



# CvSU Updates

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## CEd profs attend SEAMEO Congress 2021

Dr. Rhodora S. Crizaldo, Dr. Jake Raymund F. Fabregar, and Dr. Jovan B. Alitagtag from the College of Education represented Cavite State University in the SEAMEO Congress 2021 held virtually on 28-29 April with the theme "Transforming Southeast Asian Education, Science and Culture in the Digital Age".

The team, headed by Dr. Crizaldo, presented their research output on Flexible Learning in the New Normal during the session on Research on Digital Learning.

According to their website, SEAMEO Congress 2021 serves as a platform for the policymakers, teachers, researchers, and educators to exchange effective policy, fruitful teaching experience and share new learning paradigms and practices in the digital age. It was attended by administrators, educators, and researchers from the eleven (11) SEAMEO Member Countries.



## CVMBS dean qualifies for Australian fellowship



Dr. Ma. Cynthia Rundina-Dela Cruz

Dr. Ma. Cynthia Rundina - Dela Cruz, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, is one of the 23 women from across nine countries in Asia-Pacific who were selected for the 2021 cohort of the Meryl Williams Fellowship by the Australian Government through the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR).

According to an article by the Philippine Canadian Inquirer, other Filipina Meryl Williams Fellows are Ma. Cecilia Alaban (Science Research Specialist II, DOST-PCAARRD); Ma. Victoria Stephane Asio (Science Research Specialist I, University of the Philippines Los Baños); Raquel Balanay, PhD (Professor, Caraga State University); Cresilda Caning, PhD (Associate Professor, Central Bicol State University of Agriculture); Venus Leopardas, PhD (Associate Professor, Mindanao State University at Naawan, Misamis Oriental); Maria Rosario Mosqueda, Ph.D. (Dean, Xavier University – Ateneo de Cagayan); and Glory Dee Romo, PhD (Assistant Professor, University of the Philippines Mindanao).

The Meryl Williams Fellowship is one of these efforts, focusing on supporting women who are steering transformational changes in agricultural research.

## CEIT prof awarded outstanding engineer

Dr. Ruel M. Mojica from the College of Engineering and Information Technology was awarded Outstanding Agricultural and Biosystems Engineer from Higher Education Institutions during the virtual awarding ceremony of the 17th International Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Conference and 70th PSABE Annual National Convention held on 27-28 April 2021.

PSABE is a non-profit professional society of certified agricultural engineers that was founded in 1950 to enhance agricultural engineering theory and practice. Its mission is to promote the practice and development of agricultural engineering in expediting the development and modernization of the agriculture and fishing industries.



### 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

# Balinado wins first prize in BioTaktik contest



Beating 11 other finalists with his STARRRT approach, Mr. Lloyd O. Balinado, a faculty member from College of Arts and Sciences - Department of Biological Sciences, won first prize in the first-ever BioTakTik Contest of BIOTA-Philippines, Inc – a national organization of biology teachers. BioTakTik aims to showcase different online strategies and best practices in teaching biology that may be adapted by biology teachers nationwide.

Mr. Balinado shared his online strategy dubbed as STARRRT approach that he uses in his classes, which includes 7 tactics that can support effective teaching of biology subjects:

S-Screencast T-Think-Talk A-App Store R-Reel Time R-READY to Learn R-Recall Questions T-Task Zone. According to him, “this simple approach keeps my students well guided, supports all types of learners, and ensures learning even beyond the synchronous class sessions.”

He even made an evaluation form and was able to get good feedbacks from his students in terms of appropriateness with the subject, quality of delivery, and student satisfaction.

Here are some of his students’ feedback on the STARRRT approach:

## On Screencast:

*“Sa gaya kong working student na di nakakaattend sa mismong klase super pabor po ako dito. At may time pa ako ibalik yung bagay na di ko naintindihan.”*

“The screencast lectures are very efficient and time friendly because we can watch it anytime we can.”

