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Mapúa MCL's graduates observe first ever Send-off Celebration

■ WORDS SAMANTHA LOUISE LEONARDO

To commemorate its graduates' final moments in their journeys as College students, Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL) conducted its first-ever Send-off Celebration for the graduating batch of 2023, where their successes and hardships were appreciated at the institution's Oval last September 20, 2023.

To begin with, the party was preceded by the Baccalaureate Mass in the same location, where the invited graduates and their family members attended. Later on, the event started with the parade of College programs, equipped with their props, long balloons, and cardboard signs that displayed their corresponding program names. After the speeches from each department's valedictorians, the celebration ended with Taylor Swift's "Long Live" and a fireworks display, which signified the acknowledgement of all the graduates' efforts in their journeys in college.

Two days after this first-in-history celebration, the 22nd Commencement Exercises took place on September 25, 2023, at the Plenary Hall of the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). Each Mapúan wore a black toga while receiving their diplomas and their hard-earned laude awards after taking on academic challenges and setbacks. Subsequent to the awarding of medals and diplomas, Jon Lipat from the program BS Computer Science proceeded to deliver his heartfelt speech as Batch 2023's valedictorian.

Overall, this celebration served as a final moment for the graduates of the OneMapúan Community to appreciate their excellent performances while being a Mapúan. As such, the institution plans that the send-off event will be an annual campus tradition as a sign of its continuous support for the students.

Gathered in their graduation robes, students stand together, gazing up at the sky ablaze with bright fireworks, fueling their aspirations for success and a brighter future.

■ ART SU LIN BASBAS

BACK TO SCHOOL: MAPÚA MCL LAUNCHES 14-WEEK TERM FORMAT

■ WORDS SHAMELLE FATE CLIMACO

■ ART ATASHA EUSEBIO & ARVIN RAGAZA

Last August 22, Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL) started its college classes for the Academic Year 2023-2024 by welcoming new and old Mapúan students. For the freshmen, this was their first time to explore the institution's environment, meet their fellow students, and be acquainted with their professors in their respective courses. On the other hand, for the upperclassmen, this was their chance to expand upon their college journeys, considering the changes for this Academic Year. To be more precise, both new and old students were introduced to the 14-week term curriculum instead of the old 12-week format. Notably, the major changes were the additional two-week allotment per semester, the redistribution of miscellaneous fees worth 3,400 pesos, the increase in the minimum and maximum units per term to 15 and 18 units, and shortened lab and lecture hours. Moreover, the Midyear Term was removed due to the added two weeks to the regular term schedule.

The administration advises that time and proper adjustment is needed to fully assimilate to these modifications. Despite the worries of the Mapúans, they assured that the changes were made to allow for the pursuit of non-academic activities, which creates a more dynamic college experience within the OneMapúan community. Particularly, this was first tested at the Constellate 2023: Emerge to a New Beginning, which is organized by the Mapúa MCL Supreme Student Council (SSC) to welcome all of the Mapúans and provide assistance in understanding the available organizations in the institution.

To proceed, the administration has a line of upcoming events or programs for Mapúans to hone their academic and non-academic talents and network with their schoolmates, such as student organizational events and school-wide programs. Both the administrators and current student-leaders encourage everyone to take part in these opportunities as this aforementioned curriculum has only begun.

A star is being cradled; a small life in comparison to the gentle, guiding, experienced hand that is supporting it. We are simple fledglings, waiting to be moulded into something more bright, more brilliant.

CONSTELLATE 2023: A WEEK OF STELLAR BEGINNINGS

■ WORDS JON LAPADA

■ ART SAMUEL JR. AGRABIO & ASHLEY JULLIEN ALMENDRAL

The Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna Supreme Student Council (Mapúa MCL-SSC) welcomed both Senior High School (SHS) and College students with a year-opener event titled "Constellate 2023: Emerge to a New Beginning" last August 30 to September 1. The said event aimed to create a welcoming atmosphere as the Academic Year starts, where students would feel that they belong in the Mapúa MCL community.

On the first day, the Welcoming Week kicked off with a Thanksgiving Mass, followed by an opening ceremony, wherein welcoming speeches and icebreaker games were conducted to set the tone for the event ahead. Wizards and Mages, which are the names given to College and SHS Mapúans, respectively, had the opportunity to explore the various student-driven booths prepared for the event duration. From student councils to academic and non-academic organizations existing in Mapúa MCL, each booth showcased their own depth of extracurricular activities available to students, ranging from academic-related ones to those of personal interests.

Also, the first day gave way to the holding of general assemblies, where the various departments and organizations warmly welcomed and oriented their respective old and new members. Furthermore, booth operations and general assemblies continued to take place on the second day of the Constellate.

Lastly, the third day featured ABLAZE 2023, a free concert for all Mapúa MCL students. The concert, packed with vibrant performances from established artists, served as a fitting end to the much-awaited welcome event. Overall, Constellate 2023 was held to welcome all Mapúans to a new academic year full of learning, opportunities, and growth. The diverse set of activities held throughout the three-day event served as a space for both new and old students alike to connect with each other, explore their interests, and create lasting memories.

A hand reaches for a star in the horizon. Representing students reaching for new beginnings.

A hand reaching for a distant star symbolizes students' pursuit of new beginnings and a brighter future, encapsulating growth and opportunity.

ABLAZE 2023: New Horizons For Mapuans

■ WORDS JIAN KARLO TEOFILO

As the Constellate: Welcoming Week came to an end, the Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna Supreme Student Council (Mapúa MCL-SSC) gathered Mapúan and non-Mapúan concertgoers for the ABLAZE 2023: New Horizons at the institution's gymnasium last September 1. Specifically, this emphasized the spirit of welcoming students towards the new Academic Year as the concert is mostly free and all are allowed to partake – from freshmen to seniors, educators to educatees, and even alumni and outsiders.

During the event, two special guests, Any Name's Okay and DJ Jonnel, played their own unique songs and remixes for people to enjoy. These performers displayed their musicality to the OneMapúan Community. Furthermore, groups with school-grown performers such as Azatrix, Atreus, Sol, & Co, Chronos, and Kinetic Street were also given the chance to present their skills and talents, showcasing covers of popular songs, each adding their own twists into the music. In addition to the performances, a raffle was held between each stage through spinning a roulette wheel. Here, the prizes that can be obtained are institutional merchandise like T-shirts and mugs, with an iPad Air being the grand prize.

