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LGU Sta. Ignacia joins TSU's expanding Project START+ to empower child development workers



Tarlac State University, through the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CCLGSPD), formally signed a memorandum of agreement

(MOA) with the Municipality of Santa Ignacia on April 29, 2026, at the Executive Hall, Santa Ignacia, Tarlac.

The signing marks Santa Ignacia as the third of eight municipalities

to join Project START+: Advancing Capacity of Child Development Workers Across All Municipalities — a long-term extension and research initiative aimed at elevating the competencies

and professional growth of Child Development Workers (CDWs) throughout Tarlac Province.

The signing was led by TSU Executive Assistant

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TSU lauds faculty contributions during the Innovation Awards 2026

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The Office of Innovation and Business Development (OIBD) honored faculty members and colleges for their outstanding contributions to the university's Intellectual Property (IP) targets during the Tarlac State University Innovation Awards 2026, held on April 30 at the Alumni Center, Lucinda Campus.

The ceremony served as a formal recognition of high-impact research and innovation achievements recorded over a five-year period, spanning January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2025.

"The awards we will confer today are particularly special. We are looking back at the past five years, a period defined by unprecedented global challenges. While the world slowed down due to the pandemic, your minds did not. You chose to innovate when it was most difficult," Atty. Wilmark Ramos, Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension, said in his speech.

"This ceremony is a testament to the fact that TSU is not merely for instruction, but a powerhouse for creativity and a hub for transformative students," Atty. Ramos further said.

Among the afternoon's highlights was the recognition of the top-performing college and researchers who led the university in IP production.

The College of Science was awarded the largest number of filed Intellectual Property with 18



patents, 14 utility models, and 35 copyrights.

Dr. Lea Milan, Center for Food Technology and Research Director, was named the faculty member with the most filed IP – seven patents, two utility models, and one copyright. She was also awarded the greatest number of filed patents/ utility models (seven patents and two utility models).

Dr. Heidilyn Gamido was named as the faculty member with the greatest number of copyrighted materials (18), while Engr. Adam Rombaoa is the first faculty member to file an industrial design.

The ceremony also featured a special tribute to the OIBD staff for their collective performance and contributions that helped the university achieve the 2025 Platinum Cluster Award. Certificates of

Commendation were awarded to VP Ramos, Director Atty. Jayriz Dungca and his team: Engr. Yvy Clydylynn Rabara, Asst. Prof. Aldrex Laxamana, Mr. Hilario Romen III, Engr. Julius TJ Serrano, Engr. Jayson Llarves, Mr. Samuel Saroza, Ms. Pauline Esguerra, and Engr. Ella Mae Raga.

Last March 2026, the university received its third consecutive Platinum Award from the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines during the 2025 ITSO Clustering Awards. The Platinum Award is the highest distinction of the IPOPHL, awarded to institutions that meet high standards and consistently surpass Intellectual Property filing targets.

Aligned with the goals set by the Commission on Higher Education and IPOPHL, the event serves to cultivate a university-

wide culture of intellectual property and collaborative research, thereby supporting the university's mandate to strengthen research, innovation, technology transfer, and IP policies.

Moreover, OIBD launched two programs, SILIP (Student Introductory Lecture on IP) and Strengthening Patent Awareness Research and Knowledge (SPARK), to further strengthen the IP culture among the students and faculty.

According to Atty. Dungca, around 480 students were catered to in the SILIP program, a primary IP education program.

The TSU Innovation Awards Committee is composed of the Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension, the OIBD Director, and five OIBD personnel.

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Ms. Chelcy Joyce M. Llorca, CCLGSPD

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Atty. Brigido B. Corpuz, who represented OIC-University President Dr. Maura Consolacion D. Cristobal, and Hon. Nathaniel L. Tan, Municipal Mayor of Sta. Ignacia.

Atty. Corpuz delivered the university's message, reaffirming TSU's dedication to forging partnerships that translate academic expertise into tangible benefits for the communities it serves.

Meanwhile, Mayor Tan confirmed the municipality's full support for the initiative, stating that the partnership represents "a concrete step towards strengthening early childhood development by equipping our Child Development Workers with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities they deserve."

Other officials from both institutions graced the ceremony to show their commitment to the project. Vice Mayor Hon.



Francis Ponce Candelario echoed this enthusiasm, acknowledging the partnership as a timely and necessary investment in the municipality's frontline CDW workforce — one that addresses both current needs and future demands.

Atty. Wilmark J. Ramos, Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension, underscored that

genuine community progress begins with investing in those who shape a child's earliest years. He called on both parties to uphold the spirit of the partnership, expressing that Project START+ stands as TSU's enduring commitment to the welfare of Tarlac's children and the workers who serve them.

