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Dina Teresita P. Balaan (L) and Jessica L. Rivera (R) gave encouraging and uplifting messages to their fellow graduates during the 92<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Exercises of the University on July 4, 2017.

## Centennial graduates urged to 'go further beyond' and become country's transformers

**“For a lot of people, college education is the last frontier, the non plus ultra, but thinking that learning is finished after this point is a failure in education itself. Learning continues and the pursuit of knowledge does not stop here.”**

This was Jessica L. Rivera’s advice to her 1,745 batchmates on her valedictory address during the 92<sup>nd</sup> BSU Commencement Exercises on July 4, 2017 at the University grounds. Rivera from the College of Agriculture earned the highest General Weighted Average (GWA)

and graduated *magna cum laude*.

Aside from Rivera, Denmark P. Gayaso of the College of Nursing, Cynthia A. Pedro of the College of Agriculture and Larry A. Ballogan Jr. of the College of Teacher Education also graduated *magna cum laude*. They are followed by 69 *cum laude* graduates.

The graduates are also tagged as the Centennial Graduates because they are graduating in the same year of the University’s Centennial Foundation Anniversary celebration.

On the other hand, Dina Teresita P. Balaan who earned the highest GWA at the Graduate School is optimistic that the Centennial graduates would ‘have a brand that can manifest the vision, mission, objectives and the core values of Benguet State University to wherever place and whatever work.’

“As Centennial graduates, we should be remembered by history thus I challenge you my co-centennial graduates, we should make a difference. Let us become transformers of this country and make this world a better place,” Bala-an said in her message.

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Three BSU graduates will represent CAR to the search for Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines. John Oliver E. De Vera (BSDC), Zion Jemillinium S. Tam-awen (BSAE) and Mark Neil B. Pageet (BSE) were among the ten outstanding students of CAR who were selected to represent the region in the National Level. The three were recognized during the Awarding Program held at the Hotel Supreme on July 31, 2017.

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## VISION

A PREMIER UNIVERSITY delivering world-class education that promotes sustainable development amidst climate change

## MISSION

To provide quality education to enhance food security, sustainable communities, industry innovation, climate resilience, gender equality, institutional development and partnerships

## CORE VALUES (SLIDES)

Student-centered  
Leadership  
Integrity  
Diversity  
Efficiency  
Service

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal I. To develop proactive programs to ensure relevant quality education

## Objectives:

- 1.To benchmark curricular and co-curricular programs with national and international standards
- 2.To develop alternative learning experiences to enhance skills that match industry needs
- 3.To develop innovative and relevant curricular and co-curricular programs
- 4.To enhance proactive student welfare and development programs

Goal II. To develop proactive programs for quality service

## Objectives:

- 1.To enhance relevant human resource development programs
- 2.To develop effective and efficient innovative platforms for cascading information
- 3.To enhance and develop employee welfare programs

Goal III. To enhance responsive systems and procedures for transparent institutional development

## Objectives:

- 1.To enhance and develop innovative financial management systems
- 2.To ensure transparency in all transactions in the university
- 3.To ensure inclusive and consultative decision making

Goal IV. To develop relevant and gender sensitive research and extension programs for institutional development, sustainable communities, climate resilience, industry innovation, and partnerships

## Objectives:

1. To develop relevant multimedia tools in disseminating technology, knowledge and information generated from RDE programs
2. To develop relevant RDE activities that will address current problems and support cultural advocacy
3. To partner with strategic local, regional, national and international entities

Goal V. To strengthen and expand public-private partnership

## Objectives:

1. Sustain and pursue functional University-relation with the alumni and other organizations both in the government and non-government entities
2. To strengthen the linkage among academe, industries, LGUs and community

\*Board of Regents Approved Resolution # 2494, s. 2016.

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## BSU inks ties with Thailand Institute



Dr. Patthraphron Patthrarangsarith of the King Mongkut Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL) and Dr. Feliciano G. Calora Jr. of BSU exchange copies of the MOU they just signed on July 26, 2017 at the Administration Conference Room Veranda. //DSEmok

### Benguet State University continues to be global!

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was undertaken between the University and King Mongkut Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL) of Bangkok, Thailand at the Administration Conference Room on July 26, 2017.

BSU President Dr. Feliciano G, Calora Jr. and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Tessie M. Merestela with the KMITL representative Dr. Patthraphron Patthrarangsarith, Department Head of Agricultural Education and Asst. Prof. Sunti Tuntrakool, Head of the Dept. of Engineering Education officially signed the understanding.

The sisterhood between the two institutions aims to exchange undergraduate students for professional internship program.

Another purpose of the agreement is the collaboration on research and development between faculty members and graduate students where KMITL will find the appropriate laboratory and provide all logistic requirements needed to complete the research studies.

It also includes faculty members and scholars to exchange for lecturing and advanced studies.

