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Message

As the first Catholic Benedictine University in Asia, San Beda University ardently commits to the realization of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), its research, public activities, community engagement programs, and responsible campus operations.

We devote ourselves to combat inequalities, build peaceful, just, and inclusive societies, protect human rights, and to ensure the lasting protection of our common home and its natural resources, in solidarity with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in the Encyclical Letter Laudato Si’ of our Holy Father Pope Francis.

With this Sustainability Report, San Beda University aims to foster further ideas, actions, and collaboration opportunities with local, national, and international audiences across the public, private, NGO, policy and education sectors toward the attainment of the SDGs. It is our gift to Philippine education, the Filipino nation, the global community, and to our Mother Church celebrating 500 years of Catholic Faith in the Philippines.

That in all things God may be glorified.

Rev. Fr. ALOYSIUS MA. A. MARANAN, OSB
University Rector-President
VISION AND MISSION

San Beda University, a Catholic educational institution, is committed to the Christian formation of the Bedan Community as its service to the Church, the Philippine society, and the world.

Vision
San Beda University envisions a community that is:
- Fully Human
- Wholly Christian
- Truly Filipino
- Globally Competitive

Mission
San Beda University aims to form its members in:
- Faith (*Fides*)
- Knowledge (*Scientia*)
- Virtue (*Virtus*)

and inculcate in them the Benedictine core values of prayer and work (*ora et labora*) that include:
- Study
- Community
- Pursuit of Peace

THE TEN HALLMARKS OF BENEDICTINE EDUCATION

San Beda University is constantly guided by the Hallmarks of Benedictine Education in the formation of all its members as well as in crafting new programs and activities.

Love of Christ and neighbor

Prayer: a life marked by liturgy, *lectio*, and mindfulness

Stability: commitment to the daily life of this place, its heritage, and tradition

*Conversatio*: the way of formation and transformation

Obedience: a commitment to listening and consequent action

Discipline: a way toward learning and freedom

Humility: knowledge of self in relation to God, to others, and creation

Stewardship: responsible use of creation, culture, and the arts

Hospitality: openness to the other

Community: call to serve the common good
San Beda University in Brief

San Beda University was established in 1901 as the *El Colegio San Beda* by monks of the Order of St. Benedict, also known as the Benedictines. It was conferred University status by the Philippines’ Commission on Higher Education in 2018.

The University offers graduate degree programs in the field of Law, Liturgy, Business, and Medicine, and undergraduate programs in Nursing, Accountancy, Business Administration, Humanities, Arts, Science, and Information Technology, as well as Integrated Basic Education. These programs are taught by a complement of highly qualified and dedicated fulltime and part-time faculty; and administratively supported by engaged and productive non-teaching personnel. As of 2021, the University has a total enrollment of 8,200 in our two campuses located in the City of Manila and in the province of Rizal.

San Beda University is ISO 9001-certified and has PAASCU Level III accredited programs. Its College of Law has been given the recognition of Excellence in Legal Education; and the Philippine Regulatory Commission has listed our College of Law and the College of Medicine among the top 10 Universities with high passing rates in the licensure examinations in the Philippines.

Locally, the University is a member of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines, Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities, Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities, Association of Catholic Universities of the Philippines, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Internationally, San Beda University is a member of the ASEAN Learning Network, Association of the Universities of Asia and the Pacific, Association of Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities, Regional Network on Poverty Eradication, Swiss-ASEAN Learning Teaching Networks, and International Commission on Benedictine Education.

Organizational Structure
SBU Commitment to Sustainability

Faithful to our apostolic mandate from *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* as a Catholic University to confront the contemporary problems of society, San Beda University hereby lays the foundations towards achieving sustainable development. We devote ourselves to combat inequalities, build peaceful, just and inclusive societies, protect human rights, and to ensure the lasting protection of our common home and its natural resources, in solidarity with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si’* of our Holy Father Francis.

Therefore, we fervently adopt the model of sustainable development that secures the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

With zeal, we will embody this commitment through transformative education, relevant research, and meaningful community engagement that:

- Ensures inclusive and equitable quality education and promotes lifelong learning opportunities for all;
- Promotes sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all;
- Reduces inequality within and among countries;
- Takes urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts;
- Promotes peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provides access to justice for all, and builds effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels; and
- Strengthens the means of implementation and revitalizes the global partnership for sustainable development.

Animated by our Benedictine charism, San Beda University is resolved to create conditions and mobilize the means to achieve this commitment by:

- Translating teaching and research by its faculty into transformative student learning processes that promote deeper understanding of sustainable development, and generate viable solutions that support economic, social, and technological progress that is in harmony with nature;
- Nurturing students, faculty, administrators, and staff into servant-leaders imbued with integrity and compassion, who are responsible stewards of creation, committed advocates of peace, and vanguards of sustainable development in our country and globally;
- Fostering strong governance structures that manage and operate the University as a responsive catalyst for change towards sustainable development.
- Cultivating purposeful external partnerships towards sustainable development advocacies that uplift the lives of the marginalized and vulnerable sectors of society; and
- Engaging alumni and parents as active collaborative partners in the University’s sustainable development endeavors.

In fulfilling our commitments as embodied in this Charter, we will be constantly guided by the University’s core values *Ora et Labora* – prayer and work towards the common good – through *fides, scientia*, and *virtus*, that in all things God may be glorified.
SBU Principles of Education for Sustainable Development

San Beda University espouses these principles of Education for Sustainable Development:

The Bedan is a STEWARD of creation that he receives from God and that he works on and works with as a GIFT for future generations.

The Bedan is an instrument of social justice that includes the preservation of resources and the enhancement of a balanced ecology for all and for future generations.

Resources exist for the sake of labor, because Catholic theology has always maintained that a person is working man and is to discover himself through work.

We all have a stake in the welfare of the world. The present situation that within one country, some consume more resources than others, while others spend so little, and while the few leave so much waste is not in keeping with the spirit of considering all of us are brothers and sisters (Fratelli tutti).

