Top 10 Performing Schools in the Philippines in the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) - Bachelor of Elementary Education

August 2014 Licensure Examination for Teacher in the Bachelor of Elementary Education Program sifted ten performing schools in the Philippines from the 1,313 teacher education institutions nationwide. A total of 25,301 passers (35.74%) out of the 70,786 examinees were recorded in the LET that was administered in August 17, 2014.

North Luzon Philippines State College situated at the core of the City of Candon in the Province of Ilocos Sur takes pride and honor for the glittering success of its LET passers in the Bachelor of Elementary Education Program which brought the college in the 10th place of the top performing schools in the Philippines. A stupendous passing percentage of 85.25% was reaped when 52 out of 61 LET examinees thumb out the laborious challenge of the licensure examination.

Since its birth in May 2010 as a young, promising and thriving college in this part of the country, NLPSU has showcased its commitment to excellent and dynamic service to the nation through the noble cause of quality tertiary education.  

The Proposed Provincial University System

An Inter SUC Task Force, composed of the schools' Presidents, Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs and Amalgamation focal persons was created to implement the plan to amalgamate the three (3) Public Higher Education Institutions in Ilocos Sur such as the University of Northern Philippines (UNP), Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPC) and the North Luzon Philippines State College (NLPSU) and create a Provincial University System.  

NLPSC produces Licensed Midwives

The Midwifery Program of North Luzon Philippines State College under the deanship of Mrs. Estrella C. Gaerlan has been a performing program as ever. In fact, the almost perfect rate in the Midwifery Board Examination has been a usual feat of the midwifery graduates every year. And this year, the Professional Regulations Commission recorded eight new licensed midwives by passing the Midwifery Board Examination held in Baguio City last November 8-9, 2014.

With the institutional passing percentage of 88.89% as against the national passing rate of 51%, only one taker failed to get through the barricades of victory. The successful board passers who shall take their oaths on December 12, 2014 are:

1. BAL-UT, Mary Luz H.  
2. BARNACHEA, Katherine Abegail F.  
3. BOBILES, Reyshel B.  
4. BOTASTAS, Jennifer M.  
5. CAVILES, Mary Antonette S.  
6. FUENTES, Marivic G.  
7. GALINATO, Rachelyn G.  
8. GARCIA, Patricia J.

BSCrim Batch 2014 exude wit in the Criminology Board Examination

The country waited for the release and publication of the names of the passers of the 2014 Criminology Board Examination during the second week of November this year as announced by the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) but the agony of waiting slightly prolonged till the calendar leaf turned anew.

The national takers comprising of 28,187 prospective criminologists were ripped down to 12,245 new licensed criminologists as they successfully passed the October 2014 Criminology Board Examination.
NLPSC at the brink of change...

ALEX Q. MENDOZA
Editor-in-Chief

We finally come to the verge of change! NLPSC decides for the toughest stand in the bare challenges of legislative acts, political will, sheer wishes of the stakeholders, whims of the community and the favors of its faculty, staff and students. The resounding blow that necessitates the restructuring of the higher education through amalgamation comes knocking swiftly at the gates of the college — and the final decision is needed; the final decision must cascade to the general welfare of the NLPSC community.

Let us contemplate our past and retrospect what we have achieved for roughly four years of our maiden existence as an institution of higher learning in this part of the country. Did we succeed in our vision and mission of producing competent and socially responsible human resource for the sustainable development of North Philippines? Perhaps, we can answer this question in a short list.

We propellated the turbine of quality assurance for academic excellence by submitting five of our degree programs for Level I Accreditation to the AACCUP (Accrediting Agency for Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines) and we have triumphed the rigid evaluation process. We can now proudly tell that our academic programs: Bachelor of Secondary Education, Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science already received the Award for Level I Accreditation Status.

We can also modestly swank our performance in the board examinations for our board programs: the Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSE), the Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED), the Certificate in Midwifery (MID) and the Bachelor of Science in Criminology (BS crim). The BEED elevated NLPSC in the 10th Place of the Top Performing Schools in the Philippines in the August 2014 Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET).

