



NVSU is SUC Mobility Champion; leads Region 02 in global engagement

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) was recognized for its outstanding efforts in advancing internationalization after receiving the SUC Mobility Champion Award from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Region 02, during the Regional Executive Conference, Engagement, and Collaboration (REConEC) held at the St. Paul University Global Center Function Hall in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, December 9, 2025. *Continue to page 3*



Dr. Elma P. Apostol, Vice President for Academic Affairs (third from left), proudly receives NVSU's recognition for outstanding performance in international rankings during the 2025 Internationalization Champions of Nation-Building and Sustainability (ICONS) Awards, held on December 10, 2025, at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City.

GLOBAL CULTURE AT NVSU



For. Bonares

NVSU EARNS GLOBAL RECOGNITION FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR AT ICONS 2025

For the third consecutive year, Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) joined the roster of outstanding Philippine Higher Education Institutions (PHEIs) recognized in major international rankings, earning distinction at the 2025 Internationalization Champions of Nation-Building and Sustainability (ICONS) Awards held on December 10, 2025, at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City.

This year, NVSU secured a spot in the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) 2025, placing 227th globally, and was likewise recognized in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2025 for its strong contributions to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In addition, the University attained Times Higher Education (THE) Reporter status, further strengthening its international visibility and benchmarking efforts.

The award was received on behalf of the NVSU community by Dr. Elma P. Apostol, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

In a statement, University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. said the recognition reflects how internationalization has become embedded in the University's culture, noting that its impact is further strengthened by

the growing number of global partnerships and student and employee mobility programs.

Recently, the University earned Reporter Status in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2026, a recognition that places the university among 2,191 institutions from 115 countries and territories included in this prestigious global listing.

Further, at the regional level, the University received a Certificate of Recognition from CHED Region 02 during the REConEC event for making its global rankings debut in the 2025 Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, securing a spot in the 1501+ bracket.

These achievements highlight the University's growing global presence and commitment to excellence in academics, research, and community impact.

Fueled by faith and determination:

The inspiring story of For. Bonares

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Pres. Dumale takes oath as PRC CPD Council Member

University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. officially assumed his post as the Second Member of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Council for Professional Development - Agriculture.

He took his oath before PRC Commissioner Conrado T. Onglao, with Hon. Anabelle Sarabia, Chairperson of the CPD Council for Agriculture, serving as witness. His nomination was endorsed by the officers of SUC-ACAP.

As Second Member, Dr. Dumale will help review CPD applications, shape policies, and strengthen lifelong learning in the agriculture sector.



Dr. Dumale



Atty. Tabas



Dr. Magday



Dr. Valderama



Dr. Busa



Dr. Derilo

6 NVSU officials complete Wharton executive programs

Six of Nueva Vizcaya State University's officials have successfully completed prestigious online executive programs offered by the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr., University President; Atty. Regine Karla Tabas, Director for International Affairs; Dr. Lori Shayne Busa, Director for Research and Development; Dr. Julius Valderama, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; and Dr. William Magday Jr., Dean of the College of Teacher Education-Bayombong Campus, completed the Wharton Executive Leadership and Management Certificate Program.

Meanwhile, Dr. Reymund Derilo, Director for Center for Distance and Transnational Education and a faculty member of the College of Teacher Education- Bambang Campus, finished the Wharton Strategies for Accountable AI program.

Their participation in these globally recognized programs was made possible through the Commission on Higher Education's Higher Education Upskilling and Study for the Advancement of Staff and Faculty (CHED-HUSAY) Grant for 2025, reinforcing NVSU's commitment to leadership excellence, innovation, and continuous professional development.



Wharton
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NVSU boosts transnational wildlife conservation at 5th Grey-faced Buzzard Summit in Japan

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) reaffirmed its commitment to transnational wildlife conservation and international cooperation during the 5th International Summit on Grey-faced Buzzard 2025 held in Uken Village, Amami Oshima, Japan, from October 24 to 27, 2025.

