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NBSC Recognized for 100% Program Accreditation at NNQAA Summit

NBSC reached a historic milestone after all five of its academic programs achieved 100% accreditation during the 2nd National Network of Quality Assurance Agencies (NNQAA) Quality Assurance Summit and Conferment Ceremony held on March 5–7, 2026, at The Heritage Hotel Manila, Pasay City.

Led by Dr. Raymund P. Arcega, CESE, President of the Association of Local Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (ALCUCOA), the ceremony recognized NBSC's five programs with AACUP Level I Accreditation: Bachelor of Early Childhood Education,

Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Secondary Education (Mathematics and English), Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Financial Management, Marketing Management, and Operations Management). Dr. Daniel S. Lerongan, NBSC Quality Assurance Head, received the certificates on behalf of the College.

Represented by College President Dr. Christie Jean Villanueva-Ganiera, CESE, and Dr. Lerongan, NBSC also participated in the summit, which was graced by CHED Chairperson Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis.

The achievement reaffirms the College's commitment to quality assurance and academic excellence under its guiding values of Responsibility, Accountability, Inclusivity, Sustainability, and Excellence.



NBSC Partners with Universitas Dinamika in Virtual MOU Ceremony

NBSC, through the International Affairs and External Linkages Office (IAELO), formalized a partnership with Universitas Dinamika of Indonesia through a Virtual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Signing Ceremony held on May 19, 2026, via Zoom.

The ceremony brought together key officials and representatives from both institutions, marking their shared commitment to academic cooperation, internationalization, research, and other mutually beneficial initiatives. The partnership aims to strengthen international academic engagement while creating opportunities for collaborative

research, professional development, and cross-border learning.

The agreement underscores NBSC's continued efforts to expand its global network and provide broader academic and collaborative opportunities for its stakeholders.



NBSC TRIBUNE

The word "Tribune" traces its origins to Ancient Rome, where it referred to a public official entrusted with serving the community. Over time, the term evolved to represent a platform

for communication, the exchange of ideas, and the sharing of information. As a publication title, "Tribune" has become widely associated with newspapers and newsletters that inform, document, and connect communities.

As the official newsletter of the Northern Bukidnon State College, NBSC Tribune

serves as a reliable source of institutional news, achievements, milestones, and significant developments. It chronicles the College's growth, highlights the accomplishments of its students, faculty, staff, and partners, and promotes informed engagement within the NBSC community.

NBSC Achieves ISO 9001:2015 Certification, Strengthening Commitment to Quality and Excellence

NBSC has officially achieved ISO 9001:2015 certification following the successful completion of its Stage 2 External Audit on June 8–9, 2026, at the NBSC campus. The audit, conducted by SOCOTEC Certification Philippines, Inc. (SCPI) through auditors Jose Emmanuel Thomas A. Diel and Grace J. Reyes, evaluated the implementation and effectiveness of the College's Quality Management System (QMS).

During the two-day assessment, the auditors conducted interviews, verified documents and records, and performed on-site observations across key academic and administrative units. The evaluation

covered instructional delivery, quality assurance, regulatory compliance, risk management, resource management, and documented procedures, confirming that the College's QMS conforms to the ISO 9001:2015 standard and is effectively implemented across institutional operations. Notably, NBSC successfully passed the audit without any major or minor non-conformances, underscoring the effectiveness and maturity of its quality management system.

The certification affirms NBSC's commitment to quality education, efficient public service, and continual improvement. It also reflects the collective



SOCOTEC Lead Auditor Jose Emmanuel Thomas Diel

dedication of the College's officials, faculty, and staff in upholding quality standards and advancing institutional excellence.



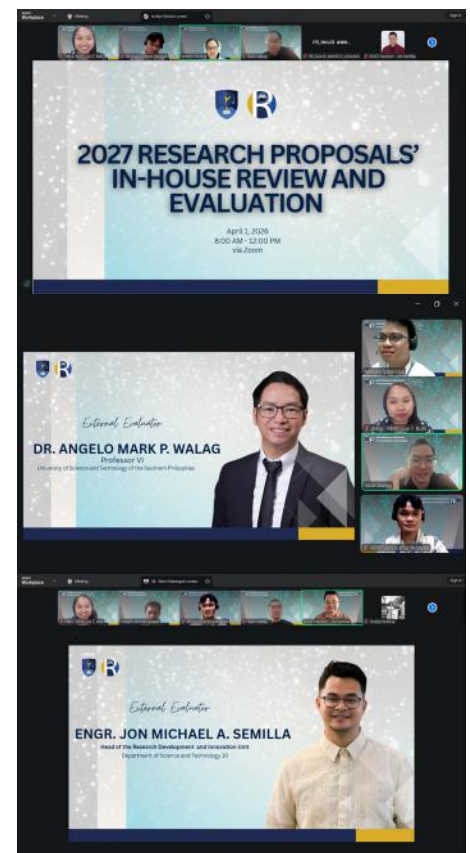
NBSC Fuels Innovation: 12 Research Proposals Undergo 2027 In-House Review

Strengthening its commitment to academic excellence and societal impact, the NBSC Research Development and Innovation Division (RDID), headed by Dr. Mary Koren Witting-Acuesa, conducted the 2027 In-House Review and Evaluation of Research Proposals on April 1, 2026, via Zoom. The activity featured twelve (12) endorsed research proposals that seek to address regional challenges while advancing the College's vision of inclusive, culturally responsive, and sustainable higher education.

