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These foster a sense of responsibility towards our society. In doing so, we become active participants in shaping a brighter future for the Philippines and the world.

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IN THE KNOW



Exploring **HORIZONS:** **PURSUING HIGHER REALMS**

JOEL G. FILAMOR

This edition of The Bedan Today invites us to go onboard to the captivating journey of San Beda University in pursuit of excellence in the various realms of its operations. Our educational journey is like a continuous quest for discovery, much like explorers navigating unexplored lands. Within these hidden realms, we find not only the profundity of academic pursuits, but also our dedicated passions, cultivated resilience, and drive for innovation, thereby fostering a sense of responsibility toward the world around us. In doing so, we become active participants in shaping a brighter future for the Philippines and the world.

“Exploring Horizons: Pursuing Higher Realms” is an invitation to embrace the spirit of Bedan pursuit of excellence in all aspects of our lives. Let this issue be a catalyst for perseverance, a spark that ignites a passion for continuous learning, and a reminder that within every hidden realm lies the potential for learning, growth, and sustainable development.

As we turn the pages of this magazine, we will encounter diverse achievements and Bedan perspectives that make our university a vibrant and dynamic place of learning. Let this edition, therefore, be the spark that ignites a sustainable passion for pursuing higher realms.

ELEVATING BEDAN EDUCATION: **TUV RHEINLAND RECERTIFIES SBU** 6 YEARS IN A ROW

Benjamin B. Sonajo, Jr.

Tuv Rheinland, a global company conducting testing and certification services, recertifies San Beda University anew. Since its first certification in 2017, the university consistently met standards for 9001: 2015 quality management systems. ISO 9001:2015 is a worldwide standard that sets requirements for a strong Quality Management System detailing specific processes, procedures and activities that organizations must create, implement, maintain and improve to successfully manage making products or delivering services.

“We received the formal notice of recertification in January 2024,” said Dr. Christian Bryan S. Bustamante, the university’s Governance and Quality Assurance Director, and Tuv Rheinland DPO certifier. “Everyone in the university is delighted that the external audit conducted by Tuv Rheinland from September 27 to 28, 2023 yielded

positive results,” Dr. Bustamante added.

The recertification process involves establishing a robust quality management system that addresses various facets of education, from curriculum development to student services and administrative workflows. Emerging from this process is the cultivation of the university’s passion for continuous improvement resulting to the establishment of validated processes for designing and updating curricula, standardizing assessment steps ensuring fairness, consistency, accuracy and attainment of target competencies and skills. Administrative processes, the backbone of any university, are also streamlined through the implementation of ISO 1901:2015, giving way to improved efficiency, reduced errors, and enhanced over-all administrative effectiveness.



Dr. Christian Bryan S. Bustamante (first from left), Governance and Quality Assurance Director, along with Joel G. Filamor (second from left), Team Leader of SBU's internal auditors, and Benjamin B. Sonajo, Jr. (first from right), SBU's internal auditor, seat with Tuv Rheinland's External Auditors for the audit of San Beda University's audit process.

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The Mighty Red School IS ALSO GREEN

JHADE J. REYES



Rector-President, Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, poses with a student during the launching of the institution as a Laudato Si' university.

“We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social. But rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.”



In an era marked by environmental challenges and social injustices, the principles outlined in Pope Francis’ encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, resonate profoundly the university’s core values.

In a momentous event on October 4, 2023, San Beda University (SBU) launched its campaign towards a stronger embrace of *Laudato Si’*, thus becoming a *Laudato Si’* University. It is a strategic move that leads towards a revitalized transformation of hearts and minds of the stakeholders of the Mighty Red School.

The launch started with a *Laudato Si’* Walk where students, staff, faculty, administrators, and other stakeholders rallied with advocacy placards that will elevate consciousness on the care of our common home. After the Walk, students from Senior High School in Manila presented tableaux on the 7 Key Results Areas on Integral Ecological Education which was fused as part of the Integration Program for new students.

Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, the first Rector-President of San Beda as a University, presided the *Laudato Si’* Holy Mass at the MVP Gym. It was followed by the Inspirational Message of Ms. Elvira Yap Go, Philippine Ambassador to the Vatican City Gravissimum Educationis Foundation and Global Impact Education. Afterwards, Fr. Maranan unveiled San Beda University’s *Laudato Si’* Logo where stakeholders signified their commitment to pursue the 7 Key Results Area.

Laudato Si’ was also launched in San Beda University Rizal Campus last October 24, 2023. It was also spearheaded by the visionary Rector-President, Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB. The different units in the Integrated Basic Education Department conducted simultaneous activities. Kindergarten were taught to water the plants, Grade School students joined the *Laudato Si’* Walk for Change, while the Junior and Senior High School students presented creative advocacy campaigns. Stakeholders also pledged their commitment as they signed on the *Laudato Si’* Seal displayed at the main lobby of the campus.

Further, the Senior High School in Manila participated in the International Coastal Cleanup in Pasay. They also conducted a Tree Planting Activity in Antipolo City, and made sure to make the Jubilee Garden on campus greener. The College of Law organized the 2024 One San Beda *Laudato Si’* Advocacy Fun Run. Also, the different departments in the universities adopted *Laudato Si’* garden on the campus. The *Laudato Si’* Eco-Actions are also integrated in the curriculum to ensure that students are able to explore, firm-up, deepen, and transfer the principles of *Laudato Si’*.

Finally, San Beda University is enlisted in the Vatican’s Dicastery for Integral Human Development. The list contains institutions with validated *Laudato Si’* Action Platforms ensuring the promotion and attainment of the principles enshrined in the encyclical.





AT THE FRONTIER OF LEGAL EDUCATION:

SUPREME COURT NAMES SBU AMONG TOP PERFORMING LAW SCHOOLS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Joel G. Filamor

The eagerly awaited results of the 2023 Bar Examination were released by the Supreme court on December 5, 2023, ending suspense to thousands of aspiring lawyers across the Philippines.

A total of 10,387 examinees sat for the grueling three-day examination held on September 17, 20, 24, 2023. The examination, considered one of the toughest in the country, rigorously tests candidates on various areas of law including political and public international law (15%), commercial and taxation laws (20%), civil law (20%), labor law and social legislation (10%), criminal law (10%), and remedial law, legal and judicial ethics with practical exercises (25%).

After months of anticipation, the Supreme Court announced that 3, 812 out of 10, 387 successfully passed the Bar Exam.

Given the results, the Supreme Court named San Beda University (SBU) among the top performing law schools in the Philippines, garnering 92.20% in terms of passing percentage where the national passing percentage is pegged at 36.77%. SBU outranked other well known law schools in the country, such as University of San Carlos, the University of the Philippines, and University of Santo Tomas ranking 3rd, 4th, and fifth respectively.

Frances Camille Francisco, from the university's College of Law ranked 3rd while Maria Sofia Calderon and Rockylie Dominique Balisong, also from the College of Law, ranked 11th and 18th respectively.

