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ELEVATING QUALITY AND EXCELLENCE

NVSU achieves Philippine Quality Award Level II for Proficiency in Quality Management

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) has been conferred the Philippine Quality Award (PQA) Level II – Proficiency in Quality Management during the 27th PQA Conferment Ceremony held on September 5 at Malacañang Palace, Manila.

The award was presented by Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin, on behalf of the President of the Philippines.

The PQA is the highest national recognition for organizational excellence, honoring institutions that demonstrate outstanding quality, productivity, and performance. Level II signifies proficiency in quality management, highlighting NVSU's systematic approach to delivering efficient, effective, and excellent services.

University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. described the award as a testament to the collective effort of the NVSU community—faculty, staff, students, alumni, and partners. He emphasized that the recognition serves as both a validation of teamwork and a call to sustain innovation, uphold global competitiveness, and deliver transformative education for Nueva Vizcaya and beyond.

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NVSU confers honoris causa on Senator Legarda

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) conferred the degree Doctor of Education major in Educational Management, Honoris Causa upon Senator Loren B. Legarda in a solemn investiture held at the NVSU Bayomnong Gymnasium, October 3, 2025.

Senator Legarda, who currently serves as Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Culture and the Arts and Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical, and Vocational Education, was recognized for her unwavering commitment to advancing education, culture, and sustainable development in the country.

In her response, the senator expressed gratitude to NVSU for the honor, stressing the importance of education in shaping future leaders and empowering communities.

"Ladies and gentlemen, this degree is not mine alone. It belongs to the educators who, despite their own hardships, show up every single day, giving their knowledge, time and patience, treating each classroom as family. It belongs to parents who gave up comforts, postponed their own dreams, and ensured sacrifices so their children could dream bigger—and of course to every Filipino learner," the senator expressed.

NVSU innovator among top 10 Pinoy delegates to LIF Global 2025

Dr. Sony P. Aquino, Professor V from the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering of Nueva Vizcaya State University's College of Engineering, is among the Top 10 Filipino innovators chosen to represent the Philippines in the prestigious Leaders in Innovation Fellowship (LIF) Global 2025.

Dr. Aquino completed an intensive two-week residential training program, which concluded on July 12, 2025. The fellowship, organized by the Royal Academy of Engineering (RAEng) in the United Kingdom, brings together 76 innovators from 14 countries with a shared mission: to equip researchers with entrepreneurial skills needed to transform their innovations into market-ready ventures.

Dr. Aquino is advancing his project—the Biogas Digester, a clean energy innovation designed to address agricultural waste management—through focused training on intellectual property rights, business development, investment readiness, and market strategy.

His participation embodies NVSU's commitment to bringing research outputs beyond the laboratory and into real-world application, aligned with the university's thrust toward technology commercialization.

As Chief of NVSU's Intellectual Property and Technology Business Management Office (IP-TBM), Dr. Aquino has been at the forefront of initiatives that promote innovation-driven enterprise within the university.

Dr. Aquino's journey is made possible through the full sponsorship of the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD).



Dr. Sony P. Aquino, IPTBM Chief, receives a certificate of completion, presented by Dr. Hayaatun Sillem, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Academy of Engineering (RAE) after completing the Leaders in Innovation Fellowships (LIF) Global 2025, an intensive eight-month program organized by the RAE to support innovators from emerging economies that ran from December 2024 to July 2025.

NVSU hosts Fulbright Specialist Khan for Citrus Molecular Profiling project

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) hosted Dr. Awais Khan, a Fulbright Specialist, Associate Professor, and Associate Director for Extension and Outreach at the School of Integrative Plant Science, Section of Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology, Cornell University, New York, USA.

Dr. Khan joined NVSU as the expert scientist for the project "Molecular Profiling of NVSU Citrus Germplasm Collection" under the Fulbright Specialist Program, in collaboration with the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) also known as Fulbright Commission in the Philippines.

This engagement stemmed from the sustained internationalization efforts of University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. and the Office of International Affairs (OIA), led by Atty. Regine Karla G. Tabas, in partnership with the Fulbright Commission since the start of Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr.'s presidency. These efforts culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NVSU and PAEF on February 22, 2023.

