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Computer science grad leads TSU class of 2025

For the first time in TSU history, Tarlac State University produced three summa cum laude graduates from the College of Computer Studies during the 36th Commencement Exercises this July 2025.

Arvin Errol E. Liscano,
Nathaniel Craig G. De Guzman,

and Thomas Chester C. Pabalan, all coming from the Department of Computer Science, topped the graduating class of 2025.

In his valedictory speech, 22-year-old Liscano, a DOST scholar, urged his fellow graduates to hold on to what matters most.

“The road ahead won’t

be easy. It will challenge you in ways college never did. Life will try to distract you, discourage you, even derail you, but if you know what truly matters to you, you’ll always find your way back,” Liscano said.

The valedictorian also thanked his fellow summa cum laude grads for motivating him

to go beyond what he thought he could not do.

“To Craig and Thomas, whether you realized it or not, you inspired me, not to compete against you, but to keep improving myself. It was never about who was better; it was about helping each other grow,”

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he said.

During their time in college, Liscano and Pablan represented the university together in various IT competitions, bringing home several awards, some of which include being a champion in the Regional Assembly on Information Technology Education (RAITE) 2024, first place in the International Research Conference on Information Technology Education quiz bee competition, and first runner-up in RAITE 2023.

The three summa cum laude grads marched alongside 2,968 graduates who received their diplomas from July 11 to 18 at the TSU Gymnasium.

Meanwhile, the baccalaureate services held on July 10 was presided over by Rev. Fr. Jason Aguilar.

Atty. Gabrielle Kenth D. Hayashi, TSU alumnus from the College of Computer Studies, served as the baccalaureate

speaker.

Notable and posthumous grads

Diplomas of posthumous graduates, namely Leslie Gayla Ramiterre, Doctor of Business Administration; Ian Jay T. Alimurong, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Major in Structural Engineering; and Carlo A. Romulo, Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship cum laude graduate, were received by their families.

Meanwhile, some notable graduates from this batch are Dr. Maria Teresa C. Agustin, current head of the CBA Financial Management Department, who completed her Doctor of Business Administration degree, and Mr. Khristofer A. Tamesa, a security personnel of the university, who completed a Bachelor of Physical Education degree.

Former student regents Hon. Ma. Angelica A. Fresnido and Hon. Charles Terenz E. Fernandez also graduated with Bachelor of Early Childhood

Education and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees, respectively. They were also recognized as former members of the TSU Board of Regents.

Commencement speakers

This year's July graduation was graced with distinguished personalities from the academe, government, and industry who were invited as commencement speakers.

During the morning session of the College of Education graduation, Dr. Efren F. Abulencia, Education Supervisor II of the Commission on Higher Education K to 12 Transition Program of Central Luzon, enumerated the graduates' possible standards of success.

"Know [thyself]. Number two, embrace lifelong learning. Number three, be resilient and flexible. Number four, you have to be innovative and creative at the same time. Number five, strive to become men and women of character

and integrity. And of course, for the final guide push, you have to exemplify the qualities and characteristics of the proverbial word 'dream,'" Dr. Abulencia said.

"Daring and determination, responsiveness and responsibility, ethical leadership or simply ethics, action orientation or action oriented, missionary spirit—these will serve as your standards, as your barometers of success," he added.

On the other hand, Sen. Risa Hontiveros reminded the College of Business and Accountancy graduates to continue showing up no matter how tired, struggling, or lazy they might feel.

She said that being present and showing up for their dreams, for the community, but, most importantly, for the truth is important.

"You are graduating at a time when truth is under attack. Nariyan ang fake news, disinformation, at online

manipulation. Kaya ngayon, higit kalian man, kailangan natin ang kabataang katulad ninyo. Matalino, mapanuri, at matapang. Kayo na marunong kumilatis, kayo ang pag-asa namin. You are now part of a growing movement that refuses to let lies win," Sen. Hontiveros said in her speech.

Laboratory School graduation

One hundred and thirty-eight senior high school students from the Laboratory School received their diplomas last July 11, 2025 at the TSU Gymnasium with Aubrey Rusteen Marin, batch valedictorian and a "with high honors" recipient, leading the graduating class.

