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# The Stream

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### Chancellor Pangandag M. Magolama, Ph.D.

He assumed office as Chancellor of Mindanao State University - Buug last December 2018. His administration endeavored on gigantic developments geared towards academic excellence, relevant and quality researches and extension services.

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# Facts: DID YOU KNOW?

The Mindanao State University - Buug was established in 1971. It is composed of eight (8) Colleges and two (2) High School Departments.

**VISION:** A prominent higher educational institution in the Zamboanga Peninsula highly recognized for teaching excellence and quality researches.

**MISSION:** MSU-Buug commits to pursuing relevant and appropriate academic programs and researches as well as extension services to produce proficient and ethical professionals who will provide sound leadership for the attainment of sustainable peace and development.



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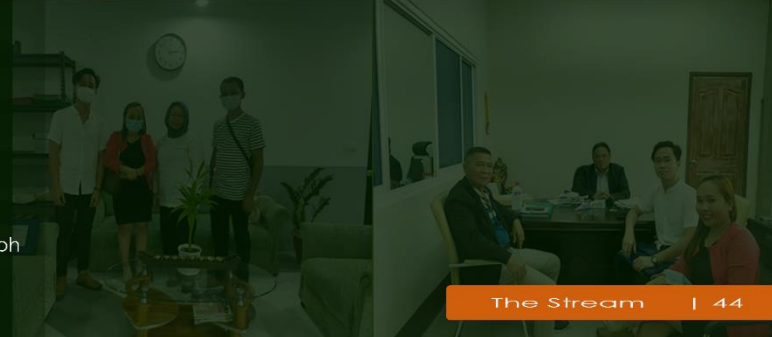
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## The University embraces Massive Changes

*Prof. Carol Jane C. Siose, Campus Secretary*

Nothing can be more rewarding and comforting than seeing MSU-Buug Campus transform like a blooming young lady tiring an old frame back into her warm embrace. And who wouldn't feel that way, anyway?

One who has not been to MSU-Buug for quite sometime will definitely get lost its way. So, let's tour the place once more and see the major changes in the campus.

The moment you come and visit MSU-Buug Campus, you just can't simply ignore but appreciate the sturdy and imposing Gate of Knowledge. Fair, friendly and firm security personnel are there ever ready to serve you. Just make sure you are wearing the prescribed outfit and are observing the proper health protocols before you enter the school's premises. Right beside the gate of knowledge is the Security Office and the Security Barracks.

Around eighty meters from the barracks lies the MSU-Gymnasium. The used-to-be unwieldy gym now stands with great pride as it can now cater a thousand capacity and at least 500 people when social distancing is observed. The bleachers inside the gym can accommodate around two hundred spectators and 80 individuals when social distancing is strictly followed. The gym also houses four new offices, namely, the Office of the Director for Student Affairs and Services, the Office of the Coordinators for Physical Education and Sports, the Office of the Property Custodian and the Office of the Director for Admission.

Just a stone's throw away from the gym is the new Administration Building which houses the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance and the Office of the Campus Registrar. Right next to this building will soon rise the three-storey Campus Dormitory.

Standing by the side of the pathway, directly in front of the main

gate, one inevitably notices an old acacia tree the newly constructed I ♥ MSU signage pivoting the way to the peaceful, tranquil MSU Lake loaded with koi fishes and a water gatebo in the middle of it, which definitely add lovely ambience to the campus.

Fronting the school is a wide plaza where sports activities, ROTC formation among others were done. But you just can't take off the beauty of the two-storey Angara Building where the Office of the Chancellor and the Office of the Campus Secretary are housed in the second floor and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, where all academic matters are treated, on the ground floor. On its west wing is the Sultan Hall where conferences, meetings are held. And who would not notice its twin-like building? Right beside the Angara Building is the Graduate School Building. It houses the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension and Development.

On the forefront of the twin building is the cemented area where flag Ceremonies are conducted. But, dang, look at the flag pole! It used to be faltering but the strong foundation it enjoys now makes everyone feel the honor to be a part of every ceremony. The security personnel spearheads the hoisting of the flag every Monday along with the with the faculty and staff for the Flag Raising Ceremony.

Not far from this area is a long, concrete pathway leading to the Sultan Pangandag M. Magalana Integrated Farm. It is a demo-farm taken cared of by the College of Agriculture. The place where the farm is located occupies a hectare of land. You'll surely be amazed as you get into the demo-farm. Who would believe that an area which used to be covered with grasses and weeds until for animals and plants to breed has turned into something useful and productive. Now, it upheaves its variety of produc-

tion in poultry, goats, ducks and even horticultural crops. And yeah, greenhouse is on its way!

Development in MSU-Buug is indeed visible despite the presence of the treacherous COVID-19. Infrastructure developments bloom like mushrooms. Although face-to-face classes were prohibited due to the pandemic, the institution never fails to deliver quality education. Thanks, big time to our visionary Chancellor Sultan Pangandag M. Magalana for pushing so hard just to make all these heart-warming eye-catching transformations come into reality despite MSU-Buug's meager budget.

The institution is old by local standards but neither time nor circumstance has prevented it from keeping faith with the ideals and objectives of its founding fathers, as eloquently expressed in its Hinirang Pamantasan.

Sitah ang katulad mong  
Nagsabag ng liwanag  
Ng pag-asa'y hangarin  
Ng pag-unlad

Ang pagok ng Mindanao  
Iringlaw' i piratad  
Nang ikaw'y silang  
Na daklo ang hangad

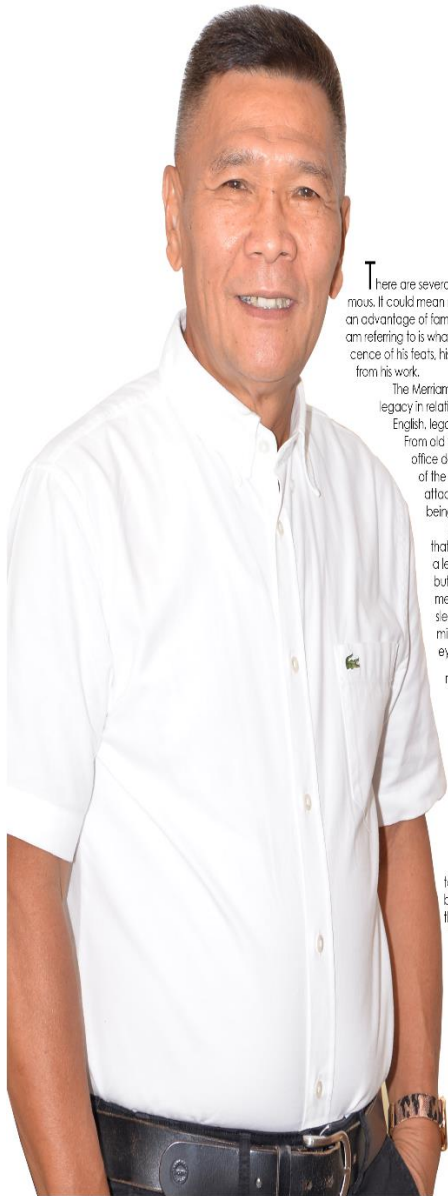
Aling ipagkapuri  
Ilong Pamanatnan  
Ang bunay at pag-big,  
Sa kanyang' i loay

Saan man naroon ay  
Bigyang karangalan  
Dakilang pagaralan  
Pamanatnan Mindanao

Tired of the campus tour? We'll let me take you to MSU-Buug's 'Café' de Gracia. It is located at the back of the Angara Building. In there, one can enjoy a cup of brewed coffee or sip his/her favorite drink and have a sumptuous breakfast, snacks or lunch.

Tara na sa MSU-Buug!





## His Notes

There are several meanings of legacy making the term polysyllabic. It could mean money and property left by parents to their heirs or an advantage of family lineage in a university. The legacy, however, I am referring to is what a leader has done to an organization—a reminiscence of his feats, his accomplishments when he is gone or has ceased from his work.

The Merriam Webster Dictionary has a line-up of meanings of legacy in relation to leadership inventory. In the late Middle English, legacy denotes the function or office of a deputy.

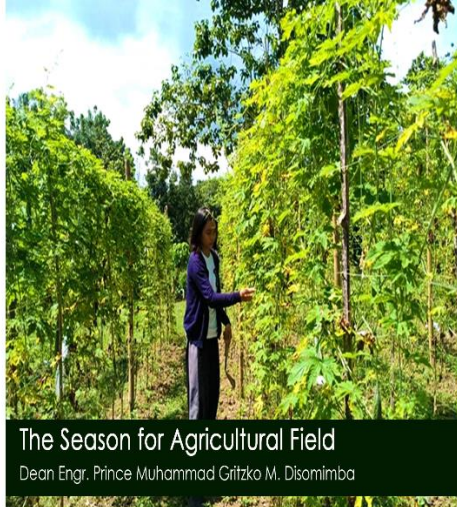
From old French, legacy (legacia), refers to the roles of an office deputy performing the duty for his boss, or the head of the organization or an office. Whatever is the meaning attached to legacy, I consider the term related to being a leader, a head of any group or organization.

Being the Chancellor of MSU-Bug, I am certain that there are lots of expectations in my leadership. As a leader, I cannot afford to let go of my responsibilities but rather press on them for more heights of development. I cannot afford to allow campus projects to sleep because it will mean a blunder or a huge mistake to me. We need to bear in mind that the eyes of the people keep on staring at projects' implementation, thus, **"my commitment as a leader goes even beyond the limits of time and resources when possible"**.

Nevertheless, I am also an advocate of Frank Coe's famous adage, "We work hard in silence, and let our success make the noise." In my leadership, I hope that the University and its constituents are sailing right with the outputs and all undertakings I have been doing to the MSU-Bug Campus (with less explanation). I believe you are one with me on this inspiring thought: "less talk, but do more." I need therefore to talk less but do more. I should not say but show. I should not promise but prove.

With no eloquence unlike what Shakespeare had, I need to work hard without speeches but with actions. Inasmuch as actions are better than words, I presume what I have done to the MSU-Bug and what I will continue to do spells a legacy.

I do not want to talk much of the infrastructures mushrooming in the MSU-Bug campus presently so with the many subsidiary projects created and implemented to augment the academic standards of the academe that the Zamboanga Peninsula can be proud of. I do not want to talk much about the birth of the MSU-Bug Campus newsletter, "The Stream". Are they part of my legacy? I do not want to talk for you are the eye witnesses. What I can say is this: With all the efforts we are to collaborate and succeed. In God we trust.



## The Season for Agricultural Field

Dean Engr. Prince Muhammad Grizko M. Disomimba

One of the disciplines that need to be prioritized in today's struggling society is agriculture. It is also a key discipline to combat famine. This phenomenon makes MSU-Bug fortunate being as one of the few universities in the country which have offered agricultural programs since 1982. And just like any other collegiate schools, MSU Bug has been striving to supplement the necessities of its serving programs to uphold promising progress.

It is a blessing that Dr. Sultan Pangandag M. Magolama, the head of the current administration of MSU-Bug is an enthusiastic agriculturist and a former dean of the College of Agriculture in MSU-Marawi. This situation has become a great opportunity for the college of agriculture to achieve massive development. The first strategic action of the administration was the partition of the formerly joint offices of colleges of agriculture and fisheries and subsequently appointed respective dean of both colleges. This separation helped both fields to concentrate its focus on development for its own.