The BSE LET passing percentage pegged at 65.52% is consistent with the high passing percentages in the past examinations — roughly higher than the national passing rate. The 39 BS crim graduates of 2014, the first graduates of NLPSC in the Criminal Justice Education Department and the pioneer takers of the Criminology Board Examination, posted the superior, condescending and astonishing achievement as 23 of them ably passed the 2014 Criminology Board Examination, hence, topping the 59.97 institutional passing percentage as against the 43.44 national passing percentage.

These scintillating feats in the academic arena are undeniable proofs of our ability to situate NLPSC in the playing field of the SUCs nationwide.

Truly, NLPSC is a young and a small college. It cannot fight against the giant universities not only in Region I but more so in the whole country in terms of student population, manpower, budget allocations, academic programs and research and extension thrusts. What NLPSC could offer is its dedication to promote for the welfare of its clientele — the students — that they may become competent and socially responsible human resource for the sustainable development of North Philippines as NLPSC envisioned them to be.

With NLPSC, UNP and ISPSC in the Provincial Amalgamation and with them as One University System in the Regional Amalgamation, high hopes of furthering the cause for quality and excellent service in education are firmly eyed for: student welfare for course completion; program harmonization, and unified admission and retention policies; fortified faculty and staff development geared towards resource sharing, equal opportunities for research and extension activities and fair promotion schemes; and the establishment of flagship programs to increase the level of competence of students and prospective graduates.

Can NLPSC resist these changes? And so we decide...

NLPSC produces.... from page 1

Time and again, the high performances of the graduates in the Midwifery Board Examination is an explicit display of high competencies of the nursing faculty and clinical instructors who are held agents in the transformation of the midwifery students into licensed midwives marked with excellent technical know-how, dynamic skills and service-oriented visions for tomorrow. That is how NLPSC nurtures its students.
Research, Development and Extension updates

1st International Research and Education Conference for the Academe of Today

Two (2) research studies of the institution were presented in the “1st International Research and Education Conference for the Academe of Today” sponsored by the ILS Development and Training Inc. held on November 29-30 and December 01, 2014 at the Ibay Zion Plaza Hotel, Baguio City. The said NLSPC studies are: “The Environmental Education of North Luzon Philippines State College” by Dr. Elizabeth M. Gacusan and “The Traditional Justice System of the Tribal Communities in the Upland Municipalities of Ilocos Sur” by Dr. Severino G. Alvento.

The keynote speaker during the opening program of the three (3) day conference was Dr. Alpino T. Garcia of the University of the Philippines-Baguio with the topic “Creating an Enabling Atmosphere for University-Based Research in Pursuit of Academic Excellence.” Meanwhile, Firth McEachern from the Harvard University, USA and Colleen Curran from the University of Alberta, Canada served as the plenary speakers with their respective topics “Education in Research” and “Approaches and Benefits of Incorporating Information Science in Research” respectively.

There were two (2) parallel sessions during the presentations of researches in the 2nd and 3rd day. Topics of researches in the track 1 tackled social science, education and management while track 2 were topics on Science and Technology, Information Dissemination, Mathematics and Engineering.

There were at least 93 papers presented in the conference from authors of the different State Universities and Colleges in the country. The participating agencies to the said conference were: Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, Marinduque State College, Southern Luzon State University, Guimaras College, University of Southern Mindanao, Central Mindanao University, Bicol University, Cebanico City State Polytechnic College, University of Southern Philippines, Cavitte State University, Cagayan State University, Carlos Hilado Memorial State College Negros Occidental, Benguet State University, Mountain Province State Polytechnic College, Cavitte State University, DepEd – Cotabato City Division, Laguna State Polytechnic University, Southern Leyte State University, Division of La Carlota City, Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology, DEBESNSCAT, University of Mindanao, Northwestern Mindanao State College of Science and Technology, Palawan State University, St. Paul University of Quezon City, Sultan Kudarat State University and North Luzon Philippines State College. (SGA)