## On Think-Talk:

“Think talk challenges our mind and helped me to better understand or to be a critical thinker in every situation.”

“It is really helpful and it also gives a chance for us to interact like in a normal f2f class setting.” “It tickles my mind every time there’s a think-talk and let me explore more about the topic.”

## On App Store:

“It is a great way of applying the concepts in the real setting. This approach helps me to reinforce the acquired theories and concepts through specific examples and real-world problems.”

“Nabibigyan kami ng idea sa isang topic dahil sa examples na binibigay, at mas nabibigyang linaw yung concept dahil dito.”

## On Reel Time:

“Reel time helped me to gain more knowledge through watching videos. It helps us to have a better understanding and application of the lesson.”

“Reel time contributes more knowledge and it fills the curiosity of students on a particular topic.”

“This very important and helpful po for better understanding the lesson kasi some students like me mas natututo po through visual perspective (pictures, documentary, or animation) lalo na po kung process po ang pinag-uusapan.”

## On READY to Learn:

“The scientific journals and articles that have been provided through “READY to learn” section made the concepts much clearer and supply additional information on the topic.”

“This somewhat prepares me for research, since we are biologists. This is a great practice in preparation for our higher years when we will make our thesis.”

On Recall Questions: “One of my favorite parts wherein you can create a reviewer based from the questions.”

“This approach really tests my memorization, comprehension, and process-based data organization.”

“This is what I love most, it helps me evaluate on which parts I am having trouble grasping.”

## On Task Zone:

“This gives us the opportunity to apply our knowledge on an output-based performance. It also utilizes our critical thinking, teamwork, and even creativity.”

“The tasks given were a test of concept understanding and creativity. This approach like in our biotechnology course helps me to integrate the theoretical knowledge into a real-world scenario.”



The BioTakTik competition took place during the virtual 55th BIOTA National Convention and Scientific Sessions held on 22-24 April.

## NCRDEC to launch 2021 Coffee BREAK

To highlight Breakthroughs on Research and Extension for the Advancement of Knowledge of stakeholders (BREAK), the National Coffee Research Development and Extension Center is set to launch the 2021 Webinar Series of Coffee BREAK starting next month.

The following are the session topics:

- Session 1: Coffee Feelers: Connecting Coffee, Faith and Language
- Session 2: Coffee on- the- go: Managing your Coffee Shop Effectively
- Session 3: World Cup: The Success Story of an International Coffee Cupper
- Session 4: Warm Hugs: Community Empowerment through Sustainable Coffee Farming
- Session 5: Espresso- yo Yourself: Upgrading your Usual Coffee Concoctions (Barista 101)
- Session 6: Grounded: Employing Good Agricultural Practices in Coffee Production
- Session 7: Hot or Iced: Climate Change Adaptation Measures for Coffee Farming
- Session 8: Perfect Blend: The Importance of Coffee Cupping in Creating your own Blend
- Session 9: Balancing Bean: Defining the Role of Social Enterprise in the Coffee Industry



# 107th Commencement Exercises

With Hon. Ronald “Bato” Dela Rosa as Commencement Speaker, the University virtually held the 107th Commencement Exercises on 24 April via Facebook Live. There were 383 candidates for graduation, 126 from the graduate programs and 251 from the undergraduate.

During his speech, Sen. Dela Rosa referred to the graduates as the “face of hope and optimism that our nation needs the most at this time” and encouraged them to venture in public service as a career to help the country the overcome the challenges. But whether they will decide to work in the public or private sector, he shared the following reminders: 1) Love what you do; 2) Integrity and discipline are priceless; 3) There is no substitute to hardwork; and 4) Always pray and trust the Lord.

The streaming of the event had 3.7k engagement and 219 shares.



## CAS launches Swap Shop 2021

Committed to their task of facilitating programs on language teaching and learning with both internal and external clients, the Language Study Center of the College of Arts and Sciences goes online for their Swap Shop 2021.

