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Dr. Bea Carranza Ranks 1st in the DLE 2024

This is not me. This is the Lord's doing," Dr. Beamor Dante Carranza confessed that this was not her but the Lord as she emerged as top 1 during the November 2024 Dental Licensure Examinations, earning a remarkable score of 84.40%.

Dr. Bea, as she is commonly known, shared the personal challenges and spiritual experiences that guided her throughout her preparation for the board exams: "I had many doubts," Carranza admitted. "I struggled to focus and tried various study methods, but nothing seemed to help. In my moment of uncertainty, I turned to prayer. I remember saying, 'Lord, kayo na po bahala sa'kin (You take care of it for me). I surrender everything to You,'" she testified that she felt vulnerable and all she had was prayer.

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Carranza recollected her experience during the exams at the testing center. "I wasn't excited; I had uncertainties creeping in. But then, I remembered something important—I brought my prayer. I stopped for a moment and prayed: 'Lord, kayo na po mag-sagot ng exam (Lord, please take charge of my exam). I am not sure of anything.' She recalled that during the exams, all she had was this short prayer that she kept repeating to herself quietly. Even after the practical exams, she had insecurities because, based on her assessment, it felt like she would not pass the boards.

Faith carried her through the difficult waiting period after the practical exams as the licensure exam results loomed. "During the 10 days of waiting, my prayer remained constant: 'Lord, give me peace of mind to accept whatever exam results I have.'" She shared because she had a

mindset that she would not pass the exam, but the Lord had other plans for Dr. Bea.

Dr. Bea affirms that God gave her more than what she prayed for. For her, it was mind-blowing and required a lot of processing.

Dr. Herminiano Subido, the dean of the AUP College of Dentistry, shared his thoughts on Carranza's remarkable achievement. "When I first saw her name on the list, I did not realize it was the top 10. I was dumbfounded. All the memories of Bea flashed before me," he mentioned when the results came out. "It's really inspiring to see someone who struggled alongside others, someone who was just like everyone else, achieve something that seemed impossible. This is truly God's gift," he added.

"My journey is just a showcase of how powerful prayer can be and what God can do. I never asked to be on top and was never an A



student, but God allowed it to happen. Maybe He wants to show me and you what great things He can do if we only surrender everything to Him," she testified.

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LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

AUP PASSING RATE

100%

NATIONAL PASSING RATE

45.51%

SECONDARY LEVEL

AUP PASSING RATE

100%

NATIONAL PASSING RATE

56.88%

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67.83%

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AUP Celebrates Exceptional Performance in Licensure Examinations for Teachers and Dentists

The Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) continues to shine brightly in the academic arena as its graduates excelled in the recent licensure examinations for both the teaching and dental professions, achieving remarkable results released by the Professional Regulatory Commission in December 2024.

In the September 2024 Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET), the College of Education attained an excellent performance of 100% passing rate for both the elementary and secondary levels. This accomplishment surpassed national passing rates of 45.51% for the elementary level and 56.88% for the secondary level. The AUP future educators have not only proven their academic excellence but also exemplify the institution's mission as character builders who will inspire the next generation with Adventist education.

Meanwhile, in the November 2024 Dentist Licensure Examination (DLE), the College of Dentistry achieved an outstanding 96.43% overall passing rate, solidifying its reputation as one of the premier institutions for dental education. This success highlighted the dedication of the College of Dentistry dean, chairs, faculty, clinical instructors, and students in upholding the highest standards of excellence and service.

Both accomplishments reflect the University's unwavering commitment to wholistic education, training professionals who excel in their fields with Christ-like character and heart of service.



AUP Recognized at 2024 CHED CALABARZON IZN Awards

The Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) was given the 2024 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) CALABARZON IZN Award during the culmination of the ASEAN's 57th Founding Anniversary celebration at the Lyceum of the Philippines University-Cavite Auditorium, on December 18, 2024. The award recognized AUP's unwavering support for the internationalization of Philippine higher education through its exemplary initiatives and accomplishments. Added to this recognition, the University was also presented with the "EDURANK Best Universities Award 2024", a testament to its outstanding commitment and dedicated service to the advancement of Philippine higher education.

The awards ceremony highlighted the theme, "ASEAN: Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience," reflecting the region's focus on fostering collaboration and resilience among member states. AUP's achievements continue to attest the University's steadfast dedication to promoting global connections and excellence in education.

Mrs. Eunice Carpizo, Community Extension Service (CES) Director; Dr. Reuben Carpizo, Accreditation Director; and Dr. Jolly Balila, Research Director, were present to receive the awards.



