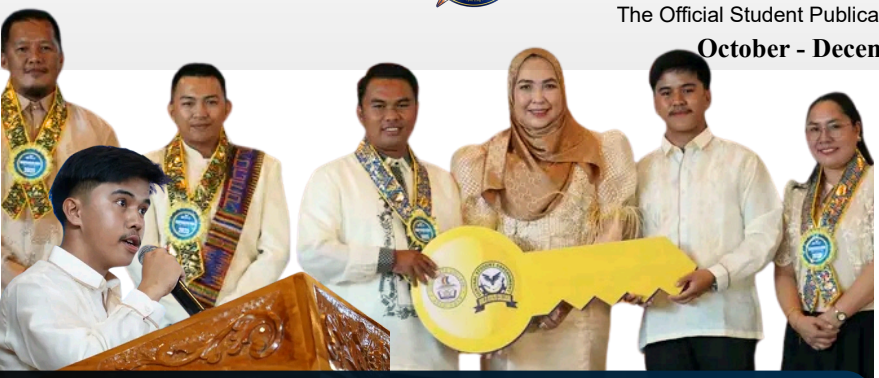
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Batch Mapagsulong Takes Oath as New SSC Student Leaders

by Nurizna Usman

Sulu State College (SSC) formally inducted Batch Mapagsulong, its newly elected student leaders, during the Joint Induction and Oath-Taking Ceremony on Oct. 5, 2025, at the SSC Gymnasium.

The event brought together officers from the Central Student Government, 10 institutional clubs, and seven college-based organizations, alongside administrators, alumni leaders, and advisers. SSC President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, and Vice President Prof. Nelson U. Julhamid led the ceremony.

The program opened with a procession of participating organizations, followed by the invocation and the singing of the national anthem. Engr. Firash Zhed S. Ututalum, Dean of the Office of Student Affairs and Services, delivered the welcome address, formally setting the tone for the event.

The highlight of the ceremony was the formal induction, where student leaders were officially sworn into office by the college president. Organization heads also presented their commitment messages, outlining their plans and goals for the academic year.

In her inspirational message, Ututalum emphasized that

> "leadership goes beyond titles, highlighting service, purpose, and respect as core values..."

expected from student leaders.

A leadership turnover in the College Supreme Government was also conducted, marking the formal transition of responsibilities to the newly elected officers.

The program concluded with closing remarks from Vice President Julhamid, who underscored the importance of integrity and accountability in leadership.

The ceremony signaled the beginning of Batch Mapagsulong's leadership, as they begin serving and representing the SSC student body.

SSC Celebrates and Honors Educators on National Teachers' Day

by Albenhasadedson J. Hussin



College President, Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, delivering her heartfelt message to the SSC faculty members.

The Sulu State College (SSC) joined the nation in celebrating National Teachers' Day 2025 on October 7, 2025, with the theme "Together Teachers: Celebrating the Heart of Education." The event, held at the SSC Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Walled City, Jolo, Sulu, was organized by the SSC Faculty Association (SSCFA). The program opened with welcoming remarks from Assoc. Prof. Alnadzma U. Tulawie, Ed.D., President of the SSC Faculty Association, followed by an inspirational message from Prof. Nelson U. Julhamid, Ph.D., Vice President of Sulu State College.

Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, SSC President, delivered the keynote address, highlighting the unwavering dedication and commitment of SSC educators in shaping the minds and values of future generations. Plaques of Recognition were presented to Prof. Ututalum and Prof. Julhamid in appreciation of their leadership and invaluable contributions to the college community.

Adding prestige to the celebration, Prof. Ma. Nieves R. Confesor from the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) graced the occasion and delivered an empowering message that inspired and uplifted the teaching staff.

A Recognition Ceremony was also held to honor Asst. Prof. Nizam A. Alsad, Ed.D., and Assoc. Prof. Antonio A. Pescadera, MPA, for their years of dedicated service to the institution as they retire from their noble profession.

The festivity continued with lively performances from the Stalwart Performing Arts, Central Student Government, and various student clubs. It was followed by a Faculty Zumba Dance and the awarding of Early Bird winners. The afternoon program featured the Gift of Love Raffle, On-the-Spot Song Solo Competition, and several parlor games, bringing fun, laughter, and camaraderie to the day's celebration.