In 2024, NVSU also hosted Dr. Ariana French, Director of



Dr. Awais Khan, Fulbright Specialist, expresses enthusiasm to collaborate with Filipino scientists and agricultural experts during the welcome event hosted by Nueva Vizcaya State University.

Digital Technology at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, as a Fulbright Specialist in the field of Computer Science and Information Technology—further strengthening the university's global academic linkages.

Held last July 8, 2025, the welcome ceremony marked the beginning of Dr. Khan's 42-day engagement with NVSU, spearheaded by the Office of International Affairs and the Citrus Research and Resources Development Center, with support from the Office of the President, the College of Agriculture, and various partner agencies and academic units.

NVSU joins global discourse on Language Education in Vietnam

Strengthening its commitment to global academic collaboration and cross-cultural exchange, the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) co-hosted the recently concluded 2nd International Conference on Language Development (ICLD 2025) held on July 4–5, 2025, at Ton Duc Thang University (TDTU), Vietnam.

Anchored on the theme "Transforming Language Education: Wellness, Technology and Beyond," ICLD 2025 was jointly organized by Ton Duc Thang University (Vietnam), Shanghai Normal University (China), Silpakorn University (Thailand), and Nueva Vizcaya State University (Philippines).

The international event gathered language education scholars, researchers, faculty members, and students from various parts of the world to discuss innovative approaches in language teaching and learning amid the evolving educational landscape.

Dr. William D. Magday, Jr., Dean of the College of Teacher Education (CTED Bayombong) presented his topic, "Navigating the Ethical Minefield: AI in Education and the future of Assessment,"

sparking rich discussions among participants on the ethical implications and potential of artificial intelligence in modern pedagogy.

Joining him were CTE faculty members Dr. Jenifer Raymond R. Tallungan, Dr. Juanita B. Pascua, and Dr. Jubert B. Oligo, who engaged in various academic sessions and collaborative exchanges during the two-day conference.

The University's international engagement was further strengthened by the presence of selected graduate school students from CTE: Liriolyn B. Pacursa, Frelita O. Bartolome, Alelie Joy L. Marcos, and Vince Eroll J. Lucas, who gained valuable insights and global perspectives from the event.



Dr. William Magday Jr., CTE Dean, shares his research insight during the ICLD 2025.



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University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr., together with CRRDC Director Dr. Elbert A. Sana, accompanies experts from Mie University on a farm tour in Villaverde as part of the ongoing collaboration between NVSU and Mie University. The partnership focuses on advancing citrus science through breeding, cultivation, and value-added product development. / Research, Extension, and Training

Mie University scientists visit NVSU anew to strengthen Citrus Research collaboration

In a renewed effort to advance international academic and research collaboration, scientists from Mie University, Japan, returned to Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) for a follow-up visit last August 1.

This activity is part of the project titled International Expert Engagement for Academic and Research Advancement.

Following their initial engagement in December 2024, this second visit builds on the momentum of the ongoing partnership between NVSU and Mie University, particularly in citrus science, including breeding, cultivation, and value-added product development.

Spearheaded by the Office of the President led by University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. and the Office of International Affairs, led by Atty. Regine Karla G. Tabas, in collaboration with the Citrus Research and Resources Development Center (CRRDC) led by Director Dr. Elbert A.

Sana, the engagement featured visits to NVSU's research facilities and field trips to the Philippine Citrus Resources Development Center and partner farms.

The itinerary also included farm tours in Kasibu town—specifically Dinamling Farm, Lunag Farm, and J&J Farm in Villaverde—and a visit to the Maloi Association Winery Processing facility, showcasing community-led citrus product innovations.

Focused discussions with NVSU researchers were also conducted to explore collaborative themes and local practices aligned with Japan's Sixth Industry concept, aimed at promoting academic enrichment and regional agri-technological development.

About The PODIUM

The PODIUM newsletter holds significant symbolism for Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU). The newsletter is inspired by a podium or rostrum made from an old tree near the old administration building.

Symbolic Heritage: The podium made from an old tree symbolizes resilience. It serves as a metaphor for NVSU's commitment to sustainability, growth, and excellence in education and community engagement.

Communication Platform: Just as the podium provides a platform for speakers to address an audience, the newsletter serves as a platform for communication within and outside NVSU. It disseminates university news, administrative updates, academic insights, community engagement and internationalization initiatives.