CCLGSPD Director Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao extended her gratitude to all those who made the signing and the broader implementation of Project START+ possible. Department heads, Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson and Mr. John H. Lanuzo, presented the background and rationale for the project and outlined its objectives, including

expanding CDW training opportunities, supporting children with special needs, strengthening parental engagement, and advocating for local ordinances that safeguard CDW welfare.

Also present in the event were members of the Sangguniang Bayan, SK Federation President Bojo B. Arrojo, and MSWDO Officer Precious Grace J. Gacusana.

With five more municipalities yet to formally enter the agreement, TSU-CCLGSPD continues its province-wide effort to bring Project START+ to every corner of Tarlac — steadfast in its mission to empower the men and women who nurture the province's future, one child development worker at a time.



AACCUP awards Level IV and III re-accredited status to 4 TSU programs

Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan



Four programs from the Colleges of Business and Accountancy, Computer Science, and Engineering formally received their accreditation certificates from the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) this morning (April 22) at the Academic Building AVR, Lucinda Campus.

During the ceremony, the BS Accountancy program was awarded Level IV Retained status, indicating that it has successfully retained its Level IV status for the second cycle. In addition, the BS Information System attained Level IV Re-accredited status, while the

BS Electronics Engineering and MS Electrical Engineering attained Level III Re-accredited status.

Following the award announcements, Dr. Niño B. Corpuz, Director of the Office of Quality Assurance, led the discussion of the accreditation results and the accreditors' recommendations.

Representing TSU OIC-President Dr. Maura D. Cristobal, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza extended her congratulations to the programs.

"The awarding of accreditation levels is never simply a ceremonial act. It is a recognition of sustained

excellence, of patience, collective labor, and shared commitment to quality that has been tested and affirmed by the most rigorous of standards," he said.

Meanwhile, on a personal note, Dr. Mendoza reminded everyone that the true measure of accreditation is not found in a certificate but in the lives of every student transformed and communities served.

CBA Dean Dr. Jhonel Panlilio said in her message that they accept the challenge to maintain their current status while committing to contribute more to research and extension and to strengthen their linkages.

CCS Dean Dr.

Alvincent Danganan said that this milestone reflects more than academic compliance. It embodies their shared commitment to excellence, innovation, and continuous improvement.

COE Dean Dr. Miriam Galvez pledged their unwavering commitment to uphold the highest standards of academic excellence, integrity, and sincerity to pursue the quality and innovation in engineering education.

The accreditation status of BSA and BSIS is valid until December 2030, while the status of BSEE and BSECE is valid until December 2029.

OGAD launches TSU breastfeeding stations

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To foster inclusivity and extend care to lactating mothers, the Office of Gender and Development officially launched breastfeeding stations in the Main, Lucinda, and San Isidro campuses on Tuesday (April 21) afternoon.

Breastfeeding faculty members, staff, and students can have access to the lactation stations during office hours for breastfeeding or milk expression.

These stations will include comfortable seats, electrical outlets for those who use breast pumps, washing facilities, and a refrigerator for milk storage.

The lactation areas are ensured to be clean, safe, secure, well-ventilated, comfortable, and accessible, and implement strict hygiene measures. Taking photos and videos is strictly prohibited in this area.

"It is important, 'yung bonding ng nanay at ng anak at hindi natin



ma-de-deprive 'yon dahil lang sa estudyante siya o dahil lang nagtatrabaho siya. TSU gives the opportunity for the mother and child to bond, not only for nutrition but for the time spent with themselves," university physician Dr. Rommel

Hernandez said in his speech.

"Ito pong ating lactation area ay isang patotoo that in this university we support every mother, ipinapakita natin sa bawat nanay that they are seen, valued, and that

we support them," Prof. Christine Janelle Santiago, OGAD OIC Director, said in her speech.

The blessing of the breastfeeding stations was led by Rev. Fr. Frank Manalang of the Our Lady of Peace College Seminary.



BS Crim, BPE undergo AACUP Level IV Survey Visit

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The three-day online program accreditation for the 4th survey visit of the Bachelor of Physical Education and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Education by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP) Inc. has concluded last April 17, 2026 via Zoom.

Dr. Ronnie Parica, the AACUP coordinator from the University of Rizal Systems, highlighted the distinct strengths and growth areas of each program.

He praised the BS Criminology program's consistent licensure success and high employability rate, and advised strengthening students' technical writing skills. He also commended the BPE program for its effective faculty-driven curriculum planning, suggesting further growth through enhanced research and more diverse partnerships.

