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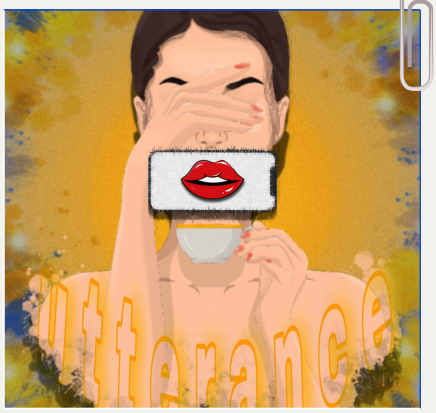
- to express ideas or feelings in spoken words

About the cover:

As technology ushered in the so-called social media where flow of information, both factual and fabricated, becomes unrestricted, people seem to abuse their freedom of expression or their power to utter a word — proliferating disinformation and crimes done through electronic means. Thus, this sem's issue crusades to state the publication's stand and hopefully contribute in solving such an issue by educating readers about the negative implications such an action may lead to. Further, the cover illustrates a woman sipping a tea through a phone, which may imply both reading and spreading issues that may pose damage to someone's reputation, while turning a blind eye to what is true and the possible consequences of her action.



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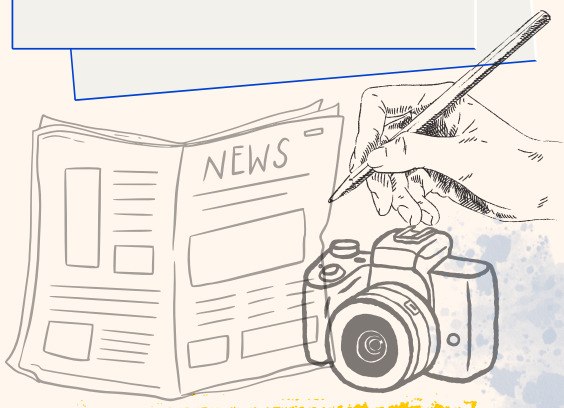

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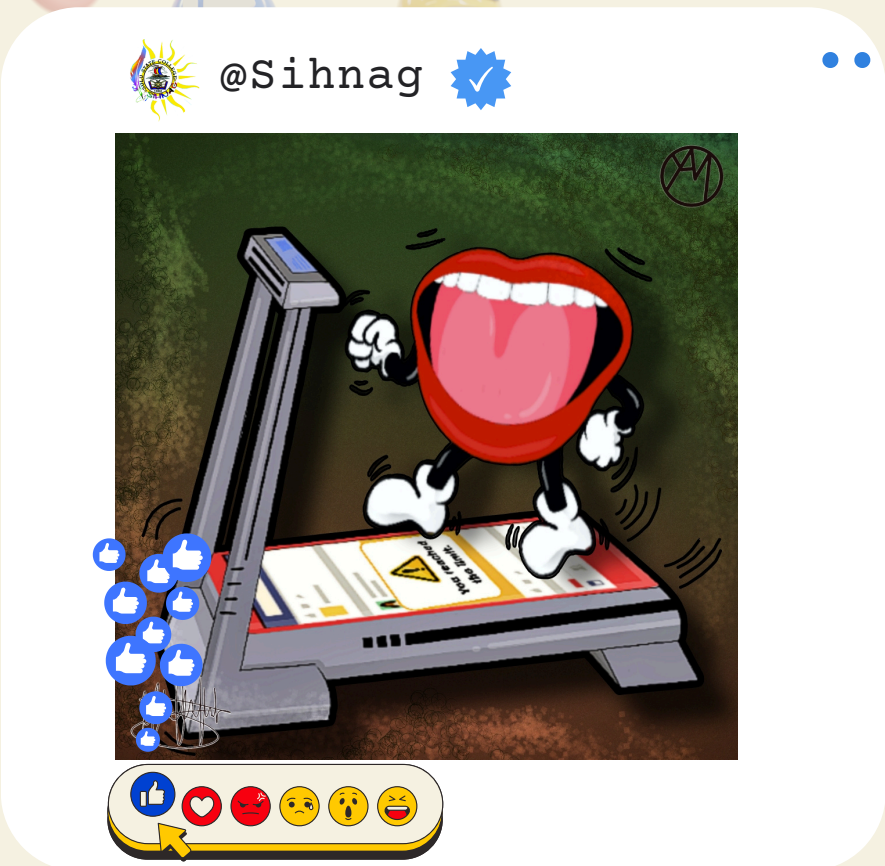
Facebook Posting:

A RIGHT TO EXPRESS OR IMPRESS?



Freedom of expression is a right we are all willing to die for, and social media, particularly Facebook, has just helped us not only attain but excessively exercise that right, so much so that this prerogative has been abused. Every day, we see post about public figures getting distasteful remarks from people, disabilities and other shortcomings being turned into memes, and experiences and feelings shared getting invalidated. With all these negativity going around in virtual world, the exercise of such freedom in the form of posting seems to be a right we leverage to impress people but not to express ourselves anymore.

Philippines has never out of the rank as active Facebook users around the world. Filipinos allot a bigger slice of their time each day in scrolling their feeds to update their friends about their life, and likewise to be updated of what has been going on in the lives of others. This means that we have so much time practicing our freedom of expression in the virtual sphere than that of in real-life because in the cornerless room of social media, we feel braver and safer to speak our sentiments, away from the accountability that sits beside this freedom. The problem here is we no longer use the Facebook as a platform to speak ourselves. It became our avenue to sound smarter, to carelessly criticize and ultimately, to appear immaculate in the eyes of people.

With the opportunity it brings to amplify one's voice, Facebook has been used to sound smarter in a wrong and harsher way. People go on posting something without verifying the factuality of their message, while others try to insist their philosophy in people's action, throwing backlash if it crosses theirs causing unending defenses and hullabaloo online. What makes it alarming is people tend to feel so entitled of their opinions such that they no longer recognize their errors. They tend to be adamant of what they say even if it is obviously a big mistake they are making. Just recently, a news report from a local radio station in Jolo has gone viral due to the misconstrued error in the usage of Tagalog word "tutulak".

Many Tausugs reacted funny reactions and even shared the post mocking the term used as they thought it the Tausug term was mistakenly used in a post which was purely in Tagalog. What they failed to realize was the term was actually accurate as there is really a Filipino term, "tutulak" as equal to the Tausug term "tumulak" meaning "to voyage". After the incidence, many post proliferated online sarcastically lecturing their fellow Tausugs about the said word, even calling them names for their behavior.

Facebook is also a home to countless careless criticisms. The freedom of expression is exercised in this platform to criticize constructively but more often, destructively. People are very open about their opinion and do not care even if it will smear somebody's reputation so long as they are able to vent out their sentiments. Facebook confession pages are the home of this propaganda. People feed these pages with messages or confessions openly or discreetly targeted to individuals they dislike. The senders, however, are anonymous and protected by these pages so they are free from accountability or possible harm of whatever they have said even if it completely shattered the image of a person, an institution, or a business establishment. It became easy for people to speak disdainful words of others because they hide behind those pages whose credibility is also questioned.

Finally, since Facebook is an another world to dwell in, people tend to make another identity way immaculate and different from the original them. They portray themselves as superior individuals who are very quick to judge and say a thing about an issue they know nothing about. Personal issues are no longer personal since it is already forecasted and feasted by people who are hungry for topics to talk about. Others are speedy in making memes about people involved, ready to be shared hundreds of thousand times without delving into the root cause of the event so long as they can gain popularity through their relatability.

It is undeniable that Facebook, like any form of social media, has connected, informed, and entertained millions of people around the globe, but it is also sad to discover that nowadays, it has been utilized to spread negativity like disinformation, taunting, defamation, and invasion of privacy. It is a disappointing reality that people think they will receive praises for sounding smarter, funnier and braver through their posts even if it causes irreversible damage to people they hurt. Posting about someone on Facebook comes with no sweat but before clicking it, ask yourself first, will it really help? Will it solve the conflict? Will it change the situation? If not, better delete it.

Hate Speech:
How Is It Delivered?

By Alkhamar L. Saddalani

Words are human beings' superpower. It can inspire a person. It can build a nation. It can glorify a race. However, it can also demoralize an individual, shatter a country, and discriminate a breed when wielded wrongly — which is unfortunately, a reality we all experience today whether it is in real or virtual world. Indeed, hate speech has truly taken up space in our culture today.

Have you ever uttered words that discriminate a person or group of people on the basis of their gender, ethnicity, religion, and the likes? Have you ever called a gay man faggot, a pest, or a jinx? Have you ever diverted your direction because you are in the same way with a Badjao folk you call stinky? Or have you ever made a Catholic believer feel spiritually lost and wrong? At some point in our lives, we have committed one of these acts out of entitlement — a feeling that reflects our common belief and stereotypes about a group of people we treat inferior than us.

These nasty words and actions we do to people are called hate speech. As defined by United Nation Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech, hate speech is "any kind of communication in speech, writing, or behaviour, that attacks or uses pejorative or discriminatory language with reference to a person or a group on the basis of who they are, in other words, based on their religion, ethnicity, nationality, race, colour, descent, gender or other identity factor."

The problem with hate speech is it still has an ambiguous concept. It has no defined border to which someone can determine whether the words or actions are hate speech already because people and countries have different levels of tolerance and sensitivity to how much they can accept words. Not to mention the cultural and religious influences that play a role in the segregation of words which are acceptable to ears from which are not.

While countries have created laws about hate speech, these countries also differ significantly in their definition. Further, there is no universally definition of hate speech as recognized by international human rights law. Because of the complexities that come with hate speech, people are not seeing any bar that can obstruct them of committing such, especially in virtual world where thousands of posts everyday are intended to show prejudice or demean people for their personal characteristics.

Every day, we read messages from people sharing their own stories about one aspect of their life, but as you read further, you will be surprised of the comparison it makes about other people's choice, and even the direct attack to those who chose to do or have otherwise. There are some posts also which are intended to lecture, but because it offended a group of people, this led to a long and intense debate which oftentimes results to bashing and threatening.

I, myself, have been a pitiful receiver of hate speeches, too. Whenever I walk alone or with friends, I always hear random people both young and old who call me nasty names along with the word "sayang" because of me being gay. Online, I also have friends who share memes or posts which are homophobic, making us feel less of a person. And the only thing I do is to either stay far and away or unfriend those whom I know insignificant in my life. But until when should I or we experience this?

Until when do we have to stay numb and deaf from all those sharp words that pierce us every time? Because honestly, it is truly tiring and heartbreaking to live in this cruel world when all you want to do is to live yourself.

The discourse about hate speech still has a long way to go considering the complexities that sit with. But despite that, may the government reinforce greater punishment to those who will commit obvious acts of hate speech, and may the social media companies become more prudent in filtering posts which are discriminatory. Nonetheless, the control is still with us, so let us be kinder with our words for it cuts deeper than any sharpest swords.

Two Angles:

The Benefits and Obstructions of Press Freedom to Prevent Obfuscations and Injustices

By Radeeya Sunga Sencio

Press Freedom is crucial to our lives ever since the printed and electronic media comes into existence. If you lacked ideas of what Press Freedom means, it is "the right of newspapers, magazines, etc., to report news without being controlled by the government". Thus, they published with the information's they think would make sense and would as well, make sure its relevance, authenticity, and impact to the society. Furthermore, I firmly believed that the necessity of Press Freedom leveled the importance of the situations in different parts of the world. Press Freedom contains knowledge, providing information that relates to different aspects – Social, political, cultural, and economic. To find ways in contributing to the world, situations should be determined first as it allows us to think critically. Not only can we contribute, but it can also awaken our sense of understanding, supporting our perceptions with how life works in this world. It opens us to different dimensions where various issues are being discussed that will shape our mind into being a critical thinker where we learn to understand between right and wrong and to give the benefit of a doubt in every situation.

Two angles of Press Freedom are swirling in the field since time immemorial – the benefits and obstructions of the Aftermath of issues being published. It is essential to understand the two parts of Press Freedom to prevent obfuscation and injustice.

The benefits that Press Freedom can contribute is developing qualities of being authentic, wise, and intelligent enough to criticize a certain issue. First, we become authentic, we always look for truth before we can finally believe the article. Second, we can be wise enough to understand the relevant and irrelevant issues and wise enough to determine the purpose of the content. And lastly but not the least, we can be intelligent enough how to act as a netizen.

Whereas, the obstruction it gives, based on what I've researched, the Press Freedom are not always as truthful as we think. For instance, the issue about the Chiong Seven case that happened in Cebu shakes the Philippines. The media at that time were all biased. The seven suspect were convicted of a crime even without evidences that they really killed the two sisters. It is also stated that a journalist thinks there is something wrong with the case and asked his co-journalist to dig deeper yet it was not pursued because during that time the Chiong Family is powerful and they are connected to the former President of the Philippines, Joseph Estrada. Furthermore, several newspaper was released during the Marcos regime. Some stated that Ferdinand Marcos did his best to improve our countries in so many ways yet some of it says that he stole the money of the Philippines and many more. These cases are still happening up to this day.

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Press Freedom is important but at the same time we have to acknowledge its impacts. Therefore, it should always be carved in our minds that we should teach ourselves how to debate issues we are exposed to so we would learn how to act appropriately. It should always be engraved within us that these two sides cannot be removed as there will always be people who wants to ruin the image of another person just for their own good. It is good to share and hear a speech that can also enhance us as a person. However, we should also be aware of speeches that contains toxicity and fabrication.

The Pitfalls of Bashing:
Constructive Criticism vs. Verbal Warfare

By Arnalyn A. Sawadi

In an era dominated by social media and instant communication, the art of expressing opinions has taken a sharp turn. The online landscape is rife with what can only be described as "bashing" – a form of criticism that often transcends the boundaries of constructive feedback. While expressing dissent is a fundamental aspect of free speech, the line between critique and outright verbal warfare is becoming increasingly blurred.

Bashing, in its various forms, has become a prevalent method of expressing disapproval. Whether it's celebrity bashing, political bashing, or product bashing, the internet provides a platform for individuals to unleash their opinions, often without a filter. While some argue that this uninhibited expression is essential for a healthy discourse, it's crucial to examine the potential pitfalls of such a culture.

One significant issue with bashing is its tendency to undermine constructive criticism. When criticism transforms into a relentless attack, the original message can be lost in the noise. It becomes challenging for the subject to extract valuable feedback and improve when bombarded with vitriol. In a society that thrives on constant improvement, fostering an environment of constructive criticism is far more beneficial than perpetuating a culture of unwarranted negativity.

Moreover, bashing tends to polarize discussions and reinforce echo chambers. In the realm of politics, for instance, bashing opponents can solidify existing divisions rather than fostering productive dialogue. Meaningful conversations are drowned out by the cacophony of insults, hindering the possibility of finding common ground or understanding differing perspectives.

The rise of cancel culture is another consequence of unchecked bashing. When individuals or entities are subjected to relentless criticism without room for redemption or growth, it can lead to exclusion and isolation. The potential for learning from mistakes diminishes, as the focus shifts from rectifying errors to surviving the onslaught of public condemnation.

While expressing strong opinions is an inherent part of human nature, it is crucial to distinguish between healthy critique and bashing. Encouraging open dialogue and providing room for diverse perspectives fosters a more inclusive and understanding society. It's essential to remember that disagreement does not have to manifest as an all-out war of words; instead, it can be an opportunity for learning and growth.

In conclusion, bashing, though a prevalent form of expression in the digital age, carries significant drawbacks. Fostering a culture of constructive criticism allows for more meaningful discourse, promotes understanding, and avoids the pitfalls of polarization and cancel culture. As we navigate the vast landscape of online opinions, let us strive for a more nuanced and thoughtful approach to expressing our discontent.

Raising Awareness on Cyberbullying

By Nurmela Fahma H. Pandi

Cyberbullying is a well-known type of bullying, especially in today's generation, where teenagers and even younger children spend most of their time on social media. They oftentimes dozed off to their so-called zone where their life pretty much evolves on their phones and on the internet. Different social media platforms, videos, photos and posts has a huge impact and influence on everyone's thought and perception, but mostly, it turns out the bad way. Children may think that posting nonsense stuff is not a big deal but, really social media was now commonly used in bullying.

Cyberbullying is the use of technology specially the social medias in harassing, threatening, to embarrass and to simply target someone through the use of bad words, inappropriate photos and videos and aggressive and mean posts that can hurt someone physically and emotionally. Cyber libel is one of the most famous type of cyberbullying where a post can defame someone's reputation, this type of bullying is an illegal act where you can actually go to jail. So is every other type of bullying.

Cyberbullying, in all forms and aspects is nothing but NEGATIVE. It brings pain and problem. It may cause mental health issues, increased stress and anxiety, depression, acting out and may lower self-esteem. This can cause long lasting emotional effects. Mental health, is something we should take seriously, it does not only affect our minds, it can also be a problem physically.

Anything that can degrade your peer is unacceptable. But in our current time, it is somewhat practiced and supported. Cyberbullying is more pervasive that the traditional physical bullying for it is only limited to schools, homes and a specific area, but cyberbullying is global. It is seen across the world and is there until the person that posted it decides to remove and delete it. But, removing it does not solve the problem the victim might already have the thoughts of unworthiness and may gradually develop thoughts of inappropriate actions.

Unbeknownst to the bully, he/she may have fired bullets of words that go beyond the lines of wrong and right. Every word be it spoken and posted shall convey meaningful message thus, to accept and make a space for safety and belonging. Reckon your inner peace, and foster mutuality.
No one should feel invalidated and alone. Bullying has to be stopped promptly. Start the change today!

Agriculture students embark on month-long comprehensive review

By Morsalyn P. Harun

Group photo with the visiting lecturer, Sir Amancio

The Sulu State College School of Agriculture, spearheaded by the Dean of the School of Agriculture, Asst. Prof. Mudzrata A. Kunsahani, MSA, conducted a comprehensive review to the 32 fourth year Agriculture students on July 24 to Sept. 1, 2023, held at SSC Center for Culture and Arts.

