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VSU awards graduate scholarship to pioneering VSU honor graduates



The Office of the Dean of the Graduate School (ODGS) held a contract signing ceremony for the grantees of the Scholarship Program for Honor Graduates of VSU on August 18, 2020 at the ODGS Conference Room.

Eight (8) graduates of VSU with Latin Honors were selected among the 11 applicants who went through rigorous evaluation and interviews.

The following are the lucky scholars with their corresponding degree programs:

- 1) Mark Matthew A. Auguis - Master of Science (MSc) in Forestry
- 2) Lendelle Editha G. Cagasan - MSc in Agricultural Economics
- 3) Jeanie Rose S. Deluza - MSc in Development Communication
- 4) Danica P. Godinez - MSc in Development Communication
- 5) Vince G. Lao - Master of Management (MM) in Business Management
- 6) Rivah Shane P. Llano - MSc in Forestry
- 7) Kathleen Mae B. Valencia - MSc in Development Communication
- 8) Chariss C. Verdida - MM in Business Management

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Grad School tallies highest number of enrollees despite the COVID-19 pandemic



The Graduate School has a total of 522 enrollees for the 1st Semester of SY 2020-2021 despite the COVID-19 pandemic. This is the highest number to date.

Majority of the students were enrolled in the Master of Science program with 272 enrollees. This was followed by the Master of Education, Master of Management and Master of Agricultural Development with 88, 73 and 65 enrollees, respectively.

The Doctor of Philosophy

program had 20 enrollees and the Master of Land Administration and Management had the least with only 4 enrollees.

From 1st Sem SY 2016-2017, the number of enrollees has increased from 374 to 522 at present. This is almost 30% increase in enrollment in a span of five years.

This is a very promising development especially with the aim of the Graduate School to

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BOR approves proposal for foreign GTA program



The Board of Regents (BOR) of the Visayas State University (VSU) has approved the Graduate School proposal on the Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) Grant to Foreign Graduate Students on November 19, 2020.

The foreign GTA grant is one strategy to attract foreign graduate students to pursue their graduate study in the VSU in line with the internationalization program of the university. To qualify for the said grant, the foreign applicant must comply with the following requirements:

1. Must come from Asia, USA, Australia, Africa and Europe and graduated with scholastic standing from a reputable institution/university.
2. He/she must first gain admission to the VSU Graduate School.
3. Transcript of Records with contact address (email address/Contact Number) of the University Registrar/College Dean
4. Recommendation Letter from former professor with Contact

Number/e email address of the signatory of the letter

5. Certificate of good moral character from the university with contact no. and address of the signatory of the certificate.
6. Must submit a Motivation Letter in pursuing a graduate degree program
7. Must have a research plan on the field sought.
8. Must have a student visa and comply other requirements set by the International office of VSU;
9. Must have a competency and fluency of English for applicants from Non-English speaking countries; (Certificate of English Proficiency)

The qualified scholars will have the following privileges:

1. Free School Fees (Tuition, Laboratory and Miscellaneous fees)
2. Stipend of P 25,000.00 per month
3. Book Allowance of 2, 500 per

semester

4. Medical Insurance of P 2,000.00 per year
5. Transportation: Round Trip Economy Plane ticket for graduate teaching assistants from Asia and subsidy of \$ 500 for graduate teaching assistants from Europe and USA.
6. Thesis/Dissertation support of \$ 1,000 for Master's and \$2,000 for Doctoral

The foreign GTAs will be working in the different academic departments of the university offering graduate programs. They will assist the department in its various activities in instruction under the guidance of a graduate faculty.

Their tasks include teaching a maximum of 9 units per semester and to assist the faculty in the conduct of lecture and laboratory classes, help in complying requirements for accreditation, and do other tasks that may be assigned by the faculty of department head.

-RJOgalesco & WTOclinaria

VSU appoints new Open U Head



The Visayas State University (VSU) appoints Mr. Jesus Freddy M. Baldos as the new Head of the Online Programs Office (OPO). Mr. Baldos is a PhD in Development Communication Candidate in the University of the Philippines-Los Baños. He is also a scholar of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) K-12 Transition Scholarship for Faculty & Staff Development Program.