The summit gathered conservation leaders, researchers, and government representatives from Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, and the Philippines to advance collaborative efforts in protecting the Grey-faced Buzzard (*Butastur indicus*), a migratory raptor that connects ecosystems across East Asia.

The University was represented by University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale, Jr., Dr. Jayson Q. Caranza, Dean of the College of Forestry, Environment and Resources

Management, and Atty. Regine Karla G. Tabas, Director for International Affairs, as part of the Philippine delegation.

Other members of the Philippine delegation included Department of Tourism Region 2 Regional Director Troy Alexander G. Miano, Supervising Tourism Operations Officer Mr. Romeo G. Caranguian, Jr., Mr. Alex M. Tiongco, President of the Raptorwatch Network Philippines, and Ms. Ma. Teresa A. Cervero, Director of Raptorwatch Network Philippines.

Dr. Dumale emphasized multi-country cooperation in conserving migratory species and reaffirmed NVSU's partnerships while pursuing new collaborations with Japanese and Taiwanese institutions.

"Our partnership commitments with the Japanese Society for the Preservation of Birds and with Raptorwatch Philippines shall remain strong and expanding. It is also the direction of NVSU to establish collaboration with the Raptor Research Group of Taiwan and Japanese universities in this effort," Dr. Dumale explained.



University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr., together with Nueva Vizcaya Governor Hon. Atty. Jose V. Gambito and NVSU-OIA Director Atty. Regine Karla G. Tabas, had the opportunity to engage with Dr. Toru Yamazaki, President of the Asian Raptor Research and Conservation Network (ARRCN) (second from left) during the 5th International Summit on Grey-faced Buzzard 2025 held in Japan.



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SUC Mobility Champ... *from page 1*

The recognition affirms NVSU as the leading State University and College in Region II in terms of international mobility participation, highlighting its strong commitment to global engagement, academic excellence, and the expansion of international opportunities for both students and personnel.

CHED Region II cited NVSU's role in reviving and strengthening the Student Internship Abroad Program (SIAP) in the region, following the implementation of the enhanced policies, standards, and guidelines under CMO No. 7, s. 2022.

Beyond student and faculty mobility, NVSU's research internationalization is gaining momentum through active faculty participation in international conferences, where research presentations enhance global visibility, academic exchange, and cross-border collaboration.

In a statement, University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. expressed his pride in the recognition, emphasizing NVSU's thoughtful approach to internationalization.

"In leading NVSU's internationalization, I've always believed that we must begin with what is right and what is fair. That's why we enter partnerships not just to increase our numbers. Every partnership is intentional and carefully negotiated — not for prestige, but for its long-term value to our students and faculty, and to ensure that we can sustain and meaningfully implement it with our available resources," Dr. Dumale said.

According to Dr. Dumale, they consider NVSU's Technical Intern Training Program (TITP) in Japan a meaningful initiative for its graduates.

"It only began in 2024, yet 17 NVSU graduates are now in Japan. Many of them come from farming and IP families, and they did not spend a single peso — all training, documentation, and deployment costs are fully covered by our partners. The University also spends nothing. Seeing these young people find opportunities they once thought were out of reach has been incredibly fulfilling," he explained.

Not only does the University prioritize its students, but it also creates opportunities for its faculty, reflecting NVSU's strong commitment to professional development.

"We bring this same commitment to our faculty. NVSU works actively and persistently to secure fully funded scholarship opportunities abroad. In 2025 alone, 11 faculty members began their PhD studies with our partner universities in Japan, Thailand, and Taiwan. These represent significant milestones not only for them personally but also for NVSU — all achieved without any additional cost to the University," the president shared.



Lyrabelle A. Bragas and Alessandra Nicole A. Soliven, BS Hospitality Management Students, departs for Paresa Resort, Phuket, Thailand to begin their Student Internship Abroad Program (SIAP).

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.

NVSU, DOST-PTRI push sericulture revival in NV



With renewed optimism to revive the sericulture industry in Nueva Vizcaya, Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU), in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Textile Research Institute (DOST-PTRI) through its SEDA Pilipinas Program, successfully led the Philippine Silk Innovation Forum on December 5, 2025, at DFTC-NVSU.



