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DOST scholar grad urges fellow scholars: 'Pagyamananin natin ang bunga ng mga binhing itinanim'

Tarlac State University concluded its Foundation Week celebration by honoring outstanding scholars during the Gawad Parangal 2025 held on October 18 at the TSU Hotel Priscilla Hall, Lucinda Campus.

This is the Scholarship

and Financial Assistance Unit's second year of staging a recognition program for scholars who graduated with Latin honors, received awards, and excelled academically, as well as scholarship providers from the public sector, private

organizations, and university organizations.

In his opening message, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco urged the scholars to "keep dreaming," emphasizing that success requires not only intelligence but also perseverance

and compassion.

"Keep learning, dreaming, and doing more. Ang tunay na tagumpay ay bunga ng sipag, tiyaga, at malasakit sa kapwa," Pres. Velasco said.

Gracing the ceremony as

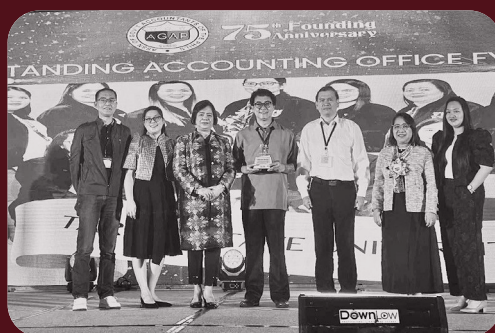
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guest of honor and speaker was Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, one of the newly appointed commissioners of the Commission on Higher Education and former TSU president.

In her speech, Comm. Mallari recognized the scholars for their hard work and for valuing the assistance of their benefactors.

She also reminded them to embrace lifelong learning and give back to society and God.

“Kung ano mang meron tayo, we should bring back everything to God,” she added.

Tarlac Province Governor Hon. Christian Tell A. Yap, represented by Mr. John Allan Brylle Manalang, and Tarlac City Mayor Hon. Susan A. Yap, represented by Atty. AJ Lamorena, also shared their messages of support, encouraging the students to continue pursuing wisdom not only for personal success but also in service to their communities.

“Let the fruits of your knowledge become seeds of kindness and solidarity wherever life may lead you,” Mr. Manalang said on behalf of Gov. Yap.

“Each one of you has the potential to contribute

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Mary Joy B. Manalo



Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari
CHED Commissioner



significantly to the betterment of our community and society as a whole...Continue striving for excellence, remain steadfast in your pursuit of knowledge,

and always uphold the values of unity and cooperation in all your endeavors,” Atty. Lamorena added.

Meanwhile, Department of Science and Technology scholar Nathaniel Craig G. De Guzman, one of the three summa cum laude graduates from the College of Computer Studies batch 2025, and now a TSU faculty member, thanked the DOST for providing financial support that helped sustain his studies and his family, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Pagyamananin natin ang bunga ng mga binhing itinanim at pinayaman sa matabang lupa ng TSU sa tulong at gabay ng ating mga benefactors at ng TSU administration hanggang sa dumating ang panahong tayo ay mag-aani na ng tagumpay kasama ang ating mga

magulang,” De Guzman told his co-scholars.

Bearing the theme “Binhi ng Karunungan, Bunga ng Pagtutulungan,” the event also honored scholarship providers such as the Philippine Army Finance Center Producers Integrated Cooperative (PAFCFIC), San Andres Farm Scholarship Program, Don Francisco Santos Educational Assistance Program, Aslag ning Pag-Asa Tarlac, Inc., Ninoy and Cory Aquino Foundation, Luis Co Chi Kiat Foundation, Inc., and the Kass and Kaye Scholarship Program.

Also present during the ceremony were Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza, Vice President for Administration Atty. Gherold C. Benitez, and some members of the administrative and academic councils.

TSU confers Juris Doctor to 60 lawyers, law grads

Mary Joy B. Manalo

Sixty lawyers and law graduates of Tarlac State University from batch 2018 and earlier were conferred with the Juris Doctor degree on October 13, 2025 at the Tarlac City Convention Center, forming part of the university's founding and universityhood celebration activities.