Likewise, promotion of cultural activities and interaction through the encouragement of Thai and Filipino cultures and languages are further included in the understanding.

Dr. Patthraphron Patthrarangsarith said that the signing of the agreement is just the first step and she hopes that BSU and KMITL will be working together to uphold the partnership.

Meanwhile, President Calora is optimistic of the agreement hoping that both the institutes will consider each facility and joint publications as well.

He commented that to move forward with the colleges involved, he hopes that they will go beyond the signing of understanding and identify the activities that the university and KMITL will benefit from.

Before the signing of the MOU, the staff of KMITL had a collaborative discussion with the college deans, directors from International Language Center and Open University.

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## Timor Leste diplomat attends Centennial Graduation

**Education Attache, Hon. Aquiles Salvador Guterres was present during the 92<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Exercises on July 4, 2017 to personally congratulate Brigida Marcos Boavida. The latter graduated with the degree, Master of Science in Animal Science.**

Hon. Guterres also met with University officials and staff led by BSU President, Feliciano G. Calora Jr. to discuss the academic performance and concerns of the five Timorese students who are still studying in the University.

The University admitted two students from Timor Leste in 2009 under the Bilateral Scholarship Program between CHED and Timor Leste. Since then, two Timorese students have earned their Veterinary Medicine degree in 2015 and one graduated with the degree BS Environmental Science in 2016.

The 92<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Exercises was tagged as the Centennial Graduation as it coincides with the University's Centennial Anniversary. //JSTabangcura



Education Attache, Hon. Aquiles Salvador Guterres and company meet with BSU officials during the 92<sup>nd</sup> University Commencement Exercises on July 4, 2017 at the BSU grounds. //JSTabangcura

## Level III degree programs revisited by AACCUP for Level IV Phase I assessment

Six degree programs of the University were revisited by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP), Inc. Only Area VII (Library) of the degree programs PhD Horticulture, PhD Rural Development, MS Soil Science, MS Rural Development and BS in Nutrition and Dietetics were evaluated while the degree BS Applied Statistics was reviewed in all areas.



AACCUP accreditors at work and during their field visit at Kibungan National High School, one of BSU's extension sites.// photos by Mark Samuel De Guzman and Danny Loven Fulwani

AACCUP accredits degree programs in ten areas which include: mission, goals and objectives; faculty; curriculum and instruction; students; research; extension and community involvement; library; physical facilities; laboratories; and administration. The purpose of the revisit is to see whether the recommendations of the previous accreditors along the ten areas have been addressed so that the degree programs being accredited can be elevated to Level IV Phase I.

The AACCUP team was composed of Dr. Nelia V. Aman from the University of Northern Philippines; Dr. Delia V. Eisma of Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, Dr. Anita G. David of Pampanga State Agricultural University, and Prof. Zoraida E. Bartolome of Central Luzon State University.

It can be recalled that the five degree programs being revisited for Area VII were last evaluated by AACCUP in August 2015 resulting to their current Level III Re-accredited (ongoing assessment for Level IV Phase I) status. The degree BS Applied Statistics is also the first degree program to attain Level III accreditation status in 2007. According to the AACCUP official website (<http://www.aaccupqa.org.ph/>), accreditation is viewed as a process by which an institution at the tertiary level evaluates its educational activities, in whole or in part, and seeks an independent judgment to confirm that it substantially achieves its objectives, and is generally equal in quality to comparable institutions.

The accreditation culminated in an Exit Conference and Closing Program on July 28, 2017 at the Administration Conference Room. Said program was attended by University officials, local counterparts and members of the Administrative Council.

In the exit conference, the accreditors, Dr. Nelia V. Aman, Dr. Anita G. David and Dr. Delia V. Eisma presented the strengths and recommendations of the ten areas for revisit for Bachelor of Science in Applied Statistics.

Among the strengths include regular and widely disseminated Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives (VMGO), presence of a peer-reviewed, CHED Accredited research journal, international dissemination of research outputs, complementary extension programs, competent faculty, payment of overload to faculty, presence of a Citizen's Charter and an observed Non-Smoking culture.

Recommendations include translation of VMGO to Ilokano, designing of a scheme for more faculty researchers, extension to other sectors, development of a faculty manual, provision of a laboratory, production of a yearbook and fast tracking of the BSU Code.

On the other hand, Prof. Zoraida E. Bartolome presented the strengths and recommendation for Area VII- Library for Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics, PhD Horticulture, PhD Rural Development, MS Soil Science and MS Rural Development.

Bartolome commended the "transformation" of the library with its digital repositories and competent librarians. She recommended to revisit the organizational structure of the unit.

During the closing program, Dr. Feliciano G. Calora,

### Seminar-workshop on Inclusive Education held

The BSU-Human Resource Development Office conducted five batches of seminar-workshops on Inclusive Education entitled *Every Teacher, An Inclusive Teacher* with the theme "Crossing the Great Divide" on various dates from March to July 2017 at Benguet State University.