On July 24-28, 2023, the said school capped its first week of comprehensive lecture on Animal Science with visiting lecturer, Sir Ian Mark M. Amancio. The intensive lecture ended with a post-test examination where six students topped the exam namely; Benjie Pasani (Top 1), Omarkhan Arajun (Top 2), Nur-Aiza Majid (Top 3), Jessamaye Muharrani (Top 4), Satria Hajim (Top 5), Al-Gandhi Havier (Top 6). The said topnotchers were awarded by Dean Kunsahani and Mrs. Malikha J. Ilupa, L. Agri., Review Coordinator.

Further, on July 31 to Aug. 4, 2023, the second week of the review was conducted. The five-day review focused on Soil Science with the theme, "Unearthing the Secrets of Soil Science: A Comprehensive Review at SSC-School of Agriculture" which was presented by the lecturer, Sir Renaldy L. Tupas, L. Agr. Future licensed agriculturists gave their all in learning and delving into the wonders of the soil.

Topnotchers were: Raina H. Saharani & Omarkhan G. Arajun (Top 1), Sally D. Dayuja (Top 2), Rashzel A. Jupuri (Top 3), Irene M. Dasid (Top 4), Raihana B. Sabandal (Top 5), Algandhi A. Haiver (Top 6), Jessamaye K. Muharrani (Top 7), Rostom B. Vencer (Top 8), and Gusal Saida (Top 9).

On Aug. 14 to 18, 2023, the week three of the review was held. The four-day comprehensive review was about "The Nature and Importance of Seed Technology" presented by the lecturer, Mr. Ronnie June Z. Siampao, L. Agr., MSc.

Moreover, the review concluded in its week four held on Aug. 21 to Sept. 1, 2023. The 10-day comprehensive review in Agricultural Extension and Communication and Agricultural Marketing and Economics presented by the lecturer, Sir Kenith E. Mirafuentes, L. Agr., MPM-RD.

This comprehensive review was made possible with the support of College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, whose desire in cultivating excellence in agricultural education is evident.

SSC holds turn over ceremony of Youth Multi-purpose Hall

By Fatimah Shaqueena Isnijul

Prof. Ututalum together with MP Atty. Lorena, Atty. Hassan, and Mr. Asiri during the ribbon cutting

On Aug. 2, 2023, another momentous event was held at the Sulu State College, as MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena, the BTA Deputy floor leader, led the successful turnover ceremony of the newly-built one-storey Youth Multi-purpose Hall Project at SSC main campus.

The project aims for a better space for everyone including the staff and students in various activities either about education, cultural, or social gatherings.

The ceremony featured different heartfelt messages from Mr. Aldin H. Asiri, MP Atty. Lorena, Atty. Najira H. Hassan, and College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE.

SSC programs undergo COPC ocular inspection

By Rima B. Amarasa

SSC personnel during COPC Ocular Inspection
Photo Source: SSC Fb Page

On Aug. 03, 2023, the Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) Ocular Inspection was conducted at the Hermes Room, SSC Hostel, headed by Asso. Prof. Delfina A. Ampung.

Present during the event were: College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) region office IX led by the Regional Director Dr. Rody P. Garcia, officer in charge of the office of the director, along with the CHEDRO-Quality Assessment Team (RQAT).

The COPC was granted to the following programs of Sulu State College:

1.Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Marketing Management

2.Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management

3. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Human Resource Management

4.Bachelor of Science in Public Administration

5.Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management

6.Bachelor of Science in Social Work

7. Bachelor of Arts in English major in Language Studies

8. Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies

9.Bachelor of Technology and Livelihood Education major in Economics

10.Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

SCSE Faculty and Staff conducted an Immersion and Team Building Activity

By Fatimah Shaqueena Isnijul

On Aug. 7-11, 2023, the School of Computer Studies and Engineering (CSE) conducted an immersion and team building activity where they visited and explored numerous places together creating memories while learning new things.

On their journey, the team had visited Zamboanga City, Sultan Kudarat, and Cotabato City specifically the Golden Mosque. They also joined the Joint Benchmarking Activity together with Surigao del Norte State University at Bukidnon State University. At last, their final destination was in Davao City wherein they went to Samal Island.

The immersion and team building allows the faculty and staff to pause for a moment from busy schedules and work load. They were given time to unwind and enjoy themselves while also gaining new lessons from their experience. As what the quote says, "A total immersion in life offers the best classroom for learning to love."

This activity will not be accomplished without the initiatives of the CSE dean, Mr. Aldaruhz T. Darkis, and also by the support of college president, Prof. Charisma Ututalum, CESE.

SCSE faculty and staff visit the provincial capitol of Sultan Kudarat.

SSCTMC elects new officers for 2023-2024

By Mharsha-Ina J. Bucayan

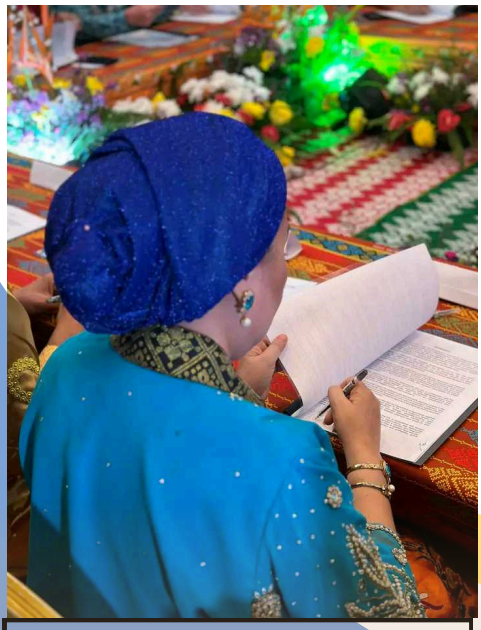
On Aug. 12, 2023, the Sulu State College Toastmasters Club (SSCTMC) elected new set of officers for 2023-2024 at the Hermes Room, SSC Hostel.

The following are the newly-elected officers:
President: Arnilyne Hambali
Vice President for Education: Narcisa Mohammad Hashim
Vice President for Membership: Kaisar Sakiran
Vice President for Public Relations: Arleen Riza Lay
Secretary: Nadzhatar Dammang
Treasurer: Sherryl Muddasil
Sgt. at Arms: Ahmed Zedriq Bandahala

The newly-elected SSCTMC officers pose for a snapshot
Photo Source: SSCTMC Fb Page

SSC, MAFAR-BARMM establish partnership

By Merhama A. Mañalas



Prof. Ututalum signs the memorandum of understanding
Photo Source: SSC FB

The Sulu State College with the presence of College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, and Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Agrarian Reform – BARMM (MAFAR-BARMM) officials led by Minister Mohammad S. Yacob, Ph. D signed a memorandum of understanding on Aug. 16, 2023 at Micro Hotel, Davao City, Philippines.

They were also joined by representatives from PCA, PCC, ATI, PhilRice, BPI, NCQCS, MBTHE, MOST, BPDA and other state universities and colleges in the Bangsamoro region.

Through this partnership, SSC will be more engaged in embracing the ever changing environment within the autonomous region.

Prof Ututalum together with the MAFAR-BARMM Officials
Photo Source: SSC FB Page

SSC embraces freshmen with vibrant welcome week

By Arnalyn A. Sawadi

Prof. Ututalum with the administrative officials, faculty members, and students of SSC

In a spirited initiative to usher in a new academic year after the prolonged impact of the pandemic, Sulu State College (SSC) hosted an engaging welcome week for its incoming freshmen from Aug. 24 to 29, 2023. The event, adorned with the theme "Welcome Week: A Foresight of an Exquisite Academic Venture," aimed to seamlessly integrate the newcomers into their educational journey.

Comprising three essential components, the week-long celebration featured:

1. Pre-Orientation (Departmental): Providing students with valuable insights into their respective departments. This session laid the groundwork for a focused and purposeful academic experience.

2. Campus Tour (Departmental): Navigating the vast campus grounds, students had the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the various facilities and resources available, fostering a sense of belonging and familiarity.

3. General Orientation: Being the apex of the welcome week, the general orientation served as a comprehensive overview of the college's ethos, values, and key policies. Students received essential information about academic programs, support services, and extracurricular activities, ensuring they were well-equipped for their academic journey at SSC.

Amidst the celebration, a diverse array of educational programs and social activities added a vibrant touch to the atmosphere. The inclusion of a spirited yelling competition and various engaging events contributed to fostering camaraderie among the students, creating memorable moments beyond the academic sphere.

Guiding the event with enthusiasm and inspiration, College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, passionately affirmed the college's excellence, proclaiming, "No matter what anyone says, SSC is awesome. No matter what anyone says, our students are awesome. No matter what anyone says, our teachers are awesome. We are proud that we belong to one SSC!"

Adding a prestigious touch to the celebration, the presence of CHED Commissioner Mr. Jo Mark Libre, who joined the event via Zoom, underscored the significance of the occasion. His virtual participation symbolized a broader commitment to education and showcased the college's connection to educational authorities.

As the General Orientation concluded, the enthusiasm and pride felt by the freshmen were palpable. The event not only equipped them with essential knowledge but also instilled a sense of belonging and pride in being part of the Sulu State College community.

SPA Pangalay dancers during Philippine ROTC Games 2023

By Merhama A. Mañalas

SPA Pangalay dancers together with Mr. Lipae, Ms. Lay, and Mr. Sarabi
Photo Source: Mr. Alnakier Sarabi

The Sulu State College Stalwart Performing Arts (SPA) Pangalay dancers attended the Philippine Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Games 2023 Mindanao Leg on Aug. 25 to 28 at Zamboanga City.

Present during the event were: Mr. Almashien S. Lipae, Chief Administrative Officer, Ms. Arleen Riza Lay, SSC Cultural Director, and Mr. Alnakier Sarabi, SPA Pangalay coach.

SSC School of Education conducts Virtual International Multidisciplinary Conference

By Morsalyn Harun

Official poster and announcement about the conference

On August 27, 2023, the United Frontiers Academy of Advanced Learning and Research in collaboration with Sulu State College, School of Education conducted the first Virtual International Multidisciplinary Conference (V-IMC-2023).

The said school was headed by its dean, Asst. Prof. Marivel T. Sarabi, Ed.D, and Dr. Aurizia Siraji, Research Session Chair. A number of School of Education faculty members were able to present their research studies namely; Dr. Anang Fatma Jawali, Dr. Erlinda Tutong, Dr. Jurmia Irilis, Ms. Mailen Antao, Mr. Ricky Morales, Mr. Yunus Mohammad, Ms. Yoko Iribani, Mr. Alnakier Sarabi, Ms. Hermee-Lizza Bakil, and from School of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Julizon Jawali.

The conference aims to immerse institutions in cutting-edge research and thought-provoking discussions led by experts from diverse fields, connect with scholars, researchers, and professionals from around the globe, fostering new partnerships and collaborations, and elevate the academic and professional journey through exposure to groundbreaking ideas and trends. For the abstract/manuscript submission, deadline was dated on Aug. 18, 2023. Meanwhile, the registration had its deadline on Aug. 22, 2023 but was extended until Sept. 30, 2023.

Sihnag Publication searches for new jewels

By Fatima Shaqueena Isnijul

The Sihnag Publication of Sulu State College had conducted its qualifying exam for the year 2023-2024 to those aspiring Stalwarts who want to join the said publication held on Aug. 30, 2023 at Sihnag Office, School of Graduate Studies building.

There are four different categories held which are the writing, photojournalism, layouting, and cartooning category. The ranking for the old staffers also happened on that same day. Different students from different schools had tried their luck and showed their skills.

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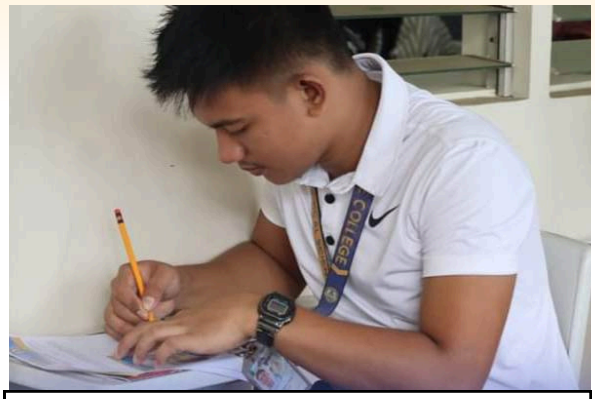
Ms. Adawia Jamasali, Sihnag Adviser, distributes the answer sheets during the examination day



Julhajar Jasani, Cartoonist, draws his own interpretation of the topic during the examination day

PNA, SSC hold oath taking ceremony of new registered nurses of Sulu

By Nurida Salip I. Julkiram

The Philippine Nurses Association (PNA) Inc., in partnership with Sulu State College (SSC), held the oath taking ceremony of the new registered nurses in Sulu at SSC Center for Culture and Arts on Sept. 1, 2023.

This event was headed by the PNA President, Ms. Ayesha Rema A. Tan, RN, and PNA officers. Also present during the event were the College President, Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE; Asso. Prof. Alijandrina T. Jalilul, Dean of SSC School of Nursing; and Hon. Alfonso C. Viloria, Regional Director PRC-Region X, who led the oath of profession.

The newly registered nurses of 2023 takes their oath of profession

Prof. Ututalum is the Most Outstanding Governance & Leadership Awardee

By Nurida I. Salip Julkiram

On Sept. 7, 2023, College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum received the Most Outstanding Governance & Leadership Award in the Academe Category at the 3rd Mindanao Governance & Leadership Excellence Awards (MGLEA).

The Award was personally presented by Mr. Jessie P. Mongcal and his team from Daily Cagayan De Oro City Media.

Congratulatory poster of Sihnag Publication dedicated to Prof. Ututalum

Prof. Ututalum receives the award from Mr. Mongcal
Photo source: SSC FB Page

SSC undergoes online accreditation of nine programs for levels II, re-accreditation for level III

by Nurmela Fahma H. Pandi

SSC Online Accreditation 2023 closing program

The Sulu State College underwent online accreditation of nine programs for level II and re-accreditation for level III happened from Sept. 11 to 13, 2023. The Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) Accreditors were: Dr. Jaime M. Forbes of Bataan Peninsula State University, Dr. Charibel R. Sarte of Isabela State University, Dr. Benhur A. Asid of Western Mindanao State University, Dr. Bernardo A. Zabala Jr. of Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology, and Dr. Divina M. De Guzman of Nueva Vizcaya State University.

The opening program and the closing program were done in a hybrid setup in which the physical venue was at the Center for Culture and Arts and were graced by the College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, SSC key officials, the SSC Quality Assurance Director Dr. Delfina A. Ampung, the SSC local committees of accreditation, the administrative council and the technical team.

The accreditation proper immediately followed after the opening program on the morning of Sept. 11, 2023. Different breakout rooms were created for the respective areas of accreditation.

The programs that were accredited are as follows; for the School of Education (level III Re-Accredited), Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSED) and Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED). For the Graduate Studies (level II), Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) and the Master of Education (MAED). For the School of CSE (level II), Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering. For the School of Nursing (level II), Bachelor of Science in Nursing. For the School of Arts and Sciences (level II), AB-English, AB-History and AB-Islamic Studies.

The 3-day event was concluded on the afternoon of Sept. 13, 2023 with the impressions from the accreditors, represented by the focal person Dr. Forbes. A response to the challenges was given by the Prof. Ututalum. Soon after, the academic deans provided their statement of commitment. Lastly, the virtual awarding of certificates to the accreditors was also held. The master of the ceremony was Dr. Adawia Jamasali.

Stalwart partakes in Bangsa Sug Day 2023

By Nurida I. Salip Julkiram

Stalwart Performing Arts showcase cultural heritage during their street dance performance

On Sept. 16, 2023, Sulu celebrated the 633rd Local Governance and Public Administration also known as the Bangsa Sug Day.

Together with the different municipalities in Sulu, the Sulu State College Stalwart Performing Arts joined the said celebration, representing the municipality of Jolo. They won the 1st runner up in Street dance competition.

SBAM elevates Management Week Celebration into greater heights; conducts breakthrough activities

By Radeeya Sencio and Maryamarzahra Jalaidi

Sulu State College School of Business Administration and Management (SBAM) elevated its celebration of 14th Management Week through a week-long festivity held on Sept. 26-30, 2023.

Anchored on its theme, "Transform, Cultivate, Empower: Celebrating Differences, Inter-Connected Changes, and Illuminating Gray Eagles Towards Excellence", the said celebration was held on different venues such as SBAM facade, SSC covered court, SBAM grounds, Luuk District Hospital, and Barangay Alat, Jolo, Sulu.

Aside from SBAM faculty, staff and students, several dignitaries attended the celebration such as the college president Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, school deans, program chairpersons, and Salvador S. Zacarias, the Vice President for Finance of Notre Dame of Jolo College (NDJC).

The first day of the event kicked off with grand parade and motorcade, followed by the opening ceremonies, and the group dance competition. In the afternoon, parlor games and sports competitions such as basketball, volleyball, chess, pickleball, sepak takraw were enjoyed and played by the students.

On the second day, academic competitions such as quiz bowl, spelling bee, essay writing, extemporaneous speech, and pagkukwento and championship games for sports competitions were held.

Cultural Competition took place on the third day of celebrarion. Meanwhile, the first ever Tourism and Hospitality (THM) Fest' 2023 was held on the fourth day of the event — a breakthrough activity in the college.

The final day of SBAM Week highlighted the Sugpat Kasilasa Community Extension Program in which the school conducted a bloodletting activity and bookkeeping literacy seminar.

The different teams who take part on the competitions during the SBAM's 14th Management Week

Sihnag Publication takes part in 2023 OSSEI National Training Workshop on Campus Journalism

By Alkhamar Saddalani

Baguio City | Sihnag Publication, the official student publication of Sulu State College (SSC) took part in the 2023 Organization of Student Services and Educators, Inc. (OSSEI) National Training Workshop on Campus Journalism held at Crown Legacy Hotel, Kisad Road, Baguio City on Sept. 28-30, 2023.