The conferment is pursuant to Legal Education Board Memorandum Order No. 19, s. 2018 that permits higher education institutions with duly recognized law schools to reissue diplomas, transcripts of records, and other academic credentials to their Bachelor of Laws graduates, subject to the LEB's prior written approval.

Gracing the conferment ceremonies as the guest of honor and speaker is Hon. Ma. Theresa Dolores Gomez-Estoesta, the newly appointed court administrator of the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

“The country does not need lawyers who win



Hon. Ma. Theresa Dolores Gomez-Estoesta
Court Administrator, Supreme Court of the Philippines

at all costs—it needs lawyers who stand firm when it costs everything,” Hon. Estoesta emphasized in her commencement address.

“As you step out into the world, carry not just the title of an attorney, but the deeper duty it brings,” she added.

Moreover, the court administrator also reminded the recipients that the true test of being a lawyer lies not in victory but in choosing integrity when it is most difficult.

“Corruption is everywhere...It is not always grand, not always newsworthy, not always committed by those in high office – often it lives in the smallest things – in everyday doings, and that is what makes it so dangerous,” Hon. Estoesta said.

“You may find yourselves alone or even ridiculed for choosing the hard right over the easy wrong, but remember, you are never truly alone in doing what is right. Each honest act inspires others, each principled decision sets an example, and every time you say no to corruption, you help rebuild the public's trust in the legal profession—and that trust is worth everything,” she further said, urging the lawyers and law grads to be beacons of honesty in times of moral uncertainty.

In closing, Hon. Estoesta left the graduates with a reminder that echoed the essence of their chosen profession, noting

that “law and justice demand integrity and accountability, and to serve the law with integrity because integrity sums it all up.”

The event marked the first juris doctor conferment of TSU's School of Law following its establishment in 2008.

Among those who were conferred with a Juris Doctor degree are TSU Vice President for Administration Atty. Gherold C. Benitez and Presidential Assistant Dr. Brigido B. Corpuz. Dr. Corpuz is among the first batch of TSU SOL graduates in 2012.

“My dream is to see you all in unity – caring and helping one another, cherishing those sweet moments when you were still students of law,” SOL Dean Dr. Jose I. Dela Rama Jr. said in his closing message.

Present during the ceremony are TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza, and Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Atty. Wilmark J. Ramos, together with some members of the administrative council and SOL faculty members.



TSU, Yokohama Tire continue decade-long partnership for student support services

Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan



Tarlac State University renewed its partnership for student scholarships with Yokohama Tire Philippines, Inc. through a memorandum of agreement signed last October 3, 2025 at the Yokohama Production Plant, Clark Freeport Zone.

For over a decade, YTPI, through TSU's Scholarship and Financial Assistance Unit, has assisted numerous students by providing a monthly stipend and book allowance every semester.

Academically outstanding scholars have been selected from the fields of mechanical, electronics and communication, and electrical engineering, applied mathematics, and other programs identified by the company.

In his message, YTPI President and CEO Mr. Atsushi Funayama stated that he wants

students to be given the chance to use their knowledge and create meaningful change for their families and communities through the company's support.

"We believe these dreams are the true foundations of sustainability, because the future is not only built by technology but also (by) people," he said.

Moreover, Mr. Funayama addressed the scholars to study hard and dream big.



"This scholarship is not just financial aid, but it is a sign of trust that we believe in you. Remember that your success is also the success of your community and our shared future. Let us continue to work together for education, for sustainability, and (a) brighter tomorrow," he added.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco thanked the YTPI officials for their generosity and also advised the grantees to do well in their studies.



"This scholarship program is a manifestation – your (YTPI) expression of trust, confidence, and belief [in] the potential of our students. With your help, this will lighten their worries. They can concentrate more on their studies. I also heard that there is a big possibility that our scholars may be given the opportunity to be hired here if they perform well. Make good, mga scholars natin in TSU. Be one of the lucky employees of Yokohama Tire Philippines," he said.

Since the company's establishment in the Philippines in 1996, more than 25 TSU graduates have worked in YTPI.

Kyla Cassandra Follero, a fourth-year accountancy student, is one of the YTPI scholarship program grantees and is currently undergoing an internship at the manufacturing plant.