The results of the 2023 Bar Exam is a testament to SBU's culture of excellence and its perpetual aspiration towards a just, humane, and equitable society.

A TAPESTRY OF EXCELLENCE

Weaving the Benedictine Hallmarks into Nursing Education

Febes Catalina T. Aranas, Ph.D
Dean, College of Nursing

San Beda University - College of Nursing has been in operation for 20 years. It was a true labor of love, a testament of dedication to a profession, a test of competence and grit, and a recognition of gratitude to God, my colleagues, and the entire Bedan community. It was also an exercise of constant self-emptying and spreading the self too thinly to work hard in pursuit of excellence. The culture of excellence that we have created and sustained in the college is not merely a recognition, but one of tedious process. I have been with the College of Nursing for over two decades and the first Dean of San Beda University – College of Nursing (CON) since its transformation into a university in 2018. As the Dean of the college, I tried my best to maintain and build upon the legacy of San Beda Uni-



Photo shows the writer, Febes Catalina T. Aranas, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Nursing.

versity. And being a Dean is not about being the boss. It is about being the weaver. It is a humble loom weaved in the loving process of appreciating every thread and every fiber; it is loving both students and colleagues. It is about painstakingly composing well thought plans, utilizing the best faculty and staff, as well as utilizing appropriate teaching methodologies and technology, knitting it through students and families whom we genuinely care for, and weaving it all through prayer and faith. Just like a weaver, I am with utmost reverence for the leaders of our university, my predecessor, peers, and colleagues.

SBU-CON has consistently achieved an impressive passing percentage in the board examination and we are proud to say that this has been a tradition of excellence for years. Many laud the success of a relatively new college and believe that it is through the implementation of innovative ideas and hard-working and dedicated educators that has allowed it to flourish. It is true that we have innovated to keep up with the changing times, but our tutelage is rooted upon the centuries-old teaching of St. Benedict of Nursia. Indeed, the success of SBU-CON is a testament to the relevance and effectivity of the Hallmarks of Benedictine Education applied to the science and art of nursing education. *(Continued on page 37)*

EMPOWERING FUTURES:

Decoding SBU's Institutional Objectives for Student Success

Benjamin B. Sonajo, Jr.

In the dynamic realm of basic and higher education, San Beda University plays a pivotal role not just as repository of knowledge, but as architect of student success. In a rapidly evolving global landscape, San Beda University therefore aims to prepare graduates not just for their initial foray into the workforce, but for a career marked by sustained growth and adaptation, thereby becoming fully human, wholly Christian, truly Filipino, and globally competitive.

To ensure student success, the Administrators' Council articulated the following institutional objectives:

1. BENEDICTINE IDENTITY,

Foster a Christian community of prayer, work and peace founded on faith, knowledge and virtues.



2. LEADERSHIP, ADMINISTRATION, AND GOVERNANCE

Cultivate transformative leadership and governance.



3. RELEVANT CURRICULUM PROGRAMS

Provide relevant curricula aligned with San Beda University's Vision-Mission Identity as well as with local and international standards.



4. TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Deliver quality instruction through teaching excellence by competent faculty.



5. RESOURCE MATERIALS AND FACILITIES

Utilize upgraded resource materials and facilities for effective learning.



6. QUALITY AND RELEVANT RESEARCH AND INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTION

Build a culture of innovative research for knowledge advancement.



7. HIGH INVOLVEMENT IN EXTENSION SERVICES

Engage the Bedan community in transforming lives.



8. EFFICIENT STUDENT SERVICES

Render responsive services for holistic student development.



9. EXTERNAL LINKAGES

Harness value-adding linkages in local and global educational cooperation.



10. RECOGNITION AND ACCREDITATION

Offer accredited programs and services for quality assurance.



It is the enduring aspiration of San Beda University to ensure that its graduates are fully human, wholly Christian, truly Filipino, and globally competitive.

The university therefore links its students to the ongoing investigations and research of others in the same disciplines everywhere in the world. Global academic undertakings are of significant interest to San Beda University, as it makes its own contribution to the international conversation and to rigorous investigation.

The University commits itself to the formation of the Bedan who:

- **Embodies the core Benedictine values in professional life and witnesses to the Kingdom of God, the fulfillment of all of God's plans for the world in Jesus Christ**
- **Leads in the professions: in industry, in national, regional, and global contexts**
- **Engages continually in research and contributes to the advancement of knowledge**
- **Integrates learning and the welfare of the community as servant-leader and steward of creation.**


San Beda University offers its instructional corps, the company of kindred spirits, and the inspiration of one's peers. It offers its instructors and professors the wealth that is to be found in the eagerness, inquisitiveness, and boldness of spirit of its body of students. The institution offers to its academics the friendship, company, guidance, and prayers of the Benedictine Community for it is the Lord's vineyard where monk and lay

alike are all workers.

San Beda University transforms communities and the countryside through its academic programs. It provides structures that facilitate the engagement of the students in issues with which the nation struggles. These are the meaningful themes of discourse and the subjects of scholarly inquiry and research. Without compromising its commitment to theoretical study, the outcomes that draw both curriculum and delivery look to the community and to the nation. The University, like the Benedictine monasteries, will be the birthplace of solutions for actual, practical concerns, and the seedbed of leaders.

San Beda University is part of the solidarity of the scientific community, and the network of scholars worldwide. Its academics and students read their works and produce works for the world to read and engage in. The issues of the world are issues that the institution takes with utmost seriousness. Its concerns, especially as they relate to world peace, care for the environment, and harmony between peoples, are live issues for academic discourse and meaningful action.

The University is an international community, welcoming all, sensitive to differences in ideas, beliefs, culture, and race—asking only that all who join the community respect and share its vision, mission, core values, and goals.



ASPIRING BEYOND GRADUATION:

PUSHING SBU's **INSTITUTIONAL OUTCOMES** TO THE FORE

SACRED FOUNDATIONS: BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF THE LYDIA TAN SY BUILDING TO THE LADY OF MONTSERRAT

BENJAMIN B. SONAJO, JR.

In a ceremony that resonated with reverence and school spirit, San Beda University marked a significant milestone in its history on December 8, 2023 - the blessing and dedication of the Lydia Tan Sy building to the Lady of Montserrat. The event, filled with faith and celebration, united the school community in a collective expression of gratitude to Mr. James Sy, member of the Board of Trustees and alumnus, for his benevolent support and exceptional generosity relative to the construction of the building.

Among the highlights of the ceremony is the blessing of the Grotto of Our Lady of Montserrat, where Fr. Aloysius Ma. Maranan, OSB, Rector-President, and Rt. Rev. Austin P. Cadiz, OSB, Abbot-Chancellor led prayers and invoked blessings. The dedication of the Lydia Tan Sy building to the Lady of Montserrat is not just a physical act but a symbolic gesture, ensuring that Marian values of humility, purity, and love of God become an integral part of every student's journey within the walls of San Beda University.