The Bedan is aware of challenges brought about by environmental change and the effects of an uncontrolled carbon footprint.

Selfishness is at the root of the depredation of earth’s goods and the gifts of God. The Bedan addresses the selfishness in himself or herself and in society.

To consider ourselves as brothers and sisters is to consider each other’s destinies as destiny for eternal life in Jesus Christ as well as the fulfillment of the human person as image and likeness of God.
San Beda University’s community engagement activities, support services, and health professions education programs ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all.
SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being

San Beda University has endeavored to contribute to the eradication of various diseases and to the promotion of well-being of the Filipino society. The University’s impact can be realized not merely through the health education programs it offers, but also through its direct involvement in various community activities, projects, and programs.

Number of Graduates in Health Professions

San Beda University currently offers four-degree programs in health professions: the Doctor of Medicine program, the Bachelor of Science in Psychology program of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and the Bachelor of Science in Human Biology.

For academic year 2019-2020, the University had a total of 620 graduates. One hundred fifty-four graduates (25%) were from the health-related programs. The degree programs have produced graduates who have assimilated themselves into the healthcare system of the country in various capacities, providing the needed manpower to address the healthcare needs of the country.

Current Collaborations with Local, National, or Global Health Institutions on Health and Well-being

San Beda University actively collaborates with various local, national, and global health institutions to improve the health and well-being outcomes of the Philippine society. The collaborative work occurs at different levels of partnership, varying from management of medical illnesses to implementation of health-related interventional and preventive programs.
The University’s long standing partnership with the Canossa Health & Social Center in the municipality of Silang, Cavite has resulted in several projects and programs that have benefited the local community over the years. The University, through its medical students and faculty, conducts lectures in the community that tackle various health topics such as nutrition, physical fitness, and prevention of lifestyle diseases. The activities that were undertaken include the vaccination program and feeding program for children.

**Health Outreach Programs**

San Beda University implements various outreach programs and projects in its partner communities that target several areas related to good health, including hygiene, sanitation, nutrition, infection prevention, lifestyle disease, and hospice/palliative care.

The Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) program of the College of Medicine began in Silang, Cavite, Philippines in 2016. The aim was to increase awareness on good hygiene and sanitation practices in the BAYANI cluster of barangays (villages), initially starting in Barangay Anahaw II, then expanding to Barangays Narra II and Narra III in 2019.

Activities in the WaSH program included recruitment and training of hygiene educators, as well as house-to-house visits to conduct information and education campaigns on sanitation. In 2018, WaSH in Daycare (WinD) and WaSH in School (WinS) were added to the program. These projects continue up to this day.
In the latter part of 2018, the local officials of Barangay Anahaw II, in partnership with the Canossa Health & Social Center, the San Beda College of Medicine, and the Municipal Sanitary Office of the Municipality of Silang, participated in the Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) program of the Department of Health.

On September 16, 2019, Barangay Anahaw II was awarded a plaque of recognition by the Cavite provincial government for achieving Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) Status - the first barangay to achieve such recognition within the province.

The College of Medicine in collaboration with the Canossa Health and Social Center Foundation, Inc., launched a community-based hypertension control program, Oplan MAHAL (Masusing Alamin, Hypertension ay Lupigin), in May 2019. Free blood pressure monitoring stations were set up in strategic locations of the community and during social events. House-to-house hypertension screening and monitoring were carried out. The Oplan MAHAL Facebook page houses informational posters and videos for continuing community health education.

The College of Medicine and the Canossa Health and Social Center have been providing community-based comfort care to elderly patients suffering from chronic debilitating diseases and those with terminal illness through the Palliative and Hospice Care Program since 2011. Home visits are conducted by San Beda University medical faculty and students, along with the community health workers, the nuns of the Canossa Order, and the parish priest of the nearby Catholic Church (for spiritual services).
In 2020, due to the quarantine restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, consultations were done through telemedicine, via the Canossa Telemedicine Facebook page.

One of the objectives of the RACE project is to establish a pet owners association in the community. The Pet Owners Association (POA) was established on January 31, 2020.

Due to the increasing number of animal bite cases in the BAYANI Cluster barangays, the San Beda University medical students and faculty launched the RACE (Rabies Awareness, Control and Elimination) project in March of 2019 in the community. The project espoused advocacy, information management and partnership building with the aim of rabies risk reduction through responsible pet ownership.

After the successful launch of the Dengue Awareness campaign in the University campus in 2018, the College of Medicine decided to establish Project BRAD: Bedans Rising Against Dengue in Silang, Cavite in August of 2019. The primary goal of the project is to promote active dengue surveillance, institute rapid community response, and establish local integrated vector management, particularly in Barangay Anahaw II.
Shared Sports Facilities with Local Schools and with the General Public

San Beda University shares the use of its sports facilities for various sports events on a regular basis. In 2019, the University granted the free use of its Gymnasium for hosting the 25th Fr. Martin’s Cup Summer League participated by 32 schools; the 16th Uni-Oriental Cup Interscholastic Table Tennis League organized by the Table Tennis for National Development (TATAND) and the Fil-Chi Table Tennis Association with 295 teams participating from across the country; and the San Beda University Alumni Basketball League with 42 SBU alumni batches from 1977 to 2019 competing.

Sexual Health Care Programs for Students

The provision of sexual health care in San Beda University consists primarily of information and education services. Most of these are embedded in the curricula and taught to students across colleges as part of their classroom activities. Additionally, students’ awareness on sexually transmitted diseases (STD) such as the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is promoted through seminars and symposia.

Mental Health Program

San Beda University is committed to protecting the quality of life of its students, faculty, and non-teaching personnel. This is embedded in the various activities and programs of the University on Mental Health, made possible through the efforts of the various academic departments and support services units. The Mental Health Program aims to promote the mental well-being of every member of the Bedan Community.
Among these activities, a seminar on “College Adjustment and Mental Wellness” was conducted by the College of Arts and Sciences Guidance and Counseling Office on July 30, 2019, at the New Conference Hall with Ms. Marie Franz A. Gavino, RPsy and Mr. John Paul G. Eugenio, MBA as resource persons. Seven hundred four freshmen attended the program.

