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47TH Founding Anniversary CELEBRATION

GAMES, GRIT, AND GROUNDBREAKING IDEAS CSU TAKES FLIGHT IN 47TH ANNIV FESTIVITIES

APARRI, CAGAYAN — Beneath the early morning sun of June 10th, a stream of university officials, alumni, faculty, and staff gathered at Cagayan State University (CSU) – Aparri Campus, all uniting for a day steeped in tradition, innovation, and the spirit of community in the 47th Founding Anniversary Fellowship Activities.

Get the ball rolling

The opening program, hosted by Mr. Jerome Billariña, brought together university officials including Dr. Theresa Dimalanta, Dr. Kristinne Joyce Lara, and Dr. Chita Ramos, who laid the groundwork for the day's celebration with messages of unity and progress.

"Today, we gather not just to commemorate a date in history but to celebrate a legacy built on dedication, perseverance,

and the collective dreams of those who have walked our halls—past and present," said Dr. Theresa Dimalanta, Vice President for Administration and Finance, as she nurtured the CSUan spirit with her opening remarks.

The University Information Office further intensified the energy with video highlights, showcasing the motorcade, the opening program, and various simultaneous activities, including the much-anticipated Sarabo Achievement Hub.

Bringing home the bacon

Throughout the day, activities at the Dummy Bridge brought flavors and friendly competition to life, where dishes weren't just shared but celebrated. In the Culinary Innovation Showcase, chefs were required to prominently feature ingredients primarily

sourced from their respective campuses, while adding a unique twist to traditional recipes.

Meanwhile, the Tinuno Festival highlighted community dining, where common seafoods were grilled over charcoal and served on banana leaves, creating a hearty feast that echoed local customs.

"We expect that we will be able to produce this in each campus, like for students, for our employees. That it can be duplicated, it can be served—ibig sabihin, ito ay pang-masa," shared CSU Hotel Administrator Prof. Judy B. Luyun, reflecting on the innovations showcased through the event's dishes.

Big fish in a small pond

The first activity, the Hook and Harvest Tournament, was held at ponds six and seven,

stirring good-natured rivalries and spontaneous laughter as teams competed in fishing challenges that echoed the values of sustainability and collaboration.

During the tournament, participants demonstrated two traditional fishing methods—banniit (n. fishing tackle) and kammel (meaning to catch fish with the hands).

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47TH LEGACY: CHAMPIONING FORTY-SEVEN YEARS OF EXCELLENCE AND TRANSFORMATION

With pride in its past and vision for the future, Cagayan State University (CSU) commemorated its 47th year of transformative service through a vibrant, week-long celebration hosted by the CSU – Aparri Campus, June 2 – 11, 2025.

Guided by its mission of providing quality education that responds to individual and societal needs, CSU continues to strengthen its commitment to innovation, relevance, and service to the region and beyond. For forty-seven years, CSU has upheld its philosophy of delivering accessible and community-responsive programs across its growing network of campuses.

The anniversary celebration, which carried the theme “Soaring High: Celebrating 47 Years of Excellence and Transformation at Cagayan State University,” kicked off with a vibrant opening salvo and the much-anticipated SARABO 2025 Trade Fair, all under the unifying spirit of CSU’s signature amethyst hue.

CSU Aparri’s Warm Welcome

Dressed in colorful costumes and bursting with energy, 3,039 CSU students of Aparri Campus welcomed university officials, campus executive officers, faculty, staff, and guests during the grand walk, captivating the crowd with lively and well-choreographed welcome dance numbers.

Dr. Audy R. Quebral, CEO of CSU Aparri Campus, officially welcomed the delegates, expressing immense gratitude and pride in hosting this historic celebration. In his message, he acknowledged the honor of bringing together CSU’s academic community in the spirit of collaboration and shared purpose.

The opening program featured a comprehensive overview of the anniversary events from Dr. Ana Marie Cristina C. Cauilan, Vice President for Internationalization, Partnerships, and Resource Mobilization (VPIPRM). *“This year, we’re inspired by the majestic hawk in amethyst ombre color, a perfect symbol for our host campus. Let us join the Aparri hawk soar with strength and grace as we all continue our legacy in flight,”* she said.

Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan, Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA), presented the details of the Regional Faculty Convocation while Dr. Junel B. Guzman, Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension (VPRDE), introduced the SARABO Trade Fair and Technology Demo Booths.

The President’s Report

The President’s Report, delivered by University President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez through an audio-visual presentation, highlighting Cagayan State University’s key accomplishments from February 2024 to present and its strategic alignment

with the Eight-Point Socioeconomic Agenda, Ambisyon Natin 2040, the Cagayan Valley Development Plan 2023–2028, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

In instruction, CSU achieved an 84.06% board exam passing rate, well above the national average, and produced 50 national topnotchers in various fields.

The university was recognized as the Top 1 Performing School in Respiratory Therapy, Top 3 in Medical Technology, Top 4 in Electrical Engineering, Top 6 in Chemical Engineering, and Top 8 in Criminology.

The number of graduates rose to 7,202 in 2024, and CSU ranked Top 1 among SUCs with the most Level IV accredited programs. All campuses are ISO-certified, and CHED compliance reached 93.57%. It also achieved Level III Institutional Accreditation during the first cycle visit by AACUP.