Out of the 132 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) graduates, 106 finished their high school journey with honors.

"Today is more than just an academic milestone; it is a turning point of your life. It is a celebration of your late nights

reviewing for tests or difficult research papers and nerve-wracking recitations—classes that you have overcome. But I am sorry to tell you that more is on the way when you enter higher education," DEPDev MIMAROPA Regional Director Agustin Mendoza said.

Dir. Mendoza of the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) MIMAROPA addressed the LS graduates as the guest of honor and speaker. He is an alumnus of the Tarlac College of Technology (now TSU) Laboratory School.

"We need graduates who treat service not just as a task but as a calling. We need lifelong learners who see education not just as a stage but as a journey. But most of all, we need to work with individuals who do not just wish for change but work tirelessly for it," RD Mendoza said.

School of Law's 17 graduates

Sandiganbayan

Associate Justice Gener Gito graced the School of Law graduation ceremony for the 17 juris doctor graduates held in the morning of July 11 at the Priscilla Hall of the TSU Hotel in Lucinda Campus.

Associate Justice Gito is known as the judge who acquitted former Senator Leila De Lima's last drug case in 2024. "I would like to remind you that the profession that you are about to enter requires both commitment and responsibility. It is the duty of the lawyers to always uphold the rule of law and justice in any circumstances," the newly appointed Sandiganbayan Associate Justice said.

He also recognized the TSU School of Law, which is becoming one of the best law schools in the country with its improving performance in the Bar examinations.

This year's juris doctor graduates are led by Resmar David, class valedictorian and recipient of the Justice Jose C.

Dela Rama Sr. Law Foundation award.

He received a cash incentive of 30,000 pesos from the foundation, a set of law books from Dean Salvador Moya III, and reviewers from the Central Bookstore.

"My family and I are deeply grateful to the Justice Jose C. Dela Rama Foundation for the support that made my journey possible. May God continue to bless you and the foundation so that you may uplift more future lawyers as you have uplifted me," David said in his speech.

David is also a loyalty awardee who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy degree in 2018, also from TSU.

Batch salutatorian Mark Kevin Mungcal is the awardee for the Brenda Alba Sabenit Scholarship and was named Best in Legal Aid. Like David, he is also a loyalty awardee who finished his Bachelor of Science in Accountancy degree in 2015.



Comm students' 'Punla' is 2025 CL Best Film

Katrina Mae A. Patdu | OPA Intern

The short film produced by Communication students of Tarlac State University was named "Best Film in Central Luzon" by the Department of Agrarian Reform in its regional filmmaking competition, "Pelikulang Agraryo 2025."

The team's film, "Punla," was awarded under the ARB category on July 1, 2025. It will serve as the official entry of DAR Region III in the nationwide short film competition DAR Central and Regional Film Festival, which aims to highlight stories of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs), Agrarian Reform Beneficiary Organizations (ARBOs), and other projects of DAR.

The team's film narrates the life of Lolita, a farmer who struggles to make ends meet but thrives daily. She gets inspiration from her husband and daughter, who promised to take their family out of the margins of society someday.

The story, which takes place in Barangay Pao in San Jose, Tarlac, was directed by Clarise Ann Dacanay, an incoming fourth-year Communication student.



Photo credits: Mr. Dale Calvin Castañeda

"We take pride in this achievement with so much gratefulness, but still, we carry it with [the] grace of humility. It feels so fulfilling to bring honor and pride to our university. Thus,

this award is not just a mere award for me, for it is a testament that we, as communication majors, are not just making films, editing, nor writing scripts, for we are making these kinds of films rooted [in] our passion to make a difference," Dacanay said in a phone interview.

Alyssa Moreno, who played the character of Lolita, won as best actress, while Laurence Marimla, the lead actor portraying Juan, Lolita's husband, was named as best actor.

Both students will receive 10,000 pesos for each award, while the group will receive 30,000 pesos.

Communication faculty members Mr. Dale Calvin Castaneda and Mr. Jovito Taruc received the award on behalf of the team at the DAR regional office in Pampanga.