In her message, College President Dr. Christie Jean Villanueva-Ganiera, CESE, underscored that research is both a professional responsibility and a mission to uplift communities. She encouraged faculty researchers to welcome expert feedback, saying, *"Your proposals are seeds, while the evaluation process is the soil and water that will help them grow into impactful solutions,"* urging them to transform good ideas into impactful ones.

Dr. Ganiera highlighted four key pillars reflected in the proposals: inclusivity through studies addressing GIDA communities and student concerns; cultural responsiveness through localized intelligence testing and ethical Generative AI integration; sustainable higher education through teacher performance and student engagement research; and holistic development through kindness curricula and social-emotional learning.

Joining the review as external evaluators were Dr. Angelo Mark P. Walag of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP) and Engr. Jon Michael A. Semilla of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Regional Office 10, whose expertise will help ensure the research generates meaningful outcomes for communities and industry partners. As the proposals move toward implementation in 2027, NBSC continues to strengthen its culture of research, innovation, and evidence-based solutions.



NBSC Makes History at the 2nd Research and Extension Summit and PASIDUNGOG 2026



NBSC, through the Research Development and Innovation Division (RDID) and Community Extension Services Division (CESD), successfully conducted the 2nd Research and Extension Summit and PASIDUNGOG 2026 on April 21–22, 2026, at the NBSC Covered Court with the theme, “Advancing Knowledge, Empowering Communities: Building a Vibrant Research Culture and Inclusive Extension for Sustainable Futures.”

The summit opened with College President Dr. Christie Jean Villanueva-Ganiera, CESE, while Prof. Juvy Lizette Gervacio of the University of the Philippines Open University delivered the keynote address, encouraging educators and students to embrace Artificial Intelligence as a tool for research, teaching, and inclusive learning. Student researchers presented their studies before evaluators Dr. Rey Y. Capangpangan, Engr. Arthur MB Quiblat, and Ms. Jocelyn Tango-an, while

Day 2 featured faculty and staff research presentations and the PASIDUNGOG 2026 recognition program.

In her inspirational message, Dr. Ganiera reminded participants, “Research is in our hands. Innovation is in our hands. The future of our communities is in our hands... together.” The event also marked the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NBSC and Central Mindanao University (CMU) to strengthen research collaboration.

The summit concluded with the recognition of stakeholders, researchers, extensionists, and outstanding student presenters. “EmergTrack” won First Place in the Poster Presentation, while “Agri-Alalay” earned First Place in the Oral Presentation. The successful event was led by Dr. Mary Koren Witting-Acuesa (RDID) and Mr. Alven L. Gomez (CESD), with the support of the College Administration headed by Vice President for Administration and Finance (VPAF) John Kevin A. Artuz, JD.

NBSC Hosts GCED Workshop, Strengthening Whole School Approach in Education

NBSC hosted a Global Citizenship Education (GCED) Workshop on April 28–30, 2026, at the Bamboo Pavilion in Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon, bringing together educators, school leaders, and academic stakeholders to strengthen the integration of GCED through the Whole School Approach in support of United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4.7.

The workshop was led by the Philippine Normal University (PNU) – GCED Cooperation Center Philippines (GCC Philippines) in coordination with Bukidnon State University and NBSC. Rowena R. Hibanada, Director, and Iona Ofelia Zanoria, Project Leader

of the GCED Learning Hub and Caravan, emphasized the importance of collaboration in advancing inclusive and transformative education. Participants engaged in sessions on GCED integration, implementation assessment, and the development of context-responsive action plans.

The organizers expressed gratitude to Hon. Congressman Jose Manuel “Joeman” F. Alba and Hon. Malou Acosta-Alba, former Congresswoman, for providing the Bamboo Pavilion as the venue. The activity, led by the Community Extension Services Division, was supported by College President Dr. Christie Jean Villanueva-Ganiera, CESE,

Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) Dr. Jovelyn G. Delosa, and Vice President for Administration and Finance (VPAF) John Kevin A. Artuz, JD. The workshop reaffirmed NBSC’s commitment to advancing inclusive, sustainable, and transformative education through strategic partnerships and capacity-building initiatives.