Within a span of one year, the college of agriculture acquired valuable equipment and machineries that could help learners experience practical learning. And just this year, two well-fabricated incubators are being utilized for hatchery and Bawi production. The college had also established demo-farms for class laboratory activities, research experimentations, and productions for income-generating projects. The students and the farm workers as supervised by the college have been doing very well in the operation. All crop production and animal raising are now performed in one integrated place resulting to better management and ease of planning for development. The existence of the demo-farm is now contributing effectively and profiting agricultural knowledge to agriculture students.

The other worth mentioning achievement of the college is its offering of new program, the BS Agriculture major in Farming Systems. This becomes the third program the college has in addition to Animal Science and Agronomy. Starting this academic year, the college has welcomed hundreds of freshmen students that surprisingly almost equally populated to each program. As the students' population increases, the teaching force of the college has also increased. Aside from the change of teaching force, the college is soon to have more faculty members that will have masters and doctor's degree. This will pave the



way for the college to have more competitive educators.

The college of agriculture is grabbing the opportunities at hand to grow more and contribute more to its affected sovereign. From the students, to the school, the community and to the nation, the college aims to provide competitive graduates that will impart their knowledge and skills. As a matter of fact, all undergraduate and graduate students have been introduced into the field of research publication since the establishment of the office for research, extension, and development of the campus.

It is during this new generation that people have awakened their deep appreciation for agriculture. The crisis that is faced by the world today caused them to realize how important it is to keep the nature from growing its beneficial greenery. The field of study that could assist the activities necessary for the preservation and development of the nature's sources of survival products is the field of agriculture. Thus, people should invest resources in the field of agriculture to support humanity's survival.



## In Sweats or Suits, BAELS Students Embrace the First Step of Undergraduate Thesis Defense

Dr. Ivy F. Amante



## AJAMR publishes its Vol.1 Issue No. 2

Dr. Rovy M. Banguis

After its success in publishing the volume 1 issue no.1 last May 2021, here comes issue no.2 of the Asian Journal of Advanced Multi-disciplinary Researches (AJAMR) bearing four outstanding researches in the fields of agriculture, environmental science, natural science and social science. Most of these researches were conducted through collaborations with colleagues and students. Study on "Different Levels of Powderized Allium sativum and Commercial Rabbit on Broiler Chickens" was explored by Vice Chancellor Abdan D. Banoera and Prof. Fe A. Bagujo together with their students namely: Rhea Jean A. Batabalan and Khristian Kyle L. Dignom.

Dr. Bryan L. Bilantios together with his students namely: Niko A. Arizona, Kara Lapunapo, and Jersten Compcion conducted a study on the "Socio-economic Impact of Laca Maragang in Dimas, Zamboanga del Sur. On the other hand, Prof. Janice B. Manlangit solely studied "Subanen: The Opportunity Coast in the Attempt of Industrializing Zamboanga Peninsula".

Another remarkable collaborations between the faculty members of MSU-Bug namely: Prof. Omar Bryan M. Hompong and Prof. Jameyla A. Ladas and MSU-IT Prof. Maria Reina Suzanne B. Madamba and Prof. Emmarie Mapio bore an interesting study on "Diversity and Toxicity of Shallow Water Sponges in Tubojan Coastal Areas in Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental.

The Editorial team of AJAMR headed by our Chancellor, Dr. Sultan Pangandag M. Magolama continues its effort to prove that research is woven into the fabric of our university because it is infused into our teaching. At present, the journal publication is announcing its call for papers for vol.1 issue no.3. Deadline for submission will be on October 31, 2021.

Bachelor of Arts in English Language Studies (BAELS) Junior students have successfully presented their research proposals to the faculty members of the English Department on January 25, 2021. The said defense happened at the College of Arts and Science Audio-Visual room with the class divided into nine groups.

Flashing their presentation slides on the screen, each group was given ample time to discuss their topics and research procedures while the panel members genuinely reflected their papers to become more essential and doable research papers. The presentation took a whole day session with all the nine groups happily thanking the board of the panel members and their advisers for the accepted proposals. Nevertheless, they are still to prepare for the remaining intricate and challenging chapters.

As the pioneering batch of the BAELS program in the university, the English Department are expecting this batch to produce a variety of researches in language studies as a jump start in aiming the goal of collecting wider references for the future language researchers.





# MSU-Buug Celebrates Women's Month 2021

Ms. April Rose B. Balaba

To acknowledge the participation of women in nation-building and take part in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic, the Mindanao State University-Buug (MSU-B) celebrated Women's Month last March 2021. The university's Gender and Development Focal Point System spearheaded the celebration along with the theme "Juana Laban sa Pandemya: Kayal!"

The Philippine Commission for Women (PCW) campaign for this year is different from the previous ones because it is set in the COVID-19 pandemic, indicating both challenges and opportunities for women. Hence, this year's observance highlights women's participation in battling the pandemic despite gender issues.

With the celebration, the university stated different activities such as Juana Zumba Laban sa Pandemya and wearing of Purple Mondays (for the employees) and poster-making and photo essay contests for students.

Morning Zumba was conducted as a fitness activity to promote better health, lifestyle, and a stress-reliever amid pandemic. This was participated by the faculty and staff of the campus together with the Juana visitors from the community.

Purple Mondays reminds everyone that March is the International Celebration for Women. As such, wearing purple every Monday observed by the faculty and staff for the whole month of March was a public show of support and declaration of the university's commitment for gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE). Further, purple is globally recognized as the color of women that symbolizes justice and dignity. Aside from wearing the purple color, everyone was encouraged to take photos and share them using the hashtag #WomenMakeChange.

Students alike (from different colleges and departments) participated in the celebration by joining the poster-making and photo essay contests revolving around the theme.

The poster-making contest was housed at the Sultan Hall. The top-three winners were declared: 1st place -Christyl Mae C. Catubay, College of Public Affairs; 2nd place - Charlie C. Anguilla, Senior High School Department; and, 3rd place - Marjo O. Villarta Jr., College of Education. Each winner received cash prize and e-certificate.

The photo essay competition happened through electronic mail. Student participants submitted series of photographs (narrative pictures) with each one containing a short caption. Top-three winners were also declared: 1st place -- Amie Micah Awit, College of Agriculture; 2nd place -- Krimar B. Pineda; and 3rd place -- Hazel Joy Valenciano, College of Arts and Sciences.

The celebration would not be realized had it not been of the support the university chancellor, Sultan Pangandag M. Magolama (Pd.D.) so with the participation of the Juanas and Juans of the campus.



## Big Importance of Small Water Body

EnP. Bryan L. Bifanfos, DiSDS

From its dilapidated and dying state in the year 2019, the pond in the Mindanao State University-Buug (MSU-B) is now revitalized through good management by the present administration. The invigorated state of the pond by the constructed infrastructure projects around its vicinity. From a body of water where its uses and values are not appreciated and harnessed, now, the university pond has turned into a water feature of dazzling beauty, peace, sanctuary, and a place for camaraderie.

The MSU-B pond has an area of around 40x20 square meters located at the right side entrance of the university gate and fronting the Nursing Department. It has an average depth of 2 meters. Its water color is yellowish because of the muddy component of its soil substrate. Mango trees, early-growing coconuts, and big mahoganies are lined up around its vicinity. Around 70 beautiful kois together with some other fish species like carp and Taiwan fish are inhabiting the pond adding color and life to its water and providing amusement for students, faculty and staff and the university administrators.

Six beautiful umbrella-inspired sheds were erected around the pond. The six sheds represent the four colleges and two departments of the University: College of Agriculture, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, and College of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Senior High School and the Junior High School Departments.

Additionally, there will be four (4) more structures in the form of benches to be constructed around the pond at the soonest time representing the four newly-created colleges in the university - the College of Public Administration, College of Hospitality Management, College of Information Technology, and College of Fisheries. The sheds and benches serve as a place for studying, relaxation, and meetings among students and faculty.

A bridge around 20 meters long with a shed in its center was also constructed. The bridge connects both sides of the pond. The structure represents the Administration of the university. It has important uses: a pathway in going to the junior high school and a feeding area for the kois and other species in the pond.

A boardwalk which measures 4.5 meters long was also established in the pond. It is located adjacent to the Nursing building. It is T-shaped which can carry around 10 medium-sized students. The boardwalk serves as a spot for picture taking, relaxation, and studying by a small number of people.

The "I Love MSU-Buug Campus" marker in the pond was also upgraded. The marker was elevated around 1 meter high through a solid concrete. It is repainted with a maroon color and highlighted with beige color. A sitting feature (cemented ladders) was also added in the structure to well position students and visitors when taking pictures. It is adorned with smooth, grayish tiles for a clean and elegant look.

Many exciting projects are already identified for the pond development. These projects will further beautify the pond and its surrounding area.

By the way, the pond and its vicinity should have its name that should be the embodiment of all the pond characteristics - beauty, peace and serenity, sanctuary, and a place camaraderie and learning. What could it be? Could it be one of the names of our national heroes? National artists? MSU- Buug Chancellor? Well, let's just wait for it.

When classes will return to normal and when students can go back to the university, the pond together with its amenities will wide open welcome them.

Long live MSU-Buug Campus!



## The Stream holds the Seminar-Writershop on Journalistic Writing

Prof. Arsub M. Varquez

This activity is slated to hone the skills of the faculty writers of the Stream – the official publication of the Mindanao State University-Buug” was emphasized by Prof. Bandera, former Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension and Development in his welcome message during the one-day seminar-writershop on Revisiting News and Feature Writing on March 19, 2021 at the Graduate School of the Mindanao State University-Buug.

The event was participated by 30 faculty members who are editors, contributors, and members of the Editorial Board of the Stream.

The event served as an answer to the challenge of Chancellor Magolama who in his inspirational message disclosed, “I hope this training will enhance your journalistic writing skills especially in news and feature writing so that we can really realize our target of releasing our newsletter twice a year.”

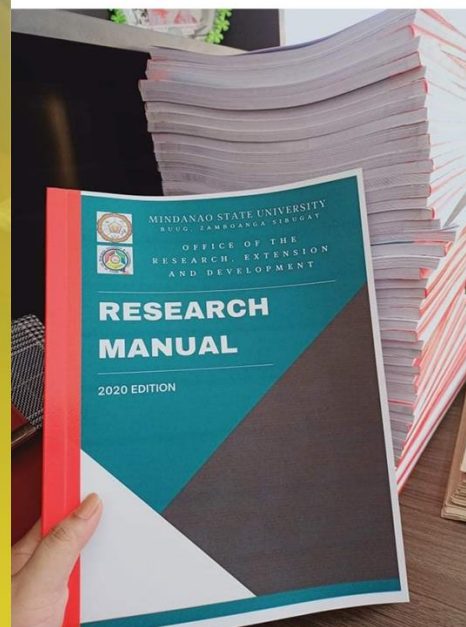
Dr. Rodolf John T. Rodriguez who was the resource speaker is presently the DepEd Education Program Supervisor II in Region IX who spoke about the ABC’s of the news and feature writings and on the caveats of effective writing resulted in producing various outputs by the different groups that were critiqued for improvement.

The training ended with the closing message of Associate Professor Josephine S. Merquillo, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, saying “Let us aspire to let the writing genius in us to have its unceasing zeal for us to continuously promote freedom of expression and become information crusaders for the university and its stakeholders.”



## OVCRED releases Research Manual to Students

Fatima T. Evangelista



Utilization of Research Manual to all students enrolled in Research Methods and Undergraduate Thesis is compulsory as it is emphasized in Resolution No. 002 Series of 2021 effective 1st semester, academic year 2021-2022. To enact on this resolution which was signed by our Chancellor, Dr. Sultan Pangandag M. Magolama, the OVCRED has released the softbound copies to students during the enrolment period last August 2-31, 2021. Over 250 students were able to receive copies of the Manual, a hundred from the Senior High School and more than 150 students in the college.