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TSU claims back-to-back eNGAS awards

Mary Joy B. Manalo



Once again, Tarlac State University was awarded two eNGAS recognitions for its accomplishments and contributions in utilizing the Electronic New Government Accounting System (eNGAS) from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025.

This is the second consecutive year that TSU has received the Outstanding eNGAS System User Entity Award and the eNGAS System Inclusiveness Award (formerly Gallantry Award), which were formally handed over to the university's finance team during

the Government Financial Management Innovators Circle, Inc. (GFMIC) 16th Annual National Convention and 2025 Membership Conference held on September 25, 2025, in Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

Representing TSU during the awarding ceremony were Atty. Gherold C. Benitez, Vice President for Administration; Mr. John Erwin C. Panlilio, Finance Director; Dr. Marlon V. Gamido, Office of Management and Information Systems Director; and Mr. Ryan R. Ronquillo, Accounting Unit



Head.

According to Mr. Ronquillo, TSU has been utilizing eNGAS version 1.2 since 2005, making it one of the pioneering users of the system among government agencies in Region III.

Moreover, the adoption of eNGAS has since streamlined accounting processes, aligned financial reporting with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), and ensured the timely generation of relevant financial reports for enhanced performance

monitoring.

"The back-to-back recognition reaffirms TSU's commitment to innovation, accountability, and leadership in advancing digital public financial management in higher education institutions," Mr. Ronquillo said in a statement.

Adding to the university's achievement, the TSU Commission on Audit team, led by Atty. Meliza Joy P. Manalo and Mr. Jay Mer D. Tabugan, also received the Outstanding eNGAS System User Audit Team Award in the same event.



Again, finance team secures 'most outstanding accounting office' recognition

Saralyn D. Cawigan, Ann Hazel E. Cariaga | Accounting Unit



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For the second consecutive year, Tarlac State University was named as one of the most outstanding accounting offices for the calendar year 2024 by the Association of Government Accountants of the Philippines, Inc.

Presidential Assistant Dr. Brigido B. Corpuz and Executive Secretary Dr. Ronnie A. Dungo received the plaque of recognition on behalf of TSU at the 2025 AGAP Annual Convention-Seminar held on

October 7, 2025, at the SMX Convention Center, Davao City.

The financial accolade from AGAP is a recognition of the university's exemplary performance in public financial management. In 2024, TSU is the only state university in the Philippines to receive the said award.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco expressed his gratitude and pride over the recognition, describing it as a reflection of the university's

unwavering commitment to integrity, accountability, and excellence in financial management.

Pres. Velasco likewise commended the workforce behind the Office of Finance and Accounting Unit, led by Finance Director Mr. John Erwin C. Panlilio and Accounting Head Mr. Ryan R. Ronquillo, for their professionalism and dedication.

Joining Dr. Corpuz and Dr. Dungo at the event is the TSU audit team from

the Commission on Audit, composed of OIC Team Leader Atty. Meliza Joy P. Manalo and State Auditor Mr. Jay Mer G. Tabugan.

The award given by AGAP is based on the nomination and recommendation from the COA and the Department of Budget and Management using a 50-50 rating system that evaluates both financial reporting quality and overall financial performance.

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In an interview, she said that the allowances provided eased her worries and helped her buy the books needed for her courses. Additionally, she is happy that she can land a job at YTPI after her OJT.

"Yung iba po kasing mga fresh grad, kailangan pa pong makipag-agawan ng work outside kasi madami pong fresh graduates. Sa amin po baliklad, 'yung work na po namin 'yung naghihintay po sa amin," she

said.

Meanwhile, James Banag, a first-year mechanical engineering student, is one of the new recipients of the scholarship program. He and his mother, Glory, are thankful and honored for this opportunity.

"Malaking tulong po siya sa aming finances lalo na po na hindi po kami wealthy. We are so thankful po na napili po kami ni Yokohama. Na-plan na po namin na tipunin ko po



yung most of the allowance para po makabili ng laptop kasi po kailangan po namin just in case po mag-Auto Cad na po kami and wala po akong laptop," he said.

AutoCAD is a drafting software for creating 2D and 3D designs and models widely used by architects, engineers, and other professionals in the construction industry.