Another University activity on Mental Health was a seminar entitled “SILAB: Don’t be Blind to the States of Mind - Breaking the Stigma of Mental Health” held on January 15, 2020, by the San Beda Law - Human Rights Advocates, in coordination with the Guidance Office.

Smoke-Free Policy

San Beda University has an existing No-Smoking Policy that dates to 2002 when the institution was still known as San Beda College. The Rules on Smoking were amended by the Administrators’ Council in a meeting held in October 2002.

The No-Smoking Policy prohibits smoking in all areas of the campus. These rules apply to all administrators, faculty, employees, students, and visitors. The Amended Rules on Smoking specifies the penalties for violations by any individual.

The Student Manuals of the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Nursing, and College of Medicine stipulate that the entire school premises is a smoke-free campus.

Breaking the stigma of mental health was the focus of the SILAB seminar. Photo Credit: SBU Guidance Office.
San Beda University supports inclusive education and provides accessible lifelong learning opportunities for the community.
Public Resources for Lifelong Learning

San Beda University, with its firm commitment to lifelong learning, has a free-access policy to its learning resources for individuals not studying in the University, like public high school students, as well as students and faculty from the Mendiola Consortium member-schools. The educational resources of the University Library, the Institutional Media Center, and the Science Laboratories are available to them.

The University Library

The University Library provides free access to comprehensive information resources and services that include print, multimedia, and online resources such as e-books, e-journals, e-newspapers, and the open-access collection. Resources are available both through the local area network and the University Library official website.

The Instructional Media Center

The Instructional Media Center provides free access to its collection of audio and video learning resources for classroom pedagogies, instructions, and the promotion of lifelong learning.

The Science Laboratories

The Science Laboratories provide free access to students and faculty for the use of its equipment for science-related activities embedded in the curriculum and for science-oriented research.
Public Events

San Beda University hosted public lectures and community educational events that are open to the public. Pressing issues on the environment, peace process, security, mental health and well-being, and the Church and the youth, are some of the themes that were tackled during these events.

As part of the Venerable Bede Distinguished Public Lecture Series and to celebrate San Beda’s first year as a University, the Edgardo J. Angara Memorial Public Lecture on Public Policy was established to honor and propagate the admirable vision, achievements, contributions, and legacy of Senator Edgardo J. Angara, a great Filipino leader, an exceptional lawyer, and patriotic statesman.

By hosting this Public Lecture Series, the University was able to raise the level of public discourse on issues of national development, justice, and stability. This event held last February 4, 2020, focused on “Combatting Climate Change and Its Impact” and was attended by students, faculty, and administrators of other schools, as well as public officials.

The Graduate School of Liturgy of San Beda University together with the Pius XII Catholic Center organized the 23rd Asian Liturgy Forum: Liturgy and Social Communication. Delegates from Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Timor-Leste, gathered at the Pius XII Catholic Center in Manila, Philippines on September 30 - October 4, 2019, on the eve of the Extraordinary Missionary Month, to share their reflections and pastoral experiences related to the intimate connection between Liturgy and Social Communication.
In line with the theme of Academic Year 2019-2020, “Pursuit of Peace in Nation Building”, The Repvblic, a professional organization of the Department of Political Science, in collaboration with the Office of Linkages and International Affairs presented the seminar, Peace Process: Kapayapaan Kaya Pa ‘Yan! (Peace, we can achieve!) on October 23, 2019. This seminar discussed the issues concerning peace and security in the country. Through this event, the public became more aware of the acts that may possibly jeopardize the peace of the country.

The San Beda University Graduate School of Liturgy, together with the National Meeting of Diocesan Directors of Liturgy, the Pontifical Atheneaeum of Saint Anselm, and the Paul VI Institute of Liturgy organized the National Liturgy Conference: Christus Vivit and the Liturgy in General Santos City, Philippines. The conference discussed the implications of Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation “Christus Vivit” on the liturgy, namely the use of contemporary media and Catholic stewardship on the “Good News” amid a changing information culture that distorts human community. Pastoral concerns about online networks’ pitfalls were also emphasized.
The Psychology Society of San Beda University (PSSBU), under the supervision of the Department of Psychology of the College of Arts and Sciences, conducted a seminar entitled, “Peace Psychology 101: Detection and Prevention of Suicide and Self-Harm” at the Pamanang Bedista on October 23, 2019. The event was attended by the students and faculty of San Beda University and Universitas Katolik Parahyangan, Indonesia.

Vocational Training Events

In its commitment to provide quality education to those who need it most, San Beda University hosted various vocational education programs open to the public. Computer training for refugees, the Social Enterprise for Economic Development, and seminar livelihood programs are some of these events that directly address the immediate needs of individuals and communities.

San Beda University conducted a training on Basic Microsoft Office on December 12, 2019, at the San Beda University Computer Laboratory for refugees from Iran, Congo, and Cameroon. The training aimed to improve the refugees’ computer skills for a better chance of employment, ensuring self-determination and self-reliance.

This activity was part of the University’s continuing partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to respond to the needs of refugees. The Community Engagement Center and the College of Arts and Sciences coordinated the activity.

Since 2014, the Office of the Rector-President and the San Beda College Benedictine Educational Foundation Inc. (SBCBEFI) through the Office of Linkages and International Affairs have organized the ASEAN Learning Network (ALN)-San Beda University (SBU) Urban Social Enterprise for Economic Development (SEED) Program. This Program is an ongoing collaborative cross-cultural academic, research, and community engagement-based activity of the Network with its member universities who likewise organize the same Program in their country yearly. Faculty lecturers, students, and staff from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, and Switzerland experienced context-based teaching and learning through field immersion in rural and urban communities. ALN-SBU SEED aims to contribute to the transformation of the mindset of the participants and people from the community, the service-learning, social entrepreneurship, and
community engagement strategies to help address the needs and facilitate identification of livelihood opportunities for sustainable development of communities.