Historical Connection: The presence of the rostrum from an old tree near the administration building underscores NVSU's deep-rooted history and commitment to preserving traditions while embracing progress. The Podium honors this historical connection by showcasing NVSU's journey, milestones, and achievements.

Community Engagement: The Podium promotes community engagement by featuring stories of alumni success, student accomplishments, faculty research, and staff contributions.





University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. and DOST-PTRI Director Dr. Julius Leaño Jr. lead the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement aimed at advancing research, innovation, and development in textiles and related technologies.

NVSU, DOST-PTRI ink MOA for strengthened research innovation partnership

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) and the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Textile Research Institute (DOST-PTRI) formally sealed a partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing, solidifying their commitment to advance research, innovation, and development in the field of textiles and related technologies, held at the Board Room, NVSU Bayombong Campus, Sept. 1.

The collaboration aims to leverage the strengths of both institutions in promoting sustainable textile research, capacity-building, and technology transfer, particularly in line with the country's growing advocacy for science-driven solutions and eco-friendly innovations.

The partnership is also aligned with DOST-PTRI's SEDA Pilipinas program, a national initiative that seeks to revitalize and expand the country's sericulture industry.

Representing DOST-PTRI was Director Dr. Julius Leaño Jr., while University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. and Dr. Jayson Q. Caranza, Dean of the College of Forestry, Environment, and Resource Management (CFERM), signed on behalf of NVSU. The event was witnessed by university officials, faculty members, and DOST representatives, with CFERM serving as the college directly engaged in implementing the partnership initiatives.

In his welcome message, Dr. Caranza gave a background of sericulture in NVSU, recalling its history in the early 1990s.

"Meron po kaming engagement with then NVSIT under the College of Forestry where it has established plantations before inside and outside the university. Ito 'yung binubuhay nating muli. May the signing of this MOA be the start of stronger collaboration that will link science

education and rural development. And together, let's ensure that silk in Nueva Vizcaya becomes the symbol of sustainable growth and creativity for the region and for the nation," he expressed.

Dr. Leaño, in his message, acknowledged NVSU's long-standing involvement in the field, noting that the university, formerly NVSIT, had hosted numerous garments technology students in the past. He explained that PTRI has now categorically identified the regions for expansion, with Nueva Vizcaya positioned as a lead point not only for Region II but also for Central Luzon.

He extended his gratitude to NVSU for sharing in the advocacy for textile innovation and sustainable growth.

For his part, Dr. Dumale highlighted the strategic importance of the partnership, stressing the need to understand the current state of the silk industry in the province. He emphasized the importance of working with the provincial government and conducting consultations with farmers to strengthen sericulture initiatives.

"We see nothing but a bright future in this partnership," Dr. Dumale said, expressing NVSU's strong commitment to the collaboration.

Through this agreement, both parties will jointly undertake research and development projects, facilitate knowledge exchange, and explore opportunities to integrate science, technology, and innovation in textile applications and allied industries.



University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. and DOH TRC Region 2 Chief of Hospital III Dr. Charity I. Canapi discuss potential partnerships aimed at promoting drug prevention and ensuring the welfare of NVSU students and employees.

NVSU inks MOA with DOH TRC R02 for drug awareness education program

The Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) became the first university in Region 2 to officially partner with the Department of Health Treatment and Rehabilitation Center (DOH TRC) Region 2 for a Drug Awareness Program through education, following a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing held at the Board Room, New Administration Building, NVSU Bayombong Campus, July 4.

The collaboration seeks to intensify drug prevention efforts among college students across NVSU's Bayombong and Bambang campuses, anchoring on education, early detection, counseling, and awareness-building.

During the opening remarks, Campus Administrator for NVSU Bayombong Dr. Arvin P. Vallesteros emphasized the importance of proactive approaches.

"In the past years ay wala naman, pero 'wag tayong maging complacent. We really welcome this kind of initiative, he said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Charity I. Canapi, Chief of Hospital III of DOH TRC Region 2, expressed her gratitude and optimism about the partnership.

"We are very honored at pinagbigyan ang aming proposal. Hindi na natin kailangang antayin na maging problema pa ito. Prevention is key, and that's why we are here to collaborate for this very important milestone," Dr. Canapi expressed.