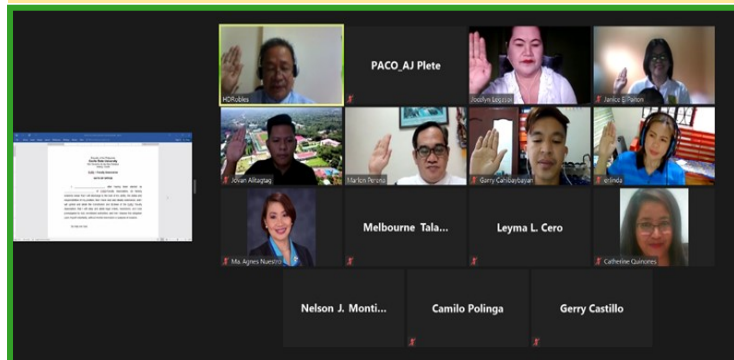
The first session, held on 26 March, had Mr. Rodolph John S. Malabanan as resource speaker who shared insights and experiences in “Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language amidst the Pandemic”. Mr. Malabanan is a lecturer of Asian-American Studies at Syracuse University and a Spanish teacher at Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES in Ithaca, New York. He is also a former Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Mentor during the Syracuse Orientation in 2018.

For the second session on April 10, Ms. Fortunata Msilu, of Northern Illinois University, shared how she integrates technology in teaching Swahili in a virtual classroom.

Simultaneous with the webinar sessions, the Center is also conducting online Filipino class to 28 foreign students/foreigners interested to learn the Filipino language every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 6:00PM to 8:00PM via Zoom.



## Main Campus FA officers take oath



The new set of officers of the CvSU Faculty Association, Inc. - Main Campus took their oath, virtually, on 13 April. Dr. Hernando D. Robles led the oath taking.

During the ceremony, Dr. Robles urged the new set of FA Officers to work hand in hand with the Administration, particularly on providing solutions to the issues and concerns of the faculty.

On behalf of the officers, FA President Marlon Pereña expressed their strong commitment to conduct and support activities that will promote the welfare of all faculty members in the Main Campus.

The CvSU-FA Main Campus Officers who will serve until 2023 are:

President: Marlon R. Perena

Vice President: Jocelyn A. Legaspi

Secretary: Jovan B. Alitagtag

Treasurer: Janice E. Paiton

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Witnesses during the oath taking were the four CvSU vice presidents – Dr. Ma. Agnes P. Nuestro (Academic Affairs), Dr. Camilo A. Polinga (Administrative and Support Services), Dr. Melbourne R. Talactac (Research and Extension), and Dr. Leyma L. Cero (Planning and Development). Also present were Engr. Gerry M. Castillo and Dr. Nelson J. Montialto, members of the Election Committee, Ms. Catherine J. Quiñones of the Presidential Management Coordinating Office, and Asst. Prof. Adora Joy T. Plete of the Public Affairs and Communications Office.



Other activities lined up for SWAP SHOP 2021 are announced through Language Study Center's official Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CASlanguagestudycenter>).

## Gender issues in safety and health at the workplace



The Cavite State University Gender and Development Resource Center (GADRC) conducted a Webinar on Gender Issues in Safety and Health at the Workplace on April 15, 2021 from 8:00-12:00 noon via Fb Live. This activity aimed to provide an introduction into some of the key issues pertaining to women at work and describe the components of a health and safety program.

Dr. Hernando D. Robles, in his opening remarks, mentioned that this activity is in support of the observance of the Annual World Day of Safety and Health at Work. A celebration which promotes the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally. He also stated that employees are the most valuable assets of the university, therefore, they should be accorded with all the features of a safe work environment.