In 2019, San Beda University hosted the 2nd Urban SEED Program on August 11-23, 2019, in Antipolo City, Rizal, in collaboration with the San Beda College Benedictine Educational Foundation, Inc., the City Government of Antipolo City and its Barangay Local Government Units. The SEED program was conducted in Barangay Cupang, Barangay San Luis, Barangay San Isidro, Barangay Mayamot, Barangay Dalig, and Barangay Sta. Cruz. A total of 105 households from these barangays were assisted in developing community-based livelihood projects on production and marketing of dishwashing liquid, lumpia wrapper, cheese stick, bio-coal, ladle, and chime making.

Education Outreach Activities

San Beda University through the College of Medicine organized the Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WaSH) Program in coordination with the Canossa Heath and Social Center, and the BAYANI Cluster of Barangays in Silang, Cavite.
The WaSH program was started in 2016 and aimed to increase the awareness on good hygiene and sanitation practices in the community. Activities included house-to-house information and education campaigns that emphasized the importance of sanitary toilet facilities, and public lectures on the effect of proper waste disposal and its impact on preventing diseases such as diarrhea or acute gastroenteritis.

The Bedan Information Technology Society, the professional organization of the Department of Information Technology of the College of Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the Community Engagement Center conducted the Share IT Oplan Turo: Microsoft Tutorials during the month of October, 2019. This project aimed to hone the computer literacy of high school students in the University’s partner school, Victorino Mapa High School in Mendiola, Manila.

San Beda Medical Students Association Community Engagement Activity

The San Beda Medical Students Association in collaboration with the College of Medicine’s Family and Community Medicine Department conducted a health promotion activity on July 6, 2019, at San Andres, Manila. The event consisted of a medical mission, a pharmacy section, four educational booths (Nutrition, Hygiene, Vector-Borne Diseases, Common Non-communicable Diseases), and a feeding program for the children.
San Beda University, through the Community Engagement Center in partnership with Sinag sa Sais (Light in District Six) Community Center, provides opportunities for residents of Manila’s District 6 to become socially and economically self-reliant. In line with this, a training on Business Marketing and Packaging was conducted on September 6, 2019, at the Sinag sa Sais Community Center in Pandacan, Manila.

**Lifelong Learning Access Policy**

The policy that ensures access to lifelong learning activities regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability, or gender is subsumed in SBU’s Vision-Mission Statement, Institutional Objectives, and the Ten Hallmarks of Benedictine Education. This benefits the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous people, and migrants to assure equal opportunity for lifelong learning. Specifically, these are clearly articulated in the following Hallmarks: Stewardship, Hospitality, and Community.

**Proportion of First Generation Students**

Among the first-year students at the University in Academic Year 2019-2020, 361 were first-generation students, or 15.75%. Of these, 192 students were from the College of Arts and Sciences, 30 students were from the College of Nursing, 84 students were from the College of Law, and 55 students were from the College of Medicine.

There are 2,292 students who enrolled and started their degree at San Beda University in the first semester of AY 2019-2020. Of these, 953 students were from the College of Arts and Sciences, 52 students from the College of Nursing, 232 students from the College of Medicine, 571 students from the College of Law, 293 students from the Graduate School of Law, 25 students from the Graduate School of Liturgy, and 166 students from the Graduate School of Business.
San Beda University cultivates governance that helps nurture strong institutions in the Philippines as it promotes peace and justice.
SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

University Governance: Composition of the San Beda University Governing Board

The San Beda University Board of Trustees is composed of fifteen members, nine of whom are elected from among the members of the Conventual Chapter of the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat, Manila, and six are elected, by tradition, from among the alumni or other university stakeholders for a term of three years. The present trustees elected from among the administrators and faculty of the University include Dr. Ramon Ricardo A. Roque, currently the Dean of the Graduate School of Business and Dr. Ulpiano Sarmiento III, a faculty member of the College of Law.

San Beda University Board of Trustees

Recognition of Student Governments

San Beda University values the participation of students in the significant facets of school operations. The University acknowledges and respects the fundamental rights of students, including the right and to form or establish, join, and participate in organizations and societies recognized by the school for purposes not contrary to law.

Thus, San Beda University recognizes and supports Student Governments and other student organizations in the different colleges. Consultations with duly elected student representatives are done on matters affecting tuition and other school fees, formulation of school policies, delivery of instructions, and school activities. The Rector-President and the Academic Department Heads regularly meet student leaders to discuss proposals, problems, and solutions to student concerns.

San Beda University College of Medicine and College of Arts and Sciences Student Councils
Policies and Procedures to Identify and Engage with Local Stakeholders

Participatory Bodies for Engagement with Local Residents

San Beda University is at the forefront in providing meaningful opportunities for community engagements and volunteerism through extension programs that contribute to the human development of partner communities, and their emancipation from various societal ills. The University’s engagement with local stakeholders is managed by the Community Engagement Center, an office directly under the Office of the University Rector-President. The Manual of Operation of the Community Engagement Center contains the written policies and procedures to identify and engage with local stakeholders external to the University, such as local residents, local government units, private foundations, and other non-government organizations, among others.

The San Beda University Legal Aid Bureau is a clinical legal education program recognized and approved by the Philippine Supreme Court per its February 17, 2004, resolution on Bar Matter No. 963. Since its formal organization in 2004, law student interns, supervised by members of the Faculty of Law and practicing lawyers from the alumni, provide free legal assistance and counseling to clients. When necessary, the Legal Aid Bureau represents indigent court litigants in the prosecution of their cases.

During the First Semester of Academic Year 2019-2020, and prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Legal Aid Bureau accepted eight new civil and criminal cases in addition to its list of active pending court cases.
With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, the government has imposed quarantine restrictions, which resulted to the temporary closure of the Legal Aid Bureau’s offices. Undeterred, the Legal Aid Bureau interns launched an online legal forum dubbed as “Tugon sa Bayan, Libreng Payong Ligal” (Public Service, Free Legal Advice). The Legal Aid Bureau has been issuing public advisories, through Facebook posts, on pressing legal issues particularly in relation to the challenges brought about by the pandemic.