The 26th Regional Symposium on R & D Highlights

Dr. Prima Fe R. Franco, the Consortium Director of the Ilocos Agriculture, Aquatic Resources, Research and Development Consortium (ILAARDEC) welcomed the North Luzon Philippines State College as the consortium’s new member agency during the 26th Regional Symposium on R&D Highlights which was held at the Oasis Country Resort Hotel, San Fernando City, La Union on November 26-28, 2014. “Bracing the Challenges of ASEAN 2015 Integration thru S&T Innovations” was the fitting theme of the symposium.

Dr. Severino G. Alvento, the Director for Research and Extension, headed the delegation of NLSPC in the symposium. With him were Mr. Alex Q. Mendoza, Mr. Samson C. Nisperos, Dr. Lanie B. Tiu, Mrs. Nora H. Soliven and Mrs. Nelie V. Manzano.

Dr. Mercedes Fernando has represented Dr. Silverio Q. Tejada, the Director for the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Soils and Water Management during the Opening Program and eventually assumed the role as Keynote Speaker. There were 26 papers under the research category, 15 papers under the development category, 6 papers in the undergraduate category and 38 posters that were presented within the three-day symposium. These competing posters and papers were submitted by the members of the consortium coming from the SUCs, the Department of Agriculture, the PhilRice, the Philippine Carabao Center and the Farmers Organizations in Region I.

During the closing program, Dr. Alvento, given the privilege to speak and give his impressions, assured ILAARDEC that NLSPC will be presenting papers in the succeeding symposiums of the consortium. (caq)
The Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) is a challenging obstacle in the racetrack that pre-service teachers need to cross over in order to situate them in the roadmap towards the pedagogical world—the institutions of learning.

In the recently concluded August 2014 LET, the following examinees in the Bachelor of Elementary Education reaped a sterling passing percentage of 85.23% compared to the national passing rate of 35.74%; hence, bringing the North Luzon Philippines State College in the top 10 Performing Schools in the Philippines.

1. ALAGADAN, Guillermo Jr. R. 27. LACADEN, Jefferson L.
2. ALAY-AY, Jennifer B. 28. LAPIC, Mary Jane L.
3. ALCANTARA, Shalimar M. 29. LAURICIO, Garlyn E.
4. ANGALA, Catherine C. 30. LUQUINGAN, Marjoe U.
5. ANGODAN, Euisette Jr. B. 31. MANGCLAY, Rachelle Ann E.
6. ANTONIO, Jessie Jr. F. 32. NIEVES, Rochelle C.
7. BALAN-EG, Janice S. 33. NOLASCO, Janine C.
8. BALAN-EG, Lovely D. 34. PADINGEL, Julius M.
9. BALLOING, Marylyn N. 35. PASCUA, Krestel Mae G.
10. CAOAING, Josephine O. 36. PERMEJO, Bonafte M.
11. DALUIS, Lizette U. 37. QUEVEDO, Rima B.
12. DALUPING, Jhon Rey J. 38. RAMIREZ, Edlene B.
13. DE GRACIA, Mylene H. 39. RAMOS, Maylene O.
14. DELA CRUZ, Marie-Lyn V. 40. RENTUTAR, Lara Joy R.
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23. GARABILIZ, Shienlyn V. 49. VALDEZ, Alyssa Fe R.
24. GRATUITO, Almira G. 50. VALDEZ, Catherine A.
25. HALABASO, Amelia R. 51. VALDEZ, Romelle D.
26. JANDOC, Queenie T. 52. VILOG, Elsa B.

In the Bachelor of Secondary Education, 19 were recorded passers and this tipped the passing percentage of 65.52% compared to the 34.40% national passing rate. Among the passers were:

**Major in English**
1. ALIGUDONG, Lyn D.
2. APOLONIO, Nelia G.
3. CAGDAN, Mayfran C.
4. FLORESCA, Glory C. Grace A.
5. HADUCA, Ricardo Jr. F.
6. VILOG, Michelle G.
7. BARCENA, Rey James B.