In summary, ABLAZE 2023: New Horizons was held to celebrate Mapúa MCL's welcoming atmosphere through music performances both from student bands and invited guests, as well as raffle prizes for the concertgoers. In short, it served as the finale to a week-long Constellate: Emerging to New Beginnings, in which it accentuated a fresh start to the Academic Year 2023-2024 and the path called life.

■ ART CELYNNE ANGELICA ADVINCULA & SOPHIA YSABELLE MISSION

As the band plays harmonious tunes, mysterious rays of light appear, signifying the beginning of a wonderful night paired with beautiful memories. It is a stellar moment of dreams fulfilled by the artists, presenting euphoria.

CGC: 'Resilience is key in overcoming adversities

■ WORDS NASH PRIMO BESANA

Emphasizing the idea that a positive well-being roots in internal strength and support systems, the Center for Guidance and Counseling (CGC) of Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL) spearheaded the institution's celebration of the Mental Health Awareness Month last October 2023. With the theme "Look Around, Look Within: Strengthening My Protective Factors," discussing counter-actions for stress served as the main advocacy for this year's Mental Health Awareness Month.

In fact, during the "Oras ng Kumustahan: Kumusta Ka Na? Tara, Usap Tayol!" last October 10, selected Mapúan student leaders were provided with a platform to share anything related to the protection of a student's well-being. On the other hand, Wizards and Mages were enlightened on various modern mental health issues in the "Educate, Empower, Excel: Seminar on the 3Es on Drug Prevention and Academic Stress Management" last October 23.

The latter also served as the culmination of the entire festivity, in which the winners of CGC's competitions were recognized. Andrea Mei Maala was crowned the champion for the On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest, while Mapúa MCL's Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers (IIEE) clinched the top spot for the Mental Health Booth Contest. Certificates and other perks were then awarded to the winners.

This artwork portrays the inner journey of self-help, where vibrant colors represent the connection between one's highest self and the present, uniting to provide comfort and warmth.

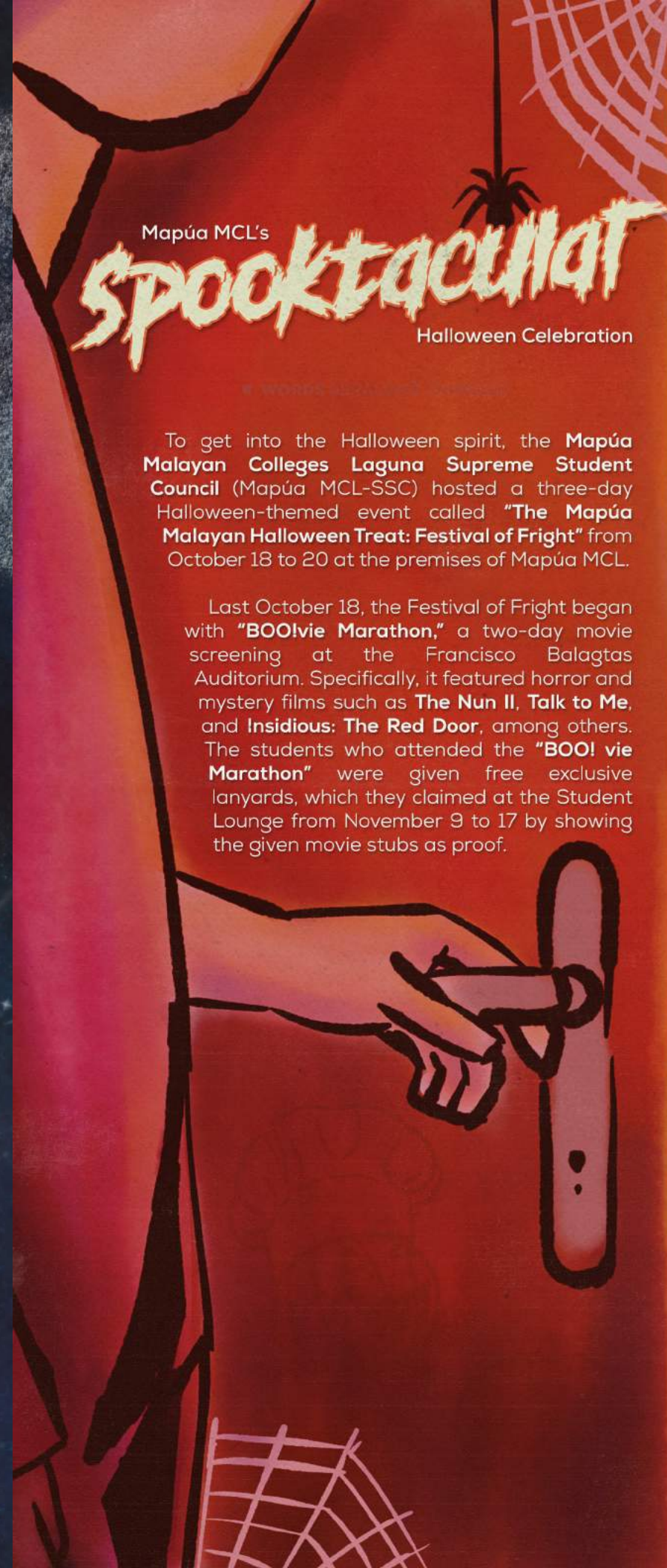
■ ART PRINCESS JOY FAJARDO & ALEYA GALOY

The following day, October 19, the carnival-themed escape room called "Nightmare Plaza: Enter If You Dare... Escape If You Can" started its booth operations at Rooms E301 to E305 of the Einstein Building, where students formed five-to-six-member groups to find keys and puzzle pieces. Afterwards, the groups were given a maximum of 15 minutes inside to solve the stages of the escape room by finding and solving puzzles or riddles. Furthermore, this operated until October 20. Within the same day, the "MONSTERCHEF: Halloween Food Competition" was also held at Cafe Enrique, where contestants were evaluated based on their dishes' taste, texture, presentation, and alignment with the event's theme. In the end, The E.T Yuchengco College of Business (ETYCB) Department claimed the spot for the championship.