NBSC, DOST Advance Engineered Bamboo Facility with Key Equipment Turnover



NBSC and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) marked a major milestone in the “Utilization of DOST-FPRDI Technology in the Establishment of Engineered Bamboo Processing Facility in Manolo Fortich,

Bukidnon-DI” during a project monitoring review held on May 12, 2026, at the Research Development and Innovation Division (RDID) Office.

The evaluation was led by Ms. Ritchie Mae L. Guno, Provincial Science and Technology Director of the DOST Provincial Office of Bukidnon, together with the NBSC project team: Ms. Niñan Grace L. Paña, Dr. Mary Koren Witting-Acuesa, Mr. Alven L. Gomez, Mr. Julius S. Gabinete, and Natural Green Association (NGA) Chairman Mr. Bobby Baliling. A key highlight was the turnover of an air compressor, Bosch circular saw, and orbital power sander to

the NGA, bringing the facility’s equipment acquisition to 75% completion, with full operations awaiting the delivery of the four-side planer.

The review also noted the 100% completion of capacity-building activities for 15 NGA members, covering product development, pricing, branding, financial literacy, governance, and association management. The initiative underscores NBSC’s commitment to translating research into community-based enterprises, promoting sustainable livelihoods, technology transfer, and rural industrialization.

NBSC Research on Indigenous and Peace Education Featured at International Sanrokan Festival 2026

NBSC showcased its research excellence and commitment to cultural advocacy as Dr. Edilyn A. Culajara, an instructor of the College, presented her research at the 2026 International Sanrokan Festival held March 13–15 at Romblon State University in Odiongan, Romblon. The event gathered scholars and experts under the theme, “Diversity of Cultural Expression through Inclusive Governance and Education.”

Dr. Culajara presented her paper, “Evaluating the Integration of Indigenous Communities and Peace Studies in Selected College Curricula in Northern

Mindanao,” which advocates for more inclusive approaches to peace education and indigenous representation in higher education. Reflecting on the experience, she shared that engaging with fellow researchers strengthened her confidence and provided valuable feedback, while insights from respected speakers deepened her appreciation for the role of research in education and nation-building.

The international presentation highlights NBSC’s commitment to advancing impactful research, promoting faculty participation in global academic

forums, and generating evidence-based knowledge that supports quality education, cultural preservation, and community development.



NBSC continues to strengthen its research profile as Mary Ann Charmaine O. Tapulayan-Dumana, faculty member of the Institute for Teacher Education (ITE), received the Best Paper Award during the 7th International Teacher Education

NBSC Researcher Earns Best Paper Recognition at TERC7

Research Conference (TERC7) held at Xavier University–Ateneo de Cagayan on May 28–30, 2026.

Her study, *Decolonizing My Voice: A Living Theory Study of Translanguaging and Linguistic Inclusion in Philippine Higher Education*, examined how educators can unintentionally reinforce English-dominant classroom practices despite promoting multilingualism. Using Living

Theory, the research drew from five months of reflective journals, classroom recordings, student feedback, and assessment tools.

The recognition highlights NBSC’s commitment to advancing research that promotes inclusive, reflective, and transformative teaching practices in Philippine higher education.

NBSC Inaugurates Indigenous Culture and Creative Innovation Hub



NBSC, through its Research Development and Innovation Division (RDID), formally blessed and inaugurated the Indigenous Culture and Creative Innovation Hub on March 2, 2026. The facility serves as a pioneering space where heritage, creativity, and technology converge to support research, innovation, and community engagement.

The Hub builds on the vision introduced by former College President Dr. Catherine Roween C. Almaden and

was brought to completion under College President Dr. Christie Jean Villanueva-Ganiera, CESE, reaffirming the College's commitment to research excellence and cultural preservation. Designed as a laboratory-cum-gallery, it integrates culture, arts, technology, and enterprise while providing experiential learning opportunities for students across various disciplines.

The Hub's artistic concept was designed by Louie Talents, a Filipino artist based

in France, whose work reflects the harmony of indigenous heritage and contemporary innovation. With this milestone, NBSC strengthens its role as a center for transformative education, bridging indigenous knowledge systems with modern technology to foster inclusive, research-driven, and culturally grounded innovation.

NBSC Brings Smiles to Sinontao Clan Through Gift-Giving Visit

NBSC conducted a gift-giving activity and community visit to the Sinontao Clan of Barangay Santiago on March 4, 2026, at Sinontao Village, Manolo Fortich, as part of its GADKALINGA: Adopt-a-Community Program. The activity was attended by office heads, directors, and unit heads

led by College President Dr. Christie Jean Villanueva-Ganiera, CESE.

The NBSC delegation personally distributed gifts to families of the Sinontao Clan and engaged with community members, fostering meaningful

interactions and strengthening partnerships. The outreach reflects the College's continuing commitment to community service, collaboration, and inclusive engagement beyond the campus.



