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Day and Night

LARONG PINOY: AN ENDURING LEGACY IN MODERN TIMES

■ BRENT FANIG AND LAVERNE THEA FERRER

The School of Information Technology (SIT) carried out an event that had been eagerly anticipated for three long years – the SIT Day and Night, with the captivating theme, "Byte Back To The Future: SIT Rewind 2023!" on September 25, 2023 at the University of Baguio Cardinals Gym.

Organized by the SIT Student Administration Committee, led by Ms. Kristal Marcelo, the SB adviser of SIT, and the newly elected SB officers, including Mr. Caesar Klidge Galutera as the SB governor and Mr. Christian Junio as UB Senator.

The SIT Day and Night maintained a unique place in SIT students' hearts since it brought them together after a stressful week of exams. Traditional activities such as stop dance, newspaper dance, bring me, and pop the balloon were played throughout the day, creating a nostalgic return to simpler times. Laughter and friendliness filled the air as students from all programs participated passionately in these cherished activities.

The excitement continued in the afternoon with the "SIT Got Talent" competition, which featured ten exceptional individuals who captivated the audience with their singing, dancing, guitar finger styles, and other astounding talents. The performances showcased the different skills of the SIT students, and the audience applauded in support of their peers.

The cosplay competition, which added a touch of fantasy and inventiveness to the event, comprised eight entrants who portrayed characters from other universes. Each cosplayer transported the audience to diverse realms, displaying their passion for the craft.

From the legendary SpongeBob SquarePants and Spider-Man to characters from the fascinating realms of Genshin Impact, Attack on Titan, Mashle: Magic and Muscles, and others, each cosplayer transported the audience to intriguing imaginary worlds while demonstrating their passion and expertise.

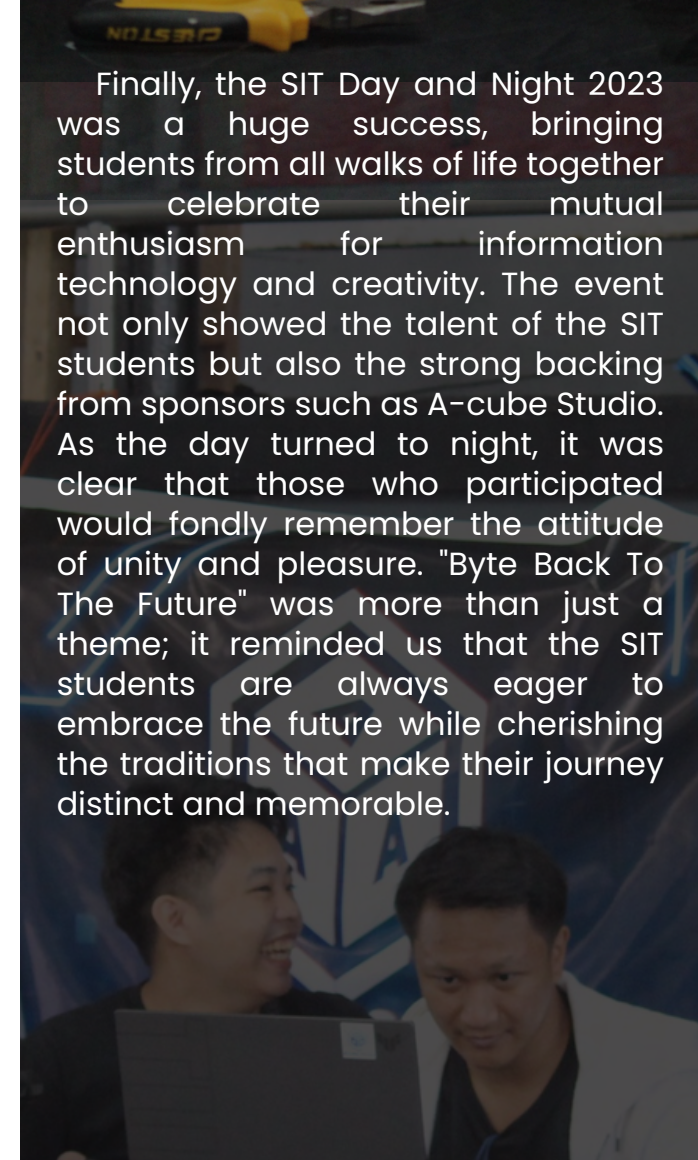


Notably, the event was only possible with the sponsorship of A-cube Studio, an Olongapo-based company that creates 3D models for cosplayers. A-cube Studio contributed to the event's success by presenting artwork and providing students with fascinating puzzles. Attendees may get personalized 3D model keychains and learn about 3D printing services to bring their unique designs to life.

The attendees' excitement and passion were evident throughout the session. It was a memorable day, from the morning's traditional sports with a twist to the fascinating abilities exhibited during SIT Got Talent and the enchanting world of cosplay. The unique "Bring Me" game and the "hep-hep hooray" game had the audience in stitches and clapping.



Finally, the SIT Day and Night 2023 was a huge success, bringing students from all walks of life together to celebrate their mutual enthusiasm for information technology and creativity. The event not only showed the talent of the SIT students but also the strong backing from sponsors such as A-cube Studio. As the day turned to night, it was clear that those who participated would fondly remember the attitude of unity and pleasure. "Byte Back To The Future" was more than just a theme; it reminded us that the SIT students are always eager to embrace the future while cherishing the traditions that make their journey distinct and memorable.





Culminating An Innovative Spirit To Build Open And Sustainable Communities

■ LAVERNE THEA FERRER AND CHRISTIAN CALAGUI

Student leaders from the University of Baguio recently participated in a transformative leadership training program in collaboration with the City of Baguio CEPMO, the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, and the University of Baguio. The event, which took place over two days in September 29-30, 2023 at the Nature Green Hotel in Bekkel, Benguet, aimed to equip the next generation of student leaders with essential skills and knowledge.

The event aims to empower the next generation of student leaders at the University of Baguio. This all-encompassing program strongly emphasizes sharpening abilities in advocacy campaigning, campus organizing, and leading initiatives to promote sustainability on the university grounds and the broader community. The summit will give a platform for students to transfer their newly acquired knowledge and talents into concrete solutions for problems that exist in the real world. The summit will include fascinating speeches and immersive workshops, culminating in a capstone project presentation.

During the session on leadership and movement building that was led by Miss Elsie Cialana, MBA, who is a speaker for the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, the focus was on the significance of recognizing one's leadership journey as well as the crucial role of advocacy work as the foundational components for igniting social transformation. Miss Elsie highlighted the dynamic nature of our environment and the capacity of the students to lead others in creating positive transformations by emphasizing this potential.

Miss Elsie advised the attendees to embrace their leadership positions while highlighting the contrast between leading out of obligation and out of purpose. She emphasized that purpose-driven leadership is the key to creating meaningful change. Miss Elsie continued to go deeper, this time exploring the ideas of 'meaning' and 'impact'. During her insightful presentation, she underlined the role of self-awareness as a compass that enables individuals to go through the many

periods of their lives. She emphasized the significance of flexibility and urged the students to think about how they can engage productively with the environment in which they find themselves. In addition, a big part of what Miss Elsie talked about was how accountability and effect connect. She also challenged the attendees by asking them how they would like to contribute to developing a more critical and long-lasting change in their communities.

Miss Camille Dominguez from the Friedrich Naumann Foundation led an exciting school organizing and mobilizing session. The main topics were developing civic responsibility, getting students involved, and learning how to think as a group. That's why Miss Camille highlighted the importance of jobs and structure in a team. She also talked about how to define problems and set SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound) goals that can be reached.

She told the attendees to take the initiative. She helped them make a detailed action plan that included making a list of possible projects, figuring out who the target audience was, building communities, making a timeline that would work, planning resources, and thinking about possible risks and expected outcomes. Miss Camille emphasized the importance of mobilizing resources and helped the participants develop good strategies for mobilization, asset mapping, and finding different sources of funds. She also emphasized how important it was to involve all the people who had a part in the action plan in order for it to be carried out successfully. Miss Camille told the students that feedback was essential and asked them to consider important things, like



whether the goals were met and which methods worked best. The goal of this process of reflection was to create an environment where people are constantly learning and getting better at school planning and mobilization. Miss Camille also talked about the educational value of involvement in politics, showing how it improves skills and knowledge while training future leaders who will do good things for society. She reiterated how important it is for student groups to work together to change policies and how these efforts help shape people's views, leading to positive societal changes. Without a doubt, this in-depth training gave the student leaders the tools and knowledge they need to make changes in their schools that will last.

Engr. Marivic Empizo from the City Environment and Parks Management Office (LGU) led a series of thought-provoking discussions and presentations on how eco-consciousness and technology can work together to make life more sustainable in the digital age. The session looked at many ways that technology can be used to help protect the environment. It focused on neighborhood climate change action plans, the Climate Change Council, and different research and innovation grants and programs.