YTPI officials present at the signing ceremony include Executive Vice President for

Administration Division Mr. Masatsugu Nishimon, Vice President for Administration Division Ms. Angelina Casasola, Vice Presidents for Plant Operations Division Mr. Juanito Arona and Mr. Jose Cansino Jr., and Corporate Planning and Business Operations Department Manager Ms. Geraldine Bautista.

Accompanying Pres. Velasco from TSU are Presidential Assistant Dr. Brigido Corpuz and SFAU OIC Head Ms. Sarah T. Gonzales.



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TSU unveils 'Silay' coffee table book

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Tarlac State University launched its coffee table book, featuring milestones from its inception as the Tarlac Trade School to its status as the Tarlac College of Technology, during the founding and universityhood anniversary week.

The soft launching of the book's first volume titled "Silay: Glimpse of TSU's Past" was held on October 16, 2025 at the TSU Gymnasium, which was attended by the members of the book committee, comprising the TSU executives, Records Management Improvement Committee and sub-committees, external editorial consultants, and selected Administrative Council members and teaching and non-teaching employees.

"Congratulations to everyone who brought 'Silay' to life. May this volume be the first of many as we continue to honor our past, celebrate our present, and shape a future worthy of our name. Let's carry the story of the past as we build the future," Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza said in

his opening remarks.

"Silay" is a collaborative work of the university through the Records and Archives Unit and the RMIC, chaired by Vice President for Administration Atty. Gherold C. Benitez, who is also the chairperson of this book project.

The book team was led by consultants, namely former National Historical Commission of the Philippines Commissioner

and former TSU Tarlaqueño Studies Head Dr. Lino Dizon, former Tarlaqueño Studies Head Dr. Rodrigo Sicut, Prof. Oscar Pecson, and Prof. Renato Galvez.

Part of the book launch is the delivery of a book review by Dr. Edward Benrick D. Salonga, a TSU alumnus and faculty member from Pampanga State Agricultural University who specializes in history and social studies.

"It is actually a work that is not merely a compilation of months and dates but a living advocate of four things, [namely] growth, resilience, community, and service. As I stand before you, I speak not only as a reader or a reviewer but as a proud alumnus who has walked the same halls, shared the same dreams shaped within this institution," Dr. Salonga said.

He added that the collective approach of TSU gives historical narrative authenticity with the integration of trivia and historical coincidences between its milestones and key events in Philippine history. Furthermore, the photographs of Tarlac's old structures add meaningful historical depth, offering an intangible connection to the past.

A song dedicated to the launch and the coffee table book, which is also titled "Silay," was played during the program. This was composed by former TSU faculty Mr. Renato G. Nicdao, also an alumnus, who is now based in the UAE.



TSU NASA embraces another community outreach program

Mary Joy B. Manalo

The Tarlac State University Non-Academic Staff Association conducted an outreach program at the Tarlac Lingap Center for Boys in San Juan de Mata, Tarlac City on October 16, 2025, in celebration of the university's foundation week.

TSU NASA officers and members, led by Hon. Cherie Lyn F. Onia, donated cleaning materials, sacks of rice, water gallons, clothes, books, and toys to the social service facility under the Department of Social Welfare and Development Region III.

"Your decision to spend your time, resources, and care in this place is a powerful affirmation of our mission to nurture, protect, and uplift the children entrusted to us," Ms. Jasmine There Anne G. Obenza, Social Welfare Officer II, said in her opening remarks.

"Your generosity does more than you think—it sends a message to the children that they are seen, valued, and that they matter," she added.

The Tarlac Lingap Center provides social services, temporary shelter, and rehabilitation to children in need of special protection and those in conflict with the law.

Presently, the center houses 57 boys aged 7 to 27,



many of whom were rescued from non-accredited facilities in the National Capital Region and referred by local government units and non-governmental organizations.

Apart from the donation drive, TSU NASA also distributed food and organized a mini game with cash prizes for the children.

The children, in turn, entertained the guests with short dance performances.