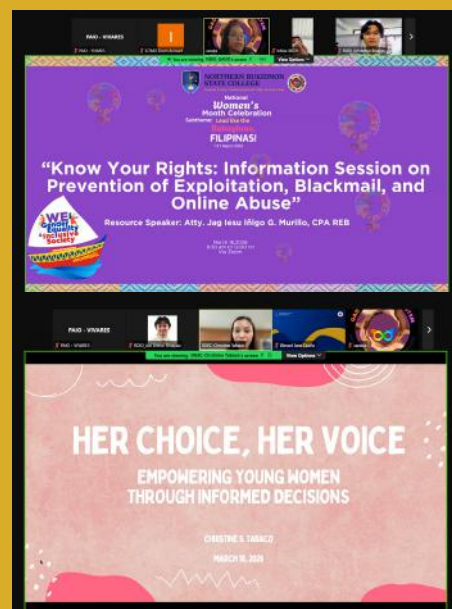
From Legal Protection to Personal Direction: NBSC's Online Symposium for National Women's Month 2026

In observance of National Women's Month, NBSC, through the Gender and Development Office (GADO), conducted an online symposium on March 18, 2026, via Zoom in compliance with CHED Regional Office X Memorandum No. 060, s. 2026. The Guidance and Counseling Office (GCO) also facilitated a session on informed decision-making among women.

Zandra Shellee Y. Ordinan, MA, GADO Head, opened the program and introduced the resource speakers. Atty. Jag Iesu Iñigo G. Murillo, CPA, REB, Legal Office Head, led the session on the prevention of exploitation, blackmail, and online abuse, discussing relevant laws, legal protections, and available remedies. This was followed by Christine S. Tabaco of the Department

of General Education Curricula (DGEC) and GAD Coordinator, who delivered "Her Voice, Her Choice: Empowering Women through Informed Decisions," highlighting the importance of informed choices in shaping personal outcomes.

The symposium concluded with Jo Augustine G. Corpus, MAGC, RGC, GCO Head, who emphasized that the discussions went beyond information-sharing, focusing on "dignity, safety, and the courage to stand for oneself and others." Through initiatives like this, NBSC continues to promote awareness, empowerment, and a culture of respect and protection within the College community.



NBSC Commemorates 21 Years of Culture and Commitment

NBSC officially opened its 21st Founding Anniversary celebration on March 2, 2026, at the NBSC Covered Court. The event followed the unveiling of the portrait of founder Dr. Maria Socorro Fama Olaivar-Acosta and a gallery walk honoring former administrators. The celebration carries the theme, "Pagpasigarbo sa Kultura ug Panaghiusa: 21 Ka Tuig nga Panaglambo" (Pride in Culture and Unity: 21 Years of Growth).

In her opening message, College President Dr. Christie Jean Villanueva-Ganiera, CESE, reflected on her journey to the

presidency, emphasizing leadership as responsibility and reaffirming the administration's commitment to the College's mission before leading the ceremonial toast. Dr. Juan Romeo Nereus O. Acosta, former Congressman of Bukidnon's 1st District, delivered the keynote address, highlighting the transformative power of education and sharing three life lessons from his mother: gratitude, commitment with follow-through, and servant leadership.

Messages of support were also delivered by Francine Georgina A. Gamboa, Rpm, representing Governor Rogelio Neil P. Roque, and Hon. Clive D. Quiño, Vice Governor of Bukidnon, who underscored the importance of integrity and the College's role in shaping future leaders. The ceremony was attended by local officials, academic leaders, and community partners, marking the beginning of NBSC's year-long celebration of its legacy, partnerships, and continued growth.

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NBSC Bazaar Brings Booths, Brews, and Bites Together for the 21st Founding Anniversary

NBSC officially opened the NBSC Bazaar on March 2, 2026, at the NBSC Field as part of its 21st Founding Anniversary celebration. Organized by the NBSC Non-Teaching Personnel Association, Inc. (NTPA) and the NBSC Faculty Association (FA), the four-day event ran until March 5,

2026, welcoming students, employees, and campus visitors.

The bazaar featured 12 participating merchants offering a variety of food, beverages, baked goods, and photography services, including Bake Season, Halinon Bakery, Pizzakid, Blend 44, Brew Ha Café,

Boss Ken's Kitchenette, and Ferds Litratos. The activity transformed the NBSC Field into a vibrant gathering space, fostering community engagement while supporting local entrepreneurs and enhancing the Founding Anniversary celebration.

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NBSC Performs Emergency Response Procedures for Q2 NSED



NBSC joined the 2nd Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on June 18, 2026, held at the NBSC Campus. The activity was conducted under the guidance of the Disaster Response and Emergency Action Management (DREAM) Team, together with the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Unit and the Quick Response Team (QRT), with the support of College President Dr. Christie Jean Villanueva-Ganiera, CESE.

The drill followed standard earthquake response procedures, with participants moving through designated evacuation routes and assembling at assigned areas in an orderly manner. The DREAM Team, DRRM Unit, and QRT coordinated closely to ensure safety protocols were properly carried out throughout the activity.