After the two-day celebration, Mapúans dressed up in their Halloween costumes for the Trick-or-Treat event, through which students collected candies and treats from different faculty rooms last October 20. Lastly, as the final segment of the three-day event, representatives from different departments and organizations strutted the runway and showed their most creative and spooky costumes on "Trickster's Haus of Ghoulture." The contestants of the event were evaluated based on their level of effort, creativity, and costume quality, in line with the event's theme. Overall, the champions of this competition were the contestants from Malayan Warlocks Esports (MWE), who cosplayed as the nurses from the horror film "Silent Hill."

In a dim light room, a man reaches through the door desperate for freedom from the shadows that pursue him. Even with fear, he is still determined to outrun the ghosts of his past and forge a path to redemption.

■ ART MARIELA TAN & ELIJAH ABENDAN



Mapúa MCL's

Spooktacular

Halloween Celebration

To get into the Halloween spirit, the Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna Supreme Student Council (Mapúa MCL-SSC) hosted a three-day Halloween-themed event called "The Mapúa Malayan Halloween Treat: Festival of Fright" from October 18 to 20 at the premises of Mapúa MCL.

Last October 18, the Festival of Fright began with "BOO!vie Marathon," a two-day movie screening at the Francisco Balagtas Auditorium. Specifically, it featured horror and mystery films such as *The Nun II*, *Talk to Me*, and *Insidious: The Red Door*, among others. The students who attended the "BOO!vie Marathon" were given free exclusive lanyards, which they claimed at the Student Lounge from November 9 to 17 by showing the given movie stubs as proof.

WIZARDS, MAGES CELEBRATE ASEAN MONTH THE “MAPÚA MCL WAY”

■ WORDS RACHEL ANN ABEL

As the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) celebrated its 56th anniversary, the Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL) community participated in a two-day event titled “Global Festival of Action” at the Mapúa MCL’s FLUX Rooms last August 30 and 31. In the said event, guest speakers were invited to address and promote various Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in line with the Office for Strategic Partnerships and Global Engagement (OPSGE)’s Thought Leadership Series.*

Specifically, the first-day speakers are the following: Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management program chair Prof. Merle U. Ruiz, Dr. Maschelle Anne S. Nanit of the Center for Health Services and Wellness (CHSW), and Prof. Nathan Daniel V. Sison from the College of Arts and Science (CAS). During the talk, they discussed Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being, and Goal 10: Reduce Inequalities, respectively. This is to be followed by the second-day guest speakers, namely Ar. Alvin P. Tejada, an Architecture professor of the Mapúa Institute of Technology at Laguna (MITL), Atty. Maria Eloisa R. Gan or the Senior Vice President for Administrative and Legal, and Prof. Dennis A. Martillano of the College of Computer and Information Science (CCIS). To be precise, this day was allotted for the explanations and insights about Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, Goal 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, and Goal 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure.

Apart from the guest speakers, SHS students of Mapúa MCL also celebrated the ASEAN Month via a photo essay contest with the title “Capturing Sustainability: ASEAN Sustainable Development Goals through the Lens of Mapúa MCL Senior High School Students” last October 2. The contest aimed to showcase different cultures and promote sustainability, which demonstrates unity and respect within the global community. With that objective, the students’ photo essays focused on 17 SDGs, which were designed as a roadmap for the country’s future and a call of action for problems like poverty and inequality. In the end, the students from Section S1206 won first place with their photo essay about Goal 14: Life below Water. Meanwhile, the students from S1101 and H1202 presented Goal 15: Life on Land and Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, securing second place and third place, respectively.

■ ART MARIT ELISE BACAYON & KEANE KESLEY ALOJADO

Unlocking a world of unity and shared goals. Celebrating ASEAN at its core – fostering cultural understanding and global citizenship among students for a brighter, sustainable future. As their country flags are raised together, this represents the unity of ASEAN where they receive recognition and appreciation not only in the world, but in the galaxy.

BEYOND HARMONY

CMET Week ends with Thalassoganza Concert

■ WORDS LANZ BENDANA

■ ART EDELVINE SANTOS & ELIJAH ABENDAN

Last September 18 to 22, 2023, the College of Maritime Education and Training Student Council (CMET-SC) spearheaded the celebration of CMET Week, which consists of different activities such as games, sports competitions, and performances inside Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL). Specifically, the CMET Week celebration was held during the Maritime Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month (MANA MO) 2023, centered around the theme “Kapuluan, Kabuluhan, Kaunlaran.”

On September 18, the departmental week started with a **parade** and an **opening ceremony**, where CMET students marched at the institution’s oval. This is followed by other introductory events like the **Zumba** and the **SEA Games**. On the second day, September 19, numerous activities were lined up like the **mangrove planting activity**, the **Himig ng Marino competition**, the semi-finals of the **Basketball Tournament**, and the first day of **Mobile Legends Bang Bang (MLBB)** and **Valorant tournaments**. On top of this, the **first-day webinar** with the title “**MANA MO**” centers on topics featuring Maritime and Archipelagic Nation Awareness. Additionally, the **Tindig Marino**, a modeling contest for CMET students, also took place on the second day and proceeded until the fourth day. The long-week celebration carried on with indoor activities on the third day, such as the **CMET Quiz Bee**, **Poster Making and Essay Contest**, and the continuation of the aforementioned esports tournaments. Furthermore, on September 21, the **championships** of the sports and esports tournaments were accomplished, alongside the Blood Donation Drive.

However, the last day of the College week had been moved twice: first due to the **volcanic eruption of the Taal Volcano** and then due to the **health concern of the main guest artist** for the concert. After the two aforementioned postponements, the long-awaited **CMET Night: Thalassoganza Concert 2023** finally took place at Mapúa MCL’s gymnasium last October 17. The event was gathered with concertgoers, Mapúan students, and outsiders alike, to watch the invited student and artist performers. The concert’s highlights, **Taylor Sheesh** and **DJ Jus Tiz**, both hyped the crowd with their talents in impersonating Taylor Swift and remixing songs, respectively. Aside from them, **RATC**, **Giane Band**, **As-Is**, **The Name**, **Decode**, **Sol**, and **Friday** are the student performers who have shown their talents in front of the crowd. Lastly, solo performers such as **Krystle** and CMET Voice Champion **Antonio Otero** showcased their talented voices to the crowd.