In administration, CSU posted high budget utilization rates, secured a ₱1.38B budget for 2025, and generated ₱35.9M from income-generating projects. It expanded with its 10th campus in Baggao and created new faculty positions.

In research, and development, CSU launched the Bioanalytical Nexus Center and the Food Quality and Safety Lab, securing ₱196.7 million in external research funds. Two board-approved journals were

launched. A total of 113 faculty had patents or publications; 539 research outputs were cited.

In extension, CSU conducted 161 training sessions for 11,621 beneficiaries and established 28 community partnerships.

In pursuit of internationalization, CSU launched the Athena Roadmap, a 2024–2027 plan aligned with CHED’s IZN framework for higher education.

It mobilized over 1,400 students and faculty, with forged global partnerships, and launched initiatives like the Filipino Coffee Institute-CSU in partnership with the Filipino Coffee Institute. Among its landmark achievements, CSU received official approval from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for multiple international partnerships.

Continuing the Legacy

These achievements are but a glimpse of CSU’s unwavering pursuit of academic and operational excellence. For forty-seven years, CSU has led with purpose. Shaping minds, serving communities, and transforming futures. We are one CSU community, united by a shared mission and driven by a legacy of excellence. As we soar toward the future, let us remain steadfast in our role as champions of transformative education for the future we envision and the generations we inspire. 🦅



CSU UNVEILS FIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN CELEBRATION OF 47TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

As part of its 47th Founding Anniversary celebration, Cagayan State University (CSU) launched five major infrastructure projects across its campuses, reinforcing its commitment to academic development, community engagement, and sustainable growth.

Three key projects were officially inaugurated during the kick-off ceremony on June 2, 2025, through a ceremonial ribbon-cutting led by university officials. These include the Executive Villa, the campus road network, and the Balai ti Alumni.

The Executive Villa was introduced as a modern accommodation facility for

visiting university officials.

Designed as a prototype for future hostel-style campus housing, the villa also presents potential for income generation through university-managed lodging services.

The university also unveiled a 200-meter campus road network that connects the campus to Apagonan Road, significantly enhancing accessibility and mobility. This development supports CSU's Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP) and contributes to long-term campus planning and land use optimization.

To strengthen alumni engagement, CSU opened the Balai ti Alumni, a dedicated space for alumni services,

career placement programs, and institutional networking. The facility aims to serve as a hub for reconnecting alumni with university initiatives and fostering long-term partnerships.

On June 10, 2025, OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, alongside CSU vice presidents, campus executive officers, and university officials, led the ribbon-cutting and groundbreaking ceremonies for two additional infrastructure projects at CSU Aparri: the Fish Production and Management Office and the Upgrading of the Aramang Processing Facility.

The Fish Production and Management Office is designed to enhance aquaculture-related research

and instruction. It will support CSU's agri-fishery programs by focusing on sustainable practices, fisheries management, and food security, while also aiding local economic development.

Meanwhile, the Upgrading of the Aramang Processing Facility, a Php5,000,000.00 project funded by the Department of Agriculture–Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR), aims to increase the facility's production capacity by 75%. The expansion includes additional equipment and workspace, directly benefiting students, researchers, and local fisherfolk. 🐟



SCAN TO WATCH THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



BEYOND THE BOOTHS: CSU'S BRANCHES OF INNOVATIVE BREAKTHROUGHS

The Sarabo Achievement Hub unfurls its lush branches across the nine vibrant campuses of Cagayan State University (CSU), like a majestic tree rooted deep in the fertile soil of knowledge and aspiration.

Each branch brims with luscious fruits—testaments to the collective labor, diverse Research, Development & Extension (RDE), and an unwavering flame of innovation of the various campuses. Under the golden sun of progress, these branches sway, whispering tales of dedication and growth, their leaves rustling with the promise of a flourishing future.

The Hoot Spot – CSU Andrews

Perched quietly but confidently among the vibrant offerings of this year's showcase is The Hoot Spot, the health-focused booth of CSU Andrews Campus. Inspired by the night owl,

a symbol of vigilance and wisdom, the booth embodies the campus's identity of "watching over your health."

Their product lineup is a thoughtful fusion of nutrition, wellness, and creativity. Those who stop by are treated to spinach cookies, squash donuts, sweet potato bread, beef tapa, and lettuce chips, each one not just delicious, but designed with health and research in mind. Even their antibacterial skincare products and storybook souvenirs reflect the same principle: nourishing both body and mind.

As one of the quietly compelling fruits of this year's innovation tree, The Hoot Spot stands out for its balance of science and soul. The space feels more like a comforting corner than a commercial display, an invitation to slow down, taste something good, and reflect on how health can be nurtured in everyday choices. Through each item crafted with purpose, CSU Andrews proves that to care

for others is also to educate, to nourish, and to create.

Aquamart – CSU Aparri

Where the river meets the sea, the Aquamart of CSU Aparri shall be busy. Through its niche products, freshwater and seafood products, the CSU Aparri's product roster thrives with the fisherfolk.

They offer a wide array of fresh seafood such as lobsters, padaw, vannamei, crabs, blue marlin, and malaga. It also showcases dried fish varieties including aramang, bursawit, sweet pusit, espada, and dilis, among others. For those who prefer ready-to-eat delights, their packaged products include Aramang Chili Garlic Oil, Aramang Chicken Pastil, Sweet and Spicy Dilis, Smoked Bangus, Tapang Bangus, and Fish Lumpia.