The creation of the research manual started way back in 2019 which was spearheaded by the former Research Director, Prof. Jether P. Sumpo who is now the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance. He organized the technical working group consisting of coordinators from various fields as well as the thesis advisory panel. The said manual was already launched last January 28, 2020 but there was a delay of the release since his term had ended and the massive invasion of the covid-19 pandemic also brought problem.

Luckily, when Dr. Rovy M. Banguis, the new vice chancellor assumed office, it was one of her priorities to finalize the research manual so that it will be released in due time, and yes she did it with the help of her secretary, Mrs. Fatima T. Evangelista together with Mr. Venerando G. Tenio, special assistant to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development.

The manual aims to be helpful and responsive to the problems faced by both students and advisers on the lack of uniformity in the format of the theses and research capstones. It is also appropriate and relevant to the demands of the 21st century researchers. Hence, it is projected that this manual will become a catalyst for our student researchers to make more remarkable discoveries and develop exceptional innovations in the various fields which are considered as the underpinnings of humanity and society.

## Prof. Mirasol bids goodbye to MSU-Buug

Principal Rogayah M. Pangompig

Retirement is wonderful if you have two essentials- much to live on and much to live for. A lifetime preparation goes into this life changing decision and it is certainly lands into a bigger party. Ma'am Natty rendered her service to Mindanao State University-Buug for more than thirty- six years before she reached to the topmost moment of her career. She retired as a master teacher of the junior high school department and leaves legacies as teacher and as an impeccable guidance counselor.

Retirement is a huge milestone in person's life. This new season is marked with excitement, and it is certainly grounds for celebration. Last December 7, 2020, the Junior High School Department of MSU-Buug celebrated a send-off party "retirement party" for Mrs. Natividad B. Mirasol aka Ma'am "Natty", a senior faculty member of LJHS, whose expertise in teaching focuses in Filipino.

The department prepared a short festive gathering which eventually planned by all LJHS faculty. The event was attended by Sultan Pangandag M. Magolama, Chancellor, and Associate Professor Josephine S. Merquillo, the former Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and all faculty members of junior high school department with the family members of our retiree. It was one of the most wonderful days in her life. After all fights and struggles even the doubts fell before she retires, everything was vanished and swapped with joy. She reminisced those experiences in life amidst her services in the institution and mentioned lines which made us happy and laugh about her journey as a teacher (jokes and joyful encounters).

Many of us gave best wishes and hopeful prayers for Ma'am Natty's wonderful leave-taking. As the principal, I personally expressed how amazing she was. I told them great stories about the entire life as my mentor and co teacher. The celebrant has been found to be most amiable, charming, and humorous to be remembered because of her astounding talent in making her colleagues laugh through funny and yet mindful talks and jokes. Even the family made short messages for their "mama/manay/mommy-La". They let her feel how exultant they were seeing their lovely mother/grandmother got hold the torch on top of final success. Indeed, the celebration went well.



## My Observation on Online Classes, What's yours?

Prof. Arsub M. Varquez



*"Teachers do believe that face-to-face instruction still offers the better side of learning among student clientele."*

All over the globe the pandemic has authored lots of alterations. Major change is seen in education. One of the changes is on new learning delivery modalities with face-to-face instruction between teachers and students which is prohibited in physical classrooms to curb transmission of COVID-19.

DepEd and CHED alike have introduced various modalities to continuously reach out student clients. One of the pluralities is through online classes. But the query is: Are online classes worth the praise?

Let us try to pinpoint the advantages of online class: It substitutes physical classroom teaching-learning scenario, hence, education is not defeated. However, there seems to be lots of downsides: 1) Teacher engagement with students seems not established 100%. Only a few of the class population do attend faithfully; 2) The number of student attendees decreases during online classes as there are some who opt to relax and there are others who out of boredom choose to sleep; 3) Poor Internet Connection/Technical Problem often disrupts teaching-learning scenario; 4) Students from the countryside could not avail themselves of internet connectivity; and, finally 5) Students have almost similar answers in their assessments (copying from each other/sharing of answers).

From the traditional classroom to an online classroom is the major change brought about by the pandemic. The online classroom via Google Meet or Xoom is a thing to be happy of; at least learning is a ceaseless experience. Yet, with the disadvantages of the present set-up of learning through technology – not one but plural in nature, the challenges that confront teachers may cause them to sigh as they for certain are longing for actual teaching in the physical classroom. For sure, teachers do believe that face-to-face instruction still offers the better side of learning among student clientele.

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## Oath taking Ceremony of Vice Chancellors and Deans

Dean Mary Anne M. Polestina

New vice chancellors and deans were formally installed on April 27, 2021 held at the Graduate School Building. This is to ensure that the university is having the best human assets that will help push its academic frontiers (more academic programs) and strengthen quality researches and extension services.

Before the turn-over and installation began, our visionary Campus Chancellor, Sultan Pangandag M. Magolama gave thanks to the outgoing Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Prof. Josephine S. Merquillo for the loyalty and dedication she showed during her time in the office.

Chancellor Sultan Pangandag M. Magolama led the oath taking. In his speech, he said, "The only constant in this world is change". An institution is susceptible to accept change depending on the circumstances. When there is change, there is growth and progress both in individual and in organization.

Former Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Prof. Josephine S. Merquillo formally turned over the responsibilities to Asst. Prof. Abdani Bandera and the latter as the former Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension turned over his responsibility to Dr. Rovy M. Banguis. The creation of the three (3) Colleges: College of Hospitality Management (CHM), College of Information Technology (CIT) and College of Public Affairs (CPA), opened the designation of the new Deans: Prof. Dr. Grace F. Empalmado (CHM), Prof. Mary Anne M. Polestina (CPA), and Prof. Dennis Tenerife (CIT). Their appointments began on March

22, 2021. Having been officially designated and installed in their respective posts, they are now also in preparation of the school's intent for new milestones and opportunities to embark new programs for the benefit of the students and the community.

Prof. Josephine Merquillo, outgoing Vice Chancellor of the Academic Affairs inspired everyone with her humility, commitment and dedication towards work. She gave thanks to the Chancellor for the trust given to her having served for two (2) years in the office.

As the new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Prof. Abdani D. Bandera formally accepted his new designation, he disclosed emphatically that the success of the institution lies on the strong cooperation of each of the faculty members. He accepted the task given to him with zeal and enthusiasm.

Likewise, the new Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension gave heartwarming message, as the new office would mean a challenge yet a means to unleash her potentials. With her hard work and grit, nothing is impossible. No challenges will she ever surrender. The turnover and installation ceremonies were witnessed by the campus officials to include the deans from other colleges, principals, directors, and coordinators.

As demographics shift, millennials are now taking the lead in the organization. With this structural change, develops a new style of leadership.

# College of Public Affairs Realized

Prof. Edna P. Engaño

The need to create a new college – the College of Public Affairs was realized in May 2021 to offer more academic programs aside from Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) offered formerly by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) which is now under the College of Public Affairs has been one of the leading courses with a good number of student population and graduates since 2012.

The department became a full, independent college when Dr. Pangandag M. Magolama, the chancellor of the MSU-Buug, disclose that he would make some departments under the College of Arts and Sciences to become colleges. Thus, the birth of the colleges of Public Affairs, Hospitality Management and Information Technology.

The new College of Public Affairs has its dean – Prof. Mary Ann Polestina – the first BPA graduate of the college in 2012, magna cum laude, and soon to finish her doctorate degree (Doctor in Public Administration). It has its high-caliber teaching force namely, Prof. Carmelita H. Balbosa, Prof. Edna P. Engaño, Prof. Esnairah R. Marohom and Prof. Thor L. Domato Jr. Other supportive and dedicated faculty members who are part of the college are Prof. Jennifer V. Castillano, Prof. Janice B. Manlangit, Prof. Rowen O. Borongan and Mr. Mark Anthony A. Dalumpines.

With this new development, the college of Public Affairs dreams to open soon other programs to cater the needs of the students and the community in general. Further the college envisions to plan and implement activities, as well as, programs that engage researches and extension projects that would mark the identity of its existence.

## COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS



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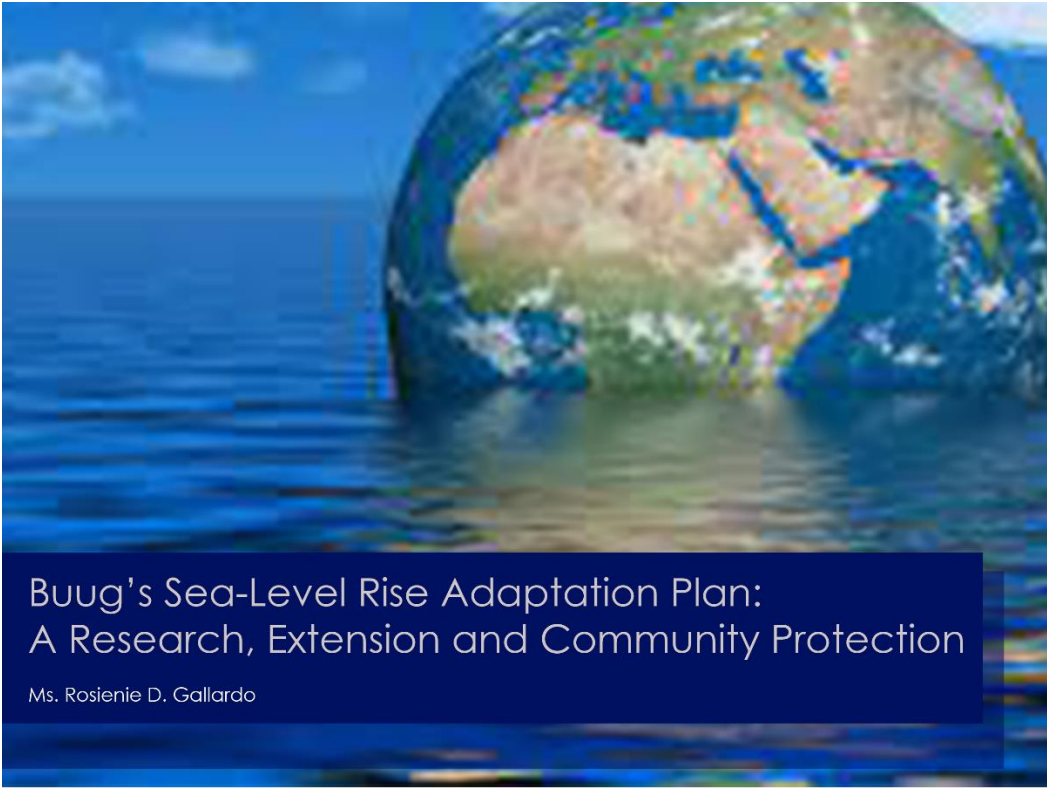


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# Buug's Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan: A Research, Extension and Community Protection

Ms. Rosiente D. Gallardo

Why sea level matters? Or does it really matters? Since the late 1800s, the Earth's oceans have risen by about 0.2m, with the rate of Sea-Level Rise quickening in recent decades. Even if emissions were very high, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) anticipated that Sea-Level Rise would be "unlikely" to exceed 1 meter this century in its fifth assessment report (AR5) released in 2013.

The Philippines, as an archipelago, is one of the most vulnerable countries for the sea-level rise. As one of the fishing industries in the nation, Western Mindanao faces a high-risk threat against SLR. As a response to this global issue, the Department of Environmental Science of Mindanao State University headed by Dr. Bryan L. Bitantos conducted a research study titled "Vulnerability Assessment of Coastal Communities to Sea-Level Rise: A Case in Buug, Dumanquilas Bay, Philippines" in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology – Zamboanga Sibugay as the funding agency. This research study births out the cry of many fisherfolks in the area as SLR is gradually affecting the loss of many marine resources such as mangroves which directly affects the biodiversity and abundance of fishes in the region.

