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#### Where Nature Meets Vision: The Rise of ASSCAT

Amidst Agusan's lush, green expanse, ASSCAT's campus stands so grand. Where verdant hills meet skies so clear, A picturesque haven, sincere.

The stairway climbs through nature's grace,

A beacon bright in this serene space. ASSCAT Arise, where beauty flows, In every step, the vision grows.

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Governor Santiago B. Cane, Jr., emphasized collaboration in advancing regional development, welcoming attendees including Mayor Kirk A. Asis of Bayugan City, and government officials from the Department of Agriculture and Environment. Their support highlighted a unified effort to drive industry and innovation under the RDP 2023-2028's i2FAME strategy.

Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur - Agusan del Sur

State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT) took the spotlight on April 12, 2024, during

the Caraga Regional Development Plan (RDP)

2023-2028 Provincial Caravan.

ASSCAT's participation emphasized its role in promoting local innovation and sustainable development in Agusan del Sur.









#### **TEAM CARAGA, HERE WE GO!**

### PASUC NCAF 2024

On April 23, 2024, the 2024 PASUC National Culture and Arts Festival, led by the Philippine Normal University, kicked off with an amazing parade and opening ceremony. Dr. Joy C. Capistrano, President of ASSCAT, proudly joined the Caraga delegation, marching alongside afellow SUC officials namely Dr. Nemesio G. Loayon, North Eastern Mindanao State University (NEMSU) President, Dr. Rolyn C. Daguil, Caraga State University (CSU) President, and Dr. Gregorio Z. Gamboa, Surigao del Norte State University (SNSU) President.

Among the standout delegations was the Region 13 Caraga team, comprising 132 representatives from all four SUCs in the region, including Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT).

PASUC not only celebrates talent but also promotes a deeper appreciation for Philippine heritage and education.



### BUILDING DREAMS: ASSCAT STUDENTS RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT



2,527 students of Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT) were granted 3,000 pesos each as educational cash assistance. The distribution took place on May 5, 2024, at the ASSCAT Sports and Sociocultural Center, marking a pivotal moment for the student community.

Led by Senator Imee R. Marcos, the distribution event saw the active involvement of key figures including DSWD Caraga Regional Director Mari Dolloga, Team Eddiebong's Congressman Adolph Edward Plaza, and ASSCAT College President Capistrano. Joy President Capistrano heartfelt expressed gratitude all contributors, to particularly Senator Marcos and Congressman Plaza, for their unwavering support towards ASSCAT. Notably, both political figures played instrumental roles in the conversion of ASSCAT into the Agusan del Sur State University (ADSSU) through House Bill 8263 and RA 11586.

Highlighting the impact of the assistance, President Capistrano emphasized that a substantial portion of the beneficiaries are enrolled in agriculture programs and hail from indigenous communities. The initiative only promotes educational not advancement but also emphasized importance of uplifting marginalized groups in pursuing higher education.





### CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: ASSCAT RECLASSIFIES FACULTY AND WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS

70 faculty members of ASSCAT took their oath during the regular Monday flag ceremony at the ASSCAT Sports and Sociocultural Center on May 6, 2024. Led by College President Dr. Joy C. Capistrano, these faculty members were reclassified, reflecting the culmination of collective efforts and dedication in filing for positions approved through NBC 589 and DBM-CHED JC no. 03 s.2023. Newly hired non-teaching personnel also took of office.

At the same event, the newly elected ASSCAT Faculty Association Officers also pledged to serve in their respective roles, with Dr. Shyril T. Ytoc leading as President. This occasion highlights the institution's commitment to professional growth and strong leadership within the ASSCAT community.





### UNITED FOR EDUCATION: CHED CARAGA AND HEIS COMMEMORATE 4TH HIGHER EDUCATION DAY AND 30TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

**Butuan City**-Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT) took part in the nationwide celebration of the 4th Higher Education Day and 30th CHED Founding Anniversary. Under the leadership of ASSCAT President Dr. Joy Capistrano and VP for Student Affairs Janice Dini-ay, the college delegation actively participated in the regional kick-off ceremony.