As OPO head, he is expected to initiate plans, administer, coordinate, review and monitor all

programs under the Graduate Distance Education program of the university. This includes Master of Agricultural Development, a non-thesis degree program with fields of specialization in Agricultural Education, Agricultural Extension, Animal Production, Language Teaching, and Agronomy. OPO is under the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School.

Further, he is a permanent staff as Administrative Officer V, and prior to the appointment, he is in-charge of the VSU Obelisk, the official newsletter of VSU. Mr. Baldos is from Borongan, Eastern Samar and is married to Ms. Leah M. Baldos with four children, Faith Adrielle, Frederic Jasper, Fred Leander, and Florence Jed.

-RJOgalesco

Grad School welcomes new Secretary

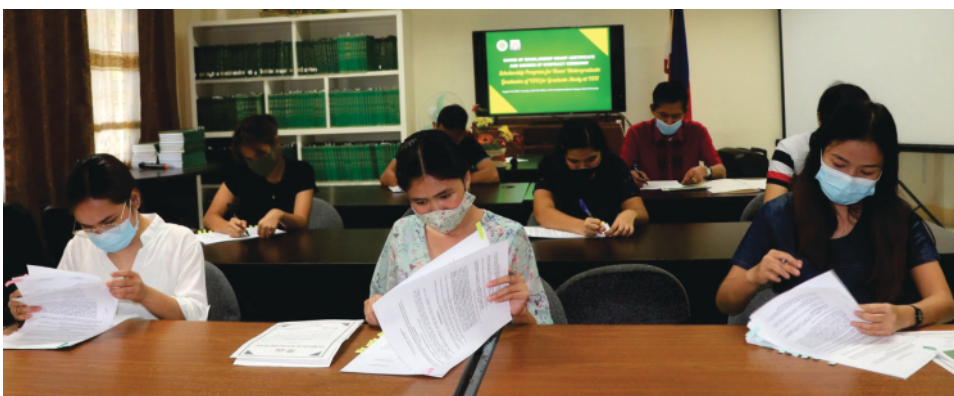


The Office of the Dean of the Graduate School welcomes the new Graduate School Secretary, Dr. Catherine C. Arradaza effective August 17, 2020.

Dr. Arradaza is an Assistant Professor II from the Department of Horticulture. She had her PhD in Crop Physiology/ Plant Tissue Culture at University of the Philippines.

As graduate School Secretary, she is tasked to review and monitor the graduate programs of VSU, its regulations, and admissions. *-RJOgalesco*

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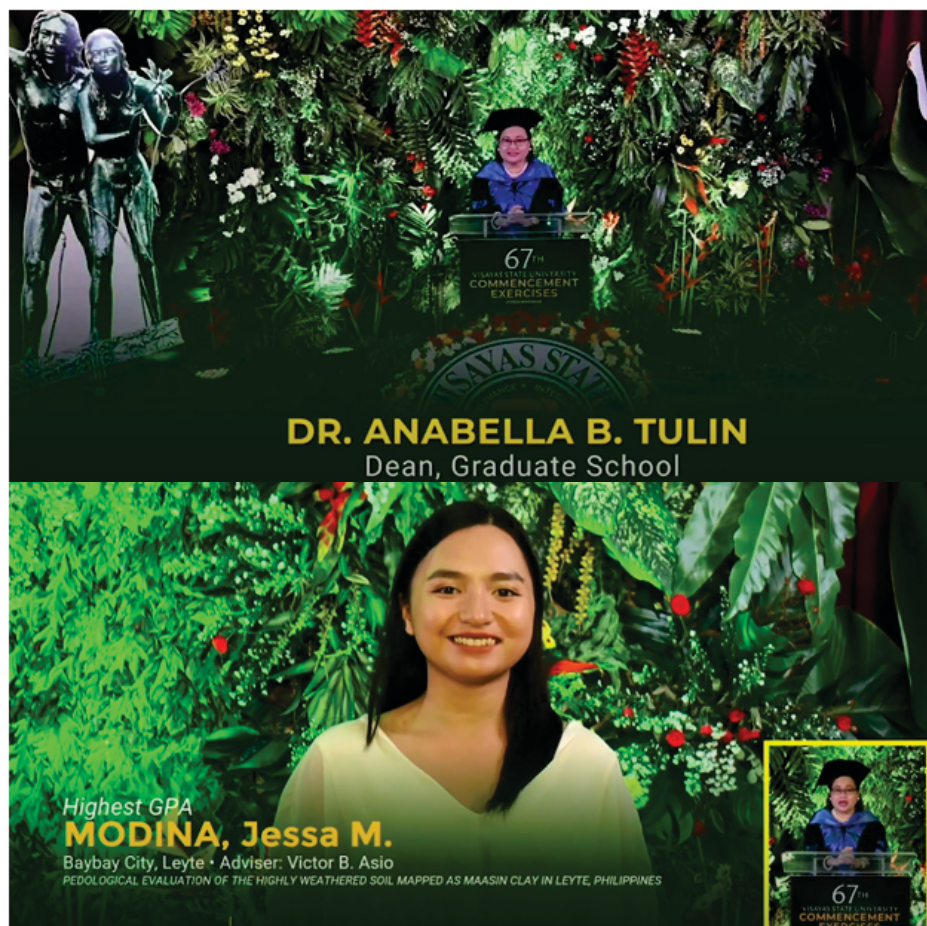


