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GS Dean urges to cultivate virtues of success

by: Rajan M. Mamadra

"I just want to remind all of you that after graduation, you need to possess the good qualities of a doctor and a master." Heartfelt address pronounced by Dr. Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon, Graduate School Dean during the Opening Program of Graduands Fun Day 2023 on June 4, 2023 at Cotabato State University Gymnasium.

Solaiman urged the Graduating Class to embody the admirable qualities of master and doctorate degree holders as they venture into the next chapter of their lives.

She emphasized the importance of cultivating virtues such as patience, perseverance, honesty, and above all, respect. She also reminded that these virtues are not only essential for success in their fields but also for personal growth and making a positive impact on society. She urged them not to forget these qualities even amidst the inevitable stress and pressure with meeting the deadlines in pursuing dreams.

On the other hand, Guiamalon revealed the extraordinary effort she had put forth to ensure that every student was included in the final list of graduates. She shared that she had passionately defended their cases in an Academic Council Meeting, advocating for each individual's rightful place among the successful graduates. Her dedication and unwavering commitment to the students' success served as a testament to her belief in their potential and the transformative power of education.

Expressing her gratitude, she acknowledged the collaborative efforts of the Graduating Class Association Officers and their dedicated adviser. She commended their hard work and tireless dedication in organizing various programs and events leading up to graduation, including the memorable and joyful Graduands Fun Day 2023.



VIRTUES OF SUCCESS: Dr. Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon emphasizes the importance of cultivating virtues such as patience, perseverance, honesty, and above all, respect.

Acupanda-Laranjo make history as first Mr. and Miss CSU GS Top Models

by: Bai Sheina Balabaran-Kusain

In a dazzling display of talent and style, Riche L. Acupanda and John Carl A Laranjo emerged as the first-ever Mr. and Miss Cotabato State University (CSU) Graduate School Top Models. The prestigious title was awarded during the highly anticipated GS Fun Day, held at the CSU Gymnasium last June 4, 2023.

Representing the Masters of Education Major in English program, both Riche and Laranjo captivated the audience and judges with their exceptional poise and runway skills. Their remarkable performance on stage earned them not only the coveted crown but also several minor awards.

Riche and Laranjo were lauded for their grace and impeccable catwalk skills, earning them the titles of Best in Ramp and Best in Production Number. Furthermore, their contemporary interpretation of the traditional Inaul fabric, known as Best in Modern Inaul, showcased their creativity

and fashion-forward sensibility.

Expressing her gratitude to everyone who supported her throughout the competition, Riche humbly thanked the audience for their applause and encouragement.

"We never thought we'd bring home the crown, but with the support of our friends and mentors, we achieved the unimaginable," Laranjo exclaimed, beaming with pride.

The GS Fun Day served as a platform to showcase the multifaceted talents of CSU's graduate students while fostering camaraderie and celebration within the university community. With Riche L. Acupanda and John Carl A Laranjo emerging as the first Mr. and Miss CSU Graduate School Top Models, they have undoubtedly left an indelible mark on the university's history, inspiring future generations of aspiring models within CSU and beyond.



RADIANT AND REGAL: Riche L. Acupanda and John Carl A Laranjo Shine as the Inaugural Mr. and Miss CSU Graduate School Top Models."

Photo by: Dehn Villarosa

Respect Ripples

As we approach the finish line for our masters and doctors degree, we find ourselves thinking back on the life-changing educational journey that has brought us to this point. Our comprehension of the world and its complexity has grown deeper with each passing year, as has our appreciation of the responsibility that comes with a higher level of education.

We acquire an endless amount of knowledge, critical thinking abilities, and the capacity to make significant contributions to our professions as a result of education, especially at the master's or doctoral levels. While pursuing intellectual development, it's important to keep in mind that real education encompasses more than just academic success. It includes the formation of moral principles, values, and a deep respect for other people.

Stress has inevitably become a part of our lives in this fast-paced, connected world. Sometimes the demands of academic life become too much, and it is at these times that our true character is put to the test. However, it is precisely in these trying conditions that our commitment to respect should be clearest.

Respect goes well beyond simple politeness or etiquette; it transcends even the most basic of relationships. It includes respecting others' dignity, actively listening, and appreciating their various points of view. Respect is a virtue that helps us foster cooperation, innovation, and the free flow of ideas. Breakthroughs result from these interactions, allowing us to push the boundaries of knowledge and contribute significantly to society.



Additionally, respect begets respect. When we show kindness and consideration to others, we encourage them to follow similar. The future leaders who will follow in our footsteps are shaped by the amazing example we set with our acts.

Education is about more than just acquiring knowledge; it's also about developing character. We have a responsibility to promote respect in all facets of our lives as educated individuals. By doing this, we protect the integrity of our education and help create a society that values empathy, cooperation, and understanding.



HUSTLE HUB

by: Bai Sheina Balabaran-Kusain

Traffic Lights in Cotabato City: Frustration vs. Road Safety

In the vibrant thoroughfares of Cotabato City, a content that has lately burned conversations and debates on colorful social media platforms is the perpetration of traffic lights. It isn't uncommon to encounter expressions of frustration on social media platforms regarding the nuisances caused by traffic lights.

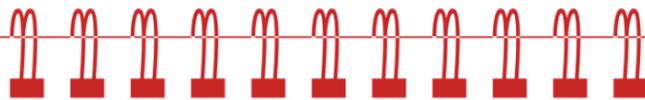
By following traffic lights, both drivers and climbers can navigate corners in an orderly and effective manner, thereby minimizing the threat of collisions and creating safer terrain for everyone on the road.