CHED Caraga's OIC Regional Director, Alma Sy-Patron, highlighted the significant role of higher education in enhancing lives and promoting inclusivity, especially for marginalized groups. The event included a screening of 'The Blood Brothers,' starring Cesar Montano, which explored Philippine history and cultural differences, emphasizing the transformative power of education. The celebration reinforced ASSCAT and other HEIs' dedication to advancing education and societal progress.





### RECORD HIGH: ASSCAT ROTC ACHIEVES 90.85% IN 2024 RAATI

The Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT) ROTC unit has achieved a notable 90.85% rating in the 2024 Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI). The inspection took place on May 11, 2024, at the ASSCAT Main Campus, reflecting an improvement from the previous year's rating of 86.86%.

The RAATI is a significant event for ROTC units across the region, designed to assess their administrative efficiency, tactical skills, and overall readiness. The improved rating is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the ASSCAT ROTC cadets and staff. This year's inspection was attended by distinguished military dignitaries, including LTC ALEX S ELNAR (INF) PA, Deputy, G8, 4ID, PA, and MAJ ALDRIN A SEDURIFA (INF) PA, Chief DRO, 4ID, PA, who oversaw the evaluation process. They were joined by MSg Orlando D Angwas (INF) PA, TSg Froilan G Belocon (SC) PA, TSg Albert M Cecilio (INF) PA, Sgt Julie G Bacaling (AGS) PA, Sgt Mark Anthony C Ayalin (MS) PA, Sgt Joe-Gil Cabillo (INF) PA, Sgt Elmuel V Limpasan (OS) PA, Cpl Edmar S Montano (INF) PA, and PFC Mark Angelo R Gomez (INF) PA.

Sgt. Carmelo S Llanto PA (Res), ASSCAT Vice President for Quality Assurance and Academic Affairs, welcomed the evaluators and delivered an inspiring welcome message, emphasizing the importance of the ROTC program in developing disciplined and capable future leaders.

Under the leadership of MAJ DODGE IAN O ARANGO (MI) PA, the ASSCAT ROTC unit alongside Sgt Nancy P Jacosalem PA (Res) has focused on enhancing their training programs and administrative procedures, leading to the marked improvement in their RAATI rating.

The impressive performance of the ASSCAT ROTC unit not only brings pride to the institution but also sets a benchmark for other ROTC units in the region. The rigorous preparation and execution of their duties during the inspection have demonstrated their readiness and capability to meet the high standards expected by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

This milestone is expected to inspire and motivate the cadets and staff to continue striving for excellence in their military and academic endeavors, ensuring that the ASSCAT ROTC unit remains a leading example in the region.



# CHARTING THE FUTURE: NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION DAY SUMMIT 2024



Pasay City-On May 15, 2024, Dr. Joy C. Capistrano, President of Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT), attended the 30th Founding Anniversary of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the National Higher Education Day Summit (NHEDS) 2024 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). The summit, themed "USAP, ULAT, UGNAY: Access, Quality, and Competitiveness at the Core of Higher Education Reforms," emphasized equitable access to higher education and celebrated CHED's 30th anniversary.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and other notable figures such as Cong. Marquez O. Go, Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin, Senator Francis "Chiz" Escudero, and CHED Chairperson J. Prospero de Vera III were in attendance. Dr. Capistrano also participated in a round table discussion with international partners, highlighting the event's global significance.

# ASSCAT DRIVES HIGHER EDUCATION IMPROVEMENTS AT CHTE MEETING

College President, Dr. Joy C. Capistrano and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Quality Assurance, Dr. Carmelo S. Llanto represented Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture Technology (ASSCAT) at the 33rd Meeting of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (CHTE) at the House of Representatives Complex. Dr. Capistrano presented ASSCAT's improvements in faculty qualifications and learning resources, emphasizing the institution's commitment to compliance and excellence.