Scholarship grant certificates were also given to them.

They are entitled to receive a monthly allowance of P20,000.00 and thesis support of P50,000.00 with free school fees. Among others, they are expected to take full academic load per semester to graduate on time as stipulated in their respective contracts and maintain a GPA of at least 1.50.

Present in the event were Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin, VSU President, Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, Graduate School Dean, the Scholarship Committee, GS Secretary, staff, and the graduate scholars. *-RJOgalesco*

Graduate student graduates experience virtual graduation



The graduate student graduates experienced the first ever virtual system-wide 67th Commencement Exercises of the Visayas State University (VSU) on September 30, 2020. Among the 1,584 graduates of class 2020, 63 were composed of masters and doctoral graduates.

The graduates were in Filipiniana gowns/dresses and Barong Tagalog attires while being called live on the official Youtube channel of VSU.

There were two (2) graduates under the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs, 43 graduates under the Master of Science (MSc) programs, six (6) graduates under the Master of Management (MM) program, and 12 graduates from the Master in Education (MEd) program. *-RJOgalesco*

Grad School conducts virtual consultative meeting with graduate student council, students

The Office of the Dean of the Graduate School (ODGS) meets with the Graduate Student Council officers and representatives from different department with graduate programs on October 16, 2020 via Google Meet.

The agenda of the meeting was the proposal to increase the

honoraria of Graduate Advisory Committee (GAC) and the Comprehensive Examination Fees of Graduating Graduate Students. This proposal is sought because the existing rate of the GAC honoraria given by the university is very minimal compared to the rate given by other agencies. Also, this is to recognize the efforts and sacrifices of the GAC members in

helping the graduate students to graduate with the best output possible.

With this, both the Graduate Student Council and Department's Student Representatives approved the increase of honoraria of GAC and the Comprehensive Examination Fees of graduating graduate students. *-RJOgalesco & WTOclinaria*

Grad School holds online student onboarding ceremony



The Office of the Dean of the Graduate School (ODGS) conducted an online student onboarding ceremony on August 28, 2020 via Facebook live.

Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, Graduate School Dean, welcomed all the online participants. Dr. Tulin also discussed a brief history of the Graduate School, trends on its enrollment and graduates for the past 5 years, the Graduate School Degree Offerings, the Graduate School Council and the Graduate School staff. She also introduced the

Graduate School Facilities, highlighted the Employment Opportunities Offered to Graduate Students, and the Future Directions of the VSU Graduate School.

Dr. Catherine C. Arradaza, Graduate School Secretary, then introduced the members of the VSU Graduate Faculty on each department offering graduate courses.

Next was Mr. Freddy M. Baldos, Online Programs Office (OPO) Head, who presented a brief

history of the OPO, offerings under the Distance Learning Program of VSU, its graduate faculty, and its future directions as well.

Ms. Wenifreda T. Oclinaria, Administrative Officer, featured the extracurricular activities that graduate students can do or participate in aside from their academic endeavors.