Participatory Bodies for Engagement with Local Government

San Beda University has entered partnerships with local governments, through elected political representatives. The partnership with the Office of Congressman Yul Servo Nieto of the Third District, City of Manila, commenced with the opening of a Legal Aid Bureau satellite office at the Office of the Congressman in the Manila City Hall in October 2019. Legal interns had been providing free legal assistance to the constituents of Congressman Nieto and has conducted seminars on pertinent legal issues.

The partnership with the Office of Congressman Anthony Crisologo of the First Congressional District, Quezon City, commenced with the opening of a Legal Aid Bureau satellite office at the Office of the Congressman in Quezon City. Legal interns had been providing free legal assistance to the constituents of Congressman Crisologo.
The partnership with the Office of City Councilor Tany Joe Calalay of District I, Quezon City, commenced with the opening of a Legal Aid Bureau satellite office at the Office of the Councilor located at the Quezon City Hall in October 2019. Legal interns had been providing free legal assistance to the constituents of Councilor Tany Joe Calalay.

One of the regular activities of the San Beda University Legal Aid Bureau is the “Street Law Series” Project, where a Task Force comprising of law interns and their Supervising lawyers, go to public places to engage people beset with legal issues. They gather people they meet on the streets, invite them to an available venue, and conduct instant teach-ins.

On February 23, 2020, the Legal Aid Bureau’s Street Law Series Project visited Barangay San Antonio in Quezon City, where the law students and professors conducted lectures and rendered free legal consultations on Violence Against Women and Children Law, application of the Small Claims Rule in the collection of monetary loans, and other matters affecting the daily lives of the local residents.
Participatory Bodies for Engagement with Local, Private and Civil Society Representatives

To maximize its outreach program, the San Beda University Legal Aid Bureau renewed its partnership with the GMA 7 TV Public Service Program “Sumbungan ng Bayan” (Public Complaint Forum) in November 2019. Legal interns with their supervising lawyers report to the TV station to provide free legal consultation and assistance to people seeking help from the Public Service Program.

The partnership of the San Beda University Legal Aid Bureau with the Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene Parish at Plaza Miranda, Quiapo, Manila began in 2018. It aims to promote social welfare, community extension services, and other related undertakings to enhance people’s awareness and participation on issues affecting their lives in their communities. The legal assistance rendered by the law interns are related to land disputes, marriage, support, and even criminal cases. Seminars were also given on various laws and legal issues.

The ongoing collaboration of San Beda University with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees began on September 10, 2013. The partnership is a continuing concern with the conduct of periodic Orientation Seminars on Refugee Protection.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is a United Nations agency mandated to aid and protect refugees, forcibly displaced communities, and stateless people, and to assist in their voluntary repatriation, local integration, or resettlement to a third country.
San Beda University engages with local private and civil society representatives in fulfilling its corporate social responsibility in nation-building. The Community Engagement Center, as primary participatory body, in collaboration with the Junior Bedan Law Circle of the College of Arts and Sciences, implements relevant programs aligned with the skills and specialization of students and faculty as well as the needs of its target groups and partner communities. The Junior Bedan Law Circle is a professional student organization in the College of Arts and Sciences, established in 2003 for the purpose of servicing the needs and advocacies of the Legal Management students by promoting the need for quality academic and extra-curricular activities ensuring holistic development transcending the four corners of the classroom.

The Lingkod Laya (Help for Freedom) Program of the Junior Bedan Law Circle in partnership with the Humanitarian Legal Assistance Foundation.
Foundation, Inc., a non-government organization that forwards the rights, welfare, and well-being of persons behind bars, began in 2018 and has been renewed in 2019 and 2020.

It succeeded in securing the immediate release of detainees who are already eligible for release but have lingered in jail because of the failure to accomplish procedural requirements.

**University Principles on Crime, Corruption, and Bribery**

The San Beda University principles against Crime, Corruption, and Bribery are encapsulated in its Vision and Mission Statement. Its commitment to eradicate these societal ills is also made manifest in the statement of the ten Hallmarks of Benedictine Education. These guiding precepts are conspicuously posted in the University website and in all important documents and publications. These are also recited during school programs and other activities to inculcate upon students, faculty, non-teaching personnel, and other stakeholders the necessity of rejecting crime, corruption, and bribery.

Consistent with its Vision and Mission as a Catholic educational institution, San Beda University demands high standards of integrity, discipline, and morality from its employees. In addition to the general grounds for the imposition of disciplinary sanctions on erring employees under the Labor Code of the Philippines, the Institutional Support Services Personnel Manual of the University categorically defines as serious administrative offenses warranting the supreme penalty of dismissal, the following: (1) Violations related to corruption, extortion, bribery and other forms of dishonest acts; (2) Violations related to fraudulent acts; and (3) Violations related to conflict of interest.

These administrative regulations are discussed during the orientation of new personnel and are published and made available to employees, as these are considered part of their employment contract with the school.
Consistent with its commitment to the Christian formation of its students to become Fully Human, Wholly Christian, Truly Filipino, and Globally Competitive; and aligned with the Benedictine Hallmarks of obedience and discipline, San Beda University prescribes specific rules on faculty and student conduct in or outside of the school campus. The faculty manuals of all colleges and the Institutional Student Manual in each academic department define and penalize criminal acts, misconduct, cheating, and all forms of dishonesty, including corruption.