Alkhamar Saddalani, Editor-in-chief, Rudzmal Ganih, cartoonist and photojournalist, were joined by Dr. Adawia Jamasali, the Sihnag adviser, in representing SSC in the said three-day event.

Veteran journalists from different news agencies had given lectures during the training. Ed Lingao of TV5 talked about Ethical Dilemmas in Journalism; Prof. Ben Domingo, Jr. of CHED Technical Committee for Journalism and Prof. Liana Barro of FEU discussed topics on Evaluating Campus Publications during the first day.

Saddalani, alongside Dr. Jamasali, answers questions in an interview with fellow campus journalist

Lectures about Hard News vs Soft News, Multimedia Journalism, Editorial Cartooning and Page Layout and Design were discussed on the second day by Mr. Melvin Gascon of Philippine Daily Inquirer; Mr. Jimmy Domingo, freelance visual journalist; Mr. Ever Samson of DepEd Cabanatuan; and Prof. Regidor Gaboy of CLSU, respectively.

Meanwhile, lecture about Fake News and the Rise of Advertorials was discussed by Ms. Joyce Pañares of Manila Standard on the last day of training.

Sihnag Publication was joined by other 36 school publications coming from different state universities and colleges in all regions of the country, making a total of more than 200 campus journalists as participants.

The training ended with participants bringing home not only their certificates of participation but their experience of learning rich lectures which they can use to further improve their publications. Such richness was emphasized in the words of wisdom from Ms. Pañares to which she told the participants, "There should be dignity in labor. Magsusulat ka na rin lang, magsulat ka na nang maayos."

Participants also had the chance to experience the cold weather of Baguio which made the event more memorable.

SSC BSN undergoes COPC Ocular inspection and evaluation

By Fatima Yeshamae I. Haiber

Photo opportunity with the college president, Director Garcia, and the rest of his team

On Sept. 29, 2023, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Regional Office 9 spearheaded by the CHED Regional Director, Dr. Rody P. Garcia, together with Engr. Joseph Lou Sta. Teresa established an evaluation and ocular inspection of the Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) with their team for the benefits of Sulu State College Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program.

Among those who were present during the evaluation and inspection were: CHED Commissioner Dr. Jo Mark M. Libre; AACUP Executive Director, Dr. Milabel Ho; CHED RO9 Regional Director, Dr. Rody Garcia; College President, Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE; Vice President for Academic Affairs, Prof. Nelson U. Julhamid; SSC Quality Assurance Director, Assoc. Prof. Delfina Ampung; deans from different schools, technical panel, program coordinators, evaluators, and RQAT for the program of Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Prof. Ututalum attends inauguration of 22nd UP President Atty. Jimenez

By Radeeya Sunga Sencio

Prof. Ututalum with Atty. Jimenez, Commissioner Libre, and other SUC heads

On Sept. 14, 2023, the inaugural of Atty. Angelo Jimenez as the 22nd president of the University of the Philippines (UP) was held at UP Mindanao. It was emblazed by the president of Sulu State College, Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE.

The ceremony was directed by the Commission of Higher Education (CHED) Chairman, Prof. J. Prospero De Vera and was witnessed by CHED Commissioner Jo Mark M. Libre together with the leaders from various state universities and colleges (SUCs) and different government organizations in the Philippines.

Atty. Jimenez is the first Mindanaoan president of the said university. Meanwhile, the Sulu State College extended its congratulation to Atty. Jimenez for his designation.

BSN Class Les Rêveurs Anatrofi batch 2026 5th Cap, Badge and Candlelight Ceremony

By Nurmalyn H. Jumali

88 student nurses from Class Les Rêveurs Anatrofi officially received their caps and badges and lightened their candles in the 5th Cap, Badge and Candlelight Ceremony on Oct. 6, 2023 at SSC Gymnasium with the theme "Anchoring Nursing Education towards Excellence in the year of Differentia".

The parents and guardians of the class accompanied them in their processional march before the administrators, guests, faculty members, and the usual ceremony preliminaries.

Afterwards, Mrs. Sher-a Alih, RN, MAN, welcomed the audience in her message.

Asso. Prof. Alijandrina T. Jalilul, RN, MAN, Ed.D, the Dean of School of Nursing presented and Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, the College President accepted the class candidates respectively.

Then, Ms. Farah-Shena Aspi, a third-year student nurse served as Florence Nightingale in the Candlelight Ceremony of the class. The Dean of School of Nursing, with the assistance of the level 2 coordinator Mrs. Elenita C. Tan, RM, RN, MAN, alongside their accompanied parents who led the imposition of caps and badges.

Afterwards, Ms. Sharmae-Shafiera Hailidani, and the entire class sworn the nurse's pledge and sang their batch songs (at the beginning).

Class Les Rêveurs Anatrofi sings their batch hymn

Prior to that, Dr. Fatima Indal Abubakar, RN, MAN, Chairperson, Health & Science department of Notre Dame of Jolo College served as the guest speaker, scopes in her keynote address respectively. She stressed out from exploring, venture and working to strive more for quality nursing education in Sulu State College and emphasized the significance of caps and badges for student nurses. And lastly, she congratulated the class Les Rêveurs Anatrofi for another milestone of their lives.

Ms. Ayesha Sarabi, SN addressed the response and gratitude on behalf of her batch mates to the significant individuals behind of their milestone. Additionally, she emphasized the acceptance of responsibility that they are now holding as student nurses and through this ceremony, the Class Les Rêveurs Anatrofi surpassed and will surpass the challenges in the following year levels as part of their experience in studying nursing.

Followed by the presentation of plaques and tokens and closing remarks by the level 2 coordinator, Mrs. Elenita Tan which she stressed out on what expecting as a new breed of future nurses and she emphasized Integrity, Courage, and to enjoy the journey as student nurses.

The event concluded with the singing of dedicatory hymn (in this moment) and the viewing of the batch video presentation. Photo opportunity of the class candidates with the school administrators, guests and school of nursing faculty members followed.

Ms. Jermalyn H. Amil, RN, MAN and Mrs. Faiza Ishmael, RN were the said masters of ceremony.

SSC joins celebration of National Teachers' Day; Cong. Tan graces event

By Fer-awna Julhasan

Sulu State College, an institution dedicated to excellence in education, came alive with excitement and gratitude as it joined the celebration of National Teachers' Day on Oct. 7, 2023 at SSC Multi-Purpose Gymnasium.

With the theme, "The Teachers We need for Education We Want: The Global Imperative to Reverse Teachers Shortage", the event served as a heartfelt tribute to the tireless efforts and unwavering dedications of the institution's educators and mentors.

Faculty members receive cash prizes after winning the games

The day commenced with an atmosphere of joy and appreciations as students, faculty, staff, and esteemed guest gathered at the venue. The event was adorned with colorful decorations, showcasing the vibrant spirit of the occasion.

The celebration brought together the entire SSC community — the college president, Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, administrative staff, faculty members, and students. Notable figures from the local education sectors, government officials, and respected community leaders were also in attendance, including the special guest Congressman of 1st District, Hon. Samier Tan, who paid homage to the teachers who played an integral role in shaping young minds. Cong. Tan also added additional prizes for the parlor games which made the event extra special.

The said event included a series of activities and festivities to honor the hard work and dedication of the instructors. The event featured inspiring speeches, musical performances, and heartfelt testimonials from students expressing their gratitude and admirations for their teachers.

The celebration served as a poignant reminder of the profound impact that teachers have in the society.

The event was hosted by Mr. Saurajan S. Darawi, MAED, Dean of Student Affairs and Services.

SSC Faculty Members attend training workshop on using SPSS; seeks to improve data analysis abilities

By Arnalyn A. Sawadi

On Oct. 3-5, 2023, 30 faculty members of Sulu State College coming from different schools attended the training workshop on statistical tools in socio-economic research data using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) held at SSC Hostel and Dormitory.

The three-day training was made possible through the partnership with Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), Western Mindanao Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Research and Development Consortium, and WMSU- Satellite Socio-Economic Research and Data Analytics Center.

Lecturers namely, Ms. Anabel E. Gamorez, Ph. D., project leader for WMSU-SERDAC, discussed rationale, expectations, inferential statistics, one-way analysis of variance, and correlational analysis; Mr. Dennis R. Marcelino presented the descriptive statistics and introduction to SPSS; Lucy F. Sadiwa discussed data encoding and data visualization, and Alvener H. Sakili presented Inferential Statistics which includes one sample t-test, paired sample t-test, and independent sample t-test.

The said training aimed to improve the data analysis abilities of the attendees which they can utilize for study and instruction purposes. They were made engaged with the lectures through the group and individual activities they had participated.

The training workshop was graced by the college president, Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Asso. Prof. Nelson U. Julhamid, who also opened the training, and the Dean of Student Affairs, Mr. Saurajan Darawi, who served as the host.

The event was concluded by Dr. Frissida A. Daud, RN, MAN, Ph.D, Director of College Research.

The said training helps to ensure that attendees could make use of the said software with ease — making it easier to analyze data for research purposes and to be able to assist their students in doing statistics without the aid of statisticians.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Asso. Prof. Nelson U. Julhamid, shares his experience during the workshop

SSC inaugurates new administration building; unveils other facility accomplishments

By Nurmalyn Jumali and Mherhada Sahibuddin

On Oct. 8, 2023, the Sulu State College accomplished the inauguration and ribbon cutting of the new administration building and unveiled other facilities accomplishments including the ribbon cutting of the special project of SSC president which is the 'book haven', ground breaking ceremony for the new Nusing Laboratory and turn-over ceremony of the School of Nursing Laboratory.

Actualized around 11:30 am, dignitaries in attendance were: CHED commissioner Dr. Jo Mark M. Libre, College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, Hon. Samier Tan, Hon. Hussin U. Amin, Mr. Hussein Uckong, Mr. Erwin Tan, SSC Board of Trustees, namely: Hon. Ahmad Shawfee M. Jul, Hon. Abraham A. Pelayo, Hon. Satrina Joy Juljani, Hon. Alnadzma Tulawie, Hon. Hussin U. Amin, and Hon. Atty. Abdel Aziz Alih. Also in attendance were from the Commission on Audit, Ms. Fatima Ayesha Hayudini and Mr. Hussin Uckong, and SSC administrative officials, faculty and staff, and students of Sulu State College.

In high spirits that morning as the Prof. Ututalum gave her welcome message for the day. She was proud and grateful to all those who supported making it all reality as a magnificent testament of her leadership.

It was then that Hon. Libre provided his message and mentioned that it is an open testament of completion of visionary leadership, an infrastructure development cutting edged on welfare of the students by making on investment in terms of education. Truly, a symbol of progress is the representation of growth, development and transformation. In remarks stated by Hon. Libre, "Continue to labor, serve as catalyst in Philippine higher education".

Various dignitaries during the of the nursing laboratory

Prof. Ututalum together with other administrative personnel during the groundbreaking ceremony of the new nursing laboratory

It was then followed by a message of Hon. Abdusakur M. Tan, Governor of Sulu, representated by Erwin Tan.
The 1st district representative himself, Hon. Samier Tan was in attendance and served as the focal figure and delivered his message.

Afterwards, a ribbon cutting for the new administration building was held. During the inauguration, Tausug heritage such as Pangalay dance and kulintangan were performed by the different student representatives to make the building tour colorful, lively and entertaining. Selected students were also well dressed in spearheading the tour.

After that, ribbon cutting on personal and special project of the College President "Book Haven" that aims to provide students a center for books which were donated to refresh their minds at the Book Haven.

Afterwards, ground-breaking ceremony of a new laboratory for the school of nursing and then, turn-over of one-storey nursing laboratory followed.

Sulu State College will be expecting more projects on infrastructure development as a center in shaping excellence for the students with the leadership of SSC President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum and other supporting individuals that always extend their love and support to the SSC community.

SSC Joint Induction, Oath Taking Ceremony: highlights retro-formal wear; showcases elegance, luxury

By Hadija Hadjirul

Sulu State College conducted the joint induction and oath taking ceremony for student leaders on Oct. 9, 2023 at SSC Gymnasium, Walled City, Jolo, Sulu, with the theme, “Conducting Services in Campus Organization and Clubs: A Pathway to Professionalism.”

Nine different clubs and organizations, the student council, together with the Central Student Government (CSG) were inducted. Present during the ceremony were the College President, Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, and the guest speaker from the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, M.P Atty. Nabil A. Tan, where he highlighted on his message the importance of remaining humble in spite of having the power to lead. “Remain honest, competitive, and compassionate. Continue being diligent, and sincere,” Mr. Tan added.

The event started at 1:00 PM with the procession. Then, it was followed by the invocation, singing of the National Anthem, SSC Hymn, and the recitation of Quality Policy of Sulu State College. Moreover, a short presentation was played showcasing different clubs and organizations upholding their advocacy and duties.

Prof. Ututalum formally welcomed the inducted officers. In her message, she emphasized the significant of being a true leader; that as an officer, you must inspire others and that leadership is not about power but compassion.

Mr. Saurajan S. Darawi, MAED, Dean of Student Affairs, presented the officers and their respective clubs and organizations that were inducted by the President herself, Prof. Ututalum. A short break happened with an incredible performance from the Stalwarts Performing Arts, followed by the induction for School Student Council and Extension schools.

The guest speaker M.P Atty. Nabil A. Tan, Deputy Speaker; Bangsamoro Transition Authority, graced the stage with an inspiring, unfeigned message. He left such beautiful words that opened the minds of the newly inducted student leaders and officers.

The turnover ceremony for the newly CSG President was led by the outgoing former CSG Vice President, Mr. Alwiesam D. Sakham. The newly elected CSG President Mr. Mar-Wan A. Omar enthusiastically accepted the position. In his speech, he shared a reminder that as a good leader, you must serve with passion to help and inspire others.

The ceremony was formally closed by Mr. Darawi. He highlighted the pursuit of a leader as a student. He congratulated the officers and left an inspiring message that touches the hearts of the new student and club officers.

Prof. Ututalum together with Atty. Tan holding the key of responsibility

Yellow wizards unite for 23rd Education Week; showcase magical spirits on different competitions

By Mherhada Sahibuddin and Arvi Marajan

Newly-crowned Mr. Education 2023 together with Dean Sarabi, Mr. Almashien Lipae, former Ms. Educ

Ms. Juaini during the coronation as Ms. Education 2023

Intelligence, skills, talents, and confidence were among the qualities showed by the yellow wizards as they vyed in various competitions which highlighted the celebration of this year's Education Week on Oct. 11-13, 2023.

Themed "Fostering Competence and Camaraderie Amidst Diversity", the three-day event was composed of different contests such as academic, sports and cultural competitions in which the four competing teams namely, the Ravenclaw of level one, Slytherin of level two, Gryffindor of level 3, and Hufflepuff of level four, had contended.

The teams' names were derived from the four magical houses of Hogwarts in the movies Harry Potter. Signified and symbolized by their respective team crest, each level fought with ardent spirit and unity.

The first day of the celebration kicked off with a parade marched through by the students and faculty members starting from SSC Hostel to the Education open ground. The opening program was graced by the College President Prof. Charisma S. Utatalum, CESE, alongside the presence of administrative officials. Prof. Ututalum lightened up the energy and gave an inspirational message to the students. The flag racing contest was held afterwards signaling the official start of the event and the readiness of each level in which the team Hufflepuff won the race.

Competitions such as Group Dance, Quiz Bee, Slogan and Poster Making, Essay Writing, Pagsulat ng Sanaysay, Adhan and Qur'an Reading were contended by the students during the morning session. In the afternoon, Extemporaneous speech, Oration, Storytelling, Speech Choir and Declamation contest were held at the SSC Multimedia Center.

In the sports competitions, students showcased their abilities and vyed for the top spots in Basketball, Chess (men and women), and Volleyball (men and women) which took place at the SSC covered court during the second day of the celebration. The day also featured fun games and activities in the afternoon.

Finally, the main highlight of the education week took place at the SSC Gymnasium during the last and final day of the celebration. The candidates for the Faces of the Wizards gracefully paraded their beauty for different categories namely, denim, sports, school uniform and formal wear. Their wit and intelligence were also tested as they went through the mind-boggling question and answer round. Everyone joyfully cheered and supported their team representatives.

Meanwhile, cultural competitions such as Song Solo, Song Duet and Modern Dance were also inserted in between the pageant categories where wizards with talents in the said fields had given the chance to showcase it. It also added to the excitement and vibrant energy of the search.

The awarding ceremony was held afterwards, giving the participants the recognition they deserve for the efforts and diverse talents they had showed during the celebration.

As the most awaited moment arrived, the hosts finally announced the winners for the title of Faces of the Wizards. Ms. Nurhaifa Juaini was crowned as Ms. Education 2023 while Mr James Adam Hassan is the new Mr. Education 2023, both hailed from Team Hufflepuff. After giving all the awards, the Team Hufflepuff was proclaimed as the over-all champion for this year's Education week garnering a total of 317. Team Gryffindor, Ravenclaw and Slytherin got the first, second and third runners-up, respectively.

In the end, the four teams applauded for everyone's victory as they came as one in translating into reality the essence of the celebration which was to foster excellence and camaraderie despite the diversity.

The School of Education community had worked together to make the event memorable for everyone which was spearheaded by Asst. Prof. Marivel Sarabi, EdD, Dean of School of Education.

Quennette claims victory; moved audience by his captivating words

By Fatima Rayhamn Sangkula

Mr. Tan with his plaque of recognition, hailed as the Champion for the 2023 Consumer Welfare Month

Quennette J. Tan, a BAELS 4th year student of Sulu State College bagged the champion in Extemporaneous Speech Contest during the Consumer Welfare Month conducted by the Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism-Sulu that was held on October 16, 2023, Monday at Sumajja Hall, Bangkal, Patikul, Sulu.

Six (6) college students from SSC, SMII, MSU, NDJC, SCT and HBSAT participated in the said competition. The event commenced at 2:00pm, starting with the introduction of judges and mechanics. After the competition proper, awarding of certificates of board of judges was concluded followed by the announcement and awarding of winners.