The seminar-workshop aimed to set BSU campuses in preparing an inclusive education program observed in their curriculum. It also aimed to prepare teachers and to enhance their competencies on inclusive education and special education teachers must be able to respond appropriately to their additional needs while providing for the developmental needs of the students.

Attended by faculty members from La Trinidad Campus, Bokod Campus and Buguias Campus, Office of Student Services Personnel, University Health Services Personnel, University Library and Information Services Personnel, topics discussed were Introduction to Inclusive Education, Prejudice Reduction, Universal Design in Teaching and Learning, Appropriate Support for Higher Educational Institutions, and International Influences on Inclusive Education, Protective Laws for Children and Ethics of Teaching. It was followed by a workshop.

Saint Louis University-Institute for Inclusive Education Foundation, Inc. served as learning resource providers during the activity. // *Elsie M. Bawayan*

Jr., University President expressed the University's commitment to address the recommendations with proper procedures in the Councils for the Board of Regents' approval.

Accreditation for other degree programs is set in September and November. // JSTabangcura and KSpanolong

## Nutrition month launched; Healthy lifestyle reiterated to BSU employees

This year's Nutrition Month celebration with the theme "Healthy Diet: Gawing Habit-for life" was launched on July 10, 2017 during the regular Monday Flag Ceremony. The launching, facilitated by the faculty and staff of the College of Home Economics and Technology, featured a talk by Candice S. Willy, Nutritionist Dietitian IV of the Department of Health-CAR.



BSU officials hand over tokens to Candice S. Willy (l) and with Felicidad F. Del Rosario (r), winner of the BSU Centennial Weight Loss Challenge. //JSTabangcura

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### Centennial Graduates... from page 1

BSU President, Dr. Feliciano G. Calora Jr. also hoped for the graduates to rise to the challenge of excelling in their workplaces whether it be in the country or any other part of the world. He clarified that being global does not only mean working outside of the country but rather being aware of global standards in the performance of one's duties. //JSTabangcura

### BSU inks... from page 3

## BOR approves housing policy guidelines

The BSU Housing Policy Guidelines was approved by the BSU Board of Regents (BOR) through BOR Res. No. 2610, s. 2017. The policy lays down the functions and composition of the Housing Committee, policy guidelines, application, ranking and grant of housing units and the sanctions.

Committee.



ESGP-PA Scholars performing their winning piece in the speech choir competition during the closing program for the EAP-TC III of the International Language Center//DSEmok



DLSU meets BSU-CTE officials. Visitors from De La Salle University, Dasmariñas Cavite meet with College of Teacher Education officials during their benchmarking activity at Benguet State University on July 25, 2017. This is for the DLSU faculty to gather best practices in terms of instruction, student teaching program, community service, research, accreditation and others of the College of Teacher Education. CTE is Center of Excellence. //EMBayawan



## ESGP-PA scholars complete one-month English course

Scholars under the Expanded Students' Grants-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (ESGP-PA) were recognized on July 14, 2017 at the BSU Cafeteria for their participation to the English for Academic Purposes-Training Course (EAP-TC) III of the International Language Center (ILC).

The closing program was attended by Ms. Jackie C. Stone of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, BSU President, Dr. Feliciano G. Calora Jr., and Office of Student Services Director, Dr. Joel V. Lubrica.

In his speech, Dr. Calora encouraged the scholars to always strive for excellence.

"Your training is for one month only but continue learning the English language. Enrich your vocabulary by reading books and watching movies," said Dr. Calora.

The training conducted from June 13, 2017 to July 13, 2017 included lectures and competitions in the form of quiz bee, speech choir, debate and drama participated by 100 ESGP-PA scholars.

"The training gave us a lot of knowledge; we have learned the correct pronunciation, enunciation, diction and stress of words. We also learned the proper uses of tenses, prepositions and quantifiers. We learned to set our grammar in writing and even speaking...but more than these, we learned the value of patience, industry and cooperation," said Novelyn O. Obfan, one of the ESGP-PA scholars.

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## Job seekers flock OSS-hosted Job fair

More than 1000 job seekers were registered during the job fair held on July 25, 2017 at the University Gym. The fair was organized by the Office of Student Services-Vocational Placement Unit (OSS-VPU) in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA). Around 30 companies offered local and overseas jobs for the participants.

The job fair is a regular activity of the OSS-VPU. According to Ms. Angeli T. Austria, PESO (Public Employment Service Office) Manager Designate of the OSS-VPU, participants to the job fair grew over the years with only three or ten companies coming. She added that the advertisements in local newspapers and social media contributed to the increase of participants.

