University of the Philippines Mindanao

Highlights of 2012

Academic Year 2011-2012

- UP Mindanao graduates took the November 2011 bar exams whose results were announced in March 2012. The new alumni barristers are Dianne Margarette N. Baldoza (BS Economics, 2000), Ria Faith Bisahan (BA Social Sciences, Batch 2001), Chillete Bolo-Escovilla (BA Communication Arts, Batch 2000), Mar Bianca F. Cualing (BS Economics, Batch 1999), Leilah G. Hernandez (BA Social Sciences, Batch 2000), Maria Lourdes G. Lanzona-Estrellado (Master of Management), Kristina G. Tan (BA Communication Arts, Batch 2003)

- CHED awarded P11.7 Million to UP Mindanao in January and June for the research projects under the program “Sustainable Development of the Philippine Tuna Value Chain”.

- The 15th Commencement Exercises were held on April 18, 2012 with Senator Aquilino Pimentel III as speaker. A total of 135 students graduated: 42 from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences; 60 from the College of Science and Mathematics; 33 from the School of Management (16 – BS Agribusiness Economics, 17 – Master in Management). The Class of 2012 had 12 cum laudes: Francis Lyn C. Malalis, Knizza Valerie C. Tan, and Shelly Monique P. Petras (BA Communication Arts); Janessa Mariam G. Ladjiman and Hazel Meghan B. Hamile (BA English); Kevin L. Labrador, Adrian D. Almeria, and Kevin N. Salarda (BS Biology); Ray Gabriel M. Ebero, Redrose B. Serrano, and Christine Lisa Rosalyn D. Ronquillo (BS Computer Science); Marian Rikka O. Anora (BS Agribusiness Economics).

- Three students won international study grants in May 2012 to study abroad. Kriza Faye Calumba (BS Food Technology) will enroll at National University of Singapore under the TF-LEaRN (Temasek Foundation Leadership Enrichment and Regional Networking Program) grant. Nicole Kathryn M. Go and Gian Paulo R. Paglinawan (both BA Communication Arts) will enroll for a semester at Chulalongkorn University Thailand under the ASEAN Universities Network-Credit Transfer System.

- BS Food Technology student Mary Pauline M. Fornea won a Gold Medal in Women’s Triathlon at the Phil. Olympic Committee-Philippine National Games in May 2012. She was given recognition for her accomplishments by the So Kim Cheng Sports Foundation in July and the Bank of the Phil. Islands in November 2012.

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- BS Architecture graduate Alexis Ken S. Cartajas (BSA 2010) was 2nd Place in the June 2012 Licensure Exam for Architecture. He earned a grade of 83.50 percent, closely following the first placer’s mark of 83.80 percent.

- The BS Architecture program again earned a 100%-passing mark in the June 2012 Licensure Exam for Architecture with 16 passers. The new licensed architects are: Antoneth Ayaton, Maratriz Banayo, Rexan Cabangal, Edison Amoguis, Gloryrose Dy, Jet Castillon, Giff Ebarle, Aimae Juanitas, Lachelle Ravelo, Kat Quiblat, Dan Orendain, Hanna Respusto, Eunice Orillaneda, Ritchel Saturinas, Nassrodin Sapto, and Alexis Ken Cartajas, 2nd Placer.
The creation of the Department of Architecture was approved by the Board of Regents in June 2012. This was a result of two years of work and preparation by the architecture faculty and UP Mindanao. The Department's founding chairperson is Prof. Jean Marie V. Juanga.

UP Mindanao was awarded as Most Outstanding R&D Implementing Agency by the Southern Mindanao Agriculture Research and Development Consortium (SMARRDEC) in August 2012. UP Mindanao was cited for its accomplishments in the areas of: value and supply chain management; Nipa and Nepenthes truncata (pitcher plant) R&D; building an R&D system; providing opportunities for researchers to participate in academic conferences; and publishing/presenting 247 research papers internationally.

The e-UP Flagship Project of President Pascual held its kick-off in UP Mindanao on August 1, 2012. The event was presided over by VP for Development Elvira Zamora. A Change Seminar was held for UP Mindanao faculty members. The launch proper was attended by UPAA Davao Pres. Doris Villareal, CHED-XI Director Raul Alvarez, Davao Doctors College Pres. Miguel Soledad and other university constituents and stakeholders. eUP is President Alfredo Pascual's thrust to make UP as “One University” and a “Great University”.

UP Mindanao alumni took the 2012 bar exams in October 2012. They are: Janis Louis H. Esparcia, Frank Edward Marty, Charmaine P. Valentin, and Adelaine Faith Zerna (all from BA Social Science), Rio Aiko Indiola (BA Communication Arts), and April Mitchor (BS Applied Mathematics). The announcement of the exam results was made in March 2013.

**NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS:**

- At the 6th Philippine National Health Research System Week celebrated in August 2012, the Dept. of Food Science and Chemistry participated and won recognition:
  - The research, "Inhibition of Angiotensin I-Converting Enzyme (ACE) by Indigenous Fermented Foods" led by Prof. Dulce Flores, won First Prize-National Level in the Poster Competition, Professional Category
  - The research, "Food Safety Assessment of Different Types of Street Foods in Davao City, Philippines", which was undertaken with the assistance of BS Food Technology students, won 3rd Prize in the Poster Competition, Professional Category.
  - The research "Lutein Content of Selected Local Fruits and Vegetables" by BSFT graduate Melvin Pasaporte with Mitchell Rey Toleo and Prof. Flores as co-authors, was awarded First Prize in the Regional Poster Category.
- Research Posters (on Fermented foods/Food safety) from Dept. of Food Science (DFSC) won Regional First Prizes in the Health R&D Expo of PCHRD
- Researches were presented in the SMARRDEC annual forum in August and received two First Prizes, for Research/Information for Dissemination Category and Poster Category
- Students won top 3 places in 21st Phil. Statistics Quiz-Region XI, with coach from Dept. of Mathematics, Physics, and Computer Science (DMPCS)
- CHED’s Tuna Research gave a P2.7 Million grant to the Dept. of Biological Science and Environmental Studies (DBSES) for research on DNA-Based Identification and Gene Flow of the Prey Items of Yellowfin Tuna to be led by Prof. Cleto Nañola and Prof. Annabelle Novero for the period June 2012 until 2015.
- Dept. of Agriculture awarded P1.3 Million to UP Mindanao for the period from June 2012 to June 2013 for the Mindanao Beef Cattle Development Experimental and Research Project to be led by Prof. Antonio Obsioma.
- DMPCS faculty members participated as resource experts in the Math Literacy Development Project organized by the UP Alumni Assoc. Davao in October 2012. This constituted training
for public elementary school teachers Department of Education teachers. Assistance was provided by the BPI Foundation and the Office of Congressman Nograles.

- Dr. Severo T. Bastian, Jr. Plant Science Laboratory was approved by Board of Regents in June; Lab was opened in December 2012

**HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, ARCHITECTURE, HUMAN KINETICS:**

- The Tripartite Partnership for Peacebuilding Research with Hiroshima University conducted lectures and forums in February, July, August, November; a regional forum on the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro, and Updates on the NDF-GRP Talks.
- BA Anthropology student Julienne Baldonado was awarded Best Paper for ““Yuta ang Kinabuhi: Land and Life for the State and the Bagobo-Klata in Sitio Kahusayan, Davao City” in the annual national conference for anthropology
- UP Mindanao co-sponsored the 2012 Davao Writers Workshop, held on 15-19 October.
- Prof. Ricardo de Ungria won a National Book Award as editor of a book of poems by Tita Ayala.
- UP Mindanao observed Linggo ng Wika 2012 with a multi-media exhibit, film showings, and events.
- Dept. of Humanities held seminar-workshops on “Creative Writing and Teaching the Literary Craft” and “Writing Right: From the Office.. To the Office” for educators/professionals, in association with Office of Extension and Community Service (OECS).
- Visiting US-based artists, aerial artist Kennedy Kabasares and dancer Miguel C. Braganza II, gave talks to students in 20 July and 16 August, respectively.
- Three BA Communication Arts students were finalists, and one, Althea Astrid Gopo, won runner-up in the 3rd ABS-CBN Newscasting Competition held on 11 March 2012.
- Prof. Dennis John Sumaylo mounted an exhibit, “Urban Sights and Sounds” in Abreeza Mall
- Architecture students won all competitions in the Davao leg of National Architecture Week celebrations
- Architecture program coordinator Prof. Juanga was awarded as Outstanding Chapter President by the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP).
- Dept. of Human Kinetics (DHK) organized Dula 2012 in Sept. and “Dagan Alang Sa Mga Bayani 2012” fun run in August

**AGRIBUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT:**

- SOM has a P9 Million portion of the CHED Tuna Research program.
- SOM faculty and researchers attended and gave presentations in international conferences in “Value chains for transforming smallholder agriculture” (Ethiopia, November), 4th Agribusiness Economics Conference (10–11 July), 8th Mindanao Vegetable Congress, 4th International Symposium on Supply Chains (July), and the ACIAR-PCAARRD End-of-Program Conference (July).
- A Book Launch was held for "Institutional Market Survey Report" and closing program for the research project HORT/2007/066/04, "Enhanced Profitability of Selected Vegetable Value Chains in Southern Philippines and Australia: Component 4", a project partnership with the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research (ACIAR).
• School of Management held the 7th Supply Chain Forum in partnership with ACIAR.
• MA Urban and Regional Planning ’05 graduate Michael T. Ang was named Outstanding Professional by the Prof. Regulation Commission.
• The SOM hosted an Asian Dev. Bank Forum on “Taking the Right Road to Inclusive Growth” with Dr. Norio Usui and Mr. Neeraj Jain, ADB Country Director, on 31 August