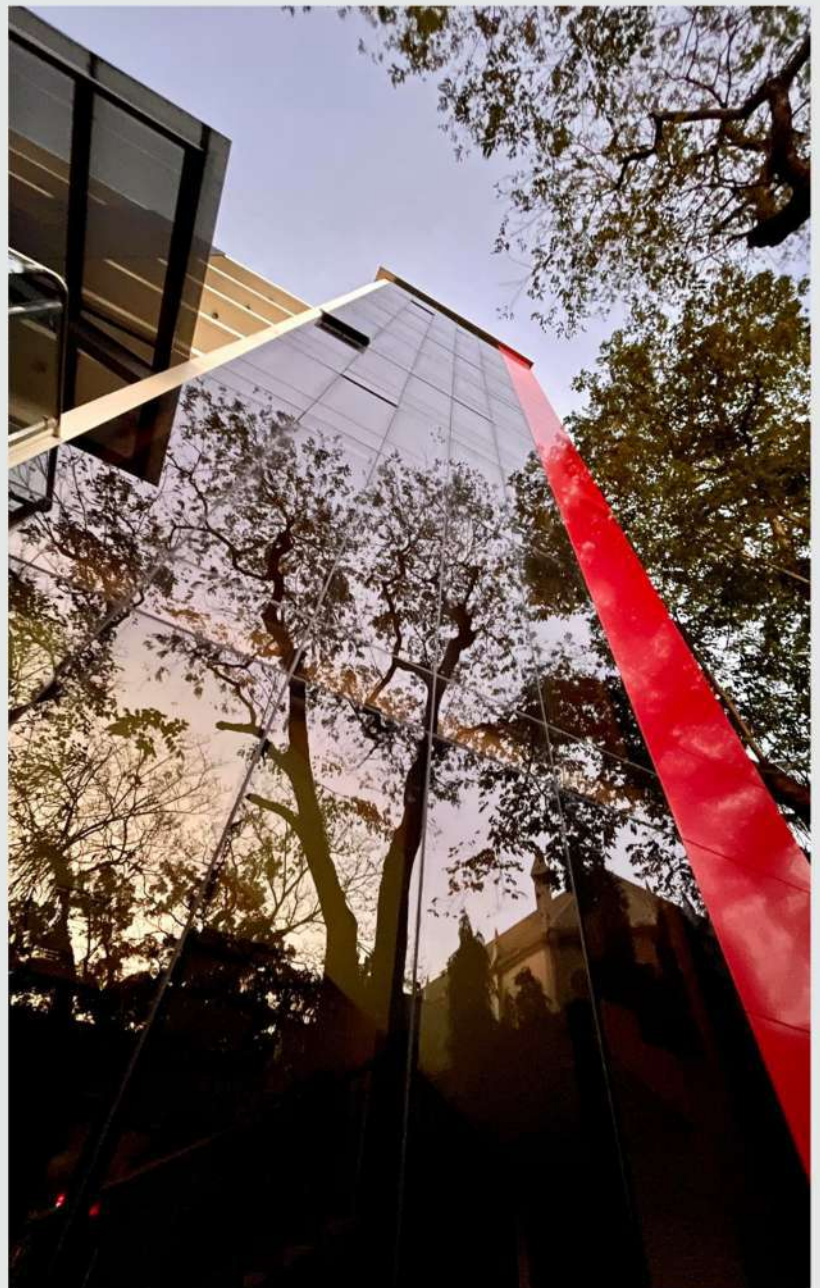


Photo shows the facade of Lydia Tan Sy Building. (Photographed by Joel Filamor)

The Lydia Tan Sy Building houses the following:

Ground: Multi-purpose Hall

Second Floor: Jonathan Sy Auditorium
Pamanang Bedista 2 and Multi-media Room

Third Floor: College of Arts and Sciences Library

Fourth Floor: Senior High School Library
College of Arts and Sciences Library
Institutional Learning Resources Director's Office
Library Administrative Offices

Fifth Floor: College of Law Library
Graduate School of Law Library

Sixth Floor: College of Nursing Library
College of Medicine Library
Graduate School of Business Library
Graduate School of Liturgy Library
University Library Technical Processing

Seventh Floor: I. T. Services and Development Office
Mac Laboratory
Computer Laboratory A
Computer Laboratory B
Open Laboratory
CAS Business Laboratory
Networking Laboratory



The grotto of Our Lady of Montserrat, strategically located at the side of the building, is seen to elevate the consciousness of the presence of Mary in the life of Bedans.



Mr. James Sy, alumnus and member of the university's Board of Trustees, delivers his remarks during the blessing of the Lydia Tan Sy building.

Eight Floor: Executive and Administrative Offices
Rector-President
Vice President for Academics
Vice President for Linkages
and International Affairs
Vice President for Research and Innovation
Dean, Graduate School of Liturgy
Dean of Student Affairs
Director, Information and Communications
Technology Center
Director, Governance and Quality Assurance
Director, Research and Development Center
I.T. Communications Office
Board Room
Lecture Rooms
DOMS (Digital Online Multi-media Studio)

Roof Deck: Multi-purpose Hall
Solar Panels

RED LIONS AND RED SEA LIONS

CLINCH NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Red Sea Lions etch rare 20-year domination in men's swimming and 10-year reign in women's

Romman V. Cubacub

In a thrilling display of skill and determination, the San Beda University Red Lions emerged victorious to bring home the NCAA Season 99 basketball championship title after dispatching the Mapua Cardinals, 76-66, in game 3 of the finals.

In game 3 of the finals, held at Smart Araneta Coliseum on December 17, 2023, the Red Lions dominated the Mapua Cardinals with a display of sharp shooting, with Yukien Andrada finishing with 20 points and 6 rebounds. James Payosing had a double-double of 11 points.

Facing formidable opponents throughout the season, the Red Lions showcased their unwavering resolve and formidable skills to bring back the crown to the den.

The NCAA Season 99 conquest is Red Lions 23rd in total, elevating San Beda University to the elite roster of schools with the greatest number of championships in men's.

On a more luminous feat, the Red Sea Lions, San Beda University's swimming team, dominated Season 99, emerging as champion in their battle to rule the water against participating schools. The team's victory marked its 20th year of domination in the men' division while the women's championship clinches their 10th championship streak in a row.

Red Sea Lion Jake Ellis Evangelista was named Most Valuable Athlete in the men's division. Evangelista bagged the Gold and holds the record in the 4x100 medley relay. He also clinched the gold in the 200 meter individual medley and 100 meter backstroke of the season held at the Rizal Complex in Manila.



Photo Credit: Rizza Collado, Red Lens



Emotions soar as San Beda Red Sea Lions successfully defend the crown in the NCAA men and women's swimming, etching a rare 20-year domination and 10-year reign respectively.