She also noted that the rising number of youth involved in drug use has overwhelmed existing facilities.

"With early detection and early counseling, we believe we can prevent bigger problems. Sa dami ng kaso, halos hindi na namin ma-accommodate lahat. With the help of NVSU, mas mapapagaan at mas marami po tayong matutulungan," she added.

University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. commended the initiative and affirmed NVSU's full support for the program.

Dr. Dumale also expressed intent to extend similar programs to the Department of Education in Nueva Vizcaya, particularly at the senior high school level.

He cited a recent NVSU collaboration with the Nueva Vizcaya General Comprehensive High School (NVGCHS) under Project AYWAN (Alliance for Youth & Workforce Well-being through Assessment and Nurturing), which focuses on early mental health assessments to support students' academic and emotional well-being.



NVSU hosts TAU benchmark activity to strengthen academic partnerships

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) hosted a benchmarking activity with Tarlac Agricultural University (TAU) today, welcoming TAU President Dr. Silverio Ramon Dela Cruz Salunson along with members of his executive committee and administrative council to exchange best practices and explore stronger institutional partnerships.

In his message, NVSU President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. expressed his appreciation for the visit, and highlighted the importance of camaraderie within the administration and the value of mutual learning between universities.

"We have our own strengths, so we need to learn from each other. I welcome this opportunity, President Salunson, that you visited us," Dr. Dumale said.

Dr. Dumale also presented an overview of NVSU's profile, including student enrollment, faculty composition, graduates, and the university's vision, mission, and development goals.

He emphasized the need for unity and synergy in addressing challenges and guiding the university's strategic directions.

On a personal note, Dr. Dumale recalled that TAU, formerly Tarlac College of Agriculture, holds a special place in his journey as it was there where he became a champion in fertilizer computation.

Meanwhile, Dr. Salunson thanked NVSU for the warm reception and shared TAU's roadmap toward becoming a science, technology, and agricultural university with more diverse academic offerings. He also highlighted the cultural and heritage experiences in Nueva Vizcaya as a

valuable aspect of the visit.

"We are confident that together, we can achieve greater heights in serving our communities and contributing to national development. Let's grow, let's share our resources, and let's learn from one another's best practices," Dr. Salunson said.

A highlight of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the two universities, represented by Dr. Dumale for NVSU and Dr. Salunson for TAU. Breakout sessions followed, providing further opportunities for discussion and knowledge-sharing.



NVSU celebrates 125th PCSA with wellness activities despite rain

In observance of the 125th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary (PCSA), the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) placed the health and wellness of its employees at the center of its celebration held at the school grounds of both the Bayombong and Bambang campuses, September 26, 2025.

Despite the heavy rain, the activity pushed through, highlighting the commitment of the university and its employees to honor the occasion.

With the theme "Bawat Kawani, Lingkod Bayani: Puso, Dangal at Galing Para sa Bayan" and the sub-theme Move It, Kawani!, the university organized activities, including Zumba session, and team-building.

The celebration was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Human Resource Management Unit, the Sports and Development Center, and the Center for Culture and the Arts, with the special participation of other government agencies located at the Bayombong campus, including the Civil Service Commission Field Office.

Faculty and staff of NVSU groove to the beat during a lively Zumba session, promoting fitness and camaraderie. The activity forms part of the university's health and wellness celebration for the Philippine Civil Service Anniversary (PCSA).

NVSU celebrates PQA Level II recognition, Pres. Dumale's 3 years of leadership

As one Nueva Vizcaya State University, employees from the Bayombong and Bambang campuses gathered to celebrate the university's conferment of the prestigious Philippine Quality Award (PQA) Level II – Proficiency in Quality Management, alongside the third anniversary of the transformative leadership of University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale, Jr., held at the NVSU Bayombong Gymnasium, September 8.

Representatives from various sectors—the student body, executive and administrative committees, the Association of Non-Teaching Personnel (ANTP), the Faculty Association, Inc., faculty-scholars, and alumni in Japan—delivered messages of gratitude and support to President Dumale, recognizing his vision, commitment, and leadership in bringing NVSU to greater heights.



In his message, Dr. Dumale expressed appreciation to all who continuously support the University's mission, vision, and programs. He also highlighted the challenge and opportunity of instilling a stronger culture of excellence among NVSU's young professionals, while redirecting and strengthening the core values of service and pursuit of excellence that will drive the University to even greater heights.