The event concluded with closing remarks from Prof. Mary Ann G. Lim, Ed.D., Executive President of the SSC Faculty Association, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to all teachers for their passion, perseverance, and vital role in advancing education at Sulu State College.

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Scholarship Office Leads Successful Disbursement of Allowances to SSC Grantees

By Albenhasadedson J. Hussin



College President, Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE delivering her inspirational message to the scholarship beneficiaries.



Mr. Ahmed Zhedriq Bandahala, facilitating the distribution of allowances to scholarship beneficiaries.

The Sulu State College (SSC) Scholarship Office successfully concluded the allowance disbursement for TES 13 and 13.1, TDP 3, and ACEF-GIAHEP grantees on October 20, 2025, at the SSC Multi-Purpose Gymnasium, Walled City, Jolo, Sulu. A total of 910 student grantees benefited from the disbursement, reaffirming the institution's dedication to providing accessible and equitable education for all deserving students. The event commenced with an inspirational message from Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, President of Sulu State College, who highlighted the significant growth in the number of scholarship beneficiaries over the years.

During the distribution, student beneficiaries and parents took part as representatives in the symbolic turnover of allowances, reflecting the college's commitment to transparency and student welfare.

Through this initiative, Sulu State College once again upholds its mission of promoting accessible, inclusive, and quality education—demonstrating its unwavering support for student development and success.

SSC Holds Send-Off Ceremony for MASTS 2025 Delegates

By Arbena Halbi



An energetic introduction from Badminton team during Send-Off Ceremony.

With hearts full of pride and unity, Sulu State College. (SSC) proudly held its Send-Off Ceremony for the delegates bound for the Mindanao Association of State Tertiary Schools (MASTS) 2025 Competition in Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental. The event took place on October 20, 2025, at the SSC Gymnasium, celebrating the stalwart spirit of excellence, camaraderie, and cultural pride.

This year's theme, "Empowering Youth, Strengthening Accountability: Building a Responsible Nation Through Sports, Culture, and the Arts," reflects SSC's commitment to holistic student development through academics, sports, and the arts.

The program opened with a prayer and the singing of the National Anthem, followed by welcome remarks from Dr. Almashien Lipae, Cultural Director and Overall Chairman of MASTS 2025. He urged the delegates to carry the values of integrity and teamwork as they represent SSC in the regional arena.

SSC President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, delivered an inspiring message, commending the delegates for their hard work and reminding them that their journey stands as a testament to SSC's pride and unity. Delegates and coaches from the Academic, Sports, and Cultural categories were formally introduced, receiving loud cheers from the audience. The program also featured captivating cultural performances, including Silat, Song Solo, Song Duet, Contemporary Dance, and Modern Dance.

The event concluded with the singing of the Sulu State College Hymn, led by Ahmed Zhedriq U. Bandahala who also served as the emcee, leaving the community filled with pride and optimism as SSC sends off its stalwart representatives to Oroquieta City.

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SSC Athletes Shine Bright in MASTS Games 2025: A Showcase of Excellence



A photo of Stalwart delegates during opening program of MASTS Games 2025.

By Nurizna A. Usman

The Sulu State College (SSC) delegates have officially concluded their participation in the Mindanao Association of State Tertiary Schools (MASTS) Games 2025, held across Misamis Occidental on October 29, 2025. After three days of intense competition, SSC athletes showcased exceptional skill across multiple disciplines, from the court to the chessboard.

Medal Standings & Achievements

Pickleball (6th Overall Team Ranking):
3 Gold Medals

- Men's Singles Champion: Moh. Kabir A. Saji-in (Dominating 16 schools; back-to-back title).
- Men's Doubles Champions: Mr. Radymar S. Awaluddin and Mr. Tubadjil M. Caramijan (Outshining 12 schools).

Pencak Silat (Major Medal Haul):
5 Gold, 6 Silver, and 8 Bronze Medals earned across various categories.

- Special Awards: Most Organized, Most Disciplined, and Most Participating Number.

