

## **CvSU conducts webinar series for flexible learning**

Gearing up for the new normal, Cavite State University conducted the "Webinar Series on Course Design and Delivery for Flexible Learning Arrangement" attended by faculty members from all its 12 campuses around the province.



#### Banner posted for Prof. Bandalaria's lecture

The two-part activity aimed to capacitate and assist participants as they shift from traditional to the virtual learning environment with the education sector being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Part I focused on Pedagogy and Learning Materials Development while Part II is about Migrating to Online Learning.

The first topic entitled "Online Pedagogy: Embracing the Virtual Classroom amidst a Global Crisis" was delivered by Mr. Bernard Feranil, a faculty scholar from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). Mr. Feranil reminded the participants, not only of the various principles in handling an online class but also of the different characteristics of the students that the teachers must consider to make teaching more relevant and engaging. The second speaker from the College of Education (CEd), Prof. Julie Guevarra, shared the Course Development Process that teachers will have to undergo to innovate the usual and traditional courses being offered considering the change in the learning conditions. Dr. Ammie Ferrer, dean of CEd, also imparted knowledge to everyone as she gave pointers on how to make slide presentations look better in her topic "Creating an Engaging Powerpoint Presentation".

The webinar became even more informative as Dr. Melinda dP. Bandelaria, Chancellor and Professor of the University of the Philippines Open University, shared

#### **CvSU** Vision

The premier university in historic Cavite recognized for excellence in the development of globally competitive and morally upright individuals. her expertise in terms of "Teaching and Learning in Distance e-Learning Mode of Instruction" which they have already been applying for almost two decades. She also talked about using Open Learning Resources and inspired every participant to develop materials to contribute to the body of knowledge. Meanwhile, Dr. Henry Magat, Associate Professor of the Executive Graduate Education Program of University of Makati emphasized on the importance of using a platform that is user-friendly both for the advantage of the faculty member and the students.

Aside from the Part II scheduled in July, two additional sessions were posted to address the need that came out from the participants' evaluation. These include: "Redesigning Course Syllabus for Flexible Learning Arrangement" to be delivered by Ms. Evelyn Grueso and Mr. Jason Maniacop from CEd; and "Creating Videos for Teaching and Learning in the New Normal" to be discussed by Ms. Lady Aileen Orsal and Mr. Renz Kevin Alcazar from CAS.



Webinar team conducts regular meeting

Meanwhile, the second part of the series will kick of with the "Overview and Use of the Cvsu e-Learning System" with Ms. Julie Ann Lontoc and Ms. Ezra Marie Ramos from the College of Engineering and Information Technology (CEIT) as resource persons.

A face-to-face mentoring was also scheduled for interested faculty members. This will still be facilitated by Ms. Lontoc and Ms. Ramos, together with Mr. Simeon Daez, Mr. Marlon Pereña and Mr. Jay-arr Buhain.

The webinar series was organized by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the College of Engineering and Information Technology and the College of Education.

#### **CvSU Mission**

Cavite State University shall provide excellent, equitable, and relevant educational opportunities in the arts, sciences and technology through quality instruction and responsive research and development activities.

It shall produce professional skilled and morally upright individuals for global competitiveness.

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### Talactac hailed as OYS 2020

Dr. Melbourne Talactac, the current dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, proved to be as excellent as other scientists in the country as he was hailed as one of the 12 Outstanding Young Scientists by the National Academy of Science and Technology.

Aside from local experiences, Dr. Talactac also had various research trainings from Chungnam National University (Daejeon, South Korea) and United Graduate School of Veterinary Science (UGSVS), Yamaguchi University (Yamaguchi, Japan). His pursuit of graduate degrees led him to work on vaccines and antiviral drugs/substances against respiratory viruses of humans (e.g. Influenza A virus) and animals (e.g. Newcastle disease virus). He also specializes on tick-borne pathogens and their effects to human and animal lives.



Dr. Talactac while analyzing research samples

Early this year, he was also awarded as the 2020 Outstanding Veterinarian in Education by the Philippine Veterinary Medicine Association. Prior to his return to the Philippines, he was the first Filipino to receive the following awards: 2017 Young Researcher Award (Best Oral Presentation) during 160th Meeting of the Japanese Society of Veterinary Sciences in Kagoshima, Japan; and Presidential Award (Class Valedictorian) from UGSVS in 2018.