Beyond its vibrant product lineup, CSU Aparri is also breaking new ground in research and product development. Among the innovative seafood-based

creations in progress are alamang crinkles and alamang takoyaki.

The production of some of these products are in partnership with adopted barangays, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), and Padaya Women's Association. This shall ensure that the seaside is brought to your taste buds in just a single purchase.

Just as the sea waves surge the shore, the Aquamart aspires to plunge its impact to the communities that surround it. *"Our adopted barangay is like a family to us, and everything we do is influenced by their needs and preferences. Therefore, from cross-harvesting to labeling and packaging, all our products are meticulously researched and tailored to their specific requirements."* Ms. Diana Grace Licopit, a professor at CSU Aparri, shared her insights into the heart and soul behind their extension projects and the products they sell. 🐟

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Eagle's Nest – CSU Carig

Tuguegarao City, the major urban center of Cagayan, is home to CSU Carig Eagle's Nest, a hub where culture and innovation intertwine.

At the heart of it lies CSU Carig's Electromobility Research and Development Center (EMRDC), it is a testament to their commitment to environmental conservation and accessibility.

They have developed four innovative vehicles that cater to various needs: the E-buggy, designed for agriculture and rugged terrains; the E-trike and C-trike, converted from gas-fed engines to electric, which are already in use in Tuguegarao for emergencies; and the E-bus, currently in its development phase. Engr. Niel Israel shared that the initial cost of ₱2.50 per kilometer was reduced to ₱0.88 per kilometer when their vehicles were converted to electric.

Beyond engineering, the Eagle's Nest takes pride in its range of utilities to their community. They offer printing services within the campus, including souvenir items and services that are typically sought outside the campus, such as ID photos, tote bags, thesis bindings, ballpens, tokens, emblems, personalized notebooks, graduation photos, and more.

Furthermore, they have their own packaged products, including Fried Okra, Chichamatis, Turmeric Powder, and Ready to Drink Products.

The eagle's nest also extends its handwoven products, which are crafted by their partners from the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), who are Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL), it embodies the

campus's broader mission—creating meaningful change through inclusive, grounded development.

Balai Tangkiran – CSU Gonzaga

In a sea of booths bursting with color and enterprise, Balai Tangkiran of CSU Gonzaga stood as tall as the towering bamboo sticks—not only in form, but in spirit. Rooted in the Ilocano word "tangkiran," meaning resilient, the booth was more than an exhibit; it was a lived-in message.

Styled as a humble bamboo home complete with a sala, kitchen, and dining area, it was CSU Gonzaga's quiet yet compelling tribute to sustainable innovation. From the intricately engineered bamboo furniture to handcrafted mugs, plaques, and banana plantlets, every corner of the booth echoed the university's commitment to research, rural identity, and grounded creativity.

But this ingenuity did not just stop at structure. Their table was lined with research-based local products that felt both familiar yet new: nipakuratsa, bamboo cookies, chichacorn, chili oil, condiments, and soil enhancers, all crafted with purpose and pride in the indigenous resources found in their land.

The fact that these were all handmade by students and faculty, driven by community need and local knowledge, made the experience richer. Balai Tangkiran did not just showcase what CSU Gonzaga can do—it invited visitors to imagine what sustainable rural futures could look like when culture, science, innovation and hearts work together.

Balai Nego-show – CSU Lal-lo

With the comforting aroma of freshly brewed coffee wafting through the air, Balai Nego-Show, the booth of CSU Lal-lo, offers visitors a taste of heritage. Their niche centers on Valena Heritage coffee beans, a local treasure elevated through research into a rich, proudly rooted product. From raw beans to carefully processed brews, every cup tells a story of soil, history, and academic rigor.

As part of the larger showcase of campus-grown innovation, CSU Lal-lo stands out for bringing warmth and depth into each sip—proof that even the most familiar flavors can be reimagined with care and science.

While its products reflect creativity, Balai Nego-Show draws its soul from its thoughtful and purposeful design. The booth itself is modular and collapsible, a conscious choice meant to symbolize unity and collective movement.

"*Kapag gagalaw ang isa, gagalaw ang lahat*," Mr. Lyle Gavien Alcomendras, CSU Lal-lo's Science Research Assistant, shared; capturing the spirit of collaboration that extends from their student entrepreneurs to the communities they serve.

Balai Nego-Show is a mobile home of enterprise—designed to adapt, respond, and grow wherever it takes root.

Sparrow's Nest – CSU Lasam

Like a fruit ripened under the nurturing branches of SARABO, the CSU Lasam Campus brings forth a booth that's as warm and comforting as a cup of native chocolate, the Sparrow's Nest.

At its core is cacao—Lasam's proud niche, transformed through intensive research into a variety of delectable products. From rich, locally processed cacao tableya to smooth, comforting chocolate drinks and handcrafted cacao candies, every item is a result of campus-led studies that explore flavor, sustainability, and quality. These offerings go beyond tradition—they are proof of how science and agri-innovation can elevate local ingredients into refined, market-ready creations.