The participant from MSU-SULU got the second runner up garnering an average score of 88%, while the participant from NDJC got the first runner up with an average score of 88.66%. Finally, Tan from SSC won the champion garnering an average score of 91.3%. His coach was Dr. Adawia Jamasali.

Tan from Sulu State College together with his contenders in extemporaneous speech from MSU-SULU and SMII before the contest proper

Maroon Pythons hiss together for 2nd CSE Week; crown new Mr. and Ms. CSE

By Arnalyn A. Sawadi

With the theme, "CSE Onward to Greater Heights: Building Champions, Grounded in Values, Ingenuity, and Excellence," Sulu State College School of Computer Studies and Engineering (CSE) celebrated its second CSE Week from
October 17–19.

Creativity, teamwork, confidence, tremendous accomplishments, innovations, and brilliance in the world of computer studies and engineering were among the qualities showed by the maroon pythons during the said celebration.

Six different teams namely, Geo Python (BSIT-Panamao Extension), Hydro Python (BS Computer Engineering), Pyro Python (Computer Science, Information System), Electro Python (BSIT Parang Extension), Dendro Python (BSIT SSC Main), and Cryo Python (BSIT-Luuk Extension), vyed for top spots in the sports, cultural, and academic competitions.

The first day of the celebration kicked off with a parade of elemental pythons which started from the SSC Hostel and ended at SSC Gymnasium, Walled City, Jolo, Sulu. This was followed by a group dance competition, the presentation of candidates for Mr. and Ms. CSE 2023, and the raffle drawing in which four fortunate CSE students received laptops.

In the afternoon, academic and sports competitions were held simultaneously. Quiz bowl, Extemporaneous speaking, Essay writing, and Language programming contests were held at separate rooms at the CSE department. Basketball for men was held at the SSC covered court while Volleyball for men and women was held at the school ground. The first game of Esports ML tournament also commenced at Management Information System (MIS) building.

The voices and cheer of every team filled the SSC Gymnasium as the candidates paraded for the production number wearing denim. Candidates also competed in other categories including sportswear, school uniform and formal wear where all candidates looked equally dazzling and stunning in their suits.

The candidates for Mr. And Ms. CSE 2023

Candidates also got the chance to show their wit and grit as they underwent the question and answer portion. Candidates were asked by the judges whom they randomly picked.Song duet and Hip-hop were also inserted in between the pageant. Winners were announced right after the contests.

As the most awaited part of the search arrived, the new Mr. and Ms. CSE were finally announced. Mr. Adrian Afable Ordoño bagged the title as the Mr. CSE 2023 who was also the recipient of Best in Production Number, Best in Sportswear, Best in Uniform, Mr. Photogenic, Shots By Alen Choice Award, and Revenzie Choice Award.

On the other hand, Ms. Weezalda Sala was crowned as the Ms. CSE 2023 who also brought home special awards including Shien Lipae Choice Award, and Shots By Allen Choice Award.

The morning of the last day of CSE week celebration highlighted the conduct of Extension Service Proposal of the four programs held at Audio-Visual Room, CSE Department. The faculty representing Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Information Technology and Information System programs had their presentation of their project proposals that would benefit the communities specifically those in the provinces.

The event started with an invocation, followed by the introduction of board of panels of which Dr. Sherha B. Baybayan, RN, PhD., Extension Director; Dr. Jehana M. Darkis, PCpE., Curriculum Director; and Asso. Prof. Aldaruhz T. Darkis, DPA., Dean, School of CSE, were among of those who seated.

The presentation proper from different programs came next. Representatives who presented their studies were Mr. Adzmier Anji for CpE, Asst. Prof. Marlyn E. Hadjirul, DPA., for CS, Mr. Mabud J. Amirul for IT, and Mr. Aljimar Ahid for IS. Chosen programs are expected to be granted next year.

In the afternoon, winners for sports and academic contests were awarded. Parlor games were also enjoyed by the CSE students.

COMELEC, 1603rd RESCOM PA, in partnership with SSC organize Voter's Education Campaign; conduct forum for meaningful dialogues

By Hadija Hadjirul and Fer-awna Julhasan

As the upcoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Elections approaching, the Commission on Election (COMELEC) Jolo, in partnership with Sulu State College and 1603rd Reserved Command (PA), held the Voter's Education Campaign and Candidates Forum on Oct. 14, 2023 at Sulu State College, Center for Culture and Arts (CCA).

The event was attended by selected student leaders from different schools in Sulu namely: Mindanao State University-Sulu, Sulu College of Technology, Hadji Butu School of Arts and Trades, and lastly, Sulu State College. The Guest Speaker, 1LT Al-Musa G. Tandih (RES) PA EA II proceeded to give the lectures: Process of Registration, Types of Registration, and the Importance of Registration. Eventually, Mr. Shariff V. Ututalum EO III, answered the queries from students for the program's open forum. He also shared valuable insights and expertise on the electoral processes of registration.

Mr. Shariff V. Ututalum Election Officer III, gave insights and necessary information about the program. He also highlighted the importance of sharing knowledge for the upcoming election. He's hoping that this program will enlighten the minds of students about their rights to suffrage.

Students from different school during the forum

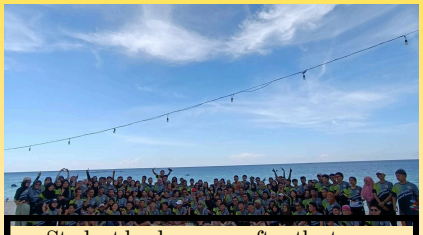
1603rd Reserved Command Philippine Army during the Voter's Education Forum

This voter's education campaign sought to empower the community by providing them with the necessary knowledge and understanding of their rights and responsibilities as voters. It also aimed to promote civic engagement and educate participants by providing them important information about the upcoming Barangay & SK Elections on Oct. 30, 2023.

Prof. Nelson U. Julhamid, Ph. D., Vice President for Academic Affairs, represented the SSC College President, Prof. Charisma U. Ututalum, CESE. SSG., Mr. Aldrin R. Boñon, (INF) PA., the representative from 1603rd RESCOM (PA) thanked the organization for being part of the said program. The program was formally closed by Ms. Basma H. Ammad, Administrative Aide of COMELEC Jolo. Mr. Saurajan S. Darawi, MAED., led the event as the master of ceremony, ensuring a smooth and memorable experience for all attendees.

SSC, SYL convene Stalwart leaders for Leadership Development Training; sign MOA to strengthen relationship

By Alkhamar L. Saddalani



Student leaders pose after the team building activity at Tanduh Beach Resort.

Sulu State College (SSC), in partnership with SACEDA Youth Lead (SYL), convened all stalwart leaders in the institution for a three-day leadership development training on Oct. 20-22, 2023.

A total of 123 student leaders and 15 advisers participated in the said training coming from student councils of different schools, representatives of various clubs and organizations, and the Central Student Government (CSG).

Held at SSC gymnasium, the opening program began with the conventional preliminaries. The participating groups were introduced by the host, Ms. Adawia Jamasali, Sihnag Publication adviser, where the participants performed their yell entries.

The welcome message was then delivered by Mr. Saurajan S. Darawi, Dean of Student Affairs, where he shared that it was only his dream to bring the SYL to SSC after attending the National Summer Leadership Camp at Dumaguete City, a leadership training organized by the same firm which provided participants the experiences which were accordingly life-changing. Now that it has happened, it is accordingly a dream came true for Mr. Darawi who thanked the college president for her support.

A short message from the man of the hour, Mr. Dave G. Saceda himself, chair and founder of SYL, came next. Mr. Saceda impressed everyone with fresh and meaningful insights to which he said, "leadership is a skill, but it is a very hard skill." He also emphasized that with all that is happening in the global community today, "there is a great demand to produce genuine leaders."

Afterwards, an intermission number was rendered by the Stalwart Performing Arts who gracefully perfomed the Pangalay dance before the visitors.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs Prof. Nelson U. Julhamid, PhD, also gave a message ensuring everyone that his office will always be in full support of activities like this.

The speech challenge from the college president Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum went next to which she challenged the stalwart leaders to: step out from their comfort zone, to become fearless visionaries, to challenge the indifference, to challenge the division, to challenge the inaction, and to challenge the soloists. She added, "The challenges we face as the global community are immense, but within these challenges lie the opportunities for us to rise as leaders."

Meanwhile, the main highlight of the opening program was held where the SSC, represented by the college president herself Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, and SYL represented by its chair and founder, Mr. Saceda, signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to strengthen the relationship of the parties for future partnerships and collaborations.

The training proper officially started in the afternoon. Lectures entitled, "Cultivating Leadership Through Awareness and Reflection" and "Leadership Essentials" were discussed by Mr. Saceda. Meaningful activities which aimed at strengthening the participants' intrapersonal and interpersonal skills were also conducted.

The day two of the training was held at SSC Center for Culture and Arts (CCA). The day was filled with learnings and wisdom as Mr. Saceda talked about the social graces and etiquettes a leader should observe. Mr. Saceda demonstrated the said topic in a table set-up showing the proper etiquettes in a formal meal. He emphasized that etiquettes are neither for rich nor for poor, it is rather for educated people.

Mr. Saceda also talked about "Team Effectiveness and Leadership" where a light team building activity came next. An open forum was also held where Mr. Saceda answered a number of questions from student leaders.

Simultaneous with the session with student leaders, advisers were gathered at Hermes Room, SSC Hostel. Mr. Saceda discussed about the different lifestyles of a leader which are related to personal, sexual, cultural, educational and professional aspects. The advisers freely shared their different experiences and opinions on the said topic.

The last day of the training took place at Tanduh Beach, Parang, Sulu, where the team building activity happened. Student leaders assembled early in the morning for the trip and were fetched by the municipal buses of Parang. Participants and organizers were warmly accomodated in the said municipality which the college is thankful for especially to its mayor, Hon. Alkhadar T. Loong.

The program kicked off with mass zumba dance. Distribution of shirts was also done which the participants wore as they went through the various challenges prepared by the organizing team.

The participants were divided into five groups and tasked to go through five challenges which aimed to harness the leadership qualities in them such as trust, communication, unity, risk-taking, and decision-making to name a few.

Processing and reflecting came after all the challenges were passed through. Participants shared their experiences and the lessons they have imbibed in overcoming the challenges. Advisers also shared their observations on their respective teams. Mr. Saceda spoke after where he showered leadership wisdoms through his faith which the participants and advisers alike can apply in their leadership stints.

Finally, Mr. Darawi was emotional as he thanked the SYL team especially Mr. Saceda for lessons he shared which accordingly pierces his heart everytime, and for the experiences he let the student leaders indulged.

The program ended with the yelling competition where the second of two participating teams won. Participants shared a boodle fight for lunch and spent the afternoon for swimming.

This leadership development training is a testament to the commitment of the college to produce globally competent individuals. As student leaders hold great influence, it is but significant to empower them into greater level to also empower their fellow students

Tulong Dunong Disbursement

by Lija Sayyari

Held at Sulu State College covered court, the disbursement of scholarship under Tertiary Education Subsidy and Tulong Dunong Program for old grantees for the Academic Year 2022-2023, second semester, has went smoothly on Oct. 17, 2023.

The disbursement was spearheaded by Commission on Higher Education Chairperson Prospero De Vera III, DPA, with the college president Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE. They were also joined by Ms. Sharifa D. Anjirani, Scholarship Director; Mr. Hitler S. Allama, DTO Director; and Mr. Ahmed Zhedriq Bandahala, Scholarship staff

NTP Brothers, Faculty members collide for exhibition game; Team Faculty snatches championship

By Albenhasadedson Hussin

As we thought Intramurals 2023 is over, its aftermath is still felt as Sulu State College (SSC) Non-Teaching Personnel (NTP) and Faculty members collided for an exhibition game on Nov.11 2023 at SSC covered court. Both teams showcased their skills in dribbling, passing and shooting in a one-way basketball match.

The game was made extra special for every player as the College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, came to watch the game together with Board Secretary Mrs. Ayesha Rema Tan, College Registrar Mr. Kaisar Sakiran and other NTP and faculty members.
The game ended with team faculty snatching the championship with a total points of 83, advancing one essential point from its opponent, NTP Brothers, who got 82 points.

Prof. Ututalum awarded the both teams after the game.

NTP and Faculty members spark heat on the court during the exhibition game

SSC varsity, in collaboration with other colleges, brings victory during exhibition game at MSU-Sulu University Week

By Jerrayza Yusop

Three of Sulu State College basketball varsity took part in an exhibition game played between Mindanao State University (MSU)-Sulu varsity and players from selected colleges during MSU-Sulu 49th University Week held on Nov. 12, 2023.

Abdurahman Wahi, Ahmed Kaisher Jupli, and Jayr Abajon Said Jr. from the School of Computer Studies and Engineering (CSE) were joined by four players from Notre Dame of Jolo College (NDJC), three from Sulu College of Technology, Inc. (SCT), and two players from Southwestern Mindanao Islamic Institute (SMII).

The varsity from various colleges emerged triumphant as it defeated the MSU-Sulu players in 10-17, 21-34, 37-51, 58-65 scores. Meanwhile, Mr. Nurvin J. Bara, representing SSC, also participated in a friendly game played between MSU-Sulu employees versus the employees of the selected agencies

Mr. Bara together with the guest from IPHO-Sulu

MASTS 2023 participants buckle up for competitions in send-off ceremony

By Nurmela Fahma H. Pandi

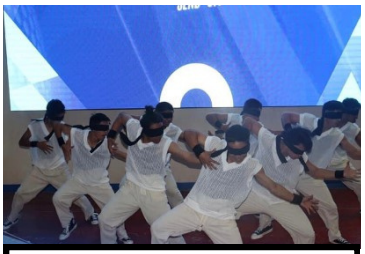
Sulu State College (SSC), spearheaded by the College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, extended its warm good luck to all the students participating in the Mindanao Association of State Tertiary Schools, Inc. (MASTS) 2023 Socio-cultural competitions in a send-off ceremony happened on Nov. 14, 2023 at Center for Culture and Arts.

The event officially started with opening remarks from the event's host, Mr. Ahmed Zhedriq Bandahala, faculty member, and followed by the introduction of coaches and participants for socio-cultural categories composing of academic, visual arts, and cultural competitions. Performances from Stalwart Performing Arts came next.

The presentation flow started with the singing performances of participants for Acoustic Singing, Song Solo, Song Duet and Show Choir — showcasing their singing prowess which left everyone in awe. Indigenous Dance featuring the Pangalay Dance, Contemporary Dance and Street Dance performances followed respectively where the participants performed as if it is final leaving the spectators with goosebumps.

After all the performances, Prof. Ututalum gave her comments about the performances of the Stalwart participants and left a heartwarming message. She ended her message with a good news where she announced an additional P3,000 pesos to the allowance of the participants.

On the second part of the event, Mr. Antonio Pescadera, SSC Planning Director, gave a talk about sports psychology specifically directed to the participants on what to do during the competition. The event ended with additional information and announcements from Mr. Almashien Lipae, Chief Administrative Officer



Stalwart dancers show some moves

Stalwarts stand out with their bizarre intelligence, artistic skill during 34th National Statistics Month

By Fatima Rayhamn Sangkula

Jimhar Suhuran, a BSED-English 4th year student of Sulu State College secured the champion in On-the-spot Infographic Making Contest during the 34th National Statistics Month with the theme "Accelarating Progress: Promoting Data and Statistics for a Healthy Philippines" administered by the Philippine Statistics Authority- Sulu held on October 19, 2023 at PSA-Sulu, ND Commercial Complex, Walled City, Jolo, Sulu.

Accompanied by his coach, Mr. Mudzramin Adjari, Suhuran competed in the said competition with other contestants representing their schools, namely NDJC, SMII, and SCT. The data to be graphed was given on the day of the contest and students had given 2 and a half hours to create their outputs guided by their coaches.

Suhuran and his coach, Mr. Adjari, in a photo opportunity with the PSA staff

Suhuran did a great job in illustrating creative infographic that showed the citizen's well-being and nation's socioeconomic development through data and statistics, which enabled him to ace the 1st place garnering an average score of 97%.
Along with this competition was "The Search for the Country's Whizzes", a Philippine Statistical quiz participated by students from SSC, SMII, NDJC, MSU-SULU, and SCT held in the afternoon on October 19, 2023 at PSA-SULU.
Guided by their coach, Ms. Mailen Antao, Mr. Kimrasher Barrie, BSED-Math student of SSC earned the 2nd Place, while Mr. Mufrimar Muhaimin, BSN student claimed the 8th place, and Basaron Madduri, BSN student got the 12th place.

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Sulu State College signing a partnership agreement with the Division Integrated Counseling Office (DICO) of the 11th Infantry " Alakdan" Division

by Maryamarzahra Jalaidi

Having the aim to create and encourage a kind of relationship that is collaboratively working, Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum CESE the Sulu State College President met with the Commander of 11th Infantry "Alakdan" Division MGEN Ignatius N. Patrimonio PA, together with the Chief of Division Integrated Counseling Office (DICO) Maj. Pedro Michael Jr. Millares (PROF) PA. at the respective headquarters in Camp Bautista Jolo, Sulu. And there, the respected College President confidently signed a partnership agreement with the mentioned officials.

Other than Prof. Ututalum, some college officials namely; Mr. Almashin Lipae, Ms. Ayesha Rema Tan, Mr. Kaisar Sakirani, Mrs. Maria Anecia Tan and Emmanuel L. Mariano, MNSA (INF) PA were also proudly in attendance during the said signing of Partnership Agreement with the Division Integrated Counseling Office (DICO) of the 11th Infantry " Alakdan" Division.

(From right to left) Ms. Ayesha Rema Tan, Mr. Almashin Lipae, Maj. Pedro Michael Jr.Millares PA, Prof. Charisma S. ututalum CESE, MGEN Ignatius N. Patrimonio PA, military member and Mr. Kaisar Sakiran

28th PAPSAS Inc. national conference and training workshop

By Morsalyn P. Harun

Nov. 15-17, 2023, Philippine Association of Practitioners of Student Affairs and Services (PAPSAS), Inc. held its 28th National conference and training workshop at Fort Ilocandia Resort Hotel in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte. Covering the topic "Systems and Anticipatory Thinking for Sustainable SAS".