Mr. Rhea Jenny A. Ogalesco, Education Research Assistant, facilitated and hosted the Menti Interactive Game wherein online participants were able to join and won prizes.

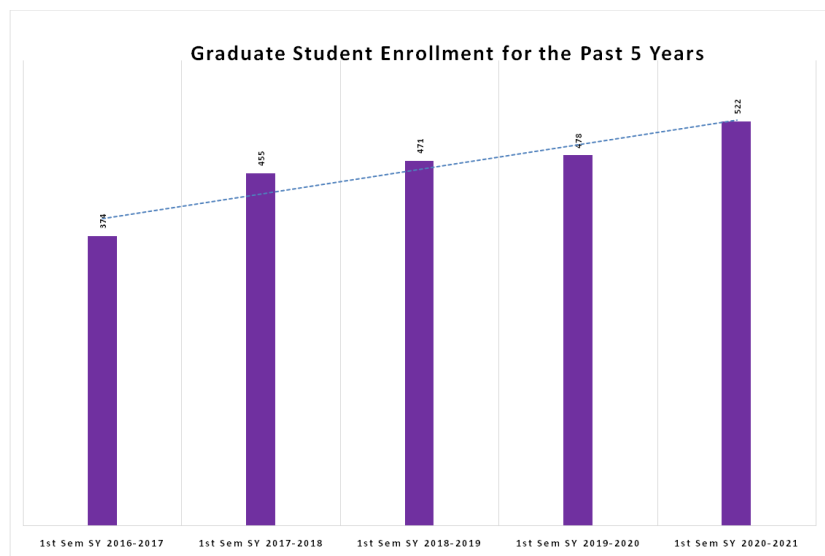
This was followed by an Open Forum where graduate students were able to ask questions related to their graduate study, and they were also able to give feedback to the services given by the Graduate School.

The event was made possible by the University Integrated Media Center of VSU led by Mr. Ulderico Alviola and his staff.

-RJOgalesco

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increase the number of enrollees every school year. Enrollment for the said semester was fully online; hence, this enabled the office to facilitate the application for admission and enrollment of students from all over the country and abroad. **-RJOgalesco & MJQuevedo**



SHJ welcomes new International Editorial Board Members

The Science and Humanities Journal (SHJ), refereed journal of the VSU Graduate School, welcomes its new members in the International Board. They are the following:



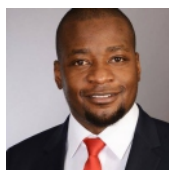
Dr. Leopold L. Ilag from the Department of Material and Environmental Chemistry, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden;



Dr. Mikhael Dua from the Atma Jaya School of Psychology, Centre for Ethics, Atma Jaya Catholics University of Indonesia;



Dr. Sudhir Kumar Singh from the Department of Political Science, Dyal Singh College, University of Delhi;



Dr. Prosper Maguchu from the Centre for the Politics of Transnational Law, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam;



Dr. Fay Rola-Rubzen from the University of Western Australia School of Agriculture and Environment Agriculture and Resource Economics Group;



Dr. Heti Mulyati from the Department of Management, Faculty of Economics and Management, IPB University, Bogor Indonesia; and



Dr. Roel R. Suralta, Department of Agriculture-Crop Biotechnology Center, Philippine Rice Research Institute.

As members, they are tasked to evaluate papers that are related to their specific field of specialization. They also contribute in the overall output of the journal. **-RJOgalesco**

SHJ is Crossref, Google Scholar, AGRIS indexed



The Science and Humanities Journal (SHJ) is now indexed across various online indexing platforms. This includes, Crossref, Google Scholar, and AGRIS.

Crossref is an official Digital Object Identifier (DOI) Registration Agency of the International DOI Foundation. It is run by the Publishers International Linking Association Inc.

Google Scholar is a freely accessible web search engine that indexes the full text or metadata of scholarly literature across an array

of publishing formats and disciplines.

AGRIS is the International System for Agricultural Science and Technology, a global, multilingual bibliographic database that connects users directly to a rich collection of research and worldwide technical information on food and agriculture.

These platforms make the online visibility and easy access of SHJ not just in the country, but all over the world of science.



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