The hands-on exhibit also reflects Lasam's deep investment in food science and technology, highlighting Lasam's identity as a place "where tradition meets tech." Like a carefully built nest, their booth is both grounded and forward-looking—each product a feather woven from knowledge, culture, and pride.

Ytawes Fresh – CSU Piat

True to its name, Ytawes Fresh, the booth of CSU Piat Campus, brings a refreshing charm to the annual showcase. Nestled like a ripe fruit on the SARABO, this booth offers a full experience where every detail contributes to a rich and welcoming atmosphere.

With its cozy, farm-inspired setup, complete with natural tones and warm, inviting textures, the space evokes the feeling of being welcomed into a countryside dairy haven. At the heart of their display is their niche: dairy. Their flagship items including flavored fresh milk in delightful variants and the innovative Squassio ice cream made from squash, are all born from research that reflects the campus's academic focus on dairy and agriculture.

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Beyond the booths...from page 5...

Every product on the table is backed by science and crafted with care. From mango fruit bars and fresh sugarcane juice to mushroom fruiting bags, each item reflects research-driven solutions to local needs, sustainability, and food innovation.

Behind every farm-fresh treat is a story of collaboration and purpose, crafted through student and faculty efforts to uplift local economies and strengthen agri-dairy practices.

At Ytawes Fresh, CSU Piat proves that freshness, warmth, and academic purpose can come together in one welcoming, delicious booth.

Palmira – CSU Sanchez Mira

Among the vibrant offerings of this year's expo, the CSU Sanchez Mira Campus presents Palmira—a creative branding that celebrates innovation through nature's most versatile resource: the palm tree. Aptly named, "Palmira" is a fusion of palm and Sanchez Mira, reflecting both the origin and essence of

their creations.

The booth itself is a feast for the senses. From charming novelty items to locally made delicacies, Palmira showcases an impressive variety—coco chandeliers that cast soft, natural light; keychains and soap dishes crafted from coconut shells; and nipa vinegar, spicy vinegar, and bignay wine that offer bold, native flavors.

The sweet richness of coco jam, the savory aroma of longganisa, and the refreshing tang of coconut-based condiments are sure to leave anyone craving more. Each piece and product speaks to Sanchez Mira's commitment to innovation and their ability to create value from the resources abundantly available around them.

Through Palmira, they prove that with creativity and care, even the simplest local materials can bloom into something remarkable.

Amianay – CSU Solana

Amianay from CSU Solana introduced itself not with

fanfare, but with the quiet confidence of a community that knows its roots. Derived from "amia" (north) and "ay" (palay), Amianay translates to Palay of the North—a fitting name for a booth grounded in the rice-rich identity of Solana, presenting its harvests: Rice Coffee, Rice Wine, Rice Vinegar, Pigmented Rice, Baked Sushi. Echoing the rhythm of the paddies and the spirit of farmers, the booth showcased rice not only as food but as culture transformed. Pickled Papaya, and Pickled Ampalaya also lined the tables, each jar and bottle a distilled memory of Solana's local flavors.

The pride of their booth, however, was the Red Rice Kropék, a product of ongoing research and development at CSU Solana. Flavored with shrimp and moringa, it was more than a snack, it was proof that tradition and innovation can co-exist on a single bite.

Every product at Amianay was a testament to the university's commitment to research-based community

development, giving local harvests new life and economic purpose.

In bringing their products to a broader audience, CSU Solana was not merely promoting local goods—it was telling Solana's story, one rice grain at a time.

The SARABO Achievement Hub stands as a testament to the unity of CSUans in championing research, sustainability, and community-rooted innovation. It stands as living proof of how far the CSU's roots have reached and how brightly its branches continue to grow.

Whether it's dairy, seafood, rice, coffee beans, palm trees, cacao, bamboo, health, or transportation, one thing is for sure: Cagayan State University, with the nine campuses in its full glory, is set to flourish in innovation—from one small step to a huge quantum leap. 🌱

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In contrast, “kammel” involves catching fish with bare hands, showcasing quick reflexes and familiarity with the water. Both methods reflect the community’s deep-rooted fishing culture and connection to their environment. Awards were given based on which teams caught the biggest fish and the highest total number of catches.

Ahead of the curve

In the afternoon, faculty members channeled their creativity and intellect during the Cagayan State University Innovation Challenge Pitching Competitions, held at the Gatchalian Building with the theme, “Fostering Innovation through Research Commercialization”.

Each pitcher was given five minutes to present and three

minutes to answer questions from the panelists.

The Idea Pitch Category included the following innovations: Gridshield Analytics: A Typhoon Resiliency Simulation and Mapping Tool; SmartAgriGate: A Self-Powered Intelligent Irrigation Gate System with Remote Monitoring and Control; MicroBoost: The Hidden Microbial Gems in Bamboo Agroforestry; “Agricool” Smart Greenhouse; Small-Scale, Modular, Climate-Controlled, and Solar-Powered Pig House; Flood Watch; NipaBriqs A Sustainable Charcoal Briquette from Nipa Palm Fronds; Gatacube: Shelf-Stable Coconut Milk Cubes for Instant Use; CHREWS: A Smart IoT-Based Classroom Heat Risk and Environment Wellness System with

Predictive Alerts and Adaptive Response; Biopesticides: Harnessing Botanical Extracts for the Management of Lepidopteran Pests in Major Philippine Crops; Bio-Nhibitor: Bio-Alternative Nitrification Inhibitor for Slow-Release N Fertilizer Solar-Powered Flood Monitoring and Alert System with Real-Time SMS.O; and AgriFUND, Growing Resilience through Regenerative Agriculture. Meanwhile, the Technology Pitch Category consisted of: Conversion of Conventional Tricycle to e-trike (C-Trike); Mango Fruit Bar; Cacao Tinupig; Essential Oil Extractor; Milky Bamb; and Small-Scale Climate-Controlled Chick Brooder.

