



CS WEEK KICK-OFF AT UP BAGUIO WITH IN-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES HELD AFTER TWO YEARS

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The College of Science held its annual CS Week festivities with the theme **KABALIKAT 2023: Siyentista ng Bayan, Agham ay langat, Harapin ang hamon para sa tagumpay ng lahat!**. The celebration ran from March 20 to 24 with majority of its activities conducted in a face-to-face setup at UP Baguio. Panel discussions, poster exhibits, career talks, and sports activities were a few of the activities undertaken in the week-long event, where student and faculty were the participants.

Headed and organized by the University Student Council together with the CS Socials Committee, the celebration began with a morning opening activity at Himnasyo Amianan, on March 20. The activity included performances from the students of each program within the College of Science namely, Physics, Biology, Computer Science, and Mathematics. In addition, inspirational messages were delivered by Prof. Ronnie Calugay, Prof. Crismar Patacsil, and Ms. Mary Joan Habon, the Chairs and Program Coordinator from the Department of Biology (DB), Department of Physical Sciences (DPS), and Human Kinetics Program (HKP), respectively.

The opening activity also kickstarted the week-long poster exhibit at Kolehiyo ng Agham Quad organized by the Lecture Series (LS) Committee and Science Research Center Board. The poster exhibit included 14 posters, six of which are participating for the Best Poster and People's Choice Award. Posters from CS Organizations (UP Biology Society, UP Pre Medical Society, UP Physics Sphere, UP Math-Physics Society, UP SIKAT, COMSCI@UP.BAG) were also included in the exhibit.



Professor Ronnie Calugay delivering an inspirational message at the Opening Program

On the second day of the CS Week, a panel discussion was organized by the LS Committee and SRC Board, inviting six professionals to speak on the topics "How to Publish" and "Math and Science Communications". Panel 1 included Prof. Ian Jasper A. Agulo, Prof. Emeritus Priscilla S. Macansantos, and Dr. Ailyn F. Fadriquela whose expertise on publishing scientific papers were discussed among the participants. On the other hand, Panel 2 focused on giving their insights on math and science communications. These include Prof. Giovanni M. Malapit, Asst. Prof. Deign Frolley C. Soriano, and Prof. Andrei A. Domogo.

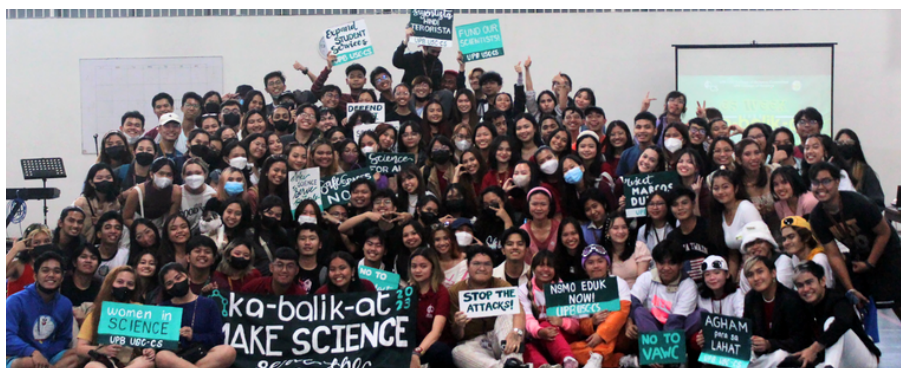
The panel discussion was conducted online so that participants outside the university could join. The event garnered around 70 participants from different fields and disciplines.

By midweek, the DPS and Department of Math and Computer Science (DMCS) conducted simultaneous games for students. An elemental bingo game was conducted by the DPS while a jeopardy-inspired game (Jiwipardy) was the DMCS' chosen activity. The HKP, on the other hand, conducted a faculty versus student sports activity which ran from March 20 to 24, with a pre-game on March 17.

The sports activity included volleyball, basketball, badminton, and table tennis. Funds raised from the elemental bingo and sports activity turned over to the Socials Committee to be used in forthcoming activities while proceeds from Jiwipardy were donated to Ms. Romelyn Fernandez, a staff of the College of Science.

