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2 CvSU Faculty Study In US As Fulbright Scholars

The future is bright for two CvSU faculty members who flew in the United States early September 2020 to start their PhD journey under the Fulbright Foreign Student Program.

Ms. Sheryl N. Sierra and Ms. Amyel Dale L. Cero both received the scholarship grant sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, US Department of State and facilitated by the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (Fulbright Commission in the Philippines), along with other Filipino scholars sent out in different states to participate in the said educational opportunity.



Both scholars in their host institutions

their host institutions. As a protocol, they also completed a 14-day quarantine before being allowed to physically report in campus.

Prior to the scholarship grant, Ms. Sierra has already been serving as Assistant Professor I at the Department of Crop Science, College of Agriculture, Food, Environment and Natural Resources (CAFENR), a faculty researcher of the University and the head of the Publication and Communication Division of the Knowledge Management Center. She has been teaching Genetics, Principles and Practices in Plant Breeding, Propagation and Nursery Management, Cereals and Legumes Production and Management, and Methods of Agricultural Research. She is a graduate of BS Biology major in Genetics at the University of the Philippines-Los Baños and was a recipient of the undergraduate intern scholarship at Asian Vegetable Research and Development Center, now called World Vegetable Center in Taiwan. This is where she worked on Inheritance of Whitefly-Transmitted Geminivirus in Tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum*). She then obtained her degree in MS in Crop Science and Biotechnology major in Crop Molecular Breeding from Seoul National University in South Korea through the Graduate Scholarship for Excellent Foreign Students where she studied the Genetic Diversity of Rice Landraces Collected in Cordillera Region, Philippines.

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Ms. Sierra and Ms. Cero during the Pre-Departure Orientation at PAEF office

Ms. Sierra is currently taking PhD in Agronomy and Horticulture major in Plant Breeding and Genetics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln while Ms. Cero is currently enrolled in the PhD Environmental Science program with specialization in Water and Wetland Resources at State University of New York-College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York. Because of the pandemic, both had to attend the virtual gateway orientation hosted by Wayne State University from August 3 – 21, 2020 and did some online classes in the Philippines before flying to

CvSU Vision

The premier university in historic Cavite recognized for excellence in the development of globally competitive and morally upright individuals.

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.

GAD Reports

GADRC conducts research proposal presentation

The Gender and Development Resource Center (GAD-RC) hosted a two-day webinar workshop on GAD Research Proposal Presentation last September 25 and 28, 2020.

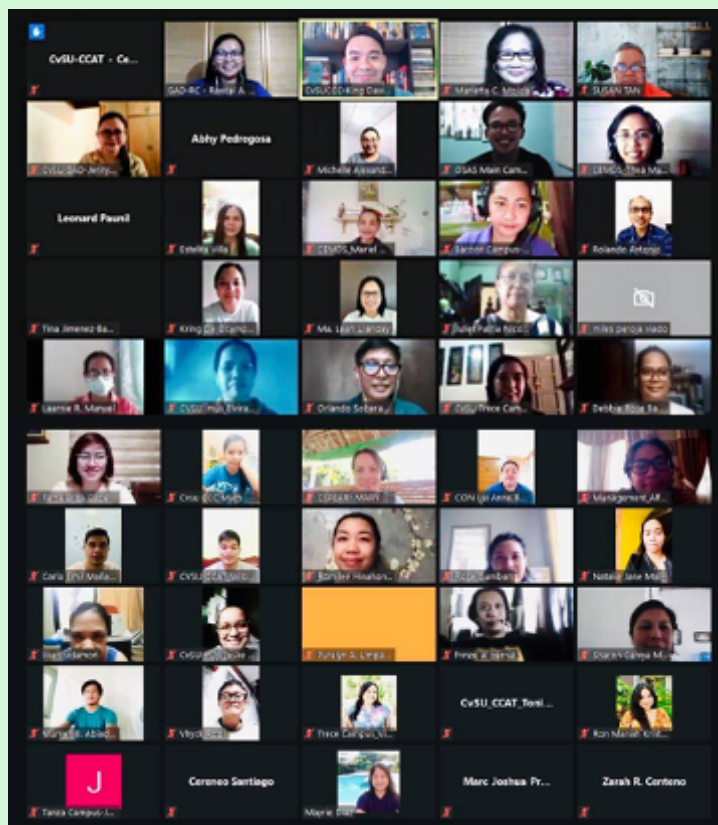
The webinar-workshop aimed to strengthen the practices and science of application that would reduce gender inequalities and gender issues. It also outlined the importance of the various methods in integrating sex and gender implementation in conceptualizing a research proposal.