The perpetration of traffic lights in Cotabato City is part of a larger action by original authorities to enhance traffic operation and palliate traffic in high-traffic areas. These measures reflect their commitment to perfecting road safety and establishing a more systematized transportation system.

As residents of Cotabato City, we have a significant part to play in fostering a positive and responsible traffic culture. rather than resorting to complaints and frustrations, it's pivotal that we prioritize compliance with traffic lights and demonstrate a sense of discipline and respect for traffic regulations.

It's accessible that detainments at traffic lights can be frustrating, especially during peak hours. Still, it's essential to feel that the purpose of traffic lights is to maintain order and cover the well-being of everyone on the road.

The sweat made by original authorities to enhance traffic operation earn my appreciation and support. Through these measures, we can inclusively work towards creating an effective and safer transportation system in Cotabato City. In conclusion, rather than engaging in online harangues and complaints about traffic lights, let us strive to be responsible and law-abiding road druggies.



MESSAGE

FROM GRADUATE SCHOOL DEAN

I am delighted to extend my congratulations to the staff and adviser of the Graduate School Newsletter on the release of its second issue under the new name "Kadsamikal."

The selection of the name "Kadsamikal" is highly appropriate and meaningful. It encapsulates the spirit of perseverance required in the pursuit of a Master's or Doctorate degree. Those who possess patience and perseverance are more likely to find success along their academic journey.

The Graduate School has undergone major developments in the past years, which are pleasing and appreciated by students. In addition to voicing their reactions, students should be partners in the development of the school by implementing proactive strategies, activities, and endeavors.

Graduate School Newsletter must not serve as a tool for heavy criticism of the administration or any individual at this university. Instead, this should be a vehicle to improve learning, to improve public service, and to improve Filipino's quality of life.

I am challenging the staff of the school paper to remain objective at all times and always adhere to the tenets of responsible journalism.

I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of the Graduate School Newsletter under the new name "Kadsamikal." Thank you for embracing the virtues of patience and perseverance as we strive to create a newsletter that inspires, informs, and fosters a spirit of continuous growth within our Graduate School community.

-Dr. Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon

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CSU Graduands plant Mangroves

by: Rajan M. Mamadra

Graduating students from Cotabato State University (CSU) successfully completed a Mangrove tree-planting project in Kalanganan II, Cotabato City last April 29, 2023. The initiative, which took place under the theme "Rooted in Success: Planting Roots for Sustainable Future," aimed to promote sustainability and environmental preservation.

The project was made possible through a collaborative effort with various organizations, including the 1404th RMFC, RMFB 14 personnel under the supervision of PMAJ Japet S. Gutierrez, Taga Cotabato ka Kung Inc., led by Ms. Cathleya Diocolano, TCKKI President, Regional Finance Service 19 (RFSO 19) led by PMAJ Alyssa S. Gutierrez, Cotabato Mobile Force Company, EOD K9, 6CMO Battalion, Philippine ARMY 2nd Mechanized, Karancho, and Adat-Betad Inc.

The tree planting activity was mandated by CSU as one of the requirements for graduation, with a total of 175 graduands in attendance to show their support for the initiative.

Dr. Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon, acknowledged the efforts of the Graduating Class Association, led by Aljon Ric G. Robles, as well as all the stakeholders who contributed to the project's success.

"The previous tree planting initiative by CSU Graduands involved Kalamansi seedlings in Rebuken; this time, the project focused on planting mangrove seedlings. Mangroves play a crucial role in maintaining climate balance," Guiamalon mentioned.

Dr. Sema G. Dilna, University President, emphasized that the tree planting activity was not merely a requirement for graduation but also a collective effort to address the ongoing heatwave and contribute positively to the planet's well-being.

Prior to the tree-planting activity, an informative orientation on mangrove tree planting was conducted by Nashrudin P. Kusain, the Executive Director of Adat-Betad.



Mangrove Planting Mastery. Executive Director Nashrudin P. Kusain guides CSU Graduands in the art of mangrove tree planting for a greener future.

Photo by: David Sibya

Cotabato State University's Graduate School Students' Organization elects officers

by: Rajan M. Mamadra

Cotabato State University, renowned for its commitment to academic excellence and student empowerment, recently conducted its election for the Graduate School Students' Organization School Year 2022-2023 on October 22, 2022, at the university's Gymnasium, showcased the institution's democratic spirit.

Harmie D. Gullon has been elected as the President of the Graduate School Students' Organization. Alongside Gullon, the other elected officers include Rajan M. Mamadra as Vice President, Amerkhan I.

Tan as Secretary, Robaito G. Raguiamoda as Treasurer, Neo Eric P. Dacanay as Auditor, Geraldine M. Surbano as Public Information Officer (P.I.O.), and Waleed M. Ebrahim and Arnold M. Macondo Jr. as Business Managers. Each officer brings their unique skills and dedication to their respective roles.

In his enthusiastic response to his election victory, President Gullon expressed his deep sense of honor and excitement. *"As the newly elected President of the Graduate School Students' Organization, I am humbled by the trust and support given to me by*

my fellow students. I am committed to serving and representing the graduate student community at CSU with dedication," Gullon proclaimed.

The entire Cotabato State University community eagerly awaits the positive impact and transformative changes that the newly elected officers will bring to the Graduate School Students' Organization. Their collective vision, combined with the university's unwavering support, ensures a bright future for graduate students as they embark on an exciting journey of growth

GSSO spreads joy with Ramadhan Pabuka Program

by: Amerkhan I. Tan

In the spirit of compassion and unity during the holy month of Ramadhan, the Graduate School Student Organization (GSSO) of Cotabato State University (CSU) initiated the Ramadhan Pabuka Program last June 6, 2023 at CSU Mini Park, bringing happiness and support to its students.

