

## GS dean, OVPI staff attend CHED DHEI Orientation



Dr. Editha G. Cagasan (2nd from the left) received the certificate for VSU as CHED DHEI.

Dr. Editha G. Cagasan, OIC Dean of the Graduate School and Ms. Connel D. Antipaso, Office of the Vice President for Instruction (OVPI) staff, attended the orientation for the Delivering Higher Education Institutions (DHEIs) of the K+12 Scholarship Program held at the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Office Auditorium, Diliman, Quezon City on June 1, 2016.

Together with the representatives of the other DHEIs, Dr. Cagasan and Ms. Antipaso, as representatives of VSU, were oriented on the

responsibilities of the delivering institutions required under CHED Memorandum Order No. 4 series of 2016.

The CHED K+12 Graduate Scholarship program aims to deliver support to HEIs and its personnel during the 5-year transition period. As mandated under Republic Act 10533, CHED developed a comprehensive range of developmental programs which will mitigate impact on labor and upgrade the quality of the country's educational system.

### 30 grad students...from page 2

8. Mejasco, Noe B.  
(MS in Animal Science)
9. Petilos, Ramelito C.  
(MS in Animal Science)
10. Pontillas, Kristy Amor A.  
(MS in Food Sci. & Tech.)
11. Tanaid, Reciel Ann B.  
(MS in Food Sci. & Tech.)

2nd Semester, SY 2014-2015 & 1st Semester SY 2015-2016

1. Cabillo, Carlo M.  
(MS in Horticulture)

DEAN'S & PRESIDENT'S LIST  
Dean's List 2nd Semester, SY 2014-2015 & President's List, 1st Semester, SY 2015-2016

1. Anwar, Sarah B.  
(MM in Bus. Mgt.)

The students who were included in the Dean's List are those who had academic load of 9-12 units, no incomplete grade and obtained a grade point average (GPA) between 1.26-1.50. On the other hand, those included in the President's List are students who had an academic load of 9-12 units, no incomplete grade and obtained a GPA of 1.0-1.25.

Dr. Prose Ivy G. Yepes, a VSU alumna and now the president of Southern Leyte State University (SLSU), was the guest speaker of the convocation. The event was spearheaded by the University Student Services Office.

### Four graduate programs...from page 1

awarded a full-pledged Level IV Reaccredited Status.

According to Dr. Manuel T. Corpus, AACUP Executive Director, a program that has been awarded a full-pledged Level IV Reaccredited Status is considered to be an excellent program comparable with excellent programs around the world.

The accreditors for the graduate programs were led by Dr. Corpus, as overall coordinator, together with Dr. Lydia P. Libunao, Dr. Maria Teresa SJ Valdez, Dr. Glenda O. de Lara, and Dr. Marina R. Sabado as team leaders for the MS in Agriculture, MAgDev in Agriculture, MS in Education, MAgDev in Education programs, respectively.

## OVPI, ODGS hold curriculum review...from page 1

degree offerings of the Visayas State University (VSU), review the profile of the graduate faculty, and assess the availability and functionality of the facilities and equipment needed for the various courses.

The outputs of the participants from the review were presented in the second day of the workshop. Some departments had plans to revise their curricular offerings, while the others are interested to propose for the offering of new graduate degree programs in answer to the current demands.

### Dr. Cagasan is OIC...from page 1

position, Dr. Cagasan also teaches undergraduate and graduate development communication courses at VSU. She is also involved in research and extension projects in development communication.

On the other hand, Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias, former OGS dean, is now the Vice-President for Instruction of VSU. Dr. Belonias served as OGS dean from February 2012 until December 2015.



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## Four graduate programs of VSU undergo Level 4 Phase 2 AACUP Accreditation



The AACUP accreditors with the local counterparts from VSU during the Level IV Phase 2 Survey Visit.

Four (4) graduate programs of VSU underwent Level IV Phase 2 accreditation by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP), Inc. on March 16-18, 2016.

The graduate programs which qualified for the accreditation include Master of Science (MS) in Agriculture (with majors in Animal Science, Agronomy, Agricultural Economics, Horticulture, Soil Science, Plant

Protection, Entomology, Plant Pathology and Weed Science), MS in Education (with majors in Agricultural Education, Agricultural Extension and Development Communication), Master of Agricultural Development (MAgDev) in Agriculture (with majors in Agronomy, Animal Production, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Plant Protection and Agricultural Economics), and MAgDev in Education (with majors in Agricultural

Education, Agricultural Extension and Development Communication).