A clear goal statement for the City Environment and Parks Management Office was given: to protect the city's environment by implementing responsive and well-balanced environmental strategies. This project's goal was to help make the city more sustainable, where progress and environmental protection live together in a delicate balance. Engr.'s talk focused on the office's primary duties, which included managing parks, the city cemetery, wastewater, hazardous waste, air quality, and urban waterways. Including social aspects in these duties showed that the office took a complete approach, highlighting how protecting the environment and improving community health are linked. Eco-consciousness, which means being aware of, knowing, and caring about the environment, was a key topic of discussion. Engr. Marivic Empizo stressed the importance of promoting sustainable awareness and urged the audience to create and implement eco-friendly habits daily. The idea of "sustainable design" was also emphasized, which shows how important it is to build things that have minimal adverse effects on the world. Engr.'s ideas showed how technical progress could be combined with eco-friendly projects, highlighting the importance of new ideas in reducing the negative impacts of climate change and promoting long-term growth. The talks and discussions were a clear call to action, asking attendees and people to take responsibility for protecting the environment and using technology to help spread sustainable



ways of living in the digital age. Working together and caring about the environment is essential for everyone, and the goal of a genuinely healthy city can become real.

In the journey toward a greener and healthier Baguio, Miss Maria Agnes Garcia from Zero Waste Baguio, Inc. took center stage during the Youth Leadership Summit. Her presentation was on solid waste management, and she gave special attention to the efforts of Zero Waste Baguio, Inc., a group working to make Baguio more sustainable.

Miss Garcia talked about waste management, which means handling our trash in a good way for the environment. She stressed how important it is for us to dispose of our waste responsibly. She introduced Zero Waste Baguio, Inc., a group about living a zero-waste lifestyle in our community. They focus on reducing, reusing, and recycling to ensure less negative environmental impact. In simpler terms, Miss Garcia showed us how to take small steps, like using less and recycling more, to help keep Baguio clean and green. Her discussion serves as a guide, giving us practical ideas on how we can all be part of making Baguio a better place. In addition, looking at Miss Garcia's discussion, it's essential that she raised



awareness about taking care of our environment. Her simple and practical suggestions offer us a clear plan to make a positive impact. The message enlightened the students to collaborate to enhance our waste management, adopt eco-friendly habits, and create a community committed to positive change.

Moreover, as the Youth Leadership Summit entered its second day, it was dedicated to turning ideas into action. The summit wasn't just a place for student leaders to learn; it became a space where young minds actively worked together to turn their ideas into actions that could make a difference in the community. The second day focused on the capstone projects and the practical plans created by student leaders to discuss and solve everyday issues in a way everyone could easily understand. The primary goal was not merely to complete a workshop task but to design projects that could genuinely improve community life.

As the discussion and continuation of the capstone project proposal started, the goal was to ensure these projects were straightforward and could genuinely make a difference in the community. Guiding the students through this creative process were Ms. Elcie Cialana and Ms. Camille Dominguez, integral members of the leadership team. Their role was significant as they offered students ample time to think and finalize their projects. Their guidance emphasized the importance of directing students toward ensuring the feasibility of their proposals by suggesting practical solutions, strengthening the objectives, and sharing helpful tips and ideas to ensure the proposal projects were just right.

Furthermore, after a satisfying lunch break, the students took the stage to present their ideas. Each group had a concise 5 minutes to share their

projects. The panel, which included Ms. Cialana and Ms. Dominguez, engaged in a friendly discussion with each group, asking questions that encouraged deeper exploration of their proposals, creating a dynamic exchange where participants could share and learn from one another. What made this part of the summit fascinating was the realization that each project went beyond just a workshop task. It represented a meaningful opportunity for students to contribute positively to their community. The student leaders demonstrated a genuine concern for making the world a better place. As a result, the summit transitioned from a platform for strengthening the essence of being a student leader into discussions where action was being evaluated and taken to address social issues.

As student leaders, the summit's comprehensive program emphasized skills in advocacy campaigning, campus organizing, and leading initiatives to promote sustainability

within the university and the wider community. Student leaders had the opportunity to improve their knowledge and ability to find creative and strong solutions for real-world problems through engaging speeches, immersive workshops, and the creation of capstone projects. The key speakers, including Ms. Elcie Cialana and Ms. Camille Dominguez, highlighted an essential lesson in guiding student leaders. Ms. Cialana's emphasis on purpose-driven leadership, self-awareness, and the dynamic nature of our environment inspired a sense of responsibility and a call to meaningful change. Meanwhile, Ms. Dominguez provided practical insights into school organizing, mobilization, and the importance of defining clear goals with the SMART approach.

The summit also addressed crucial environmental issues, with Engr. Marivic Empizo enlightens everyone on the collaboration between eco-consciousness and technology for sustainable living in the digital age. Discussions on Solid Waste

Management by Miss Maria Agnes Garcia further discussed the importance of community-driven initiatives, mainly focusing on Zero Waste Baguio, Inc. Above all, the summit's second day witnessed the culmination of efforts as student leaders transformed ideas into actionable plans during capstone project presentations. The event's success was bridging theoretical knowledge with practical application, fostering a collaborative and forward-thinking community. As student leaders, the summit served as a catalyst for increased awareness and commitment to positive change. In addition, it got student leaders thinking more about making a positive difference. It wasn't just a regular meeting; it became a shared journey in which student leaders all felt inspired and worked together. As the summit ended, student leaders felt like champions of change, armed with new ideas and a common goal. Even though the event is finished, its impact sticks with them, guiding them as they go out into the world, wanting to make things better wherever they can.

CCSD CAREER BOOTH FAIR 2023!

SIT'S MULTIMEDIA MARVELS STEAL THE SHOW AT CCSD CAREER BOOTH FAIR 2023

■ BRENT FANIG AND SOZITA-MAE GRACE LUCIO



The School of Information Technology participated in the Career Fair and Booth Competition launched by the Center for Counseling and Student Development (CCSD) with the theme "Continuing Advocacy: Championing the New Normal as Innovative & Global UBians" on September 27, 2023 at the University of Baguio Cardinals Gym.

The School of Information Technology joined the event with its theme, Adventure Time, which came from one of the most popular cartoon movies from the '20s. The School of Information Technology has been known for its photo booth since then; it showcases its famous photo booth, which students

are always looking forward to. The SIT team prepared a stunning photo booth where students from different schools tried to get their photo cards. It's an honor for the SIT team to showcase their photo booth at the Career Fair and Booth; the SIT is not all about coding, programming, robotics, etc. In IT, you can also be a graphic designer, photo editor, video editor, and other staff member related to multimedia. The SIT exhibited one IT program at the event, the Associate in Computer Technology with Specialization in Multimedia and Web Development (ACT-MW). The ACT-MW students showcased what they learned in editing, photography, and designing. In a resounding success, the career booth exceeded all expectations

thanks to our committees' unwavering dedication and efficient management. When faced with challenging situations, notably the surge of students crowding the booth, the committees demonstrated remarkable poise and skill in handling the situation. The bustling atmosphere around the career booth showcased the high interest and enthusiasm among students, all eager to explore potential career opportunities. In this lively environment, the committees truly shone, ensuring that every visitor received the attention and information they sought. Moreover, the committees' quick thinking and adaptability were instrumental in ensuring the smooth flow of activities. When the situation became particularly hectic, they implemented effective crowd management strategies, guaranteeing that each student could engage with the booth and maximize the opportunity. Their tireless efforts and exceptional teamwork were the driving force behind this accomplishment.

As the event drew close, the School of Information Technology received a well-deserved Certificate of Participation. This acknowledgment stood a testament to the department's active role and significant contribution to the event's success. The CCSD, in turn, expressed their heartfelt gratitude to every student, from Senior High School to College, for their invaluable participation. It was through their enthusiastic involvement and unwavering support that the event achieved its remarkable level of success.

YOUTH GLOBAL SUMMIT 2023

Empowering the Youth to Lead Change

■ ANJERICA DALINO

On September 2, 2023, the Youth Global Summit (YGS) was held at SM City Baguio, Philippines. The event, organized by the Global Peace Foundation, was attended by over 1,000 young people from all over the country.

The Youth Global Summit is a platform for young people to learn about and discuss global issues, and to develop the skills and knowledge they need to lead change in their communities and beyond. The theme of the 2023 YGS was "Empowering the Youth to Lead Change."

The YGS featured a variety of speakers and workshops on topics such as leadership, social entrepreneurship, and global citizenship. Attendees also had the opportunity to network with other young people from all over the country. One of the highlights of the YGS was a keynote address by Award-winning Journalist Howie Severino. In his speech, Severino encouraged young people to get involved in their communities and to make a difference in the world. He said, "You are the future of our country and the world. You have the power to make a difference. Don't be afraid to use your voice and to take action."

A standout feature of the summit was the engaging workshop on social entrepreneurship led by Regional President of Global Peace Foundation, Ingill Ra. Attendees were equipped with practical insights and tools to initiate and nurture social enterprises capable of effecting meaningful societal change. The YGS was a success, it was a great opportunity for young people to learn about and discuss global issues, and to develop the skills and knowledge they need to lead change in their communities and beyond. The Global Peace Foundation is committed to supporting young people and empowering them to make a difference in the world.