AUP Team Promotes in Occidental Mindoro

The Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) promotional team has been actively reaching out to communities in Occidental Mindoro to share the value of Adventist education. The recent two-day initiative included stops in Sta. Cruz, Sablayan, and San Jose fostering engagement with local Adventist communities and educational institutions.



On December 14, the team—composed of Mr. Ivan Perdido, the marketing officer; Mr. Rodel Romero, the creatives and web master officer; and Charissa Uy, the communication officer—participated in the Sabbath Fellowship and Praise program at Sta. Cruz. The event provided a meaningful platform to connect with church members and promote AUP's mission and course offerings.

The team also visited the San Jose Adventist Academy. They met Mr. (name) Fameronag, the SJAA principal, endorsing the promotional materials and discount vouchers to be distributed in the Grade 12 sections. The team also had a meaningful encounter with parents whose children are currently studying in the University.



On the following day, Sunday, the team visited D-SHEP Foundation Academy, Inc., located in Sta. Lucia, Sablayan. This laymen-run school, established and managed by the Daniel Pamintuan family, has been a steadfast partner in advancing Adventist education in the region. During the visit, the team met with Mrs. (first name) Reyes, the school's principal, to deliver promotional materials and discount vouchers for prospective students. They also presented a gift box to Mr. Sherdan Pamintuan, president of D-SHEP Foundation Academy, as a token of appreciation for the institution's support.



Through these visits, the AUP promotional team continues to build strong relationships with Adventist communities and institutions, emphasizing the shared commitment to academic excellence and spiritual growth. The team's efforts highlight AUP's dedication to making quality Adventist education accessible to students across the Philippines.



AUP-COT Concludes Year with VOY and Mission Trips

The University in coordination with the Voice of Youth (VOY) and the College of Theology, launched an evangelistic effort across the Philippines. The effort, which involved 35 VOY groups, brought 126 individuals to Christ.

The VOY groups were deployed to various locations across the country, including Buhawan SDA Church in San Marcelino, Zambales; Jaen, Nueva Ecija; Laur, Nueva Ecija, General Tinio; Barangay Palma, Alaminos, Laguna; Sta. Fe, San Marcelino, Zambales; Bayani SDA Church in NauOriental Mindoro; Sitio Maangyo, Brgy. Urdaneta, Magallanes; Zambales; Gao, Quezon City; Tulay na Lupa SDA Church in Labo, Camarines Norte; Linao SDA Church in Romblon; Matandang Gasan, Marinduque; Brgy. Motricio, Lapaz, Tarlac; Imperial SDA Church in Tartaria, Silang, Cavite; Macatoc Victoria, Oriental Mindoro; Sitio Mayantoc, Brgy. Talisay, San Andres, Quezon Province; San Fernando, Sebuyan, Romblon; Kulisan, Narciso, Quezon Province; DRT, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija; Sitio Talisay, Brgy. Pagsanghan, San Francisco, Quezon; Dilaguidi Hill, Dilasag, Aurora; Brgy. Buhamon, San Marcelino, Zambales; San Marcelino, Zambales 1, 2, and 3; Sitio Diapila, Teneguiban, El Nido, Palawan; Sabang SDA Church in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro; San Lorenzo, Gapan, Nueva Ecija; Sitio Centro, Cabacao, Occidental Mindoro; Brgy. Pinaglubayan, Polillo, Quezon; Pugawan SDA Church in Quezon Province; Gumacas SDA Church in Casiguran, Aurora; Bamban, Tarlac; and Pantay Calaca, Batangas City.

The evangelistic initiative was guided and supported by 15 dedicated faculty and staff sponsors, who provided mentorship and encouragement to the student groups. Among the sponsors were Pastor Jaylord Hernando, Mr. Conrad Lo, Pastor Cerelito Cadao, Pastor Lowell Domocmat, Pastor Ryan Martinez, Pastor Dan Namanya, Pastor Danilo Endriga, Pastor Restituto Bualoy, Pastor Andresito Fernando, Mr. Roger Fabroa, Ms. Kate Pauline Facto, Mrs. Raquel Capiendo, Mrs. Gladys Grace Cadao, and Mr. Raymund Falculan.

These faculty and staff members also formed their own evangelism group-leading efforts in General Administration, Unisan, Quezon, further extending the reach of the initiative.

The VOY initiative reinforced the University's mission to empower young people to share the gospel while offering spiritual encouragement to communities in need, resulting in a transformative experience for both mission groups and mission communities.

The AUP-VOY continues to inspire the University community to embrace mission work, through real-life service, demonstrating the power of youth-led evangelism in fulfilling the Great Commission.



AUP Faculty and Staff Lead Evangelistic Effort in Unisan, Quezon

As the year 2024 drew to a close, the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) faculty and staff in the General Administration area took the lead a mission-centered vision through an evangelistic effort in Unisan, Quezon. This initiative highlighted the active involvement of 20 faculty and staff members and 15 children, that brought 8 new souls to the faith accepting Jesus Christ through baptism.