The forum followed the SEDA Pilipinas Innovation dialogue held on October 10, 2025, at the NVSU Board Room, which brought together representatives from local government units, farmers, and private enterprises.

The October dialogue set the tone for collaborative action where NVSU President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. emphasized the importance of shared responsibility in achieving collective success, highlighting that every stakeholder has a vital role to play.

Meanwhile, Dr. Julius Leaño Jr., DOST-PTRI Director IV, reaffirmed the institute's support in advancing research and development in Philippine silk, underscoring opportunities for innovation and community partnership.

Philippine Silk Innovation Forum: Moving from dialogue to action

The December forum served as a provincial platform to present Nueva Vizcaya's silk development plan, update stakeholders on ongoing silk R&D initiatives, and explore opportunities to expand local cocoon production, silk processing, and value-adding enterprises. OISCA International shared its continued support for training and rearing houses.

Commitment to collaboration and growth

Dr. Dumale expressed NVSU's full commitment to the initiative, pledging to coordinate with government and non-government offices to establish at least 40 rearing houses within and outside the province to meet cocoon requirements in preparation for the Regional Silk Innovation Ecosystem led by Nueva Vizcaya.

He highlighted that collaboration among partners is key to achieving the best outcomes and ensuring sustainable growth for the local sericulture industry.

Strengthening National Silk Development Efforts

Further solidifying its role in Philippine silk development, NVSU recently joined the DOST-PTRI consortium as a new member, formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) during the 4th SEDA Pilipinas Consortium, held as part of the 6th Philippine Silk Summit in Manila on October 23, 2025.

Through its inclusion, NVSU presented its sericulture initiatives, including a five-hectare pilot silk plantation, partnerships with OISCA International and DOST-PTRI, and active farmer engagement through training, seminars, and trial rearing projects.

We see nothing but a bright future in this partnership - Dr. Dumale

NVSU advances gender - responsive innovation in AI, robotics



Affirming its commitment to gender and development (GAD) in the fields of innovation and technology, the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) emphasized gender-inclusive innovation during the AI, Robotics, and Industry 4.0 Forum held on October 28 at the NVSU-Bambang Campus.

Led by Balik Scientist and Hand Plus Robotics CEO/Co-founder Dr. Albert J. Causo, together with the Connected and Unified Autonomous Technologies with Automation and Robotics (CUATRO) Team, the activity also reflects NVSU's continuous effort to advance innovation and strengthen institutional readiness for the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

The activity promoted equitable access and participation of both women and men faculty, researchers, and students in the rapidly advancing fields of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and robotics, aligning with NVSU's vision of fostering a gender-responsive, inclusive, and innovation-driven university environment.

Dr. Causo discussed the evolution of industrial revolutions leading to Industry 4.0, highlighting how AI, Internet of Things (IoT), data analytics, cloud computing, additive manufacturing, and augmented reality drive efficiency, productivity, and sustainability across sectors.

The CUATRO Team also presented their ongoing research integrating AI and robotics in the citrus industry, showcasing potential innovations in postharvest handling, field automation, pest and disease surveillance, and precision farming—vital areas for Nueva Vizcaya, the leading citrus-producing province in Luzon.

Students from the College of Industrial Technology and the College of Engineering, together with university employees actively participated in the forum, gaining valuable insights into emerging smart technologies that are reshaping the future of industries and agriculture.

NVSU explores AI-driven robotics to boost citrus farming in NV

As part of the AI and Robotics Capacity-Building and Application Initiatives for Agricultural and Institutional Innovation, the NVSU team, together with DOST-Balik Scientist Dr. Albert J. Causo and the CUATRO Project, visited citrus farms in Kasibu, and Villaverde, Nueva Vizcaya, October 29.

The visit aimed to understand farmers' current practices—from planting, fertilization, and harvesting to manpower needs—and identify areas where automation and AI-driven robotics could help.