Different universities and colleges had sent a representative for this significant event and Mr. Saurajan Darawi, the dean of Students Affairs and Services was the one who had embarked on a journey in representing the constantly growing institution, the Sulu State College. He participated not just for himself but also for the growth of SSC.

The conference and training workshop was indeed a fundamental event for it focuses on sharing practices, knowledge and strategies on how to sustain a variety of programs and activities that the office has been covering and to strengthen the commitment to sustainable student affairs and services.

Group Photo taken during the 28th PAPSAS national Conference and Training Workshop

SSC delegates contribute to 21st Annual Schools Counselors Circle Convention

By Morsalyn P. Harun

In a significant move towards addressing post-pandemic mental health challenges, Sulu State College proudly sent three dedicated para-counselors to participate in the 21st Annual Convention of Schools Counselors Circle of the Philippines. The event, themed "Addressing Post-Pandemic Mental Health Challenge," took place on Nov. 16–17, 2023, at the View Park Hotel in Tagaytay City.

The visionary leader behind this initiative is none other than Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, the esteemed president of Sulu State College. Recognizing the crucial role counselors play in navigating the complexities of mental health post-pandemic, Prof. Ututalum encouraged para-counselors to actively engage in professional development.

Representing Sulu State College were the dedicated para-counselors Mr. Jack Ryan Isahac, Mr. Al-Aziz Timpahan, and Ms. Fhadzra Aisha P. Sabdani. Their presence at the convention underscores the institution's commitment to staying -

L-R: Mr. Jack Ryan Isahac, Ms. Fhadzra Aisha P. Sabdani, and Mr. Al-Aziz Timpahan

at the forefront of counseling practices, ensuring that they are well-equipped to address the evolving mental health needs of students

The convention provided a platform for the exchange of insights and best practices among counselors from various educational institutions across the Philippines. Workshops and discussions delved into strategies for effectively addressing mental health challenges arising in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Sulu State College's participation in this convention not only reflects a commitment to professional growth but also underscores the institution's dedication to fostering a supportive and mentally healthy learning environment. As the educational landscape continues to evolve, Sulu State College is taking proactive steps to ensure that the well-being of students remains a top priority.

Orientation for Qualified Students under Student Assistant Program

By Nurmalyn H. Jumali

On Oct. 20, 2023, The Sulu State College Guidance and DSA Office in partnership with Scholarship Office conducted an orientation for the qualified students under Student Assistant Program (SAP). Consequently, qualified student grantees were gathered at SSC Multimedia Center. The purpose of the orientation was to give students an overview on the benefits of the program.

The said orientation was made possible through the Guidance In-charge, Ms. Fhadzra Aisha Sabdani, along with Ms. Sharifa Anjirani (Director for Scholarship), Ahmed Zhedriq Bandahala (Scholarship Staff), staff from Admission Office and qualified students of Sulu State College

The qualified students under Student Assistant Program

SSC: BARMM's flag bearer in MASTS 2023

By Alkhamar L. Saddalani and Fatima Rayhamn S. Sangkula

For a very long time, Sulu State College is annually sending delegation to Mindanao Association of State Tertiary School, Inc. (MASTS) both in sports and socio-cultural competitions and has been giving not only the institution but the entire Bangsamoro Autonomonous Region in Muslim Mindanao the honor and recognition it deserves.

Consistently, the institution proves that the people of this region, specifically the Tausugs, possess what it takes to run the race and fight the clash of talents and skills along with equally excellent students from other colleges and universities in the whole of Mindanao.

The recently concluded Mindanao Association of State Tertiary Schools, Inc. (MASTS) Culture and Arts Festival 2023 with the theme, "Celebrating Inclusivity in Diversity Through Mindanao's Vibrant Arts and Culture" held at Kabacan, North Cotabato from Nov. 21-26, 2023, has borne witness to this testimony as the college has once again sent a delegation composing a total of 69 students who were set to contend for academic, visual arts, singing and dancing categories, and 10 coaches to showcase what Stalwarts, and Tausugs, have to offer — both the savageness of skills and warmth of friendship.

On Nov. 19, 2023, Sunday, the delegation arrived at the venue and was being accommodated at the host school, University of Southern Mindanao (USM). The delegation prepped up in a preliminary meeting whileafter at Institute of Middle East and Asian Studies building, billeting quarter of SSC participants. The meeting started at exactly 2:24 P.M and was presided by Mr. Antonio Pescadera, SSC Planning Director and the head of the delegation, where he shared his expertise about sports psychology.

SSC delegation arrives at University of Southern Mindanao— the host school for MASTS Culture and Arts Festival 2023.

On November 22, 2023, Wednesday morning, the Sulu State College attended the Solidarity Meeting for the Mindanao Association of State Tertiary Schools, Inc. (MASTS) Culture and Arts Festival 2023 at University of Southern Mindanao (USM) Auditorium.

The Stalwart coaches were joined with the coaches of other participating schools, event directors and organizers. Important information, matters and concerns regarding the competitions were raised and addressed during the aforementioned meeting.

In the afternoon, six Stalwarts started to compete and showed off their intelligence and creativity in various competitions namely; Essay Writing which was contested by Alkhamar Saddalani, BSED-English 4th year; Pagsulat ng Sanaysay participated by Sherie-Ann Omar, BSN 2nd year; Extemporaneous Speaking Contest vied by Quennette J. Tan, BAELS 4th year; Dagliang Talumpati contended by Norinda Gadjali, BSED- Filipino 4th year; Charcoal Rendering competed by Jan Tanjilul, BEED 4th year; and Pencil Drawing joined by Maryam Lukman, BSN 2nd year.

Meanwhile, in the evening, the SSC College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum had arrived at the SSC delegates' accomodation at USM Institute of Middle East and Asian Studies (IMEAS) to visit and personally extend her goodluck to the participants and coaches before their contests which gave another measure of enlightenment, motivation and encouragement to them.

Nov. 23, 2023 had came, SSC journey in Mindanao Association of State Tertiary Schools, Inc. (MASTS) Culture and Arts Festival 2023 continues as four Stalwarts, proudly bringing the name of SSC, competed in another academic and socio-cultural competitions.

Jimhar Suhuran, BSED-English 4th year, and Nersalyn Aquino, BSED-Filipino 4th year, competed in Storytelling and Pagkukuwento, respectively, held at University of Southern Mindanao (USM) College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), AVR. Meanwhile, Bhonzar Jainatul,

Mr. Jainatul showcases his melodious voice during his OPM Song Solo performance, landing on the 7th spot.

BSTM 2nd year, and Daisyre Ann Myca Avestruz and Jennyfer Kiram , both BSN 4th year, vied in Vocal Solo and Duet, respectively,

at USM Commercial building. In addition, Mahdee Usman, BS-Bio 4th year, contested in artistic photography conducted at USM campus.

In the afternoon, the SSC delegation joined the grand parade to kick off the official opening of the festival. The parade was participated by 29 State University and Colleges (SUCs) from six regions where delegates marched around the town of Kabacan, North Cotabato.

The parade headed to USM Auditorium where the opening program was held. The program started with the introduction of the participating schools where the delegations presented their saludo dance entries. The dance is their way of extending gratitude, honor and camaderie to all delegations in attendance.

The SSC participants continue to showcase talents as they vie in group socio-cultural competitions held on Nov. 24 at University of Southern Mindanao (USM), North Cotabato. Stalwart Performing Arts (SPA) competed in Folk Dance Christian Indigenous in the morning where they performed the traditional pangalay dance with live kulintangan accompaniment. To add thrill to the dance, bamboos were used to make a show which left the USM Auditorium in awe. SPA also showed off moves and grooves in the contemporary and hip hop dance contests held in the afternoon at USM Auditorium. Meanwhile, show choir group contested in the USM Commercial Building in a battle of voices and interpretations. Moreover, the SSC delegation bore witness to the battle of the band and other fun activities at the participants' night where they spent the evening jamming to the live music. A firework display was also put up the said evening making the MASTS 2023 more memorable to everyone.

The following day, Nov. 25, 2023, the quiz bowl competition was held at USM Commercial Building. The college was represented by Alnajer Andin, BSED-Mathematics 3rd year; Pearl-Naida Isdari, BSN 3rd year; Fat. Rayhamn Sangkula, BSED-English 3rd year; and Ayesha Sarabi, BSN 2nd year.

And as the festival of talents reached its conclusion, individuals who did excellently well in all 29 contested events were also named — giving them due appreciation for their efforts and sweats, and SSC, like it has always been, has never gone out of place, landing good placements in vocal solo (OPM) (top 7) and artistic photography (top 9) among others.

In an interview with Mahdee Usman, top nine finisher in artistic photography, he shared how grateful he is to the College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, for the unending support, and to his coach, Mr. Juliusking I. Vivas, for guiding and practicing with him to make good shots. Usman also said that the contest has been significant to him as a student as it served as his inspection on his own progress being a freelance photographer. He added, "It is also important that I should learn how the contest works so I can share my experience to our next contestant in the next competition."

SSC attends International Conference in IT Education (ICITE)

By Albenhasadedson J. Hussin

Sulu State College Dean of School of Computer Science and Engineering (SCSE) Asso. Prof. Aldaruhz T. Darkis, DPA, and other SCSE Program Chairpersons altogether attended the International Conference in IT Education (ICITE) which took place from Nov. 16–18, 2023, at La Carmela, Boracay, Caticlan. The conference's goal is to foster Science, Innovation and Technology Education through research

Group photo of Dean Darkis together with SCSE Program Chairpersons at ICITE 2023

SSC-GAD campaigns for Gender and Awareness

Lija Sayyari and Arvi Marajan

In line with the compaign for Gender and Awareness under the Philippines VAW Free Act 2023 with the virtues of Republic Act 11313 the Safe Space Act,
Republic Act 9262 Violence Against Women and Children, and Republic Act 11596 also known the prohibitions Against Child Marriage, the advocacy of Gender and Development (GAD) successfully conducted a seminar on Dec. 5, 2023 at Multimedia Center of Sulu State College with participants from the Senior High School students aged 18 years and below .

The seminar was in line with the advocacy of GAD office to spread knowledge, awareness and protection to children and women. It was made possible through the partnership with the NCMF-Sulu headed by Hji. Nehri A. Tan, Regional Director, the NCMF officials and with the support of SSC President, Prof. Charisma Ututalum, CESE.

The event was also attended by PCPT Speakers Rukaiza A. Arip and Hja. Nurjia H. Abdurasid; Alhuda Nando, Senior Officer of NCMF Sulu; Feriada J. Pelaes, GAD Focal Person-NCMF; Asst. Prof. Safrazad Akarab, Senior High School Coordinator; Peng Aharaja Caluag, SSC Librarian.

Multi-sectoral Forum 2023: Fostering Peace and Development in Sulu

By Morsalyn P. Harun

In a concerted effort to cultivate peace and development in the volatile region of Sulu, the 35th Infantry (Makamandag) Battalion, part of the 11th Infantry (Alakdan) Division, Philippine Army, spearheaded a transformative forum on November 29, 2023. The event, titled "All-Sector Convergence: The Key to Securing the Youth, Peace, and Development," unfolded at the SSC Center for Culture and Arts.

The informal town hall discussion featured distinguished resource speakers, each representing vital sectors in society. Prof. Charisma S. Ututalaum, CESE, spoke on behalf of the academic sector, emphasizing education as a cornerstone for resilience. Sheikh Sadikal M. Tating, substituting Uztads Abdul Muhamin J. Abubakar, conveyed perspectives from the religious sector,addressing the importance of countering radicalization. FO3 Sharfiya Jalani Hayudini shared insights from the business sector, highlighting economic development as a key element for stability.

The panel discussion was skillfully moderated by LTC Domingo S. Robles Jr. INF (GSC) PA.

The active involvement of students from various schools in Sulu State College and other youth organizations added vibrancy to the event. Their presence underscored the importance of engaging the younger generation in efforts to build resilience and counteract radicalization.

Uztads Abdul Muhamin J. Abubakar conveys perspectives from the religious sector Photo source: SSC Fb Page

In an interview with Mrs. Venjilyne Alian, SSC GAD Coordinator, she emphasized that the Gender and Development stood for the equality of right of the student and protect them from violence against women and children, and ensure the safety of everyone. She added that, "The main purpose of the seminar was to minimize violence, maltreatment, and cultural belief of child marriage in our community.

MHSD-BARMM visits SSC; hands over Youth Training Center

By Rohilyn U.Taji

The Ministry of Human Settlements and Development led by Hon. Atty. Hamid Aminoddin Barra, along with other MHSD-BARMM officials, visited Sulu State College (SSC) and handed-over 1-storey Youth Training Center funded under the Transition Development Impact Fund (TDIF)

of Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena on Dec. 4, 2023. College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, was represented by college officials, including Prof. Nelson U. Julhamid, VPAA, and Mr. Antonio Pescadera, Planning Officer, who warmly welcomed the guests and discussed the future collaboration between SSC and the Ministry of Human Settlements and Development.
This engagement aligns with UNSDG's 16 and 17, focusing on Peace, Justice, Strong Institutions, and Partnership for the Goals. It reflects the institution's commitment to collaborative efforts promoting peace, justice, strong institutions, and sustainable development partnerships.
This visit may lead to joint initiatives, highlighting the potential for positive change and development through effective partnerships between educational institutions and government bodies, specifically in human settlements and youth development.
Prof. Ututalumand the SSC community express gratitude to Hon. Atty. Barra and MHSD officials for their visit, eagerly anticipating their next visit.

MHSD-BARMM Officials together with Prof. Julhamid, Mr. Pescadera and other SSC Key officials Photo Source: SSC FB Page

Pink Falcons unleash soar to celebrate Nurses' Week 2023; hail new King and Queen Falcons

By Fatimah Shaqueena Isnijul, Rohilyn Taji, Lija Sayyari, and Nurmalyn Jumali

The Pink Falcons of Sulu State College (SSC) School of Nursing came together in a unified force to celebrate its fourth Nurses' Week with the theme: "Falcons, Unleashing the Soar beyond Horizon." The three-day event took place on Dec.11-13, 2023.

The opening program of the celebration commenced at 10:30 AM and was graced by the esteemed presence of the College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, along with administrative officials. The event kicked-off with the conventional preliminaries, setting the stage for an exciting and memorable day.

Asso. Prof. Alijandrina T. Jalilul RN, MAN, Ed.D, ignited the program with her opening remarks. She took the opportunity to acknowledge the 54 newly registered nurses who achieved remarkable success in the Philippine Nursing License Examination (PNLE). Prof. Ututalum also delivered an inspirational message, extending her warmest congratulations to the batch of Asclepians for bringing honor to the institution.

The highlight of the morning was the presentation of the newly registered nurses for the academic year 2022-2023. Dean Jalilul proudly introduced two outstanding nurses, Mr. Al-basri B. Sampang, RN, and Ms. Fatima Shaifa L. Ahadain, RN, who shared their experiences and words of wisdom with their juniors.

Adding to the excitement, the Saludo Dance performance captivated everyone's attention, showcasing the talent and unity of the faculty along with the Nursing Students Association (NSA). The much-anticipated yelling competition took place next featuring four competing teams: Fire Falcons of Level 1, Earth Falcons of Level 2, Lightning Falcons of Level 3, and Water Falcons of Level 4.

The afternoon of the first day was highlighted with the sports competitions housed in SSC Gymnasium. The four teams contested in categories such as Badminton, Table tennis, Pickle ball, Basketball, and Chess.

Further, the second day of the celebration was made memorable with the outreach program participated by the school clinical instructors, NSA members, and selected students. Actualized at around 9:00 A.M., children from Kasulutan Elementary School were educated about the proper handwashing and tooth brushing. Meanwhile in the afternoon, academic competitions added thrill to the celebration were the Pink Falcons competed in quiz bowl, speech choir, and extemporaneous speech.

King and Queen Falcon 2023, Mr. Alfhaser D. Sadikal of Water Falcon and Ms. Shakira Kate Tantalie of Lighting Falcons

The last day of the celebration witnessed the search for the King and Queen Falcons 2023 where it began with the walk of the reigning titleholders. In the middle of show, the cultural competitions such as Song Solo, Duet, and Modern Dance were inserted.

The candidates for the said search showcased beauty and poise in different categories namely; the production number, standard uniform wear, and native attire. The candidates also showed their wit in the question and answer round.
At last, Pink Falcons hailed new King and Queen Falcons in the persons of Mr. Al-fhaser D. Sadikal of Water Falcons, and Ms. Shakira Kate Tantalie of Lighting Falcons.

Moreover, as the celebration came to conclusion, the Lighting Falcons were proclaimed as the overall champion which garnered a total of 323 points. Water Falcons snatched the first runner-up with 316 points, while Earth Falcons and Fire Falcons declared as second and third runners-up earning 304 and 290 points, respectively.

The successful fourth Nurses' Week celebration was a testament to the unity, talent, and dedication of the Pink Falcons. It served as the proof of the commitment and competence these future nurses possess which they would surely bring as they enter the healthcare profession in the near future.

SSC conducts Capacity Building on Halal Research Industry and Innovation

By Fatima Rihana Habibon

The 3-day Capacity Building on Halal Research Industry and Innovation with the theme "Understanding the Fundamentals of Halal towards Food and Service Security in Sulu, BARMM Region," was successfully held by Sulu State College Policy Research and Legal Services on Dec. 12–14, 2023, at the Function Hall, SSC Hostel, spearheaded by Prof. Frissida Daud, SSC, Acting Research Director, and her team.

In her introductory remarks, Sulu State College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, honored the occasion and expressed gratitude to the attendees, who included college representatives, and the lecturers namely; Dr. Nassef M. Addiong, Director of Policy Research and Legal Services, Bangsamoro Parliament; Mr. Vincent L. Casil, Chief, Legislative Research Division; Mr. Gurhan A. Adan, LRD-PRLS; Ms. Asmin P. Abdullah, LMLAD-PRLS; Mr. Kebart P. Licayan, LMLAD-PRLS; Mr. El-Jamil R. Mercado, BRLN; Mr. Abdul Racman Y. Macod, BRLN; and Ms. Aisah P. Solaiman, LRD-PRLS, and the rest of the team, covered a variety of topics on Halal Research and Innovation.