**Academic Freedom Policy**

In 2018, the San Beda University Research Vision was revised to read as follows: “San Beda University envisions itself as a credible, inventive, and efficient community of scholars and innovators who are committed to the highest standards of academic freedom, ethics and integrity, and engage in responsible, collaborative, and courageous research, development, and enterprise that transforms the ways we conceptualize, manage, study, and act in the world. Our scholarly, technological, and creative outputs demonstrate the harmony of faith and science, foster insights on the cognitive, historical, cultural, artistic, and social aspects of human life, advance a deeper understanding of ourselves and of the world around us, and are instrumental to the social, economic, and spiritual development of the Filipino and of society.”
The Philippine Constitution mandates that academic freedom shall be enjoyed in all institutions of higher learning. A recent University Statement reiterates the University’s strict adherence to academic freedom by reminding that the Bedan community must safeguard the freedom to study, to research, and to engage in discourse as essential components of university-level education. The university shall exercise academic freedom to determine who should teach, what to teach, how to teach, and who should be taught while maintaining its fidelity to its Vision and Mission. There should be no undue curtailment of academic freedom as this is ultimately a disservice to higher education.”

Aligned with the above-stated policy, the Research vision and Faculty Manuals of the different academic units guarantee the academic freedom of teachers in their areas of research and in teaching their research outputs within the limits of law.

San Beda University welcomes partnerships with government on areas requiring the expertise of its faculty and administrators. In 2019, the Chairman of the Legal Education Board designated the Dean and the Administrative Officer of the College of Law as members of the Technical Working Group for the crafting of Policies on Deregulation of Law Schools and Allied Law Courses, respectively.
On August 15, 2019, the Dean of the College of Law was also designated as member of the Technical Working Group under the Subcommittee for Admission to the Bar, which was created by the Supreme Court to study the proposals made at the 2019 National Summit for Legal Education on the revision of the Bar Examination coverage and the Law curriculum.

In February 2018, the University entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Social Welfare and Development-National Capital Region. Under the Agreement, which was effective until December 2020, the school was obliged to provide the government agency programs and services such as health intervention, capacity building, legal and psychological counselling, values formation, and empowerment programs to improve the beneficiaries’ level of well-being. The school also committed to provide the mechanism for extending technical assistance such as facilitation of Family Development sessions, coaching or mentoring of parent leaders, improvement of teaching and training materials, and livelihood and entrepreneurial training and provision of business development services to beneficiaries.

San Beda University also provides outreach, general education, upskilling and capacity-building opportunities to policy formators and lawmakers. The University has a continuing collaboration with the House of Representatives in this regard. On September 19, 2019, the Office of the Vice-President for Academics conducted a “Live Well, Work Well” Seminar in Congress with the theme of “Responding with inclusive care to the diverse needs of the House of Representatives.” Another interactive seminar workshop on the topic of “Promoting Gender Equality in the Workplace” was conducted at the same venue, which was participated in by lawmakers and other employees of the House of Representatives.
On February 19, 2020, the Dean of the Graduate School of Law participated in the Philippine Senate Hearing on the need of Senate concurrence in ending treaties, which was brought about by the decision of the President of the Republic to withdraw from the Visiting Forces Agreement with the United States of America.

On May 18, 2020, the Dean of the Graduate School of Law participated virtually in the Senate Hearing on the ABS-CBN Franchise renewal, which was conducted through video conferencing.

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Memorandum by the Secretary-General of the House of Representatives contracting the Vice President of Academics to render technical assistance in the formulation and implementation of the HRep Learning Plan.
Learning and Development Plan. Given the mandate of the House of Representatives under the Constitution, it becomes imperative that human capital be strategically leveraged, anchored on ethical and legal foundations to address these forces, as well as for innovation, learning, client satisfaction, and accomplishment of organizational vision and mission to take place. Dr. Divina M. Edralin, Vice-President for Academics of the San Beda University and lead researcher, completed the research work and the preparation of the 3-Year Learning and Development Plan for the House of Representatives.

San Beda University as a Safe and Neutral Venue for Discussion of Ideas

San Beda University insures a safe and neutral venue or platform for the discussion of different ideas on political and other issues. On February 4, 2020, the Second Senator Edgardo J. Angara Memorial Public Lecture Series on Public Policy was held with the topic, “Combatting Climate Change and Its Impact”, presented and discussed by Dr. Emmanuel “Manny” M. De Guzman, Secretary of the Office of the Philippine Climate Change Commission. Another lecture on “Laudato Si and the Role of Catholic Universities” was given by Atty. Antonio Gabriel M. La Viña, a faculty member of the Graduate School of Law.

The San Beda University Human Rights Advocates, a student organization of the College of Law, promotes awareness of various human rights and other societal issues.

The Human Rights Advocates of the College of Law regularly releases the organization’s stand on sensitive political issues, and they have always been accorded their freedom to freely express their ideas subject only to the limitations provided by law. On various dates in 2019 and 2020, the Human Rights Advocates posted statements in its Facebook page on the Killings in Negros Province dated August 14, 2019; on the death of Philippine Military Academy 4th Class Cadet Darwin Dormitorio dated September 29, 2019; on the 71st Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights dated December 10, 2019; on Press Freedom dated February 14, 2020; on the 1987 EDSA People Power Revolution dated February 24, 2020; on the Celebration of International Women’s Day dated March 7, 2020; abuses in light of COVID dated April 2, 2020; and on the Anti-Terrorism Bill dated June 3, 2020.
Graduates of Law and Civil Enforcement

San Beda University contributes professionals in Law and Civil enforcement. In Academic year 2019-2020, 183 students successfully earned their Juris Doctor degree. The Bachelor of Science in Legal Management was offered as one of the undergraduate courses in the College of Arts and Sciences in 2003. In Academic year 2019-2020, 20 students successfully earned their bachelor’s degree in Legal Management. In the same period, 18 students successfully earned their Master of Laws or Doctor of Juridical Science degrees. San Beda University produced a total of 620 graduates across all courses. Of the total number of graduates, 221 representing 35.65% are graduates of law and enforcement related courses.
San Beda University fosters wide-ranging collaborations with institutions, governments, companies, NGOs, and the global academic community to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.
SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

San Beda University collaborates with government, NGOs, national and international partner organizations in implementing sustainable development programs and activities basically anchored on the SDGs for good health and well-being; quality education; peace, justice, and strong institutions.