The said activity was facilitated by Ms. Raecel A. Estebat, Officer-In-Charge of GAD-RC, and was attended by 35 female and 15 male research and gender and development coordinators and alternates coming from different colleges and campuses of cavite state university.

Dr. Ruel M. Mojica, Vice President for Research and Extension, encouraged all the participants to take the lead in shaping the university's research and development agenda through the integration of Gender and Development in research.

Former director of Gender and Development Resource Center, Dr. Nelia C. Cresino, gave a lecture on the integration of Gender and Development in Research while retired Professor and former GAD chair for Research, Dr. Marietta C. Mojica, gave a thorough analysis on how to correctly identify research problems in the sector of GAD.

After the lecture, the participants were tasked to work on the formulation of research topic and to present it for critiquing. After their topic



Participants in the two-day webinar workshop

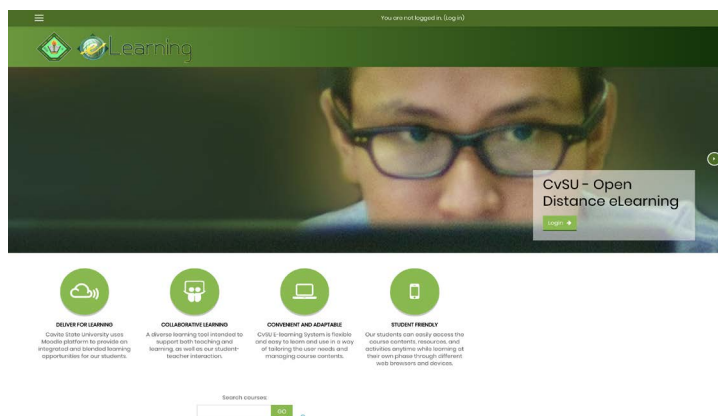
presentation, Dr. Cresino and Dr. Mojica gave their insights and suggested numerous approaches and techniques to all the presenters in order to advance the quality of their research topics.

The webinar workshop ended with a discussion on the current Gender Statistics by Dr. Jenny Beb F. Ebo, Research and Development Unit Head of the GAD-RC. (KDAgreda)

CvSU eLearning system launched

Using Moodle as a platform, CvSU instructors from the College of Engineering and Information Technology developed the CvSU Open Distance eLearning to facilitate online classes. This can be accessed by both teachers and students enrolled in any course during the 1st Semester, Academic Year 2020-2021.

Teachers who have access to the system may customize their dashboard and make learning more innovative and engaging. They are able to input modules needed for the course and add references or materials necessary to deliver instruction and facilitate learning. They may also post topics on the forum box to make discussions more active even in the virtual setup. Activities and assignments may also be uploaded and announcements for the class will automatically be sent to students who are enrolled in the class. Quizzes may also be done through the system. An instructor may also incorporate links to materials that can be found on the web. Grading and giving of feedback to the students' outputs is an additional feature of the said system. Using the



Homepage of CvSU eLearning System

official list from the registrar, faculty members may enroll their students in each class using their official CvSU email accounts.

Aside from this, students may also access their student portals which can help them get additional information on subjects enrolled for the semester. A learning guide given to students also contain contact information considering that communication is a vital tool in making flexible learning arrangement a success.

Virtual student orientation conducted

To fully understand the adjustments for the Academic Year 2020-2021 in relation to the implementation of the flexible learning arrangement, a virtual student orientation was conducted on September 6, 2020.