AACUP Level IV Phase 2 accreditation requires evaluation on five major areas including (1) Research, (2) Teaching and Learning, (3) Community Service and Impact, (4) International Linkages and Consortia, and (5) Planning Process. The programs must achieve a rating of not less than 4.5 in all of the five areas. The programs that will pass the AACUP evaluation will be

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## OVPI, ODGS hold curriculum review for graduate programs



The Office of the Vice President for Instruction (OVPI) and the Office of the Dean of Graduate School (ODGS) organized a Curriculum Review for Graduate Programs on January 21-22, 2016 at the Center for Continuing Education (CCE). The activity was attended by the graduate faculty members from various colleges and departments of the university.

The review aimed to have a closer look at the relevance of the graduate programs. ...continue to page 4

## Dr. Cagasan is OIC Dean of Grad School



Dr. Editha G. Cagasan, professor of the Department of Development Communication, was appointed as OIC-dean of the VSU Graduate School effective January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2016. Dr. Cagasan is also the current head of the VSU's Online Programs Office (OPO).

Aside from her administrative duties, ...continue to page 4



Grad School Produces 49 New Graduate Degree Holders



A total of forty-nine (49) graduate students completed their degrees on the first half of 2016. Forty-six (46) of them graduated in April 2016 while the other three (3) graduated in the summer of 2016. Among the graduate degree programs, the Master of Science (MS) had the highest number of graduates with 32, followed by the Master in Education (MEd) program which had

9 graduates, then by the Master of Management (MM) program which had 4 graduates. The Master of Agricultural Development and Doctor of Philosophy programs had 2 graduates each. Although the number of graduates is lesser compared to last year's graduates of 56, the Office of the Dean of Graduate School is hopeful to produce more graduates in the coming years with the coming in of more students.

30 grad students receive awards during convocation

Thirty (30) graduate students received awards during the annual VSU Honors and Awards Convocation program held on February 26, 2016 at the VSU Gymnatorium. Six (6) graduate students from various degree programs made it to the President's list, while twenty-four (24) made it to the Dean's list. They are as follows:

**PRESIDENT'S LIST**  
*2nd Semester, SY 2014-2015*

1. Cortes, Jennilou G. (MS in Food Sci. & Tech)

*1st Semester, SY 2015-2016*

1. Galvez, Karl John A. (MM in Bus.Mgt)
2. Tabinas, Maria Ilma C. (MM in Bus.Mgt)
3. Tabinas, Ria Jayne A. (MS in Food Sci. & Tech)

*President's List 2nd Semester, SY 2014-2015 & 1st Semester, SY 2015-2016*

1. Veril, Ronalyn B. (MM in Bus.Mgt.)

**DEAN'S LIST**  
*2nd Semester, SY 2014-2015*

1. Abulencia, Miguel Francisco (MS Soil Science)
2. Baoy, Raynilda R. (MS Agronomy)
3. Barua, Mary Grace A. (MEd in Chemistry)
4. Decena, Syrus Cesar P. (MS in Troipcal Ecology)
5. Ensoy, Hazel R. (MS in Animal Science)
6. Fiel, Myra Belle S. (MEd in English)
7. Florendo, Elmer O. (MAGDev in Ag.Education)
8. Gisulga, Jesaa B. (MS in Food Sci. & Tech.)

2 Grad Students receive special awards

Two graduate students, Ms. Jennie Lou G. Cortes and Ms. Roxanne Pille, received special awards during the VSU Commencement Exercises held on April 13, 2016 at the Upper VSU Oval grounds. Ms. Jennilou G. Cortes, an MS Food Technology graduate, was given the Academic Excellence Award for garnering the highest grade point average of 1.17 among the graduate students who finished their degrees in April 2016. On the other hand, Ms. Roxanne Pille, an MS Entomology student, received the Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award given by the Phi Delta The Honor Society of Science. Ms. Pille's thesis was entitled "Abundance of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB), *Oryctes rhinoceros* L. and Efficacy of Organic Waste Log Traps as CRB Attractant in Eastern Visayas. Her adviser was Dr. Ma. Juliet Ceniza of the Department of Pest Management.