Relationship with NGOs and Government for SDG Policy

Partnership with Legal Education Board

San Beda University’s Dean of the College of Law was designated as a member of the Technical Working Group of the Legal Education Board in crafting the Policies on Deregulation of Law Schools and Allied Law Courses.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Memorandum Order 2019-53 dated August 15, 2019, the Dean of the College of Law was designated as a member of the Technical Working Group under the Sub-Committee for Admission to the Bar to study the proposals made at the 2019 National Summit for Legal Education in revising the Bar Examination coverage and the Law Curriculum.

Partnership with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The collaboration of San Beda University with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees provides aid and protection to refugees, forcibly displaced communities, and stateless people since September 10, 2013 to ensure quality and sustained legal assistance.

Partnership with Department of Social Welfare and Development

San Beda University with the Department of Social Welfare and Development provided programs and services such as health intervention, capacity building, legal and psychological counselling, values formation, and empowerment in addition to family development sessions, coaching, mentoring of parent leaders, and trainings effective February 23, 2018 to 2020.

Cross-sectoral Dialogue about SDGs

Senator Edgardo J. Angara Memorial Public Lecture on Climate Change

The Office of the Rector -President annually conducts the Venerable Bede Distinguished Public Lecture Series, including the Senator Edgardo J. Angara Memorial Lecture on Public Policy. Renowned speakers like Dr. Emmanuel M. De Guzman, Secretary of the Office of the Philippine Climate Change Commission, and
Atty. Antonio Gabriel M. La Viña, and discussants like Dr. Pedcris M. Orencio and Dr. Jose Santos R. Carandang were invited to tackle the issue of climate change during the February 4, 2020 event.

Forum on Peace Talk

Moreover, San Beda University College of Arts and Sciences Department of Political Science in collaboration with the Office of Linkages and International Affairs conducted a seminar, “Kapayapaan, Kaya Pa ‘Yan!” (Peace, we can achieve!) last October 23, 2019 to tackle issues concerning peace and security in the country. The Honorable Secretary Carlito Galvez of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process was the keynote speaker. The seminar enabled the students to become more aware of issues and acts that may possibly jeopardize the peace of our country.

Partnerships Networking Session “Capital E-Convergence Towards Education 6.0”

San Beda University through the Office of Linkages and International Affairs also took part in the Partnerships Networking Session “Capital E-Convergence Towards Education 6.0” hosted by the Commission on Higher Education International Affairs Staff on December 5-6, 2020. This was attended by representatives of the embassies of the USA, UK, Canada, Australia, Japan, Indonesia, and Taiwan. Through this engagement, the University was able to identify internationalization programs and initiatives for administrators, faculty, staff, and students that are aligned with its thrusts on internationalization in terms of academics, research, and community engagement.

International Collaboration on Data Gathering for the SDGs

Social Enterprise for Economic Development - Philippines

The Office of the Rector-President and the San Beda College Benedictine Educational Foundation, Inc. through the Office of the Linkages and International Affairs hosted the 2nd ASEAN Learning Network Urban Social Enterprise for Economic Development (SEED) Program on August 11-23, 2019. A total of 105 households from six SEED urban communities in Antipolo, Rizal benefitted from the business plans prepared by the forty-three local and international Urban SEED participants from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Switzerland, and the Philippines. The business plans present detailed community-based livelihood projects on production and marketing of dishwashing liquid, lumpia wrapper, cheese stick, bio-coal, ladle, and chime making.
San Beda University participated in the 2019 Summer Program for Social Entrepreneurship for Economic Development. This activity is a cross-cultural project of the Swiss-ASEAN Learning and Teaching Association, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland and the University of Economics of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The program focused on developing business concepts and opportunities in the town of Sa Dec, Province of Dong Thap in the Mekong Delta of Southern Vietnam. It also provided a rural village field experience to the faculty and student participants from Switzerland, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, and the Philippines from August 1-10, 2019.

Collaboration to Review Comparative Research Approaches on Tackling the SDGs

San Beda University co-hosted the 1st and 2nd International Nursing Conference on Translational Research that aimed to gather researchers all over the Philippines to share experiences and expertise in translating research findings to innovations and technology in healthcare on November 28-29, 2019 and on January 22, 2020, held at Rose Memorial Auditorium, Central Philippines University in Iloilo City. Three faculty members and fourteen students from the College of Nursing attended the said event.

Collaboration with NGOs for SDGs

Aiding the Prison Detainees

San Beda University’s Community Engagement Center and the San Beda University Junior Bedan Law Circle in partnership with the Humanitarian Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc. provided legal assistance to detainees through the Lingkod Laya (Help for Freedom) Program.
The program commenced in 2018 and continued in 2019 and 2020. These efforts had helped in securing the immediate release of detainees who are already eligible but have remained in jail custody because of the failure to accomplish procedural requirements.

Education for the SDGs

San Beda University expresses its commitment to Education for Sustainable Development in all its programs with the integration of academics, research, community engagement for lifelong learning, and servant leadership.

Mentoring Public Daycare and Elementary Students on Water and Sanitation Hygiene

San Beda University through the College of Medicine has been implementing the Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WaSH) program in partnership with the Canossa Health and Social Center and the BAYANI Cluster of Barangays in Silang, Cavite since 2016. The ongoing programs are WaSH in Daycare (WinD) and WaSH in School (WinS) in partnership with Bagong Buhay Elementary School and Bulihan Sites and Services Project Elementary School. The program aims to mobilize children in addressing challenges related to water and sanitation hygiene.

Guiding the Residents of Silang, Cavite on Community Health Education Program

Other community health education programs are community-based hypertension control program Oplan *Masusing Alamin, Hypertension ay Lupigin* (Oplan-MAHAL); Rabies Awareness, Control and Elimination (RACE) Project; Project BRAD (Bedans Rising Against Dengue) to disseminate information to help reduce the cases of dengue in the community; and Operation KA-BAYANihand (OKB) to promote solid waste management in the community.

Students from the College of Medicine demonstrate to daycare pupils the proper way of hand washing.
**Tutoring Public High School Students**

The Bedan Information Technology Society of the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Information Technology in collaboration with the Community Engagement Center conducted the Share IT Oplan Turo: Microsoft Tutorials for the whole month of October 2019 to hone the computer literacy skills of twenty-seven high school students in the University’s partner school, Victorino Mapa High School.