In line with this, a consultative meeting was conducted to create Buug's Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan. This was spearheaded by Dr. Bryan L. Bitantos himself along with the Municipal Planning Development Officer, EnP. Grace Y. Jovita, the Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer, Mr. Marlon Gregorio and different officials of coastal barangays in Buug, (Pamintayan, San Jose, Bawang, and Pulog). Members of the meeting have come down to the adaptation measures such as the creation of sea wall, mangrove reforestation, relocation of affected residents, and support for the sustainable livelihood of the people affected by the SLR. According to the Barangay Leaders, even if the effects of this SLR are slow to be felt and identified, some of the changes have already been affecting the area, especially in the loss of mangrove resources. Hence, the Adaptation Plan was created since this global issue is already inevitable.

Dr. Bryan L. Bitantos' work exemplifies the academe's ability to impact and improve a wide range of communities. This endeavor provides opportunities for MSU- Buug's research and extension activities to continue to bloom and grow, with a positive impact on the stakeholders of the Zamboanga Peninsula.

# Bon voyage, PAUL

Dr. Rovy M. Banguis



Mr. Paul S. Bokingkito, a 33-year old Information Technology instructor of MSU-Buug bade goodbye to the Mindanao State University- Buug after more than a decade of fruitful teaching. He was a well-sought mentor and hailed as the prince of multimedia because of his impeccable creativity in designing slides pioneering extraordinary multimedia presentations in all celebrations in the campus. Not only that, his passion for teaching has inspired many IT students to envision themselves become outstanding IT experts like him.

To honor Sir Paul's significant contributions, the College of Arts and Sciences hosted a going-away party at Pistahan Restaurant last January 28, 2021, a day after his birthday. Though it was a farewell party, but then the CAS faculty gave two cakes to Sir Paul as birthday presents and a token of appreciation for his valuable service to the university. During the event, some colleagues expressed their warm felicitations for his elephantine kindness during his stay in the campus while others wished for his wonderful journey as he will be joining the teaching force of the MSU-IT as an Assistant Professor IV. Prof. Dennis Tenerite, a close colleague narrated his wonderful memories of Sir Paul with a teary-eye. Former vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, Prof. Josephine S. Merquillo enumerated all the pleasant qualities of Sir Paul, to name a few: cool person, good vibe, easy-going, calm, approachable, kind, and helpful.

Moreover, Prof. Domato, one of his close friends, heavily cried and uttered "I will be missing you so badly Paul and it's sad that your absence means no more free rides for me and goodbye adventures with you". And all the rest around the vicinity felt an enormous loneliness while listening to the emotional speeches of the CAS instructors as they shared their personal encounters and joyous moments with Sir Paul as he is always present in most of the events of the school like Search for Ms. MSU, Retirement parties, Foundation Day celebrations and other events which require his expertise in Information Technology.

The going away party ended with a farewell song with a heavy heart. Farewell, Sir Paul!

Conference theme

# Ecological Restoration: Assist Nature's healing to ensure human survival



**DR. JORG MATSCHULLAT**  
Director and Vice-Rector for Research Interdisciplinary  
Environmental Research Centre Technical University  
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## MSU-Buug Students join the 9th International Conference of Environmental Science

EnP. Bryan L. Bitantos, DiSDS

To become active crusaders in restoring natural balance, fifteen (15) third year Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science students of the MSU-Buug joined the 9th Annual International Conference on Environmental Science (ACES) via Zoom on May 3-4, 2021. The Philippine Environmental Science Association (PESA), in partnership with the Pampanga State Agricultural University (PSAU), and the University of the Philippines Los Baños – School of Environmental Science and Management (UPLB-SESAM), organized the said event with the theme "Ecological restoration: Assist nature's healing to ensure human survival", in line with the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration which runs from this year through 2030.

The conference highlighted the active exchanges of research and innovation works among scientists, students, and practitioners toward the betterment of our environment. The presentations featured multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary researches that promote holistic approaches to address current environmental issues.

One keynote speaker in the conference was Hon. Justice Antonio T. Carpio who addressed the arbitral ruling and the declaration of Spratly Islands as a Marine Protected Area. In his statement, he proposed the need to create a declaration that Spratly Island is a marine protected area and he added that we must convince South China Sea neighboring countries to do the same. He also stressed that we must educate the people first on what is the value of atoll reefs in the islands because they serve as breeding ground for fish and some other natural resources.

The other speaker was Dr. Jorg Matschullat, Director and Vice-Rector for Research Interdisciplinary Environmental Research Centre Technical University Bergakademie Freiberg. Dr. Matschullat shared discussions about soil physics and soil biochemistry (things we need to know) at local and regional levels. According to his hypothesis, the soil is a limited natural resource because it takes nature hundreds to thousands of years to build mature fertile soil, and biggest nature threats are land use change and mismanagement. He also explained the consequences of climate change and land use change.

The participation of the MSU-Buug Environmental Science students in the conference provided them greater insights and knowledge about their course. Moreover, it inspired them to venture on environmental researches that will provide solutions to environmental problems and become promoters of environment healing. Lastly, it expanded their networks for possible developmental collaboration and engagements in the future.

## Prof. Laranjo bags the second best poster in the 5th Research, Extension, and Innovation Summit

VC Dr. Rovy M. Banguis



**Tashmera D. Laranjo**  
Coordinator, Department of Health Sciences

From the twenty-five poster entries that were judged in the recently concluded 5th Research, Extension, and Innovation Summit of the Mindanao State University System held last August 17-19, 2021, Prof. Tashmera D. Laranjo, the Chairperson of the Nursing Department of MSU-Buug bagged the second best poster in the Social Sciences, Humanities, Languages, and Education category. Her paper revolves around "The Effect of Psychosocial Intervention on the Level of Stress of Displaced Children Experiencing War Atrocities in Marawi City". Other faculty who had poster entries were Engr. Dennis C. Tenente for Science and Technology; and Dr. Bryan L. Bitantos and Ms. Rosnie D. Gallardo both represented the Extension category.

Aside from Prof. Laranjo who brought home the bacon, other faculty researchers also did their best in the oral presentations. Dr. Ivy F. Amante presented in the Social Sciences, Humanities, Languages, and Education category while Dr. Bryan L. Bitantos performed well in the Science and Technology category. Lastly, Prof. Edna P. Engano and Prof. Norhanie D. Macarao both presented in the extension category despite the technical adversities they had encountered.

Evaluators for Social Sciences, Humanities, Languages and Education were Dr. Hannah G. Marquez, Director at MSU Manila Information Office; Dr. Maria Belen A. Balbuena, Science Research Specialist at DOST Philippine Council for Health Research and Development; and Dr. Robert V. Panaguiton, Dean for Research at the Ateneo de Zamboanga University.

Evaluators for Science and Technology were Dr. Casiano Choresca, Jr., Senior Science Research Specialist at National Fisheries Research Development Institute, Nueva Ecija; Dr. Adrian Ybanez, Vice President for Research and Development at Cebu Technological School and Dr. Emmanuel P. Leano, Director at Northern Mindanao Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, Resources and Research Development.

Evaluators for Extension category group 1 were: Dr. Lordellie S. Enjambre, Development Management Officer at Xavier University, Dr. Jezy C. Cutamora, Director for Research Institute for Ageing and Health and Vice Chair of Ethics Review Committee at Cebu Normal University; and Dr. Maria Theresa T. Oculos, Chief Planning Officer at National Fisheries Research and Development Institute, Nueva Ecija. Group 2 evaluators were Dr. Roy M. Mirafuentes, Public School Teacher at Sarah Anderson School, New York City; Dr. Shamir R. Kassim, Education Supervisor, Commission on Higher Education Regional Office 9; and Dr. Nenita Prado, Vice President for Research, Publication and Extension at the University of Science and Technology of the Philippines, Cagayan de Oro City.

Highlights of the summit include the poster exhibits, oral presentations of faculty researchers and the message of the keynote speaker, Dr. Rowena Cristina L. Guevara, Undersecretary for Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology. USEC Guevara presented the Research Agenda of DOST and discussed the theme of the summit "Quality Research and Development in the Digital Era for a Sustainable Mindanao".

# Turn-over Ceremony of the Graduate Programs to the Colleges

Prof. Omar Bryan M. Hampton

In consonance with the new policy of the MSU System mandating all campuses to transfer the supervision of the graduate school offerings to the colleges, the Office of the Graduate School organized the turn over ceremony last April 14, 2021. The event was spearheaded by the former dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Mario B. Torred. Our Chancellor, Dr. Pangandag M. Magolama graced the ceremony with other officials namely: Prof. Jether P. Sumpo, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance; Prof. Josephine S. Merquillo, former Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dr. Aldin Paul Genova, Dean of the College of Education; Dr. Rovy M. Banguis, former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences who is now the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development; Prof. Loreto P. Merquillo, Dean of the College of Forestry and Environmental Studies; Dr. Grace F. Empalmado, Dean of the College of Hospitality Management; Engr. Dennis C. Tenerife, Dean of the College of Information Technology; Prof. Mary Anne M. Polestina, Dean of the College of Public Affairs; and Mr. Mark Anthony A. Dalumpines, Principal of the Senior High School Department.

The four programs of the graduate school were turned over to their respective colleges. Master of Arts in Education major in School Administration (MAED) was turned over to the College of Education; Master of Arts in Peace and Development Studies (MPDS) was turned over to the College of Arts and Sciences. Master of Science in Farming System (MSFS) and Master of Science in Animal Science (MSAS) were both turned-over to the College of Agriculture.

The former dean of the Graduate School Dr. Mario B. Torred said that "I was saddened with the decision made by the BOR, however, I would like to express my support to this decision because I believe that it will bring good to the campus." The statement of the former dean was also backed up by the chancellor, Dr. Pangandag M. Magolama who uttered that "change is part of life and it is inevitable; the decision of the BOR is for the good of MSU System." The deans of the recipient colleges welcomed the programs with positivity and excitement to the new challenges ahead on supervising the newly added programs under their turfs.

The ceremony ended on a positive mood and everyone was delighted with the sumptuous food prepared by the Graduate School personnel.



## Awareness and Action as Political Grandeur: Pedxing, Politics 101 Camp 2021

Mr. Jai Rondo S. Apilar

"...PED XING offered not only prizes but also they encouraged every artists to go out from their shells," according to Ms. Krimar Pineda, an ABM student, who won 3rd Place in Photo Essay Contest during the PED XING: Politics 101 Camp that was conducted by the University of the Philippines Political Society last May 2021.