After the drill, a post-evaluation was held where representatives from different groups shared what went smoothly and what needed adjustment. The discussion

centered on coordination, clarity of instructions, and timing of responses during the exercise.

For NBSC, the drill and post-evaluation highlighted how coordination among campus safety units plays out during actual implementation, especially when timing and communication are put to the test. It also gave the College clearer reference points for refining how responses are carried out in future activities.

Color of Pride, Culture of Excellence: NBSC Kicks Off June with a Vibrant Pride Month Celebration



NBSC kicked off June with a Pride Month celebration at the NBSC Covered Court on June 1, 2026. Centered on the theme, "Color of Pride, Culture of Excellence," the gathering brought together faculty, staff, and students to champion inclusivity, diversity, and mutual respect across the campus.

The event opened with a warm welcome from Dr. Mary Koren Witting-Acuesa, Director of the Research Development

and Innovation Division (RDID), who invited the campus community to actively engage in the day's festivities.

VPAF John Kevin A. Artuz, JD delivered the inspirational address, highlighting integrity, dignity, and belonging as essential pillars of an inclusive school culture. Reminding attendees that "*integrity is what we do when no one is watching*," he noted that respect and inclusion require ongoing effort rather than a one-time fix.

To provide historical context, Mr. Alven L. Gomez, MEST, Director of the Community and Extension Services Division (CESD) and President of NBSC's LGBTQIA+ Club (Hulagway), shared the history and core advocacies of Pride Month. The program also featured an energetic intermission performance by the officers of Sidlak (the Women's Club of NBSC) alongside an interactive trivia segment.

Closing out the ceremony, Ms. Zandra Shellee Y. Ordinan, MA, Head of the Gender and Development Office (GADO), urged everyone to carry the spirit of inclusion forward, noting that the kickoff is just the start of NBSC's Pride Month activities. Through these ongoing efforts, NBSC reinforces its commitment to creating a diverse academic home where every member is valued.

NBSC Sets National Benchmark with Inclusive, Men-Led Women's Month Celebration



NBSC concluded its month-long celebration of the 2026 National Women's Month on April 6, 2026, at the NBSC Covered Court, highlighting its institutional best practice of fostering total community inclusion through gender-responsive initiatives.

Going beyond traditional observances, NBSC institutionalized three gender-specific advocacy groups: the BAGANI Club for men, the SIDLAK Club for women, and HULAGWAY for the LGBTQIA+ community. Initiated by College President Dr. Christie Jean Villanueva-Ganiera, CESE, the groups are led by Pablito Amor C. Gumonan, Niemfa Love W. Mangsinay, MA, and Alven L. Gomez, MEST, respectively, promoting shared responsibility in advancing equality and inclusion across the campus.

Anchored on the national theme "WE for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society" and the sub-theme "Lead like the Babaylans, Filipinas!", the celebration emphasized the values of the pre-colonial gender system. In her keynote address, Dr. Ganiera highlighted the historic partnership between the Babaylan and the Bagani, emphasizing that true strength lies in protecting peace and supporting one another.

Throughout March, the BAGANI Club organized activities such as Wednesday Zumba sessions, the first-ever Fun Run, and an Amazing Race, promoting wellness, camaraderie, and a shared commitment to gender equality.

NBSC Opens New Canteen to Enhance Campus Dining



NBSC officially opened its new central canteen at the NBSC Field on April 13, 2026. The blessing and inauguration were organized by the Income Generation Program Office (IGPO), which managed the transition of local food vendors from their previous stalls to the new facility.

The new canteen features a larger, more organized layout designed to streamline vendor operations, provide faster service, and offer a comfortable space for students, faculty, and staff to socialize between classes. Beyond serving as a dining hub, the facility represents a significant investment in improving daily campus life by bringing vendors and the academic community together, fostering a more vibrant, convenient, and connected environment at NBSC.

NBSC Continues Campus Development with Key Infrastructure Projects



NBSC continues to invest in campus development through infrastructure projects that will further improve learning facilities, student services, and institutional operations. These initiatives support the College's commitment to providing a safe, innovative, and future-ready environment for its academic community.

Leading the ongoing developments is the Four-Storey Teacher Education Program

(TEP) Innovation Building for Hybrid Learning, Phase I, now 98.32% complete. Other projects nearing completion include the Main Gate and Guardhouse (93.04%) and the Student Welfare Development Centre Building repair and equipment installation (90.30%). The Information Technology Building, Phase III, has reached 80.51% completion, while construction of the Six-Storey Teacher Education Program Innovation Hub,

Phase II, has commenced with 0.31% accomplishment. Meanwhile, work on the College of Computer Studies Building Establishment, Phases II and III, will proceed upon the completion of Phase I.