Table Tennis:
8th Place (Men's Doubles): Mr. Mohammad Rinnier-Khan Estino and Mr. Ma'mar Sailabbi (Out of 21 schools).

General Team Rankings:
Volleyball & Beach Volleyball: 11th Place
3×3 Basketball: 11th Place
5×5 Basketball: 13th Place
Chess Team: 19th Place

This remarkable achievement is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence of SSC's athletes and coaches.

Gold Medalists:
Bohemian Rhapsody Tackong
Alwalid Ahajan
Aljibar Abdu
Omar Nasul
Aljhomier Jimlan

Silver Medalists:
Monica Amsirani
Patricia Abdulhan
Norfaizha Usani
Fatima Leanndra Mae Tackong
Faozia Hussien
Audrey Halud

Bronze Medalists:
Sharmaine Balabul
Alrashied Bara
Rheanna Mae Tackong
Nolhadzhar Dahim
Nurpaina Juripae
Lorien Hji. Harbi
Patricia Damsali
Mufrimar Muhaimin



Mr. Caramijan and Mr. Awaluddin (MASTS 2025 Pickleball Men's Doubles Champions from SSC), showcasing their swift moves during their play at MASTS GAMES 2025

The delegation flourished under the technical guidance of coaches Nicholson Asmad (Pickleball), Alsalliazar Isirani (Table Tennis), Alkathani Tackong, and Radzmier Isdari (Pencak Silat).

Special recognition is extended to Sports Director Nurvin J. Bara, Cultural Director and Overall Chairman of SSC MASTS Dr. Almashien Lipae, and Mr. Antonio Pescadera for their unwavering support.

This success was made possible through the visionary leadership of College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, whose steadfast support continues to inspire excellence and athletic pride within the institution.

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SSC Criminology interns of demonstrates first-aid and rescue skills during the FTX Culmination Ceremony in partnership with the Bureau of Fire Protection–Jolo Fire Station



Criminology interns showcased their rope rescue skills at the Field Training Culmination Ceremony.

SCJE Holds FTX Culmination for Criminology Interns

By Munir Ibno

The School of Criminal Justice Education of Sulu State College conducted its Field Training Exercise (FTX) Culmination Ceremony on Nov. 6, 2025, recognizing Criminology interns deployed at the Bureau of Fire Protection–Jolo Fire Station. With the theme "Forged in Discipline, Driven by Service," the event highlighted the interns' completion of hands-on training designed to strengthen fire readiness and practical competencies.

The program featured opening rites, followed by an FTX simulation conducted in coordination with BFP personnel. Algebran P. Arasid, chief intern, delivered a testimonial underscoring the interns' growth in discipline and character.

Certificates were awarded to participants, while FINSP Abdulyakin B. Jamaluddin, Municipal Fire Marshal of Jolo, delivered an inspirational message.

In his closing remarks, SCJE Dean Al-Fauzi Ibno emphasized that the culmination marks both the end of training and the beginning of the interns' professional journey.

SSC ROTC Officers Conduct Information Drive on Philippine Army Officer

By Merhama A. Mañalas

The Sulu State College (SSC) ROTC Officers conducted an Information Drive on becoming a Philippine Army Officer on November 13, 2025, at the SSC Covered Court. The event was organized in partnership with the G7, 11th Infantry (Alakdan) Division, Philippine Army, and was graced by the presence of Mr. Renz Michael D. Usman, ROTC Command Coordinator.

The activity featured distinguished guest speakers, including COL Harold M. Cabunoc, INF (MMDS) PA, Commandant, and LTC Nelson P. Libongcogon, INF (PA), Officer-In-Charge of the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Civil-Military Operations. Both shared valuable insights on the importance of training military troops and preparing for military service. Other military officers—2LT Bien Benedict M. Bilog (CE) PA, 2LT Elaine B. Zapata (AGS) PA, and 2LT Ruel J. Valle (CE) PA—also delivered motivational messages to the ROTC students.



Their words encouraged the cadets to strengthen their knowledge, skills, and commitment to serve the nation with integrity and honor.

The information drive successfully inspired and educated SSC ROTC students about the values and responsibilities of becoming a Philippine Army officer. The event fostered a deeper understanding of military service and reinforced the spirit of patriotism, discipline, and leadership among the cadets.