UNIVERSITY OF BAGUIO GIFT: Yuletide Outreach

■ SOZITA-MAE GRACE LUCIO



Lucban. Going beyond the customary gift-giving routine, the event initiative aimed to bring back the joys of celebration for the young ones, kickstarting an early Christmas festivity after a prolonged pause due to the pandemic. Each school unit meticulously planned engaging activities, and the School of Information Technology (SIT) brought forth an enthralling face-painting booth.

The children's excitement was noticeable as they queued up, eagerly waiting their turn for vivid face or arm paintings. Despite the overwhelming

response, the SIT representatives efficiently managed the crowd, assisted by the support of the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. However, with a shortage of painters, some representatives stepped up, uncovering hidden artistic talents to assist their associates. The children left smiling with their painted designs, cherishing these moments of joy. Parents bid farewell to the festivities as the event drew close at noon. Despite exhaustion and the chaotic pace, the SIT representatives found comfort in the shared laughter and joy.

Representatives from each booth gathered onstage for a group photo to mark the event's end, marking the collective effort and the joyous memories created. The event concluded, leaving behind a trail of smiles and heartwarming moments that captured the spirit of community and celebration.

During the Yuletide Event, the School of Information Technology students revealed their affection for the children of Lucban and their hidden artistic talents on November 18, 2023, at the University of Baguio Cardinals Gym.

Their creative skills came as a surprise to many! Participants, especially kids, eagerly lined up at their booth for chocolates, candies, and the famous face painting presented by the students. Student leaders orchestrated a delightful outreach program for the children of

On October 7, 2023, the School of Natural Sciences, in collaboration with the SSC officers and marshals, organized a weeding activity and invited other departments to participate. The goal of cleaning out the area near the newly planted pine trees was to create optimal conditions for the tree growth and development.

By removing weeds, debris, and competing vegetation from the surrounding area, the trees were given the best chance to thrive. This process helps ensure that the young pine trees receive adequate sunlight, nutrients, and space without competition from other plants. Clearing the area around the trees promotes their health and establishes a conducive environment for their growth, ultimately contributing to the success of the tree planting initiative.

The pathway from the highway to the designated area was quite challenging. There was no defined pathway to the designated area and the ground was very muddy as it is situated near a watershed making the soil soft. Reaching the area felt like a hike as it needs determination to get to the designated area. The task of manually pulling weeds by hand near the little pine trees offered additional challenges due to equipment limitations and the necessity for cautious handling to prevent harm to the vulnerable pine trees.



GROOM ME: Weeding at Busol Watershed

■ ANJERICA CRESANDA DALINO AND CARINA SABADO



Despite the challenges, the journey was ultimately rewarding and worthwhile. Each weed removed helped to create a healthier environment in which young pine trees needed to thrive. What made this initiative truly inspiring was the sense of togetherness it fostered. People from different backgrounds came together, united by their love for nature and their desire to make a positive impact. As they worked side by side, a feeling of camaraderie filled the air.

The event wasn't just about cleaning up the area; it was also an opportunity for education and reflection. Participants learned firsthand about the importance of preserving biodiversity and taking care of the environment. It was a reminder that we all have a role to play in protecting our planet. As the sun set on a day of hard work and shared purpose, the cleared area around the pine trees stood as a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together for a common cause.



Fiber Optics Installation & Financial Management Seminar Article

INVESTING IN INNOVATION: A SEMINAR ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE FINANCIAL LANDSCAPE



SEAFREY LASANGEN

On the 21st of October 2023, SIT students from different courses attended a seminar that tackled Financial management, investments and decisions, and Fiber optics installation at the University of Baguio D201 Computer Laboratory.

The event commenced with the introduction of distinguished guest speakers Sir Lou Philip Beltran and Engineer Kendall Harry Magwa, two experts in their respective fields.

Engineer Kendall Magwa began the seminar with an idea: "Your life is a journey, and so is your money journey." She shared valuable lessons, drawing parallels between life and financial choices. Engineer Magwa introduced the "7 Steps to Money for Life," a guide to achieving financial security. Her approach was simple yet profound.

The first step was to set clear financial goals, emphasizing the importance of having a vision for your financial future. Followed by practicing saving habits. Engineer Kendall Magwa reminded the students that saving, even in small amounts, can compound over time and yield

significant benefits. Preparing for emergencies was the third step. Engineer Magwa's advice to get insured was critical, highlighting the unpredictability of life's challenges, including sickness, accidents, and the unexpected.

The fifth step, making money, encouraged us to explore avenues such as investing in stocks and passive income streams. Building a solid financial plan came next, as Engineer Magwa explained the importance of crafting a tailored strategy for unique circumstances. Finally, she underlined the necessity of staying on course and consistently following one's financial plan.

The overarching theme of the financial management seminar was financial security, which provides a safety net for covering life's essential needs, including food, utilities, and healthcare. The valuable insights and practical tips from Engineer Kendall Magwa left attendees with a

renewed understanding of achieving financial stability.

The latter part of the seminar delved into the world of fiber optics, hosted and demonstrated by Sir Lou Beltran, an IT solutions specialist and social media expert. Sir Lou began by laying the groundwork with an introduction to the fundamentals of fiber optics. He provided a comprehensive overview, covering topics such as the different types of fiber.

One particularly intriguing tool was the "cleaver," which creates a flat end for polishing or splicing. Another remarkable tool was the fusion splicer, which seamlessly fuses two fibers, ensuring minimal light scatter and reflection. In a detailed demonstration, Sir Lou walked the audience through the steps of creating fiber optics, providing an insider's perspective on fusion splicing. His hands-on explanation and visual aids made a seemingly complex field accessible to all.

The financial management and fiber optic installation seminar left attendees with valuable insights and practical knowledge in two vastly different yet equally important fields. Engineer Kendall Magwa guided achieving financial security, while Sir Lou Beltran shared expertise on the intricate world of connectivity through fiber optics.

These lessons are relevant not only for SIT college students but for individuals at any stage of life, highlighting the importance of being well-informed in matters of personal finance and staying connected in a rapidly evolving digital age. The seminar served as a reminder that continuous learning is key to personal and professional growth.



Pre-Employment Webinar: Pursuing Professional Competence



University of Baguio CCSD held the 2024 Pre-Employment Webinar on March 02, 2024 for graduating students of University of Baguio via zoom meeting. The webinar focuses on pre-employment preparation, emphasizing the importance of workplace wellness and providing insights for writing effective cover letters and resumes. Breakout room sessions were held for each department, allowing students to engage with their speakers about market trends and opportunities, as well as how to write effective cover letters.

CARINA SABADO

Plenary session one discusses wellness in the workplace. Wellness in the workplace encompasses both physical and mental aspects of health. The webinar, on the other hand, emphasizes the significance of mental health in the workplace, recognizing it as a crucial topic. In professional settings, individuals often feel hesitant to openly discuss their mental health struggles due to concerns about facing discrimination from their colleagues. Therefore, it is important to discuss mental health wellness to

students for them to be able to prepare for the challenges that they might face in their workplace.

The second plenary session covers the essentials of job applications, with a particular focus on creating an effective cover letter and resume. Resume is a concise summary of education, skills, work experience and accomplishments. Although the qualifications are listed in the resume, the cover letter gives you an opportunity to express your interest and personality on the job you're applying for.

Resume and cover letter should be well-organized, simple to read, and suitable for the position you're looking for. By properly expressing yourself, you can increase your odds on getting interviews and even securing your desired position! The second section of the webinar began with the setting up of breakout rooms on the Zoom meeting platform. Each breakout room was led by a different speaker, and explored deeper into particular subjects relevant to their course.

GOOGLE DEVELOPERS GROUP BAGUIO SEMINAR: TECH TALKS ON CYBERTECH TRENDS

SOZITA-MAE GRACE LUCIO

In the ever-evolving world of technology, the Google Developers Group Baguio (GDG) hosted a seminar on November 11, 2023, at the University of the Cordilleras, Main Campus, Gym.

The GDG seminar aimed to make complex topics like Firebase, Ethical Hacking, and System Administration easy to understand for everyone. The event started with a look into Firebase. Attendees tackled a journey to solve the secrets of this powerful platform. They discovered how Firebase simplifies app development, amplifies user experiences, and breathes life into innovative ideas. Firebase empowers developers to develop dynamic applications from real-time databases to cloud functions.

Furthermore, the seminar highlighted the ethical hacker's role, debunking misconceptions and enlightening their essential contribution. Attendees were enlightened about the ethical hacker's mission—strengthening digital defenses rather than using vulnerabilities. They learned the significance of ethical hacking in protecting digital landscapes, finding weaknesses, and strengthening defenses against cyber threats. Following that, the focus moved to system administration, presenting attendees a backstage pass into the unsung heroes who ensure the smooth operation of digital systems. Delving into server management and network configurations, participants gained valuable insights into the role of system administrators. These individuals serve as

the backbone of the digital world and maintain its core functionalities. As the GDG seminar drew close, participants departed with new knowledge and a deep sense of empowerment. What were once enigmatic realms—Firebase, ethical hacking, and system administration—transformed into wieldable tools. Attendees realized the potential of these tools in transforming the digital future.