Let the games begin

While milestones stood tall, the true essence of fellowship was felt in the camaraderie

built during interactive games held at the CSU Aparri Gymplex, where faculty and staff from different campuses were grouped together in the spirit of fun and friendly competition. After the grand entrance and cheering yells, participants engaged in both mental and physical challenges such as Jump and Match and Pass the Message Drawing Edition.

The afternoon led to rehearsals and the much-anticipated Ballroom Showdown and Group Presentation Showdown, where creativity and team spirit took center stage. The night ended on a high note with “Name That Tune and Sing” followed by a festive Community Dance and Videoke Showdown, leaving the crowd energized, entertained, and truly united. 🥳



CSU MARKS 47th YEAR WITH UNIFIED CELEBRATION; OIC PRESIDENT IBÁÑEZ HONORS PAST AND PRESENT UNIVERSITY BUILDERS

June 9, 2025 – With heartfelt words and hopeful reflection, CSU OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez marked the 47th Founding Anniversary of Cagayan State University (CSU) by thanking the very people who built and continue to shape it.

In his message, Dr. Ibañez honored past CSU leaders and recognized the dedication of faculty, staff, and officials across all campuses and the central administration. He credited

their collective efforts for CSU’s transformation from a vocational school to a full-fledged university offering diverse academic programs.

He recalled how former CSU President Dr. Roger Perez once described the early challenges of limited enrollment and few course offerings, such as automotive and woodworking.

“Look at our transformation,” Dr. Ibañez said. “Leadership alone could not have made this happen, it’s

all because of you who have served CSU with unwavering service and dedication.”

The celebration took place simultaneously across all nine CSU campuses, Andrews, Aparri, Carig, Gonzaga, Lal-lo, Lasam, Piat, Sanchez Mira, and Solana-Lara, where faculty and staff actively participated in a variety of meaningful activities that highlighted camaraderie, collective achievements, and the shared journey of a thriving academic community.

Across the nine vibrant campuses of Cagayan State University, celebration took on many forms. Each campus became a stage where stories of pride, unity, and transformation unfolded in their own distinct way. No two programs were alike, yet all echoed a single spirit: that CSU’s 47-year journey is not only marked by time, but by the people who continue to shape it—one celebration, one memory, one campus at a time. 🥳



CSU APARRI LAUNCHES "FISH AND PLAY" ACTIVITY

In celebration of the 47th Founding Anniversary and in an aim to foster camaraderie and in effect better the interpersonal ties and relationships of its employees, Cagayan State University Aparri Campus conducted a Faculty and Personnel Activity dubbed as "F&P: Fish and Play" today, June 9, 2025.

The event commenced with an opening program held at

the Gymplex with a Zumba led by P.E. instructors and Cheers and Yells Competition participated by the different competing groups.

In his opening remarks, Engr. Audy R. Quebral, the Campus Executive Officer, emphasized the importance of gratitude and unity in achieving goals.

"May we continue to be grateful for the blessings that

we have received because of CSU Aparri and to reflect on what we can contribute more for our beloved University so it will continue to soar higher," he added.

Additionally, exemplary groups of employees of the campus were acknowledged in honor of their outstanding performances and services rendered to the University. Meanwhile, attendees participated in the Balsa-ton,

Catch and Grill and Crab-e-oke Challenges which were designed to promote participation and connection among the employees.

The activity carried the theme, "A Catch of Friendship and Celebration," symbolizing the strong bond and camaraderie among the faculty members and personnel of CSU Aparri. 🍷

CSU CARIG CELEBRATES WITH GAMES AND CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

The Cagayan State University Carig joyfully joined the simultaneous campus celebration of CSU's 47th Anniversary on June 9, 2025. Faculty, staff, and personnel assembled at Palm Avenue to kick off the event with a lively parade leading to the Red Eagle Gymnasium.

This year's celebration embraced the theme "Eh

Kasi, Bata," highlighting the energy, creativity, and youthful spirit that each employee brings to the campus.

In his message, CEO Roger highlighted the value of remembering our roots and the carefree spirit of childhood, reminding everyone that these memories can inspire a brighter, more hopeful future.

Following the opening program, participants relived fond childhood memories through a variety of traditional Filipino games including patintero, kadang-kadang, luksong tinik, dama, sungka, karera ng alupihan, bati-cobra, bunong braso, trumpo, tug-of-war, holen, Chinese garter, jackstone, sack race relay, piko, limbo rock, tumbang preso, and hula hoops.

Adding a sweet treat to the day, the CEO and campus directors served ice cream to the attendees.