The evangelistic effort showcased a variety of community-centered activities aimed at addressing physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Dr. Karen Karundeng conducted medical consultations and presented health lectures on the NEWSTART principles, promoting holistic health and well-being. Mrs. Natividad Estapon facilitated circumcision services and led classes for parents, focusing on pregnancy and postpartum care, emphasizing holistic maternal health.

Dr. Arceli Rosario introduced a cooking class, teaching community members how to prepare nutritious vegetarian meals by maximizing locally available resources. The sessions developed the communication group with the name, "God's Abundant Kitchen." Youth-focused initiatives were led by Mr. Oemer and Mrs. Wendell Daquila, who conducted Purity Classes for the youth and their parents, promoting values and character-building. Faculty members' children contributed to children's ministry through music, sharing their talents to inspire and encourage the younger generation.

The program also emphasized family relationships and financial stewardship. The Daquilas presented lectures on family communication, while Mr. Ryan Abas provided insights into managing finances effectively. These efforts aimed to strengthen families and create harmonious homes.

The spiritual core of the event was anchored in Bible truth series presented by Pastor Noel Mariñas, where profound biblical messages were shared. The program culminated in eight baptisms, a testament to the transformative impact of the gospel message and the efforts of AUP faculty and staff.

This evangelistic mission exemplified AUP's commitment to engaging all its stakeholders—administrators, faculty, staff, students, parents, and the community—in the preaching of the gospel and missionary work. The activities in Plaridel, Unisan, Quezon, demonstrated the university's holistic approach, combining public and personal evangelism, teaching, health services, and mission-focused outreach to bring hope and transformation to communities beyond the campus.

The evangelistic effort not only made a lasting impact on the community but also reignited the mission-centered spirit of the AUP faculty and staff, who embraced their calling as ambassadors of God's work. Through this initiative, AUP continues to shine as a beacon of faith and service, fulfilling its mission to transform lives for eternity.



AUP Developmental Projects: Progress and Updates

As the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) continues its mission to provide holistic education and exceptional facilities, several developmental projects have been completed or are progressing steadily.



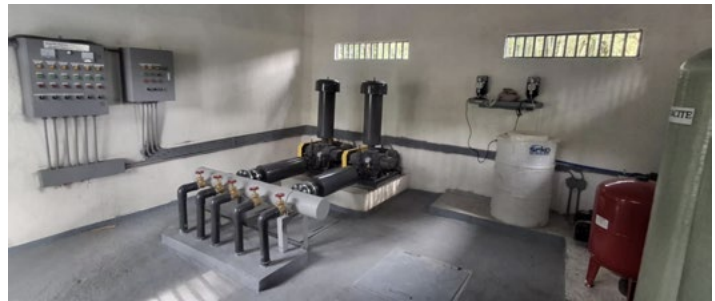
The **Cafeteria Renovation Phase 1** aims to enhance the dining experience by improving mobility, maximizing space, and upgrading interior aesthetics and ambience. Spearheaded by the collaboration between the Finance and Auxiliary Departments, this project has completed its first phase and is currently on standby, with an upgraded dining experience to look forward to in the near future.

The **ICTS Partition Project** focuses on enhancing the ICTS work area to improve operational efficiency and output. Led by the ICTS technical team, the project is progressing well and is expected to conclude soon, promising a more functional workspace that supports seamless workflows.

The **College of Dentistry (COD) Renovation and Extension project**



is upgrading clinical rooms to improve their capacity and accommodate additional dental chairs. In collaboration with the Finance Department, the COD is enhancing its instructional facilities, with the project expected to be completed soon, allowing for better training environments and increased student capacity.



Another completed project is the **Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP)** adjacent to the store area, designed to comply with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) requirements. Led by Environmental Management, this 200CMD facility is now fully operational, minimizing the environmental impact of wastewater and reinforcing AUP's commitment to sustainability. To address preventive maintenance needs, the University is undertaking the **Tank Repair and Repainting Project**, led by the Maintenance Department. This initiative aims to restore the structural integrity of the water tank and is currently ongoing, ensuring a safe and secure water reservoir upon completion.



Lastly, the **College of Theology (COT) Chaplaincy Office** donated by the Drs. Nick and Miriam Tumangday. A center for pastoral chaplaincy that is closer to the students, ensuring their spiritual needs are met. The office is designed to house all chaplain pastors and the Spiritual Development Director, providing a dedicated space for pastoral services and guidance. Recently, the project has been completed 100%, marking a significant milestone for the University's spiritual initiatives.

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