On March 23, a career talk for each of the program within CS was conducted simultaneously at KA 301, IB 105, and Sarmiento Hall from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

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Group shot of the attendees in the College of Science Week opening program

The pool of speakers included some of College of Science’s own pool of experts but there were also a few from other companies in the Philippines who gave their testimonials. Prof. Ian Jasper A. Agulo from DPS gave the talk for Physics students while Prof. Deign Frolley C. Soriano from Department of Biology and Mr. Mark Edison R. Raquino, a Protected Area Management Specialist from the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), spoke for the Biology students. The DMCS, on the other hand, invited Ms. Dindee B. Gutierrez, a Liquidity Risk Manager at Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, and Mrs. Krista Laya-Orille, an Application Developer at Texas Instruments Phil Inc., for the Mathematics Program and Computer Science Program, respectively. Overall, more than 160 students attended the simultaneous events.

To end the celebration for the CS Week, a university-wide Amazing Race was conducted in the morning of March 24. Fifteen teams of two to three students from various colleges joined the activity. The Amazing Race consisted of 11 stations - one for each department within the CS (DPS, DMCS, DB, and HKP), six CS Academic organizations, and the USC. Funds raised in the said activity was also donated to the Socials Committee to add in their seed money for the future CS projects. After the Amazing Race, the finals for the Sports activity commenced at Himnasyo Amianan, followed immediately by the culminating activity where the winners for each of the activity conducted during the CS Week was awarded.

The LS Committee and the SRC Board awarded three prizes for Best Poster Presentation. Jericho Carena placed third among others and was given Php 1000 while second placer, Vince Cangco received Php 2000. First place went to Khianne Ed Miguel Orteza, who earned Php 5000. Additionally, Vince Cangco and his poster received the most votes from the audience, garnering the People Choice Award with Php 2000.

Chrysten Anne Flores, John Sen Prudente, Mary Christalyn De Vera, Kian Dioquino, Precious Shynne Leonoras, Clarissa Mae J. Pascual, Rica Anne A. Melchor, Maria Alexandriel Asinas, Ynigo L. Guevarra, Irish Mae Aresgado, Valerie Yvonne Matados, and Jeraldyn Preza all had winning cards for the Elemental Bingo. For the Jiwipardy game, the team of Jerwyn G. Angchua, Janielle E. Luna, and Christian R. Santos won and received the Php 619 prize.

For the sports activity, the DMCS team, composed of Askia Hicban, Marc Padaway, Nico Guevarra, Jayson Santos, Nathan De La Cruz, John Kenneth Herrera, Kendrick De Vera, and Leoski Doria, outscored the DB team and won the championship for the men’s category in the volleyball tournament. On the other hand, it was the DB team, with Bea Manansala, Jueh Dela Cruz, Maita Andres, Natajcia Quindica, Toni Villeza, Hanna Cabrales, Tin Matias, Rovecel Radovan, and Maria Cordero that won over the DMCS team for the women’s category in volleyball.

The DMCS team (Rocky Bigcas, Aldous De Las Llagas, Jann Rafael Magora, John Mhikell Disuanco, Raphael Pangilinan, Jake Flores, Jerome Portugal, John Michael Signey, Karl Steven Tudenio, Aivann Herald Martinez, Florenz Jaizzer Calderon, and John Rodrigo Barja) also championed the basketball men category, defeating the CS faculty and staff. For the women’s category, the Dark team outscored the White team.

The table tennis games hailed Drey Nisay and Diana Navor as the champions for the Men and Women’s category, respectively. Runners-up were Hem Castillo, Marwin Matic, and Darwin Delizo for the men’s and Crystal Castro, Lalaine Santarpio, and Heart Regasa for the women’s category.

Lin Andre Vitin championed the badminton singles, doubles, and mixed doubles in the men’s category. He teamed up with Kent Capelo for the doubles category and Raiza Casuga for the mixed doubles category. Garnering second place was PC Alarcio in the singles men’s category, Rabang and Alonzo in the men’s doubles category, and Delos Santos and Larcia in the mixed doubles category.

Three teams won in the Amazing Race: Clarence Kyle L. Pagunsan, Deidrick Jethro V. Nisay, & Kendrick Jules G. Zante won first place; Cyrine Causon, Danish Romano and Mari Claire Marcos took second place, and Joseph Ludwin Marigmen, Kleo Jude S. Amarles, and Jamille De Vera.

Ms. Edyzza Faith Gestiada, head of the CS Socials Committee, gave a short closing speech to congratulate and thank everyone involved in the success of the week-long event. The celebration ended still with the same message intact: to uplift the sciences and stand by scientists making productive and progressive work geared towards the community.