As part of the San Beda University’s community-based disaster response program, the Community Engagement Center facilitated the Water Safety and Survival Training on September 14, 2019 at the University’s Swimming Pool. The faculty and students from the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Human Kinetics, served as the trainers for National Service Training Program students from the College of Nursing, and College of Arts and Sciences. The training provided opportunities to develop the students’ resourcefulness, creativity, and flexibility as necessary skills during flooding, tsunami, or other dangerous events.

**Coaching Faculty and Students on Water Safety and Survival**

**Informing Indonesian and Filipino Students on Detection and Prevention of Suicide and Self-Harm**

The Psychology Society of San Beda University (PSSBU), the professional organization of the Department of Psychology of the College of Arts and Sciences, conducted a seminar entitled, “Peace Psychology 101: Detection and Prevention of Suicide and Self-Harm” in collaboration with the Office of Linkages and International Affairs on October 23, 2019 at the...
Instructing College of Arts and Sciences on Medical Emergencies

San Beda University, through the Kapisanang Agham ng San Beda (Science Organization of San Beda-KASB) of the College of Arts and Sciences, organized the Saving Lives: Medical Emergencies Training Seminar on October 25, 2019. The training seminar aimed to broaden the knowledge of the College of Arts and Sciences students in medical and scientific areas by exposing them to practices that can inspire them to pursue careers in health sciences.

Training the Refugees on Computer Skills

San Beda University has been a partner of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) since 2013, with the commitment to help and assist refugees through the provision of free legal assistance, access to educational and livelihood programs, and offering of free psychological services. The University, through the Community Engagement Center, conducted a computer training for refugees from Iran, Congo, and Cameroon. The training on Basic Microsoft Office was conducted on December 12, 2019, at San Beda University Computer Laboratory.
Educating the Barangay Pandacan Residents on Safe Spaces Act and Basic Labor Standards

San Beda University’s College of Law through its Legal Aid Bureau conducted the preliminary free legal lecture-seminar and consultation at Barangay 844, Pandacan, Manila in coordination with the Community Engagement Center on February 16, 2020. The “Street Law Series: Empowering Communities,” an activity led by twenty-nine Legal Aid interns who extended legal assistance to the community members from four barangays in District VI. An information campaign on the Republic Act 9262 (Anti-Violence against Women and their Children Act of 2004), Republic Act 11313 (Safe Spaces Act), and Republic Acts related with basic labor standards were given.

Orienting Barangay San Antonio Residents on Barangay Justice System

San Beda University’s College of Law through the San Beda Legal Aid Bureau also in coordination with the Community Engagement Center and in partnership with the Barangay Local Government Unit of San Antonio, Quezon City, conducted the subsequent “Street Law” free legal lecture-seminar and consultation at Barangay San Antonio, First District, Quezon City on February 23, 2020. The series aimed to inform and educate the members and leaders of the community on Barangay Justice System, Mga Benepisyong Manggagawa (Basic Labor Standards), Panuntunan sa Paniningil ng Maliliit na Utang (Small Claims Cases); and Republic Act 10627 (Anti-Cyber Bullying Law of 2015).
Teaching SBU College Students on Sustainable Development Goals

On October 21-26, 2019, during the University’s annual International Linkages Week celebration highlighted its programs and activities with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to address global problems. With the theme, “Strengthening the Pillars of the Global and Digital SBU in Pursuit of Peace Towards Nation Building,” activities included “Zero: Deconstructing SDG 2 End Hunger,” “Let’s Talk Nutrition: Food Allergens Awareness Seminar,” “Basic Mindfulness Seminar,” and “Ketogenic Diet,” among others were conducted based on identified Sustainable Development Goals, by various colleges, departments, and offices in the University.

National Service Training Program Course

The National Service Training Program is a three-unit subject taken by undergraduate college students for two semesters in accordance with Philippine Republic Act 9163 (An Act Establishing the National Service Training Program (NSTP) for Tertiary Level Students) as a requisite for graduation. The course consists of skill enhancement trainings and workshops to prepare the students for
community involvement and integration. It allows the students to learn the actual planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of community engagement programs and projects that address the pursuit of the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The undergraduate college students during their NSTP to address the goals of sustainable development by teaching financial literacy for kids at Pasadena Learning Center on March 20, 2019. 

NSTP Students during the Environmental Clean Up Drive for Manila Bay. Photo Credit: College of Arts and Sciences
SBU's Continuing Sustainability Journey

When the COVID-19 pandemic erupted, which limited our in-person social interaction, decreased our financial resources, and resulted in many government restrictions on school operations, the University recalibrated its SDG response actions to only four of the goals: SDG 3-good health and well-being; SDG 4-quality education; SDG 16-justice, peace, and strong institutions, and SDG 17-partnerships for the goals.

The University had also done with earnest efforts affirmative actions on these four priority SDGs. San Beda University’s community health engagement activities, mental health support services, and health professions education programs ensured healthy lives and promoted well-being for all. The University also supported inclusive education through educational outreach and vocational trainings as well as provided accessible lifelong learning opportunities for the community.

Moreover, San Beda University cultivated governance through participative multi-sectoral policy legislation, public lecture series, and legal extension activities that nurtured strong institutions in the Philippines while promoting peace and justice. Finally, the University fostered wide-ranging collaborations with institutions, governments, companies, NGOs, and the global academic community through cross-sectoral dialogues, data gathering for SDG and trainings with emphasis on refugees and marginalized sectors of society to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

San Beda University as an academic institution has learned from its experience the need to be engaged as a community working collaboratively, transparently, and resolutely to sustainably pursue its role in caring for peoples and protecting our planet.

More importantly, in fulfilling our commitment to sustainability, the University will be constantly guided by its core values Ora et Labora – prayer and work towards the common good – through fides, scientia, and virtus, that in all things God may be glorified.
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