The celebration culminated in a hearty and festive Tinuno Festival lunch, bringing everyone together over grilled local delicacies. 🍷





CSU SANCHEZ MIRA SHOWCASES ACHIEVEMENTS AND BOARD PASSERS

Under the resounding theme "Soaring High: Celebrating 47 Years of Excellence and Transformation at Cagayan State University," the CSU-Sanchez Mira Campus community came together today, June 9, to celebrate the university's 47th Founding Anniversary.

The day commenced with a Motorcade and Parade from the Sanchez Mira Bridge to the campus, where students, faculty, staff, alumni, and honored guests proudly marched through the streets,

symbolizing the strong bond between the university and its surrounding community while showcasing the enduring spirit and legacy of CSU.

The program proper followed on the campus, highlighted by a keynote message from Prof. Dr. Rodel Francisco T. Alegado, Campus Executive Officer, who reflected on CSU's transformative journey, stating, "*We gather not only to celebrate the passage of time but to honor a legacy... CSU is like the falcon—rising above the clouds, undaunted by*

storms, and always reaching for the skies."

He further encouraged embracing continuous growth and innovation, and that CSU's mission of excellence is reflected in its classrooms, educators, and graduates, particularly those who have passed recent board and licensure examinations.

One of the key highlights of the program was the awarding of Certificates of Commendation to the Board and Licensure Exam Passers from the College of

Teacher Education, College of Agriculture, and College of Criminal Justice Education, and College of Engineering, with college deans presenting the awards and commending the passers for their outstanding achievements and contributions to CSU's continued reputation for academic excellence.

Adding to the celebration, all P.E. 12 students performed a Community Dance, energizing the audience and highlighting the university's youthful and dynamic spirit. 🎉

CSU ANDREWS OPENS ANNIVERSARY WITH HONORS AND CELEBRATION

At Cagayan State University Andrews Campus, the celebration opened with a program graced by OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, who addressed the CSU Andrews community

with a message of pride and reflection. CEO Atty. Carla Sumigad welcomed faculty and staff warmly.

The event featured the first awarding of the Paddaraway Campus Honor

Awards, recognizing the exemplary performance of the four colleges in board examinations, accreditation, and other accomplishments.

The day also included Zumba, Dance Fusion,

and a Trio Singing Contest, highlighting the vibrant talents of the CSU Andrews faculty and personnel. 🎉





CSU GONZAGA HONORS TOP EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Cagayan State University-Gonzaga joined in the simultaneous university-wide celebration of CSU's 47th founding anniversary last June 9 with a festive campus activity that put the limelight on its employees' dedication and excellence through an awarding ceremony.

The one-day celebration welcomed campus officials, faculty members, administrative staff and students in a demonstration of unity and pride for CSU's tradition of academic service. The core of the event was the awarding of excellent employees and offices—a tribute to those who have

exceeded expectations in serving the university. Recipients were awarded for their professionalism, dedication, and outstanding contributions to CSU-Gonzaga's success.

During his keynote speech, Campus Executive Officer Dr. Froilan A. Pacris, Jr. reminisced his seven-year tenure as the campus head, citing profound appreciation to the community for its continued support.

He passionately presented how the campus has been transformed from within based on the principles of unity, strength, and common purpose.

"The achievement we honor today does not belong to me alone, it is ours. It is the harvest of our cooperation and unity," he said. "May the spirit of Tangkiran continue to live in all of you."

The word "Tangkiran," which was invented during his term, reflects the campus's strength—such as the bamboo that yields but does not break.

Dr. Pacris urged everyone to take this attitude with them in every adversity they encounter and in every triumph they reach.

Adding to the official program, the celebration also included motorcade that was

paraded around the Gonzaga streets and cheered by residents.

The event was preceded by a flag-raising ceremony within the campus. The morning concluded with a team-building event that united the faculty, staff in exciting, interactive games meant to improve camaraderie and teamwork.

As CSU-Gonzaga faces the future, the 47th founding anniversary is a witness to the resilience of its people, the strength of its values, and its continuing mission of "Educating for the Best." 🏆

CSU PIAT CELEBRATES LEGACY AND EXCELLENCE

Piat, Cagayan — The Cagayan State University (CSU) Piat Campus marked its 47th founding anniversary today under the theme "Soaring High: Celebrating 47 Years of Excellence and Transformation at Cagayan State University."

The celebration began with a campus parade and motorcade that took place around the town, showcasing

the unity and pride of the faculty and staff.

One of the highlights of the event was the presentation of the Accomplishment Report for the first and second quarters of the year, along with the Way Forward Plan, which outlines the campus' strategic goals and initiatives for the future.

As part of the anniversary celebration, the campus

recognized the outstanding contributions of its workforce.

Certificates of recognition were awarded to faculty and staff who have demonstrated exemplary performance in their roles. Loyalty awards were also given to employees who have dedicated years of service to the institution.

Additional recognitions included honors for outstanding faculty and

staff based on the First Semester IPCR, as well as top-performing faculty based on student evaluations.

The celebration served not only as a commemoration of CSU's 47 remarkable years but also as an inspiration for the university community to continue striving for excellence and transformation in the years ahead. 🏆





CSU LAL-LO STRENGTHENS BONDS THROUGH FRIENDSHIP GAMES

Lal-lo, Cagayan—The spirit of unity and camaraderie was in full display as Cagayan State University (CSU) at Lal-lo Campus organized its local celebration of CSU's 47th Founding Anniversary on June 9, through vibrant and dynamic friendship games, aimed at promoting stronger interpersonal relationships and work synergy among its faculty, staff, and students.