**Major in Mathematics**
1. ALBAN, Angelo J.
2. BELO, Roi J.
3. NAUNGAYAN, Reggie R.
4. SOLATRE, Ellaluz B.
5. YUSON, Yolanda L.
6. Major in Filipino

**Major in Social Science**
1. DALIGAN, JOSHUA S.
2. BALIO-AN, Sheryl T.
3. SAMPSON, Jovelyn T.
4. BUNO, Jaela C.
5. VILLONES, Luchelle C.

These passers of the Licensure Examination for Teachers have just jumped over the obstacles in the racetrack. So, where will they be heading? Soon enough, they will find themselves under the haven of educational institutions where much of their knowledge, skills and abilities will be purified under the young minds whose vision of the great hero Dr. Jose Rizal are hopes of the fatherland. Good luck teachers. If you have given NLPS to that pinch of success in passing the LET, you would surely give more estimated pride to NLPS when you finally tell to your students: “I come from NLPS and I am proud to be a TEACHER.”

**Celebration Toast to LET Passers of 2014**

In recognition for the success of the October 2014 LET Passers of NLPS, a Motorcade within the 2nd district of Ilocos Sur and a Testimonial Luncheon at the NLPS Administration Building Lobby was held on November 14, 2014.

At exactly 8:30 in the morning, the motorcade went out of the campus to showcase the achievement of the Bachelor of Elementary Education Program of NLPS in the Licensure Examination for Teachers which paved way of bringing NLPS to the 10th Post in the Top 10 Performing Schools in the Philippines. NLPS takes pride of the triumph achieved by the BEED program and as a Teacher Education Institution of the country, it saw the motorcade as a fitting vehicle of proclaiming to the people, not just in Ilocos Sur, but in the whole country that NLPS is really a performing training institution for pre-service teachers.

After the motorcade that was participated by the LET passers, college officials, faculty and administrative personnel, students and supporters who took highway routes from NLPS to Taguinod, from Taguinod to Sta. Maria, and from Sta. Maria to NLPS, a Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Arnel P. Ramos in honor to the glory that NLPS reaped at the moment and in gratitude for the continuing success of the academic programs of the College.

A Testimonial Luncheon was sponsored by the College through the Teacher Education Department under the deanship of Dr. Jaime G. Raras. LET passers gave their testimonies on the turn-out of LET and they also received tokens and certificates in recognition of their scintillating achievement.
Training on Unified Accounts Code Structure (UACS)

Six personnel of NLPSC underwent a three-day training on Unified Accounts Code Structure (UACS) under the sponsorship of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Regional Office I and the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) Region I on November 5-7, 2014 at the Mariano Marcos State University, Batac City, Ilocos Norte.

The aim of the training is to ensure that the Unified Accounts Code Structure (UACS) is adopted and properly implemented by all agencies in their financial transactions, pursuant to DBM-COA-DOF Joint Circular No. 2013-1 dated August 6, 2013.

The finance personnel of the college: Dr. Andres T. Malinang Jr., the Director for Administrative and Finance Services; Mrs. Eden C. Cortez, the Budget Officer and Acting Accountant; Mrs. Marissa Ll. Moises, the College Cashier; Dr. Rodolfo C. Moreno, the Planning Officer and Chairman of the BAC Secretariat; Ms. Helen Evelyn U. Valdez, the MIS Coordinator and PBB Focal Person; and Ms. Jessica D. Guitba, Accounting Staff, were introduced with the UACS as the foundation of the Public Financial Management (PFM) by the DBM staff Ryan A. Millanes; the application of the UACS Funding Source Code by DBM Staff Ria V. Bansigan; and the application of the UACS Organization and Location Code during the first day session.