"Nagpapasalamat po kami sa TSU NASA dahil malaking tulong po – hindi lamang 'yung simpleng outreach kung hindi nakapagbibigay din po ng unforgettable memories sa mga bata, especially sa mga nagkaroon ng hindi kaaya-ayang

experience. Isa po itong parte ng recreational nila at pati na rin sa kanilang social function," Ms. Jobel Maria M. Palma, Social Welfare Officer II, said in an interview.

Last June, TSU NASA also conducted its first donation drive at Caritas Tarlac Inc. and Cardona Elementary School in Gerona, Tarlac.



EDITORIAL

Class suspension? Who is at fault?

The typhoon season has not yet ended. Typhoon Paolo entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility in the first week of October 2025, and at the same time, Tarlac State University also faced numerous criticisms from students and interested parties due to a hasty decision to suspend classes and office operations mid-afternoon of October 3rd. This suspension, although noble in intent, was harshly accepted by the public. Now, who is at fault?

They may say that the administration is at fault. That rainy day in October was not taken lightly by the TSU administration. Everyone was waiting for the announcement from the city and the provincial government, but the wait was in vain. From the evening of October 2nd to the following day, almost all municipalities put a halt to in-person classes in their respective areas, except for Tarlac City. The decision to

suspend classes may fall squarely on the shoulders of the TSU President in this situation, but it would be absurd to see college students not attending face-to-face classes while the grade schoolers are gearing up for the rain and their lessons. Yet, with the incessant downpour, the TSU President thought of the welfare of students who are about to attend the late afternoon to evening classes and those who will be travelling home, leading to the controversial decision to suspend classes and office work from 3:00 PM onwards. Is it wrong to safeguard the remaining students who are about to enter the campuses? Or was it a sign of neglect for students who are already on campus?

Some will say that the security personnel added to the already pressing injury. After announcing the suspension, the students were "forced" to go home despite the heavy

rain, standstill traffic, and limited public utility vehicles. As a practice, once class suspensions are announced, security personnel must ensure that the campuses are vacated immediately. However, in this case, students and employees needed to seek refuge on the campuses while waiting for the rain to stop or to ensure that it was already safe to commute. Sometimes, policies should be more lenient to accommodate such concerns. Adhering to only one reality renders rigidity and may be ineffective in an ever-changing society. Could we blame the people who were tasked with enforcing the policy? Or is it a management call?

Others would say that the local officials are at fault. If they announced that classes would be suspended, then the students at all levels and their parents would be worry-free. On the other hand, local officials would argue that the supposed

suspension goes against the policies and guidelines. What should come first? Strictly following policies or the constituents' welfare? Constituents would say that local officials are only good at suspending classes during the election period, swaying people to their favor. Is this the reality? Are they only motivated by their self-interest to act on the repeated calls for class suspensions because these can be translated to votes? Could they really be at fault in this case?

In hindsight, there is no use in putting the blame on anyone anymore. Data-driven decision-making and flexible policies should become the focal point of all this malady. Hearing the voices of each sector in a participatory approach could be the start of a more welcoming policy. After all, this is for the welfare of the entire public and not just one or a few.

SOL formally occupies new building, launches refurbished moot courts

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Tarlac State University's School of Law inaugurated its new building and refurbished moot courts at the Main Campus on the 98th birth anniversary of former Court of Appeals Justice Jose C. Dela Rama Sr. last October 18, 2025.

Justice Dela Rama is the father of TSU SOL Dean Atty. Jose I. Dela Rama Jr., who established and named the school's moot court in 2016 in honor of his father. This moot court was then installed at the old SOL building beside the TSU Gymnasium.

Now located at the new SOL building on the Main Campus (formerly the CPAG building), the upper moot court, known as the Justice Jose C. Dela Rama Sr. Moot Court, is dedicated to the late Justice Dela Rama and his wife, Atty. Dolores Ignacio Dela Rama, 93,

who attended the inauguration ceremonies.

Apart from the Justice Jose C. Dela Rama Sr. Moot Court, other featured facilities include the state-of-the-art lower moot court, Taruc-Orencia Hall, Marc Andrei Marcos Legal Aid Center, and the *Kwartu ning Katararuan* (Room of Justice), a classroom sponsored by the IBP Pampanga.