ATHLETIC SANCTUM

BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF THE NEW ATHLETES' QUARTERS TO THE SANTO NINO

ROMMAN V. CUBACUB

In a celebration that fuses athleticism with Benedictine spirituality, the new athletes' quarters in Rizal campus witnessed a unique ceremony, as the new building was blessed and dedicated to the revered Holy Child on January 25, 2024, the opening day of the Pista ng Santo sa San Beda 2024. The dedication



Photo on top shows the new athletes' quarters in Rizal campus. (Photo by Mark Eslao)



Photo shows Abbot Austin P. Cadiz, OSB during the blessing. (Photo by Mark Eslao)



Abbot Austin in a casual talk with Mr. Jorge S. Ortol. (Photo by Mark Eslao)



Fr. Aloy unveils the marker of the building. (Photo by Mark Eslao)

of the building to the Santo Nino, a lasting symbol of resilience and guidance, emphasized the fusion of faith and sportsmanship. It then became a symbol of unity where the pursuit of physical excellence and spiritual strength converged. The Santo Nino, known as the Holy Child, represented to Bedan athletes the embodiment of youthful energy and divine protection as they aspire to succeed in local and global arenas.

The event marked not only the physical living space for athletes in the Integrated Basic Education Department but also a sacred commitment to excellence and divine inspiration. Led by Fr.



Photo shows Mr. Jorge Z. Ortol, Bedan alumnus and benefactor sharing light moments with SBU Rector-President, Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB. (Photo by Mark Eslao)

Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, Rector-President, Fr. John Paul II Plana, OSB, Vice President for Administration, Fr. Placido Ma. B. Acta, OSB, Vice President for Finance, and Rt. Rev. Austin P. Cadiz, OSB, Abbot-Chancellor, prayers were offered for the well being and success of athletes who would call the place their home away from home.

The ceremony also honored Mr. James Sy and Mr. Goerge Ortol, Bedan alumni, who contributed much in the building of the modern facility.

The Santo Nino Athletes Quarters now echo with spirited competition and deep abiding connection to the Divine, creating an environment where Bedan athletes can strive for excellence with a sacred fervor.

IBED REAPS ANAK TV AWARDS

Delanie Marie M. De Guzman

The Anak TV Seal of Awards ceremony, held on November 29, 2023, at the Peninsula Manila, recognized San Beda University's Integrated Basic Education Department (IBED) for its exceptional hosting of Anak TV Foundation programs such as the media literacy forum, program screening, and Larolympics. The institution received several accolades, including the Leadership Award, Outstanding Partner University, Most Eco-Friendly School, Best in Larolympics, Best in Attendance, Best Master of Ceremony, and Most Organized Registration.

The Anak TV Foundation is known as an advocacy organization that promotes media literacy and honors programs that fulfill the criteria of being child-sensitive and child-friendly, or the kind of content that only requires minimal supervision when being watched by children. Its partnership with the IBED commenced on September 16, 2023, with a media literacy forum held in the IBED Auditorium, facilitated by, Dr. Flordeliz Lualhati Abanto. The symposium, with a title of "How to Talk to Kids about Media Literacy and False Information," underscored the critical importance that parents and educators place on providing children with the essential skills and knowledge required to critically evaluate media content and distinguish between trustworthy and misleading information in a society that is becoming increasingly reliant on digital technologies. The attendees included administrators, teachers, parents, students, and members of the partner community. They were actively involved in discussions concerning viable strategies for educating young people about media literacy.



Photo shows Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB (second from the right) receiving one of the seven major Anak TV Awards last November 29, 2023 at the Manila Peninsula Hotel on the recognition of the Outstanding Educational Institutions in the promotion of social media and television literacy programs for the Filipino children and families. Also in the photo are Mrs. Elvira Yap Go (first from right), President, Anak TV Foundation with her officials.



Photo shows Mrs. Elvira Yap Go President, Anak TV Foundation addressing the Bedan community. (Photo credit: SHS Manila Student Council)

“We are happy to share this blessing that San Beda, in partnership with Anak TV, headed by its President, Ms. Elvira Yap Go, has given us this very wonderful opportunity to remind us, to influence us, to enlighten us, and to broaden our understanding of the impact of all forms of media-printed, television, and online programming in our lives”.

Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB

While the symposium was ongoing, several Bedan students and children from the partner community engaged in Larolympics, an event that showcased traditional Filipino games including Tumba Lata, Patintero, and Piko, which instilled a sense of national pride and imparted valuable life lessons such as sportsmanship and teamwork.

Following the enlightening symposium, attendees were afforded the opportunity to vote on shows that are family friendly during the program screening. A sense of community duty was fostered as they took an active role in the selection process of programs that cater to the interests and needs of children. It was indeed an empowering moment for each participant.

In conclusion, while the accolades received from Anak TV are a welcome recognition, what truly matters is that the partnership between San Beda University and the Anak TV Foundation exemplifies how organizations may come together to shape the future of media and education in a meaningful way. Taken as a whole, they serve as illuminating illustrations of the transformative effects that may be accomplished through significant collaboration.



Photo shows Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB (second from left), Rector-President, Mrs. Elvira Yap Go (3rd from left), President, Anak TV Foundation, and Mrs. Teresita T. Battad (4th from left), Principal, enjoying the Media Literacy Forum at San Beda University, Rizal campus. (Photo credit: SHS Manila Student Council)

Pista ng Santo Nino sa San Beda 2024

NURTURING FAITH, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY

Joel G. Filamor

The Feast of the Santo Niño in the Philippines holds profound significance, serving as a celebration of faith, culture, and community. Rooted in centuries-old traditions, and imbued with deep spiritual meaning, the Pista ng Santo Nino sa San Beda 2024 offered a valuable opportunity to cultivate a sense of identity, belonging, and shared values among students and educators alike. (Continued next page)





Honoring Religious Heritage:

At its core, the Feast of the Santo Niño is a testament to the rich religious heritage of the Filipino people. It commemorates the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines and the introduction of the Santo Niño image by Spanish missionaries in the 16th century. Through this year's celebration, held from January 26 to 28, 2024, the university was able to underscore the importance of faith and spirituality in Filipino culture, fostering a sense of reverence and appreciation for religious traditions among stakeholders of all backgrounds.

Fostering Cultural Pride:

In addition to its religious significance, the Feast of the Santo Niño is deeply intertwined with Filipino culture and identity. From colorful processions and traditional dances to lively fiestas and vibrant displays of devotion, the festivities surrounding the Santo Niño reflect the unique blend of indigenous, Hispanic, and Christian influences that characterize Filipino culture. By incorporating these cultural elements into the Pista ng Santo sa San Beda 2024 celebrations, the university was able to instill a sense of pride and appreciation for Filipino heritage, fostering cultural literacy and understanding among students.

Building Community Bonds:

The Feast of the Santo Niño also served as a powerful catalyst for building bonds within the school community. As students, faculty, and staff come together to celebrate this shared tradition, they forged connections that transcend individual differences and unite them in a common purpose. Through collaborative activities, such as liturgical activities, cultural performances, and service projects, the university was able to create inclusive and welcoming environments where all members feel valued and supported.