Led by the Dean Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon, PhD, ShC, the program distributed packed meals to at least 150 students, embodying the essence of Sadaqah, an act of charity in Islam.

Dean Guiamalon highlighted the importance of Sadaqah and its impact, stating, *"All good deeds that any Muslim can do for their fellow Muslim are considered Sadaqah, even a tiny amount of food."*

The Ramadhan Pabuka Program was made possible through a budget of 12,000 pesos, which was sourced from the GSSO payment of CSU Graduate School students.

GSSO President Harmie D. Gullon expressed her appreciation for the students' contribution, stating, *"The willingness of our members to support this initiative truly reflects the spirit of unity and compassion within our organization."*

Dr. Esmail Lawan, the GSSO Adviser, extended his gratitude to all the officers who supported and dedicated their efforts to the success of the program. Their dedication and hard work ensured that the Ramadhan Pabuka Program became a reality, allowing students to experience the joy and blessings of Ramadhan.

The GSSO's Ramadhan Pabuka Program serves as an inspiring example for other organizations, encouraging them to initiate similar initiatives that bring joy and support to those in need during the holy month of Ramadhan. By promoting compassion and unity, these programs have the power to create a positive impact on individuals and communities, fostering a spirit of generosity and empathy.



ESSENCE OF SADAQAH. GSSO and CSU Graduate School Faculty and Staff, led by Dr. Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon, distribute packed meals to at least 150 students.

Photos by: Rajan M. Mamadra

GCA organizes Leadership Seminar

by: Arabia A. Kalaing-Abdulla

Graduating Class Association of Cotabato State University Graduate School recently organized a leadership seminar, held at the CSU Gymnasium on May 6, 2023, aimed at equipping the Graduating Class of 2023 with essential leadership skills for their careers.

The seminar featured four renowned speakers in the field of leadership: Dr. Concepcion F. Balawag, CESO V, Schools Division Superintendent, Cotabato City Division, spoke about "Leadership: Creating a Workplace that Embraces Differences;" Emily F. Enolpe, OIC-Chief, Human Resource and Development Division, DepEd Koronadal City, South Cotabato, discussed "Ethics and Leadership: Building a Culture of Integrity;" Mr. Jonel S. Gedoria, Peace Program Officer IV, Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS) BARMM, shared his insights on "Strategic Leadership: Aligning Organizational Goals with the Broader Environment;" lastly, Mr. Nashrudin Piang Kusain, the Executive Director of Adat-Betad, Inc., talked about "The Environment and Climate Change in BARMM Perspective."

The event was also supported by CSU President Dr. Sema G. Dilna and Dean Dr. Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon.

Dr. Dilna expressed his hopes that the graduating students would become effective leaders in their respective fields.

Meanwhile, Dr. Solaiman-Guiamalon said "I commend the leadership abilities of the GCA Officers led by your GCA President, Aljon Robles for their effort in conducting this activity."

The seminar was well-received by the graduating students, who found the insights and tips shared by the speakers to be valuable and practical.

The GCA Officers are committed to providing its members with opportunities to develop their knowledge in various fields. The leadership seminar is just one of the many initiatives that the association has organized for its members.



A BEACON OF LEADERSHIP: Dr. Concepcion F. Balawag Inspires with Insights on Leadership and Fostering Inclusive Workplaces.

Photo by: David Sibya



A SYMBOLIC START TO VICTORY: "University President Dr. Sema G. Dilna and Graduate School Dean Dr. Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon launch the Kandaludaya 2023 with a thrilling ceremonial toss, unleashing a wave of sportsmanship and fun." Photo by: Rajan M. Mamadra

GS Kandaludaya 2023 launches with a spectacular event

by: Rajan M. Mamadra

In a momentous ceremony marked by enthusiasm and unity, the Graduate School Kandaludaya 2023 was officially inaugurated last April 13, 2023 at Cotabato State University.

The event commenced with a vibrant Zumba session at the crack of dawn, igniting the participants' spirits and energizing the atmosphere.

Leading the charge, University President Dr. Sema G. Dilna and Dean Dr. Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon kicked off the ceremony with a ceremonial toss, symbolizing the commencement of this exhilarating chapter in the university's history.

Dean Guiamalon underlined the university's commitment to not only imparting knowledge but also promoting sports as a means of fostering peace, collaboration, and sportsmanship.

President Dilna echoed this sentiment, encouraging all participants to embrace the spirit of togetherness and emphasizing that the objective was not merely to become champions but to contribute to the unity and progress of the institution.

"As you mingle with one another, we do believe that it's not our objective to become a champion but to have our participation because we are all one for peace and unity of our institution towards its progress in another milestone," Dilna expressed.

The success of the event was all the more significant as the Intramurals of the Graduate School had been put on hold in 2021 due to the unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic. The return of this long-awaited extravaganza was met with great excitement from the faculty, staff, and students representing diverse agencies who came together to celebrate and compete in a range of sports, literary, and musical competitions.

Through the dedicated collaboration of the Graduate School Student Organization and the Graduating Class Association Officers, whose collective efforts ensured a memorable experience for all involved, the execution of the program was made possible.

Batch of 2023 elects Robles as GCA President

by: Pembain H. Solaiman

CSU witnessed a significant moment on April 1 as the first Graduating Class of 2023 Forum took place at the CSU Audio-Visual Room. Aljon Ric Robles emerged as the elected President of the Graduating Class Association (GCA), signaling a promising start for this year's batch of graduates.

The event commenced with Dr. Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon, Graduate School Dean, addressing the gathering and shedding light on the essential academic requirements for the graduating class. Dr. Guiamalon issued a challenge to the GCA Officers, advising them to strive for excellence and leave a lasting legacy that would inspire future batches.