With the university-wide theme Soaring High:

Celebrating 47 Years of Excellence Transformation at Cagayan State University, the celebration in the campus was part of a synchronized campus-wide festivities across CSU's nine campuses, aligning with the university-wide celebration running from June 2 to 11, 2025.

The day's activities began with motorcade that coursed through the streets of barangays Magapit, and Sta. Maria, signaling the start of a festive and purpose-driven

day.

OIC President Dr. Arthur G. Ibañez, who graced personally CSU Lal-lo's event, emphasized the importance of building relationships beyond the confines of academic and administrative roles.

"While we celebrate the milestones of our university, we also recognize that our greatest strength lies in our people, and events like these build the foundation for a more

connected, collaborative CSU community," Dr. Ibañez said.

A major highlight of the celebration was the series of friendship games, particularly traditional Laro ng Lahi such as Patintero, sack race, touching ball, which drew participation from faculty, non-teaching personnel, and student leaders. 🏆

CSU LASAM HONORS COMMUNITY, CELEBRATES WITH TINUNO FESTIVAL

To commemorate the glorious 47 years of Cagayan State University (CSU), CSU-Lasam joined the eight other campuses in the Simultaneous Campus Celebration of CSU's 47th Founding Anniversary on June 9, 2025.

Anchored with the theme Soaring High: Celebrating 47 Years of Excellence and Transformation at Cagayan State University, the members of the faculty, staff, and

students convened at Ace Fuel Station for the Grand Walk, showing a sense of unity, school spirit, and community pride.

To formally commence the Opening Program and offer a moment of reflection and thanksgiving, an Ecumenical Service led by Pastor Heljum M. Duria of Church of God Centro 2, Lasam, Cagayan was conducted.

Reflecting on nearly five decades of institutional

growth, CEO Florante Victor M. Balatico underscored in his opening remarks that the true essence of success lies in the depth of impact and the quality it brings to students and the communities.

"Soaring high does not only mean counting numbers, we are not just talking about what is here, but more so, we should be talking about quality," the CEO stated.

After the Opening Program, the CSU Lasam community

engaged in simultaneous activities which included: Ballroom Dance Competition, Vocal Duet Competition, and Laro ng Lahi, creating an atmosphere of excitement, sportsmanship, and collaboration.

Capping off the day's celebration, the Tinuno Festival allowed the participants to come together, grill, and share food in the traditional tinuno style, paying homage to local culinary heritage. 🍴





CSU SOLANA-LARA WRAPS UP WITH SPIRITUALITY AND LAUGHTER

At Cagayan State University Solana-Lara Campus, the 47th Founding Anniversary celebration was marked with a blend of solemnity and joy. The day began with a Eucharistic Celebration, followed by fun-filled Umaga and Hapon Editions of games and social activities.

Campus Executive Officer Engr. Ma. Haidee A. Mabborang, gave an inspiring message that set a positive tone for the day's celebration.

"This is a once-a-year celebration, and we are happy that the campus had the chance to celebrate on its own to give opportunities to those who cannot join the activities at CSU-Aparri Campus," Engr. Mabborang said.

"More than just a celebration, this day reminds us that behind every milestone

of CSU are dedicated people who work, grow, and laugh together. When we celebrate as one, we strengthen the heart and soul of the university," she added.

The morning edition of the Campus Socials opened with "Zumba Zamba!", a lively dance session that helped everyone shake off stress and start the day with energy. Faculty and staff also took part in the all-time favorite "Henyot Henya sa CSU!", a campus twist on the classic "Pinoy Henyo" that showcased quick wit and teamwork.

In the afternoon, the excitement continued with "Bing-Go Laughter!", a wacky bingo session spiced up with surprise dares and hilarious prizes.

As the day came to a close, Dr. Vicenta B. Maguddayao, Campus Academic

Coordinator, emphasized the importance of celebrations like this in building an academic community and congratulated everyone for their active participation and showcased team spirit.

"Moments like this remind us that while we pursue academic excellence, we must also nurture the relationships that make our campus. Today's celebration proves that laughter, unity, and shared joy are just as vital in building a strong university," Dr. Maguddayao noted.

Indeed, the 47th CSU Founding Anniversary celebration at CSU Solana-Lara Campus was a day of laughter, connection, and shared memories, proving that when the CSU family comes together, every moment becomes meaningful. 🥰

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ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS



CSU PROMOTED INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING THROUGH ANNIVERSARY CONVOCATIONS

In celebration of its 47th Founding Anniversary, Cagayan State University (CSU) initiated a week-long Convocation Series from June 2–6, 2025, featuring academic and professional lectures for faculty and support personnel across all campuses and colleges.

The series opened on June 2 with legal-focused discussions for faculty members, covering updates on criminal procedure, individual rights during arrest and seizure, and approaches and strategies in dealing with children in conflict with the law (CICL).

Simultaneously, administrative personnel and staff attended a separate session on public service ethics, GSIS benefits and obligations, and the use of GSIS iTouch—equipping them with essential knowledge of their rights, responsibilities, and financial literacy as government employees.