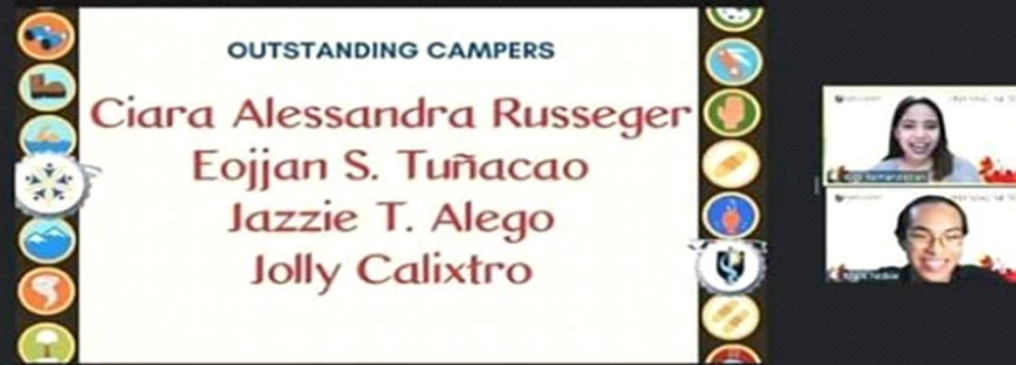
Ms. Pineda was one among the many students who joined different competitions in the said camp. Along with her were: Ms. Eojjan S. Tuñacao and Ms. Jazzie T. Alego, STEM 11 students, who were awarded as Outstanding Campers as participants for Project Proposal, Ms. Normida S. Usman for Digital Poster Making Contest, Ms. Xyla Nicole Costañes for Essay Writing Contest (Filipino Essay), Ms. Maria Brejette Jan Cometa for Essay Writing Contest (English Essay), and Mr. Francis Rex Matuod, Mr. Radj Jeffrey Malalis and Mr. Jan Michael Ybañez for Project Proposal Competition.

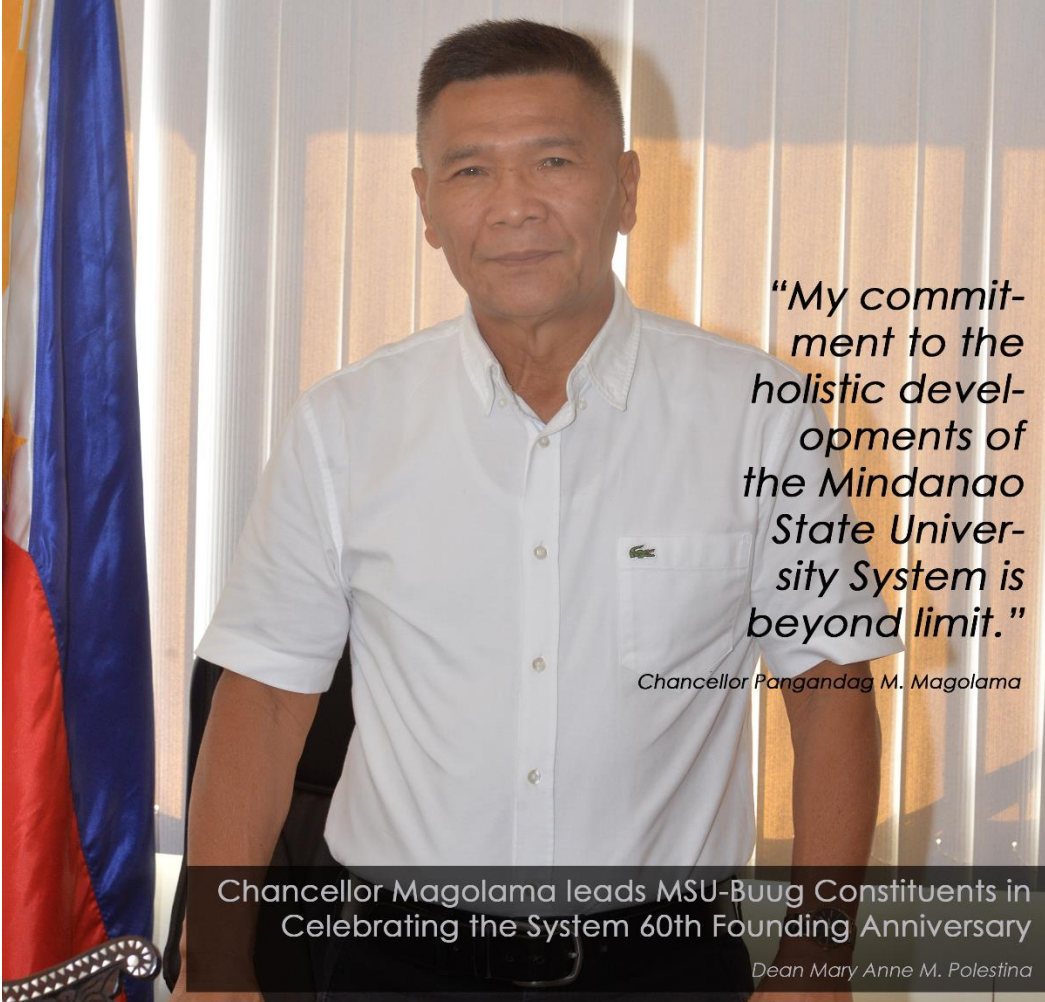
The camp did not only focus on inspiring students by letting them express themselves through their arts and crafts but also sought for artists or students who will share creative expressions

publicly bearing their political views as a timely action for the political unrests across archipelago. This platform took place online because it aimed to reach more aspirants who will be catalysts in propagating the theme of their camp, "PED XING: Inspiring Action in the Time of Political Unrest".

Activities and programs like this will open doors for more possibilities of people to raise awareness on the political unrest in their areas and to use their platform to inform the public about the current political issues. Moreover, sharing political views in appropriate communicative settings will be an efficient action in countering misinformation or fake news which have become rampant in various online sites.

Therefore, students, even teachers and officials, must be aware on different issues on politics and must raise awareness about it by taking actions whether online or offline. The points is to work together, in any way possible, because at the end, we all aim for the common good.





**“My commitment to the holistic developments of the Mindanao State University System is beyond limit.”**

*Chancellor Pangandag M. Magoloma*

**Chancellor Magoloma leads MSU-Buug Constituents in Celebrating the System 60th Founding Anniversary**

*Dean Mary Anne M. Polestina*

**M**SU was created under RA 1387 and was established in Marawi City on Sept 01, 1961. With its special mandate of integrating the Muslim and indigenous communities into the mainstream, it has now continued to spur along with its 11 campuses located in various provinces and cities in Mindanao. With its overarching functions, MSU has reached to celebrate its “diamond anniversary” last September 1, 2021 thru online with the theme “MSU @60: Bravely sailing, against all odds, on the crest of Excellence, Innovation and Service”. Despite the invasion of the pandemic, this year’s theme has ignited our spirit to continue striving as we bring the torch of light to the younger generations. MSU is and will always be a dream worthy to live on.

The University serves as a beacon of hope for many young men and women who may have less in life but dared to dream. A number of MSUans who are working and established both here and abroad quantified how MSU has changed their lives for the better. On the same note, MSU Buug as one of the 11 campuses of

the system celebrated this milestone with smiles and colorful balloons as an emblem of a fighting spirit which continues to dream and work, as the Chancellor of MSU-IIT, Dr. Sukarno D. Tanggol said “All other campuses can be as big, even bigger and better, if Salmi’s three factors of talent, resources, and enabling governance can rendezvous in these campuses”. His statements are true, as it is a matter of time and pacing for other campuses like MSU-Buug to soar high for development.

With the leadership of our dear Campus Chancellor Dr. Pangandag M. Magoloma, with the support of the MSU System president, Dr. Habib W. Macaayong, and with the unwavering support of our Vice Chancellors, and other campus officials, students and the community; slowly but surely, MSU BUUG can reach its envisioned height of growth and glory in God’s perfect time.

Happy 60 years, MSU! May you continue to produce men and women who are repleted with knowledge and character. **MABUHAY ang Pamantasang Mindanao!**



**Graduating Class of 2021 Slates Its Commencement Online**

*VC Prof. Abdani D. Bandera*

**“Virtual commencements are something of a novel concept, thus, encouraging university planners to find ways to be creative.”**

**C**COVID-19 forcing higher education institutions to postpone regular commencement ceremonies led colleges and universities in the country to have their shortened virtual ceremonies to honor and celebrate academic success of their respective 2021 graduating class. The Mindanao State University-Buug (MSU-B) is one of the universities that slated its 37th virtual Commencement Exercises and 4th Senior High School Commencement Exercises on July 8, 2021 at the university gymnasium.

Virtual commencements are something of a novel concept, thus, encouraging university planners to find ways to be creative. The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs had enlisted faculty and staff to accomplish their tasks as working committees for the success of the said graduation.

In a pre-recorded video, Dr. Rasid M. Paca, the Executive Vice President of MSU System inspired the graduates in his commencement address. Among the conferred graduates were 7 Bachelor of Science in

Fisheries, 8 Diploma in Fish Technology, 4 Bachelor of Science in Agronomy, 4 Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, 1 Bachelor of Science in Forestry major in Agro-Forestry, 4 Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, 1 Bachelor of Arts in Filipino, 3 Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management, 2 Bachelor of Science in Public Administration, 1 Bachelor in Secondary Education major in English, Bachelor in Secondary Education major in Filipino, 8 Master of Arts in Education major in School Administration, and 152 from the Senior High School.

One of the highlights was the awarding of Special Academic Excellence Award to Mr. Elizer J. Rico (BSED-English), the Class 2021 Valedictorian and same award went to Ms. Alleah Jane O. De Guzman (STEM), the Class 2021 Valedictorian of the senior high school. Both gave valedictory speeches (before the administration, faculty and staff, and co-graduates) that underscored true essence of being MSUans and of being MSU survivors.



# Senior High School Upgrading Facilities Continues

Mr. Mark Anthony A. Dalumpines



At the moment, the world is in crisis. The rising cases of positive patients of Covid-19 traumatized the public. The pandemic had hampered the economy and turned all our lives into 360 degrees. Nevertheless, the PTCA officials took advantage of it for progress. They led in developing the department to ensure a better learning experience and service for the students who will return to their academic classrooms soon. Furthermore, it is the best way to show to the parents and the community that their donations contributed largely to the department's vision of continuing its upgrading of facilities.

The PTCA initiated the building of the senior high school waiting area and the renovation of the senior high school building. These projects are the continuation of their previous projects in developing the department facilities. This is spearheaded by the PTCA Coordinator, Ms. Charmaine A. Manon-og together with the PTCA President and former Municipal Police Station Chief, Eerie Samuel P. Bael.

The growth of the department that has been shown amidst pandemic proves their commitment to quality education and service, and will continue until the end of time. This might sound an exaggeration but remember that as one moves forward, it means progress. No matter how small, progress is still a progress. And progress does not end. It will continue to soar, just like how the department envisions itself, advancement will continue. This is what makes SHS of MSU-Buug the breeder of future leaders.



Dr. Rody P. Garcia  
OIC, Regional Director  
CHED Regional Office 9

## MOA Signing between MSU Buug and CHED Region IX

Dr. Ivy F. Amante

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing between the Mindanao State University-Buug Campus under the leadership of Dr. Sultan Pangandag M. Magolama, represented by Vice Chancellor Prof. Abdani D. Bandera, and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Region IX, headed by Dr. Rody P. Garcia, OIC Regional Director, took place on September 29, 2021 as CHEDRO9 intendedly visited the campus for this relevant purpose.

CHED said that one of the main features of the "SIKAP" program is the opportunity for former HEI personnel to pursue advanced studies with the government's support. Scholarships for Instructors' Knowledge Advancement Program (SIKAP) provides opportunities for Higher Education Institution (HEI) teaching personnel, or former HEI teaching personnel seeking advanced studies in identified universities and colleges in the Philippines. Applicants may apply for a full-time scholarship and may choose their preferred model of implementation - Delivering HEI Model or Individual Model.

The MOA signing signifies MSU Buug as one of the qualified Delivering Higher Education Institutions (DHEI) for SIKAP Grants in the four Graduate Programs, namely, Master of Arts in Education major in School Administration, Master of Arts in Peace and Development Studies, Master of Science in Farming Systems, and Master of Science in Animal Science. It was successfully completed thru the persistent effort of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs headed by Prof. Bandera.