"The biggest challenge now that I face as your President is to try to inculcate the culture of excellence, the values that you should uphold as young professionals in NVSU, but at the same time this is an ample opportunity for your president to redirect the values that all should have," he expressed.

On the PQA recognition, he emphasized: "This award is for everyone."

Meanwhile, the PQA trophy was displayed in both campuses, that gave opportunity to see it and reflect on the meaning of the award.



Let us be proud. Here in Nueva Vizcaya, we are the first to achieve PQA Level II. Let's move forward, and together, let's create more history," he said.

The ceremony became both a celebration of NVSU's national recognition and a reaffirmation of its unwavering commitment to unity, quality service, and continuous growth.

NVSU employees benefit from PhilHealth Konsulta PH Caravan

Faculty and staff of Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) availed of the PhilHealth Konsulta Package during the PhilHealth Konsulta PH Caravan held at Padilla Hall, NVSU Bayombong Campus from July 21 to 25.

Spearheaded by University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr., the caravan was organized through the efforts of the NVSU Health Services and the Human Resources Management Unit, in partnership with the Rural Health Unit (RHU) Bayombong as the Konsulta Provider, and PhilHealth Solano.

The activity formed part of the university's continuing commitment to safeguard the health and well-being of its employees, enabling them to assess their overall health and detect possible medical conditions at an

early stage.

The PhilHealth Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama (Konsulta) Package is PhilHealth's expanded primary care benefit that provides members with access to preventive, promotive, and curative health services, including consultations, laboratory tests, and medicines—emphasizing the importance of early detection and effective health management. Dr. Dumale reiterated his strong support for wellness programs, encouraging all employees to take advantage of the initiative.



This effort built on previous health-focused activities under his leadership, including the Holistic Approach Toward Achieving Wellness (HATAW) program, the Biggest Loser Challenge, and the physical examination drive, further reinforcing NVSU's dedication to fostering a healthy workforce.



Legarda honors indigenous communities, pushes cultural empowerment at Ummong Festival

Legarda

Senator Loren Legarda reaffirmed her commitment to Indigenous Cultural empowerment and inclusive development during the Ummong Festival held at the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) on October 3, 2025.

Addressing local leaders, educators, students, and Indigenous cultural bearers, Legarda emphasized the vital role of Indigenous Peoples in shaping national identity and safeguarding the country's cultural wealth.

"Sa ating pagdiriwang ng Ummong, pinapanday natin ang isang yugto ng pagkakaisa, dangal, at panibagong pag-asa para sa ating mga pamayanan," Legarda said in her opening remarks, paying tribute to the province's enduring contributions for its Indigenous communities.

The Ummong Festival, now on its fourth year since its launch in 2022, is a cultural gathering organized by NVSU. Rooted in the word "ummong," meaning fellowship and reverence for one's origins, the event brings together IP communities from across the province to showcase traditional songs, dances, crafts, and customs, promoting the preservation of indigenous knowledge.

Legarda, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Culture and the Arts, and a staunch advocate of cultural preservation, highlighted key initiatives she has championed in support of Indigenous Rights.

"Buong puso kong ipinaglaban at patuloy na isinusulong ang mga batas at programang nagpapalakas sa karapatan, kultura, at kabuhatan ng mga katutubong Pilipino," she said, citing the Cultural Mapping Law, National Indigenous Peoples Day, and the establishment of Schools of Living Traditions such as the Kalahan Academy in Sta. Fe.

The four-term senator also underscored the importance of language preservation through the Bantayog ng Wika program, noting the installation of a monument in Bayombong honoring the Gaddang language.

"Itinataguyod din natin ang Bantayog ng Wika upang mapanatili at bigyang-dangal ang ating mga katutubong wika at tradisyon," Legarda said. Legarda called for continued support for Indigenous Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), recognizing their role in strengthening local economies.

"Patuloy ang ating suporta upang mapalakas ang kabuhatan at sariling pagkakitaan ng mga pamayanan," she affirmed. Reflecting on the spirit of the festival, Legarda described Ummong as *"isang pagdiriwang ng samahan at paggalang sa ating mga pinagmulan, pamumuhay, at karunungan."*

Here are some of Senator Loren B. Legarda's notable accomplishments and contributions:

Leadership in Senate Committees

Chairperson, Senate Committee on Higher, Technical, and Vocational Education

Chairperson, Senate Committee on Culture and the Arts.