Dr. Causo also presented sample AI technologies used abroad, offering insights into future innovations that can support local citrus growers. This initiative seeks to design AI-based robotic systems tailored to the real needs of farmers—making production more efficient, sustainable, and responsive to the challenges of modern agriculture.



Innovative research takes center stage at the 4th ICPRI

The importance of innovative research as a key to advancing education and agro-forestry was highlighted during the 4th International Conference on Pedagogical Research and Innovations (ICPRI 4), held on December 3-5, 2025.

With the theme "Local Flexibility Meets Global Quality: Leveraging Academic and Agro-Forestry Advancement," the conference served as a platform for sharing research and innovations aimed at elevating the quality of academia at both local and global levels.

Further strengthening its impact, ICPRI 4 has received official accreditation from the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) as a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Accredited Program, awarding 10 CPD credited units to all eligible participants—highlighting the conference's commitment to excellence in research, innovation, and professional growth.





Showcasing Innovation, Collaboration, and Excellence in Cagayan Valley

NVSU co-hosts RSTW 2025

The 2025 Regional Science, Innovation, and Technology Week (RSTW) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region 02 concluded successfully at the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) Bayombong Campus, held from October 9 to 11, 2025.

With the theme “Siyensa, Teknolohiya at Inobasyon: Kabalik at sa Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Kinabukasan - Building Smart and Sustainable Communities,” the three-day celebration brought together over 2,500 participants — from local government units, industry leaders, researchers, MSMEs, students, and media partners — to celebrate the transformative power of science, technology, and innovation (STI) in building sustainable futures.

The university, honored and privileged to host this prestigious regional event, proudly showcased not only its world-class facilities but also its dedicated human resources, research expertise, and strong partnership with DOST through various initiatives and projects — including the DOST-NICER Citrus Project and other research collaboration that embody innovation and inclusivity.

Throughout the event, the university became a hub of creativity and collaboration. Exhibitions, technology demonstrations, and fora highlighted how STI continues to empower communities, strengthen local industries, and inspire the youth to pursue scientific inquiry.

DOST Region 02 Regional Director Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera lauded the collective effort of all partners, recognizing NVSU President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. and the entire NVSU community for their warm hospitality and active participation.

“We are very happy because we are able to share the programs and projects of DOST. And we know that this will not stop from here because this will go along the way as we journey towards application of Science, Technology and Innovation,” she said.

Beyond the exhibits and numbers, RSTW 2025 stood as a testament to the power of collaboration — where scientists, educators, entrepreneurs, and students worked together to transform ideas into impact.

Science that bears fruit:

DOST R02 highlights NVSU's citrus innovation

Nueva Vizcaya State University takes the spotlight as the Department of Science and Technology Region 02 features two of NVSU's major contributions to the citrus industry—the NICER Citrus Project and the Citrus Resources Research and Development Center, both instrumental in strengthening the region's reputation as the Citrus Capital of the Philippines.

Inaugurated in March 2025 led by DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., the Citrus Resources R&D Center showcases NVSU's research excellence and commitment to producing disease-free, high-quality citrus planting materials. Meanwhile, the NICER Citrus Project, funded by DOST-PCAARRD, continues to bridge innovation and local development by empowering farmers and LGUs through science-based citrus production systems.



DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. personally visits Citrus farmers in Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya one led by the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) through the NICER Citrus Project, and another at the Namujhe Integrated Farm in Malabing Valley, Kasibu. | Photo: DOST R02

by the numbers

No. of RSTW participants

2500



NVSU secures additional Level IV AACUP Accreditations, marking 12th since 2022

Nueva Vizcaya State University continues to strengthen its academic excellence with the accreditation of the following Level IV programs by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP):

-*Bachelor of Science in Agriculture* (Majors in Agronomy and Animal Science) – College of Agriculture, Bayombong Campus

-*Bachelor of Science in Forestry* (Major in Forest Resource Management) – College of Forestry, Environment and Resources Management, Bayombong Campus

-*Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering* – College of Engineering, Bayombong Campus

-*Master of Science in Agriculture* (Animal Science, Crop Science, Rural Development) – College of Agriculture

These accreditations contribute to NVSU's growing roster of Level IV programs, bringing the university to its 12th Level IV-accredited program since 2022, a testament to its unwavering commitment to quality assurance, academic excellence, and institutional distinction.