On June 3, faculty members explored developments in technology and engineering. Key topics included science and technology innovation, mechatronics, and career

growth in the tech industry. These sessions aimed to enhance their technical competencies in Industrial Technology, Engineering, Architecture, and Computing Sciences.

On June 4, the focus shifted to business and hospitality education, with lectures on leadership, artificial intelligence, and emerging business and industry opportunities.

On June 5, CSU continued the series with lectures centered on personal well-being and inclusivity. Participants engaged in sessions on stress management, disaster preparedness, basic life support, and gender sensitivity.

The convocation series concluded on June 6 with agriculture, veterinary, and fisheries-focused lectures. Topics included smart farming systems, sustainable coconut and coffee production, aquaculture, and climate-resilient crop breeding—supporting CSU's commitment to food security and climate resilience. 🌱

"Look at our transformation. Leadership alone could not have made this happen, it's all because of you who have served CSU with unwavering service and dedication."

DR. ARTHUR G. IBÁÑEZ
CSU OIC President

"The progress of this university cannot be attributed to a single reform, leadership, or policy shift. Rather, it is the result of accumulated effort—repeated, often uncelebrated, yet indispensable labor performed by individuals across the academic and administrative spectrum."

ATTY. CARLA MARIE L. SUMIGAD
CEO, Andrews Campus

"May we continue to be grateful for the blessings that we have received because of CSU Aparri and to reflect on what we can contribute more for our beloved University so it will continue to soar higher."

DR. AUDY R. QUEBRAL
CEO, Aparri Campus

"On our 47th Year, we honor the years we've counted, the lives we've changed, the truths we've pursued, and the future we continue to shape."

ENGR. ROGER P. RUMPON
CEO, Carig Campus

The achievement we honor today does not belong to me alone, it is ours. It is the harvest of our cooperation and unity."

DR. FROILAN A. PACRIS JR.
CEO, Gonzaga Campus

The 47th founding anniversary was a parry (Aparri) move minimizing expenditure yet very FISH-tive.

DR. POLICARPIO L. MABBORANG JR.
CEO, Lal-lo Campus

"Soaring high does not only mean counting numbers, we are not just talking about what is here, but more so, we should be talking about quality."

DR. FLORANTE VICTOR M. BALATICO
CEO, Lasam Campus

CSU at 47 isn't just about counting the years—it's about the lives we've touched, the futures we've helped build, and the mission we continue to carry forward.

DR. HITLER DANGATAN
CEO, Pait Campus

CSU is like the falcon—rising above the clouds, undaunted by storms, and always reaching for the skies."

DR. RODEL FRANCISCO T. ALEGADO
CEO, Sanchez Mira Campus

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ENGR. MA. HAIDEE A. MABBORANG
CEO, Solana - Lara Campus



Congratulations!

Campus Achievement Showcase Hub

1st Place: Carig Campus (Eagle's Nest)
2nd Place: Gonzaga Campus (Balai Tangkiran)
3rd Place: Lallo Campus (Balai Negoshow)

Income Generating Project (IGP) Hub

1st Place: Gonzaga – Php217,557 (Balai Tangkiran)
2nd Place: Sanchez Mira – Php166,845 (Palmira)
3rd Place: Piat – Php150,262 (Ytawes Fresh)

Best Innovative Idea Pitching

1st Place: Carig
2nd Place: Carig
3rd Place: Piat

Best Technology Pitch

1st Place: Carig
2nd Place: Piat
3rd Place: Andrews

Culinary Innovation Award

1st Place: Carig
2nd Place: Andrews
3rd Place: Aparri

Hook & Harvest – Biggest Catch

1st Place: Group 1 (Dr. Froilan Pacris)
2nd Place: Group 4 (Dr. Ma. Haidee Mabborang)
3rd Place: Group 9 (Engr. Roger Rumpon)

Hook & Harvest – Total Catch

1st Place: Group 1 (Dr. Froilan Pacris)
2nd Place: Group 10 (Dr. Ana Marie Cauilan)
3rd Place: Group 6 (Dr. Rodel Alegado)

Best Tinuno Presentation

1st Place: Lallo
2nd Place: Aparri
3rd Place: Carig

Team Performance Challenge

1st Place (Tie): Group 8 (Dr. Mariden V. Cauilan)
and Group 15 (Dr. Policarpio L. Mabborang, Jr.)
3rd Place: Group 9 (Engr. Roger P. Rumpon)

Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE)

Administrative Employee of the Year
Mr. Ruben B. Ternura

Auxiliary Staff of the Year
A. Maintenance Employee of the Year Award
Mr. Joveniel Santarita
Mr. Delmundo Navarro

B. Driver of the Year Award
Mr. Flordelin Damaso
Mr. Cesar Yadan

C. Security Guard of the Year Award

Ms. Margielyn Madriaga
Mr. Racky Tuliao

Campus Executive Officer of the Year Award
Engr. Roger P. Rumpon

Dean of the Year Award
Dr. Julius T. Capili

Faculty of the Year Award
Dr. Jay-cen T. Amanonce

Faculty Researcher of the Year Award (Applied Science Category)
Dr. Audy R. Quebral

Faculty Researcher of the Year Award (Social Science Category)
Dr. Conchita M. Temporal