"We owe it to every farmer who [was] honed by resilience and determination to

sow despite different struggles," Dacanay further said.

Meanwhile, the Department of Communication also submitted another film entry titled "Hayag," directed by Heleina Quesada. Like "Punla," the second entry also features the hardships and struggles of different people, highlighting various accomplishments of projects led by DAR.

Themed "Pag-ani sa mga Pangarap: Mga Kwento ng Pag-asa at Tagumpay sa Agraryo," the DARCFE is open to tertiary-level students of communication or any media-related courses who want to showcase their talents in creating films.

This event aims to be an annual competition that provides a platform to highlight the creativity of each contestant and simultaneously celebrate the success of the different initiatives led by DAR.

TSU continues opt-out implementation

Katrina Mae A. Patdu | OPA Intern

The Office of Student Affairs and Services led the orientation for the enrollees and parents of enrollees under the opt-out mechanism at the TSU Gymnasium last July 8, 2025.

All opt-out enrollees among the incoming first-year students were required to attend the orientation before submitting requirements and enrollment.

The mandatory orientation discusses the salient provisions of the opt-out mechanism, including its origin anchored on Section 8 of the implementing rules and regulations of RA 10931 (Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act of 2017), schedule of fees, qualifications to avail, and other requirements. This is meant to equip the students and their parents or guardians with critical information before they agree to pay their tuition voluntarily until they graduate.

"Kasi po iniisip namin, kung magpapaaral lang din naman kayo, saan kayo mas makakatipid? 'Yun po 'yung idea ng 'opt-to-pay.' Hindi po ito pwersahan... Hindi po kikita ang university. Alam niyo



kung bakit? [The university] is state-owned. Ibig sabihin, ang perang ito, pera ng Republika ng Pilipinas," Student Affairs and Services Director Atty. Gherold Benitez said in his message to the attendees.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes



M. Macaraeg also tackled the perennial issue of admissions, where only around 29-30% of applicants are given the chance to enroll at TSU with a Free Tuition benefit.

"Ang Tarlac State University is already a known university not just in the province of Tarlac but as well as nationwide and even internationally... But the problem is, we cannot accommodate all the more or less 17,000 na nag-take po ng admission exam. So meron lang din po tayong number of students na pwedeng ma-accommodate under the UNIFAST law. Eh marami pa pong gustong pumunta. Kaya po napa-approve natin sa Board of Regents ang ating 'option-to-pay,'" VP Macaraeg said.

The orientation is also open to other TSU students who want to know more about the opt-out mechanism and why it is implemented at the university.

"Kahit sinong Pilipino

pwedeng mag-aral sa TSU. So, 'yung 17,000 [applicants] madagdagan pa, kaya marami po talaga. Gustuhin man namin po kayong tanggapin lahat, hindi po kaya ng unibersidad. Kaya't mangyayari, 5,000 'yung qualified. Eh 'yung mga susunod? Kayo po 'yun," Atty. Benitez added.

"Ngayon po, 'Sir, baka po ayaw na namin, kasi may bayad naman po pala.' Okay lang po, pwede po kayong hindi mag-enroll. Kaya nga po sabi kanina nina Vice President (Macaraeg), wala pong pilitan. Nagkataon na binibigyan lang kayo ng chance na magbayad ng mas mababang tuition compared sa private school," he emphasized.

The TSU administration implemented the opt-out mechanism last August 2024, during the academic year 2024-2025. The pioneering batch is about to enter the upcoming academic year as second-year students.

Passionately discussing | SAS Director Atty. Gherold C. Benitez engages opt-out students in a meaningful discussion to uncover the mechanisms ins and outs.



TSU jumps to rank 256 in WURI 2025, receives CHEDRO 3 award for WURI performance

Jazzel Llaneli E. Manalo-Manabat

Tarlac State University stepped up in the overall ranking of the WURI 2025 Global Top 400 Innovative Universities, landing on the 256th spot out of more than 1,200 higher education institutions worldwide that submitted entries.