NVSU gears up for Institutional Accreditation through mock IA

In preparation for its upcoming Institutional Accreditation (IA), Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) conducted a two-day mock institutional assessment held at the Mini Theater, Bayombong Campus, from October 27 to 28, 2025.

Serving as accreditor and consultant, Dr. Cecilio L. Manarpaac commended the NVSU community for their enthusiasm, cooperation, and openness to feedback and suggestions during the mock assessment.

"*Huwag bibitaw. Keep the flame burning. After all, this is for the university, and the university is all of you—para sa inyo 'yan at para sa estudyante,*" he remarked, lauding NVSU's continued pursuit of excellence as reflected in its Philippine Quality Award (PQA) and international rankings.

He also congratulated the university for successfully conducting the mock assessment and expressed confidence in NVSU's readiness for the actual evaluation,

emphasizing that quality and excellence remain evident in the institution's activities and initiatives.

Representing University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr., Dr. Carlo F. Vadil, Vice President for Planning, Development, and Information System, extended his gratitude to Dr. Manarpaac for his dedication and effort in providing technical assistance.

"We know well that the success of this accreditation in December will also be your success," Dr. Vadil said.

This marks a crucial step in NVSU's ongoing journey toward institutional excellence, ensuring that the university remains steadfast in its mission to deliver quality education and service to its stakeholders.

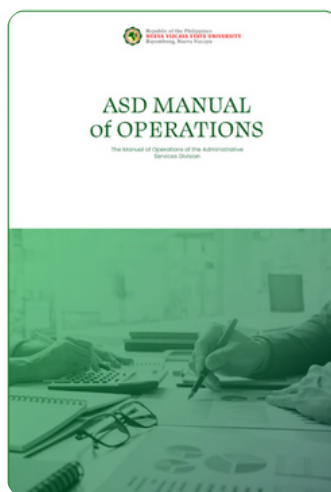
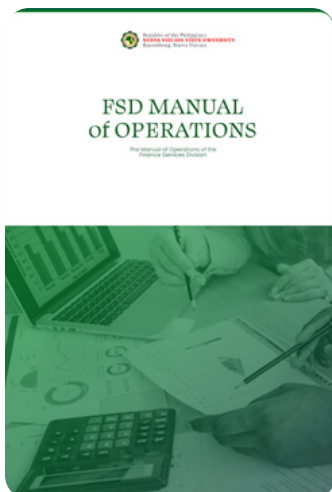
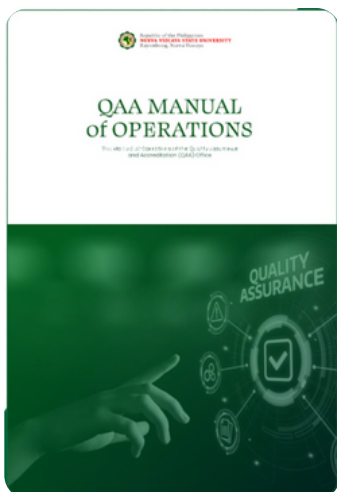


NVSU releases updated Operations Manuals, strengthens Administrative, Financial, Quality Assurance Systems

After nearly two decades, the Administrative Services and Finance Services Manuals, which form part of the University's Operations Manual, have been fully updated to modernize workflows, clarify roles, strengthen compliance, and enhance efficiency and transparency in all administrative and financial processes.

The University also proudly introduces its new Quality Assurance and Accreditation (QAA) Manual, which provides a clear and comprehensive framework for QA procedures, staff functions, and accreditation processes.

This ensures consistency, efficiency, and quality across all QA initiatives in the University. We would like to congratulate the respective offices involved in this milestone and commend their dedication to strengthening NVSU's systems and services.