9. Gubalane, Kareen T. (MEd in Chemistry)

10. Puson, Rene S. (MEd in English)

11. Robel, Lydia L. (MEd in Chemistry)

12. Posas, Darlyn B. (Ph.D. in Horticulture)

*1st Semester, SY 2015-2016*

1. Aureo, Maricel V. (MM in Bus.Mgt)
2. Barcenas, Getulio (PhD in Horticulture)
3. Besonia, Edzil C. (MS in Food Sci. & Tech.)
4. Bustamante, Roger Rogue E. (MS in Animal Science)
5. Cuadra, Ma. Norfrelj J. (MS in Food Sci. & Tech.)
6. Gaurana, Minerva L. (MS in Food Sci. & Tech.)
7. Largo, Francis Eric C. (MS in Animal Science)

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CHED Authorizes VSU as DHEI of K+12 Graduate Scholarship Program

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) authorized the Visayas State University (VSU) as one of the delivering higher education institutions (DHEIs) of the K+12 Graduate Scholarship program in the country. Qualified students, faculty and staff who wish to pursue graduate studies in VSU can avail of the CHED K + 12 scholarship when they take any of the following accredited graduate degree programs:

- PhD in Entomology
- PhD in Animal Science
- PhD in Agricultural Education
- MS in Soil Science
- MS in Plant Protection
- MS in Plant Pathology
- MS in Horticulture
- MS in Forestry
- MS in Food Science and Technology
- MS in Entomology
- MS in Development Communication
- MS in Animal Science
- MS in Agronomy
- MS in Agricultural Extension

- MS in Agricultural Engineering
- MS in Agricultural Education
- MS in Agricultural Economics
- MS in Language Teaching
- MS in Weed Science
- Master of Agribusiness Management
- MAGDev Plant Protection
- MAGDev Development Communication
- MAGDev Agronomy
- MAGDev Agricultural Extension
- MAGDev Agricultural Education
- MAGDev Agricultural Economics
- MAGDev Language Teaching
- MAGDev Animal Science
- MAGDev Plant Pathology
- MAGDev Entomology

According to the CHED memorandum Order No. 8 series of 2016, "as part of the K to 12 Enhanced Basic Education Program, CHED will offer scholarships for faculty and staff from higher education institutions to earn graduate degrees during the K to 12 Transition Period." Students who will qualify for the scholarship will enjoy the following privileges and incentives:

Items	Masters'	Doctorate
1. Tuition and other Fees	Actual tuition and other fees	Actual tuition and other fees
2. Book Allowance	P10,000.00/academic year	P10,000.00/academic year
3. Stipend	P20,000.00/month	P28,000.00/month
4. Transportation Assistance (for those studying outside their province)	P10,000.00/academic year	P10,000.00/academic year
5. Thesis/Dissertation Allowance	P50,000.00	P100,000.00
6. Group Insurance	P500.00/year	P500.00/year
7. Administrative Support (for DHEIs)	Up to 5% of total cost of tuition and other fees of all CHED-funded faculty scholars in DHEI	

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VSU Graduate Programs

- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with majors in:**
- Agricultural Education
  - Animal Science
  - Entomology
  - Horticulture
  - Plant Pathology
- Master of Science (M.S.) with majors in:**
- Agricultural Economics
  - Agricultural Education
  - Agricultural Engineering
  - Agricultural Extension
  - Agronomy
  - Animal Science
  - Botany
  - Development Communication
  - Development Sociology
  - Entomology
  - Food Science and Technology
  - Forestry
  - Home Economics
  - Horticulture
  - Land Administration and Management
  - Language Teaching
  - Plant Pathology
  - Plant Protection
  - Soil Science
  - Tropical Ecology
  - Weed Science
- Master of Management (M.M.) with majors in:**
- Agribusiness Management
  - Business Management
- Master of Agricultural Development (MAGDev) with majors in:**
- Agricultural Economics
  - Agricultural Education
  - Agricultural Extension
  - Agronomy
  - Animal Production
  - Development Communication
  - Entomology
  - Home Economics
  - Language Teaching
  - Plant Pathology
  - Plant Protection
- Master of Education (M.Ed.) with majors in:**
- Biology
  - Chemistry
  - English
  - Physical Education
- Master in Land Administration and Management (MLAM)**
- Diploma in Land Administration and Management (DLAM)**
- DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM**
- Agricultural Education
  - Agricultural Extension
  - Agronomy
  - Animal Production
  - Language Teaching