CHED Commissioner and former TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari and Legal Education Board Commissioner Dr. Lorenzo Reyes were among the honored guests of the blessing and inauguration.

Comm. Mallari said this is her first speakership as a newly appointed CHED Commissioner.

"Wearing a different hat, I would like to assure you

that you have the support of the Commission on Higher Education through the Legal Education Board. During the budget hearing, ang CHED pa po ang nagtatanong sa LEB kung ano ba ang proposal ninyo kasi hindi po sila nagsubmit sa CHED. Ang sinubmit lang nila ay sasakyan, items for their staff, and refurbishment for their office," she said.

She also recalled the beginnings of SOL at TSU and lauded Dean Dela Rama and his family's generosity to the university.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco and other university officials, the Dela Rama family, IBP Pampanga, IBP Tarlac, SOL faculty members, and students graced the occasion. The blessing was presided over by Rev. Fr. Harold Taguines, also a SOL student.

"Para sa mga estudyanteng nandito, napakapalad niyo po dahil ang lahat ng mga nangyari dito, this will make you enhance or make you more competent in preparation sa inyong pagiging magaling na abogado, higit sa lahat, mabuting tao," Pres. Velasco said in his speech.

Justice Dela Rama served as the first dean of the Bulacan State University College of Law.

The upper moot court has a mural featuring the Dela Rama couple along with the scholars who graduated under the Justice Jose C. Dela Rama Sr. Foundation.

Also included in the mural is the NoAli Me Tangere book, a favorite read of Justice Dela Rama, the lady justice, and the Court of Appeals building.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY LICENSED TSUIAN CHEMISTS AND CHEMICAL TECHNICIANS!

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INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE

77.42% 55.56%

NATIONAL PASSING RATE

73.22% 83.88%

RICHARD CABUAY
MACAPULAY

TOP 2 (94.00%)

Chemical Technicians
Licensure Examination

TSU, DTI 3 collaborate for MSME shared service facility

Mary Joy B. Manalo

Tarlac State University has secured 50 million pesos in funding from the Department of Trade and Industry Region III to implement its Shared Service Facility (SSF) project through a memorandum of agreement signed on October 2, 2025 at the Office of the University President.

The project, titled “Elevating Food Quality and Food Safety Compliance: Tarlac State University–Center for Food Technology and Research (CFTR) Food Research and Testing Laboratory Enhancement Project,” forms part of DTI’s SSF program which aims to boost the productivity and efficiency of micro, small, and medium enterprises by improving access to modern technology and facilities.

Through DTI’s 2025 General Appropriations Act, the university’s CFTR is set to acquire state-of-the-art food laboratory machines and equipment designed to strengthen the compliance of local food industries with food safety and quality.

Meanwhile, as

an SSF partner, TSU will provide the infrastructure and working capital of the project, amounting to 68 million pesos.

Apart from the shared access to advanced machines and equipment, the SSF project also aims to establish the facility as a hub for developing

science-driven solutions to address challenges in nutrition, food quality, and enterprise sustainability.

Present during the MOA signing are TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Atty.

Wilmark J. Ramos, and CFTR Director Dr. Lea B. Milan.

Joining the TSU officials are DTI Acting Provincial Director Ms. Florencia A. Balilo and Senior/Chief Trade-Industry Development Specialist Ms. Ana Marie S. Tabamo.



Educators travel back to 90s for teachers' night celeb

Mary Joy B. Manalo

Themed “Batang 90’s: Reliving the Hits, Laughs, and Vibes of the 90s,” Tarlac State University held its annual teachers’ night celebration on October 8, 2025 at the Tarlac City Convention Center.

Organized by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Office of Human Resource Development and Management, the event featured speeches, performances from selected students and teachers, and a raffle draw sponsored by the TSU Alumni Association Inc., led by Hon. Reynaldo L. Catacutan, and the TSU Federated Faculty Union, headed by Hon. Winifredo L. Luis.

To formally open the celebration, VPAA Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza reflected on the decade that helped shape many teachers’ memories and values.

“Our theme is more

than reminiscing. It is a celebration of who we were and who we still are: hopeful dreamers, passionate learners, and teachers who believe in the power of love, laughter, and

learning,” VP Mendoza said in his welcome remarks.