The meeting, chaired by CHTE Chairperson Mark O. Go, featured key insights from prominent dignitaries including Dr. Raul Muyong, Director IV of the Office of Institutional Quality Assurance and Governance (OIOAG), and Atty. Jerome Christophe Leynes, Director of CHED Legal and Legislative Service. These discussions highlighted measures for enhancing higher education.

Following the meeting, Capistrano and Dr. Llanto met with Agusan del Sur Congressman Eddiebong Plaza and Congressman Afelito Bascug to discuss the way forward for ASSCAT. Emphasizing the support from CHED Regional Office (CHEDRO), they reinforced ASSCAT's commitment to national education discussions and implementation, aiming to improve higher education quality accessibility in the region.



# SHARPENING PROCUREMENT KNOWLEDGE THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING

The middle to top management of Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT) recently participated in an insightful refresher training on Republic Act No. 9184, the Government Procurement Reform Act, and its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations. The event was held from May 22-24, 2024, at the ICT Function Hall, Digital Transformation Center.

Organized by the Procurement Management Office, the training featured prominent speakers from the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB), including Ms. Leminda L. Noval, Ms. Adolfa A. Creayla, CPA, and Atty. Anthony P. Vitor. The speakers provided comprehensive insights into adhering to legal standards and best practices in government procurement.

College President Joy C. Capistrano, alongside the Vice Presidents, graced the event, underscoring the administration's commitment to maintaining transparency and efficiency in procurement processes.

The training served as a valuable opportunity for ASSCAT's management team to update their knowledge and skills, ensuring that the college's procurement activities remain aligned with the current legal framework and best practices.





#### **REGIONAL SHOWDOWN**

The Inter-School Grassroots Innovation Competition and Exposition (GICE) Pitching Competition took place at the ICT Function Hall of Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT), marking the second round of preliminary screening for the Regional GICE Expo 2024. This event, a vital step for young innovators, aimed to showcase their projects before the regional competition at the Regional Science and Technology Week (RSTW) from June 6-9, 2024, in Butuan City.

Dr. Ferdinand Dumalagan, Director of Innovation and Development, delivered inspiring opening remarks, highlighting the significance of nurturing student innovation. GRIND Focal and Faculty members, including Ms. Jacky Lyn B. Maestrado, Ms. Melchora Marzo, and engineers from DOST Caraga, supported the event. Sixteen students presented their grassroots innovations, which were well-received by faculty and peers.

Winning teams were awarded certificates and prizes, securing their place in the regional GICE Expo 2024. The competition emphasized the innovative capabilities of ASSCAT students and the critical role of grassroots innovation in solving real-world problems. Participants left with valuable feedback and motivation as they prepare for the regional stage.





# CELEBRATING HERITAGE: ASSCAT CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY AT GRAND NALIYAGAN FESTIVAL KICKOFF

On June 12, 2025, the ASSCAT Administrative Council Members, headed by College President Dr. Joy C. Capistrano, gathered at the Naliyagan Grounds in Patin-ay, Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur, to commemorate the 126th Independence Day and witness the grand opening of the 32nd Naliyagan Festival.

The day's festivities commenced with flag-raising solemn ceremony, symbolizing the nation's enduring spirit of freedom and unity. This was followed by a grand which showcased the parade, vibrant cultural heritage of Agusan del Sur. The festival grounds were alive with numerous stalls, offering attendees an immersive experience Agusanon's traditions and of craftsmanship, ranging from artisanal products local delicacies

The tribal parade was a standout moment of the grand opening ceremony, showcasing four indigenous tribes: Manobo, Banwaon, Talaandig, and Dressed vibrant Higaonon. in clothing, they performed rhythmic dances and played traditional music, vividly highlighting their cultural heritage and reflecting the province's dedication to honoring and celebrating its indigenous roots.







ASSCAT extends its heartfelt appreciation to Team Eddiebong, led by Congressman Eddiebong G. Plaza, and the Provincial Government of Agusan del Sur, headed by Governor Santiago B. Cane, Jr., for their remarkable efforts in hosting this historic celebration. Their dedication ensured the event was a resounding success, bringing together people from all walks of life to honor the rich history and culture of the region.