Group shot of Men's Category volleyball players for CS Week

BREWING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY: THE PICAFÉ PROJECT OF UPB PROGRAM FOR INDIGENOUS CULTURES

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Members of the UP Baguio community taking a break and sharing a light hearted moment at PICafé

Whether it is to stay awake during late-night study sessions or to fuel early morning classes, coffee is a staple of the college experience. So when PIC launched a four-day free coffee project last 14- 20 April 2023, it quickly became a hit on campus. The idea was simple, provide free coffee to students at a designated location on campus. The project was initiated by the Program for Indigenous Cultures (PIC) with support from the Office of the Chancellor, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, in partnership with the College of Arts and Communication and Ugnayan ng Pahinungod Baguio.

The initial plan was to offer free coffee for everyone during the midterm exams, and the response was overwhelming. UPB faculty, REPS, students, administrative staff, security staff canteen and utility staff gathered and lined up for their daily dose of coffee.

The event was such a success that a group of faculty members and kind-hearted individuals decided to donate food and money to purchase pandesal, cinnamon bread, and pan de coco in addition to the free coffee. Paggawisan Tako Am-in (PAGTA) members and the UPB Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) also volunteered to be the ushers during the event.

Word quickly spread about the project, and soon students from other colleges in the area were coming in batches at the PIC lobby to get their free coffee fix. According to Chancellor Corazon Lumbea-Abansi, "I never doubted this will turn out well since we had the welfare of students as our genuine concern".

One student also sincerely expressed her gratitude to the organizers because according to her she was able to eat breakfast that day because of the bread and coffee she got from the PICafé project. What made the free coffee project such a success? By providing free service that was accessible to everyone, the project helped assuage anxiety caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as break down social barriers by bringing students, faculty, and staff together. It was all about creating a sense of community on campus especially that the university is slowly transitioning to a full face to face type of learning modality.

In addition to providing free coffee, the project also offered a space for students to connect and interact with each other. The organizers also provided chairs intended for a quick rest while sipping the brew. They even encouraged students to stick around and chat with each other; creating a sense of camaraderie and belonging on campus.

This is evident in the afternoon beat of the gangsa and the strums of the guitar, the sweet melodies of the students humming Cordilleran songs, and the graceful steps of whoever wants to dance to the rhythm of the Cordillera music.

In the end, the project is more than just about consuming caffeine to stay alert and focused throughout the day. In offering free coffee, the school helped level the playing field for students who are already struggling to make ends meet by providing equal opportunity for them to succeed academically. More importantly, it was also about creating a warm atmosphere that fosters strong connection among different stakeholders on campus. Sometimes the simplest ideas can have the biggest impact.



PIC Director Erika Diwate M. Jacinto and staff Ms. Ruth A. Pugong.

SARITAAN TI LIBRO: CONVERSATIONS WITH A BUDDING LOCAL WRITER AND WITH AN ILLUSTRATOR: BEA MANDAPAT AND DANIELLE FLORENDO

CHRISTINE ANDREA V. MAYA-EN



Ms. Amelia C. Cendaña, Mr. Tristan Buenaflores, Ms. Bea Mandapat, Ms. Danielle Florendo, Prof. Jimmy Fong

To commemorate National Literature Month, the University of the Philippines Baguio Library in partnership with the UPB College of Arts and Communication held an event entitled “Saritaan Ti Libro: Conversations with a Budding Local Writer and with an Illustrator” last 28 April 2023 from 1:30 to 2:00pm at the second floor of the University Library.

The event featured UP Baguio CAC alumnus Bea Mandapat and UP Baguio Fine Arts instructor Danielle Florendo, the writer and illustrator team behind the newly-published book entitled “More”, a book featuring a world run by giants that wreak havoc on everything they touch, even as a young girl struggles with her feelings and thinks she is too small to do anything that matters in this world.

Saritaan Ti Libro was moderated by Mr. Tristan Buenaflores. The event started with a prayer delivered by Ms. Eufemia Terre, and was then followed by Prof. Jimmy Fong’s opening remarks. The main speakers, Ms. Bea Mandapat and Ms. Danielle Florendo, then shared their experiences in both writing and illustrating, and gave their advice towards aspiring writers and illustrators of today. Their speeches were followed by the giving of certificates, facilitated by Mr. Tristan Buenaflores, and library staff headed by Ms. Amelia Cendaña, and Ms. Julieta Dela Pena. The event ended with the book-signing of “Goodfire” and “More,” to which UP Baguio students have enthusiastically participated in.