During the second day, Mr. Millanes and Ms. Bansigan led the lectures on the Budget Primer and Application of Budget with AUCS Performance Informed Budgeting (Part 1) and Budget Execution Guidelines (Part 2); Budget Accountability Reports for AUCS; and Application of UACS Major Final Output, Programs, Activities and Projects Code. At the end of the day, workshop and exercises on UACS MFO, PAP Code and Budget were done.

Ms. Virginia A. Mendoza, the State Auditor V and Supervising Auditor for the Local Government Sector of Ilocos Norte lectured during the third day on the application of UACS Object Code and Sub-Object Code. The three-day session lagged with the open forum, wrapped up review and feedback on the turn-out of the training.

The HR Office: a Busy Station

NLPSC officially started the second semester of school year 2014-2015 on November 3, 2014 by welcoming a total of 147 employees (37 regular faculty, 16 regular non-teaching personnel, 6 casual employees, 35 job order employees, 7 contract of service employees and 46 part-time faculty).

Two newly hired part-time faculty members joined the NLPSC family: Dr. Albert S. Gamoso in the Teacher Education Department and Mr. Edgar D. Lilan in the Criminal Justice Education Department.

Despite the hectic schedule of the institution on various activities, the Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS) for the employees is continuously treated in compliance with the requirements set forth by the Civil Service Commission to fast track the performance of each employee in this College. Several meetings were conducted in the presence of the deans of the different departments: Dr. Jaime G. Raras of the Teacher Education and HuSoCom Departments; Mrs. Nora H. Soliven of the Business Education Department; Mr. Gerald Victor M. Calamaan of the Information Technology Department; Ms. Jannah T. Aromin of the Criminal Justice Education Department; and Mrs. Estrella C. Gaerlan of the Midwifery Department, where they were able to come up with the Individual Performance Commitment Review (IPCR) Form to be filled out individually by all faculty members to yearly assess their performance, as well as the Office Performance Commitment Review (OPCR) Form exclusively for the perusal of the Deans to sum up the yearly performance of their respective departments within a year.

After the Leave Administration Course for Effectiveness (LACE) seminar conducted at the Civil Service Commission Training Center in San Fernando City, La Union on November 5-6, 2014, the HRMO-designate conducted a re-echo seminar on the rights and privileges of the employees regarding leave credits with the inclusion of the Rehabilitation Leave, a newly enforced leave for government employees who meet accidents while on duty.

NLPSC likewise sent two representatives to attend the Human Resource Management Practitioners 4th Luzon Convention conducted at Subic, Olongapo City on November 18-20, 2014. Mrs. Gina Marie G. Ballocanag, HR staff, and Mr. James Lester Orpilla, Records Officer, were updated on the programs, rules and regulations of the Human Resource Department of the different government entities.

Last November 27, 2014, the Promotion and Selection Board successfully convened and interviewed one applicant under Casual Basis to fill up the position previously occupied by Mr. Danilo R. Pascua, school driver.

For the update of the NBC 461 5th Cycle, there are 22 regular faculty members who are in queue for promotion based on merits. (Dhana G. Biteng)

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Mones, Mendoza attend PGEA Meeting

"In our quest to uplift the living condition and achieve decent work and pay of public workers, PGEA spearheads a massive advocacy campaign for salary increase or the Salary Standardization Law II for government employees" – the resounding commencing talk of Ms. Esperanza S. Ocampo, the National President of the Philippine Government Employees Association during the PGEA meeting attended by Mrs. Marissa L. Mones, the President of the Non-Teaching Personnel Association and Mr. Alex Q. Mendoza, the President of the Faculty Association of North Luzon Philippines State College, which was held on October 29, 2014 at One Vittoria Hotel, Bantay, Ilocos Sur.

Hosted by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, Provincial Field Office of Ilocos Sur, Ms. Ocampo presided over the meeting participated by the union leaders from government offices in Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte. Union or association presidents of State Universities and Colleges, Secondary Schools from the Department of Education, Government Agencies, Government Organizations and Government Owned and Controlled Corporations have collaborated during the meeting in brainstorming for possible campaign strategies that will help build a responsible and constructive action to appeal for the grant of SSL IV from executive and legislative authorities of the country.