As the nation marks the National Volunteerism Month this December, Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) reaffirmed its commitment to community service through consecutive outreach missions in two of its adopted and partner communities—Sitio Canaan in Bambang and Sitio Kalongkong in Bayombong—both held on December 1.

Weeks after the devastation brought by Super Typhoon Uwan, University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. led the NVSU team to Sitio Canaan, Sto. Domingo Proper, Bambang, where the university distributed packed goods to 52 affected families.

The sitio, one of NVSU's adopted communities, has long been a recipient of the university's assistance and was also heavily impacted by Typhoon Pepito last year.

That calamity marked the beginning of NVSU's sustained presence and support in the area.

President Dumale shared that the visit was not merely to deliver relief, but to reassure the residents that "they remain valued and never forgotten" despite the successive challenges they have endured. He reiterated that NVSU remains steadfast in standing with Sitio Canaan as part of its long-term outreach commitment.

On the same day, and in response to President Dumale's call to choose service over holding a birthday celebration for him, NVSU mobilized another outreach activity in Sitio Kalongkong, Brgy. Buenavista, Bayombong.

At least 40 families—mostly dependent on agriculture and farming—received grocery relief packs, sacks of rice, and organic fertilizers donated by the university's partner organizations.

Hon. Judy A. Puno, Punong Barangay of Buenavista, expressed gratitude to the university for selecting their barangay as this year's beneficiary.

She also acknowledged NVSU's strong ties with the community, noting that many residents are alumni and that several Buenavista products were developed with the help of NVSU experts and programs.

During the activity, President Dumale encouraged the university's deans and Extension Office to craft targeted program proposals for communities like Brgy. Buenavista.

He emphasized that as an institution mandated to serve, NVSU must continue empowering local communities through training, livelihood upgrading, and capacity-building initiatives.

Reflecting on his own humble beginnings, the president highlighted the hardships many Filipino families continue to face and underscored the transformative power of education. He expressed joy in learning that many youth from the barangay are currently studying at NVSU.

These outreach activities form part of NVSU's annual extension efforts and are especially timely as the university joins the nation in celebrating Volunteerism Week this December—strengthening its mission of service, compassion, and community empowerment.



NVSU carries out twin outreach missions in Canaan, Kalongkong



Photos | The University Gazette



Globe, NVSU unite for typhoon-affected community

Demonstrating *malasakit*—or heartfelt compassion—and the spirit of bayanihan, Globe representatives Janford Leguiab, Territory Trade Development Manager; Jimmuel Rodrigo, Area Operations Head; and Jolly Selmo, Business Development Expert, brought smiles and much-needed relief to the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) community following the impact of Super Typhoon Uwan.

The Globe team distributed relief packs to students housed at the IP Dorm as well as to volunteers assisting in clearing operations at the DFTC, helping ease the immediate needs of those affected by the disaster.

Further extending their support, Globe set up a free charging station at the Old Administration Building, available to students and teachers starting today until tomorrow, ensuring connectivity and access to communication as recovery efforts continue.



Fueled by Faith and Determination: The Inspiring Story of For. Bonares

Hard work. Sacrifice and Faith

For Forester Dankfreid Tristan Dumale Bonares, these three values formed the winning formula that led him to secure the Top 9 spot nationwide in the October 2025 Foresters Licensure Examination.

At the age of 23, the proud Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) alumnus from Bonfal West, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, proved that determination and faith in God can turn even the most unexpected dreams into reality.

“Masaya at the same time super proud, pero unexpected po na magiging topnotcher,” Bonares said, recalling the moment he learned about his remarkable feat.

But his journey to success began long before the licensure exam. In 2020, when he was supposed to pursue college, Bonares put his studies on hold and looked for work instead, as his family lacked the financial means to support his education. It was only in 2021 that he finally enrolled in college—carrying with him a deep sense of purpose and gratitude for the opportunity he had long prayed for.

Bonares’ journey to the top was not an easy one. With only two months to prepare, he maximized every hour of his day—reviewing from morning until late at night, dedicating four to five hours of focused study time daily.

“Hindi ko na inisip ang pagod sa review since two months preparation lang kami,” he said.

