged in Miting De Avance, where aspiring student leaders presented their platforms and visions to the student body. Subsequently, the Election Proper unfolded, wherein democratic processes took center stage, and the collective voice of the students was amplified as they elected the next set of University Student Council officers and the Student Regent for the upcoming academic year.

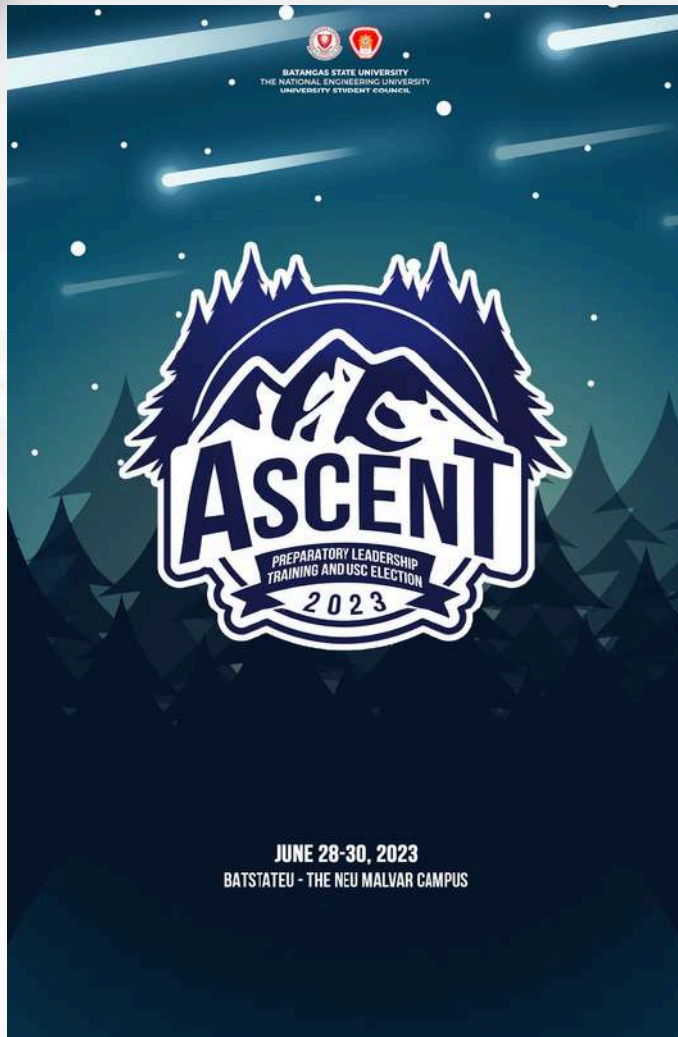


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"ASCENT 2023" illuminated a path towards responsible, empathetic, and impactful leadership. By nurturing leadership qualities, promoting collaboration, and facilitating democratic participation, the event left an indelible mark on the participants' hearts and minds. As each leader took their first steps towards realizing their potential, they left the event not only enriched with knowledge and skills but also armed with the determination to ascend towards sustainable development and positive change.

In conclusion, "ASCENT 2023: Preparatory Leadership Camp and USC Election" represented a beacon of leadership excellence, camaraderie, and democratic engagement. It provided an immersive experience where passion met purpose, creating a reservoir of leaders ready to usher in a brighter future for Batangas State University - The NEU and beyond.





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WE ARE ONE, WE AS ONE 3.0

DECEMBER 2023

In the spirit of unity, compassion, and service, the Student Assistance Commission of the University Student Council at Batangas State University - The National Engineering University initiated the impactful project titled "We Are One, We As One V3.0." This endeavor epitomizes the essence of collective support and care for fellow students, aiming to alleviate their challenges and cater to their immediate needs. The project's third iteration continued its mission of fostering a sense of community and togetherness among the university's student body.

"We Are One, We As One V3.0" emerged as a response to the dynamic and evolving needs of students amidst fast-paced changes. Recognizing the diverse challenges that students face, the University Student Council, through its Student Assistance Commission, devised a comprehensive project divided into two components: Electronic and Grocery Needs. With a budget allocation of 300,000 PHP, the project aimed to span the entirety of the academic year 2022-2023, thus ensuring continuous and sustainable support for the students.