"The activity aims to facilitate employment of BSU graduates and of La Trinidad people as well since we also belong to the community," said Ms. Austria.//JSTabangcra

## Office of Extension Services updates farmers on Organic Agriculture Programs

Organic farming practitioners-farmers of Timpuyog dagiti Umanamung iti BSU Internal Guarantee Systems, (TUBIGS) Inc. were kept posted in a seminar on "Updates on Organic Agriculture Programs" organized by the Office of the Extension at the Chrysanthemum Hall on July 25, 2017.

The activity aimed to inform and gain the interest of the farmers on the national certification of competencies on organic agriculture.

Ms. Daisy C. Bungallon of Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), first speaker, presented the curriculum on Organic Farm School and Organic Farming Production NC II.

Bungallon also discussed the concept of farm school which is based on Farm Field Schools (FFS) that the United Nations- Food Agriculture Organization developed. A farmer becomes competitive by maximizing the produce of his/her own farm.

Bungallon added that FFS is "learning by doing" which means a farmer- to- farmer approach.

Meanwhile, Ms. Judy Rose L. Bisoy from the Organic Office of the Department of Agriculture Cordillera, introduced the programs under the Department of Agriculture Regional Field office that will benefit the organic farmers.

Bisoy said that all organic farmers are welcome to their office and are entitled for any assistance like farm equipment, trainings and others as long as the farmers have to undergo the processes they require.

Bisoy also encouraged individual and group of organic farmers to participate in the annual search for outstanding organic farming in line with the Gawad Saka program being offered in Regional and National Field Office.

Moreover, the farmers had their writeshop on Crop Programming and Financial Statement as a basis of their upcoming monitoring activities.//DSEmok

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Obfan also expressed her gratitude to the BSU and ILC personnel who made the training possible.

Dr. Ronda B. Tullay, Director of the ILC appreciated the scholars for their willingness to learn. "Use these concepts to better yourselves and to make BSU proud," she said.//JSTabangcura



Mr. Elgin G. Bulcio receives a Certificate of Appreciation from BSU officials after his talk about disaster risk management after the July 17, 2017 Flag Ceremony at the Admin Building. Mr. Bulcio is a Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer who was invited by the BSU-Institute of Public Administration as speaker in line with the commemoration of July as the National Disaster Consciousness Month.//KSPanolong



Galaw-galaw para di pumanaw. A student from the Institute of Human Kinetics leads BSU faculty and staff with the AACUP accreditors in a light exercise during the regular Monday Flag Ceremony on July 24, 2017. The flag ceremony is hosted by the University Health Services Unit led by Dr. Florence V. Poltic. Because the fourth week of July is declared as the National Diabetes Week, University Dentist, Dr. Freddie Sayucop lectured on oral health. Dr. Sayucop warned that people with gum disease are more likely to have diabetes and vice versa. He then encouraged everyone to avoid alcohol, betel nut and cigarettes because these are risk factors to oral diseases that may lead to cancer.//Photo by Mark Samuel De Guzman



Expected retirees for FY 2017-2018 from BSU La Trinidad, Bokod, and Buguias Campus attended the training-seminar on Recreating Self and Purpose through Ecotherapy and Transcendence (RESPECT) for Retirees held on July 20-21, 2017 at Punta Riviera Beach Resort, Bolinao, Pangasinan. It was organized by the BSU Human Resource Management Office and Human Resource Development Office that aimed to address the training needs identified by the employees on retirement. This is also to provide learning and development activities in promoting physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being, and a work life balance.//Photo courtesy of BSU HRDO



## FPAAA holds national conference in BSU, focuses on agritourism for community empowerment

The Fulbright Philippine Agriculture Alumni Association, (FPAAA) Inc. held its annual national conference "Agritourism for Community Empowerment," was participated by 44 Fulbright alumni; 150 students, faculty



BSU President, Dr. Feliciano G. Calora

FPAAA and BSU officials opened the exhibits of the three-day FPAAA conference on July 20, 2017 at the BSU Gymnasium.

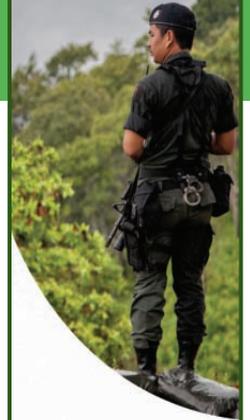


US Deputy Chief of Mission, H.E. Michael Klecheski on his first "boodle fight" meal. With him are Benguet Governor, Hon. Crescencio C. Pacalso, Benguet State University President, Dr. Feliciano G. Calora, Jr. and former BSU President, Dr. Rogelio D. Colting. The boodle fight is a part of the 2017 FPAAA National Conference and Agrifishery R&D Festival held at BSU from July 19-22, 2017. FPAAA stands for Fullbright Philippine Agriculture Alumni Association, Inc. The Fulbright Scholar Program is under the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.//DSEmok

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