 $Dr.\,Talactac\,while\,preparing\,for\,his\,experiments$ 

Currently, he is researching on Avian Influenza virus in coastal areas in Cavite, tick-borne diseases from different animal species, and rabies vaccination drives in Cavite.



Dr. Talactac while attending to his tasks as college dean

# **17 CvSU-LSHS graduating students pass UPCAT**

**Congratulations!** 

A total of 17 out 38 test takers (45%) from Cavite State University – Laboratory Science High School successfully passed the University of the Philippines College Admission Test (UPCAT) for Academic Year 2020-2021 administered last October 5 and 6, 2019.

The successful examinees, tagged as "Mga Iskolar ng Bayan", are the following: Badgette, Esther Grace, UP Los Baños, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; Beloria, Jeanna Carisse, UP Manila, Degree Program with available slots; Ferma, Czarisse Maereen, UP Los Baños, BS Applied Physics; Litan, Arian Faye, UP Diliman, BS Civil Engineering; Llamado, Louise Carmela, UP Manila, BS Public Health; Magat, Laurent Lee, UP Los Baños, Degree Program with available slots; Malabanan, Jewel Jade, UP Diliman, BS Architecture; Marasigan, Diopany, UP Diliman, BS Statistics; Marasigan, Meycen Keziah, UP Manila, BS Physical Therapy; Mercado, Lliani Kichi, UP Diliman, BS Interior Design; Mojica, Graciel Mae, UP Diliman, BS Business Administration and Accountancy; Mojica, Paula Nicole, UP Los Baños, BS Applied Mathematics; Oxeño, Aaron Mark, UP Manila, BS Biology; Perey, Ricci Colyn, UP Los Baños, BS Industrial Engineering; Rabaca, Jian Carlo, UP Diliman, BS Computer Engineering; Tsai, Kristi Yana Fae, UP Manila, Degree Program with available slots; and Vicedo, Cyrene, UP Baguio, BA Communication.

This year, the CvSU Testing Center served as one of the UPCAT testing centers in Region IV-A.

UPCAT is administered to graduates of Philippine and foreign high schools in various testing centers across the country and held once a year as part of the admission requirements of the University of the Philippines with more than 100,000 applicants. The test consists of four subtests: Language Proficiency (in English and Filipino), Reading Comprehension (in English and Filipino), Science, and Mathematics. University of the Philippines is known for its strong commitment to academic excellence and highly competitive admission process. (*LCosta/YMarinay*)

**GAD Reports** 

## **CvSU GAD Advocates participate in IPC WE CaN seminar**

The Institute of Philippine Culture (IPC) together with the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD) led a three-hour webinar series entitled "Ako at ang COVID-19: Ang Nakatagong Pandemya ng Karahasan Laban sa Kababaihan" last June 17, 2020.

The session was focused on how the quarantine affected prevalence of domestic violence among Filipino households. It also tackled current the issues and conditions of gender-based violence and cases on violence against women in the Philippines.

The activity was participated iointly by 304 different GAD advocates and experts



from various units of IPC WE Can Seminar Promotional poster academic institutions, private sectors, and local government units. In addition. the webinar gave inputs about the launched campaign

## GAD-RC conducts Refresher Training on MR GAD KATROPA

GAD Resource Center, in partnership with **Commission on Population and Development Region** IV Calabarzon, conducted a Refresher Training on Men's Responsibility on Gender and Development KAlalakihang Tapat sa Responsibilidad at Obligasyon sa PAmilya (MR GAD KATROPA) via Zoom last June 18, 2020 with 10 female and 8 male participants.

Ms. Raecel A. Estebat, OIC, GAD-RC, discussed the overview of the refresher's course. She pointed out that this was primarily conducted to re-educate and re-qualify GAD Coordinators as MR GAD KATROPA Advocates and that the expected output for this special training will be the series of online trainings/ webinars on Responsible Parenthood, Reproductive



Banner for GAD-KATROPA's activity

named Lunas Collective, a feminist, inclusive chat service that runs on the compassion of volunteers -asafe online space where people seeking support related to gender-based violence and reproductive health can expect that they will be heard.