The GCA, led by President Aljon Ric Robles, will spearhead various events and activities that are crucial to the graduation process. These include a Medical Mission, Tree Planting initiative, Leadership Seminar, Fun Day, Baccalaureate, Graduation Ball, and more. With a dedicated team of officers, the GCA aims to create a memorable and meaningful experience for their fellow batchmates.

The complete roster of GCA officers is as follows: Vice President Naila Midtimbang, Secretary Bai Sheina Kusain, Treasurers Arnold Macondo Jr. and Al-

liah Piling, Public Information Officers (PIOs) Pinky Abas, David Sibya, and Rajan Mamadra, Auditor Arabia Kalaing-Abdullah, and Business Managers Jomair Kasan and Marife Dignadice.

Furthermore, the Program Representatives for various disciplines within the CSU Graduating Class of 2023 have been appointed. Melanie Tan, Bai Majadeyah Andig, Fharudden Tayaan, Esraida Lucas, Sahanie Talusan, Baby Fairous Abpi, Montasir Balambag, Almera Sungan, and Kimberlyn Mae Alvero will represent the programs of PD, PA, MIST/MIT, MSSW, MBA, MAIS, MAEd-SSA, MAEd-E, and MAIEM, respectively.

With this dedicated team in place, the CSU Graduating Class of 2023 is poised to achieve notable milestones in their university. Their journey promises to be filled with accomplishments, camaraderie, and a shared commitment to excellence.



GRATITUDE AND PROMISE: Aljon Ric Robles expresses appreciation to supporters, vows to create unforgettable memories at every graduands event.

Photo by: David Sibya



POWERHOUSE PRESENCE: University President Dr. Sema G. Dilna and other brilliant leaders shine at AACCUP's 36th Annual Conference and General Assembly, igniting education excellence in Manila.

CSU officials attend the AACCUP 36th Annual National Conference and General Assembly 2023

by: Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon

Dr. Sema G. Dilna, President of Cotabato State University; Dr. Kundo M. Pahm, Jr; Dr. Tarhata S. Guiamalon; Dr. Arbaya H. Boquia; Dir. Edgar Boquia; Dr. Juwairiya Lingga and Dean Farida Dimalen attended the AACCUP 36th Annual National Conference and General Assembly 2023 held on March 27-29, 2023 at the Century Park Hotel, Malate Manila.

At the three-day event, the theme was "Strengthening a Culture of Quality Assurance through Partnerships in Accreditation". It was attended by SUC presidents/chancellors, vice presidents/vice Chancellors, deans, directors, academic heads, chairmen/chairmen of internal quality assurance centers, accreditation officers, and senior faculty.

Through this event, AACCUP aims (1) to develop strategies for improving a culture of quality assurance in higher education; (2) to create strategies for maintaining institutional and programmatic accreditation; (3) to strengthen partnerships and links between national and international accrediting bodies; (4) develop quality assurance systems from internalization to internationalization in higher education; (5) prepare accreditors for new approaches to accreditation survey visits.

DEAN'S UPDATE

AACCUP awards Level III and Level II Re-accredited status to CSU's GS Programs

by: Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon

Cotabato State University is committed to providing its students with quality education through advanced higher education programs that are in compliance with the requirements of CHED and other accrediting agencies for higher education. This is evident from the recent Graduate School and undergraduate accreditation results. As a result of successfully complying with and passing the criteria and requirements set by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP), Inc., it was awarded Level III and Level II Re-Accredited.

The Master of Arts in Education major in Administration and Supervision (MAEd) successfully passed Phase 1 of two (2) evaluation phases during the 4th survey visit, and has undergone phase 2, earning a grand mean of 4.56 and an EXCELLENT descriptive rating from the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP), Inc. For the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023, the AACCUP granted Level III re-accreditation to the MAEd program.

As stated in AACCUP accreditation manual, the level III Re-accredited status is awarded to programs with a reasonably high standard of instruction; with highly visible research tradition; with the existence of working consortia or linkages with other schools and/or agencies; and with extensive and functional library and other learning resource facilities. In addition, four (4) other graduate programs were also reviewed by AACCUP accreditors alongside MAEd during the same period. The Ph.D. in Educational Management (4.14); Ph.D. in Public Administration (4.20); MA in Peace and Development (4.02); and MS in Agricultural Extension (4.12) passed Phase 1 of two (2) phases of evaluation in the 3rd survey visit and has undergone phase 2 with a descriptive rating of VERY SATISFACTORY and were granted Level II Re-accredited status from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

CSU GS Holds Seminar on the implications of social change for countering violent extremism

by: Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon

The CSU Graduate School organized a seminar on the Implications of Social Change for Countering Violent Extremism on January 19, 2023. The activity was facilitated by PD 704 students under the direction of Dr. Norodin Salam. Student officers from each program of the eight colleges attended the program. Since the participants are the future leaders of their societies, Dr. Salam stressed the importance of understanding peace in his welcome remarks. The Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Tarhata S. Guiamalon, emphasized in her message that we should all be aware of the current realities of our community.

Everybody knows that we face numerous difficulties that hinder our growth and development as individuals and as a nation. In his Inspirational Message, the University President Dr. Sema G. Dilna, emphasized that CSU is committed to being a key driver and key player in bringing social change to the community. Providing appropriate awareness to the community is pivotal in maintaining peace and order. In addition, he said that the Cotabato State University is committed to achieving its vision that---the Cotabato State University shall be a world-class education hub for sustainable, inclusive, and transformative peace and development in southern Philippines.