Promoting Values Education:

Central to the celebration of the Feast of the Santo Niño are values of love, compassion, and solidarity. The Santo Niño is often depicted as a symbol of innocence and purity, reminding believers of the importance of childlike faith and humility. The university used this occasion to reinforce the principles and teachings of *Laudato Si'*, encouraging everyone to emulate the virtues exemplified by the Santo Niño in their daily lives. By fostering a culture of kindness, generosity, and empathy, the university was able to empower students to become compassionate and ethical leaders in the school community.

This year's celebration is dubbed with the theme, "Santo Nino: Huwaran sa Pangangalaga ng Ating Likas na Tahanan. Fr. John Paul II Plana, OSB, Vice President for Administration, was appointed Hermano Mayor by Rector-President, Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB. Meanwhile, Mr. Albert Silva, Mr. Dominador Manlincon, and Mr. Irwin II Edillor, led the various clusters in the Manila campus, while Mrs. Teresita Battad headed the celebration in the Rizal campus.

PIONEERING THE FUTURE

SBU CARVES NEW MILESTONES TOWARDS BECOMING THE FIRST DIGITAL UNIVERSITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Joel G. Filamor



Photo shows Mr. Javier Lagdameo, (left) PLDT Enterprise Vice President and Enterprise Revenue Group Head, Mr. Victor S. Genuino, (2nd from the left) President and CEO of ePLDT, Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, (3rd from left) SBU Rector-President, and Dr. Ferdinand Fontanilla, (4th from left) SBU Vice President for Research and Innovation pose upon signing the Memorandum of Understanding between SBU and ePLDT at Vitro Makati City on Nov. 30, 2023.



Photo by:
Joel G. Filamor

In an era defined by rapid technological advancement and innovation, San Beda University reimagines traditional models of education to meet the evolving needs of students.

Embracing this transformative spirit, the university lays the foundation to revolutionize the landscape of higher education in the archipelago.

The initiative marks a significant milestone in its educational journey. With a commitment to harnessing the power of technology to enhance learning outcomes, the endeavor represents a bold leap into the future of education. San Beda University, as seen in its 5-Year Strategic Plan 2023-2028, tactically positions itself amidst a landscape that is global, digital, and innovative. As it foresees the dynamics of the future, it boldly pursues digitalization to re-

main at the frontiers of knowledge, skills, and attitude that will matter the most in a volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous world. Based on its 5-Year strategic plan, initiatives are in place in pursuit of the following:

1. Cloud Integrated Information Systems
2. Student Information and Management System
3. Financial Management System
4. Records Management System
5. Facilities Management System
6. Transactions and Request Management System
7. Alumni Reconnection and Tracking System (ARTS)
8. Data Protection Governance Framework and System

Led by the Rector-President, Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, selected administrators trooped to e-PLDT Vitro Data Center in Makati City on November 20, 2023, to sign the Memoranda of Understanding with ePLDT, PLDT Enterprise, and Smart Foundation as it gears towards pioneering the first digital university in the Philippines.

Personalization lies at the heart of the digital pedagogical approach. By harnessing the power of data analytics and adaptive algorithms, Bedan educators can tailor educational content to meet unique needs and preferences of each student. Moreover, San Beda University will be able to embrace more firmly its role as a global learning institution, fostering cross-cultural collaborations on a scale previously unimaginable. By connecting students and faculty from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, the institution cultivates a rich tapestry of ideas and experiences, enriching the learning journey for all stakeholders involved. In other words, it will further democratize education because the university will make education borderless, and more accessible as it provides safer environment for teachers, students, staff and administrators. Such that in the end, San Beda University further humanizes education because it does not only deliver highly personalized student experiences, but it also changes how the faculty delivers instruction and how students achieve global standards and competencies.

The personalized Bedan education experience of students is seen to boost not only satisfaction but significant increase in student enrollment and retention. It is also seen to improve faculty performance in terms of instruction, productivity, engagement, and collaboration.

In addition to trailblazing educational merits, the endeavor carries profound implications for sustainability and environmental conservation through reduction of operational cost and carbon footprint.

In summary, the digitalization preparations of San Beda University are geared towards its modernization, automation, digital teaching, partners' network, and becoming a knowledge hub not only in the Philippines, but in Southeast Asia as well.





Photo shows one of San Beda University's Smart Classrooms, the sacred ground for generating knowledge and honing critical competencies in a globalized world.



THE POWER OF **ACTION RESEARCH**

Translating Laudato Si' into Tangible Actions
and Transformative Change

ROMMAN V. CUBACUB



Photo on the left page shows Dr. Divina Edralin, Research and Development Center Director, explaining the Laudato Si' integral ecological education to researchers.

In the realm of the academe and beyond, action research stands a beacon of innovation and possibilities, offering a dynamic framework for driving positive change and fostering continuous improvement. Defined as a systematic inquiry conducted by practitioners to address real-world problems, it represents a powerful approach to problem solving that combines rigorous investigation and practical application.

The Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation together with the Research and Development Center conjured practitioners during the university Research Week Celebration for a Research Seminar. The research seminar, held on November 7, 2023, specifically focused on Laudato Si', Pope Francis' groundbreaking encyclical that calls for urgent action to address the interconnected crises of environmental degradation, social injustice, and economic inequality. "In this context," says Dr. Divina Edralin, Research and Development Center Director, "action research emerges as a powerful tool for translating the principles and teachings of Laudato Si' into tangible actions and transformative change."

Action research serves as a bridge between theory and practice, allowing the stakeholders of San Beda University to actively engage with the principles outlined in Laudato Si'. By combining systematic inquiry with practical interventions, it enables stakeholders to explore innovative solutions to environmental challenges while remaining grounded in the ethical imperatives of care for creation and solidarity with the poor. As San Beda University confronts the urgent environmental and social challenges of the time, action research offers a pathway towards a more just, sustainable, and harmonious relationship with the Earth and all its inhabitants.



TOWARDS SCHOLARLY FRONTIERS

THE **BEDAN RESEARCH JOURNAL**
IS LISTED ANEW IN THE
PHILIPPINE CITATION INDEX

BENJAMIN B. SONAJO, JR.

The Bedan Research Journal is recognized and listed anew in the Andrew Gonzales Philippine Citation Index (AGPCI) on October 27, 2023.

The AGPCI holds significant importance for researchers and academics in the Philippines. It is a comprehensive data base that indexes scholarly publications produced by Philippine institutions, providing a platform for visibility and recognition within the local academic community.

Here is what it means for the Bedan Research Journal to be listed in the AGPCI:

Recognition and Visibility

Inclusion in the AGPCI signifies that the researcher's work has met the criteria for quality and relevance established by the indexing database. It serves as a form of recognition for scholarly contributions within the Philippine academic landscape, enhancing the visibility of researchers and their work within the local community.