These continuing developments reflect NBSC's commitment to creating facilities that strengthen teaching, learning, research, and student success for years to come.

NBSC Faculty-Researcher Named Naveen Jindal Young Global Research Fellow



NBSC is celebrating a major international milestone. Faculty-researcher Mr. Melven I. Valmoria, MSc., has been named a recipient of the prestigious Naveen Jindal Young Global Research Fellowship (2026–2027).

The competitive award is conferred by O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) in Haryana, India—an recognized “Institution of Eminence” and India’s top-ranked private university.

Designed to highlight early-career academic leaders, the fellowship brings together a select cohort of international scholars. Mr. Valmoria will collaborate directly across JGU’s multidisciplinary network, which spans twelve specialized schools.

During his month-long residency from June 8 to July 10, 2026, he will engage in advanced research, participate in global conferences, and work on publishing a paper in a Scopus-indexed journal.

This achievement reflects the rising impact of Filipino academics in global interdisciplinary research. NBSC extends its full support and warmest congratulations as Mr. Valmoria steps up to represent both the College and the nation.

His success sets an inspiring standard for NBSC’s entire academic community, reinforcing the institution’s mission to produce research that is locally rooted yet globally relevant.

NBSC Places Among Top 100 in WURI 2026



NBSC gained global recognition in the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) 2026, securing two Top 100 spots: 18th in Inclusive Social Innovation for the Underserved (C6) and 31st in Student Support and Engagement (A1).

These rankings highlight NBSC’s commitment to student-centered programs, innovation, and community impact, made possible through the collective efforts of its faculty, staff, students, alumni, and partners.

NBSC Showcases Extension Excellence at 2026 PAEPI International Conference



NBSC actively participated in the 2026 PAEPI International Extension Conference from April 13 to 17 at Tag Resort, Coron, Palawan. Anchored on the theme “Next-Gen Extension: Driving Socioeconomic Change for Inclusive Community Development,” the event gathered extension professionals, researchers, and educators from various higher education institutions to foster collaboration for community advancement.



NBSC was represented by its Extension Coordinators, who presented innovative, community-responsive programs. Noraisah U. Radaza, MA (Institute for Teacher Education), partnered with Mission ALBA of Cong. Jose Manuel “Joeman” F. Alba to advance literacy; Julius S. Gabinete, MBA (Institute for Business Management), collaborated with the DTI, LGU Manolo Fortich (LEDIPO and Negosyo Center), and the Manolo Fortich

Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. to boost local entrepreneurship; and Melven I. Valmoria, MSc. (Department of General Education Curricula), co-authored a project with Councilor Rina E. Quiño, highlighting strong academe-LGU synergy.

This participation reflects NBSC’s commitment to utilizing extension services as a driver of community engagement and nation-building. The delegation extends its sincere gratitude to the College administration for their unwavering support, including College President Dr. Christie Jean Villanueva-Ganiera, CESE; VPAA Dr. Jovelyn G. Delosa; CESD Director Alven L. Gomez, MEST; RDID Director Mary Koren Witting-Acuesa, Ph.D.; and Program Heads Christine C. Royo, Ph.D. (ITE), Maria Cassandra Ragandang-Tubongbanua, MBA (IBM), and Niemfa Love W. Manginsay, MAGC (DGE). NBSC remains steadfast in delivering sustainable extension programs that contribute to inclusive development.

NBSC Secures Most Promising Technology Award at 3rd NorthMin Research and Innovation Summit



NBSC secured the prestigious Most Promising Technology Award at the 3rd Northern Mindanao Research and Innovation Summit (LAMBIGIT 2026), held from April 28 to 30, 2026, at the Limketkai Event Center in Cagayan de Oro City, highlighting the significant success of its student researchers in winning top honors for their technological projects.

The college showcased eight research entries during the summit, hosted by the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP) under the theme “From Research to Real-World Solutions: Powering Northern Mindanao’s Innovation Ecosystem.” The NBSC delegation consisted of 16 Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

(BSIT) students, accompanied by faculty members Ms. Shiela Mae M. Orozco, Head of the Institute for Computer Studies (ICS), Ms. Marchilyn A. Abunda, and Ms. Faisah S. Bacarat.

This top distinction was awarded to the study titled “NutriMap: Web-Based System for Health and Nutrition Data Management with GIS in the City Nutrition Office of El Salvador, Misamis Oriental.” Presenters Louie Jay M. Laspoña and Dan Mark P. Javier received the recognition during the INNOHUB 2026: Research-to-Reality Technology Demonstration, where their project was praised for its innovation, scalability, and real-world community impact.

NBSC also excelled in the competitive Poster Presentation category, where the research titled “Enhancing Agrarian Land Management Through GIS-Integrated Record Visualization” earned 4th Place. Presenters Rey Sinabianan and Jam Piodos were recognized for their work’s outstanding adoption readiness and functionality in addressing agrarian management challenges.