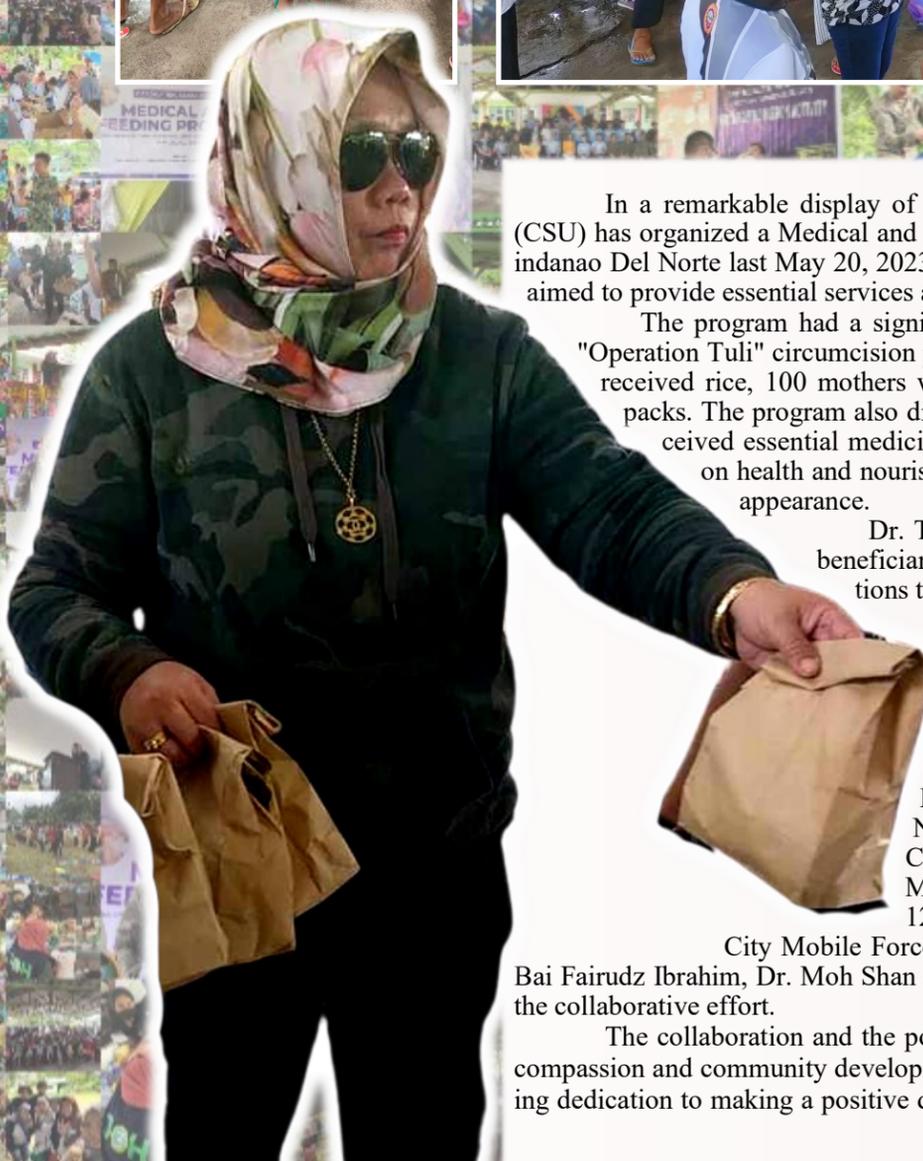
The lecturer was Col. Edgar L. Cato, the Chief of Staff of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division of the Philippine Army. According to him, to enjoy lasting peace in the southern Philippines and the rest of the world, we must educate ourselves on the diverse issues affecting our nation nowadays. We must also be proactive



in educating our communities about the explosive issues affecting peace and order. We must avoid violent extremism and armed conflict in order to enjoy lasting peace in that region and in the entire world.

BUILDING A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE: Dr. Sema G. Dilna charts Cotabato State University's path as a global education hub, fostering sustainable peace and development in Southern Philippines.

"CSU Graduate School's Heartfelt Initiative: Empowering Communities through Compassionate Care"



In a remarkable display of compassion and community development, the Graduate School of Cotabato State University (CSU) has organized a Medical and Feeding Program at Bai Hanina Sinsuat National High School in Brgy. Kushiong, DOS, Maguindanao Del Norte last May 20, 2023. Under the theme "Empowering Communities through Health and Nourishment," this initiative aimed to provide essential services and support to those in need.

The program had a significant impact on the lives of numerous individuals. A total of 100 individuals underwent the "Operation Tuli" circumcision procedure, a crucial aspect of healthcare for boys and young men. In addition, 48 senior citizens received rice, 100 mothers were provided with grocery items, and nearly 200 children received school supplies and food packs. The program also distributed slippers to 100 secondary students, enhancing their daily lives and comfort. Babies received essential medicines, while their lactating mothers were given Enfagrow Milk, emphasizing the program's focus on health and nourishment. Furthermore, 30 males availed themselves of free haircuts, elevating their grooming and appearance.

Dr. Tarhata P. Solaiman-Guiamalon, Graduate School Dean, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the beneficiaries for their participation in making this program possible. She also extended her congratulations to GCA President Aljon Ric G. Robles for his exceptional leadership in spearheading the effort.

Guiamalon highlighted the significance of this medical and feeding program as a requirement for CSU Graduate School students before their graduation. By engaging in such initiatives, the students develop a helpful and compassionate mindset, recognizing the value of assisting those in need as they prepare to enter the world beyond the university.