First woman to chair the Committee on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification, and Reconciliation

Co-Chairperson of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2).

Authorship of Landmark Laws

Enhanced Basic Education Act (RA 10533).

Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (RA 10931)

National Environmental Awareness and Education Act (RA 9512)

Basic Education Mental Health and Well-Being Promotion Act (RA 12080)

Early Childhood Care and Development System Act (RA 12199)

ARAL Program Act (RA 12028)

Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency and Accreditation Program (RA 12124)

Enterprise-Based Education and Training Framework Act (RA 12063)

Kabalikat sa Pagtuturo Act (RA 11997) – increasing the teaching allowance to ₱10,000 starting 2025

Career Progression System for Public School Teachers and School Leaders Act (RA 12288)



Sadinas

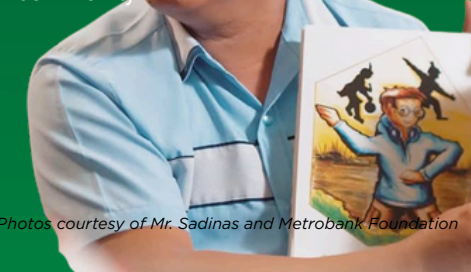
NVSU alumnus is named among 2025 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipino Teachers

Mr. Noel Villanueva Sadinas, an alumnus of Nueva Vizcaya State University, has been named one of the 2025 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipino Teachers under the Elementary Teacher Category.

A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Bachelor in Elementary Education, Class of 2011, Mr. Sadinas also earned distinctions as a Presidential Awardee for Journalism, Most Outstanding Student of the Year, and Finalist for the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines – Region II.

For 12 years, he has advanced Indigenous Peoples Education, sustainability, and student empowerment, transforming communities and inspiring learners to become global citizens.

Continuing his pursuit of academic and professional growth, he completed his Master of Arts in Education major in Educational Administration at the NVSU-Bambang Campus on June 28, 2024. His remarkable achievements stand as a source of pride and inspiration for his students, fellow alumni, and the entire community.



Photos courtesy of Mr. Sadinas and Metrobank Foundation

Dr. Loren B. Legarda: NVSU welcomes a champion of education, culture and sustainable development

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) welcomes Senator Loren B. Legarda into its academic family as it confers upon her the degree of Doctor of Education, Major in Educational Management, Honoris Causa, on October 3, 2025, in recognition of her exemplary leadership, lifelong commitment to education reform, and transformative contributions to nation-building.

Senator Legarda is a four-term legislator who has authored and sponsored landmark laws advancing inclusive, sustainable, and resilient national development. She remains the only woman to have topped two senatorial elections, in 1998 and 2007. A trailblazer in the Senate, she was its first female Majority Leader and later served as Senate President Pro Tempore during the 1st and 2nd Regular Sessions of the 19th Congress.

From 2019 to 2022, she represented the Lone District of Antique in the House of Representatives, serving as Deputy Speaker—the first and only Antiquena to hold the post.

On the global stage, Senator Legarda has earned distinction for her unwavering advocacy for climate action and sustainable governance. She has been recognized as a Global Leader for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum, a UN Environment Programme Global 500 Laureate, ASEAN Biodiversity Hero, UNDRR Global Champion for Resilience,

Commissioner of the Global Commission on Adaptation, Climate Vulnerable Forum Ambassador for Parliaments, and Women Political Leaders Global Ambassador for Climate and Environment.

A cum laude graduate of the University of the Philippines, Senator Legarda holds a Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa from the same institution. She also topped her class at the National Defense College of the Philippines, completed the AFP Command and General Staff Course, and currently serves as a full colonel in the Philippine Air Force Reserve.

At present, Senator Legarda chairs the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical, and Vocational Education, the Committee on Culture and the Arts, and was the first woman to chair the Committee on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification, and Reconciliation. She is also the Co-Chairperson of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2), steering major reforms to address the country's learning crisis.