The founder and one of the speakers, Asst. Prof. Sabrina Lava Gacad from the University of the Philippines, stressed the importance of having a support system that allows the victims and survivors of different gender-based violence to protect and to know their rights. Lunas Collective has since partnered with Likhaan Center for Women's Health in referring clients for reproductive health consultations, and the Psychological Association of the Philippines for training. It also has the staunch support of the University of the Philippines' Center for Women's and Gender Studies and the Department of Women and Development Studies in its initiative.

On the other hand, Dr. Nathalie Africa Verceles, Director for Center for Women's and Gender Studies of University of the Philippines, talked about her expertise with regards to domestic violence among Filipino households and the possible coping mechanisms of the victims and survivors. The webinar was facilitated by Dr. Enrique Leviste, director, Institute of Philippine Culture (IPC). (KDAgreda)





Participants who attended the activity thru Zoom

Health Care and Family Planning to the community as an extension project of the GAD-RC.

Ms. Marilyn F. Ogaya, Assistant Regional Director – Designate, POPCOM Region IV discussed the Overview of the RP-FP Manual, Nurturing Harmonious Relationships in the Family, and Responsible Parenting. Ms. Ogaya also discussed the safety measures against diseases in line with the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the responsibilities of the home management.

Ms. Charmaine E. Sarabia, Planning Officer I, POPCOM Region IV discussed the Importance and Benefits of Family Planning and Decision-making for Couples and Family Planning. Ms. Sarabia also discussed the family planning myths and misconceptions.

## **CvSU adopts Mataas na Lupa for agri program**

Aligned with the Plant Plant Plant program of the national government, Cavite State University adopted Mataas na Lupa in Indang, Cavite as the partner barangay in the "Adopt-a-Barangay for Vegetable Production".

The said agricultural program is being facilitated by the Extension Services and is headed by Mr. Rodrigo Diloy. Twenty five packs of seeds were received by Mr. Camilo R. Lontoc, barangay captain, to be planted by the community officials at the back of their barangay hall.

The project initially started with giving assistance to eight heads of families in the area who planted squash, okra, string beans, sponge gourd, eggplant, tomatoes, pepper, papaya, mustard, and radish. Aside from giving the seeds used, they were guided in layouting their backyard and in preparing their growing beds and planting holes.



Residents prepare their backyard gardens

## **CHED approves Project MASKS**

In response to the growing need for protective equipment as general community quarantine was implemented, the Commission on Higher Education (CvSU) approved Cavite State University's proposal entitled "MASKS: Manufacturing and Distribution of Adequate Facemasks for the Safety of Key Personnel and Various Frontliners".

This three-month project funded by CHED is expected to: 1) help increase capacity to prevent spread of COVID-19; 2) provide additional income to residents as aid in economic recovery; and 3) increase awareness on the proper use of masks. This targets to produce a total of 50 thousand face masks in partnership with local tailors in the province. The said masks will be donated to frontliners such as local government officials, rural health workers, social workers, security and utility staff, public market personnel and other vulnerable groups in the society like the senior citizens and the children. Aside from the item itself, an information material discussing the proper ways of using a mask will also be distributed.

The project is led by Dr. Ruel Mojica, project leader, and is being conducted with Engr. Geejay Bartolome and Ms. Lady Aileen Orsal, project staff, with the help of project assistants and support staff. Project MASKS is expected to last until August 2020.



Mr. Diloy with residents receiving seeds

## **Research during pandemic CED faculty members study** social cohesion

CvSU's social science faculty researchers are at work amidst pandemic.

With an attempt to provide an assessment on the current status of integration of social cohesion among the LGUs in the region, Dr. Rhodora S. Crizaldo, Dr. Jake Raymund F. Fabregar and Dr. Jovan B. Alitagtag, faculty members of the College of Education, conducted a research entitled "Social Cohesion in times of Pandemic: A View from the Frontliners of the Local Government Units in CALABARZON".

Findings revealed that majority of the frontliners in the LGUs witnessed the integration of social cohesion during pandemic to a limited extent but they recognized the opportunities that arise from having a supportive and adaptive region to the changing economic, health, environmental, and social challenges. This study was expected to provide baseline data on the implementation of policies on the integration of social cohesive measures on pandemic of a greater scale and empower the local government units in the exercise of their duties and responsibilities towards a common goal of ensuring safety and welfare of the society.

This said research paper was also accepted for publication in the Working Paper Series of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) Graduate School on Public Development and Management. (JAlitagtag)



#### Three faculty members from CEd conduct the research

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