Out of the 15 entries submitted by TSU across eight categories in the World University Ranking for Innovation 2025, the university ranked 19th in Ethics and Integrity (A6), 20th in ESG Trend (B6), and 43rd in Student Support and Engagement (A1).

The results were officially announced on July 10, 2025 at the 5th Annual Hanseatic League of University Conference in Dumaguete City.

In 2024, TSU ranked 279th in the WURI 2024 Global Top 300 Innovative Universities, with entries from the Student Support and Engagement (A1), Crisis Management (A5), and Funding (B2) categories reaching the top 100.

Meanwhile, the HLU Annual Conference invited TSU to present the "Sarap Tumulong"



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project, which was submitted to the WURI 2024 under the Funding category. Extension Director Engr. Emir Lenard S.F. Sicangco led the discussion of the project at the conference.

Top-ranking WURI entries of TSU

The specific entries that led the university in

particular category rankings had been identified per the email received from the WURI Global Conference and WURI Ranking 2025 chairpersons.

The university ranked 19th globally in A6 or Ethics and Integrity with the help of the university-wide program "WESSA: Work Ethics and Safe Spaces Act" of the Career

Education and Job Placement Services under the Office of Student Affairs and Services.

The Ethics and Integrity category, where the university ranked highest, focuses on projects that uphold and mold moral values, ethical decision-making, and integrity among students and faculty members.

The lone entry of TSU in the B3 category or the ESG (environmental, social, and governance) Trend, "Project S.T.A.R.T." (Sustainable Training Assistance and Revitalized Teaching) of the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development, led the university to the 20th place.

The ESG Trend is the next highest-ranked category of TSU, which pertains to environmental, social, and governance principles reflected in projects and programs for sustainability. This new category in WURI 2025 encourages the reduction of environmental impact, responsible management of resources, and promotion of

social inclusivity.

Meanwhile, in A1 or Student Support and Engagement, TSU ranked 43rd through the Guidance and Counselling Unit's "Katatagan Plus: A Resilience-Building Mental Health Program for Youth," also under SAS.

The Student Support and Engagement category zeroes in on projects that support the students' academic and career success, welfare, diversity, inclusion, and participation.

CHEDRO 3 awards SUCs, HEIs for WURI performance

Along with other higher education institutions in Central Luzon, TSU received a plaque of commendation from the CHED Regional Office III on July 17, 2025 for ranking 256th in the WURI 2025.

TSU emerged as the sixth out of the 15 HEIs in Central Luzon with an overall ranking in WURI 2025.

The awarding ceremony, "Luminescence 26: Glowing with Excellence," held in Bacolor, Pampanga, recognized the 26 HEIs in the region in the different categories of innovation.

In a news briefer posted on Facebook, CHEDRO III Director Dr. Lora L. Yusi commended the 26 HEIs for "transcending into greater heights and their aspirations to be purposeful to the community."

According to CHEDRO III, these rankings show that Central Luzon HEIs are "champions of holistic development and purposeful innovations."

Office of Quality Assurance Director Dr. Niño B. Corpuz and Assistant Director Dr. Ma. Socorro D. Valdez received the plaque on behalf of TSU, having led the university's WURI committee.



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TSU garners regional food safety excellence award

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Tarlac State University was recognized as the sole recipient of the “Pillar of Excellence in Food Safety” award during the Celebration of Food Safety Milestones in Central Luzon held on July 30, 2025 at the SACOP-EPHATHA Center in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

The award, given by the Department of Science and Technology Region III, aims to recognize the efforts of TSU for its foundational role in establishing the Central Luzon Food Safety Team, driving research and development projects that solved critical regional food safety challenges, and providing invaluable extension services for product and process improvement.

As the accredited food safety experts of DOST III, TSU

served as the lead trainer of the CLFST, which provides capacity-building programs and technical assistance to food business operators (FBOs) across Central Luzon.

Since 2017, the Center for Food Technology and Research and the College of Science’s Food Technology faculty members have served as DOST-accredited food safety consultants, assisting FBOs in complying with Food and Drug Administration requirements.

“More than this recognition from DOST, we

at TSU CFTR and the College of Science Food Technology faculty are humbled to serve our FBOs not just in Tarlac, but throughout the region,” CFTR Director Dr. Lea B. Milan said in an interview with the Office of Public Affairs.