The program supports industrialization and innovation while fostering global partnership, which is in line with #UNSDGs Goals 9 and 17: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure; Partnership for the Goals. Additionally, it embodies SSC's fundamental principles of excellence and commitment; this project shows a dedication to improving both the SSC community and the surrounding area.

These projects will contribute to the socio-economic and academic progress of the region by enhancing knowledge, promoting economic development, ensuring food and service security, preserving cultural identity, and fostering international recognition through ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

Prof. Ututalum together with one of the guests
Photo source: SSC FB Page

Sulu State College as Most Promising Paper Awardee

By Fatimah Shaqueena Isnijul

The Sulu State College, represented by Mrs. Malikha J. Ilupa, L. Agri., has achieved a notable accomplishment by winning the Most Paper Award from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Western Mindanao Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortum.

The paper was presented during the in-depth training workshop on developing fundable research on December 14, 2023 at Garden Orchid, Zamboanga City. This recognition is a result of their outstanding research paper.

Mrs. Malikha J. Ilupa, L. Agri. while accepting the award and tokens given by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
Photo source: SSC FB Page

BSTM, BSHM serve its first Function Program

By Fatima Shaqueena Isnijul

The Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management (BSTM) and Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management (BSHM) students of Sulu State College (SSC) School of Business Administration and Management (SBAM) came together in serving its first ever Function Program held on Dec. 14-15, 2023 at SBAM Building facade.

Themed, "Asian Food: Where Food and Tradition Meet on Plate," class and culinary excellence were both served during the two-day event.

The first day of the program was kicked off by the BSTM students, providing impeccable services to their customers from their looks to the delicious foods they served. Meanwhile, the BSHM had made the second day. With their resto-themed ambience, the students served with professionalism to their customers, providing delicious foods and the best service to their customers.

The students of Tourism and Hospitality Management showcasing their skills, creativity and dedication during their function program

The event was spearheaded by Ms. Bernayda Hassan and Ms. Potri Nazeeha I. Tandih, program chairpersons of Tourism Management and Hospitality Management, respectively, together with Dr. Hartini Saradi, Dean of SBAM.

In an interview with Ms. Hassan, she shared that the significance of doing the function program is it serves as a training ground for the students since it is part of the curriculum. She also added that the students are the ones who prepared everything — from the decorations to foods.

Green Tamaraws exhibit excellence, competitive spirits during Aggie Week 2023 celebration

By Mherhada Sahibuddin, Fat. Rihana Habibon, Shaqueena Isnijul, Sharefa Muayadi, Rohilyn Taji and Radeeya Sencio

Green Tamaraws of Sulu State College (SSC) School of Agriculture exhibited excellence and competitive spirits as they huddled together in celebrating the Aggie Week 2023 held on Dec. 19-21 at Agriculture ground.

Agriculture students having fun during the color blast

The three-day event was anchored on the theme, "Aggie Week 2023: Field of promise; Oceans of Opportunity, in the Year of Differentia."

It kicked off with a fun run started at the facade of Jolo Municipal Office and bound to School of Agriculture ground. The day was welcomed with a colorblast — marking the colorful and fun-filled celebration this year.

The opening program was formally opened by the Dean of School of agriculture, Asst. Prof. Mudzrata A. Kunsahani, MSA. It was followed by a song rendition from Mr. Ladimar Aharadja, a student from School of Agriculture. The program was also graced by the College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, who gave an inspirational message. Another inspirational messages were also expressed by two honorable mayors in attendance namely; Hon. Abdulbaki J. Ajibon, Mayor of Omar, and Hon. Nurshamier A. Harun, Mayor of Kalinggalan Caluang.

As the first day went on, various competitions such as Adhan recital, Qur-an reading, quiz bowl, essay writing, painting, volleyball and basketball were vyed by the four competitive teams namely; Team Aquaponics from Caluang extension, Team Tillers from Omar extension, and Team Trawlers and Team Ranchers from School of Agriculture Main-Patikul. Further, before the series of contests started, the pledge of sportsmanship was also recited led by Mr. Nurvin Bara, SSC PESS Director, to ensure healthy and friendly competitions among the participants.

The second day of the celebration unfolded with competing teams contesting for the top spots in a series of sports, academic and literary competitions.

The day was marked by a diverse range of events, from the high-energy basketball and volleyball matches to the strategic battles on the chessboard. Each competition was a testament to the participants' skills, strategic thinking, and teamwork.

The academic and literary contests including Speech Choir, Extemporaneous Speaking, Declamation, Oration, and Slogan Making, were equally captivating. These events provided a platform for the participants to demonstrate their eloquence, creativity, and quick thinking.

Moreover, the final day of Aggie week celebration was highlighted with the cultural competition held at SSC School of Agriculture main campus, Gandasuli, Patikul, Sulu. The participants showcased not only their talents but the Filipino heritage as a whole as they performed in different categories such as song duet, folk dance, Tausug song solo, Tagalog acoustic, modern dance, Tagalog song solo and pangalay. Awarding of winners for all events concluded the celebration.

Tulong Dunong Batch 4.1 grantees receive allowances

By Adzrina Sadikal

The Tulong Dunong Batch 4.1 grantees received their allowances as the Disbursement for Tulong Dunong Program for the Academic Year 2022-2023 1st and 2nd Semester held today Dec. 20, 2023 at Sulu State College (SSC) Gymnasium, Walled City, Jolo, Sulu.

A total of 288 students were able to receive their cash assistance sponsored by Hon. Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara, Senator of the Philippines. Meanwhile, 16 grantees of Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund Grant-in-Aid for Higher Education Program(ACEF-GIAHEP) also received their allowances.

The event began with the program preliminaries and followed by the opening program emceed by Mr. Ahmed Zhedriq Bandahala, Scholarship Staff. College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, also gave her inspiration message to the guarantees to which she said, "I hope it becomes your guide to strive hard and study more." Present during the program were Sharifa D. Anjirani, Scholarship Director; cashier staff namely; Fatra A. Abdukadil, Denalyn M. Traje and Ruhina M. Usman; and Arleen Riza Lay, SSC Cultural Director.

Grantees of Tulong Dunong and ACEF-GIAHEP Program

Tricia Tawtuh, Tulong Dunong grantee and third year Nursing student, shared that she will allot the money to her tuition fee and save the rest for her needs in school and family. She thanked the college president for the opportunity of being part of the scholarship program. She also expressed her gratitude to Sen. Angara for the support. "This will help me and my family a lot. They will no longer think where to get my tuition. Again, thank you so much!" Ms. Tawtuh added.
The event ended around 1:00 P.M.

Prof. Ututalum personally hands the allowance to one of the ACEF-GIAHEP grantees

SSC holds Year-End Performance Evaluation Report 2023-2024 and Team Building

By Radeeya S. Sencio

The Sulu State College successfully conducted a Year-End Performance Evaluation Report 2023-2024 and Team Building (Values Enhancement). The event took place at Woodland Resort, Zamboanga City on the 23rd day of Dec. 2023.

The agenda of the said event is to determine the team performance for the year 2023-2024, identifying major accomplishments, difficulties, areas to improve, along with team-building session being facilitated with its focal point on value enhancement to promote positivity through work culture, toughen collaboration, and organizational values of align team members.

Picture opportunity with Prof. Ututalum together with the heads of various offices
Photo source: SSC FB Page

he program kicked-off with the welcome remarks of college president, Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE. It was followed by the inspirational message of Dr. Jo Mark M. Libre, CHED Commissioner.

The attendees were the members of administrative council members that partake and presented their reports for the academic year 2023 (first semester).

Prof. Ututalum along with Comm. Jo Mark M. Libre evaluated the reports.

Strategic initiatives, clear and concise, problem-solving and challenges, future plans and visions, and communication ability are the scope of criteria of presentation for evaluation Moreover, with the collaboration and unending effort, the event exhibits its potential to advance quality education, enhance harmony and righteousness, and supplement quality management services.

Dr. Hartini Saradi, Dean of School of Business Administration and Management presents her report
Photo source: SSC FB Page

SSC Criminology Program holds its first reception rites

Alkhamar L. Saddalani

Prof. Julhamid delivers inspirational message before the rite starts

In my interview with Mr. Ibno, he has shared that these reception rites are a criminology tradition to welcome students to the program. He shared, "We gathered here two batches from the criminology program in order for them to be welcomed properly to the course." It is accordingly significant as this occasion is mandatory to the program they took.

Since it is mandatory, the said rites are and should basically become an annual event. In his words, "This will be the first and will not be the last. So in other words, every year, there will be reception rites to welcome every batch for every academic year," Mr. Ibno told.

Talking about the preparations, the program chairperson shared that they prepared for the event for almost a week. Because of limited manpower, Mr. Ibno made mention that the delegations of tasks were also limited. With this, he opted collaborating with different organizations in order to overcome the challenges — which obviously made the event a smooth success considering it being the historic first in the college.

In the words of Mr. Ibno, the said rites were not merely a formality, but the celebration of their commitment for the pursuit of knowledge, justice and leadership. Criminology accordingly is "not merely a course, rather it is a calling — a commitment in making a safer and just community."

Furthermore, the awarding of certificates for participating groups took place after the closing remarks in which the Sihnag Publication and NSTP-ROTC, whom Mr. Ibno mentioned responded to the cooperation they asked, were among the recipients.

The event was hosted by Mr. Andrew Peñafiel, faculty member.

First and second year students of Criminology program pose for a snapshot after the reception rites

The world has never healed. The global community is in turmoil over the war between Israel and Palestine. Every day, we hear crimes and injustices reported on television. Even a home sometimes never feels like one.

With all the inhumane acts we hear and unfortunately experience, who do we call up to for help? Definitely, those who have sworn to serve, champion and prevail justice for humanity. This is surely a formidable task, but the first and second year batches of Sulu State College Criminology Program are more than willing to take on the responsibility as they had successfully put up their reception rites on Oct. 14, 2023 at SSC open ground with the theme, "Embrace your dreams. Excel with purpose. Empower your tomorrow.", the very first reception rites in the history of the college

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Before the clock hits 8:00 AM, the criminology students already had their formation at the facade of Arts and Sciences building in preparation for the opening program. As the presidential table were occupied by the dignitaries in attendance, the opening program began right away with the preliminaries. The opening remarks were delivered by Mr. Marhide H. Ladjahali, JD, Director for Disaster Risk and Reduction Management.

Afterwards, an inspirational message was given by Mr. Khaizar H. Barie, OIC-Dean, who represented Asso. Prof. Patricia Amilhussin, Dean of School of Arts and Sciences. Another inspirational message was shared by the guest speaker himself, Prof. Nelson Julhamid, Ph.D, Vice President for Academic Affairs, who congratulated the program especially the chairperson behind the event. He shared some pieces of advice to the criminology students whom he pointed out that as future criminal experts, they are significant in maintaining peace and order in the country. Prof. Julhamid received a certificate of guest appearance afterwards.

The reception immediately began after the program as Mr. Al-fauzi J. Ibno, RCrim, Program Chairperson, signaled its formal commencement.

The reception kicked off with criminology students running to their respective stations. There they had undergone tough challenges under the scorching sun — challenges which displayed and tested their strength, dedication, endurance and most especially, cooperation as they overcome the challenges with their platoon members by their side.

After all the platoons completed the stations, they all went back to their formation for the closing program where Mr. Ibno delivered the closing remarks. In his message, the program chairperson also unveiled the official batch names for the first and second year batches of the criminology program. The first year was officially named as Batch KALIS or Kawal na may Lakas at Ibayong Sipag which accordingly attributes power, courage and strength. Meanwhile, the second year or the pioneering batch was given the name Batch SAHAYA or Sandatahang Hangad ay Kalayaan which symbolizes the new light the batch has brought to the institution.

Sihnag strengthens camaraderie and effectiveness during its regular meeting

By Arnalyn A. Sawadi

On Nov. 1, 2023, at Tanduh beach Parang, Sulu, Sihnag Publication held its regular meeting. The highlights of the meeting include the preparations for the upcoming SSC intramurals and the team building activity for the organization. 26 staffers, along with their adviser, Dr. Adawia Jamasali, were in attendance.

Team building is an invaluable process for creating groups that work harmoniously toward a shared goal. Its central purpose lies in forming strong bonds and connections, which are essential for organizations. The advantages of team building encompass enhanced communication, refined planning skills, increased employee motivation, and improved collaboration.

The staffers assembled early at 6:00 AM to 7:00 A.M. At 8:30 A.M., staffers finally arrived at the venue. The morning session commenced with a short program. It was formally opened with an opening message from Ms. Adawia Jamasali, Ed.D, Sihnag Adviser.

The activity proper started with an activity called "Sharing My Barriers", a platform for Sihnag Staffers to openly discuss their challenges and obstacles. This exercise fostered vulnerability and understanding, underlining the importance of open and honest communication within a team. The "What Color Am I?" activity followed, allowing Sihnag Staffers to identify with specific team colors, reinforcing a sense of belonging and unity.

After a well-deserved lunch break, the afternoon was filled with exciting challenges. "Find the Flag" added an element of mystery and trust, as participants were blindfolded and tasked with locating hidden flags. In the "Water Relay," teams engaged in a competitive race to fill basins within a five-minute time frame, emphasizing teamwork and quick thinking. The "Don't English Me" activity tested linguistic skills as Sihnag Staffers translated Tagalog song titles into English. An innovative twist awaited in "Fill the Bottle," as Sihnag Staffers used their clothing to fill a 1.5-liter bottle with seawater, showcasing resourcefulness and creativity.

The day concluded with a thrilling Scavenger Hunt, where participants had to locate hidden materials. The fun-filled "Guess the Staffers' Name" game added a unique twist to the event, with dance penalties for incorrect guesses. Right after the team building activities, the meeting proper eventually followed. Guided by their adviser, the staffers discussed effective strategies for the next documentations which would be done and planned for a smoother process for the organization's system.

The success of this event can be largely attributed to the facilitators, Dr. Jamasali, Editor-in-chief Alkhamar L. Saddalani, Managing Editor Arnalyn Sawadi, Circulation and Exchange Manager Adzrina Sadikal, and Feature Editor Nurmalyn H. Jumali.

As the Sihnag Jewels headed home, they carried with them strengthened bonds, improved communication, and a deeper sense of unity. This event was not only an opportunity for the Sihnag staffers to connect on a personal level but also equipped them with valuable teamwork skills and insights to navigate the challenges that lie ahead in their campus journalism endeavors.

With a renewed sense of unity and motivation, the campus journalists are well-prepared to take on the exciting journey of the academic year ahead.

Amil, Beltran reign supreme at Search for Faces of Stalwarts 2023

By Jherrayza Yusop, Albenhasadedson Hussin, Nurmela Fahma Pandi

This year's patriotic celebration of Intramurals 2023 has unveiled its final magnificence as the search for Faces of Stalwarts was staged at SSC Gymnasium, Walled City, Jolo, Sulu, on Nov. 10, 2023, where Mr. Aqkilis Jahudan Amil, 21, of School of Nursing and Ms. Zerikha Zara Ilupa Beltran, 15, of Laboratory High School reigned supreme and hailed as the Mr. and Ms. Sulu State College 2023.

Representing Pink Falcons and Red Dragons, respectively, Mr. Amil and Ms. Beltran bested seven other candidates for both male and female categories who, just like them, displayed the equal degree of determination to bring home the crown — making the quest for glory tighter and rigid.
The search formally started with the production number of the candidates along with the stalwart performers. An intermission number from the latter group also followed. Afterwards, the anchors introduced the distinguished boards of judges and the guiding criteria for judging the different categories namely; Production Number, School Uniform, Native Attire, and the Question and Answer portion.

After the production number, the candidates paraded for sportswear, school uniform, and native attire, respectively. To test their wit, the highly-anticipated question and answer portion came last where the candidates chose one envelope each which contained their question.
Mr. Amil, who answered well in this round, was asked about the question on how can he tell the world that he is a Stalwart before when he becomes an alumnus of the institution. In his answer, Mr. Amil talked about his experience of witnessing the institution of molding its students to become the best, specifically in becoming the stewards of development. He added, "If I will [be] given the chance to tell the students, I would tell them that if you only go [to] Sulu State College, your future will be better."

Meanwhile, Ms. Beltran, who received loud applaud for her answer, was asked the question about patriotism and its relevance to the year of Differentia. In her answer, she emphasized that patriotism is not only about loving one's country, but it also includes the love one has for his country's history, tradition, values and for his fellowmen. It is accordingly relevant in this year of Differentia as people tend to forget how valuable our country is. She added, "If I were given the chance to be your Miss SSC, I would like to take it as an opportunity to open the eyes of the students and to let them see the beauty of our nation and especially [of] our institution."

Aside from the titles, Mr. Amil also bagged the Best in Denim wear, while Ms. Beltran was also awarded Best in School Uniform.

The newly-crowned Mr. and Ms. SSC both took to social media their heartfelt message to their family, friends and supporters who were with them throughout their journey. They also emphasized that their victory is not just for them but for the whole Sulu State College community.
The search was hosted by Fat. Rayhamn Sangkula, Education student, and Sharefa Muayadi, Nursing student.