The meeting was also highlighted with the announcement of the “Government Employees Week” Celebration on December 1-7, 2014 through Presidential Proclamation No. 1130 tagged with the theme: Government Employees: Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future of Public Service. A roster of activities has been laid down for government employees to join in; two of which are the National Convention of Government Employees at Hyatt Regency Hotel and Casino Manila on December 5 and the Government Employees Family Day at Star City on December 6.

In culmination, the participants were given the privilege to ask questions regarding PhilHealth issues and concerns in their respective agencies and workplaces. Officials from PhilHealth generously offered lucid responses on queries raised and even suggested that they will visit PhilHealth-served agencies for much closer consultations and forums on matters affecting them as members of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (aiqm).

MARIS brought Vigan Heritage in NLPSC

Jan Norvin G Bucat

The Multi-Art Inclined Students (MARIS) again flourished North Luzon Philippines State College with various colors. The group was tasked by the Officer-in-Charge of the College, Dr. Elizabeth M. Gacusana during an emergency meeting with their fellow accredited organizations during the preparation of the accreditation visit of the five academic programs of the College to design and beautify the fence located at the east of the NLPSC Administration Building. The members of MARIS led by their vibrant and enthusiastic President, Christian Rey R. Ricarze showcased their skills by painting the walls with the image of the heritage village of Vigan and this summoned the sight of the audience to make them feel amased. Further, MARIS was also tasked to paint some of the metal signboards of the College and President Ricarze showcased his talent in lettering the signboards. The Accreditation Visit of the 5 academic programs of the College was successfully initiated on September 22-26, 2014 by the AACUP accreditors, and in November 2014, results showed that these programs were accredited Level 1.

Recently, on November 19, 2014, after the 2nd Public Hearing on the Proposed Amalgamation of the three SUCs in Ilocos Sur in the NLPSC Gymnasium, the President of the University of Northern Philippines (UNP), Dr. Gilbert R. Arce saw the mural paintings with the Vigan heritage designs and he admired it very much. He had a little talk with Mr. Jan Norvin G. Bucat, the MARIS Adviser, regarding the artworks made by MARIS. Dr. Arce said that the making of the mural paintings must be continued in the College and he appreciated MARIS for not only painting the heritage design but also for conducting the Arts Month Celebration last February 2014 that showcased the various artistic skills of the students. MARIS was also thankful to Dr. Elizabeth M. Gacusana, for her approval of conducting the said event and her full support to the plans and activities of the organization.

MARIIS designed Stage Backdrop for Amalgamation Hearing at NLPSC

Jan Norvin G Bucat

The officers of the Multi-Art Inclined Students (MARIS) led by the group president, Christian Rey Ricarze, showcased their skills in creating the stage backdrop of the 2nd Public Hearing on the Proposed Amalgamation of the three SUCs in Ilocos Sur held on November 19, 2014 at the NLPSC Gymnasium. The officers and their adviser, Mr. Bucat created the design with just only various colors of cartolina, and with some potted plants with the help of Mr. Dan Joseph Villego and some Midwifery faculty members. Said backdrop was simple but beautiful.

The program was hosted and attended by the NLPSC Family led by OIC President Dr. Elizabeth M. Gacusana. Guests were CHED Region I Director Dr. Teoticia C. Tagubao and her company; delegates from the University of Northern Philippines (UNP) led by their President, Dr. Gilbert R. Arce; Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC) led by their President, Dr. Rafael B. Querubin; and the different stakeholders of NLPSC.

Family Day Celebration

The Family Day Celebration was held in the afternoon of November 14, 2014 to bring together the members of the academic community in games and bonding moments with the Length of Service Award as one of the highlights.