Ms. Bea Mandapat and Ms. Danielle Florendo, sharing their experiences in writing and illustrating.

UPB LIBRARY BENCHMARKS AT BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY (BULSU) E-LIBRARY

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UP Baguio University Library benchmarking at Bulacan State University E- Library

Personnel of the University of the Philippines Baguio library personnel, conducted its benchmarking activity with the Bulacan State University E-Library on 30 March 2023, ending the first quarter of the year with a walk through of their newly launched E-Library catering to a total population of almost 40,000 students and faculty.

The administrator and the library team of Bulacan State University E-Library warmly welcomed the library staff with their systematic organization of a library tour of the library building consisting of seven floors.

The UPB library delegates were welcomed by the Bulacan team headed by Dr. Maria Pretty Lay T. Abdala, the University Librarian. The morning session of the benchmarking was an orientation of BuLSU library history and a sharing of their library's transformation. It was followed by an orientation of good library practices and modern services through an audio-visual presentation. The afternoon session focused on the actual tour of the various sections and facilities of the E-library. The session commenced with a response speech of Ms. Amelia C. Cendaña, OIC-UPB Library, followed by a closing remark of Dr. Victoria P. Valenzuela, Head of Community Affairs.

Libraries learn by fostering partnerships and listening to the experiences of partner libraries. Information centers have evolved from just a shelf of books and a set of tables and chairs to what today is considered a smart learning space. Awesome facilities and wide learning spaces invite library users to stay in the library. In this digital era, libraries must be equipped with new tools and technologies (both people and facilities) that help in the advancement of services offered in every information center.



UP Baguio University Library benchmarking at Bulacan State University E- Library

PAHINUNGÓD BAGUIO VISITS CORDILLERA HIGH SCHOOLS, ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO ENTER UP

AILEEN DE CASTRO AND JOHN REY DAVE AQUINO



Group photograph of Ugnayan ng Pahinungod volunteers with students in Apayao

In the continuing efforts to reach more Cordilleran youth, the Ugnayan ng Pahinungod Baguio conducted the Tangguyob-Affirmative Action Program (AAP) 2023 by visiting different high schools in the Cordillera and introducing to them the different baccalaureate programs of the University of the Philippines Baguio.

As a college preparatory program, the Tangguyob-AAP consisted of career orientations for over 6,865 students in 89 schools across the region, with a focus on UP Baguio's undergraduate programs. The program aims to increase the number of Cordilleran applicants to the UPCAT, and eventually to increase the enrollment of indigenous students in UP Baguio. Seven teams of volunteers and staff led by Director Andrei Domogo and Junior project associate Divine Loraine Peñaflor encouraged Grade 11 students to take the UPCAT and eventually enroll in UP Baguio's undergraduate courses.

The Tangguyob Ifugao team led by project associate Peñaflor, with student volunteers Gabrielle Moira Abes, Den Mark Jet Cadiz, Patricia Barbara Fernandez, Kazer Joshua Galindon, Nique Jade Tarubal, and staff volunteers Don Juanito Escobar and Ruth Darylle Pugong reached over 1,046 students across eleven schools last March 28-31, namely Aguinaldo National High School (NHS), Asipulo NHS, Ayangan National Agricultural and Vocational HS, Banaue NHS, Haliap NHS, Hungduan NHS, Ifugao Provincial Science High School (HS), Kiangnan NHS, Mayoyao NHS, Sta. Maria National High School, and Tinoc NHS.

The Mountain Province team consisted of Dir. Domogo, student volunteers Jullienne Bacagan, Rona Mae Godoy, Azi Ison, Shaira Rulloda, Earl Reishi Soliven, and Maurick Ulpindo reached over 1,499 students last April 24-27. The team visited 17 schools: All Saints Mission School, Besao NHS, Butigue National HS, Eastern Bontoc National Agricultural and Vocational HS, Guinzadan National HS, Mabaay NHS, Mountain Province General Comprehensive HS, Natonin Stand Alone Senior HS, Otucan-Bila NHS, Paracelis Technical and Vocational HS, Pingad NHS, Sabangan NHS, Sagada NHS, Saint Vincent's School, Serapio Gawan NHS, St. Mary's School of Sagada, Inc., and Tadian School of Arts and Trades.