The success of this program would not have been possible without the collaboration and support of various stakeholders. The Ministry of Health-BARMM, Ministry of Interior and Local Government-BARMM, Cotabato Sanitarium and General Hospital, Bai Hanina Sinsuat National High School, Brgy Kushiong, DOS, Maguindanao Del Norte, Guindulungan Doctors Clinic and Infirmary, Cotabato Regional and Medical Center, 6th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Mechanized Infantry Battalion, Adat-Betad, Inc., Philippine Airforce Tactical Operations Group 12, TCKK, Inc. led by Cathleya Diocolano, 1404th Regional Mobile Force Company, Cotabato

City Mobile Force, PNP-EOD/k9 Group, Alpha Company, 6IB, 6ID, Farmacia ni Dok Nurse Norhaya Mabang, Bai Fairudz Ibrahim, Dr. Moh Shan J. Abdulwahid, and Ms. Marie Grace Mañegos, were among the invaluable partners involved in the collaborative effort.

The collaboration and the positive impact on the community underscore the importance of programs like this in promoting compassion and community development. The initiative by CSU Graduate School and its graduating students reflects their unwavering dedication to making a positive difference in society through practical and meaningful projects. As these students prepare to em-

by: Rajan M. Mamadra

"Glamorous Fun Day of Style: CSU Graduate School Unveils Mr. and Miss Top Model 2023"

by: Arnold M. Macondo, Jr



BLUE TEAM



YELLOW TEAM



RED TEAM



GREEN TEAM



VIOLET TEAM



Graduating Class of CSU Graduate School celebrated the Fun Day in grand style with the highly anticipated Top Model competition at the CSU Gymnasium on June 4, 2023, and showcased the exceptional talent and creativity of the graduate students.

The highlight of the event was the intense ramp modeling competition, featuring five pairs of candidates who competed in various categories, including Creative Jeans, Team Shirt, Headdress, Professional Attire, and Inaul Modern Dress.

In a display of outstanding fashion and modeling prowess, the participants captivated the audience with their charisma and style. The competition was fierce, and the judges had a difficult task ahead of them in selecting the winners.

Among the standout candidates, Juhara M. Pendi from the Red Team was named the Female 4th runner-up and Miss Popular, Similarly, Guiamel P. Sabdullah from the Green Team secured the Male 4th runner-up position, impressing the judges with his unique style.

Hawla D. Mokalam from the Blue Team claimed the title of Female 3rd Runner-up, while Arsad A. Usman from the Red Team was awarded the Male 3rd Runner-up position and the Mr. Popular.

Ayranisah M. Angas from the Green Team was recognized as the Female 2nd Runner-up and received the Miss Congeniality award, highlighting her friendly and approachable nature. Rajan M. Mamadra from the Blue Team earned the Male 2nd Runner-up spot and was honored with the titles of Best in Professional Attire and also Mr. Congeniality.

The Violet Team showcased their runway talent, with Babie Flor B. Calumba securing the Female 1st Runner-up position. Calumba stood out with her exceptional performances in the Creative Jeans, Headdress, and Team Shirt categories. Similarly, Joaquin Trumata from the Violet Team claimed the Male 1st Runner-up title, impressing the judges with his outstanding performances in the same categories.

The Yellow Team emerged as the ultimate winners of the night, with Riche L. Acupanda being crowned as the Miss CSU Graduate School Top Model 2023. Acupanda's exceptional skills were recognized in the Production Number, Professional Attire, Creative Inaul, and Ramp categories. John Carl A. Laranjo from the same team clinched the title of Mr. CSU Graduate School Top Model 2023, impressing the judges with his outstanding performances in the Production Number, Creative Inaul, and Ramp categories.

The event was a true testament to the talent and creativity of the graduating students at GS Cotabato State University. The Top Model competition not only provided a platform for them to showcase their fashion sense and modeling skills but also fostered camaraderie and friendly competition among the participants.

As the curtains closed on this spectacular event, the winners basked in their well-deserved glory while leaving a mark on the CSU Graduate School's history.



"A Day of Laughter and Victory: CSU's Graduating Class Rocks Fun Day"

by: Naila B. Midtimbang



Graduating Class of Cotabato State University (CSU) recently commemorated their academic journey with an unforgettable Fun Day held at the CSU Gymnasium on June 4, 2023. This event, organized by the Graduating Class Association Officers, showcased a variety of engaging activities and friendly competitions, leaving lasting memories for the graduating students.

The day kicked off with a Creative Parade, where the Graduating Class Officers, Faculty, and Staff, along with all the graduating students, showcased their unique talents and creativity. Divided into five teams—Team Violet, Team Blue, Team Yellow, Team Red, and Team Green—the participants brought their team spirit to the forefront, setting the energetic atmosphere for the rest of the day.

Sports enthusiasts had the opportunity to showcase their skills in basketball, badminton, chess, and tennis, which added a competitive element to the festivities. Excitement filled the air as the teams battled it out, demonstrating their prowess and determination in these ball games.

The event also provided a platform for intellectual expression through an essay competition. The Graduating Class showcased their thought-provoking ideas and eloquent writing skills, making it a celebration of both academic achievement and creative expression.

For those looking for lighthearted fun, parlor games such as the Talong Match and Sack Race were organized, bringing laughter and friendly competition. Participants reveled in the joy of these classic games, fostering camaraderie among the graduating students.

To test their wit and quick thinking, the participants engaged in the popular Filipino games, Pinoy Henyo and Charades Contest. These games not only showcased their ability to communicate effectively but also provided a platform for entertainment and laughter.

The Fun Day also celebrated the artistic talents of the graduating class, with a singing solo competition and an impersonation contest. The stage came alive as the participants mesmerized the audience with their vocal skills and entertained them with their impersonations of famous personalities.

However, the pinnacle of the event was the highly anticipated Mr. and Miss CSU Graduate School Top Model competition. The aspiring models from the graduating class dazzled the audience with their confidence and style, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present.