Dr. Andres T. Malinag Jr., the Director for Administrative and Finance Services, took lead in declaring the purpose of the Family Day Celebration. This is undertaken as a part of the yearly directive of the Civil Service Commission to take certain shift from work to address the need for a healthy relationship between employees in the agency or organization.

During the program, six employees were awarded due to the length of service rendered as government servants, to wit: Prof. Elizabeth M. Velasco – 25 years Mr. Gilbert M. Domingo – 20 years Mr. Jordan G. Gundran – 20 years Mr. Amado A. Valdez – 20 years Mr. Diosdado G. Garces – 10 years Mrs. Honeylyn G. Pacquiao – 10 years

Indeed, the rapport shared by the faculty and administrative personnel in the College is certain to make the laborious tasks of teaching and administrative work light and easy. After all, the workplace is an adjacent haven to all workers and ultimately the provider of daily bread and butter for their respective families.

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NLPSC Tigers Roar in the 2014 SCUAA-1

The delegation of North Luzon Philippines State College – the NLPSC Tigers – set foot to the playing grounds of Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) to compete in the State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association I (SCUAA-I) Regional Meet on December 1-5, 2014.

Dr. Elizabeth M. Gacusana, the Officer-in-Charge of the College and the head of the delegation, extended her words of encouragement and inspiration to the athletes, coaches, co-coaches, tournament managers, chaperons and support staff of NLPSC, emphasizing that their participation in the SCUAA Meet signifies their willingness to belong to One Family – the Region-I Family. She further stressed that they are in MMSU to play their games, enjoy their stay, play fairly and nicely, and make friends and acquaintances with other SUC delegates.

Clad in purple uniform, the athletes, coaches and officials of NLPSC joined the other five teams in a festive and righteous parade from the MMSU Twin Gate to the Athletic Oval for the Opening Ceremonies. Hon. Roman T. Romulo, the Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of Representatives, was introduced as the Guest of Honor and Speaker by the brilliant president of MMSU, Dr. Miriam E. Pascua. Congressman Romulo highlighted his speech with the laws passed by the House of Representatives that generally help the SUCs in carrying out their operations especially for the welfare of the students and faculty such as the Scholarship Bayan Act (RA 10648), the provision of more plantilla positions for the faculty and staff, and the role that sports play in the lives of students in the higher education level.

The hoisting of the SCUAA-I Flag was followed by the raising of institutional flags of the six competing SUCs with the SUC Presidents and their sports directors, muse and escorts. The tumultuous growl and cheer of the NLPSC Tigers were unleashed when they saw their flag raised first and outrd other teams’ climbing banners.

After the declaration of the Formal Opening of the SCUAA-1 Olympics by the host university represented by Dr. Miriam E. Pascua, the latter invited the SUC officials, guests and visitors to the Teatro Ilocandia for a Fellowship Dinner and get-together party.

What lies ahead in the athletic competitions within the four ensuing days can be prognosticated with lots of excitement. SUC teams are fortified with their best players and athletes and they randomly boast what their teams can possibly do as they go for a head-to-head battle in the playing field.

For the NLPSC Tigers, they too have prepared a lot during the in-house training and with constant trust and prayer to God as the ultimate source of power and energy, bringing the bacon is at their nearest reach. (agm)
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From the said data, 23 out of 39 BS Criminology board takers of NLPSC made it at a lush feat to grab a license as criminologists. An institutional passing percentage of 58.97 as against the national passing percentage of 43.44 was recorded in the annals of the Criminology Board Examination by the following

1. ANGA-ANGAN, Kevin P.
2. ATUBAN, Noly Vick D.
3. BALANCE, Jay-ar P.
4. BALLESTEROS, Robert Dale M.
5. BESWAYAN, Rubelyn A.
6. CANTANO, Jenelle L.
7. CANTANO, Ronnie F.
8. DOMENDEN, Clarissa O.
9. FORONDA, Kennedy Jr. D.
10. GABAYAN, Jayson G.
11. GABOY, Gerson V.
12. GALINATO, Maricel G.
13. GALLERO, Wilfredo Jr. G.
14. GAURAN, Joanna Marie V.
15. LAMES, Ryan A.
16. OBINGUE, Mary Joy B.
17. PIMENTEL, Resty E.
18. SANCHEZ, Bernie L.
19. SOMERA, John Wesley G.
20. TAYOCNOC, Edward M.
21. VALDEZ, Jayson C.
22. VILLANUEVA, Rogelio Jr. G.
23. WAGAYEN, Ernesto III C.