As an author and co-sponsor of landmark legislation such as the Enhanced Basic Education Act (RA 10533), Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (RA 10931), and the National Environmental Awareness and Education Act (RA 9512), Legarda has consistently advanced her vision of accessible, quality, and transformative education for all Filipinos.

Her recent educational measures—including the Basic Education Mental Health and Well-Being Promotion Act (RA 12080), Early Childhood Care and Development System Act (RA 12199), and the ARAL Program Act (RA 12028)—respond to the pressing needs of learners and educators nationwide. She also supports lifelong learning through the Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency and Accreditation Program (RA 12124) and bridges the gap between education and employment through the Enterprise-Based Education and Training Framework Act (RA 12063).

In honor of teachers, Legarda co-authored and co-sponsored the Kabalikatan sa Pagtuturo Act (RA 11997), which raises the teaching allowance to ₱10,000 beginning 2025, and the Career Progression System for Public School Teachers and School Leaders Act (RA 12288), which opens new pathways for professional growth.

Her commitment to education also extends to funding reforms. As Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Finance in 2017, she allocated ₱8 billion to begin funding free college education—an initiative that paved the way for the implementation of the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act. Today, she continues to champion accountability and sufficiency in education budgets for state universities and colleges.

For NVSU, the conferment of this honorary doctorate is not only a tribute to Senator Legarda's enduring service but also an affirmation of shared values—education, empowerment, and excellence. Approved last year by the Board of Regents and CHED en banc when she was Chair of the Senate Committee on Culture and Arts, this recognition honors her tireless championship for Indigenous Peoples—especially meaningful for NVSU as a true melting pot of diversity, with Nueva Vizcaya home to 18 IP groups.

With her visionary leadership and steadfast advocacy for the Filipino learner, Dr. Loren Legarda now stands as an honorary alumna of Nueva Vizcaya State University—a symbol of wisdom, resilience, and national pride. Indeed, NVSU welcomes Dr. Loren Legarda as one of its own—a true catalyst for education and change.





NVSU Bambang ROTC Unit clinches RAATI 2025 championship; Bayombong places third

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Unit of Nueva Vizcaya State University–Bambang Campus clinched the Championship title in the 2025 Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI), achieving an exceptional rating of 97.119%.

The inspection was held on May 8, 2025, where the unit showcased exemplary performance in both administrative and tactical categories—an impressive leap from last year's 3rd runner-up finish.

The RAATI 2025 awarding ceremony was held at NVSU Bambang Campus, where cadets, commanders, and university officials gathered to celebrate the hard-earned victory. Meanwhile, the NVSU Bayombong ROTC Unit also showed commendable progress, securing the 3rd place spot—an

improvement from their 4th place ranking last year.

University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr., together with members of the Executive Committee, the ROTC Unit Coordinator, welcomed the delegates from various universities across Cagayan Valley, along with the Guest of Honor and Speaker, Col. Monib B. Mamao INF (GSC) PA, and other members of the training directorate.

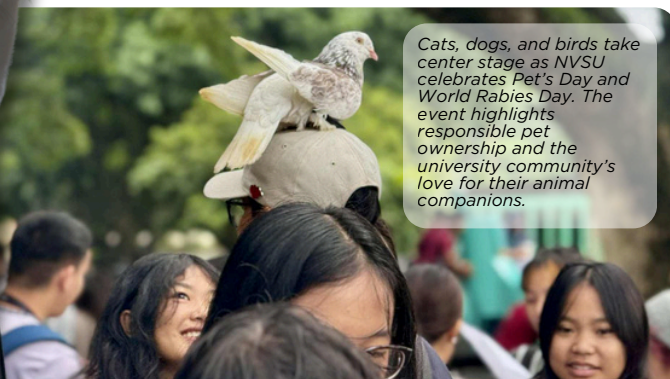
NVSU showcases the joy of pet companionship on Pet's Day, World Rabies Day

Students and employees of Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) proudly showcased their furry and feathered friends today during the Pet's Day and World Rabies Day celebration hosted by the College of Veterinary Medicine.

This activity, under the initiative of University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr., highlights the importance of caring for pets while also giving the NVSU community a fun and refreshing way to release stress from work and studies.

Beyond the colorful pet parade, the celebration featured pet examinations and screenings, a special blessing of pets, interactive bonding activities, and free rabies vaccination services—making it a meaningful and memorable event for both owners and their beloved companions.