Even amid distractions, he stayed grounded, finding peace and renewal in prayer.

“Yung naging break ko ay ang pagsisimba, naglalaan ako ng oras para kay God,” he added.

During his college years, Bonares was more than a diligent student. He consistently made the Dean’s List (2023–2024) and represented NVSU in various



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pageants, earning the titles Mr. NVSU First Runner-Up 2023 and Mr. Green Philippines Tourism 2025—a testament to his well-rounded excellence.

Now a licensed forester, Bonares envisions a career anchored in purpose.

“Makapag-provide ng safety and a healthy environment and to serve as a catalyst of change,” he said, expressing his desire to use his profession to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability.

To current NVSU students and aspiring foresters, his message is simple but powerful:

“Galingan ninyo, maging masipag, at huwag kakalimutan si God.”

Indeed, Forester Dankfreid Tristan D. Bonares stands as an inspiring symbol of NVSU pride—proof that with hard work, sacrifice, and faith, success will always follow.

Kuriya Productions’ Pordiya triumphs in 1st CineVizcaya Film Fest

Kuriya Productions, the student film arm of the Varsity Courier, emerged as a major winner in CineVizcaya: The 1st Nueva Vizcaya Film Festival, as its short film Pordiya clinched top recognitions in the pioneering provincial film competition during an official announcement of awardees made through a video release on the official Facebook page of Nueva Vizcaya Tourism on December 18.

Pordiya, produced by Kuriya Productions, garnered multiple awards, including Best Direction for James Jimenez, Best Actress for Ingrid Lianne Patong, and Best Cinematography, highlighting the team’s strength in storytelling, performance, and visual execution.

The film festival was launched in September in line with the Tourism Month Celebration and the Philippine Film Industry Month, and coincided with the Linggo ng Kabataan Celebration.

As the first-ever edition of CineVizcaya organized by the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya through its tourism initiatives, the festival showcased original short films created by students from secondary schools and Higher Education Institutions across the province, highlighting local stories, creativity, and youth voices.

In a Facebook post following the announcement, director James Jimenez shared his gratitude and reflection on the milestone, expressing that being part of the first grand winners of the inaugural CineVizcaya was something he “never dreamed of happening.”

A longtime fan of films, skits, and documentaries, Jimenez noted that transitioning from watching to creating deepened his appreciation of the medium.

“Ang mga ito’y hindi basta pelikula lamang, ito ay mga kwento at mensahe, lahat ay karapat-dapat mapanoud, mapakinggan, at maramdaman,” Jimenez wrote, as he thanked fellow participants for the stories they brought to life.



Sirib iti Entablado 2025 highlights NVSU talent

Sirib iti Entablado 2025 showcased the exceptional talents and creativity of NVSU students during its staging at the Nueva Vizcaya State University-Bambang Campus on November 26.

After a dynamic exchange of performances, CTE-Bayombong clinched the overall championship with 270 points, followed by CTE-Bambang with 248 points, and CAS-Bayombong, which secured third place with 165.5 points.

Winners from the two campuses are now set to represent NVSU in the upcoming Regional CAVRASUC and PASUC competitions.

This annual university-wide celebration brought to life a vibrant spectrum of artistic performances, spanning traditional cultural expressions, modern creative pieces, and various interpretative forms that highlighted the diverse artistry of NVSU students.

IN PHOTOS | Athleticism, teamwork, and school spirit come alive at the NVSU Intramural Meet, held at the CLISOC Field, bringing together students in various sports competitions.



FEATURE BEST ACTS on Infrastructure

The **NVSU Sports Complex** in Bayombong Campus—once a vision under the BEST ACTS on Infrastructure initiative—now comes alive with energy and purpose as it served as one of the venues for this year’s Intramural Meet of the Bayombong Campus.

Funded through a PHP 30-million grant, this all-weather facility stands as a symbol of progress and community spirit.

Under the leadership of University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr., the Sports Complex is more than just a structure—it’s a space that fulfills its purpose when used, echoing cheers, dreams, and the unwavering NVSU spirit.



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