The seminar served as a reminder of the importance of community-driven events in the ever-evolving landscape of technology. GDG's initiatives, like this seminar, act as guidelines toward a more informed and promising technological tomorrow. In promoting a community of innovators, GDG Baguio continues to pave the way for a brighter digital future.

Literary

*Life is not always gentle,
but not often cruel.*

■ JOYLENE CAISON

One day, you cry yourself to sleep feeling the pain the world has caused you, and then wake up the next morning feeling lighter, eat the food on your plate, prepare yourself, go to work, and thank the sun for shining.

The next day, you worry about the things you are in no control over and ache for the seconds you would have done better; but in the next moment, you see yourself improving with the things you have longed for, doing the move you used to be scared about, and you find the drive to explore new things.

Another day, you doubt yourself and question your worth as you feel everything is falling apart and you can't do anything about it, then at the next point in time, you venture forth with faith and welcome whatever unfolds whether it builds you up or tears you down.

From time to time, you feel isolated to the point that you want to cut off everyone around you – you feel deeply secluded and wish to shut the world out, but then, at times, you reconnect and catch up with a dear friend from the past.

Sometimes, the world exposes you to the worst. But the thing is, life is meant to be lived. Life may not always be on our path but that doesn't mean we have no other choice and that we're bound to fail. We might make mistakes but we can always learn from them. We may be lost on track but we can always find our way back. We may stumble multiple times but we can rise stronger.

Maybe, life can be harsh and unforgiving at times, but it's not that always bad all the time, right?



16TH RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM



A Journey into Student Ingenuity at the Research Colloquium

■ BRENT FANIG

Last November 24, 2023, University of Baguio held its 16th Research Colloquium, where Information Technology students shared their cool ideas. They talked about how to make internet better in schools and places around Baguio City.

SIT Students showed how setting up Wi-Fi and computer networks in schools can help students learn more easily. SIT Students showcased their research projects, delving into the practical applications of network designs within educational institutions. They also shared ways to bring internet to faraway places in Baguio where it's hard to get online. By using smart ideas like satellite internet and mesh networks, they're trying to

make sure everyone can use the internet, no matter where they live. The event ended with everyone talking about how important it is to use technology to help everyone in Baguio City.

Overall, the 16th Research Colloquium underscored the commitment of University of Baguio's Information Technology students to harnessing technology for the betterment of society.



UB SSC

LOVERS



FESTIVAL



On February 22, the University of Baguio hosted its first Lovers Festival at Anacleto Drive. The University of Baguio Supreme Student Council Love in Bloom: Lovers Festival for Ubian Students is an event hosted by the UB SSC in collaboration with other university organizations to express love and celebrate Valentine's Day with fellow students.

■ JAN DANESSE TANELON

The UB SSC Lover's Festival was officially opened at 9:00 a.m. by the masters of ceremonies, Ms. Krizia Nicole Hara, Senator of the School of Business Administration and Accounting, and Mr. Carl Jitendra Calderon, President of the UB SSC, with performances by the UB Orchestra, UB Plug and Play, and other UBian talents.

Various booths were set up throughout the UB Terminal, including the Lover's Lens, a free photo booth by the School of Information Technology, a free vital sign screening and consultation for students and staff by the School of Nursing, and a photo booth and games by the UB CCSD Peer Facilitators. The UB SSC and SLC also set up a mini circus experience booth where students could get free biscuits and drinks, as well as a station for the UB Organization of Student Patisseries where free hand-made were distributed to everyone who visited the area once in the morning and in the afternoon.

The University of Baguio president, Engr. Javier Herminio D. Bautista visited the UB Terminal and checked out the different booths, even taking photos with the SSC President and SIT Governor at the Lover's Lens, before giving a brief message to the students encouraging them to enjoy the Festival. At various points throughout the day, the UB Orchestra and UB Plug and Play serenaded everyone with love songs, and artists rested, while the many students were given the



opportunity to play their selected songs on stage. In between acts, the MCs hosted a question and answer session for UB Merch prizes.

One of the students attending the festival remarked,

"The event was fun because there was free food, drinks, and merchandise, and the performances were good." "I believe the event was a success, despite the unexpected modifications we had to deal with. We were able to accommodate a large number of students, and we can tell they had a good time, especially when they received free food and drinks. Overall, we hope that this will continue to be an annual event in future years," added Nathaniel Vargas, one of the SSC officers

The program closed with Mr. Carl Jitendra Calderon's concluding remarks, certificate presentations to the event's university partners, and photo opportunities with school organizations.



International Women's Month



EMPOWERING WOMEN TODAY FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW AT THE 2024 WOMENTOR SEMINAR

■ JOYLENE CAISON

Hundreds of female students, together with the faculty from different departments of the University of Baguio, attended the seminar in the 2024 WOMENTOR in celebration of the National Women's Month held at the University of Baguio Gymnasium last March 07.

With the theme "Connecting Empowered Women of Today and Tomorrow," Ms. Lianne Pauline Carreon, JCI Baguio Sunflower President, delivered the opening remarks, setting the tone for a day of inspiration and empowerment emphasizing the importance of fostering connections among women and empowering them to excel in their endeavors. The mentors were crucial in facilitating meaningful interactions between students and professionals during the event. The mentors created a safe space for the students to share their thoughts, experiences, and challenges through the "UBolunteer Mentoring Program" and "Strengthening the bonds between Women of Today and Tomorrow" sessions.

The said sessions were not only to impart knowledge but also to instill confidence and resilience among the students. Mentors encouraged them to believe in themselves, seize



opportunities, and strive for excellence in their personal and professional lives. Through the mentorship, students were empowered to embrace their potential, overcome obstacles, and make meaningful contributions to society.

Moreover, Ms. Helen Alalag, SON Dean, took the stage to reflect on the impactful day of the 2024 WOMENTOR seminar as she highlighted the significance of the quote "BABAE AKO. HINDI BASTA BABAE LANG." She underscored the importance of recognizing and celebrating women's multifaceted roles and capabilities beyond societal expectations. The day ended on a note of empowerment, unity, and renewed commitment to supporting and uplifting women in their personal and professional journeys.



Literary

Kung Muli Akong Hihiling....

■ JOYLENE CAISON

Tulad ng ibong mataas ang lipad, nangarap din ako ng ganong katayog at katingkad. Tulad ng bayaning dakila, nagmahal at nagsakripisyo rin ako ng sobra. At tulad ng madla, hinangad ko rin ang buhay maharlika matakasan lang ang buhay na puno ng kahirapan.

Ngunit kung muli akong hihiling, hindi ko na papangarapin pang maging tulad ng ibong malaya kung dudurugin lang din ako ng paulit-ulit sa pagbagsak ko sa lupa. Hindi ko hihilingin na maging kahanga-hanga kahit ang ibig sabihin nito ay hindi ako kilala kung hindi lang rin ako tanggap sa buhay ng mga tao sa hinaharap. Hindi ko na hihilingin pang maging marangya kung ang kapalit lang rin ay ang buhay na tahimik at payapa.

Pipiliin ko na lamang na maging masaya. At kung babalik akong muli sa pagkabata, susulitin ko ang buhay na puno ng ligaya at walang pangamba. Hindi ko na mamadaliin ang pagtanda at lalaspin ko ang mga panahong ako'y malaya pa. Hindi na ako muling tatakas kapag patutulugin ako ni ina at susulitin ko ang panahong kasama ko sila ni ama. Dahil alam kong darating yung araw na ang lahat ay magbabago at ang lungkot ay hindi na muling maitatago. Ang mga luha ay papatak na lang bigla sa mga patong-patong na problema at walang katapusan na pagluluksa. At ang dating makulay na buhay ay mawawalan na ng saysay sapagkat and dating mahinahon ay niluma na ng panahon.

Kaya kung muli akong titingala sa nagliliwanag na buwan at nagniningning na mga tala, hihilingin ko na lamang na ako'y patatagin sa mundong mapanghamon at walang alam kundi ako'y subukin.

FUSION XII: UB'S TALENT SHOWDOWN ENGAGES CAMPUS WITH CAPTIVATING PERFORMANCES

■ AERON JEFF VILLENA



The University of Baguio set the stage on fire with its highly anticipated event, "Fusion XII: Music and Dance Festival," held at the UB's gymnasium last March 8 and April 14 this year.

The UB's annual much-awaited festival tradition event was attended and celebrated by the UB community to bring students from different schools within the university to compete in a range of categories, showcasing their musical and dance talents. The said festival were divided into two volumes of music and dance competitions, showcased the remarkable talent and creativity of students from various departments.

captivating the audience with diverse selections of songs including the popular Filipino tracks like "Upuan," "Liwang sa Dilim," and "Nosi Balasi." While the Volume 2 is centered on dance featuring different categories like lip-sync battle, folkloric, and hip-hop. This segment of the festival was held on April 14 that wowed the audience with electrifying performance, creative choreography, and compelling storytelling through the dance.