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Prof. Abdani D. Bandera  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
MSU-Buug





Dean Dennis C. Tenerife

## MSU eVillage International Donates Projectors

The Mindanao State University eVillage International (MeVI) – an international organization of MSU alumni donated three brand new Sony projectors to MSU-Buug. They were sent through Balik-bayan Box (from Toronto, USA) and were received by the university on May 10, 2021.

MeVI has been born as MSU alumni abroad are working together with mutual trust and confidence for each other and aim to help and reach out MSU campuses and MSUans worldwide!

Dr. Pangandag M. Magaloma, Chancellor of MSU-Buug, spear-headed the opening of the Balikbayan Box and assisted by Prof. Abdani Bandera, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The unboxing was done at the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Recipients of the three projectors were: Dr. Rowy M. Banguis; Mr. Norodin Canles Kabirun; and, Mr. Odo Nelle R. Balaga. The chancellor, Dr. Sultan Pangandag M. Magaloma received a souvenir program.

In an interview, Chancellor Magaloma disclosed, "We are very much happy of the donated projectors which definitely are useful to teachers and students. On behalf of the MSU-Buug constituents, I am thanking Dr. Benedict Posadas, MeVI President and all the members as we are included in the list of priority campuses."

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## The University Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony for University Dormitory

Gay Emelyn S. Libre, *OVCAF Secretary*

The university officially broke ground on its new three-storey, 612 square-meter-floor-area dormitory at a ceremony on January 6, 2021. The facility will house 24 students who come from the neighboring towns and provinces. Dr. Habib W. Macaayong, the president of MSU System, led the groundbreaking ceremony at MSU Buug Campus, Datu Panas, Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay.

The 10 million project is the phase one of a 3-storey campus dormitory donated by Senator Sonny Angara through the Office of the MSU System President. After a series of planning and consultations with the MSU Marawi's constituents, it has made the campus a priority project among others. The dormitory will have 6 bedrooms with 2 double deck beds per room that can house 4 occupants. This will be built with 2 kitchens, 4 toilets and 4 bathrooms that can be utilized for

the convenience of the inhabitants. During academic breaks, the dormitory can accommodate delegates if the campus will host a system-wide meetings or events.

As a result of the continuing expansion of MSU Buug and the rising number of students, the establishment and development of a campus dormitory is a necessity. This will provide a unique opportunity for administrators to contribute to and support the educational experience of the university students.

"A secured and well-maintained dormitory that provides students privacy combined with creative residence life programs support the admissions or recruiting process and greatly assist the university in attracting highly qualified students," Sultan Pangandag M. Magaloma, the MSU Buug Chancellor, said during his speech.

the convenience of the inhabitants. During academic breaks, the shows that these clientele come from the neighboring towns and provinces. Many of them belong to the less privileged sector of the society and are relying to educational grants to support their educational expenses. Consequently, an affordable place to stay will provide great convenience to these thriving students.

The university aims to accomplish the first phase of the project after 360 calendar days.

Note: The construction of the three (3) storey phase 1 shall commence on September 2021. It shall prioritize students from far-flung areas i.e. Tabina, Lapuyan and Sindangan. However, the management of the dormitory will still consider their economic status and academic performance during application of stay.





## Filipino Educator in New York Imparts Teacher Clarity

Prof. Janice Balajula Manlangit

The educators of the Mindanao State University-Buug (MSU-B) Campus educators were so exhilarated (for their professional growth) to attend the seminar-workshop on "Teacher Clarity" which was scheduled on August 6, 2021. Dr. Roy Mirafuentes who is an alumnus of the MSU-B and who at present is an educator in New York was the resource speaker.

The happiness of the teachers was evident in their faces as they felt they were free just like in the pre-Covid 19 days to attend various trainings, seminars and workshops. It could be noted that with the ongoing pandemic it has constrained gatherings of big crowd – the very reason of the webinars and online trainings among teachers. But August 6, 2021 was a day to reckon as the MSU faculty members flocked together in person to the Research Conference Hall, to never miss such a training and enjoy camaraderie. However, health protocols were observed.

The Seminar-Workshop on Teacher Clarity was attended by more or less 25 educators of this institute. The focal point of the activity was centered on how educators can enhance their impact on student achievement. Significantly, the resource speaker (Roy Mirafuentes) shared essential practices which if use consistently and accurately, will result in greater teacher clarity.

The Teacher Clarity has various advantages to both students and teachers. This is quite liberating and sensible in attaining continuity and productivity in delivering education at home despite these pandemic days. In his talk, he mentioned that one of the relevant reasons of not implementing academic freeze despite this

pandemic is because discontinuity of learning process could produce a negative impact on students' achievements. The Teacher Clarity augments greater independence in learning and is very convenient in our remote mode of instruction (at present) as it could promote self-directed learning.

The event was made possible through the initiative and collaborative efforts of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Prof. Josephine S. Duyaguait and the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension and Development Office, Dr. Rovy M. Banguis.

The one-day seminar workshop was a momentous one as it was not only for professional advancement among teachers but also a chance to gather as a family with Dr. Roy Mirafuentes who was a former faculty member of the MSU-B.

After the exit of Dr. Mirafuentes from the university, he has worked as educator in New York City, USA. His devotion to education and aspiration for the advancement of his learners have ushered him to become a celebrated educator, resource speaker and professional development provider. His expertise, time and invaluable service to the MSU-Buug is highly appreciated. In fact, during the event he was welcomed by Chancellor Sultan Pangandag M. Magalama and the three Vice Chancellors of the campus. MSU-Buug is forever grateful for having an alumnus like Mr. Mirafuentes who despite his numerous achievements and huge success, always comes back to his alma mater sharing whatever educational breakthroughs he has learned from his study and employment abroad.

## System University holds its 39th Council Meeting

The MSU-Marawi Campus hosted the annual System University Council (SUC) meeting on March 11, 2021, at CHARM Pavillion, MSU Campus, Marawi City. Different university chancellors attended the face-to-face meeting such as Dr. Pangandag M. Magalama (MSU Buug), Dr. Anshari P. Ali (MSU General Santos City), and Dr. Indihra D. Tawantawan (MSU-Lanao del Norte Agricultural College). Dr. Elnor C. Roa (MSU Naawan), Dr. Sukarno D. Tanggol (MSU Iligan Institute of Technology) and Dr. Mary Joyce Z. Guinto-Sali (MSU Tawi-Tawi College of Technology and Oceanography) were also attending virtually. The meeting started at 9:00 in the morning.

With the MSU System President Dr. Habib W. Macaayong presiding, part of the main agenda in the council meeting was the approval of the candidates for graduation for the First Semester, Academic Year 2020-2021: MSU Marawi – 806 candidates, MSU-IIT – 597 candidates, MSU-General Santos City – 387 candidates, and MSU-Maguindanao – 96 candidates with a total of 1,886 candidates for graduation. Another main agenda were the approval of the Revised Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and the offering of selected degree programs in the municipality of Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte as extension programs of the MSU-Main Campus. Former Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Florencio D. Recoleta, Jr. also proposed to increase the administrative load by three (3) units among the faculty members with administrative load, however, the said proposal was still pending. The adoption of Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in the MSU Buug Campus was also approved during discussions of other matters.

The 39th SUC meeting concluded at 2:00 in the afternoon.



VC Prof. Abdani D. Bandera  
Editor-in-Chief

## BEED or BSED? Be What You Want To Be

Prof. Carol Jane C. Siose



“Teaching is not a lost art, but the regard for it is a lost tradition.” - Jacques Barzun.

The oldest profession – teaching – is no longer attractive. According to *TheConversation.com*, the Queensland Deans of Education revealed there have been alarming drops in first preference applications for 2018’s teacher preparation courses. Queensland has experienced an overall 26% drop. Most alarmingly, UQ reported a 44% plunge. QUT saw a 19% drop. These figures reflect a national trend. ACU’s is down 20% for campuses in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. This follows disappointing interest in 2017. VTAC reported a 40% drop in 2017 compared to 2016. Everyone in this age is too focused on being an engineer, and an architect, a lawyer, a businessperson that the interest in teaching courses like Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSED) or Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED) has come to a great decline. In other cases, individuals who took teaching courses for college but only few use their degrees and apply as a teacher.

However, this strain does not relate to MSU Buug. On August 2, 2021 Mindanao State University- Buug Campus College of Education conducted the Teaching Aptitude Test (TAT) for aspiring BSED students and an interview for both BEED and BSED passers for the school year 2021-2022. This year, enrollees for the said course have flocked. People of different age, face, and color, were applying for teaching course. They were individuals who hoped to someday light up the way for another dreamer’s dream to come true, learners, who, we will someday call educators. The College of Education was very jampacked yet it was very quiet. Who doesn’t get tense on

interviews, anyway? For this year, the admission was rigorous. There were lots of hopes and dreams inside every student’s heart, and desires for the future.

The admission interviews which were done by the different department coordinators remind that the teaching profession is not just about the money, the fame, and the name. It is an ideology. Teachers from time immemorial have dedicated themselves to their duty. They have sacrificed everything they have for their students and for that reason, every teaching course applicant should work hard for their future students.

BSED and BEED are both courses from the same discipline but of very unlike natures. In BEED, you will learn how to dance, sing, be creative, and master empathy towards children. You will be the key to mastering little angels’ ABCs and 123s. In BSED, you have the chance to be the mentor of your younger self. BSED, on the other hand, focuses on adolescents, students who are in the midst of growth. You have to learn how to deal with their development, especially in their psychological and emotional aspects as they are in need of guidance as they venture towards adulthood. When choosing what to major, it should always be the one closest to your heart and where you bloom.

The teacher is an ever-changing face, a multi-faceted figure. A teacher must have the passion, determination, and the courage to mold its subjects into greater individuals. Today a man, tomorrow a woman. A face you commonly bump into, and sometimes a face you have never seen before, standing in front of you, trying to mold you into the figure you dream to be.

## SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure



### University Cafeteria Reopens

Goldamier F. Empalmado

To cater to the food needs among teaching and non-teaching personnel of the Mindanao State University-Buug (MSU-B) the university cafeteria was opened on April 13, 2021. Chancellor Sultan Pangandag M. Magolama graced the occasion with Vice chancellors – Prof. Jether Sumpo (Administration and Finance) and Prof. Abdani Bandera (Research, Extension and Development) and some faculty members.

The grand opening on the said date was simultaneously the official blessing and thanksgiving of the cafeteria officiated by Reverend Jessica Trance of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay.

The acting dean of the College of Hospitality Management, Dr. Grace F Empalmado, also acting as the cafeteria manager in an interview had her say: “We are happy to serve everyone who wants to beat his hunger and quench his thirst. In the cafeteria we serve breakfast and lunch, as well as, beverages of various selections. Major of this income generating project is having a la carte menu to possibly avoid spoilage of food products.”



Prof. Bandera (now as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs) crafted the name of the cafeteria as “Kapehan de Grattea”. From the name conveys further offering of hot coffee to all coffee lovers who find pleasure in it. Prof. Bandera said, “People say money can’t buy happiness. They lie. Money buys coffee. Coffee makes us happy.”

Biscuits, milk, cookies and other consumables can also be bought from the newly-opened



## PR-06 Alicia-Malangas Road: 2nd Benchmark Survey

Prof. Edna P. Engaño



The Mindanao State University-Buug Campus serving as a research and extension resource institute, through its team of faculty members and staff, conducted the second benchmark survey in Benefit Monitoring and Evaluation of PR-06 Alicia-Malangas Road last July 26-29, 2021.