VP Mendoza also serenaded the educators with some lines from Sharon Cuneta’s timeless song “Sana’y Wala Nang Wakas,” comparing its message to the teachers’ enduring sacrifices for students’ growth.

“We see, we serve, we sacrifice until our voice becomes the voice of hope of all learners, until our journey becomes theirs, and until our strength becomes their foundation,” VP Mendoza said.

“As we relive the hits, laughs, and vibes, may we also rekindle the values that have carried us through the years—T for truth, S for service, and U for unity,” he added.

Meanwhile, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco recalled his days as a student and the educators who encouraged him to dream and persevere.

“No matter how long you have been teaching, every single one of you is a builder of

dreams... When you teach with love, even when it’s hard, you are shaping eternity. Teachers, when you feel weary, remember the harvest is coming: the smile of a student, the success of a graduate, and the gratitude of a parent,” Pres. Velasco said in his inspirational message.

He also engaged the educators to uplift one another, adding, “When one teacher shines, the whole TSU family shines.”

Representing the student body, Supreme Student Council President and Student Regent Hon. Brixter L. Millo thanked the faculty members, calling them ‘true builders of character.’

“You are not just [transmitters] of knowledge; you are [mentors] and true builders of character. Through your patience and dedication, you teach lessons that go far beyond the walls of the classroom,” Millo said.



TSU works hand-in-hand with DSWD for women empowerment

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Tarlac State University's College of Business and Accountancy inked a partnership with the Home for Women under the Department of Social Welfare and Development Tarlac on October 10, 2025 at the Main AVR.

Titled "Igniting Women

in Transition," the partnership aims to equip the vulnerable women residents of the DSWD facility with entrepreneurial skills through capacity building and promote economic self-sufficiency.

The training and mentorship opportunities, to

be conducted by CBA faculty members, will help women residents with livelihood projects and engage them in income-generating activities, aiding them in their transition under residential care.

They will also provide training in technical skills,

financial literacy, and pilot testing for local micro, small, and medium enterprises. Moreover, crafts will be linked to local markets, cooperatives, and online selling platforms to boost their income and target market.

"Naniniwala po kami dito sa TSU that we should



be generous to other people because, once you do things to other people, particularly to those persons who cannot repay you, heto, Home for Women, most likely matatanda na, they can no longer be repaying, but it's a blessing to them," TSU President Dr. Arnold Velasco said in his speech.

"Because sabi ng Diyos, 'Tumulong ka sa mga tao nang hindi humihingi ng kapalit.' Because we are giving this freely from the heart, [all the more

that] God will bless TSU," he added.

The university will also provide psychosocial support to address the emotional and psychological needs of the women residents and establish a gender responsive community.

"Hindi po nagtatagal ang mga 'yan sa amin. Three months to one year lang po sila. Ang goal kasi ng DSWD, ma-empower sila sa kanilang skills. If they are battered, physically abused, kailangan po silang

matutong tumayo sa sarili nila para hindi po sila sunod nang sunod sa mga partners nila or magtrabaho sa mga hindi magandang paraan. So, iyon talaga ang purpose ng Home for Women," Ms. Jacqueline Bautista, DSWD Tarlac Home for Women head, said in her speech.

According to Ms. Bautista, the DSWD Home for Women is the lone center in Central Luzon that caters to women.

"We are committed to creating a supportive environment that fosters growth, confidence, and resilience. Ang 'Ignite' po ay innovation for growth for new and inclusive Tarlac entrepreneurs. Together, let's ignite this spark with these women and empower them to become active contributors to their families and communities," Dr. Elvira Mercado, faculty member from the Entrepreneurship Department, said.

CBA, CAFA, CCS programs awarded Level 3 re-accreditation

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

The Office of Quality Assurance awarded certificates of accreditation to one graduate and two undergraduate programs after they attained the Level III Re-Accredited status of the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities.

The programs Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Marketing Management, Bachelor of Fine Arts major in Visual Communication, and Master of Information Technology received their certificates on October 23, 2025 at the Engineering AVR, which will be valid from June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2029.