As the event continued, the participants from various categories brought their passion, determination, and talent on stage leaving a lasting impression on the audience. Among the standout performers were Mr. Jerric Panayo, a second-year BSIT student who



The Volume 1 of the festival is focused on music in which numbers of participants competed in different categories such as solo, duet, and band. The event took place on March 8

participated in the solo category showcasing his vocal prowess and stage presence; Mr. Charles Hanzel Gerardo, a second-year BSIT student who served as the Vocalist and Rhythm guitarist for the

band category; Ms. Mylene Wakit and Ms. Christine Curay from the Hip-hop category displaying synchronized choreography and energetic performance that captivated the audience; and Mr. Rick Jone Villanueva and Ms. KZ Angagka, the leaders of the Lip-sync battle team, their coordination and creativity added a dynamic element to the competition.

Despite challenges faced such as coordinating practices, managing schedules, and balancing academic responsibilities, the School of Information Technology participants showcased their dedication and talent. Interviews with the participants revealed their motivations, struggles, and aspirations highlighting the passion and determination of the UB's student community.



The Fusion event not only provided a platform for students to express themselves artistically but also fostered a spirit of collaboration and companionship among participants. The supportive environment created by fellow students, faculty members, and the enthusiastic audience enhanced the overall experience, encouraging performers to showcase their talents with confidence and enthusiasm. This collaborative atmosphere not only highlighted the diverse skills of the University of Baguio's student community but also strengthened bonds and amity within the campus, reflecting the university's dedication to fostering a dynamic and inclusive culture of creativity and unity.



NETACAD RIDERS 2024

Cisco Networking Academy Recognizes UB-SIT Student for Scoring Bronze in APJC Cisco NetAcad Riders 2024



Ron Leo Manangan, a third-year BSCpE student from the University of Baguio- School of Information Technology (UB-SIT), was awarded a Bronze Certificate in the Asia Pacific, Japan, and China (APJC) NetAcad Riders competition on March 26, 2024.

CHRISTIAN CALAGUI

The Cisco Networking Academy organized the APJC NetAcad Riders competition and aims to conduct an interactive networking skills contest to enrich classroom learning experiences, encourage collaboration among students from various regions, and promote ongoing technology education and training initiatives.

Mr. Suthinee Leelahemaratana, a program manager at Cisco Systems Thailand, is one of the competition's organizers, and the event was conducted online via Webex conference and Cisco NetAcad.

Participants, including Manangan, received instructions and materials via email. The competition requires students to join the APJC NetAcad Riders course in Cisco NetAcad to accomplish requirements such as practicing how to answer questions.

The competition was scheduled to start at 10:30 AM and conclude at 1:00 PM; the competition comprised 75 multiple-choice questions to be answered within 90 minutes. Manangan revealed that although they didn't proceed to round 2, the top 3 participants from each country would advance, with gold, silver, and

bronze certificates awarded to the top 5%, 10%, and 15% scorers, respectively.

With the vision of "Training a new generation of specialists in the field of Information Technology," the School of Information Technology at the University of Baguio aims to produce innovative and competent professionals. Manangan's success exemplifies the school's dedication to the vision, nurturing a culture of excellence and preparing students for the demands of today's technology-driven world.

COMPUTER SYSTEM & ENGINEERING CONSULTATION SERVICES: A HELPING HAND

SOZITA-MAE GRACE LUCIO

As part of Baguio City's March event, wherein the big three universities (SLU, UC, and UB) showcase their school departments on their assigned dates to assist the residents of the city, the event took place at Malcolm Square from morning to afternoon. On March 13, 2024, the UB School of Information Technology, together with the School of Engineering and Architecture, had the faculty's role of answering the inquiries of citizens, especially senior citizens, regarding the use of gadgets and other technological devices they have at home.

The faculty was in charge of answering the questions as they have more professional insights. They were able to assist and help the citizens who inquired and left with a 'thank you' and new knowledge. However, due to the faculty's class schedules, some had to leave, and eventually, most of them departed. Student officers were left to guard the school's post until the professors returned. While the faculty was away, the student officers distributed flyers to passersby.

The flier contains an invitation for incoming freshmen students or anyone to enroll or visit SIT, informing them about what's in store if they join the school department.

Around 3 in the afternoon, the faculty and student officers began packing up and finalizing the outreach. With handshakes and thank-yous from the government members, the event came to an end.

Lights, Camera, SIT in Action!

CHRISTIAN CALAGUI

University of Baguio's School of Information Technology Stands Out in "The Story" National Competition

In a spectacular display of skill and innovation, the School of Information Technology (SIT) at the University of Baguio impressed at the esteemed "The Story" National Competition. Hosted by the IP CIRCLE of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, this notable event took place in Bonifacio Global City, Taguig on November 17, 2023. Among many competitors, the SIT team stood out with their engaging short film titled "HUWAD," addressing the important topics of anti-piracy and counterfeiting.

The Visionaries Behind "HUWAD"

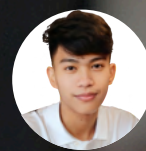
With the support of their coach, Ms. Sarah Jane Alos, the SIT team showed that teamwork and commitment are the keys to cinematic excellence. Director Christian Calagui, Director of Photography Paul Justin Mercado, and Creative Director Aljon Peña were instrumental in bringing the vision of "HUWAD" to life through a compelling visual story.

The Casts

The cast, including Ian Julius Visperas, Orlando Paguirigan, Averie Gaspar, Melchizedeck Martinez, Aileen Pucay, and Christian David Rojo, truly embodied their characters, connecting deeply with the story's essence. Scriptwriters LJ Czamyllle Prado and Denise Bayawa penned a narrative that went beyond the screen, touching the audience in a meaningful way.



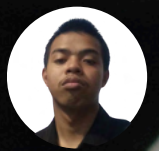
Sarah Jane Alos
Coach



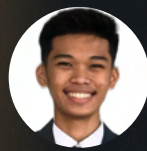
Christian Calagui
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Paul Justin Mercado
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Aljon Peña
Creative Director



Ian Julius Visperas
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Orlando Paguirigan
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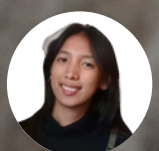
Christian David Rojo
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Aileen Pucay
Diane Montes



LJ Czamyllle Prado
Scriptwriter



Denise Bayawa
Scriptwriter

In "HUWAD," the story shows how a group of people gets involved in piracy and counterfeiting without realizing it. As they face the consequences, the film highlights how these problems impact individuals, businesses, and society. "The Story" National Competition has provided the University of Baguio's SIT team with an opportunity to demonstrate their pursuit of excellence and their efforts to tackle important societal issues through filmmaking. "HUWAD" reflects the teamwork of the students and the support of Ms. Sarah Jane Alos, encouraging others to join the fight against piracy and counterfeiting.


Ian Julius Visperas
Kean

The Power of Choice: Even the tiniest choice can have a lifelong impact

■ AILEEN PUCAY

A certain moment in life serves as significant turning points that permanently change the path of our lives. Isn't it amazing how a single, seemingly small choice has the power to reshape the course of our lives in ways we never imagined? You are standing on the edge of an opportunity that can completely transform your life as you begin reading this subject.

Every day, we pass through a maze of choices that range from the insignificant to the significant. Yet, in all this chaos of choices, one decision is more important than all others: the choice we make about our eternal destiny. Today, you hold the key to a decision that will impact throughout the ages. We are flawed and that is a fundamental reality of who we are. Since sin entered into this world, it has tied itself throughout our lives, separating us from the Divine. As what is written in His Word, For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We stand as sinners in the eyes of a righteous God, burdened by the weight of our transgressions and condemned to spiritual death. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are trying our own ways to reach Him. And we often think that religion, good works, traditions, money, and morality could save us. But our ways are not acceptable to Him because of our iniquities. We are unable to realize how serious our situation is – salvation cannot be earned, it must be bestowed. No matter how much fun we try to have, there's always an emptiness that only God can fill. Yet, amidst the shadows of sin, hope breaks through the darkness – the promise of redemption. The Bible says: But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. John 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. He died at the cross of Calvary and He completely paid the penalty of your sins. In Jesus, we see God's love and mercy not as abstract concepts, but as a living person who walked among us. He offers us not just a way back, but a complete transformation. Through His sacrificial love, He bore the weight of our sins upon the rugged cross, to set us free from eternal damnation.

But that does not end at the cross, for on the third day, the tomb stood empty, and death was conquered once and for all. Jesus Christ triumphed over death through his resurrection, proclaiming the start of a new filled with God's forgiveness and salvation. His resurrection proves that He is Lord, our Savior, and a beacon of hope for all who dare to believe. Today, as you stand at the crossroads of eternity, the voice of grace calls you forward. In humble surrender, offer up the prayer of repentance, inviting Christ to reign as the Lord and Savior of your life. Romans 10:13

says, For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. In this sacred exchange, you will find forgiveness, redemption, and a newfound identity as a beloved child of God.

Now that you have heard about Him, He wants you to talk to Him through prayer. Pray this in faith:

Lord, thank you that I have heard about your love for me. Thank you that I found out that I am a sinner, who was convicted to go to hell. But thank You because You died, at the Cross, buried, and rose again for me not to suffer eternally in hell. This time, I confess my sins and accept You as my Lord and personal Savior of my life. Thank you for forgiving me. AMEN.