The enumerators successfully interviewed the respondents from the two municipalities of Alicia and Malangas. From the municipality of Alicia, there are four barangays that their stakeholders are being interviewed and they were from barangays of Poblacion Alicia, Bella, Ilian and Liparawan and in Municipality of Malangas, these are the barangays of Poblacion Malangas, Lipacan, Camanga, Payag, Tackling, Catiluan, Logpond and Bacao respectively. And the type of stakeholders that are being interviewed are the transport operators, head of institutions, processors and producers. With the engagement to these kind of stakeholders, the enumerators had easily interviewed the said respondents, thus, have made their task enjoyable.

There are 512 questionnaires being disposed and answered by the respondents which the enumerators are happy recording their answers in relation to how the opening of this corridor road has brought improvement to the lives of the stakeholders in the project area.

Furthermore, the conduct of the survey has brought courage and excitement to the team on how they could face realities of the people's lives particularly to the less fortunate individuals. Seeing the faces of the stakeholders and passing the improved roads and it creates thankfulness and gratitude of hearts of the stakeholders to the espousing agencies in realizing this project particularly acknowledging the effort of the Renardet S.A. in joint venture with design Science Inc. as well as the Asian Development Bank, as the funding agency and above all with the work construction monitoring of the project done by the Department of Public Works and Highways, thus, answered to the call of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's Build, Build Program.

## His Honor, Our Pride!

Prof. Arsub M. Varquez, Jr.



Prof. Abdani D. Bandera  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
MSU-Buug

The passion for writing has afforded a mountain of opportunities. With the craft one can become a short story writer, a playwright, a novelist and even become a refined researcher. This fact is substantiated by Professor Abdani Bandera—an Assistant Professor of the Mindanao State University –Buug (MSU-B) who was acclaimed as one of the outstanding young researchers by the Institute of Scholars or InSc (In India) as his investigative output has been a contribution to intensifying awareness on toxins and human health.

Only 28 years old, Professor Bandera came to the MSU-Buug in 2020 as a plain faculty member of the College of Agriculture being a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business Management and a holder of Master of Science in Farming Systems at the Mindanao State University-Marawi. Yet, with a span of just months few, he became the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension and Development of the MSU-B. Toiling to set-up the direction of the campus research and extension for too a short time, he again rose to a new post and now, the current Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Back to his love for research Professor Bandera had lots of researches in the field of agriculture that had been published in International Journals. In fact, his research being cited as one of the outstanding researches by InSc India, "Phytochemicals screening and return on investment of pechay (*Brassica napus* L. subsp. *Chinensis* van Black Behi) as influenced by inorganic fertilizers (ground and foliar application) and organic fertilizers", is also published in International Journal of Agriculture and Food Science.

Completing his academic requirements for Ph.D. in Sustainable Development Studies (major in Sustainable Economic Development) at the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology, Professor Bandera at the soonest time possible will be joining the circle of doctors of the MSU-B.

The honor received by Professor Abdani from InSc as one of the outstanding young researchers and all his academic labors and life victories are our pride!

# IPDM

## IPDM after Hiatus

Prof. Jennifer V. Castellano

Per Special Order No. 002-OC, Series of 2021 dated January 11, 2021 issued by the Office of the Chancellor, the Mindanao State University-Buug Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao (MSUB-IPDM) was reconstituted to continue the Institute's mandate of integrating ethnicity and cultural solidarity and promoting peace and integration through its curriculum. Although the MSU-Buug IPDM was launched on the 28th of October, 2006, almost fifteen (15) years from today, it has experienced hiatus due to the retirement of the forerunners. Nevertheless, its reconstitution revives the Campus' pursuit of a lasting peace in Mindanao.

The reconstitution of the IPDM came with the following composition: Prof. Jameyla A. Ladias as director, Prof. Jennifer V. Castellano as secretary, Prof. Esnairah D. Rascal as Peace Education coordinator, Prof. Omar Bryan M. Hampong as Peace Research coordinator, Prof. Mary Anne M. Poleslina as Peace Action coordinator and Prof. Thor L. Domato, Jr., Prof. Abdani D. Bandera, Mr. John Mark C. Sinoy, Ms. Jennelyn V. Canuto and Ms. Rosienie D. Gallardo as members.

With the new composition and renewed commitment for the attainment of a lasting peace in Mindanao, the IPDM participated in the virtual conversation hosted by the MSU-IIT IPDM on "Issues and Prospects of Peace Education in Relation to the Bangsamoro Political Transition" last January 30, 2021. On the 26th of the following month, the IPDM personnel attended the virtual conversation on "University Policy on Peace Education" and launching of CHED-IDIG Project hosted by MSU-General Santos. On July 15, 2021, MSU General Santos hosted a "Policy Conversation on Peace Education" which MSUB-IPDM attended.

With peace attainment as goal, the Mindanao State University-Buug Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao is

planning to conduct seminars on the Culture of Peace and on Mental Health Awareness which will be attended by faculty members of the Campus. With the strong belief that the attainment of inner peace will capacitate the faculty members to produce peace advocates and agents of peace, capacity building program through seminars on Culture of Peace is eyed.

To go beyond educating students on peace and to bring culture of peace to the minds of the readers, the IPDM aims to publish the research papers of MSU-Buug graduates of Master of Peace and Development. Beyond the MSU-Buug gate of knowledge, culture of peace is dreamed to reach every heart and mind through letters. Hence, one of the planned programs of the Institute is to publish researches on peace.

Sowing the seeds of peace outside every child's home is the responsibility of the Mindanao State University as an educational institution. Thus, one of the programs of IPDM upon its launching in 2006 was the integration of peace education in the Junior High School. With the launching of FPE101 and the participation of some faculty members from the Senior High School Department to the FPE101 seminars, integration of peace education in their subjects was successfully done. With the reconstitution of the MSU-IPDM, visitation and evaluation of the Junior High School and Senior High School peace integration in their subjects are planned to identify the challenges and to determine the necessary interventions to be made.

After its hiatus, MSUB-IPDM is back to redirect everyone passing along the oblivious highway of life to follow the signage, "This Way" towards "Peace Zone".

## English Department Develops CBP Workbook in English

Prof. Norhanie D. Macarao

The inevitable shift to digital education did not stop the English Department to find a way to develop the book, College Bound Program Workbook in English, 2021 Edition. The said workbook is launched for the consumption of those students enrolled in the College Bound Program during summer of 2021.

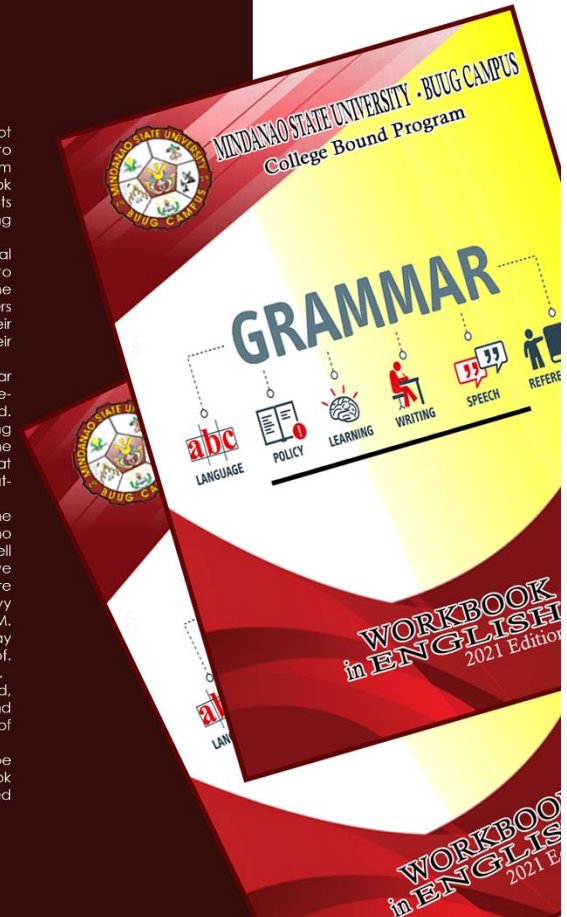
The workbook is an affordable instructional material making learning more accessible to students especially those who cannot cope with the rigors of online classes. This workbook gives readers and users the tool they need to develop their language skills and to envision in creating their future that they want.

The book features weekly modules on grammar with various exercises to assess students' comprehension, similar to the previous workbooks used. Since CBP's inception, the campus has been using workbook produced from other campuses of the University. This time, the campus is now with great pride and honor to use its own along with Mathematics workbook.

Production of the workbook is part of the College of Arts' mission to produce graduates who are well-equipped with communication skills as well as to capacitate its faculty members to achieve teaching excellence. Authors of the book are faculty members of the English Department; Dr. Ivy F. Amante, Mr. Jai Rondo Apilar, Dr. Rovy M. Banguis, Miss Celine Christy U. Cabilao, Prof. Gay Emelyn S. Libre, Prof. Norhanie D. Macarao, Prof. Josephine S. Merquillo and Prof. Arsub M. Varquez.

Chancellor Pangandag Magolama said, "We've created lots of exciting new initiatives and activities for this year and this workbook is one of them."

The English Department envisions this step to be a kick-off tool to eventually publish the workbook along with other learning materials to be produced in the department.



## MSU-Buug Laboratory Junior High School conducts JHEASE

Mr. Alven M. Bolotaolao

To give equal chances among grade six pupils to continue their schooling here at the Mindanao State University-Buug Laboratory Junior High School (MSU-B LJHS), the MSU-B LJHS conducted the Junior High School Entrance Admission and Scholarship Examination (JHEASE) last April 10, 2021 for all incoming Grade-7 students. Before administering the exam, the junior high school department had conducted its campaign to the different schools to ensure that every elementary school would be informed about the said examination. The department designated one faculty to travel and hand in the communication letter from the registrar to update all elementary school heads of the exact date and pupil requirements for the examination.

Part of letter was the specified all the indispensable requirements including the one hundred pesos fee (P100). Prior to administering the JHEASE radio promotion was also done to further announce the incoming examination and possibly capture a good number of pupil takers. HOT FM Buug was responsible for airing the promotion which lasted for more than two (2) months. This entrance admission and examination which happens yearly is a chance for all pupil passers to enjoy cheap and quality education. Scheduling the examination this year is the hardest as we are in the midst of the pandemic. Health protocols had to be observed, and permission was sought from the mayor's office and all other safety protocols set by the Local Government Unit of Buug and IATF were all followed.

The exam had a total of 258 examinees coming from the different elementary schools in the municipality of Buug and from other schools from neighboring municipalities. All examinees together with their parents arrived early in school during the examination day as the examination time to start was 8 am.

## MeVI grants scholarship to MSU-Buug Student

Dean Dennis C. Tenerife

The MSU eVillage International (MeVI) Scholarship Committee grants one scholarship slot to Ms. Lynne Joy Quirol, a BS Agriculture student, of MSU-Buug. Enjoyment of the scholarship to commence effective this first semester of AY 2021-2022.

Ms. Quirol being recommended by the university had to fill-out application form and submit grade card, indigent certificate and certificate of registration (COR) via electronic mail sent directly to Madam Rose Posadas (the chair of the MeVI scholarship committee).

It was on July 25, 2021 that the MeVI Scholarship Committee scheduled a Google Meet online meeting to discuss matters relative to the granting of scholarships to some MSU-System campuses with the MSU-Buug first priority in the list. During the meeting, the committee chair presented the MSU-Buug applicant's submitted documents. The Scholarship Focal of the MSU-Buug was then advised by the chair to give reasons as to recommending Ms. Quirol. Afterwards, votation came next by the committee members (by raising their hands) as to the granting of scholarship. Luckily, the committee favorably approved the scholarship of Ms. Lynne Joy Quirol and is the first MeVI scholar.