These accomplishments highlight NBSC’s growing ability to produce student-led research that effectively bridges the gap between classroom learning and practical community service. By transforming complex technical ideas into award-winning solutions, the college continues to strengthen its commitment to scientific discovery and regional progress. This success serves as a powerful motivator for the campus community to pursue further creative projects that address the immediate needs of society through innovative technology.

NBSC Students Excel at Esa Unggul International Event 2026

NBSC students delivered remarkable performances at the Esa Unggul International Event 2026, held online via Zoom on June 10–11, 2026, earning top awards while representing both the institution and the Philippines.

Competing in the English Storytelling category were Katrina Zyza Ducala and Justine Franco Aparilla, the only Filipino representatives in the event. Meanwhile, April Rose Cabang and Frans Julius Causon joined another participant from Mapua Malayan Colleges Laguna in representing the country in the English Public Speaking category. Guided by their coaches and supported by the International Affairs and External Linkages Office (IAELO), the delegates showcased their communication skills on the international stage.

During the virtual awarding ceremony on June 11, Ducala claimed the championship



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title in English Storytelling, while Aparilla secured 2nd place in the same category. In English Public Speaking, Causon finished 5th, and Cabang placed 12th among the international competitors. Their achievements highlight NBSC’s growing

presence in global academic competitions and reflect the institution’s continued commitment to developing globally competitive students.

Healthy Habits, Holistic Happiness: NBSC Kicks Off Health and Wellness Program 2026



NBSC launched its 2026 Health and Wellness Program on February 18, 2026, at the NBSC Covered Court. Grounded in CSC Resolution No. 1901265, Memorandum Circular No. 4, s. 2020, and Republic Act No. 11036 (Mental Health Act of 2018), the launch was emceed by Ralph A. Bagotsay of the Public Affairs and Information Office (PAIO) and Blissie Marie C. Pañales of the Income Generation Program Office (IGPO). VPAA Dr. Jovelyn G. Delosa opened the event, urging faculty and staff to prioritize mindful self-care amid their institutional duties.

Karl Clyde Stephen C. Acosta, RN, Head of the Health Services Office (HSO) and Chairperson of the Health and Wellness Committee, outlined the program's goal of balancing physical endurance and mental flexibility. Based on employee

health profiles, he revealed Brisk Walking, Zumba, and Badminton as the workforce's top three preferred wellness activities for the year.

The active phase of the program commenced with personnel organizing into six color-coded teams: the Red Stallions, Blue Marlins, Green Gators, Yellow Bumblebees, Purple Dinosaurs, and Pink Panthers.

Following a formal pledge of commitment led by Grace P. Quiblat, MAEd, Head of the Sports and Athletics Office and Co-chairperson of the Health and Wellness Committee, the academic community participated in a high-energy Zumba session. The day concluded with a message of consistency from Ms. Quiblat and a ceremonial toss facilitated by Supervising Administrative Officer Benzar Glen S. Grepon, MIT.

This ongoing initiative marks NBSC's commitment to fostering a balanced, supportive, and sustainable professional environment.

Uniting Cultures, Understanding Values: NBSC Celebrates the 2026 ASEAN Summit

NBSC celebrated the 2026 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit on May 11, 2026, at the NBSC Covered Court. Organized by the International Affairs and External Linkages Office (IAELO) under the theme "Navigating Our Future, Together," the event gathered students, faculty, and staff for a day of music, cultural presentations, and educational activities showcasing the diverse member nations of ASEAN, beginning with the theme song "One Vision, One Ocean."

The festive celebration featured interactive segments, including ASEAN trivia, a parade and traditional attire showcase, and country booths at the ASEAN Fiesta. College President Dr. Christie Jean Villanueva-Ganiera, CESE, delivered an inspiring address emphasizing regional cooperation and shared aspirations.



She thanked the NBSC community for helping the College advance toward its vision of becoming a recognized institution for inclusive, culturally responsive, and sustainable higher education, reminding everyone that "The future is in our hands." Through these cultural showcases and performances, the event successfully strengthened campus unity while deepening appreciation for regional diversity.

NBSC Joins UPLB Higher Education Leadership Mentoring Fellowship Program



NBSC reaffirmed its commitment to academic leadership and excellence through its participation in the Higher Education Leadership Mentoring Fellowship Program (HELMFP) of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) held on April 20–24, 2026. Representing the College, Dr. Jovelyn G. Delosa, Vice President for Academic Affairs, joined the program's third cohort of 41 higher education leaders from partner institutions.

Throughout the fellowship, Dr. Delosa was immersed in selected UPLB offices, gaining valuable insights into academic leadership, institutional processes, and best practices that can be applied at NBSC. She also expressed her appreciation to Dr. Jenielyn Padrones, Director of the Office for Institutional Development in Higher Education (OIDHE), for the opportunity to participate.