STUDENT AFFAIRS

• Annual Freshmen Convocation and oath-taking of the University Student Council 2012-2013 was held in 05 June 2012.
• Student Regent Kevin Arguelles attended UP Mindanao Student Summit in 06 July.
• The 3rd Tagbo Student Leadership Camp was held in 25-27 July with 21 student-participants.

UP SYSTEM

• UPCAT applications were promoted and received in May-June; and UPMin served as UPCAT Testing Center-Davao City in August.
• Orientation on Intellectual Property Rights with IPO Director Reynaldo Garcia was held in 10 September.
• Training on the Internal Academic Assessment System and Development Manual was conducted by Prof. Irene Villaseñor for faculty members on 26 March.

DONORS

• Embassy of France’s University Attache Camille Dulor visited UPMin in November to look at areas of possible participation.
• Rotary International donated books through alumnus Salvador Angala in July, with 405 vols. to CSM Library, 193 vols. to SOM Library, and 222 vols. to CHSS Library. A book donation package was also given by alumna Evelina Espina in February.
• Two Terumo Blood Pressure Monitors were received on 02 August as part of a package that Phil. President Aquino received in his state visit to Japan.
• The 4th Betans Medical Mission for UP Mindanao constituents and the community was held on 16 February in the UPMin Infirmary.
• The City Health Office administered medicines for the prevention of Filariasis in January.

EXTENSION AND PUBLIC SERVICE

• The 17th Anniversary was celebrated with a Recognition Ceremony, a Research Forum, a UP Mindanao Dance Ensemble Dance-Concert, public lectures by the colleges, and other events. Other events held were UP Fiesta, football tournaments, vegetable sale, bloodletting, student council elections, and many more.
• UP Mindanao participated in the Mindanao Science and Technology Park Expo 2012 on 31 July-01 August.
• The OEC, with the UP-ISSI, hosted a seminar on governance, “IMAGE-LGU”, for barangay officials of Davao City’s 1st District on 13-15 July.
• March International Women’s Month was celebrated with lectures, forum, and film showings organized by the OECs and Gender Committee.
• Kasadya Lantern Parade was held in Barangay Mintal and the campus on 19 December.
UP Mindanao sent relief goods to Typhoon Pablo victims on 14 December, after a fund-raising and mobilization campaign led by OECS, and repacking of goods with help of students.

A delegation from UP Mindanao participated in the 75th Araw ng Dabaw in March.

A Seminar on Basic First Aid for the Home was held by Gender Committee with OECS and Office of Student Affairs (OSA) on 30 April.

The 10th Development Policy Month was observed with University events that were accredited in the official calendar of events of the Phil. Institute of Development Studies.

A Forum on Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), and the Magna Carta for Women (MCW) was organized by Gender Committee on 17 and 24 September.

UP Mindanao hosted the Mindanao node of the Rio+20 Nationwide Video Conference in 30 March with a presentation of reports on green industrialization of fisheries and agriculture.

**Campus Development**

- Covered pathwalk to the Human Kinetics Center and canal alongside Student Center Lane is constructed.
- The Leuenberger family donated campus directional signs, including the fabrication and installation.
- The single-room CSM Student Center is constructed.
- Renovation works at CSM Building are implemented, including the floor-tiling of 1st floor corridors, relocation of college secretary’s office, and construction cold process food lab.
- Lab equipment for fire prevention and Fermentor and HPLC units are procured.
- Arboretum & Eco Park Project was launched with a tree-planting activity in July and December.

**Invitations to Bid**

- Construction of the Covered Pathwalk to Human Kinetics Center
- Purchase of Fire Prevention and Alarm System; Supply of Equipment and Accessories for Fermentor and HPLC; Repair and Rehabilitation of CSM Building, June-July 2012.
- Invitation to Bid: Supply of Biotech Laboratory Equipment, 02 March 2012
- Invitation to Bid: Drainage Canal Riprapping, Painting of Road Signs, etc. 16 Nov. 2011
- Invitation to Bid: Lease of Canteen located in the College of Science and Mathematics Complex, 16 Nov. 2011

**HR/Governance**

- The search for the next chancellor is initiated with the creation of the search committee, acceptance of the nominees, the conduct of forums for consultations and presentation of the vision papers, and the submission of the committee report to President Pascual.
- The Faculty Orientation was held for ten new and returning faculty members in 23 May 2012.

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