Meanwhile on April 25-28, the Tangguyob Abra team reached over 990 senior high students in 14 schools, namely Abra HS Main, Abra HS Calot Extension, An-anao Integrated School, Bolbolo NHS, Cayapa NHS, Dalit NHS, Gaddani NHS, La Paz Integrated School, Pilar Rural HS, San Isidro NHS, San Quintin NHS, Suyo NHS, Tagodtod NHS, and Western Abra NHS. The team comprised of Project Associate Peñaflor, and student volunteers Gabrielle Moira Abes, Marie Sundae Louise Aquino, Nhormel Bagwang, Geraldine Escobar, Marggjar Gerona, and Michael John Lester Ruiz.

The Benguet leg on May 4-5 was divided into two teams. The first team, consisting of project associate Peñaflor, faculty volunteer Markneel Balgos, student volunteers Racel Kary Pinas and Ephh Tasing, and Pahinungod Baguio Senior Office Assistant John Rey Dave Aquino and research assistant Aileen De Castro, reached 460 students in nine schools: Adaoay NHS, Ambangeg NHS, Bokod NHS, Guinaoang NHS, Kamora NHS, Lepanto NHS, Loo NHS, Mankayan NHS, and Tawangang-Lusod NHS. The second team, consisting of Dir. Domogo, faculty volunteer Jhoan Medrano, and student volunteers Andrea Agetyeng, Mark Anton Nicolai Cañas, Patricia Nicole Choy, Julie Grace Mercado, and Kathlyn Oribello reached 907 students in the following eight schools:



Director Andrei Domogo encouraging students in Mountain Province to take the UPCAT

Ampusongan NHS, Bakun NHS, Governor Bado-Dangwa Agro-Industrial School, Kapangan Central NHS, Kibungan NHS, Sinipsip NHS, Tublay School of Home Industries, and Taba-ao NHS.

The last two legs of Tangguyob in Kalinga and Apayao were held concurrently last May 9-12. The Kalinga team led by Dir. Domogo, with faculty volunteer Meije Bagangao, and student volunteers Zanya Reubenne Omadlao, Donna May Placido, and Racel Kary Pinas, reached 1,523 students in 17 schools, namely Agbannawag NHS, Balbalan Agro-Industrial HS, Balbalan NHS, Cawagayan NHS, Kalinga NHS, Macutay- Palao NHS, Pasil NHS, Pinukpuk Vocational School, Rizal National School of Arts & Trade, Sadanga National Technical-Vocational & Skills Training HS, Saint Theresita's School, Santor NHS, Senior HS in Lubuagan, Southern Tinglayan NHS, St. Tonis College, Tabuk City NHS, and Tuga NHS.

Meanwhile, the Apayao team led by Project Associate Peñaflor, and consisting of student volunteers Justine Bryll Andrada, Ashley Aquino, Angelica Cunanan, Khianne Ed Miguel Orteza, and Ma. Roni Paula Villanueva reached 440 students in 13 schools: Apayao Community Learning Center, Apayao Science HS, Conner Central NHS, Flora NHS, Kabugao Agro-Industrial HS, Kabugao NHS, Luna NHS, Our Lady of Lourdes HS, Pudtol Vocational HS, Sipa-Imelda National HS, St. Joseph HS, Sto. Rosario NHS, and Tumog National Agricultural & Trade HS.

The Tangguyob-AAP concluded with a mock examination held last May 27 for 279 prospective UPCAT takers. Faculty volunteers Friedrich Aquino, Jay-anne Bulauan, Felicisimo Galletes Jr., Jodelyn Melegrito, and Kimberly Paglingayen, staff volunteer Brenda Marie Dogup, alumna volunteer Caryll Araza, and student volunteer James Patrick Soldao served as examiners and proctors. Student volunteers Cadiz, Cañas, Fernandez, Jann Alexis Lappas, Orteza, Soliven, Tarubal, Ulpindo, and Ma. Junella Villa assisted as ushers during the activity.

The Tangguyob-AAP was first conceived in 2022 during the UP College Admission (UPCA) campaign to encourage more students from indigenous peoples groups to join the UP Baguio community as Iskolar ng Bayan. The thrust of the campaign is towards diversity and intercultural communication, the production of research and studies dedicated to the students' respective indigenous communities, and having graduates rooted in their indigenous context.



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