Taylor Sheesh, despite rescheduling numerous times, delivered quite an epic and memorable performance, making her one of the highlights of CMET Week. This is shown through the background, with the stars scattered throughout the sky and shining brightly despite being surrounded by darkness/night.

MITL Brings the Magic to MITL Week with a Battle for the Throne

■ WORDS ANTONI VILLE RICAFORT

Last November 6 to 10, 2023, the Mapúa Institute of Technology at Laguna Student Council (MITL-SC) prepared a week-long celebration of the MITL Week: 10th Cardinal

Throne, full of activities and events designed to bring the spirit of MITL students alive at the Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL). With a Harry Potter-inspired theme, the programs formed their own houses and competed against each other for the title Program of the Year (POTY).

In the end, one house claimed the said honor, with the Civil Engineering (CE) program as the Wolves of Azkaban taking the top spot with 2250 points. Following them was the Industrial Engineering (IE) as the Goblets of Eagles and Architecture as the Fierce Stallions with 1640 and 1450 points, respectively. All of the eight courses and their respective houses were introduced to the school during the Plenary Session and Opening Ceremony held on the College week's Day 1, where they were to participate in the endgame matches of their tournaments.

Following the preliminaries prior to the events during October 17 to 21, 2023, ten major sporting event finals were held throughout the week, as well as other special events that tested both the academic and physical prowess of MITL students and staff alike. The week also consisted of events like cheering competitions, debates, career talks, and e-sports events from the second day until the fourth day. Aside from the group competitions, the long awaited Mr. and Ms. MITL 2023 Talent Night was held on Day 1 and resumed for the coronation of the MITL King and Queen on Day 4. Finally, on the fifth day, the Palarong Cardinals, as well as the highly anticipated MITL Social and Awards Night, was held, and the winners for the week-long battles were announced.

Moreover, the Social Night allowed the week to close with a bang, as Mapúans gathered for a night of musical merrymaking with the concert featuring artists and performers like 647, SUD, and Mayonnaise. All in all, throughout the week, MITL students had the chance to show their skills and teamwork in tests of both body and mind, bring out the best they have to offer, and culminate in a night of fun and music, while gaining precious experiences that they will carry with them through their future careers.

In this illustration, the horizon is vast and filled with potential, as such we must face it head on, for each move we make, a star shines in our honor. And so we continue our journey further beyond, for it is our birthright.

■ ART DENZEL FONTANILLA & JAMES BUSTAMANTE

CASland

A Magically **Pink-tastic** Experience

■ WORDS ANTONI VILLE RICAFORT

Last August 31, 2023, the College of Arts and Science Student Council (CAS-SC) gathered CAS students at Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL)'s Gymnasium for their General Assembly (GA) titled CASland. Aiming to inform the department's constituents about academic changes and important announcements, this first GA of theirs for this Academic Year is considered as one of their major events, similar to those held for every other department. As such, being one of the scheduled GAs during Mapúa MCL Supreme Student Council (SSC)'s Constellate 2023 last August 30 to September 1, 2023, this welcoming assembly featured various speakers and guests, such as the Bachelor of Multimedia Arts Program Chair, Ms. Ma. Rovilla Sudaprasert, and CAS Dean Lito E. Suello, Ph.D. Both guest speakers talked about all the events that CAS students can expect from their department, as the CAS-SC encouraged the audience to partake in them.



Following the theme of Barbie, CASland saw its hosts and coordinators sport hot pink outfits throughout the event, highlighting the atmosphere they were presenting throughout the event. With the prepared theme, participants also took part in many of the lined-up activities like booths and games to keep them engaged and thrilled during the gathering. In fact, alongside the event was the CAS booth, which first opened the previous day, where the department's merchandise and even more games and activities could be found. Overall, the General Assembly ended with students being educated on the new curriculum and their department's plans, as well as having insights provided regarding their journeys in the fields of Arts and Science.

The artwork we've made portrays the dreamy yet fun theme of the event. Her pose also depicts how she uplifted millions of hearts with their empowering lines in their movie.

■ ART NICOLE MERCURIO & KEANE KESLEY ALOJADO

CCIS General Assembly & Innovation Showcase:

A GRAND UNVEILING

■ WORDS CARLOS MIGUEL CORRALES

Last August 31, 2023, the College of Computer and Information Science Student Council (CCIS-SC) conducted its house warming event for this Academic Year at the Francisco Balagtas Auditorium of the Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL).

This event is focused on welcoming the new freshmen for their respective program houses, namely Chronos, Sentinels, Innovators, and Cybernetics. Furthermore, a new set of captains for each of the aforementioned houses has been revealed: Carlos Miguel Corrales and Luis Gerald Tiongco for Chronos; Kenneth Denzel Villas, Lancelot Abarintos, and Chelsea Franzine Lauron for Innovators; Luke Gerald Colcol and Lorenzo Gomez for Sentinels; and Nicca Agnes Quintillan and Jason Miran for Cybernetics. After the house introduction, a discussion segment was opened to tackle the future events of the CCIS-SC and important details related to the upcoming CCIS Week celebration.

Apart from this, last September 14, 2023, the first General Assembly of the CCIS-SC was conducted during the Constellate 2023 event of the Mapúa MCL Supreme Student Council (SSC) at the same venue. During the assembly, the program of Computer Science (CS) was introduced by Sir Kristian Kikuchi and Ms. Jonalyn Ebron, the CCIS Dean and CS Program Chair, respectively, and the Dean's List awardees for the Academic Year 2022-2023 were recognized. Additionally, the Information Technology (IT) was also presented by the CCIS Dean, along with Sir Adomar Ilao Ph.D., the IT Program Chair. Subsequently, this was followed with the reintroduction of the Junior Philippine Computer Society (JPCS), an academic student group recognized by the Philippine Computer Society (PCS): Uniting Computer Professionals, Enthusiasts, and Businesses Nationwide.

A quadteam of wizards unify their powers to guide them out of the darkness. Carrying their houses with pride, they curiously navigate the vast possibilities of both space and their abilities.