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Validation of Research Output

The AGPCI serves as a quality assurance mechanism for academic publications originating from Philippine institutions. Being listed in the index validates the rigor and credibility of the research output, providing assurance to stakeholders, including funding agencies, policymakers, and fellow researchers, about the scholarly value of the work.

Promotion of Collaboration and Networking

Access to the AGPCI facilitates collaboration and networking opportunities among researchers within the Philippines. Researchers can identify potential collaborators, explore interdisciplinary connections, and engage in knowledge exchange within their respective fields of study, thereby fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation.

Enhanced Institutional Reputation

For academic institutions, inclusion in the AGPCI reflects positively on their research productivity and impact. It enhances the reputation of the institution by showcasing the quality

and quantity of scholarly output generated by its faculty and researchers, thereby contributing to its standing within the national and international academic community.

Contribution to National Development

By indexing scholarly publications produced by Philippine researchers, the AGPCI contributes to the advancement of knowledge and expertise within the country. It facilitates the dissemination of research findings that are relevant to local contexts, thereby supporting evidence-based decision-making and policy formulation across various sectors of society.

Overall, being listed in the Andrew Gonzales Philippine Citation Index represents not only recognition for individual researchers but also contributes to the collective advancement of scholarship and research excellence within the Philippines. It serves as a testament to the vibrancy and diversity of the Philippine academic landscape, highlighting the valuable contributions of researchers towards national development and societal progress.

Qualitative research, with its focus on understanding human behavior and experiences, serves as a cornerstone in various fields ranging from sociology to psychology, anthropology to marketing. To delve deeper into the rich tapestry of methodologies, the Research and Development Center (RDC), in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences, held a hyflex seminar on qualitative research on October 25, 2023, at the Multi-media Room.

The resource person, Dr. Feorillo Petronilo A. Demetrio III, Executive Director of the Research and Grants Management Office, De La Salle University, opened avenues for sharing insights, discussion of methodologies, and exploring the nuances of qualitative inquiry.

Qualitative research occupies a central position in San Beda University, enriching scholarly inquiry, enhancing student learning, and catalyzing much needed societal transformation. By developing skills and knowledge in qualitative research, the university upholds its commitment to the pursuit of new knowledge and social responsibility. As the institution journeys with its stakeholders in an increasingly complex and globalized world, qualitative research remains vital in its quest to unravel the mysteries of human existence, nurture inclusive communities, and shape a more equitable, compassionate society towards.

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UNLOCKING INSIGHTS

RDC HOLDS HYFLEX SEMINAR ON QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

ROMMAN V. CUBACUB



UNWRAPPING GENEROSITY

The Art of Bedan Gift-giving

Klenarchi Mae E. Flores

The 2023 Institutional Christmas Celebration took off with the theme "*Pamayanang Sama-sama at Buong Puso Nagpapasalamat.*" The celebration was filled with gratitude to SBU employees and partner institutions and communities who, in many ways, played vital roles through out the year. It was a celebration of fraternal relationships between people in the university and those in partner communities who warmly welcomed Bedans in

their neighborhood for community development. To show appreciation to everyone, the university distributed Christmas presents from December 11 – 14, 2023.

San Beda University, through the Community Engagement Center (CEC), distributed gift packs to the teachers from partner-schools in the Division of City Schools – Manila namely, Claro M. Recto High School, Manila High School, and Raja Soli-



man Science and Technology High School. Also, additional gift packs were given to Claro M. Recto High School for students from Grade 7 to Grade 12, with the help from San Beda English and Literature Society or SBELS.

Gift packs were also given to partner communities and institutions in Luzon namely, Sitio Pactil, Bauko, Mountain Province, Barangay 869, Pandacan, Manila, Barangay Anahaw II, Silang, Cavite, Arko ng Pilipinas, Tahanang Walang Hagdanan, and Chemin Neuf Institute Philippines. Furthermore, three communities from Taytay, Rizal received a Noche Buena package from the SBU Integrated Basic Education Department namely, Sitio San Gabriel, Sitio Malaking Parang, and Hapay na Mangga. Apart from the communities and institutions mentioned, two women associations from Taytay, Rizal, namely Kababaihan ng Sitio San Gabriel at Caingin and Dambhoo Ladies, Barangay Dalig, also received gift packs.

Children and youth in Kanlungan sa Er-Ma (KSEM) - Boys Home, a residential facility for boys in need of special protection, received gift packs from SBU. They also received personalized gifts from the Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (JPIA). Students from JPIA included handwritten notes and letters in each gift to further express their well wishes for the children and youth in the Boys Home.

On December 14, 2023, the Administrators, Teaching, and Non-Teaching Personnel of SBU, trooped to St. Maur Lobby for gift distribution.

In conclusion, these gifts are expressions of love and appreciation between the university and its stakeholders - a tangible evidence of the noble bond and common values that bind them together.

Photo shows personnel during the gift-giving program. (Photo credit: Chot Santos)



Love of Christ and Neighbor

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The college of nursing has a keen focus on compassion. It supports its students which goes as far as looking for scholarship grants for deserving individuals. It encourages students and faculty to engage in outreach programs, and in the process develop their soft skills – compassion, communication, interpersonal relationship, leadership, and love for the poor and underprivileged, as well as love for country and God.

Prayer

We put a premium on the spiritual formation of administrators, faculty, staff and students to deepen their spiritual life. We make sure that the CON family actively participates in all spiritual activities. We seek the help of the Benedictine monks to be our prayer partners, especially during board examinations. We ensure that every activity in the college starts and ends with a prayer.

Stability

The college invests in forging a strong institutional and personal relationships. We adopt to the ever changing trends and innovations in enhancing the nursing education, but still make sure that it is still grounded in the Benedictine core values. We work hand and hand and focus on one direction to achieve our goals. We believe in the saying that “United we stand, divided we fall.”

Conversatio

The SBU-CON believes in holistic transformation to better ourselves in the service of God and fellowman. Related to this, our faculty members undergo retooling especially in the clinical areas that translate to enhanced clinical learning opportunities for students. Continuous training of faculty members to upgrade their skills in the utilization of new educational technologies needed in enhancing teaching-learning engagements both in the classroom and in the clinical area is supported by the college and the university. We also encourage administrators and faculty members to attend seminars, webinars and fora related to professional knowledge, research and discipline training.

Obedience

Just as it is unthinkable to lead a Benedictine life without obedience, it is also immutable in ensuring the continued success of our institution. We adhere to the government’s regulations and comply with the standards set by accrediting agencies to continuously upgrade the teaching-learning environment as well as teaching-learning activities of both faculty and students. We hire qualified faculty members and consider the student-teacher ratios prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education.