Both deans, Dr. Roel Alviar (CCJE) and Dr. Erwin Lacanlale (CoEd),

affirmed to comply with the recommendations made during the evaluation and assessment. This commitment is part of their shared goal to maintain the highest standards of academic quality and institutional excellence.

On behalf of Dr. Maura Consolacion Cristobal, TSU OIC-President, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Jasper Jay Mendoza, thanked the survey team for their comprehensive findings and

shared impressions. He also acknowledged the program faculty and chairpersons.

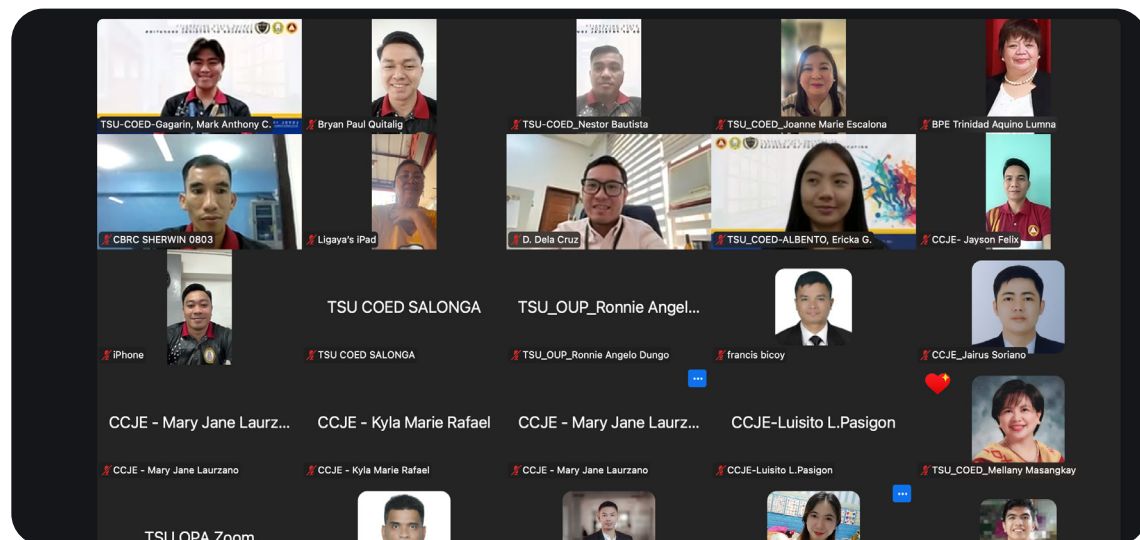
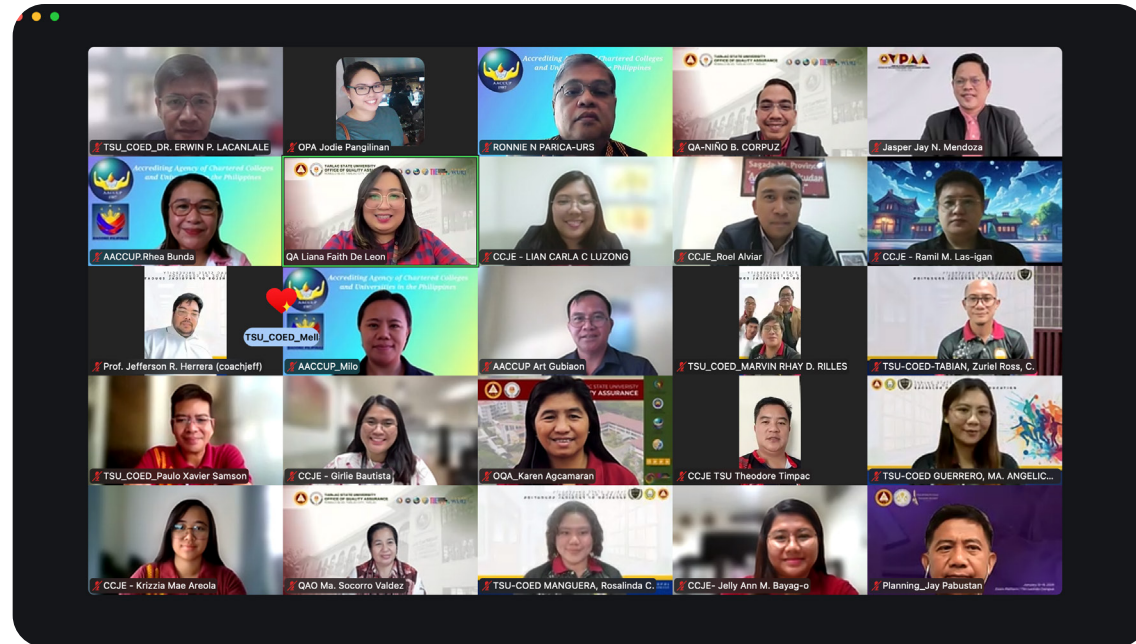
"Dr. Lian Carla Luzong, you have developed the criminology program into one that commands the respect of institutions across the country. And Dr. Zuriel Ross Tabian, you are shaping the BPE program into something our students and communities will be proud of for our generations to come," Dr. Mendoza said.