■ ART CELYNNE ADVINCULA & MARY PINTADO

Last August 31, 2023, the College of Maritime Education and Training Student Council (CMET-SC) conducted its General Assembly in the Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL)'s Gymnasium from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Specifically, the event highlighted the department's commitment to excellence, innovation, and sustainability in the marine industry and demonstrated its passion for developing maritime education. Furthermore, the CMET-SC elaborated during their talk the expectations and program policies regarding this Academic Year that would take effect amongst the CMET students.

In addition, the General Assembly featured a speech from their esteemed guest speaker, Chief Engineer (C/E) Alfredo Haboc, the Head of Education and Training at PTC-Talent Acquisition Group, Quality Assurance and Program Director of Philippine Center for Advanced Maritime Simulation and Training, Inc. (PHILCAMSAT), and Consultant at Mapúa-PTC CMET, wherein he shared empowering wisdom to the faculty, staff, and students of CMET.

Then, the new CMET-SC officers were introduced to the department's student body, wherein 17 of them were elected to their respective positions and are posted on CMET-SC's official Facebook page for everyone to see. According to this aforementioned social media page, the gathering is essential to provide valuable insights and inspire the aspiring global maritime professionals of Mapúa MCL. With the assembly, the students had the chance to build rapport with one another and gain enthusiasm towards the continued development of their community. With this, the CMET-SC, alongside the students, has kickstarted their journey for the Academic Year ahead.

■ WORDS LOIS GABRIELLE TOBIAS

■ ART ANA JASMIN YU & SOPHIA YSABELLE MISSION

CMET STUDENTS

SET THEIR SAIL TO EXCELLENCE

CMET now sails to their voyage to success. The general assembly event is represented by the galaxy the sailor is traveling through, which offers a chance to create a successful route.

CMET MANGROVE

RESTORATION OF THE COASTAL ENVIRONMENT

■ WORDS SAMANTHA LOUISE LEONARDO

The College of Maritime Education and Training Student Council (CMET-SC) highlighted the importance of marine life in the CMET Mangrove Planting activity last September 19, 2023, at Dulong Pulo, Sinegwelyasan, Bacoor, Cavite.

As part of the second day of their departmental week, this is said to be a significant step in promoting environmental awareness and the theme, "MANA MO: Maritime and Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month 2023," the CMET students planted mangroves, which play a vital role in conserving and maintaining the health of the coastal ecosystems. Furthermore, these trees serve as a safeguard for the coast, which preserves the habitual life of both land and marine life against natural disasters, such as erosion and storm surges. Not only that, but this also provides an effective filter for the pollutants received in the water.

As a result, this empowered CMET students to recognize the importance of taking care of ecosystems, as this act of planting contributes to the wellbeing of nature. According to the College's report to KAMALAYAN, CMET students learned to embody their connectivity to nature, which fosters their sense of responsibility for the maritime and archipelagic nation of the Philippines. This community engagement project ends up being not just an act of symbolic gesture towards the environment but also a hands-on activity that instills humanistic skills.

A humble mangrove's boat docks toward a shovel on land, ready to set its soils into the earth, restore nature and protect the generations to come.

■ ART MARIT ELISE BACAYON & MARY MICHELINE PINTADO

Reminiscing the Youth: ETYCB's Throwback Assembly

■ WORDS SAMANTHA LOUISE LEONARDO

Last August 30, 2023, The Enrique T. Yuchengco College of Business Student Council (ETYCB-SC) conducted their General Assembly titled "YOUth Have it in You!: A Little Dream, A Big Future" at the Francisco Balagtas Auditorium of Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL). The aforementioned council provided the ETYCB students with an experience that involves reconnecting with their inner child spirit, which they had missed, through its subject of remembering our youth.

As one of the assemblies that happened during Constellate 2023: Emerge to a New Beginning, the Welcoming Week spearheaded by the Mapúa MCL Supreme Student Council (SSC), this was partake from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Furthermore, this was subsequently followed by the opening remarks from the ETYCB Dean, Maria Rhodora R. Austria, MBA. Aside from the talks, the ETCYB-SC officers prepared games to entertain the student attendees, related to the theme expressed on the event.

Overall, the General Assembly aimed to visualize the nostalgic feeling of youth within the ETYCB Mapúans. Also, the event provided an opportunity for both the ETYCB students and the student council to share their thoughts about the journey for this Academic Year.

The stairs illustrated represent the academic "path" that the newly graduated had taken to finish their studies. Yet it shines as it opens a new journey for the former students to face in their chosen field.

■ ART SHAYNE FRANCES CALAJATE & ALEYA DOMINIQUE GALOY



MITL DEPARTMENT WELCOMES MAPÚANS FOR A.Y. 2023-2024

■ WORDS ANGELENE AALA

■ ART SAMUEL JR. AGRABIO & ALTHEA MANCERA

In this article, we linked assembly with space by integrating the aether theme into cohesive artwork. It depicts a person falling through space with pursuing comets, symbolizing hope for MITL students.

Last August 9, 2023, the Mapúa Institute of Technology at Laguna (MITL) Department held its General Assembly (GA) with the theme "Leap Forward: Embrace The Change, Ignite Success" in Rooms E311 to E315 of Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL)'s Einstein Building. With the MITL Student Council (SC) in charge, the main purpose of this assembly is to explain the implementation of the 14-week calendar starting this Academic Year 2023-2024.

After the MITL Dean, Engr. Jesuniño R. Aquino made his opening remarks, the transition from a 12-week term to a 14-week term was discussed and the MITL program chairs were introduced. Moreover, the program chairs addressed questions from the students during the question-and-answer portion, which provided them with more opportunities to understand the adjustments implemented. Lastly, the MITL-SC also planned games, intermissions, and prizes for the attendees of the GA. To end the program, Mr. Henry L. Paz, the adviser to the MITL-SC, gave his final remarks on the event.