Since the opening of the Bachelor of Science in Criminology program under the Criminal Justice Education of NLPSC in 2010, only one regular faculty member with four part-time instructors teaching the professional subjects have initially run the academic course of the BSCrim. Gradually each year until fourth year, at least one regular faculty who meet the necessary educational qualifications set by the Commission on Higher Education has been hired. To set the BSCrim program as a board program of NLPSC, a certificate of compliance was sought from the Commission on Higher Education for the legitimate offering of the BSCrim for full four straight years, not a ladder-type course. The College, together with the core faculty of the BSCrim program, needed to satisfy the findings and recommendations of the Regional Quality Assessment Team (RQAT) before such certificate of compliance will be awarded to the program. At the end of the struggle, NLPSC was held a victor and said certificate of compliance was finally granted.

It is too noteworthy to stress that the first batch of graduates of the BSCrim course of the college was trained fully and well by the mentors in the criminology program as far as their rating performance in the board examination is taken as prime indicator. The efforts of the NLPSC Administration in providing the BSCrim program with the essential equipment and facilities that help harness and enrich the mental and physical potentials of the students in the areas of law enforcement, criminalistics and police administration were never spoiled or get arid to unnecessary wastage.

Flickering remarks of congratulations are generously extended to the Criminal Justice Education faculty headed by Ms. Jannah T. Aromin in particular, and NLPSC in general for the splendid feat of the BS Criminology students, Batch 2014 for passing the Criminology Board Examination.

You are the FIRST batch of licensed criminologists that NLPSC has produced and FOREVER, you are the FIRST among others who will pass and still pass the board to get the needed employment in the field of profession you have longed for. KUDOS!

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Administration and Finance, Vice President for Research and Development, Vice President for Students Affairs and Services and Vice President for Public and Internal Affairs.

The administration of each constituent university is vested in the Chancellor as far as authorized by the Board and the President of the University. They are the former presidents of the constituent institutions and will have four (4) vice chancellors such as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Vice Chancellor for Student and External Affairs, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension. The different campuses shall enjoy financial autonomy with respect to their budget coming from the national government. They can dispose the same without interference from the central administration. However, 30 percent of their income shall accrue to the central administration for its operation and management.

Programs and activities of the amalgamated SUCs in the province shall undertake activities, such as crafting of policy instruments to foster mutual recognition of academic programs leading to a system of inter-institutional credit transfer of units earned by the students; Inter-institutional collaboration in the areas of research, extension and production; faculty and staff development training; and resources and facilities sharing, toward the transition into Provincial University System. On the pipeline are unified admission tests, common admission and retention policies, and uniform programs and policies that will address the undersubscribed courses.

In public consultations for the Provincial University System was held on November 19, 2014 at ISPSC Sta. Maria Campus (morning) and NLPSC campus (afternoon) and on November 25, 2014 at the Sto. Domingo People’s Coliseum (morning) and in UNP Gym (afternoon) and attended by the faculty, staff and students of the 3 Public HEIs, LGU officials from different parts of the province, DepEd teachers and students, CHED officials, and parents.

Further consultations to the different LGUs in the 2nd district of Ilocos Sur will be done in January 2015 to get feedback from the officials of city government as well as from the municipal, barangay, DepEd officials and the school stakeholders.

After consultations have been made, the result will be presented to Congressman Eric D. Singson, Congressman Ronald V. Singson, provincial and SUCs officials. (SGA)