Humility

Humility is close to our college’s DNA as obedience. It takes humility to obey and it takes humility to realize the potential for growth and improvement. We conduct Teachers Behavioral Inventory evaluations regularly and share the results with the respective faculty members. This is done to reinforce positive feedback while at the same time collaboratively plan to work on their areas that needs improvement. Students are also regularly evaluated using appropriate measuring tools for their skills, knowledge and behavior to ensure that they truly exemplify a true Bedan nursing student.

Stewardship

Any educational institution should espouse stewardship. This is even more important in the College of Nursing as the students who leave our portals are carers. It is imperative that this value is ingrained in the entire college. It is our practice to appreciate and take care of every God’s creation and our common home. We focus on holistic, inclusive molding of students considering the intricacies of their generation, and the technology and social milieu they find themselves in. Finally, we invest in conducting enhancement programs to prepare level 4 students for the Philippine Nursing Licensure Examinations.

Hospitality

The SBU-CON is welcoming of others. We regularly hold efforts for cooperation, benchmarking and sharing of best practices with other nursing schools as well as with premier schools of nursing in the Philippines. We share our time and expertise by giving talks/lectures in our area of specialization to our employees, partner communities and other nursing schools to provide learning and understanding in health-related topics. We also hold regular dialogues with the chief nurses, training officers and heads of the different affiliating agencies regarding feedback on teachers' and students' performance in the clinical areas.

Community

Finally, we recognize that the world is expansive. We accept the fact that despite our desire to be deserving stewards for our students, community and stakeholders, there are greater challenges and opportunities that we must face while serving. We encourage our students, faculty and staff to cooperate and take part in community outreach program. To prepare them, we train our students to develop leadership skills and compassion by providing them the opportunities to attend seminars, workshops and conferences that help develop their capacity to serve and establish networks between future nursing leaders.

The last 20 years has not been an easy one. We have experienced ups and downs. But because of our strong faith in God, we will surpass all the challenges. We pledge to embrace all the available opportunities to make our College of Nursing one of the best nursing schools in the country.

When all is said and done, the output is much more than a trophy. It is a tapestry of excellence.



Photo shows administrators and faculty of the College of Nursing



Photo shows Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, USA. (Photo credit - Saint Vincent College)

EXPLORING THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

St. Vincent College, USA and SBU Join Forces

Christian Bryan S. Bustamante, Ph.D.

In today's globalized world, collaboration knows no borders. Further, San Beda University strongly recognize the immense value of forging partnerships across the world to foster academic excellence, cultural exchange, and innovative solutions to global challenges.

From October 16 to 19, 2023, upon the invitation of Rev. Fr. Paul R. Taylor, OSB, President of St. Vincent College, the Rev. Fr. Rector-President, Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, made an academic visit to its partner institution, Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, USA. Along with him are Dr. Fernandino Jose A. Fontanilla,

Vice-President for Research and Innovation, and Dr. Christian Bryan S. Bustamante, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Director of the Governance and Quality Assurance Office.

St. Vincent College is a Benedictine institution established in 1846. It is the oldest Benedictine school in the United States of America. It specializes in the following programs: Accountancy and Business, Biology and Environmental Science, Information System and Computer Science, English, Political Science, Sports Management, and Nursing and Public Health.

During the visit, San Beda administrators led by the Rev. Fr. Rector-President met separately with the Endowed Research Professors, Academic Deans, Vice-Presidents, College President, and the Rt. Rev. Martin Bartel, OSB, Archabbot of Saint Vincent Abbey, respectively. During the meetings, the following were discussed: short-term student exchange, faculty research partnership, faculty exchange lecture, twinning program, and sharing of knowledge, expertise, and research on sustainability and academic integration of *Laudato Si*.

The visit is seen to mutually enrich academic programs of both institutions by bringing together diverse perspectives, expertise, and resources. On the other hand, the short-term student

exchange program opens pathways to students towards gaining global perspectives, enhance skills, and broaden career opportunities. Beyond academics, the visit is also seen to spark opportunities for promoting cultural exchange and understanding. This cultural exchange nurtures empathy, tolerance, and global citizenship, preparing individuals to thrive in an interconnected world. Moreover, diverse perspectives enrich classroom discussions, research endeavors, and campus life, fostering a vibrant intellectual environment.

Moreover, the collaborative partnership with Saint Vincent College arms both institutions to address pressing global challenges more effectively. By pooling expertise and resources, both institutions can tackle issues such as climate change, public health, and social inequality on a larger scale. Interdisciplinary teams may work together to develop innovative solutions that transcend geographical boundaries, driving positive change worldwide.

As San Beda University and Saint Vincent College form formidable partnership, both institutions look forward to addressing complex challenges facing the world and creating a more inclusive and better future through collective wisdom, discernment, and collaboration.



Photo shows SBU Rector President, Father Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB (2nd from right) holding copies of *The Bedan Today* for Saint Vincent College, together with Rev. Fr. Paul R. Taylor, OSB, (2nd from left holding a copy of *The Bedan Research Journal*) President of St. Vincent College. Dr. Dimo Fontanilla (1st from left) and Dr. Christian Bryan Bustamante (1st from right) join the two heads for posterity.



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As the dawn of a new era in international collaboration unfolds, the university celebrated the 2023 International Linkages Week (ILW) 2023 as a testament to the power of unified global intellect and shared aspirations on October 23-27, 2023, with the theme, "Integrative and Collaborative Education Initiatives for Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD)". This theme was anchored on the university's Laudato Si' Action Plan and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – both of which aim to protect our common home through sustainable practices. Various activities were conducted with local and international partners and networks through the Office of the Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs and concerned SBU Offices to make these goals a reality.

After an extensive preparation from conceptualization to the actual implementation, the Bedan community's reception was overwhelmingly positive. Its alignment with the university's strategic goals surpasses standards and future project. Specifically, the event focused on the following objectives: 1) Enhance the implementation of programs and practices aligned with solid waste management; 2) Strengthen local, regional, and international partnerships and networks; 3) Develop international best practice on tackling the SDGs; 4) Pursue institutionalized, integrative and comprehensive collaborations with government and its agencies, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and networks in line with SBU's vision-mission, institutional objectives, and hallmarks of Benedictine education; 5) Steward the alignment of departmental strengths and capabilities towards productive engagement with partners; 6) Provide opportunities in multi-cultural contexts contributing to skills enhancement; and 7) Initiate and participate in cross-sectoral dialogue about the SDGs.

The event has successfully set a benchmark for how educational institutions can play a pivotal role in ecological sustainability with the Bedan community's deep commitment and active engagement toward environmental stewardship and social responsibility, resonating with the Laudato Si' mandate and the SDGs. As the curtains close on last year's ILW, the seeds have been sown for a continuous journey towards sustainable development, with the university leading by example. The robust partnerships formed, the knowledge exchanged, and the initiatives launched are mere precursors to the ongoing commitment of the university to shape a future where education and sustainability are inextricably linked, ensuring that the next generation inherits a world not only capable of sustaining life but also flourishing in harmony with nature. The week-long event did not just "hit the mark"; it redefined it, establishing a new paradigm for integrative and collaborative education initiatives.