Then, a few weeks later, during Welcoming Week or Constellate 2023, MITL held its second GA on August 31, 2023 in the campus gymnasium. With a new theme "Dreams Take Flight: A Journey of Inclusion and Success," the agenda of this subsequent assembly is to introduce the core people of the MITL Department, which includes the newly elected MITL-SC officers, MITL's student organizations, program chairs, and dean to the students, especially the freshmen. In addition, activities are planned to keep the crowd entertained, such as the MITL Criss Cross and Cine Copycat games, a grand raffle, and an intermission act. With these two general assemblies, the MITL-SC hoped that this will help the MITL students, particularly the freshmen, to feel at home in their department as they make connections with their classmates and colleagues. Furthermore, it is also expected that it will help them be more prepared for their college life as they set out a new path here at Mapúa MCL.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY: Mapúa MCL-SHS elect new officials

■ WORDS JERICA OMALIN

■ ART ATASHA EUSEBIO & ARVIN RAGAZA

To start the new Academic Year, Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL)'s Senior High School (SHS) students elected their new officials for Student Council positions last October 18, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. As reflected from the overall results that garnered a 55.98% voter turnout rate, all of the winning officers were all drawn from the Tanglaw Partylist, with Luke Samuel De Silva as the President. Such official election results were posted on the Mapúa MCL SHS-SSC Facebook page a day after when the elections were conducted.

To be more specific, the voting system was made online on their BBL Course Site, as this is their main website on accessing vital information related to their academic endeavors. During the day of the elections in which votes were gradually accumulated, SHS Mapúans students also had the right to abstain a vote in a specific council position. This will remain valid as long as the abstentions would not exceed the votes for any candidate, since this would lead to discarding the results of the elections.

Prior to this, it is worth noting that the SHS community conducted a period for the filing of candidacies for SHS students interested to show their exemplary leadership skills and values from September 11 to 21, 2023. Furthermore, the Miting de Avance with the title "Speak Up: To The Limits We Push On" was held on October 13, 2023 at the Francisco Balagtas Auditorium. During this final campaigning event, the candidates were given a chance to tackle their advocacies and platforms they planned for this Academic Year that would appeal to the voters' standards and expectations.

Lastly, to formally recognize the newly elected student leaders, the induction of officers was held last October 25, 2023 at the Francisco Balagtas Auditorium. Every officer recited their oaths as a gesture of being officially declared on their council positions, promising that they would fulfill their role by showing the excellence and virtue expected from student leaders.

We point to a certain direction, a path we have decided we will follow. Whether this be with closed eyes for blind faith, or with the help of a heavenly being with a halo above their heads, we push forward.

SHAPE

REOPENS CURTAINS TO ASPIRING THESPIANS AFTER COVID-19 HIATUS

■ WORDS NASH PRIMO S. BESANA

To allow Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL)'s artists and playwrights to bathe in the spotlight once more, the Students' Holistic Approach to Performance and Excellence (SHAPE) came back in full swing this First Term of the Academic Year 2023-2024 after its pandemic-related hiatus.

After going through the formal revival process for student organizations, SHAPE suddenly made noise on its previously inactive social media pages on August 29 with the announcement of its return. A day later, in line with Mapúa MCL's Welcoming Week, the organization's revival team conducted their first General Assembly at the Gymnasium, providing the ex-small group the chance to pique the interests of Mapúans and rebuild their numbers via their registration booth.

In total, SHAPE recruited 62 new members during their first wave of auditions, who were then trained in their regular theater workshops. Not long after, this growing community of talents had their first step back on stage with the three-day multimedia seminar of the Creative Learners and Innovative Content Creators (CLICC) titled "Adlikhain", in which all of the pieces they have performed

■ ART NICOLE MERCURIO AND KEANE KESLEY ALOJADO

This person with a theatrical mask welcomes the organization again with much love and support. A background of galactic entities like hydrogen clouds which represents the aether aesthetic.



PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS synergize FOR PSYCH FAIR 2023

■ WORDS AIDEN JOSEPH PANTOJA

The Bachelor of Science (BS) in Psychology organization in Mapua Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL), Ugnayan ng Malayang Sikolohiya (UgMaSiKo), held an event titled "Psych Synergy: Psychology Fair 2023" at the Mapua MCL Gymnasium last October 19, 2023.

Specifically, this fair exhibited the creativity and talents of the attending BS Psychology students with a quiz bee, various student performances, and a film showing relevant to the event mentioned earlier. In addition, **UgMaSiKo's Vice President for External Affairs, Mensa Martinez**, says that the organizers emphasized the significance of holistic mental health well-being during the conduct of the event. "We strived to emphasize that raising mental health awareness and promoting mental health wellness encompasses our overall health and quality of life," Martinez said.

She also mentioned that this fair was organized to fulfill one's needs based on the concept of the "Hierarchy of Needs" from Abraham Maslow, a renowned American theorist and psychologist. "We believe that by helping the fulfillment of needs (e.g., physiological, safety, belonging, cognitive, and esteem) of all people involved, it can help them get a step closer to their self-actualization or, even better, reach it," she added.

Conclusively, this event is in celebration of the **Mental Health Month**, observed in the United States and other parts of the world every October. For more context, it aims to raise awareness towards the value of wellness and mental health in our lives and to celebrate mental illness recovery.

A person, much like the growth of a flower, requires patience, belonging, and safety to bloom. And while nurturing oneself never comes easy, the calming simplicity of childhood paintings reminds us that good days have passed and good days are to come.

■ ART ANNA YU & MARY MICHELINE PINTADO



BMMA '19 Farewell: CLICC send-off bash!

■ WORDS GABRIEL JABOLI

■ ART SAMUEL AGRABIO & ALTHEA MANCERA

In this illustration, a hand reaches out to a dying white dwarf star, signifying the final farewell for CLICC members.

The reaching hand towards the dwarf star mirrors their final moments in the club, symbolizing the act of letting go and the vastness of space theme.

The Creative Learners and Innovative Content Creators (CLICC) celebrated a farewell party for the Batch 2019 Bachelor of Multimedia Arts (BMMA) graduates at the Cafe Enrique of Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL) last September 20. Specifically, this was a one-hour celebration, in which the graduating BMMA students were recognized for their efforts and hard work via warm welcomes and heartfelt farewells. This further signifies the organization's goal to deliver their cheers, not only to graduates within their community but also to the whole campus.

According to CLICC's former President, Nicole Mercurio, the inspiration behind the CLICC Farewell Party stems from the unwavering support and dedication of Ma. Rovilla Sudaprasert, also known as Ma'am Sud, the Multimedia Arts program chair. In the words of Ms. Mercurio, "Without Ma'am Sud, this event would not have been possible, and I believe it is heartwarming for the graduates to have their efforts acknowledged, particularly by our community." Moreover, CLICC's current President, Allyza Andosay, stated that Ma'am Sud played a pivotal role as their adviser, giving full support and guidance whenever CLICC conducts an event.