“It is truly fulfilling and rewarding to see our FBOs comply with regulatory requirements and expand their markets. This means not only ensuring food safety, but also increasing their impact on the community by creating jobs

and contributing to local development,” she added.



Dr. Milan also thanked DOST and CLFST for their continued partnership and the opportunity to support the region’s food industry.

Joining Dr. Milan in receiving the award on behalf of the university is Asst. Prof. Aljon N. Lusong, Extension Services Management department head.

Among TSU’s notable projects with DOST are: Project Women’s Economic Empowerment, Establishment of a Food Safety Control System for FBOs in Tarlac City, and Standardization of Artisanal Chicharon Camiling of Tarlac, all funded by the agency.

In addition to recognizing institutional partners, MSME graduates who completed DOST-led food safety training programs received certificates.

EDITORIAL

Cutting costs that cuts quality

Quality doesn’t come cheap — this is a common saying that people almost always hear. When talking about top-notch products, these are normally associated with expensive price tags. But when the government cuts costs, is it a deprivation of quality services? Or is it merely a move to maintain efficiency in service delivery?

Until today, Tarlac State University faces financial constraints and setbacks that affect its operations. Teaching and non-academic staff are allocated with limited resources when requesting to attend seminars and training for university funding, holding back opportunities and invitations that are way beyond the cap.

Meanwhile, the most surface-level funding restriction involving meals for meetings continues to be puns of inside jokes, not because the employees do not intend to follow the memo but mainly due to the Filipino trait of laughing things off. Referring to Maslow’s hierarchy of needs, if these basic parameters of quality in the university are at risk of being fully met, how else would the higher-order needs be fulfilled?

This part could be debatable—whether the QS Stars reapplication and ISO 9001:2015 recertification are considered needs of the university. These quality standards, as higher-order needs, were both not funded in 2024 and 2025

considering the university’s financial status. However, it is clear in the SUC Leveling parameters that the QS Stars has particular points apart from the other international rankings. The ISO certification is also a necessary requirement in good governance and the grant of the Performance-Based Bonus. Aside from the bonuses these standards bring, the quality they provide are the prime benefits that could be gained. With all of these said, has TSU been deprived of quality because of the budget mishaps?

Efficiency is all about using minimal available resources toward maximum benefit. Facing the reality of TSU having a limited working budget

as the minimal available financial resource, is the institution and the people behind it reaping the maximum gains? Or is the university merely hiding behind the efficiency label?

TSU boasts of providing quality tertiary education and support services, but quality is not always free. Surely, students’ access to undergraduate degrees is free due to the Free Tuition Law, but having top-tier faculty members and facilities requires financial investments. If spending is temporarily halted, quality is at stake. The university’s reputation and its outputs are, eventually, affected. In sum, quality always comes with a price, even in the government.

TSU, Central Luzon SUCs partner with Taiwan-based universities

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

Kainan University in Taiwan sealed a memorandum of understanding with Tarlac State University’s Office of Culture, Arts, and Languages and other state universities in Central Luzon last July 23, 2025.

The MOU seeks to

further internationalization activities of faculty members and students, particularly in promoting culture and the arts.

The partnership, initiated by culture and arts directors and SUC presidents in Region III, also includes

faculty and student exchange programs in engineering, medicine, business management, education, industrial technology, information technology, and food technology.

This will also open opportunities for international

internships, employment, and joint cultural programs.

Prof. Douglas C. Ferrer represented TSU during the signing ceremony.

The MOU will be in effect for an initial five years.



Photo credits: Prof. Douglas C. Ferrer

TSU NASA pioneers web-based membership records system

Mary Joy B. Manalo

The Tarlac State University Non-Academic Staff Association officially launched its Membership Application and Management System (MAMS) on July 18, 2025 to streamline member registration and data management.

MAMS is a web-based platform that allows non-teaching employees to apply for membership online and view, update, and manage their member details.

Accessible via the TSU employee portal, the system also enables administrators to review and verify applications more efficiently and manage member information and documentation.