A New Beginning

As your prayer echoes the heavens, know that something has transformed deep within your soul. You are no longer captive by the chains of sin and despair but liberated by the boundless grace of God. Embrace this new beginning with enthusiasm, for you are now a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven, heir to the promise of eternal life, and child of the Most High God, destined for a glorious inheritance in His kingdom. As the promise of God, There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we are now in the end times. It means that the second coming of Jesus Christ is approaching. We need to repent and turn away from our wickedness before it's too late because we only have limited time left. Let us follow the Will of God and walk steadfastly in His path of love, grace, and redemption. According to Matthew 7:21, Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

As you reflect on the depths of these truths, may your heart be stirred to embrace the gift of salvation offered freely to all who believe. Remember, dear reader, that the smallest decision can change your life forever – and today, you have chosen the path of eternal significance. In the moments when we make difficult choices, we find the path to everlasting life - a life where we are forgiven, made whole again, and reborn in God's loving embrace.

Jesus and you now have a personal relationship. To start your journey, begin by praying to Him every day, read your Bible, attend a bible-believing church to learn more about Him, and participate in discipleship programs to grow in your faith with Him.



SIT Launched its First Annual Tripartite Event and Official AVP.

■ CHRISTIAN CALAGUI

The School of Information Technology conducted its first launch of the annual tripartite event entitled "SIT Kapihan: Venturing into Tripartite Collaboration," which encapsulates the duty of UB-SIT and partner HTEs to act in the best interest of the students and other stakeholders on April 6, 2024, at the University of Baguio FGB Hall.

The SIT Kapihan Session was a platform for open discussion and idea-sharing to enhance stakeholder partnership, promote student growth, promote teamwork, clarify roles, engage in beneficial dialogue, and update the Program Objectives and Outcomes, aligning it to the industry requirements.

During the session, participants, including partners, alumni, and students, engaged in meaningful discussions, exchanging insights, perspectives, and suggestions regarding potential improvements or modifications to the existing courses. The goal was to discuss the program objectives, outcomes, and program indicators that ensure students acquire the necessary skills, knowledge, and competencies to succeed in their careers.

Moreover, the SIT also launched its official Audio Visual Presentation (AVP) to show the different programs, including Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering (BSCpE), Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSCS), Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT), and ACT in Multimedia. Additionally, the AVP shows the department's activities, talents, creativity, and competencies

of students along with its mission, which is to create a dynamic learning environment conducive to the development of globally competitive IT professionals.

The SIT Kapihan Session provided a valuable platform for collaboration and idea-sharing among stakeholders, aiming to improve student experiences and program outcomes. Through open discussions and the launch of an official Audio Visual Presentation (AVP), the event emphasized SIT's commitment to creating a dynamic learning environment for its students that fosters the development of globally competitive IT professionals through innovative programs and a supportive community.

UB GOT TALENT - FROLICS 2024: The School of Information Technology

■ SOZITA-MAE GRACE LUCIO

For this year's University anniversary event, it's not just students who get to show their talents. On April 5, 2024, students gathered at the University of Baguio Cardinals Gym to watch their favorite teachers and other UB employees showcase their short performances. The UB Got Talent: Frolics, which only happens every five years, is a rare event exclusively for the university's employees. Thirteen school departments collaborate with other non-teaching offices and compete against each other through singing, dancing, and acting.

As for the School of Information Technology and MIS, it was indeed surprising, as far as anyone could tell. While the SIT students were expecting

them to dance, as in the last Frolics before the pandemic, where the women in the faculty performed a hip-hop dance, they were astounded by the faculty's short Avatar-inspired skit.

The highlight of the show was when the BSCpE professor, Sir Monico, did several "calm baby down" and "yo yo yo" TikTok trends with the other members of MIS as part of the script. The students were excited to see the BSIT professor, Sir Pio, and BSCpae professor, Sir Meynard, perform on stage. Unfortunately, the former had only one role as the flying bison in Avatar, carrying the leading performer on his back as a form of "transportation" in the scene. The latter was positioned on the side of the stage as a narrator and technical director. Despite their apparent shyness, the other faculty members also did their best to bring happiness to the audience, which indeed brought joy, especially to the young elementary students.

Although SIT may not have won any awards at the end of the event, the students are still proud of the faculty's performance and support with their non-stop cheering. The performance inspired another aspect of the students: the professors are talented beyond their educator roles.



Baguio HOSTS YGG PILIPINAS ROADTRIP 2024, SHOWCASING WEB3 GAMING TO THE COMMUNITY



CHRISTIAN CALAGUI AND JOYLENE CAISON



The School of Information Technology of the University of Baguio partners with Yield Guild Games Pilipinas for a nationwide event aimed at introducing web3 gaming experiences to Filipinos.

In a bid to bring the latest in gaming technology to the Filipino masses, the UB School of Information Technology collaborated with YGG Pilipinas for the YGG Pilipinas Roadtrip 2024 in Baguio. The event was held at the CAP-John Hay Trade and Cultural Center in Camp John Hay last April 27, showcased a variety of web3 gaming booths, providing an immersive experience for both traditional web2 games and those familiar with blockchain technology.

Joniel Bon, the Founder of NFTXSTREET WEB3 GAMING COMMUNITY shared his insights into the significance of the event. "We held YGG events twice already here in Baguio. The first one was in SM last 2022, so this is our second time. First and foremost, we want to see the community not only online but also in real-life events, where we can meet and get to know each other. This usually strengthens our community bonds and nurtures stronger relationships among members."

The YGG Roadtrip is not limited to Baguio; it spans various locations across the Philippines. "Baguio is our second stop. Two weeks ago, we were in Batangas, and we had a series of legs planned - Batangas, Baguio, Cebu, Davao, Bacolod, and back to Manilas. We aim to reach every corner of the Philippines," Sir Bon added, highlighting the event's nationwide reach and impact.



The event was made possible by the generous support of sponsors including YGG Pilipinas, BreederDAO, coins.ph, DeLabs Games, Immutable, Zeeverse, EVERSEED, Arena Faith, Jambo, Parallel, Sipher Odyssey, Petopia, My Pet Hooligan, Axie Infinity, OP Games, AnotherWorld, 3KDS, Arena-Z, AyalaMalls, and Metaversity Workshop. It is also supported by DICT, further stressing the collaborative effort to bring web3 gaming closer to the Filipino community.

exciting and inclusive gaming ecosystem in the Philippines. As the road trip continues its journey across the nation, it promises to ignite passion and curiosity for web3 technologies, paving the way for a more connected and tech-savvy future for all.

The YGG Pilipinas Roadtrip 2024 in Baguio has not only brought cutting-edge web3 gaming experiences to the local community but has also strengthened connections and solidarity among gamers and enthusiasts. With events like these, the boundaries between online and offline communities blur, creating a more



BRAINWAVE XII: TOMORROW'S FUTURE, THE AI TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION

The University of Baguio F Building buzzed excitedly on April 25, 2024, as the School of Information Technology (SIT) hosted its much-anticipated 12th Brainwave competition. With the theme "Tomorrow's Future, The AI Technological Revolution," this annual event serves as a platform for SIT students to showcase their skills and talents in various fields of IT, from computer programming to digital artistry