At the heart of "We Are One, We As One V3.0" lies a profound objective - to cater to the immediate needs of students in line with the prevailing circumstances. This project, driven by the collective insights, experiences, and empathy of both the students and the University Student Council members, sought to provide tangible assistance that would make a meaningful difference in students' lives.

The program offered a range of services designed to extend a helping hand to students facing diverse challenges. Bonafide students of Batangas State University - The National Engineering University were eligible to be beneficiaries of the project's assistance. The determination of eligibility was made collaboratively by the Executive Officers and the Student Assistance Commission, ensuring that the support reached those who needed it the most. The extent of assistance granted was tailored to each student's unique circumstances, fostering a personalized approach to support.

For the academic year 2022-2023, "We Are One, We As One V3.0" successfully provided grocery packages to a total of 44 select students across all campuses of Batangas State University - The National Engineering University. This endeavor ensured that these students received essential supplies, reflecting the commitment of the University Student Council to stand together, support one another, and create a harmonious environment of care and understanding.

"We Are One, We As One V3.0" stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment of Batangas State University's student community to stand together, support one another, and create a harmonious environment of care and understanding. This project resonates with the essence of unity and shared responsibility, reminding all students that in their journey towards personal and academic growth they are never alone. Through projects like these, the University Student Council's dedication to fostering a nurturing and empowering community is showcased, leaving an indelible mark of solidarity and compassion on the hearts of all students.

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Problems Encountered

1. **Limited Number of Student Beneficiaries.** One of the challenges faced by the "We Are One, We As One V3.0" project was the limitation in the number of student beneficiaries. With only 44 select students across all campuses benefiting from the project, there was a concern about reaching a larger portion of the student population and providing support to those who might also be in need.
2. **Communication Among All Campuses.** Effective communication among all campuses is essential for the success of a university-wide project like "We Are One, We As One V3.0." The challenge of maintaining consistent and clear communication across different campuses could hinder the proper implementation and reach of the project.

Recommendations

1. **Collaborate with Student Organizations.** Collaborate with various student organizations within the university to identify students who might be in need of support. These organizations often have a closer connection to their members and can provide valuable insights into the students who could benefit from the project.
2. **Centralized Communication Channel.** Create a centralized communication channel, such as a dedicated online platform or email system, where updates, announcements, and information about the project can be shared with representatives from each campus. This will ensure that all campuses are on the same page and have access to necessary information.



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TANGLAW 2023: 120 YEARS OF PROSPERITY AND PROGRESS

DECEMBER 4, 2023

Barakahang Borbonian 2.0: Paskuhan sa Galauran Championing the Growth of Microenterprises

The event started at 8:00 AM with the opening remarks of Dr. Celso G. Zara, the head of ESO PB, who welcomed the participants and guests to the festive celebration of microenterprises. He was followed by Dr. Daryl M. Magpantay, the Vice Chancellor of Research, Development, and Extension Services, who gave an inspirational message on the importance of supporting local businesses and fostering a culture of entrepreneurship. The Chancellor of BatStateU Pablo Borbon, Dr. Exedito V. Acorda, also delivered a speech on the achievements and challenges of the campus and the university in relation to microenterprise development. The spectacle kickoff was performed by the BatStateU Dance Company, who showcased their talents and creativity in a colorful and lively dance number. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was led by Pablo Borbon officials, who officially opened the exhibit booths and stalls of various microenterprises from different sectors and industries.



“Panuluyan” and Magical Christmas Parade of Lights

At 5:30 PM, the “Panuluyan” and Magical Christmas Parade of Lights took place, featuring a reenactment of the nativity scene and a procession of floats and lanterns decorated with LED lights and Christmas ornaments. The parade was participated by students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members who wore festive costumes and sang Christmas carols along the way.