In an interview, TSU NASA President Hon. Cherie Lyn F. Onia shared that the system's development began in February 2024.

She explained that the growing number of members had made it increasingly difficult for officers to update profiles and records manually.

With the creation of MAMS, the processing of medical benefits, member loans, and data requests from



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government agencies for over 300 members is expected to become significantly more efficient.

Additionally, members will now receive notifications for approvals and renewals through their TSU email accounts.

The project was developed in partnership with the Office of Management

Information Systems, headed by Dr. Marlon V. Gamido, with Mr. Mark James Fernandez and Mr. Jun Marc Talavera as the main developers.

Beyond streamlining membership processes, the system also allows administrators to generate real-time financial reports, including equity per member, medical aid,

and TSU NASA contributions.

Hon. Onia encouraged all TSU NASA members to update their personal information through the system.

Last July 13, before the launch, OMIS developers conducted an orientation with TSU NASA officers on using MAMS.



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TSU wins back-to-back Mr. and Ms. ASCU-SN titles

John Michael D. Esteban



Tarlac State University delegates painted the grounds of Benguet State University with maroon and gold during the Association of State Colleges and Universities-Solid North Midyear Sports and Cultural Festival 2025, bagging the Mr. ASCU-SN title and Ms. ASCU runner-up award.

Themed "Celebrating Athleticism, Culture, and Unity," the annual festival held from July 14-18 gathered teaching and non-teaching personnel from 25 SUCs in Regions 1, 2, 3, and the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Sports Development and Management Head Dr. Ligaya Gina Salangsang led the 250-strong TSU delegation.

"We are grateful because we got enough support, especially from the administration. And we are well represented from the general services up to the teaching and non-teaching staff," Dr. Salangsang said in an interview.

This will be the last time Dr. Salangsang will lead TSU as the sports head. She is looking forward to the next batch of leaders to

continue the passion and desire to make the TSU employees happy regarding sports participation.

Mr. Dale Calvin Castañeda, College of Arts and Social Sciences faculty member, won the Mr. ASCU-SN 2025 title, while Ms. Princess Dianne Mercado from the College of Education placed 3rd runner-up.

Mr. Castañeda hails from the Department of Communication, just like Ms. Karen Maniego, the Ms. ASCU-SN 2024.

TSU garnered multiple placements in various categories, ranging from sports, visual arts, and cultural events.

During the opening ceremony on July 15, newly appointed Commission on Higher Education Chairperson Dr. Shirley Agrupis delivered a video message to greet the festival participants.

The event was also attended by other SUC presidents and key officials, including CHED Commissioner Desiderio Rana Apag III and La Trinidad Mayor Roderick Awingan.

Moreover,



TRACK		
1st Place	100m Men's	40-49
3rd Place	100m Men's	29 and below
3rd Place	200m Men's	30-39
3rd Place	200m Men's	40-49
3rd Place	200m Men's	50-59

TABLE TENNIS		
1st Place	Singles A	39 below
1st Place	Singles B	39 Below
1st Place	Singles B	50 above
3rd Place	Singles B	50 above
3rd Place	Doubles M	39 below
3rd Place	Doubles M	40-49

BASKETBALL		
1st Place	Men's 5×5	45 below
1st Place	Men's 5×5	46 above
2nd Place	Women's	

VOLLEYBALL	
2nd Place	Men's

DARTS	
2nd Place	Women's Singles

BADMINTON	
3rd Place	Mixed Doubles (46-55)
3rd Place	Women's Doubles (35 and below)

VISUAL ARTS	
1st Place	Charcoal Drawing
2nd Place	On the Spot Poster Making

FUN RUN	
1st Place	6km Men's

LARO NG LAHI	
1st Place	Men's Patintero
2nd Place	Relay

FUTSAL	
3rd Place	Women's

CHESS	
4th Place	Women's

DANCE SPORTS	
	3rd Place

EdD, BS Chem are Level IV re-accredited by AACCUP

Mary Joy B. Manalo



One graduate program under the College of Education and a bachelor's degree program from the College of Science earned their Level IV re-accredited certificates on July 4, 2025 through an awarding ceremony at the Café Lucinda in Lucinda Campus.