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Research Summit 2025 Kicks Off at Sulu State College

By Munir Ibno

The Sulu State College Research Office officially launched the Research Summit 2025 with the theme “Sulu State College: Advancing Research Toward Global Sustainability” on November 13–14, 2025, at the SSC Center for Culture and Arts. SSC organized this two-day gathering to further promote research and innovation within the institution.

Throughout the summit, faculty and staff came together to share research findings, attend workshops, and learn from experts in various fields. The event, held at both the SSC Center for Culture and Arts and the SSC Multipurpose Gymnasium, aimed to strengthen the college’s research culture through presentations and knowledge-sharing sessions.



Faculties from different departments who participated in the research summit.

Attendees from the College of Teacher Education during the event.

One of the highlights of Day 1 was the talk by Assoc. Prof. Rosalio G. Artes, Jr., MSc, from MSU-Tawi-Tawi, College of Technology and Oceanography. He emphasized the importance of research, its contribution to university rankings, and the significance of publishing in Scopus-indexed journals.

In the afternoon, he also led a session titled “How to Do Research: The Challenge,” providing guidance on effective research practices and methodologies. Day 2 featured the Presentation of Publishable Research Output at the SSC Multipurpose Gymnasium, showcasing the research accomplishments of SSC faculty and staff.

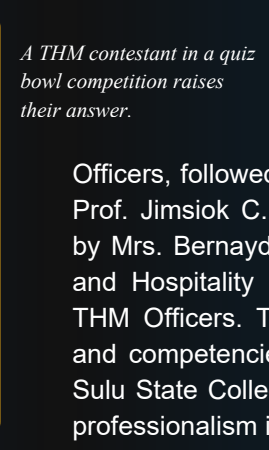
The Research Summit 2025 stands as part of the college’s ongoing efforts to promote research, foster collaboration, and advance academic excellence and global competitiveness.

SSC Tourism and Hospitality Management Celebrates the 3rd Annual Tourism and Hospitality Festival

By Albenhasadedson J. Hussin



Assoc. Prof. Jimsiok C. Asid, DPA. delivering an inspirational message during the 3rd Annual Tourism and Hospitality Festival.



A THM contestant in a quiz bowl competition raises their answer.

The Tourism and Hospitality Management Program of Sulu State College celebrated its 3rd Annual Tourism and Hospitality Festival on November 24, 2025, at the SSC Multi - Purpose Gymnasium, Walled City, Jolo, Sulu with the theme “Excellence in Motion: A Celebration of Skill, Unity, and the Future of Tourism and Hospitality.”The program officially opened with remarks from Hussin, Albenhasadedson J., Mayor of the Tourism and Hospitality Officers, followed by an inspirational message from Assoc. Prof. Jimsiok C. Asid, DPA. The event was spearheaded by Mrs. Bernayda P. Hassan, Chairperson of the Tourism and Hospitality Management Program, together with the THM Officers. The festival aimed to showcase the skills and competencies of Tourism and Hospitality students of Sulu State College, promoting excellence as a pathway to professionalism in the field.

The event featured a variety of competitions, including the THM Academic Quiz, Fruit and Vegetable Carving, Table Setting, Table Skirting, Tour Package Proposal, Tour Guiding, Flight Attendant Showmanship, and Flairtending.

The event formally concluded with closing remarks delivered by Mrs. Bernayda P. Hassan, Chairperson of the Tourism and Hospitality Management Program.

Overall, the festival highlighted the dedication, talent, and growing professionalism of THM students, reinforcing SSC’s commitment to shaping future leaders in the tourism and hospitality industry.

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SSC-SON Batch Les Reveurs Anatrofi Celebrates Entrepreneurial Day



By Nurizna A. Usman

The 4th-year students of the Sulu State College School of Nursing, Batch Les Reveurs Anatrofi, celebrated their Entrepre-neurial Day with the theme "From Care to Commerce: Les Reveurs Anatrofi Fueling Health, Nutrition, and Innovative Nursing Success" on November 26, 2025, at the SSC School of Nursing Grounds.