Below is the list of awards and their recipients:

Major Awards:

Mr. and Ms. SSC 2023:
#9 Aqkilis J. Amil (School of Nursing)
#5 Zerikha Zara I. Beltran (Laboratory High School)

1st Runner-Up:
#12 Nadzmil J. Singah (School of Business Administration and Management)
#6 Thehanie Murry D. Alhari (School of Computer Studies and Engineering)

2nd Runner-Up:
#13 Ameer-Khyzer C. Pelayo (Laboratory High School)
#4 Fatima Azzia H. Sahabi (School of Business Administration and Management)

Mr. and Ms. Stalwarts of Solidarity:
#16 Galvaneer H. Jamasali (Senior High School)
#1 Ayesha Sarabi (School of Nursing)

Mr. and Ms. Stalwarts of Professionalism:
#15 Mechazar Ahmed S. Muallam (School of Arts and Sciences)
#2 Jessamaye K. Muharrani (School of Agriculture)

Mr. and Ms. Stalwarts of Integrity:
#14 Abdel Eizer A. Saraji (School of Computer Studies and Engineering)
#8 Yashrina H. Abdurasad (Senior High School)

Mr. and Ms. Stalwarts of Commitment:
#10 Zhevril Yazlam J. Bernabe (School of Agriculture)
#7 Farisia Malicsi Usman (School of Arts and Sciences)

Mr. and Ms. Stalwarts of Excellence:
#11 James Adam H. Hamidan (School of Education)
#3 Nurhaifa J. Juaini (School of Education)

Minor Awards:

Best in Production Number:
#13 Ameer-Khyzer C. Pelayo (Laboratory High School)
#1 Ayesha T. Sarabi (School of Nursing)

Best in Denim wear:
#9 Aqkilis J. Amil (School of Nursing)
#6 Thehanie Murry D. Alhari (School of Computer Studies and Engineering)

Best in Sportswear:
#12 Nadzmil J. Singah (School of Business Administration and Management)
#6 Thehanie Murry D. Alhari (School of Computer Studies and Engineering)

Best in School Uniform:
#12 Nadzmil J. Singah (School of Business Administration and Management)
#5 Zerikha Zara I. Beltran (Laboratory High School)

Best in Native Attire:
#12 Nadzmil J. Singah (School of Business Administration and Management)
#6 Thehanie Murry D. Alhari (School of Computer Studies and Engineering

LITERARY

Veiled Radiance

by Arnalyn

In a world adorned with colors diverse,
I stand unique, my identity a verse.
A Muslima, veiled with grace and pride,
In modesty's embrace, I gracefully confide.

A tapestry of faith woven in my attire;
Each thread a symbol, a cultural fire.
Preserving values, traditions so dear,
In my uniqueness, resilience appears.

Veiled, yet not hidden, my spirit shines;
A radiant light through life's intricate lines.
In modesty's shield, strength I find,
A distinctive grace, in heart and mind.

Through prejudice and judgment, I stride.
An ambassador of love, arms open wide.
A Muslima's essence, a melody sang,
In diversity's chorus, my uniqueness sprang.

Unveiling the layers, misconceptions untwine,
I stand tall, a symbol of peace so divine.
For being different is my strength, my creed,
A Muslima's beauty in every word and deed.

So, let the world witness the beauty within,
A unique tapestry, where acceptance begins.
In my hijab's embrace, I find liberty,
A Muslima's journey, a symphony of unity.

Panaginip

by Radeeya Sencio

Alas-kwatro imedya, ako'y nahimlay sa buhangin,
Pinagmamasdan ang magandang tanawin.
Sa kalayaan ng buwan, ang araw ay umaangkin,
Aking mata'y isinara't dinamdam ang dampi ng hangin,
Kailan kaya ang pag-ibig ay madarama at mapasaakin?

Ako'y naniniwalang lahat ay nakaayon sa tadhana.
Lahat ng dumarating ay isang aral at biyaya.
Ako'y napamulat at naaninag ang isang binate,
Saksi ang tala't buwan sa pagtama ng ating mata
At dito nagsimula ang ating kabanata.

Hindi na mabilang ang ating tinahak at nilakbay,
Lumibot sa malawak na parke habang tayo'y hawak-kamay.
Ang rolerkoster kasama ka'y nabigyang kulay,
Sa aking positibong pagbabago, ikaw ang naging tulay.
Ako'y naging mapagmahal, masiyahin, malambing, at tunay.

Sumayaw at humalakhak sa gitna ng ulan
Kwentuhan habang minamasdan ang kahel na kalangitan.
Sa bawat pasyal at lakad, ako'y iyong inalalayan,
Sabi ng iba'y kasal na lamang ang kailangan,
Tila ako'y diyamanteng inibig at iningatan.

Ika'y umiiyak, nakikiusap sa aking harapan.
Tayo'y nasa isang lugar, kumakain at nagtatawanan.
Punong-puno ng puot ang aking kalooban,
Ikaw ay may kasamang ibang babae at iyong sinigawan,
Sa mga senaryo't pangyayari ako'y nagugulumihanan.

Sa malakas na hangin, namulat ang dalawang pares ng aking mata.
Sumilay sa akin ang tila masakit na umaga.
Ang luha ay umagos sa sakit na nadarama,
Taon na din ang lumipas sa ating relasyong nasira,
Subalit sa panaginip, dinadalaw pa din ako ng ating alaala.

Napakadaming pangarap ang ating binuo,
Ngunit natapos lamang ang lahat sa iyong panloloko.
Naririto ako sa dagat kung saan nagsimula ang ating kwento;
At tulad ng kwento, inabot na ang ating huling yugto,
Hindi na muling masusundan ang mga tagpo.

Sa panibagong storya, isang bagay lamang ang aking hihilingin,
Na sa susunod na pag-ibig ay wala nang hahanapin.
Ako'y tumayo't sa aking paa'y dinama ang buhangin;
Sa naggagandahang dagat at kalangitan ako'y tumingin,
Iniisip kung kailan ang pag-ibig ay madarama at mapasaakin

Cryin', Laughin', Wavin'

by Leo

I remember thinking about the reason,
Cause it feels like a winter season.
All of me throwing a treason,
after that fall season.
Now that I learned my lesson,
Ready for a new chapter of cherry blossom season.

Breaking every barrier
Just for us, to make our life happier.
I never know that
It is just a one of your tricks.
This is me, collecting my bricks.

Never thought that
Your words
You say love me
Are the words
Who will break me.

You should've told me earlier,
Cause for me, it was scarier
That you didn't love me at all,
While I love you without any wall.

I'm just getting my hopes up again like a palm tree,
Just because you promised me
That I am the first and the last
But all of that promised is all in the past.
Think that our love would last
Like a tinted blue in color blast

I've been drownin' and drownin'
From night into mornin'
Now it's time to get up
From the sea of the pain
That drowned me fast like a train.

This is me wavin'
Cryin' and laughin',
Away from the homeland of you

I promised myself
That you are my first and the last
But all of that promise is now in the cast.
Think that our love didn't last
Like a tinted blue in color blast.

To Live Eternally in the Dungeon of Pain

by Yeshamae

I tried to run away from the dungeon of loneliness,
but I am well shackled by the chain of bitterness.
No one saved me from the arduous of darkness,
so I let my weary heart succumb in grievousness.

How would I savour the pleasure of peace,
If my past kept on hunting me like a wild beast?
When will my soul reach its quiescent phase,
If I gave up being beaten by the whip of distress?

I failed to rescue my heart from the gaol of grief.
These shattered pieces of mine will never be mended,
And my weary soul will remain broken,
For this is my fate— to live eternally in the dungeon of pain.

The Heart of the Nation

By Fer-awna Julhasan

In a quiet corner of the Philippines,
There lies a piece of land untouched.
Where nature's beauty has never been forsaken,
And stories yet to be told, are yet to be caught.

This land is known as the "Heart of the Nation",
Where the mountains meet the sea,
And the people live in perfect harmony,
With the earth and all its creatures, free.

The trees whisper ancient tales,
Of bravery and love, and sacrifice,
And the wind carries their secrets away,
To the farthest reaches of the land, and beyond the skies.

So if you ever find yourself lost,
In the labyrinth of life's journey,
Just follow the sound of the waves crashing,
And you'll find your way back to the Heart of the Nation.

LITERARY

Unbridled Echoes

by Arnalyn

In the realm of thoughts, I find my flight;
Unshackled words, a canvas so bright.
Free from chains that sought to confine,
I soar with ideas, an unfettered design.

Opinions, like whispers on the wind,
A symphony of voices, untamed and thinned.
In the vast expanse of freedom's space,
I paint my views with unbridled grace.

Away from judgment, I release my mind,
A sanctuary of thoughts, unconfined.
Expressions flow like a river's flow,
In this liberation, wisdom begins to grow.

The canvas expands, a limitless scene,
Ideas unfurl, vibrant and keen.
Free from the grip of conformity,
I dance with thoughts, wild and free.

No prison walls for my mind to know.
In this boundless realm, I choose to grow.
From the shackles of doubt, I break away,
A free spirit, embracing the light of day.

In the tapestry of freedom, I weave,
A kaleidoscope of dreams, I believe.
Unburdened, I embrace everything,
In the boundless realm, where my spirit sings.

Purple

by The Farthest Bit

There once was a painter skilled in his craft, so much so that none could compare to his work. A day came when great kings came to his home, asking him to create a painting. But he may only choose one color for his work. He agreed to work on such terms. Yet days came and he was troubled. No light, no shade, and inspiration came from such bland terms. Then one night, it came to him in a dream, a woman be painted in hues of blue, and it would be beautiful. However, in his heart was red, and it was love for this color that he had. Whatever torment he felt. He decided to paint. Following the vision of his dreams, he stroked and dipped his brush in blue. Yet his heart would always wander to red. It would seek it out. Even as he painted. He would see that his hand would move by its own command, seeking red. He urged himself not, but also found himself wanting to let it happen. His brush moved and painted. It swirled and dashed. Paint dried and once again became wet. This went on seemingly to no end. Until he came to the realization that in his seeking of the other, but in doing the opposite. He had not made neither red nor blue; it was purple. In choosing the other but doing the other, he had what was both but neither. Now in his mind was blue, and in his heart red; he acquired neither but both. The kings came to collect the painting, they said it was magnificent, to the painter it was torment.

Scars of Strength: A Fighter's Journey

by Arnalyn

In shadows cast by trials, I found my way.
A wounded heart, yet stronger day by day.
Through scars that tell a tale of battles fought,
I rose, a fighter from the lessons taught.

Beneath the weight of pain, I learned to stand.
A resilient soul, shaped by fate's firm hand.
Each tear that fell, a seed for strength to bloom,
In darkness, found a light to chase the gloom.

The echoes of my struggles whisper loud,
A symphony of resilience, standing proud.
With broken wings, I learned to soar above,
Embracing pain, I found the strength to love.

In shattered dreams, I found my inner fire,
A phoenix rising, fueled by deep desire.
The bruises turned to armor, strong and true,
A testament to battles I've been through.

A fighter born from wounds that carved my soul,
I wear my scars as medals, reaching my goal.
So let the pain be echoes of the past,
For in its grasp, my strength was unsurpassed.

The Power of Love

by Kenmachan

In a world where hearts collide,
Love's gentle touch, a joyous ride.
A symphony of emotions, pure and true,
Love's melody, forever new.

In tender moments, souls entwined,
Love's magic, a treasure to find.
Through laughter, tears, and all between,
Love's strength, an eternal serene.

Love's embrace, a comforting hold,
A shelter in a world so bold.
With every beat, a love that grows,
Love's beauty, a story that shows.

So let love guide, let it be your light,
In its warmth, find endless delight.
For in love's arms, we truly see,
The power of love, forever free.

CSE students participate in Mikrotik Advanced Engineering Bootcamp

By Merhama A. Mañalas

On July 27 to Aug. 5, 2023, the Sulu State College (SSC) School of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) students participated in an advanced training bootcamp held at Function Hall, SSC Hostel, which was conducted by the Mikrotik Training Center in collaboration with the Department of Communications Technology.

Prof. Ututalum and Engr. Pamitalan sign memorandum of agreement

Present during the training were the College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE; Engr. Roy L. Pamitalan, who served as the Resource Speaker; representatives from the Mikrotik; selected instructors and students from the School of CSE; and key personnel from the Digital Transformation Office (DTO) led by Mr. Hitler Allama, the DTO Director, and Mr. Ben Majan, the Network Administrator.

There was also Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed between the College President Prof. Ututalum and Engr. Pamitalan, the Mikrotik Academy Coordinator.

Selected students from School of Computer Science and Engineering wave at the camera

BS Biology spearheads Science Month Celebration; holds fun activities

By Mherhada Sahibuddin

The Sulu State College Bachelor of Science in Biology Program spearheaded the conduct of Science Month Celebration on Oct. 4, 2023, 8:00 AM at SSC Amphitheater, School of Graduate Studies Building. With the theme: "Constant Connection: Mathematics and Science Shaping our Future", the one-day event was attended and participated by the Science and Mathematics faculty members and students. The event kicked off with an invacation by Mr. Joe Haiber L. Tottoh, and was followed by the opening remarks given by Mr. Habiburikab M. Haji. Mr. Mahdee C.Usman also delivered a welcome message while an inspirational message was shared by Mr. khaisar H. Barri, Chair of Language department.

BS Bio student receives prize on winning in a game

A cluster of Biology students having fun during celebration of Science Month

The event was divided into two categories. In the morning, games category such as circle seats, what longest do you have?, and spoon on the mouth were enjoyed by the students at SSC Center for Science and Math Building. In the afternoon, competition category such Slogan Making, Quiz Bee and Picture Identification were competed by the students.

The awarding ceremony took place afterwards. Ms. Rayana N. Sappari gave the closing remarks.

BS Bio students explore aquatic, terrestrial communities for field laboratory

By Alkhamar Saddalani

The second year Bachelor of Science in Biology (BS Bio) students of Sulu State College (SSC) School of Arts and Sciences explored the aquatic and terrestrial communities of Barangay Taglibi, Patikul, Sulu, for their field laboratory held yesterday, Dec. 16, 2023.

Mrs. Abucay, together with Ms. Haibil, hands Chairwoman Hayudini the plaque of appreciation

The said field laboratory was part of the learning activity of the 39 Biology students under the course of BIO 120 — General Ecology with Ms. Helen H. Haibil, BS Bio instructor, who guided the students in their exploration along with Mrs. Almaida Abucay, Chairperson of BS Biology. As early as 7:00 A.M, the team was gathered as SSC Hostel for the assembly. The morning activity began right away as the team moved to the beach side at around 9:00 A.M. Students and teachers alike explored the marine communities in shore area, as well as freshwater and terrestrial communities.

Meanwhile, the afternoon session was filled with fresh insights as the participants, both students and teachers, shared their experiences about their exploration.

As the activity concluded, the team went to the barangay hall to extend their gratitude and hand the certificate of appreciation to Hja. Nur Ada M. Hayudini, Chairwoman of Brgy. Taglibi, for the warm accommodation.

The activity ended with photo opportunity.

Biology students explore the beach side of Brgy. Taglibi for their laboratory

SSC conducts free blood typing activity

By Lija S. Sayyari

SSC faculty member participates in the blood typing activity

In line with the celebration of National Medicine Week 2023, the Sulu State College-Health Service conducted a free blood typing activity on Sept. 28, 2023 at Center for Culture and Arts (CCA).

Themed: Pilipino Mamamayan Ating Alagaan", the activity was attended by the students and employees of the institution.

The said activity was made possible through the partnership with Sulu Medical Society and Hospital Clinical Laboratory spearheaded by Dr. Noel Herera Jr. PMA, Western Mindanao Regional Governor and Sulu Provincial Doctors namely, Dr. Rajina Maujon, MD; Dr. Nehara Nemertina Singki, MD; Dr. Abdul Waduod Abubakar, MD; Dr. Reynaldo Pescadera III, MD; Dr. Abdul Anam Nuh, RMT-III; Indira Sayadi, RHM-II; Fatima Marida Bara, RHM II; and Ihsan Buyos, RN.

Sulu State College, in partnership with Sulu Medical Society, conducts Breast Cancer Awareness

By Nurmalyn Jumali

The Sulu State College, in partnership with Sulu Medical Society, conducted Breast Cancer Awareness with the theme "No one should face breast cancer alone".

Consequently, students from different schools were gathered at Sulu State College on Oct. 17, 2023 at the Center for Culture and Arts. The prominent guest speaker was Dra. Midzrifa M. Matarul.

The awareness purpose was to educate its students into what breast cancer is, along with early detection, and what helps in the fight against breast cancer.

The program commenced with the necessary preliminaries, after which Dr. Reynaldo Pescadera III enthusiastically welcomed everyone. Then, Prof. Charisma Ututalum, CESE, the College president delivered her inspirational message. She highlighted, "Life is 10% we make it, and 90% on how will we react to it". And she also stressed out how hard it is to be a breast cancer patient. She stressed that perhaps it is more important to live healthily and live happily.

Then, Dra. Midzrifa M. Matarul discussed various facts and management on breast cancer and the importance of early detection to the participating students.

The activity ended successfully, concluding with the open forum, followed by the distribution of tokens and certificates to the guest speaker and a photo opportunity with their participants.

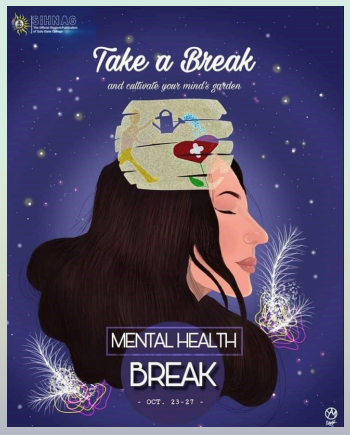
The said activity was made possible through the partnership with Sulu Medical Society and spearheaded by Dr. Reynaldo Pescadera III, SSC-Physicia, Afrida Abbang, RN, MAN, SSC-School Nurse, Dr. Ismael, and Dra. Midzrifa M. Matarul.

Dra. Matarul discusses facts to the students on the management of breast cancer and the importance of early detection

Dr. Pescadera III, Prof. Ututalum, and the participating students during the awareness campaign

Stalwarts takes on Mental Health Break

By Fatimah Shaqueena Isnijul



The Sulu State College has provided a five-day mental health break to its students, faculty and staff to have some rest from stressful situations amidst the school year.

Mental health break is important because it allows us to gain more connection to ourselves — our emotions, feelings, and imaginations. We get to explore and understand who we truly are and what we truly want and until then, we'll become more purposeful with our life.