Additionally, two of the event's highlights were the graduates' supportive cheers during the giving of awards and the shared joy over food and conversations, which emphasized the strong bonds within the CLICC community. Furthermore, the farewell event mirrors CLICC's achievements and growth as a community. Specifically, the Batch 2019 graduates expressed their gratitude for CLICC and Ma'am Sud's thoughtful planning of a final event before their graduation, highlighting the organization's commitment to creating meaningful experiences for its members. A KAMALAYAN interview with CLICC confirmed that the organization is eager to establish the farewell event as an annual tradition for the BMMA community at Mapúa MCL. This decision is driven by the desire to ensure that every future graduating BMMA student can conclude their student journey via a memorable event with their peers.

Mapúa MCL becomes a cultural melting pot on World Tourism Day

■ WORDS NASH PRIMO BESANA

As their own way to celebrate World Tourism Day 2023: Tourism for Green Investments, members of the Hospitality and Tourism Enthusiastic Leaders Society (HOTELS) of Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL) highlighted the beauty of different cultures through their booths, performances, and fashion sense on October 5 at the ETY Lobby and Francisco Balagtas Auditorium.

With this year's theme being "Investing in People, Planet, and Prosperity," the day-long event was evidently imbued with colors as it emphasized the importance of tourism-related investments on the global economy.

Specifically, participating Hospitality and Tourism students represented various countries of the world in their own fashion show and crafted booths that portray the island groups of the Philippines. This was followed by a showcase of talents and looks at the Auditorium, in which the efforts of students were recognized.

Enjoy the journey and the destination, in this piece it's all about showcasing the joy of showing wonders from far of places in this case a city that never sleeps who's nights are joyous and festive.

■ ART DENZEL FONTANILLA & JAMES BUSTAMANTE

MAPÚAN DELEGATES TRIUMPH AT NATIONAL IECEP STUDENT SUMMIT 2023

■ WORDS ALESSANDRA MARIE ESCUETA

After securing the **championship title** at the Institute of Electronics Engineers of the Philippines - Laguna Student Chapter (**IECEP - LSC**)'s Circuit Crunch Competition last September 18, **Matthew Villena** and **Chester Valles** represented Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL) at the National Institute of Electronics Engineers of the Philippines Students Summit 2023 (National IECEP Students Summit 2023) for the same competition. Here, the Mapúan delegates achieved a notable feat by securing the **first runner-up title** in the **Circuit Crunch Challenge 2023**: Circuit Analysis, Troubleshooting, and Design Competition.



■ ART AALIYAH GUTIERREZ & MARY PINTADO

The valiant Mapúan electric engineers are embodied by a circuit knight resting his sword. The knight presents himself to his kingdom after his valor and intellect rewards him with winning titles in a thrilling circuit crunch competition.

Also, **Brian Miguel Salita**, a fellow BS Electronics Engineering student, joined the two representatives in the said contest.

They were accompanied by **Engr. Jonathan Oracion**, the same coach who supported them during the IECEP - LSC's Circuit Crunch Competition. On another note, this week-long event brought together BS Electronics Engineering students from across the country and was hosted by IECEP's Education and Student Affairs at the **Marikina Convention Center** from October 27 to 28.

■ WORDS LOIS GABRIELLE TOBIAS

The Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna Association for Computing Machinery (Mapúa MCL-ACM) held its Presidential Elections in Rooms E303 to E305 of the Einstein Building last September 30, 2023.

The officers elected are as follows: Jayvee N. Mapote as the President or Chair of the chapter, James Michael E. Paz as the Vice Chair, Keithly S. Padoaan as the Treasurer, and Julia Maxim R. Davin as the Secretary. Aside from the new official officers, the aforementioned president Mr. Mapote appointed students to be part of the committee seats, namely Joachim Elijah V. Cobar as the Research and Development Committee Chair, Vivien Erica I. Hermoso as the Publication Committee Chair, and Carlos Lorenzo M. Melchor as the Membership Committee Chair.

In a short interview with the newly elected president, he said being appointed in the position again is both humbling and invigorating. Regarding his plans, he responded, "For this academic year, my focus isn't on replicating past successes but on evolving our organizational structure..."

This term is about building upon our foundation while paving new avenues for growth and inclusiveness."

Moreover, their adviser, the College of Computer and Information Science (CCIS)'s Dean Kristian Kikuchi oversaw this year's chapter election. Also, the flow of the chapter's election program followed the standard procedure, in which the officers were elected through a plurality of votes. This is aligned with the mandate of Mapúa MCL-ACM's partner organization, the ACM headquarters in New York City, which requires a specific leadership structure. All in all, the Mapúa MCL-ACM Presidential Elections is a crucial event in the endeavors of the said organization, which indicates their commitment to leadership, collaboration, and innovation.

Strings of colors make each way on the occupied space as it entangles with one another to make a cohesive piece. One of the major goals in the elections is to form a structure of leadership, and in innovation, is to collaborate with others.

■ ART SHAYNE CALAJATE & ALEYA GALOY

New set of officers reilluminate Mapua MCL-ACM

The COMMBACK

of Sinaglaya.Kom's Mic Test

■ WORDS ALESSANDRA MARIE ESCUETA

The Sining at Agham ng Malayang Komunikador or "**Sinaglaya.Kom**," the official academic organization of Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL)'s **Bachelor of Arts in Communication (BA COMM)** program, relaunched its podcast segment titled "**Mic Test**" on October 27, through the organization's official Facebook page. The newly elected Executive Committee of Sinaglaya.Kom aimed to establish **Mic Test as BA COMM's brand staple** – a platform where communication scholars could share their experiences as BA COMM students, explain why the public or prospective students should choose the aforementioned college program at Mapúa MCL, and bring to life their organization's vision and mission.

The **first episode of Mic Test** for the Academic Year 2023–2024 was titled "**Playback**," featuring hosts from the Executive Committee – **Lorenz Mangahis, Carissa Pornelos, Kester Arasa, AM Hernandez, and Eunice Pido**. The episode focused on welcoming its revival and discussing recent events, hence the title "Playback." In prospect, the organization is scheduled to **release one episode per month**, accessible for everyone to listen to on Sinaglaya.Kom's official Facebook page.