Topics discussed during the webinar were Risks and Trends in the Safety and Health of Women by Mr. Ronal Espera

Araño, Faculty Member, CEIT; Reproductive Health Hazards among Women Workers by Ms. Maureen Go Buclatin-Martinez, Occupational Health Nurse, SANNO Philippines Manufacturing Corporation; Occupational Hazards among Women Workers by Mr. Neil Calosa Escañan, Occupational Safety and Health Practitioner, Safety Officer III; and Working Conditions: Protection of Women Employees by Ms. Maria Catherine P. Fera.

Dr. Susan G. Tan, Director, GADRC in her closing remarks emphasized that male and female should complement one another, no one should be regarded as the weaker sex and that everyone should work together to ensure a safe work environment since safety is everyone's concern.

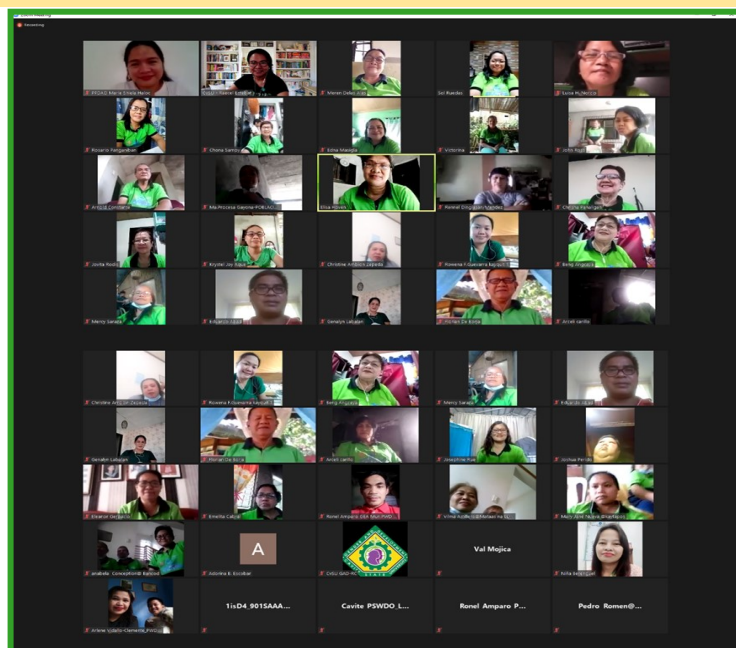


## GADRC conducts orientation on Magna Carta for disabled persons

The Gender and Development Resource Center conducted an Orientation on Republic Act 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons via zoom teleconferencing among the officers and members of Indang Association of Person's with Disability, Inc on April 16, 2021. The webinar aims to inform the participants of their rights and privileges as persons with disability.

Ms. Marie Shiela A. Haloc, RSW, Disability Affairs Officer IV, Cavite Provincial Disability Affairs Office served as the resource speaker for Republic Act 7277. Ms. Haloc first explained some of the disability barriers for the PWD and how they can overcome these disability barriers. Afterwards, Ms. Haloc proceeded to the main topic, which is the Magna Carta or Disabled Persons, the main focus of her presentation is the Right and Privileges of a person with disability when it comes to employment, education, health, auxiliary social services, telecommunications, accessibility, social and political rights. The last topic she explained pertains to the special discounts and privileges enjoyed by a person with disability.

In addition, she also gave a brief discussion on some laws that amended RA 7277, these laws are the RA 9442 or the Provision of Special Discounts and Privileges to PWD's, RA 10524 or the act Expanding the Positions Reserved for Persons with Disability, RA 10070 or Establishing Institutional Mechanism to Ensure the Implementation of Programs and Services for Persons With Disabilities In Every Province, City and Municipality, RA 10754 or the Act Expanding The Benefits And Privileges Of Persons With Disability (PWD), and lastly the RA 11228 or the Act Providing for the Mandatory PhilHealth Coverage for all Persons With Disability (PWDs).



At the end of her presentation, some of the participants raised questions like if they can send a letter to an establishment and ask them to comply with the accessibility code. They also asked if it would be possible for them to apply the incentives for private corporation to the government. (JRDEmelo)

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