Jingle Bells Rock: Inter-college Battle of the Bands

At 8:00 PM, the Jingle Bells Rock: Inter-college Battle of the Bands commenced, which featured eight bands from different colleges who competed for the title of best band in terms of musicality, originality, stage presence, and audience impact. The event was hosted by Pauline Maristela, Jonjie Catibog & Fiona De Ramos, who also served as judges along with some invited guests from the music industry. The event was a showcase of talent, passion, and diversity among BatStateU students who expressed themselves through music. The “DisTres” band, “The Harmonic Knights” band, and “CABEIHMVASTICS” band, winning first place, second place, and third place respectively.

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Launching of BatStateU Christmas ID 2023 and Lighting of Christmas Tree of Transformations

At 6:00 PM, the launching of BatStateU Christmas ID 2023 and the Lighting of the Christmas Tree of Transformations happened, which marked the highlight of the event. The program started with a prayer and the national anthem, followed by an opening production number by CABEIHM Circle of Talents, who entertained the audience with their singing and dancing skills. The welcome remarks were given by Dr. Expedito V. Acorda, who thanked everyone for their presence and support for the event. He then introduced Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, the University President, who gave an inspirational message on the theme of "Diwa ng Paskong Red Spartans", which emphasized the values of unity, resilience, excellence, and service among the BatStateU community. The Joyful Jamboree: Kids' Christmas Costume Parade featured children from different schools and organizations who wore cute and creative outfits inspired by Christmas characters and symbols. The WISHmas Delights segment involved the University Vice Presidents and guests who shared their wishes and greetings for the upcoming year and distributed gifts to selected lucky recipients. An intermission number was performed by Indak Yaman Dance Varsity, who impressed the crowd with their synchronized and energetic moves. The launching of BatStateU Christmas ID 2023: Diwa ng Paskong Red Spartans was done through a live performance by selected students and faculty members who sang the original composition written by Mr. Peter Justin E. Datingaling and Ms. Kristel Jane L. Gardiola. The performance was accompanied by an AVP that showcased the different activities and achievements of BatStateU throughout the year. The lighting of the Christmas Tree was done by Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo together with University and Campus Officials, pressed a button that illuminated the giant tree with sparkling lights and decorations that symbolized the transformations that BatStateU has undergone and will continue to pursue in its quest for excellence and service. The program ended with a rendition of Sparkling Lights & Christmas Carols by the BatStateU Ad Libitum Chorus, who sang classic and contemporary songs that filled the air with joy and harmony.



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LIWANAG: NINGNING NG PASKO NG PAMILYANG RED SPARTAN

DECEMBER 14, 2023



The festive season of Christmas arrived with an air of anticipation and joy as the University Student Council proudly presented "Liwanag: Ningning ng Pasko ng Pamilyang Red Spartan." This event, held on December 14, 2022, at 4:00 pm, marked the grand launch of the University Christmas ID, a culmination of creative excellence and unity. The event took place both physically at BatStateU – The NEU Pablo Borbon Campus and virtually via Facebook Live, allowing the Red Spartan community to unite in celebration despite geographical distances.

"Liwanag: Ningning ng Pasko ng Pamilyang Red Spartan" was not only a showcase of artistic brilliance but a platform to spread the warmth of Christmas spirit. The event brought together diverse talents, heartfelt messages, and the excitement of raffle prizes, all orchestrated to encapsulate the essence of the holiday season.

As an extension of the MUSIKATHA Season 3, the University Christmas ID was unveiled during the event. The culmination of creative expression, the winner of the MUSIKATHA competition contributed to the creation of the University Christmas ID, a testament to the artistic prowess and collaborative spirit within the Red Spartan community.

An integral highlight of the event was the "We are One, We as One" project, which showcased the deep-rooted commitment of the Red Spartan community to support one another. This initiative brought light to the lives of select students in need by distributing grocery packages, embodying the true spirit of Christmas – giving and unity.

The event was met with overwhelming enthusiasm, both in person and through the virtual platform. Remarkable performances resonated with the audience, heartwarming messages from students and faculty touched hearts, and the thrill of raffle prizes added an element of excitement that amplified the festive atmosphere.

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