■ ART EDELVINE SANTOS & ELIJAH ABENDAN

A sleek, silver microphone stands, reaching towards the cosmos, symbolizing the far-reaching impact of the shared narratives within the BA COMM students in MMCL. The stars around the microphone signify voices that inspire meaningful connection, as well as diverse experiences and insights.

IN SCENE

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT AND
TERM IN PHOTOS

Student Spotlight

BOARD and OTHER EXAMINATION PASSERS

AUGUST 2023

Mechanical Engineers Licensure Examination

Engr. Jerico P. Amoranto
Engr. Renz Matthew E. Belen
Engr. Adrian Paul G. Burgos
Engr. Kenneth-Son B. Campo
Engr. Kyle Kenneth M. Dave
Engr. Christian Vhincen R. Deuna
Engr. James Larz V. Manguerra
Engr. Carlos Jefferson C. Visaya
Engr. Aaron Lui A. Yanogacio

OCTOBER 2023

Certified Public Accountants (LECPA) Examination

Clarrisse Anne R. Campued, CPA

SEPTEMBER 2023

Electrical Engineers Licensure Examination

Engr. Richmon Vincent A. Ladaga
Engr. Sam David D. Ollanda
Engr. Francis Joseph A. Revilla

OCTOBER 2023

Chemical Engineering Licensure Examination

Engr. Trisha A. Barcia
Engr. Ma. Regina Diana M. Barlaog
Engr. Lalaine M. Emboltorio
Engr. Reugenee D. Espallardo
Engr. Rhocelle Iris L. Morfe
Engr. John Jason E. Pacil
Engr. Jayvee F. Ramos
Engr. Ryan Richard M. Reyes
Engr. Allyzon Jane V. Sta. Maria
Engr. Mark Renzo C. Tamondong
Engr. Maria Clarissa F. Tolentino

OCTOBER 2023

Electronics Engineers Licensure Examination

Engr. Leica B. Angeles
Engr. Jhan Michael Bryan C. Gregorio
Engr. Jasper Sean G. Lagulao
Engr. Alyssa G. Pescador
Engr. Mikhail Kyle Jeremy M. Sandoval
Engr. Jon Christian S. Santos

MARINA

Licensure Examination for Engineer Management Level Chief Engineer

C/E Ralph Gregor L. Esguerra

OCTOBER 2023

Certified Human Resource Associate (CHRA) Examination

Patricia Angeli I. Banaticla
Ma. Jo Kristine A. Tolentino



AWARDS IN SPORTS & OTHER COMPETITIONS

Champion

2023 Student Research Colloquium (August 2023)

Job J. Lipat, Charmaine Eunice I. Rabano, Karl
Ulrich Olivarez, Madeline Isabel A. Galang
Prof. Dennis A. Martillano

1st Runner-Up

2023 Student Research Colloquium (August 2023)

Audrey John A. Soriano, Kristine Mikaela M. Moral,
Gianerose Danielle V. Magimot
Engr. Eden S. Erasga



2nd Runner-Up

2023 Student Research Colloquium
(August 2023)

Nicolas Antonio Barros III, Christian Constantino
Mr. Gerald N. Saavedra and Prof. Ma. Rovilla C.
Sudaprasert

Winner Research Posters

2023 Student Research Colloquium (August 2023)

Shanlaine F. Barbastro, Kian James C. Francisco,
Cedric John D. Quicay
Engr. Ria Grace P. Abdon



AWARDS IN SPORTS & OTHER COMPETITIONS

Third Place

Samsung Create National Idea Contest
(August 24, 2023)
"MoChat"

Madeline Isabel A. Galang, Job J. Lipat,
and Charmaine Eunice I. Rabano

1st Runner Up

Love Laguna Badminton Tournament
(August 27, 2023)
Rad Leroy M. Acosta and Darren E. Gonzales



Champion Mixed Doubles Advanced

C-One Badminton Challenge (August 2023)
Alhana Clarisse G. Mabale
Badminton Varsity

1st Place Best Tourism Photo Category

Makabagong San Juan Photo Competition
(August 30, 2023)
Nickymar R. Banwig



Champion

IECEP Laguna Student Chapter Annual General Assembly 2023
Circuit Crunch Competition (September 18, 2023)
Chester John M. Valles and Matthew Villena Coach: Engr.
Jonathan R. Oracion

2nd Placer

IECEP Laguna Student Chapter Annual General Assembly 2023
Datathon 2023 Online Programming Competition (September 18, 2023)
Cyzar Raphael Tibay, Aaron Samuel Malabanan, and Zeri Aaron Malacas
Coach: Engr. Wendel A. Basbas

Champion Food Category

PCCI Business Idea and Development Award (BIDA) (September 2023)
"VitaStrip Product"
Isabelle Rose O. Maniclang, Kaori S. Nakayama, John Nathaniel C.
Rama, Ysabella Dominique M. Tongson, and Abigail L. Vicuña



Top Five / Finalist Non-Food Category

PCCI Business Idea and Development Award (BIDA) (September 2023)
"Eco-Bubble Product"
Isabelle Rose O. Maniclang, Kaori S. Nakayama, Chelsea Andrea P.
Pacífico, Antoni Ville R. Ricafort, and Abigail L. Vicuña

2nd Place & Best Regional Entry Documentary Category

35th Gawad Alternatibo (October 2023)
"Baon sa Bye"
James Russel V. Magnaye, Noel Quiapos and Gio Rayla
Magnaye was also featured in PhilSTAR Life article, "Memory keepers:
Meet the new generation of Filipino documentary filmmakers."

1st Runner Up

Circuit Crunch Challenge IECEP National Student Summit 2023
(October 23-28, 2023)
Brian Migel R. Salita, Chester John M. Valles, and Matthew C. Villena
Coach: Engr. Jonathan R. Oracion



august

Beginning of Classes

SHS



College

CMET Week 2023

september

Quiz Bee

CMET Week Basketball



Opening Parade

Campus Parade

Mass



Send Off Ceremony



september

Constellate

Mass

Concert



TERM IN PHOTOS

SLEY

Mapua MCL 22nd Commencement

october

Festival of Freight



december

Holidays with KAMALAYAN (General Assembly)



november

MILT Week 2023 + SHS STEM Entrep Day





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