Teachers and students who experienced sleep deprivation, overthinking, and not eating on time could lead to physical and mental illnesses. Thus, with this opportunity, spend time with your loved ones, work-out, and do things that will give you happiness while being productive and passionate. Nothing is as important as being healthy for it is a wealth that not even money can buy.

SSC makes mark in MASTS Friendship Games 2023

Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, together with administrative officials and faculty members

By Sharefa Muayadi

The Mindanao Association of State Tertiary Schools (MASTS) Friendship Games 2023 was held on Sept. 10-15 at Arakan North Cotabato City. 27 SUCs have shown their camaraderie. Sulu State College made their marks with lots of medals and portrayed how primed they are.

On the medal tally board released by the Mindanao Association State Tertiary School for the year of 2023, Sulu State College ranked 13th in Sports entry. It involves several types of Athletic aspects such as; Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Pickel Ball, Penckat Silat, Chess, and many more. SSC got 6 Golds, 4 Silvers, and 9 Bronze medallions.

SSC Chess players getting along with participants from other school

SSC partakes in National SCUUA Games; sends 10 athletes to compete in badminton and chess

Sulu State College participants in the SCUAA 2023 Sports Competition

By Arnalyn A. Sawadi

On Oct. 1-6, 2023, thousands of young athletes, trainers, and leaders from regions 1-16 took part in the State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SCUAA) Games 2023 including the 10 athletes which represented the Sulu State College at Tarlac, Philippines.

Themed, "Unity through Sports in State Universities and Colleges for National Development", various venues including Tarlac Agriculture University, New Clark City Stadium, New Clark City Aquatics Center, Malacampa Covered Court, TSU Gym, Camiling Sports Complex, Tarlac City Evacuation Center, and Santa Ignacia Auditorium served as witnesses as athletes from all regions of the country vyed for excellence in the field of sports.

The SCUAA Games kicked off with an athletic parade of delegates from all participating regions. The Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) President Dr. Tirso Ronquillo formally opened the national games. Meanwhile, Dr. Francisco Aguirre, PASUC's National Sports Director, led the presentation of athletes from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

Basketball, volleyball, football, futsal, aquatics, tennis, chess, badminton, sepak takraw, table tennis, and athletics to name a few were among the games competed by the athletes.

For five years, SCUUA games were put on hold due to the constraints brought by the pandemic, and now that is finally back, athletes were given the opportunity to participate which would serve as their avenue to advance physical education and athletic expertise while learning and honing characters such as working cooperatively, supporting one another, maintaining discipline, and being fair in their chosen sports.

SSC takes spot as over-all first runner-up in 1st SPIAA Unity Games 2023

By Sharlene Jalisan, Fatima Rayhamn Sangkula, Hadija Hadjirul

CHED Commissioner, Jo Mark M. Libre, college president and PASUC BARMM Regional Chairperson, Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, Mr. Nurvin Bara, the BARMM Regional Sports Director, as well as the 10 players namely, Moh. Alqrhamien Fernandez, Mudzricar Nurhasan, Dominic Delos Reyes, Moh. Molsimar Hamsan and Masukod Rassil for badminton, and Alimatar J. Nurhasad, Sarri Subahani, Quaridzmin Harad, Benrazir A. Jikiri, Jr Lando for chess, including Sir Hji. Ombra Asiri and Sir Ajir Radjani as coaches for badminton and chess, respectively, and other key officials represented the institution on the said event.

The Sulu State College (SSC) emerged triumphant as the over-all first runner-up in the first ever Sulu Provincial Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SPIAA) Unity Games held on October 16-19, 2023 at Mindanao State University (MSU) - Sulu, the host school.

The event was sponsored by Sen. Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara. It was participated by six colleges in the province namely; MSU-Sulu, Notre Dame of Jolo College (NDJC), Sulu College of Technology, Inc. (SCT), Southwestern Mindanao Islamic Institute (SMII), Hadji Butu School of Arts and Trades (HBSAT), and Sulu State College.

The college acquired a total of 160 points, placing them as the first runner-up in which the male category of table tennis, volleyball and chess secured for the championship title. The male sepak takraw as well as the female category for table tennis and volleyball clenched the first runner-up spot, while the basketball and badminton team landed on the second runner-up. The female badminton team placed as third runner-up.

Moreover, MSU-Sulu was hailed as the over-all champion which garnered a total points of 169, advancing nine points from SSC which garnered 160 points. NDJC snatched the second runner-up with a total points of 107. SCT and SMII placed third and fourth runners-up, garnering 77 and 20 points, respectively.

College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum together with the SSC sports coaches

College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum together with the basketball coach and players.

SSC celebrates palaro in year of Differentia; strengthens patriotism among students

By Sharefa Muayadi

Last Nov. 7 to 9, 2023, Sulu State College (SSC) had successfully celebrated its palaro in the year of Differentia or creatively called Palarentia 2023 at SSC campus. The celebration was done in a remarkable approach as it did not only feature sports events, but also activities like Larong Pinoy which aimed at strengthening the patriotism among the students.

The Palaro 2023 kicked off with a parade marched through by the administration headed by the College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, different clubs and organizations, and the nine participating schools within the SSC community. The opening program started at the presence of the guest speaker, no less than the Vice Governor of Sulu, Hon. Abdusakur "Toto" Tan II. In his message, Vice Governor Tan gave praises to the college for the beautiful changes it has undergone under the leadership of Prof. Ututalum. The vice governor also brought with him a very good news as his office donated P1,000,000.00 to the college which would accordingly serve as prize of all the participating schools whether they may win or not in the competitions. Saludo Dance also highlighted the morning with active participants swaying and bouncing to the music.

Meanwhile, the School of Arts and Sciences was awarded the best departmental shirt design.

The afternoon was highlighted by the yelling competition competed by different schools. The contest was not only a battle of synchronization and teamwork, but a battle of creativity as well as the participating schools tried to win the judges with their resourcefulness and initiatives.

Simultaneously, sports events also kicked off the very afternoon. Athletes from different schools competed in various sports events namely; chess, swimming, track and field, table tennis, pickle ball, sepak takraw, basketball and volleyball.

On the second day, some athletes had maintained their ranks, while some had lost tracks. The event continued to follow the schedules until the third day where most of the championship games were held and winners were awarded right away. Color blast was held in the afternoon where the SSC community had so much fun bathing in colors.

Finally, the championship games for basketball and sepak takraw were held in the morning of fourth day. Furthermore, the afternoon was highlighted by the search for the Faces of Stalwarts 2023 held at SSC Gymnasium, Walled City, Jolo, Sulu. Mr. Aqkilis J. Amil of Pink Falcons, School of Nursing and Ms. Zericka Zara I. Beltran of Red Dragons, Laboratory High School were crowned as the Mr. and Ms. SSC 2023, respectively.

The celebration of Palaro 2023 did not disappoint as added entertainments from different clubs and organizations booths also offered joy to SSC community and outsiders alike.

Chess players from Senior High School and Aggie faced head to head during the competitions

The SSC Palaro 2023 stands as a testament that sportsmanship and patriotism can be instilled and felt together. It may be different with subjects, but both qualities are aspects of love

SBAM	AS	CSE	Badminton (Male)
Nursing	SBAM	Education	Badminton (Female)
Senior High	Education	CSE	Chess (Male)
Senior High	Education	Nursing	Chess (Female)
Aggie	CSE	Education	Volleyball
Double (Champion) Aggie	Single B (Champion) Senior High	Single A (Champion) Education	Table Tennis (Male)
Double (Champion) Nursing	Single B (Champion) Nursing	Single A (Champion) Nursing	Table Tennis (Female)
AS	Senior High	Lab High	Yelling

Category	Champion	1st Placer	2nd Placer
Track and Field 100m (Male)	CSE	Senior High	Lab High
Track and Field 100m (Female)	SBAM	Aggie	Education
Track and Field 200m (Male)	CSE	A.B.	Senior High
Track and Field 200m (Female)	Aggie	CSE	Senior High
Track and Field 4x100m (Female)	SBAM	Senior High	Education
Swimming (Male)	Senior High	SBAM	CSE
Swimming (Female)	Aggie	CSE	SBAM
Pickle Ball	A.S.	Education	CSE

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Wikang Pambansa, ginunita ng Estadong Kolehiyo ng Sulu

Ni Adzrina Sadikal, Mherhada Sahibuddin

Noong Ika-14 ng Agosto 2023, sa pangunguna ng Sentro ng Wika at Kultura ng Estado Kolehiyo ng Sulu ay ginunita ang unang araw ng Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa sa pangunahing kampus ng institusyon, na may temang "Filipino at mga Katutubong Wika: Wika ng Kapayapaan, Seguridad, at Ingklusibong Pagpapatupad ng Katarungang Panlipunan."

Pag sapit ng Ika-30 ng nasabing buwan ay idinaos naman ang huling padiriwang sa bulwagan ng institusyon sa Walled City, Jolo Sulu. Ang huling araw ng padiriwang ay dinaluhan ng presidente ng SSC, Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, kabilang ang mga administratibong opisyal, mga guro at mga estudyante. May inihanda ring mga paligsahan para sa mga estudyante tulad ng sayaw ng Pangalay at dalawahang tinig; at ASEAN kompetisyon naman para sa mga guro.
Narito Ang mga nagwagi sa bawat paligsahan

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Paligsahan	Kampeon	Unang gantimpala	Ikalawang nagwagi
Dalawahang tinig	Education	Laboratory High School	Arts and Sciences
Pangalay	Education	Senior High School	Nursing
ASEAN	Laboratory High School	Education	Computer Studies and Engineering

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If not intelligent, be smart.

STAFFERS' WALL

Photojournalists

1. Fairedz Sasapan - If I could converse with any historical figure, Mahatma Gandhi would be my choice. As a remarkable leader and advocate for nonviolent resistance, his philosophy inspires globally. I'd love a conversation to understand his principles, learn from leading India to independence, and seek knowledge to make a significant impact in my own country.

2. Marshaina Bucayan - I would choose to have a conversation with Leonardo da Vinci because of his unparalleled brilliance in art, science, and innovation. His multidisciplinary approach and visionary ideas inspire me, and I'd love to gain insights into his creative process and learn from his extraordinary mind.

3. Sharlene Jalisan - Given the chance to converse with a historical figure, I'd choose Jose Rizal. I'd inquire about his concept "Ang kabataan ang pag-asa ng bayan," exploring his vision for the youth as the country's future and delving into the ideas he envisioned that could have benefited the nation.

4. Ferawna julhasan -If given the chance to converse with a commonly known historical figure, I'd choose Dr. Jose Rizal. I'd inquire about his experiences as a Filipino nationalist, views on independence, role as a writer, thoughts on education, and ideas for a better Philippines. His legacy as a hero and symbol of resistance endures, providing valuable insights into the struggles and aspirations of the Filipino people during colonial times.

5. Rosalyn Assi- If given the choice, I'd love to converse with Amelia Earhart, the first female aviator to solo across the Atlantic. I admire her courage and determination to break barriers in a male-dominated field. Hearing about her experiences, motivations, and resilience in adversity would be inspiring, gaining valuable insights into her perspective on life.

6. Nurizma Usman - If I could converse with any historical figure, it would be Muhammad Rasululla SAW, the prophet and founder of Islam. He preached for 23 years, introducing crucial social reforms like ending slavery and protecting women's rights. In our conversation, I'd seek more knowledge about Islam, acknowledging the need to focus on spiritual preparation for the afterlife. The privilege of learning from him would not only enrich my understanding but also allow me to share it with others from diverse backgrounds.

7. Merhama Mañalas - If given the chance to converse with any historical figure, I'd choose Albert Einstein. I'd inquire about his work on relativity, thoughts on the future of humanity, and advice for the young generation. Exploring his personal life and motivations in science would also be of great interest to me.

8. Hassan Moh.Maani - I'd ask Leonardo da Vinci to take me on as his apprentice. His extensive inventory suggests he was a keen observer and reader. Leonardo's ability to convey stories through paintings, capturing human behaviors and expressions, marks him as a remarkable visual storyteller—an aspect I'd love to learn from as his apprentice.

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Alkhamar Saddalani - If I could talk to any historical figure, I would be glad to sit and sip coffee in a sunny morning with William Shakespeare while he mentors me on how to write remarkably.

Radeeya Sencio - Manilyn Monroe. She was able to break stereotype between men and women, she was considered as one of the most beautiful woman in history despite her imperfections, and that is why.

Arnalyn Sawadi - "I'd love to converse with Prophet Muhammad (saw) and seek advice on overcoming life's challenges. I'm intrigued by how he navigated the substantial trials he encountered. Learning from his experiences would be invaluable in facing my obstacles with resilience and wisdom."

Nurmela Pandi - as a writer it would be an honor to have a conversation with Jose P. Rizal, for he is such a big influence in the industry of writing. And His knowledge and wisdom do pinch my interest.

Nurmalyn Jumali - Jose Rizal, i will tell him that his brain is not as big as mine and to hear his thoughts on how he wrote two novels that up until now still exist.

Mherhada Sahibuddin - If I could have a conversation with any historical figure, I would choose the prophet, as I have many words to share and questions to ask about life and my religion. The feeling would be truly great, even just to imagine.

Nurida Julkiram - If I could choose any of them, I would choose our National Hero, Jose Rizal. I want to thank him for his contribution that led to our country's freedom. I also want to tell him that because of him, I feel powerful in writing. He showed me that words can be stronger than engaging in violence.

Adzrina Sadikal - I would choose John Dewey. I admire his "Learning by doing" theory, where young minds grasp concepts through hands-on experiences. I firmly believe in this approach, as it aligns with my observation that both children and adults acquire knowledge effectively by actively engaging in tasks, fostering a meaningful learning experience.

Maryamarzahra Jalaidi - It would be the prophet muhammad صلى الله عليه و سلم,because he is the best historical figure ever. A great example in all aspect of life.

Morsalyn Harun - If I had the opportunity to have a conversation with a historical figure, I would choose to speak with Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) because he was the chosen recipient and messenger of the word of God through the divine revelations, that could provide valuable insights into the origins of Islam and the cultural context of that time.

Shaqueena isnijul - I'd choose Melchora Aquino, also known as Tandang Sora. Her courage and patriotism, evident in her support for rebels despite imprisonment, inspire me. She deserves recognition alongside other Filipino heroes. Her resilience and bravery make her a crucial figure in our history, not just as Tandang Sora.

Lija Sayyari - I aspire to converse with Andrés Bonifacio, the revolutionary father who sacrificed for Philippine independence. His strength and dedication to nationalism are admirable. Inspired by his unconditional love for wife Gregoria De Jesus, he embodies qualities worthy of emulation, offering a valuable example for Filipinos today.

Staff writers:

1. **Yeshamae Haiber -** I'd choose to converse with Fatimah RA, Muhammad S.A.W's daughter, for her inspiring virtues. Her unshakable faith in the face of life's trials defines her as an unbothered queen. I believe her wisdom would guide me to become a great woman of Islam and leave a lasting legacy.

2. **Hadija Hadjirul -** It's Jane Austen, an English novelist known for her six novels. I want to ask her about the things that inspired her to write. I admire her for having the courage to challenge societal norms, and I think it would be a pleasure to have a chitchat with someone like her.

3. **Jherayza Yusop -** Given the chance to converse with a historical figure, I'd choose Albert Einstein for his brilliance. I'm eager to discuss his groundbreaking theories and discoveries, fascinated by his unique perspective on life and ability to think outside the box. Learning from him would be an incredible opportunity to unravel the mysteries of the universe.

4. **Rihana Habibon -** If I could have a conversation with any historical figure, it is whom I truly idolize. I love reading about how she carried on the war against the Spaniards and fought for Filipino independence. I want to be like her, proving that despite my gender, I can be a leader and make changes. I'm referring to Gabriela Silang, the wife of Diego Silang.

5. **Arvi Marajan -**Given the chance to discuss a historical figure, I'd choose Florence Nightingale, a towering figure in nursing. Her contributions during the Crimean War saved countless lives and modernized hospital care. Inspiring through her equal and tireless care, she is the founder of modern nursing, a beacon for those pursuing this profession.

6. **Albenhasadedson Hussin-** If given the chance, William Shakespeare would be my first choice for a historical conversation. I adore all his works, particularly the poignant stories and poems like "Romeo and Juliet." I'd discuss his creations with him, seeking guidance on crafting exceptional stories and poems. I'd express my admiration for his brilliance and commendable contributions.

7. **Rohilyn Taji -** I'd choose Leonardo da Vinci, the Renaissance polymath, for his exceptional contributions to art, anatomy, and engineering. His seamless integration of creativity and scientific inquiry is fascinating. A conversation with da Vinci could unlock unique perspectives on the intersection of art and science, offering a treasure trove of knowledge and inspiration.

8. **Bennajar Angsa -**As one of the youth of this generation, I want to ask Dr. Jose Rizal about his secret to being brave and intelligent. I also wish to learn deeply how he faced the challenges experienced during the Spanish colonization.

Cartoonists:

1. **Rayhamn Sangkula -** I'd converse with Gabriela Silang, the first Filipina to lead a rebellion against the Spanish. Discussing her leadership and determination in organizing a guerrilla army, I'd seek insights on women empowerment—tools, resources, and opportunities needed for success. Learning from her perspective could guide efforts to dismantle gender stereotypes, promote equal rights, and address systemic barriers.

2. **Rudzmar Gantih -** Choosing any historical figure to converse with, Albert Einstein would be my pick. His brilliance in physics and profound impact on our understanding of the universe fascinate me. A conversation with him would be intellectually stimulating and thought-provoking. Featuring an interview or article with Einstein in a school publication could ignite students' curiosity and inspire a love for science and critical thinking.

Layout Artists

1. **Sitti Kalna Edris -** Conversing with any historical figure, I'd choose Vincent van Gogh to understand the inspiration behind his masterpiece, "The Starry Night," and the emotions he poured into it. Despite his mental health struggles in a hospital, exploring the artistic process with him would be enlightening.

2. **Nurbina J. Halid -** If I could have a conversation with a historical figure, I would choose Jose Rizal. I just want to ask him, considering the state of the Philippines today— the nation he risked his life for— does he feel any regret for the actions that ultimately led to his demise?

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