In her message, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Ma. Agnes P. Nuestro, emphasized that no face-to-face classes will be conducted in adherence to strict health protocols being implemented. She also welcomed the news students as official members of the CvSU academic community. Moreover, Dr. Nuestro encouraged them to not only consider having good performance in school but instead should aim to be professionals in their chosen path and better citizens

Meanwhile, Dr. Hernando D. Robles, University President, assured the parents and students that the University will do its best to deliver quality education even amidst the crisis. He mentioned some of the initiatives that CvSU has been doing to be able to facilitate the flexible learning arrangement. Internet infrastructure and webinars on innovative teaching are set in place to assist faculty and staff in this new method of delivery of instruction.

“In God’s merciful grace, we will heal and learn as one,” Dr. Robles stated.

Aside from the CvSU Audiovisual Presentation that gave an overview of the University’s functions and achievements, the University Officials were also introduced to the students. The services offered by the Office of Student Affairs and Services, the Office of the University Registrar and the Ladislao Diwa Memorial Library were also discussed to spread awareness on various support mechanisms students may receive even in the virtual setup. Students’ norm and conduct in the new normal was also tackled reminding students to avoid plagiarism or fabrication of data since requirements are to be submitted online. The highlight of the lecture was the discussion of the academic rules and regulations to be used for the semester. The orientation ended with an introduction to the CvSU e-Learning system which students and teachers may access.

Each college was also tasked to conduct their respective orientation for the students. Prior to the said University-wide activity, the following colleges and campuses had already conducted their own orientation: College of Arts and Science - August 18, 19 and 20; College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences - September 4; Carmona Campus - September 1, 3 and 4; Bacoor Campus- September 3; Tanza Campus-



CAVITE STATE UNIVERSITY

Don Severino Delas Alas Campus, Indang, Cavite

Orientation and Reorientation

PROGRAM 2020

for CvSU students and parents

September 6, 2020
Sunday, 2pm via FB live



Banner for the activity

September 5, 2020; Trece Martires City Campus- September 5; and General Trias City Campus- September 5.

Meanwhile, other colleges scheduled their respective orientations on the following dates: College of Nursing - September 7; College of Economics, Management and Development Studies- September 8; College of Education - September 9; College of Criminal Justice - September 11;

College of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation - September 14; Silang Campus- September 7; Imus Campus- September 10; Cavite City Campus- September 14; and Naic Campus-September 9.

Other college and campus not mentioned announced their schedules through their respective college/campus groups.

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Meanwhile, Ms. Cero has been working at CvSU since 2015 where she served as a chair of the Department of Forestry and Environmental Science and a Public Information Officer of CAFENR. She has been teaching Environmental Ethics, Policies and Laws, Population, Resources, Environment and Development, Water and Air Pollution Management, Industrial Ecology, and Environmental Impact Assessment. She has also worked in the watershed projects with Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office – Cavite, surface water assessment with Cavite Provincial Government, and climate risk vulnerability assessment with the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office IVA. She obtained both her degrees in BS Biology (major in Microbiology) and MS Environmental Science from the University of the Philippines-Los Baños.

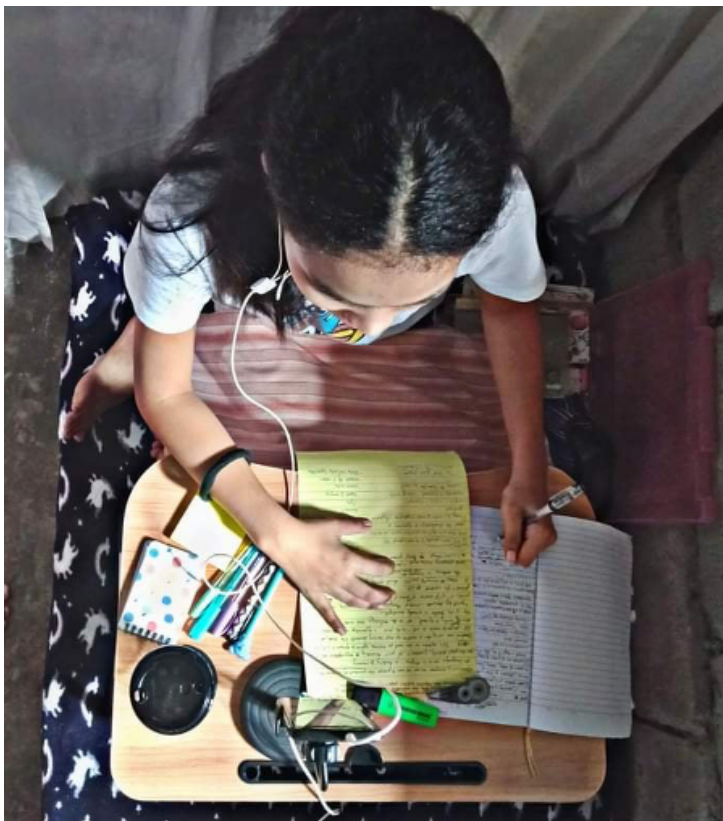
As Fulbright scholars, Ms. Sierra and Ms. Cero are expected to return to the country to impart their learnings and experiences in an American institution to further enhance the quality of education in the University.