Truly, NVSU celebrates not just excellence but also the joy these pets bring into everyone's lives.



Cats, dogs, and birds take center stage as NVSU celebrates Pet's Day and World Rabies Day. The event highlights responsible pet ownership and the university community's love for their animal companions.






● REMEDIOS BACON Badminton-W ● DARIO SANTOS Long Jump ● DARIO SANTOS 200-M Dash ● RODEL CUDIA ROMMEL CUDIA Table Tennis - Doubles ● JOSEPH BUBOD Table Tennis - S (40-49) ● REVELYN MARCOS 200-M Dash ● DANTE CASTRO Cycling ● TEAM NVSU E-Sports (MLBB) ● REMEDIOS BACON 100-M Dash	● REMEDIOS BACON 200-M Dash ● DARIO SANTOS 100-M Dash ● PERCIVAL LABOG Shot Put ● PERCIVAL LABOG Discus Throw ● ROLANDO LAGUINLIN Long Jump ● REVELYN MARCOS Long Jump ● DARIO SANTOS Shot Put ● JOSEPH BUBOD Badminton-M	● FERMILA D. CAULAN CHING DEL ROSARIO JACQUILINE GUINSATAO REVELYN MARCOS LHEA TAMUNDONG Patintero ● JOHANNA CARLA A. PADUA JANE GONZALEZ MARTINEZ ERROL CUTARAN MAKEDA YOUNG ALLAN MARTINEZ LEIMAR NOVILLOS AGSUNOD Live Band ● GAIL GALAMAY GUMILET DARIO SANTOS EYESON DE LEON PACLIT ALLAN YERRARA JEFFERSON A. MONTERUBIO LHEA TAMUNDONG CASTRO REMEDIOS ARGUEZA BACON MARY ANN SAGUID CHING DEL ROSARIO JOY APRIL GALJITOS Laro ng Lahi Relay ● PERCI VAL LABOG GAIL GALAMAY GUMILET AYSON PACLIT DARIO SANTOS JEFFERSON MONTERUBIO Patintero
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2ND RUNNER UP
MR. ASCU-SN 2025
CHRISTIAN CORPUZ

MS. ASCU-SN 2025
AIRA LEIGH RUMBAUA

PRIDE AND GLORY

NVSU proves it's a home for beauty, wit, excellence at ASCU-SN 2025

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) once again proved that it is truly a home for beauty and wit as its ambassadors shone brightly at the Association of State Colleges and Universities – Solid North (ASCU-SN) 2025, hosted by Benguet State University, July 15 to 18.

Leading the roster of victories, Ms. NVSU Aira Leigh S. Rumbaua was crowned Ms. ASCU-SN 2025, while Mr. NVSU Christian T. Corpuz proudly secured the title of 2nd Runner-Up.

Meanwhile, Rumbaua was also adjudged Best in Production Number and Best in Casual Attire.

Corpuz was awarded Best in Casual Attire and Best in Formal Attire. Beyond the pageant stage, NVSU faculty and staff delegates also delivered remarkable performances and athletic feats, earning recognition in various events.

University President Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. personally commended the

delegates for their dedication, teamwork, and spirit of unity, emphasizing that their achievements reflect the true essence of NVSU's core values.

He further encouraged future delegations to train harder and continue upholding the university's legacy of excellence.

NVSU concludes Biggest Loser Challenge: Season 1

Promoting wellness and work-life balance, the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) successfully concluded "The Biggest Loser Challenge: Employees Edition Season 1" on August 4, 2025, led by the Health Services Unit.

Out of 39 participants, 10 finalists made it to the final weigh-in. Ms. Rosemarie Cadiente and Mr. Carlouie Belonio were hailed as champions in Category A (BMI below 30) and Category B (BMI 30 and above), respectively, after achieving the highest percentage of weight loss in their categories.



University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. commended the participants for their dedication and encouraged them to continue embracing a healthy lifestyle.

Official List of Finalists and Winners | Category A Finalists: Rosemarie Cadiente (Champion), Lean Paolo Salvosa, Regine Karla Tabas, Ma. Angela Llanera, Anna Florina Pineda
Category B Finalists: Carlouie Belonio (Champion), Graniel Miranda, Marvelyn Dulnuan, Von Gabayan, Jan Mikhael Pating