To answer queries as to selection of student applicants in MSU-Buug, these were the essentials: 1.) The Scholarship Focal Person (SFP) informed the Campus Chancellor regarding the Scholarship Grant sponsored by the MeVI; 2.) The Chancellor channeled the concern to the OVCAA; 3.) The VCAA and the SFP discussed the good news and discussed further student requirements for application; 4.) The OVCAA issued a memo to all deans to submit a recommendation for the scholarship and write a little background of their respective recommendee; 5.) The OVCAA asked the Registrar to provide the records of the students recommended; 6.) The Scholarship Committee discussed student applicants' background and evaluated their academic record; and, 7.) The VCAA together with the Scholarship Focal present the recommended applicant to the Chancellor for Approval.



Lynne Joy Quirol  
MeVI Scholar

## Pres. Macaayong Leads Inauguration of New School Buildings

VC Prof. Jether P. Sumpo

No other than Dr. Habib W. Macaayong, the president of MSU System, was the guest of honor during the inauguration rites for the gymnasium bleachers and new administration building of MSU Buug on January 6, 2021.

After Sultan Pangandag M. Magolama, MSU Buug Chancellor, warmly welcomed everyone and presented his accomplishment report, the program continued with the ribbon cutting ceremony by President Macaayong and assisted by Chancellor Magolama, the former MSU System Vice President for Planning and Development who is now the Executive Vice President, Dr. Rasid Paca, former MSU System Board of Regent Secretary who is now the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance of MSU-GenSan, Usman D. Aragasi, Director of MSU-Marawi Legal Services Division and the present secretary of the Board of Regents, Atty. Shidik T. Abantas and Director of MSU-Marawi Office of Information, Press and Publication Saidamen O. Limgas, The MSU System first lady Madame Pamela Biston-Macaayong and other MSU-Marawi officials also graced the occasion.

Speaking before MSU Buug's constituents, President Macaayong said he was pleased to be part of the inauguration rites of the buildings. "We are hopeful that this development will provide a more conducive learning environment even as we cope with the new normal," he noted. The investment in educational infrastructure affirms the administration's continuing commitment to promote the right of the people to quality and accessible education at all levels.

The four-million Rehabilitation Project of MSU Buug gymnasium includes bleachers, a comfort room and four fully-furnished air-conditioned offices for the Director for Student Affairs and Services, the Director for Sports and Physical Education, the Director for Admission and Scholarship, and the Property Custodian. More so, the five-million Administration Building Phase I has two airconditioned offices that are occupied by the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance and the Campus Registrar respectively.





## OVCREd hosts the 1st Virtual Research Colloquium

VC Dr. Rovy M. Banguis

Last July 6, 2021 carved a significant milestone for the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development as it hosted its 1st Virtual Research Colloquium with the theme "Multidisciplinary Researches: Underpinning Innovations for Sustainable Development". A total of 32 graduating students of MSU-Buug presented their undergraduate and graduate theses as it is one of the requirements for their graduation per Resolution No. 001 Series of 2021. Winners for best paper in the three categories will have free publication in the Asian Journal of Advanced Multidisciplinary Researches (AJAMR), the official research journal of MSU-Buug.

The virtual colloquium presentations were categorized into three virtual rooms such as the Graduate Studies with Ms. Gay Emelyn S. Libre as the moderator; Science and Technology with Mr. Jai Rondo C. Aplar as the moderator and Social Sciences, Languages, and Education with Sir Mark Anthony A. Dalumpines, Principal of the Senior High School as the moderator. Oral presentations of the Graduate Studies were judged by competent adjudicators namely: Dr. Aldin Paul S. Genovia, Dean of College of Education; Dr. Bryan L. Bitantos, Chairperson of the Environmental Science Department; and Prof. Carmelita H. Balbosa, former Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Mrs. Catherine C. Eldian, a Master of Arts in Education major in School Administration bagged all the awards such as best paper, best presenter and best in multimedia presentation. Her study is focused on "Science Performance in Face-to-Face and Modular Instruction and Students' Learning Retention".

Winners for the Social Sciences, Languages, and Education category were: Mr. Elizer J. Rico, a BSEd English, as best presenter and best paper with the study titled "Reading Comprehension in L1 and L2: Evidences of Bilingual Learning and Ms. Mary Grace B. Rubio, a BS Public Administration, for best in multimedia presentation with the study titled "Career Competency and Career Satisfaction of the Faculty of MSU-Buug". Thanks to the highly competent panel of evaluators namely: Dr. Ivy F. Amante, a faculty of the English Department; Prof. Janice B. Manlangit, Coordinator of Social Sciences Department; and Prof. Nor-caina E. Salipada, Director for Student Affairs.

The OVCREd was also delighted to have two vice chancellors who and one former faculty who extended their precious time to panel the Science and Technology category. Prof. Abdani D. Bandera, Vice chancellor for Academic Affairs; Prof. Jether P. Sumpo, Vice chancellor for Administration and Finance; and Prof. Paul B. Bokingito, a former faculty of the College of Information Technology. Mr. Welmor John R. Sabado won two awards; best presenter and best in multimedia presentation with the study titled "Dengue Incidence and Awareness Among Dengue Survivors in Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay"; and Detchel P. Canoy for best paper with the study titled "Growth, Recruitment, and Exploitation Rate of Gold Band Goatfish in Bulaan, Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur.

Aside from the impactful presentations, the powerful message given by our keynote speaker, Dr. Joel V. Araya, Faculty of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, MSU-Marawi City also highlighted the event. Then, it was reinforced by the inspirational message from our hardworking chancellor, Dr. Sultan Pangandag M. Magolama. Fortunately, the event was still successful despite the technical difficulties that the OVCREd personnel had encountered. We owed so much to the MSU-Buug officials for their support and to the Research, Extension and Development coordinators, special assistants, and secretaries for their usual cooperation.

**"Research is woven into the fabric of the university because it is infused in our teachings."**



## OVCAA Partners with DICT to Enhance Workplace Productivity

Dr. Ivy F. Amante

At least 40 employees from different offices of the campus underwent a free Office Productivity Enhancement Training conducted by the Department of Information, Communication and Technology (DICT) on January 19-20, 2021 at the Graduate School Conference Hall. The said training was focused on exploring the various features of Microsoft Office for efficient and effective use of the employees' work hours.

Speaking before the participants, Mr. Uris A. Fonollera patiently explained some existing applications in the Microsoft that could really be helpful in developing and improving office services, operations, productivity, and competitiveness.

Over the course of the two-day training, office heads and secretaries were immersed in exploring around practical applications of Microsoft Office and presenting their outputs for comments and suggestions from the trainers.

The OPE Training concluded with all participants receiving their certificates from the DICT and bringing home with them new discoveries and ideas to help them get through their office work and finish a reasonable quantity of tasks.



## Chancellor Magolama signs the Memorandum of Commitment

Venerando G. Tenio, MSc



To show support and full commitment of MSU-Buug to the Implementation of the Regional Collaborative Program for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development in Region IX, Chancellor Pangandag M. Magolama signed the Memorandum of Commitment in the presence of Dr. Rovy M. Banguis, Vice-Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development; and Dr. Bryan L. Bitantos, Director for Research last August 31, 2021. This effort was made possible by the forerunners of Western Mindanao for Agriculture, Aquatic, Research Development Council (WESMAARDEC) headed by the Consortium Director, Dr. Teresita A. Narvaez.

Twenty-two heads from all participating agencies in the region also signed in the memorandum which included Higher Education Institutions such as: Western Mindanao State University, MSU-Tawi tawi, Jose Rizal Memorial State University, Basilan State College and other agencies like the Department of Science and Technology, Department of

Trade and Industry, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and National Economic and Development Authority. The aim of the consortium is to strengthen the following: strategic research and development, capability building, research and development governance, research and development results and utilization, policy analysis and advocacy. The agreement shall take effect upon signing will continue to be enforced for a period of three years. It is hoped that thru this agreement, there will be an effective and efficient management of research, extension and development programs and activities as well as the attainment of expected outputs in the fields of agriculture, aquatic, and natural resources.

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## The Inception of Asian Journal of Advanced Multidisciplinary Researches (AJAMR)

VC Dr. Rovy M. Banguis

Asian Journal of Advanced Multidisciplinary Researches (AJAMR) is an academic publication of peer reviewed articles involving various fields in the academe such as : Science and Technology, Social Sciences, Languages, Agriculture, Fisheries, Education, Forestry, Environmental Science, Business Management, and Public Administration. It is the very first research journal of the university which is published thru online on a quarterly basis. This was created to ensure that the MSU-Buug faculty members and students will be kept abreast with research publication as part of the four-fold function of the university. To safeguard the manuscripts of the researchers, the team decided to have it registered in the National Library of the Philippines last February 26, 2021 with ISSN No. 2782-9057 thru the concerted efforts of the Former Vice-Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development, Prof. Abdani D. Bandera, who is now the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Prof. Dennis C. Tenerife, Special Assistant to the OVCRED and the Dean of College of Information Technology.

The editorial team is headed by our visionary chancellor, Dr. Sultan Pangandag M. Magolama, as the editor-in-chief; followed by

prolific researchers namely: Prof. Abdani Bandera, Dr. Rovy M. Banguis, and Prof. Arsub M. Varquez as associate editors; Dr. Romi Novriadi from Indonesia as the peer reviewer; Prof. Josephine S. Merquillo as the Senior editor, Dr. Bryan L. Bitantos, Dr. Grace F. Empalmado, Dr. Ivy F. Amante, and Prof. Floriete G. Torino as Junior editors; the team is also supported by hardworking editorial staff namely: Prof. Janice B. Manlangit, Prof. Omar Bryan Hampong, Ms. Gay Emelyn S. Libre, Mr. Venerando G. Tenio and Mr. Reybhoy Ramos; with the special contribution of the two equally competent IT experts: Prof. Dennis C. Tenerife and Mr. Odo Nelle R. Balaga as the technical staff members.

The creation of AJAMR as the very first online academic publication is significant because it accounts new researches and records knowledge in multifaceted academic disciplines. Before a research paper be published, it must be reviewed by the panel of editors who are experts in the field then forwarded to the international reviewer then will go back to the editorial team for final approval of the full paper for publication.

The journey of the AJAMR continues as it published its first volume and issue last March

31, 2021 having five researches in the fields of languages, literature, agriculture and technology. These researches are the works of the faculty members and undergraduate students. These include studies on "Analysis on Languages of Love in the Novel Me before You" by Dr. Rovy M. Banguis, Ms. Shandy Lou Omongas, and Adelyn C. Pino; " Exploring Gay Lingo in Some Selected OPM Songs" by Mr. Deo Jamael M. Sumalinog, Mr. Ronald S. Salid, Exel Rose Sarino, and Dr. Ivy F. Amante; " Semiotic Analysis on Gay Lingo Expressions" by Dr. Ivy F. Amante; "Revealing the Crops Using GIS-Enabled Tool Crops Mapping System" by: Prof. Dennis C. Tenerife, Ms. Jeddah Joy C. Sorio, Ms. Ailyn B. Torres, and Sarah Jane P. Olanda; and "Semiotic Analysis on Some Selected OPM Songs" by: Dr. Rovy M. Banguis. AJAMR remains faithful to its obligation to promote the culture of research and publication within and outside the university as it is also open to all researches who are looking for a venue to impart their knowledge to one another and contribute to the grand design of natural knowledge and soon perfecting researches encompassing all academic disciplines.



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