ILW 2023 HITS THE MARK

Greg Emmanuel D. Baniaga





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October 23, 2023
Monday

Unity with the Community: A Tree Planting Activity (ILW Pre-Opening Activity)
October 21, 2023 | 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Antipolo, Rizal
Integrated Basic Education Department

Eucharistic Celebration

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat
Rev. Fr. Leander Ma. P. Anggad, OSB
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Leveraging Education Across Partnerships (LEAP) Conference
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Jonathan Sy Auditorium

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October 24, 2023
Tuesday

Garbage Reduction and Ecological Enhancement Network (GREEN) Dialogue
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Jonathan Sy Auditorium

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October 25, 2023
Wednesday

Hyflex Seminar on Qualitative Research
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | SBU Multi-Media Room

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October 26, 2023
Thursday

San Beda University and Pro-Civitate Signing of Memorandum of Understanding
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Board Room

Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB
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Mr. Mathias Hallerbach

Executive Officer
C&C Human Resource Development GmbH

**San Beda University and Philippine Military Academy Signing of Memorandum
of Understanding | Student Leaders' Collaboration Session**

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Jonathan Sy Auditorium

Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB

Rector-President, San Beda University

Lt. Gen. Rowen S. Tolentino

Superintendent, Philippine Military Academy

Blood to Give, Life to Live: A Blood Donation Project

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM | St. Maur's Hall

**Community Engagement Center, Department of Health, &
SBU-College of Medicine**

October 27, 2023
Friday

**Global Impact in Designing Publicity Materials
Information and Communications Technology Center**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Computer Laboratory
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SBU Expands Global Horizons

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In a landmark initiative for global academic collaboration, San Beda University (SBU) has proudly unveiled the signing of seven Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with top-tier academic and corporate institutions across borders. This milestone, spearheaded by the Office of the Rector-President, through the Office of the Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs, reflects SBU's unwavering commitment to molding its students and stakeholders into globally competitive individuals. By forging these cross-border alliances, SBU reaffirms its dedication to providing world-class education and opportunities that extend far beyond its campus walls.

The first of these MOUs was signed on May 31, 2023, with Pacific Link College, Canada, a career-focused institution nestled in Guildford, Surrey, British Columbia. This partnership promises to open new academic avenues and job immersion opportunities for SBU students in North America.

Following closely, on June 1, 2023, an agreement with India's Rama Devi Women's University in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, marked a historical collaboration with the first state Women's University in India, aiming to promote gender equity in education.

The momentum continued with the MOU between SBU and St. Vincent College, Latrobe, USA, signed on September 7, 2023. This collaboration is poised to strengthen academic, research, and cultural exchanges between two Benedictine institutions.

A unique partnership was forged with Pro-Civitate, a leading healthcare provider in Germany, on October 26, 2023. This MOU is a step towards integrating practical healthcare insights into academic learning.

Simultaneously, SBU signed an MOU with The Philippine Military Academy, Baguio City, on October 26, 2023. This represents a significant collaboration, aligning with the premier military academy of the Philippines to foster servant-leadership and service for SBU students and faculty alike.

On November 30, 2023, SBU penned agreements with PLDT-Smart Foundation, Inc. and PLDT Inc. This was followed by another signing of Memorandum of Agreement for the interns specifically of the IT Department. These collaborations will bolster technology integration and digital learning initiatives.

Lastly, SBU pens agreement with Syedza Saintika Institute of Health and Sciences, Padang, Indonesia - on areas of academics, research, and community engagement. Initial projects are being slated with the College of Nursing.

Each MOU focuses on promoting academic programs, faculty and student exchanges, research collaborations, scholarships, teacher training, and other initiatives, both locally and internationally. These partnerships are set to enrich the educational landscape, offering SBU students, staff, faculty, and administrators a myriad of opportunities for global engagement and sustainability.

"In sealing these MOUs, we are not merely documenting an agreement, we are etching our shared vision and commitment to bettering the world, our Common Home, to become more sustainable", said Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, Rector-President, in one of his speeches during the signing of the MOU.

These partnerships are not just agreements on paper but are bridges to knowledge, culture, and innovation", said Prof. Dr. Tita

Evasco-Branzuela, the Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs. "Our administrators, faculty, staff, and students stand to gain immeasurably diverse opportunities, experiences, and expertise from these collaborations", she added.

San Beda University's strides in forging these MOUs are a testament to its dedication to excellence and its vision to be a premier institution with strong international linkages. The SBU community eagerly anticipates the fruitful outcomes these collaborations will yield in the years to come.



SBU-PMA

Alliance Forging Futures

Greg Emmanuel D. Baniaga



San Beda University, through the Office of the Rector-President and the Office of the Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs, has officially partnered with the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) — the premier training school of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, located at Fort Gregorio del Pilar on Loakan Road, Baguio City.

Before the Memorandum of Understanding was signed, PMA conducted its initial Academic Visit to San Beda University on July 06, 2023, at the Law Library in the Lydia Tan Sy Building. A key highlight of PMA's visit to SBU, as conveyed by Brigadier General Jose Demar A. Pauly of the PMA Academic Group, was their intention to reevaluate their academic services in teaching, learning, and research.

Fr. Aloy, in his welcome message, stated: "Education, in its truest form, transcends boundaries. It goes beyond the geographical barriers of Baguio and Manila, cultural differences, and even the divisions between the military and civilian sectors. It is a powerful unifying force in our pursuit of intellectual advancement. This collaboration between our institutions will harness our combined resources, expertise, and experiences in academics, research, and community engagement. As we stand at this pivotal point in our academic journey, we have a unique opportunity to forge a strong alliance based on mutual respect, cooperation, and growth." While PMA is esteemed in Filipino hearts and minds for its history of producing exceptional leaders with valor, integrity, and honor, SBU takes pride in its dedication to nurturing well-rounded individuals, equipping them with advanced knowledge, respect for the country, and skills founded on Benedictine values, to make a positive societal impact.

This partnership was formalized on October 26, 2023, at the Jonathan Sy Auditorium during the Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony, a part of the celebration of San Beda University's International Linkages Week 2023. The event's theme was "Integrative and Collaborative Education Initiatives for Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD)" and was organized by the Office of the Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs (OVPLIA). As SBU's internationalization arm, OVPLIA is dedicated to strengthening partnerships and networks locally, regionally, and internationally, and to developing international best practices for addressing the Sustainable Development Goals through partnerships.

Furthermore, SBU administrators and accreditors, including Prof. Christian Bryan S. Bustamante, Ph.D.; Dr. Jackqui R. Moreno, CPA; Ms. Maria Pamela G. Tendero; and Ms. Norielyn C. Tabag, RSW; visited PMA on February 21-23, 2024. They observed classes, provided a report on strengths and weaknesses, offered recommendations for improvement, and identified potential programs to enhance the delivery of academic services of PMA.





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