The re-accredited status of the Doctor of Education program, majors in Educational Management and Industrial Education Management, and Bachelor of Science in Chemistry were awarded by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines through Tarlac State

University's Office of Quality Assurance.

According to the AACCUP report presented by OQA Director Dr. Niño B. Corpuz, both the EdD and BS Chemistry programs achieved a grand mean of 4.50, with a rating of 4.50 in all five areas: research, performance of graduates, community service, international linkages, and planning process.

Dr. Corpuz also shared the quality journey of the two programs, beginning with the EdD program's first survey visit in 2016 and BS Chemistry in 2019.

Graduate Studies Dean Dr. Maria Agnes P. Ladia

reflected on the accreditation standing of the graduate program.

"It might have been delayed; it might have taken us this long to achieve it, but our commitment has never wavered—it never stopped. It took a while because quality takes time. It is not something you can have overnight; it is something you work hard for," Dean Ladia said in her closing remarks.

In his message of acceptance, College of Education Dean Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza acknowledged the efforts of the COEd accreditation task force and the former deans who contributed to achieving its current accreditation status.

"This accreditation is more than just a certificate—it is a symbol of our pursuit of the highest standards of excellence and our readiness to meet the demands of global education. It affirms our commitment to continuous improvement and to shaping educators who will lead with integrity, innovation, and impact," Dean Mendoza said.

"Let us also be reminded that as we rise in accreditation level, so we must rise in the

quality of education we provide," he added.

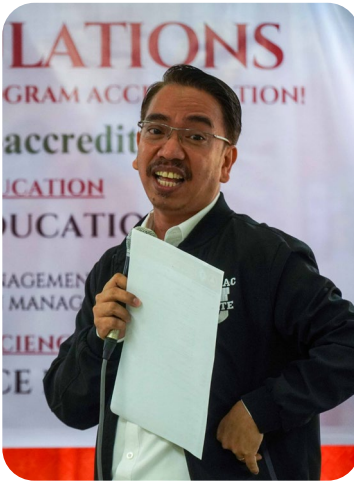
Meanwhile, College of Science Dean Dr. Mary Jane N. Rigor assured that the college will continue to uphold the quality it has established at TSU.

She added that the college will strive to become the "best and most competitive college" offering BS Chemistry at the national level and even on the global stage.

In separate messages, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes Macaraeg, represented by Dr. Aloysius T. Madriaga, congratulated the two programs and thanked the local accreditation task force and the OQA for their dedication and commitment to the university's success.

Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale, the colleges' respective associate deans, program chairpersons, and faculty members also attended the awarding ceremony.

The Level IV re-accredited status of both programs is valid from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2030.



Sen. Bam, TSU community engage in another consultative meeting

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Tarlac State University's key officials, some Board of Regents members, and student representatives attended a consultative meeting with Sen. Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV on July 15, 2025 at the Main AVR, before the 36th Commencement Exercises.

Senator Aquino lauded the 88 percent employability rate of the university's graduates, as recorded last year by tracer studies.

"88 percent is a good

number, so that's something we want to see across all of these schools—na lahat ng mga kabataan natin nakatanggap ng tulong mula sa kanilang kolehiyo, may trabaho pagkatapos," Senator Aquino said.

The needs and concerns of the university were laid on the table, primarily regarding facilities, subsidies, plantilla, and other resources.

He assured TSU's College of Medicine Dean, Dr.

Policarpio Joves Jr., that their concerns regarding the newly established medical school, such as the 20 medical practitioners who will teach, plantilla, laboratories, and learning resources, will be addressed to ensure that the college will be equipped to serve the students better.

Moreover, Dr. Melanie Masangkay, Laboratory School principal, brought up the current situation of the TSU LS, which has neither subsidies nor

vouchers from the government and only relies on the university's budget. She added that the school does not have its own building, as the students only occupy the second floor of the College of Education.

Senator Aquino served as the guest of honor and speaker during the College of Arts and Social Sciences and the College of Public Administration and Governance graduation ceremonies.





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