■ CHRISTIAN CALAGUI

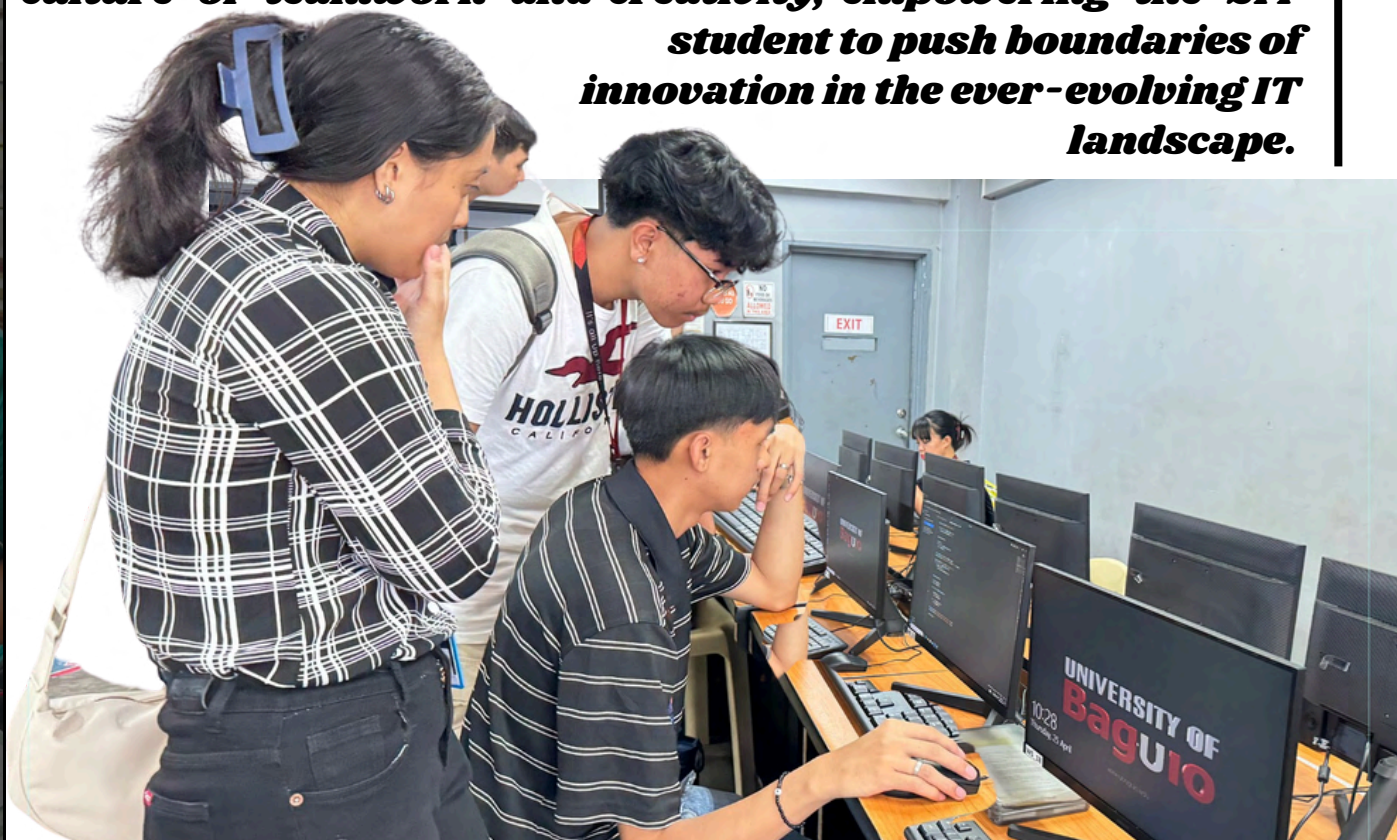


The competition started from 8:00 to 5:00 pm; participants engaged in activities designed to test their skills and creativity. The morning started with adrenaline-pumping Esports battles and mind-bending challenges in the Quiz Bee and IT Journey. Brainwave XII introduced its first-ever IT Journey, an escape room-style adventure where students navigated through programming puzzles and networking challenges that showcase their teamwork and problem-solving abilities. Meanwhile, Digital Poster Making and Digital Painting enabled students to unleash creativity. Participants poured their imagination onto digital screens

Brainwave XII

not only celebrated technical excellence but also fostered a culture of teamwork and creativity, empowering the SIT student to push boundaries of innovation in the ever-evolving IT landscape.

Notably, one of the remarkable features of Brainwave XII is its inclusivity. The event is open to all bona fide SIT students regardless of their program; Brainwave XII encourages student participation across disciplines. This year, students had the chance to compete in various competitions, including Quiz Bee, IT Journey, Computer Programming 2, Network Troubleshooting 1 & 2, Circuit Building, and creativity in different areas such as Video Ad Competition, Digital Poster making, and Digital painting. The competition also enables students to showcase their skills in Esports competitions such as League of Legends and Tekken 7.



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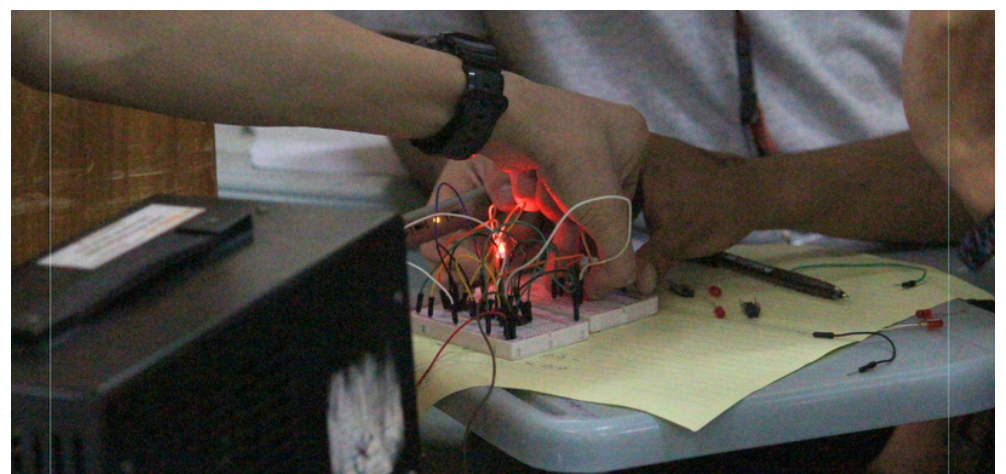
A TOUCH OF TOMORROW



and crafted visually stunning artworks that reflected the theme, "Tomorrow's Future, The AI Technological Revolution," which focuses on the empowering growth of AI in technological employment. Artwork creations are displayed in the Wi-Fi area as part of the event's art exhibit.

Furthermore, participants donned their virtual detective hats in network troubleshooting competitions, solving network errors and demonstrating proficiency with tools like Packet Tracer. With precision and quick thinking, students identified issues and proposed solutions that showcase their technical prowess in IT infrastructure. Beyond the joy of competition, Esports fans found their haven in Brainwave XII's League of Legends and Tekken 7 tournaments.

The competition unfolded over several days, culminating in exciting finals that drew crowds of students and faculty alike. From intense battles on Summoner's Rift to fierce one-on-one duels in Tekken, competitors left no stone unturned in their quest for victory.



Brainwave XII also introduced the Breadboarding Competition, a platform for Computer Engineering students to demonstrate their expertise in logic circuits and switching theory. Participants showcased their ability to design and analyze complex circuits, pushing the boundaries of innovation in hardware engineering.

With the event's success, the School of Information Technology upholds its vision to create a dynamic learning environment through its annual Brainwave event. The event challenges the students to showcase their skills, talents, and intellect in their selected field. With the growing technological integration of Artificial Intelligence, the School's theme this year for the event is "Tomorrow's Future, The AI Technological Revolution," which focuses on the empowering growth of AI in technological employment.

UNIVERSITY OF BAGUIO INTRAMURALS 2023



A Blend of Enjoyment, Companionship, and Intense Rivalry

The School of Information Technology joined the annual Intramurals of the University of Baguio during the first semester of School Year 2023–2024. The Intramurals are divided into two phases: the first and second semesters. The first phase includes Basketball, Table Tennis, Badminton, and Mobile Legends.

■ BRENT A. FANIG, CHRISTIAN CALAGUI, AND SOZITA-MAE GRACE S. LUCIO

Basketball

The basketball court transforms into a battleground as teams from different departments clash, showcasing their skills in dribbling, shooting, and their ability to work together as a unit. The atmosphere is electric, with supporters cheering passionately from the sidelines, echoing the spirit of unity and school pride that defines these intramurals. Players demonstrate not just their athletic prowess but also their strategic thinking and coordination on the court. Every dribble, pass, and shot is a testament to their dedication and training. The competitive intensity is palpable, yet amidst the game's fervor, sportsmanship and respect prevail.

As the games continued, the energy on the court becomes infectious,

a sense of community among the audience. Each match is not just about points on the scoreboard but about the values of teamwork, perseverance, and fair play that the University of Baguio upholds. Off the court, friendships are forged and rivalries are set aside, highlighting the deeper meaning of these intramurals. It's not just about winning; it's about the journey, the growth, and the bonds that are strengthened through shared experiences. The resounding cheers, the thud of the ball hitting the court, and the squeak of sneakers create a symphony of sportsmanship and camaraderie. Beyond the scoreboard, the basketball games in the University of Baguio's Intramurals embody the values of teamwork, perseverance, and community that define the university experience.





Launch Attack!

SIT Chameleons Secure 1st Runner-Up Spot in Mobile Legends Tournament

During the elimination round of the Mobile Legends Tournament held on November 18, 2023, at the University of Baguio Computer Laboratory, the SIT Chameleons dominated with eight wins and one loss against nine competing schools, securing their spot in the finals. Members of the SIT Chameleons, led by Team Captain Russel Vicente (Mid Lane), Averie Gaspar (Exp Lane), Orlando Paguirigan Jr. (Gold Lane), Mel Jones Longalong (Jungler), Dee Jay Pacio (Roamer), and 6th-man Christian Calagui (Mid Lane).

However, the Finals, held on November 25, saw a powerful battle between SNS and SIT, ultimately resulting in SIT claiming the 1st runner-up position. According to the Team Captain, Russel Vicente, "We had a blast competing against all the departments! But we didn't practice enough for the finals because we thought we'd win easily. Next time, we're going for the tournament with full determination."

The tournament was fun and exciting because we faced all the departments and competed against them. Although we didn't become the champions, securing the 1st runner-up position was still a significant accomplishment. Playing against the other teams filled us with excitement and enjoyment throughout the event." Averie added.

Despite falling short of the championship, the SIT community remains immensely proud of their team. The journey, marked by victories in the elimination round and the competitive spirit he witnessed in the finals, reflects the dedication, resilience, and sportsmanship and ingrainded in the SIT community.