The event highlighted the entrepreneurial talents of nine groups of 4th-year nursing students through their food stalls, which attracted fellow students, faculty members, staff, and key administrative officials, including College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum.

The program commenced at 8:00 AM with an invocation led by 4th-year nursing student Mr. Arvi Marajan, followed by the singing of the National Anthem and the SSC Hymn. Assoc. Prof. Alijandrina T. Jalilul, RN, MAN, Ed.D, Dean of the School of Nursing, delivered the welcome address and officially opened the celebration. The judges and criteria were then introduced, and SSC-SON clinical instructors assessed the booths and entrepreneurial exhibits of the participating groups.

Awards were presented to recognize outstanding performances, including Most Creative, Most Innovative, Most Profitable, and Most Entrepreneurial Skills. Group 4 earned the title of Best Overall Impact. The event concluded at 4:00 pm with the distribution of certificates, followed by closing remarks from Ms. Queendolyn I. Arajaei, RN, MAN, subject adviser and event facilitator.

Marching to Excellence: SSC Band Corps Hones Skills in Intensive Training

By Merhama A. Mañalas

The Sulu State College Band Corp commenced its four-day training on November 27, 2025, at the SSC Covered Court. Spearheaded by their adviser, Mr. Ahmed Zhedriq U. Bandahala, the event was attended by College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, and key administrative officials, including Engr. Firash Zhed S. Ututalum, Dean of Student Affairs and Services.

Guest trainer Ms. Marinela I. Masinsin from Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology, along with her assistant Mr. Manfred L. Tolentino, led sessions focused on enhancing the band's visual music performance and discipline. The training aimed to equip members with advanced skills through intensive activities, reflecting the institution's support for academic and extracurricular excellence.







Colorguard members showcases the power of discipline and unity during Stalwart Band Corps.

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SSC Nears University Dream After CHED Team Concludes Four-Day Validation

By Fatima Saquena Isnijul





Sulu State College (SSC) took a decisive step toward universityhood as it formally concluded the four-day validation of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Composite Team (CCT) with an official Exit Meeting on December 11, 2025, signaling a critical phase in its bid for university status.

The validation, led by Lora L. Yusi, Director IV of the Office of Institutional Quality Assurance and Governance (OIQAG), assessed SSC's compliance with CHED's academic and institutional standards required for conversion into a university. The exit conference presented the team's initial findings after an extensive evaluation of programs and operational components. Assigned evaluators reported on key academic offerings, including teacher education, nursing, engineering, agriculture, criminology, information technology, business administration, public administration, Islamic studies, social work, and graduate programs under both academic and professional tracks. Each presentation outlined strengths, compliance levels, and recommendations aligned with CHED's criteria.

Beyond academic programs, the CCT also examined core institutional pillars such as enrollment performance, faculty qualifications, learning resources a4nd support systems, research productivity, and outreach and linkages—areas deemed vital in determining institutional readiness for university status.

College President Prof. Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE, delivered the Message of Response, expressing appreciation to the CHED evaluators for their rigorous assessment and reaffirming SSC's commitment to quality assurance, academic excellence, and continuous institutional transformation.

> "This marks a major step toward university status"
>
> – President Charisma S. Ututalum, CESE

The four-day validation marks one of the most consequential undertakings in the college's history, placing SSC closer to its long-standing goal of becoming a full-fledged university.With the initial validation results now presented, the institution awaits further recommendations from CHED as it advances its campaign under the banner of Year of Transcendence and One SSC.



CTE Secures Third Straight Overall Title in Suliyab 2025

By Fatima Saquena Isnijul

The College of Teacher Education (CTE) clinched its third. consecutive overall championship as Suliyab 2025 conclu-ded on Dec. 18, 2025, after a three-day campus-wide competition at Sulu State College. CTE's victory was driven by strong performances in both athletic and cultural events, including a championship win in Women's Volleyball. Competing against the School of Nursing, School of Agriculture, and the College of Business Administration and Management, CTE maintained a consistent lead in overall points. The annual event showcased student talent across multiple categories, with CTE emerging as the top-performing college. The win marks a historic three-peat, reinforcing the college's standing as a leading force in student engagement and excellence.

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