As part of NBSC's growing partnership with UPLB, the two institutions formalized their collaboration through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) supporting the fellowship. On April 24, 2026, Dr. Delosa presented her re-entry plan focused on micro-credentialing and lifelong learning. Mr. John Kevin A. Artuz, JD, Vice President for Administration and Finance, represented College President Dr. Christie Jean Villanueva-Ganiera, CESE, emphasizing the value of collaboration in advancing higher education. Dr. Delosa's participation reflects NBSC's continuing commitment to innovation, academic excellence, and institutional development.

NBSC-Led Agri-Research Clinches Best Paper at 7th ICEEA and 4th SHGBEE



A research team from NBSC achieved international acclaim by securing the Best Paper Award during the 7th International Conference on Education, Environment, and Agriculture (ICEEA) and the 4th International Conference on School-Plus-Home Gardens Cum Biodiversity Enhancement and Enterprise (SHGBEE). The prestigious recognition was conferred on March 21, 2026, at the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture in San Jose, Pili, Camarines Sur.

The award-winning paper, titled “Enablers and Constraints of Localized

Agri-Products Cluster Facilities for Building Climate-Resilient Agriculture: Land-Use and Governance Perspectives in Northern Mindanao, Philippines,” was recognized under the category “Leveraging Disaster and Climate-Resilient Initiatives for Agricultural and Ecotourism Systems.”

The NBSC delegation was led by Dr. Mary Koren Witting-Acuesa, Director of the Research Development and Innovation Division, alongside Assistant Project Leader Ms. Caroline Laarni R. Sereñas and Project Researchers Mr. Melven I. Valmoria and Ms. Leah Mae S. Cuyno.

The study also featured a strategic collaboration with Ms. Ma. Kresna Navarro-Mansueto of the University of the Philippines–Cebu, Dr. Oliver Michael C. Narreto of Central Mindanao University, and Ms. Jay Ann T. Dagalea of Western Mindanao State University.

This award-winning research is a direct output of the “Feasibility Study for the Proposed Metropolitan Food and Agri-Based Products Cluster (MFAPC) Approach for Northern Mindanao,” a landmark project funded by the Department of Agriculture–Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR). The initiative focused on evaluating the viability of agroparks and consolidation hubs to enhance regional food security and agricultural efficiency.

While the comprehensive feasibility study reached its formal completion in September 2025, this latest academic distinction underscores the enduring relevance and academic rigor of the team’s work in enhancing regional food security and agricultural efficiency.

By translating complex field data into a globally recognized scholarly contribution, the team has further solidified NBSC’s standing as an essential hub for innovation. This achievement reflects the College’s unwavering dedication to producing evidence-based solutions that address the evolving needs of Northern Mindanao’s communities and contribute to a more sustainable, climate-resilient future.

NBSC BSIT Duo Solidifies Provincial Win with Official Award Turnover

Two standout fourth-year Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT) students from NBSC officially received their provincial-level accolades for the 2025 Young Farmers Challenge (YFC) during a turnover ceremony on March 25, 2026, at the Chali Resort and Conference Center in Cagayan de Oro City.

Following their success during the provincial judging in December 2025, teammates Alieza P. Balles and James B. Laag received certificates, plaques, and a financial grant earmarked for project implementation. They were accompanied by their Institute for Computer Studies

(ICS) faculty mentor, Ms. Marchilyn A. Abunda.

Their winning agribusiness entry, “Agri-Alalay: Centralized Marketing and Supply Chain Platform for Farmers,” is a digital platform designed to streamline supply chains and optimize trade for local farmers in Manolo Fortich.

To prepare the students for the upcoming regional stage of the competition, the project’s technical framework was further refined during a strategic consultation with Department of Agriculture (DA) market specialists on January 15, 2026.

This milestone underscores NBSC’s success in bridging academic research with real-world, sustainable community development.





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A recognized institution for inclusive, culturally responsive, and sustainable higher education.

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Establish Effective Governance and Efficient Resource Management Towards Performance Excellence.

Promote Transformative Excellence in Student-Centered Academic Innovation.

Initiate a Vibrant Research Culture, Technology Commercialization, and Inclusive Extension Programs.

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Northern Bukidnon State College advances excellence in teaching, innovative research, and impactful community service through strategic partnerships, and inclusive and equitable education, empowering transformative development in Bukidnon and Region X.

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NBSC commits to exemplify the following core values to RAISE the quality standard of our mandate in achieving our goals: Responsibility, Adaptability, Inclusivity, Sustainability, and Excellence.

QUALITY POLICY STATEMENT

At Northern Bukidnon State College, we commit to provide gender responsive and high-quality standards of educational programs and service delivery that fosters diversity, equity, and inclusivity and cultivates the holistic development of lifelong learners to meet the evolving needs of the 21st-century workforce.

We commit to full adherence to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and continuous improvement in all our administrative and academic operational processes to satisfy our clients, stakeholders, and the community.

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