He also highlighted

the prestige of the BS Criminology program, which established the university as the top criminology school in the Philippines, as well as the BPE program's vital role in grassroots education and sports development in local schools and barangays.

The AACUP survey team is composed of Dr. Arthur Gubia-on and Dr. Janice Milo, both from Ifugao State University, as the Team Leader and Lead Accreditor, respectively, for BS Criminology. While Dr. Jenny Esiong, Team Leader from Benguet State University, and Dr. Rhea Bunda, Lead Accreditor from West Visayas State University, will evaluate and assess the BPE program.

The survey team based the Level IV assessment on research, graduates' performance, community service, international linkages and consortia, and the planning process for each program.





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List of the Top Performing Schools for the Certified Marketing Management Specialist (CMMS)[®] assessment examination by the Center for Professional Advancement and Continuing Education, Inc., held in-person last March 13, 2026 (Goldenstate College of Koronadal) and online last March 14, 15, and 17, 2026, Institutional and National batch, respectively.

The overall passing rate (OPR) is 83.75%.

CPACE Philippines administered the assessment examination.

School	Passers	Takers	Rating (%)
Tarlac State University	11	11	100.00
Collegio de Sto. Domingo de Silos	5	5	100.00
Bliss University - Davao Campus	5	5	100.00
Central Luzon State University	4	4	100.00

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SLSU benchmarks TSU's CSW best practices

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The South Luzon State University benchmarked the best practices of the Tarlac State University's Community, Sports, and Wellness program, a tripartite initiative together with the Commission on Higher Education and Provincial Government of Tarlac, on Thursday (April 23) at the Main AVR.

This CHED-funded program is under the Community Sports and Wellness-Promotion of Awareness, Teamwork, and Health (CSW-PATH), which aims to reach grassroots communities, including out-of-school youth, student athletes, coaches, and the elderly, to foster a healthy community powered by sports.

Dr. Jasper Jay Mendoza, Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave a walk-through of the program and explained how the university began by



conducting meetings and seminars for coaches, tourism staff, and stakeholders, and by strategizing about the wellness center on the San Isidro Campus.

He also shared the newly established Community Sports Club, which is set to run a nine-week summer sports clinic program aiming to engage around 3,000 out-of-school youth in Tarlac City and 17 municipalities in the province.

Furthermore, Dr. Mendoza highlighted the refurbished gymnasium and its newly built shower rooms and comfort rooms at the San Isidro Campus through an audio-visual presentation.

SLSU Faculty Regent Assoc. Prof. Gino Cabrera asked how to integrate sports tourism and implement the program in the community following their meeting with

stakeholders, as they need to accomplish their project by 2027.

"Ang sports po, hindi siya kumikita mismo sa event; ang sports, kumikita siya doon sa manonood sa event. 'Yun po ang trabaho ng sports. Hindi po para kumita, kundi to gather people," Coach Jefferson Herrera, a faculty member of the CoEd BPE program, said in reply.

According to Coach Herrera, it is important to tap into clubs with similar interests and integrate popular items in your community, such as food, to develop income-generating projects while conducting sports activities.



COA opens TSU compliance audit CY 2025-2026

Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan

The Commission on Audit's entrance conference for the calendar year 2025 compliance audit of Tarlac State University formally opened this morning (April 30) at the Main AVR.

Representing Regional Supervising Auditor Ms. Imelda Latay, Atty. Meliza Joy Manalo, OIC-Audit Team Leader, thanked the university officials for accepting the invitation to the conference.

"We appreciate all your cooperation during our regular audit, and we also expect the same enthusiasm for the conduct of our compliance audit. Rest assured that we will conduct the compliance audit in all fairness and in line with the set rules and regulations governing our audit," she said.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jasper Jay Mendoza delivered a message on behalf of OIC-University President Dr. Maura Consolacion D.



Cristobal in response.

"We pledge our full cooperation. The records, the system, and the people of TSU are at your service. We welcome your scrutiny not

with apprehension but with gratitude. Because we know and we understand, that a well audited TSU is a more trustworthy TSU," he said.

Unlike a financial audit, a

compliance audit focuses on transactions and activities to determine whether the agency complied with applicable laws, rules, contracts, and regulations.



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