The Fun Day of the CSU Graduating Class was not only a day of celebration but also a testament to the unity, talent, and spirit of the graduating students. It served as a reminder of the bonds formed during their academic journey and the bright future that awaits them beyond the walls of the university.

As the day concluded, the graduating class left the CSU Gymnasium with hearts filled with joy and memories to cherish.

Masters student emerges victorious in battle of words

by: Arnold M. Macondo Jr.

May 13, 2023 | CSU Gymnasium - The Graduate School Kandaludaya 2023 Intramurals witnessed an extraordinary clash of intellect and skill as Rajan M. Mamadra, a masters student, triumphed over the invincible Binalyn S. Abas in a gripping Scrabble match. With a final score of 290-287, Mamadra staged a remarkable comeback to secure a hard-fought victory.

Right from the start, Mamadra showcased his linguistic prowess, strategically laying down high-scoring words to take an early lead against Abas. However, Abas, renowned for her lexical wizardry, swiftly countered with a barrage of cleverly placed tiles, seizing control of the game. The intensity escalated as the adversaries engaged in a mental duel, their eyes locked on the board, searching for op-

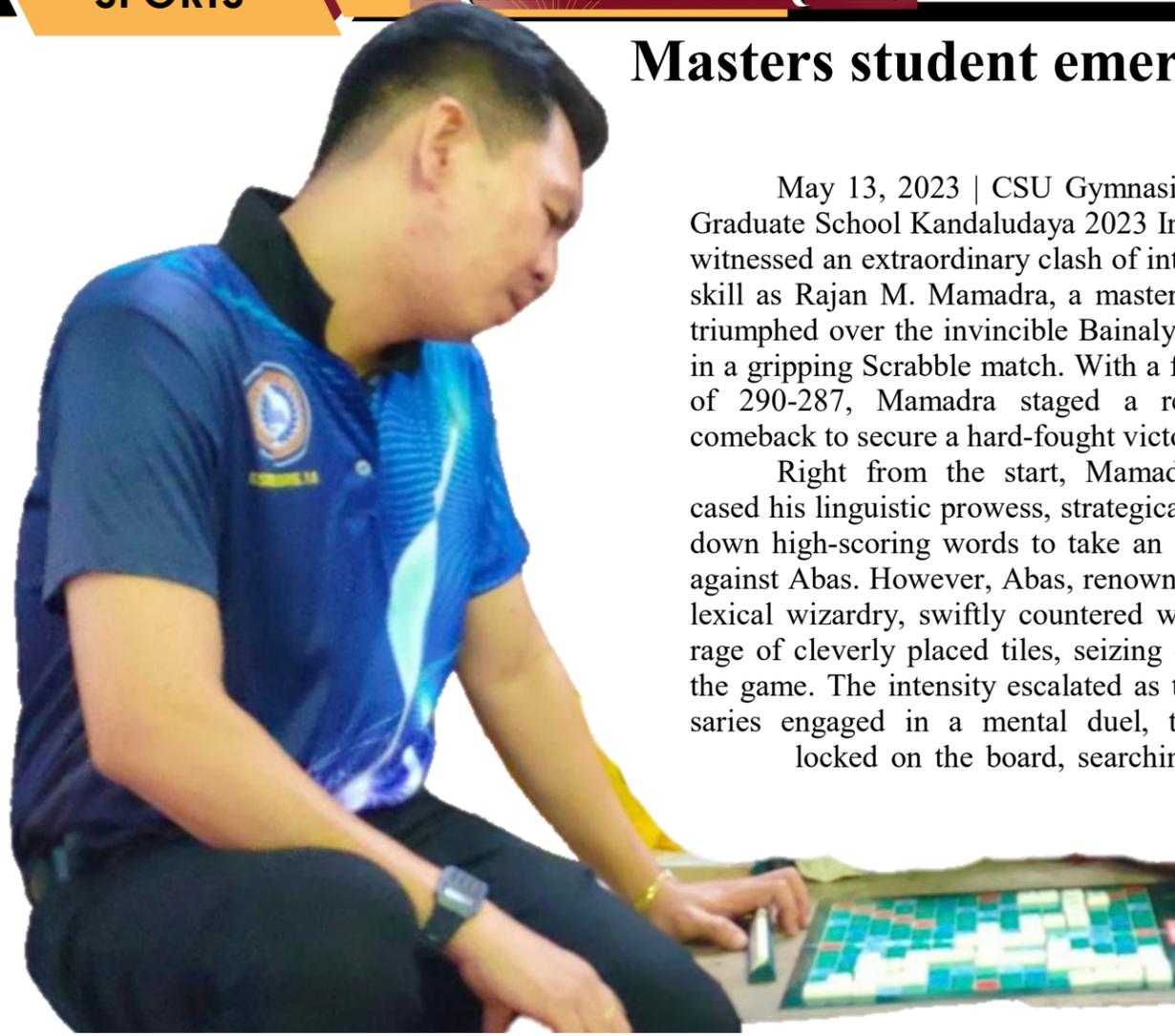
portunities to outsmart each other.

As the match progressed, Mamadra refused to yield under the mounting pressure. With each turn, he meticulously orchestrated a strategic counterattack, making the most of his letter combinations to regain lost ground.

With time winding down, the decisive moment arrived. Mamadra's laser-sharp focus and unwavering determination allowed him to execute a masterstroke, utilizing a triple-word score and a carefully crafted word to surge ahead. Gasps of astonishment rippled through the crowd as he secured the final points needed to seal his victory.

The thrilling Scrabble showdown proved that in the realm of intellectual sports, victory is not solely determined by physical prowess. It was a reminder that games like Scrabble transcend their humble origins, transforming into riveting battles of wit and intellect.