OQA Director Dr. Nino Corpuz lauded the deans, faculty members, and librarians who exerted efforts in attaining the level III re-accreditation.

In response, College of Computer Studies Dean Dr. Alvincent E. Danganan said the achievement is a result of the college's collective actions and commitment for continuous improvement.

"The milestone reflects not only our commitment to quality and excellence, but also our alignment with the vision and mission of Tarlac State University to be globally competitive and recognized



for excellence in sciences and emerging technologies," Dean Danganan said.

"Through our academic programs, research initiatives, and community engagement, we try to develop empowered students, future-ready professionals, and impactful innovations that meet both local and global needs," he added.

The OQA handed over the certificates to college

deans Ar. Marco F. Bildan of the College of Architecture and Fine Arts, Dr. Jhonel C. Panlilio of the College of Business and Accountancy, and Dean Danganan

Meanwhile, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco's message, delivered by Presidential Communications Secretary Asst. Prof. Maricor Cheska B. Santos, emphasized the essence of accreditation visits

in upholding the standards of excellence and quality to improve program offerings.

"Always remember that the accreditation results to be discussed by the OQA are significant for our programs because they will highlight our strength and maintain the practices and approaches that we do best, and enhance what is necessary as well," Asst. Prof. Santos read.



TSU's CCLGSPD continues heritage project with Mayantoc town

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Tarlac State University's Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development and the local government of Mayantoc sealed a partnership to document the town's roots, traditions, and heritage for the benefit of future generations.

The signing ceremony for the "Kinabaknang Ti Mayantoc: A Treasure Trove of Mayantoc's Roots and Heritage" took place last October 23, 2025 at the Iluminado V. Pobre Conference Hall in Mayantoc town, with the Mayantoc LGU committing an initial funding of 500,000 pesos to jumpstart

the project that reflects the municipality's strong support for preserving its cultural identity.

The project aims to publish a book about Mayantoc town's history, digitize the town's archive of documents and oral history, and train TSU students and faculty on documenting local history. The said project will take effect from October 2025 to October 2026.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco lauded the Mayantoc LGU in its efforts to promote the community's heritage and reaffirmed the university's commitment to

community-centered initiatives.

"We are deeply grateful for the excellent opportunity and the confidence you have placed in our humble institution. TSU is honored to be part of this initiative," Pres. Velasco said in a speech.

Meanwhile, Mayantoc Mayor Iluminado E. Pobre Jr. thanked the university for bringing its expertise beyond the campus and vowed to have a continuous collaboration on projects that honor their history.

Representing TSU were Engr. Emir Lenard S. F. Sicango, OIC of the Office of the Vice President for Research,

Innovation, and Extension; Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, center director; Mr. John H. Lanuzo and Prof. Vien Jamaica Samson, CCLGSPD department heads; and Prof. Bryan Jan S. Dizon, project head.

Other officials from the Mayantoc LGU who attended include Vice Mayor Venus R. Tomas, Sangguniang Bayan members, tourism officers, the Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO), and municipal staff, along with local historians, who expressed their excitement and full support for the project.



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SERVICE AWARDS 2025

Fifty-one teaching and non-teaching employees were recognized for their loyal and dedicated service to Tarlac State University during the annual Service Awards held last October 16, 2025 at the TSU Gymnasium.

The Service Awards 2025 is one of the highlights of the university's Foundation Week in consideration of the employees as it honors not just those who are tenured but also the retirees who return to TSU to mingle once more with their colleagues.

Awardees include those who rendered 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service, with Prof. Evangeline D. Guiang and Ms. Cynthia M. Bognot as lone awardees for the 35 and 40 years categories, respectively.



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FIRST-TIME TAKERS

38.71% 73.91%

INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE

33.33% 69.23%

NATIONAL PASSING RATE

44.85% 65.22%

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T-ruth in words, action and character
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U-nity in diversity

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Tarlac State University is committed to continuously strive for global competitiveness and excellence in the delivery of instruction, research, extension (training and consultancy), and administrative support services, compliant to regulatory and statutory requirements for the utmost satisfaction of its valued customers while ensuring safe and healthy working conditions for its students, employees, clientele and reducing environmental impact of its operations.