CvSU adopts flexi learning for AY 2020-2021

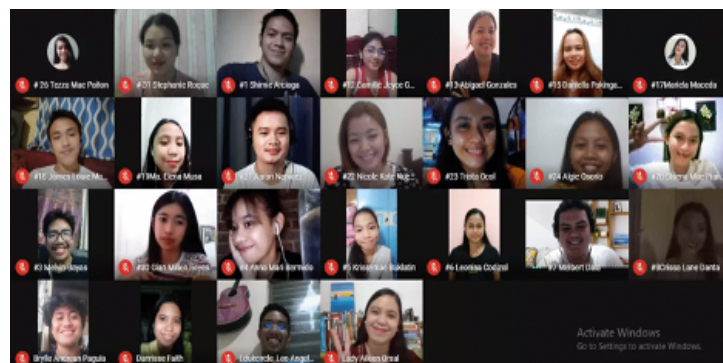
In response to the challenges of the new normal, Cavite State University adopted flexible learning arrangement for the 1st semester of Academic Year 2020-2021 which started on September 7, 2020.

To reshape the learning management process to better address the needs of the students, this flexible learning arrangement involves redesigning of the syllabi to fit to the alternative modes of learning, the use of both digital and non-digital modes of teaching and learning, and adjustment on the schedules for flexible learning. This means that students may choose when and where learning can occur using a range of technologies and available materials to support the learning process.

For the modification of syllabi, various webinars were conducted to guide teachers in redesigning syllabi that is fit for the flexible arrangement. Subject teachers also collaborated to incorporate changes which were then critiqued through review sessions with colleagues. The syllabi should clearly indicate not only the learning outcomes and topics to be covered but more importantly, the teaching and learning activities together with the mode of delivery which for the semester has to be “distance mode”. Online resources must also be included and the use of Open Educational Resources (OERs) is also encouraged.



A CvSU student attending classes at home



An online class through Google Meet

Synchronous and asynchronous mode of teaching was used to not burden both teachers and students with full online setup that does not only give cyber fatigue but also demands much financial support particularly for those who do not have stable Internet connection. A classroom survey was administered in each class to provide teachers good data as basis for assessing what methods can be most effective for students. Learning guides were also given to help students keep track of their progress in class. Every synchronous class had to be conducted for one hour only while the rest of the required hours per class will be done asynchronously. Class attendance during synchronous is not required but other modes of participation in class is encouraged to promote learning even at home.

For the scheduling of classes, each year level was set to have classes for three days only per week. Classes for first and third year students are every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On the other hand, classes for second and fourth year students are every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Laboratory classes were also not offered yet to ensure that students will not have to go to school for laboratory activities and that they will still have a chance for hands-on learning once situation allows.

Prior to the opening of classes, advisories had been published to inform students and parents of the mode of teaching and learning to be used to lessen worries of students being left behind. It also served as a call for support to make learning more effective even amidst the pandemic.

“Partnership is what we need. With all the challenges we are facing, the University is once again asking for cooperation from all sectors – the teachers, the staff, the students, the parents and the local government and all its relevant branches – as we continue pursuing quality education amidst the pandemic.”

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