POWERHOUSE PRESENCE: University President Dr. Sema G. Dilna and other brilliant leaders shine at AACCUP's 36th Annual Conference and General Assembly, igniting education excellence in Manila.



Green team athlete stuns blue team in epic Fun Day tennis match

by: Bai Sheina Balabaran-Kusain

CSU Gymnasium, Philippines, June 4, 2023 - The crowd erupted into wild cheers as Edwin Anayatin, representing the Green Team, showcased his incredible athleticism and mental fortitude to secure a breathtaking triumph over April Joy Zoleta of the Blue Team in the much-anticipated Graduate School Fun Day 2023 tennis match on June 4.

In a contest filled with electrifying rallies and mind-boggling shot-making, both players left no stone unturned, captivating the audience with their exceptional skills and fierce determination. Zoleta started the match on a high note, taking the first set with a 6-4 score, showcasing her strategic prowess and powerful groundstrokes.

However, Anayatin, refusing to be outdone, summoned his inner champion and staged a remarkable comeback in the second set. With a masterclass display of precision and agility, he outmaneuvered Zoleta at every turn, ultimately claiming the set with an emphatic 6-2 score. The crowd could sense the momentum shifting, and anticipation filled the air as the match entered the crucial third set.

In a stunning turn of events, Anayatin continued his exceptional form and demonstrated his mental resilience. The third set witnessed an epic battle of wills, with both competitors pushing each other to their limits. Anayatin's blistering serves and intelligent shot selection, combined with his unwavering determination, ultimately led him to victory, securing the final set with a 6-4 score.

The Green Team erupted in jubilation as Anayatin's remarkable triumph secured them a significant advantage in the overall standings of the Graduate School Fun Day.

Anayatin's display of sportsmanship and unrivaled skills left the crowd in awe.

"April Joy played phenomenally, and she pushed me to my limits. I had to dig deep and trust in my abilities to turn the match around. It was an honor to compete against such a talented athlete," said Anayatin, still catching his breath from the intense contest.

The Graduate School Fun Day 2023 was a celebration of sportsmanship, camaraderie, and friendly competition. With more thrilling matchups the finest athletes in the graduate community come together to showcase their skills and create unforgettable memories.

Champion title goes to violet team in thrilling chess match

by: Bai Sheina Balabaran-Kusain

COTABATO CITY, JUNE 4, 2023 - The highly anticipated chess competition held at the CSU Gymnasium on June 4, 2023, witnessed an exhilarating display of intellect and strategy, with the Violet Team, skilled chess player Mr. Tahir Salipada, emerging as the champions. The event captivated spectators and showcased the immense talent and competitive spirit of the participating teams.

In a closely contested battle, the Green Team, Mr. Elmer Medez, claimed the well-deserved 1st place. His calculated moves and ability to outwit his opponents demonstrated a level of chess acumen that left spectators in awe.

The Yellow Team, player, Mr. Paisal Usop, secured a commendable 2nd place finish. His exceptional chess skills and ability to navigate through complex positions showcased his prowess and determination on the board.

Finishing in 3rd place was the Red Team, Mr. Haron Ibrahim. His calculated moves and well-thought-out strategies propelled to success, displaying his expertise and resilience throughout the tournament.

The Faculty Team, represented by the brilliant Dr. Esmal A. Lawan, showcased his intellec-

tual might and secured the 4th place position.

The competition not only highlighted the technical mastery of the participating teams but also showcased the sportsmanship and camaraderie displayed throughout the event. Participants showcased respect for their opponents and a shared passion for the game, creating an atmosphere of healthy competition and mutual appreciation.



MASTERMIND AT WORK: Mr. Tahir Salipada, the chess champion, contemplates his next brilliant move"

TRIVIA:

The official Scrabble dictionary has 107 two-letter words. One of the best ways to improve one's overall score, according to tournament Scrabble players, is to memorize a lot of those words. The following are the 12 highest-scoring two-letter words in the game of Scrabble: Za, Qi, Ax, Xu, Xi, Jo, Ex, Ox, By, My, Hm and Ka



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EDITOR'S POST

We are delighted to announce the revival of the Graduate School Newsletter, now known as "Kadsamikal." As the Official Publication of the Graduate School of Cotabato State University, this new name captures the essence of our unwavering dedication and determination.

"Kadsamikal" originates from the Maguindanaon language and embodies the essence of persistence. It reflects our unyielding commitment to excellence and our collective pursuit of knowledge. As the new faces of the Editorial Staff, we have poured our hearts and souls into reviving this publication, driven by an immeasurable passion for sharing the latest news and updates with you.

We have been buzzing around like busy bees, reaching out to faculty, staff, and students, seeking the most up-to-date information to deliver to your fingertips. With every activity that takes place within our university, we strive to compile the necessary data and present it to you through the pages of Kadsamikal.

Our goal is to provide you with a comprehensive overview of the vibrant happenings within the Graduate School community. From noteworthy achievements to groundbreaking events, we aim to showcase the remarkable endeavors of our students, faculty, and staff. Kadsamikal will serve as a platform for celebrating our collective accomplishments.

We invite you, our readers, to actively engage with us. Share your stories, insights, and suggestions with the Editorial Staff. Together, we can create a vibrant and collaborative community that supports and inspires one another.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the dedicated Editorial Staff who have tirelessly contributed their time, energy, and expertise to bring Kadsamikal to life. Their unwavering commitment and passion are the driving forces behind this effort. Without their dedication, this publication would not have been possible.

In closing, I invite you to immerse yourself in the pages of Kadsamikal, and let its content inspire you to persist in your academic journey. Let us embrace the spirit of persistence and forge ahead together, making a positive impact within the Graduate School of Cotabato State University and beyond.