Table Tennis and Badminton

A Showcase of Skill and Sportsmanship

Meanwhile, in the lively ambiance of the Intramurals, the table tennis and badminton tournament took center stage at the University of Baguio Cardinals Gym, showcasing not just the physical finesse of players but the pulsating energy of the entire event. The detailed sound of bouncing ping pong balls created a rhythmic symphony, echoing through the gym as teams from diverse departments engaged in an intense yet remarkably friendly competition. In the badminton matches, feathered shuttles soared through the air, met with precise racquet swings and strategic placements. The court became a canvas of strategy and skill, with players showcasing their ability to anticipate and counter their opponents' moves.

The table tennis and badminton tournament not only added depth to the Intramurals but also highlighted the inclusive and spirited nature of the University of Baguio's sports community.



Intense Battles and Strategic Moves Define Chess Tournament at UB Intramurals



As the University of Baguio geared up for its annual college intramurals, students eagerly prepared to participate in a day of friendly competition. The chess tournament, known for its strategic challenges, offered students a chance to engage in intellectual gameplay and bond with peers.

On April 13, 2024, the University of Baguio held its chess event in part of the annual college intramurals. It was a day eagerly awaited, marked by the culmination of months of preparation and anticipation for the annual intramurals. featuring an intense chess tournament at the student center. Students from diverse courses engaged in strategic battles on the board. With meticulous planning and tireless effort, event organizers ensured that every aspect of the tournament ran seamlessly, from arranging chess boards to scheduling matches. Their dedication and attention to detail became apparent as the tournament officially commenced with the first moves. Palpable tension filled the air, signaling the start of a day marked by intense competition. The thoroughness of the tournament preparations was evident from the outset. With the help of their coach, Sir Julius Caesar Monico, the SIT chess team practiced a lot, getting better at their game and planning their strategies for the competition. They thought carefully about every move they'd make, with Sir Julius guiding them every step of the way. For many, the tournament represented not just a chance to showcase their prowess on the board, but an opportunity to forge lasting memories and friendships with fellow students.

When the final moves were made, it was the School of Engineering and Architecture (SEA) that emerged triumphant in the men's category, while the School of Natural Sciences (SNS) claimed victory in the women's

division. Meanwhile, our own School of Information Technology (SIT) showcased their skill and determination, despite facing formidable opponents, they held their own on the battlefield, securing a commendable 3rd runner-up position overall. Led by Jasper Asmin, the SIT team men's captain, including Von Mallari Bides, Mclin Molina, Cedric Ayeo-eo, Sayrille Garcia (SIT women's captain), and Catherine Balboa, demonstrated determination and talent.

The event attracted a vibrant crowd of teachers, staff, and students, all cheering on their peers. The intramurals fostered a sense of unity and camaraderie among the campus community. Looking forward, SIT is eager to participate in future sports events with enthusiasm and pride. Whether on the chessboard or in other competitions, we are committed to representing our department with sportsmanship and skill.



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Celebrating Sportsmanship and Amity

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On March 2, the University of Baguio was abuzz with excitement as students gathered for the annual college intramurals.

Among the day's events, the dart competition drew particular attention. The competition, which was held in the university gym, allowed students from different departments to showcase their darting skills. Several teams from different departments were at the forefront of the competition, each showcasing their talent and determination. The School of Information Technology (SIT) stands out and is known for its skills in the sport. With supporters cheering from the sidelines, players from various departments took their positions, SIT's dart players, including Petterson Palomique, Renato Consolacion, Kurt Emodias and the duo Clyde Antonio and Brylle John Bartolome, geared up to represent their department with pride. Ready to compete with pride for their respective teams.

Throughout the progression of the competition, it became clear that SIT was a force to be reckoned with. Players from various departments went head-to-head, aiming for the 180 score or what they call a "maximum" in darts terminology with each throw. What made this event special was the camaraderie it fostered. Despite the competitive atmosphere, there was a sense of unity among the participants, with everyone coming together to celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship. Guided by their mentors, SIT's players demonstrated skill and focus, earning



admiration from their peers. With each successful throw, they moved closer to victory, showing what teamwork and determination can achieve. Approaching the conclusion of the competition, SIT may not have emerged victorious in the darts tournament, but their unwavering dedication and exemplary sportsmanship resonated profoundly, garnering admiration from participants and spectators alike. Particularly striking was the palpable sense of school "Esprit de corps" or a feeling of pride and fellowship that enveloped the entire event.

As the day came to a close, it was evident that the dart competition had brought the university community together in a celebration of athleticism and camaraderie. Looking ahead, SIT remains committed to actively participating in future intramural sports events, eager to continue showcasing

At the University of Baguio Intramurals Phase 2, there was a lot of excitement, especially with the volleyball games. The women's team did great and made it to the playoffs. They worked well together, and their skills got them through some tough matches.

Unfortunately, the men's team didn't make it to the playoffs this time. They tried hard, but the other teams were really strong. Even though they didn't win, they learned a lot and had fun playing.

As the event concluded, it was evident that the UB Intramurals Phase 2 went beyond sports. It united people and celebrated community spirit. As participants left, they took with them memories of laughter, excitement, and plenty of volleyball fun.



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THE WINNING MOMENTUM

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On March 10, 2024, the School of Information Technology (SIT) secured their first notable victory at the University of Baguio (UB) Intramurals Part 2, clinching third place in the Billiards category. The competition unfolded at the Puyat Sports area within the Baguio Center Mall, where SIT players showcased their prowess on the green baize.

Amidst the tournament's intensity, a memorable incident occurred when one of SIT's top billiard players engaged in a heated exchange with an opponent from the School of Engineering and Architecture (SEA). This altercation served as a catalyst for the SIT team, igniting their determination to assert their dominance on the table. Although victory was not assured in every match, the SIT players demonstrated resilience and skill, securing their position among the top three contenders.



Coach Monico, the guiding force behind the SIT billiards team, expressed pride in his players' performance and teamwork. To commemorate their achievement, he treated the students to a well-deserved meal at Good Taste, a local restaurant renowned for its hearty fare. This gesture served as a congratulatory reward for the dedication and sportsmanship displayed by the SIT billiards players.

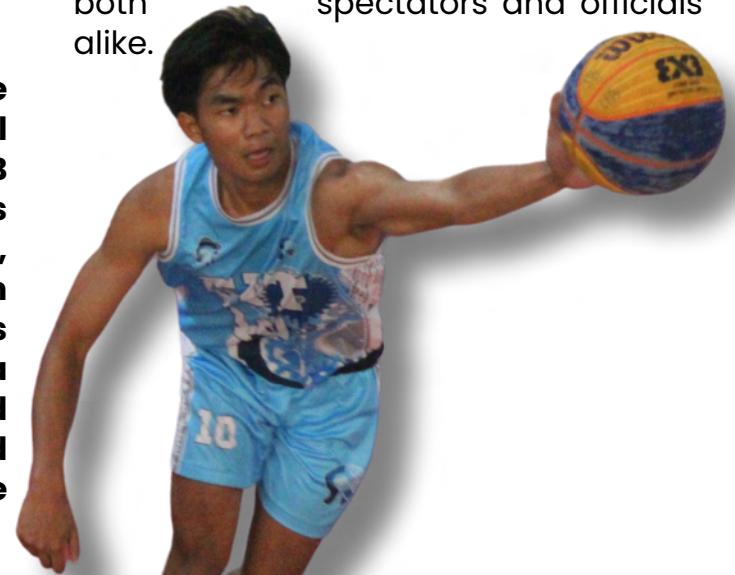
With this triumph under their belt, the SIT team harbors renewed optimism for future intramural competitions. Their success in the Billiards category marks a promising start to their journey towards further victories in the realm of collegiate sports.



Following their success in the Billiards category, the SIT team secured another triumph in the Chess Tournament, clinching the prestigious 3rd Runner Up position amidst competition from 10 other schools. This achievement, attained on April 13, 2024, underscored SIT's dominance in strategic gameplay and critical thinking.

Continuing their winning streak, the SIT athletes excelled in the Basketball 3v3 tournament held at the UB Gymnasium on April 17, 2024. This modified version of basketball, featuring three players per team on the court, tested the players' skills and endurance over the course of a full-day event. Despite the intensified competition, the SIT team emerged victorious, securing an impressive 2nd Runner Up placement.

Throughout these ball games, the guidance and strategic acumen of coaches Sir Pio and Sir Monico proved instrumental in shaping the team's approach to each match. With a combination of determination and practiced skills, the SIT players showcased exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship, earning praise from both spectators and officials alike.



The achievements of the SIT team stand as a testament to their dedication and skill in representing the school department with pride. Their success in these sporting events not only highlights their individual talents but also reflects the collective spirit of excellence that defines the SIT community.

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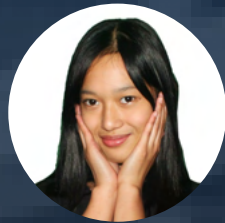
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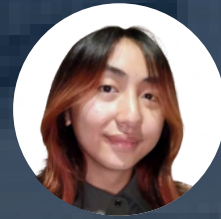
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