The festival was more than just an event; it was a journey through time, honoring the past while embracing the future. It provided an opportunity for reflection, appreciation, and joy as the community celebrates its collective identity and cultural wealth.





The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office Caraga conducted an Educational Payout under the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS), benefiting 806 qualified students of Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT) with P3,000 each.

The beneficiaries were meticulously selected through an eligibility verification process, in close coordination with ASSCAT, ensuring they are bona fide residents of Agusan del Sur and currently enrolled in the institution.

The event was graced by esteemed provincial officials, including Congressman Adolph Edward G. Plaza, Vice-Governor Samuel E. Tortor, members of the Agusan del Sur Sangguniang Panlalawigan, and municipal leaders, Hon. Sylvia B. Elorde, Municipal Mayor of Bunawan, Hon. Gilbert G. Elorde, Vice Mayor of Bunawan and members of the Sangguniang Bayan.

Dr. Joy C. Capistrano, President of ASSCAT expresses deep appreciation to Team Eddiebong for their steadfast support to the Institution. This initiative underscores commitment to advancing education and empowering our youth.





On June 27, 2024, the Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT) proudly hosted the Baccalaureate Mass, Hooding, and Awarding Ceremony for the esteemed Punhik Batch 2024 at the ASSCAT Sports and Socio-Cultural Center. The ceremony began with a heartfelt Baccalaureate Mass, presided over by Rev. Fr. Jose Paul G. Pueblos, setting a reflective and spiritual tone for the day.

The highlight of the event was the inspiring address by Dr. Johnvie Goloran, a distinguished Research Fellow in the Soil Health and Plant Nutrition Biogeochemistry Group at the Australian Rivers Institute, Griffith University,

Australia, who served as the Guest of Honor and Speaker. His words resonated deeply with the graduating students and attendees alike.

This momentous occasion brought together a diverse assembly, including graduating students, their families, faculty and staff, members of the Board of Trustees, and key ASSCAT officials. The event was expertly led by Dr. Joy C. Capistrano, the College President, with the support of Vice Presidents, Directors, Deans, and Program Chairs, ensuring a memorable and well-organized celebration of the achievements of Punhik Batch 2024.











# CELEBRATING THE CEMENT MILESTONE

On June 28, 2024, Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT) celebrated a momentous occasion as it held its 29th Commencement Exercises at the ASSCAT Sports and Sociocultural Center. This significant milestone was marked by the presence of Dr. Marita R. Canapi, Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Chairperson of the ASSCAT Board of Trustees, who virtually delivered an inspiring keynote address to the Punhik Class of 2024.

Dr. Canapi's message resonated deeply with the graduates as she emphasized the significant pillars of access, quality, and competitiveness in higher education. She urged the 1,091 graduates to pursue excellence relentlessly, embrace bold innovation, and make meaningful contributions to their communities and beyond.

The ceremony, held under the theme "Harnessing Innovation and Empowering the Future of ASSCAT Graduates," was a testament to the institution's commitment to fostering a culture of innovation. It highlighted ASSCAT's role in preparing graduates to navigate and shape the future with confidence and purpose. The celebration brought together ASSCAT's faculty and staff, including Deans, Directors, and Vice Presidents, all led by the dynamic leadership of College President Joy C. Capistrano. Together, they honored the achievements of the graduates, who are now equipped to embark on their professional journeys and make a lasting impact on society.







#### COLLOQIUM

BREAKING NEW GROUND: IST BALAYAG RESEARCH

The ASSCAT Graduate School successfully hosted its inaugural Balayag Research Colloquium on June 25–26, 2024, focusing on "Cultivating the Role of Education and Linguistic Diversity in Fostering Inclusive Educational Practices and Leadership Strategies." Organized by graduate students, the event featured insightful discussions and strategies for creating equitable learning environments.

Plenary speakers included Dr. Felix Chavez Jr., Dr. Irish F. Dalona, Dr. Aurelio Agcaoili, and Dr. Francis Tom A. Paredes, whose presentations enriched the discourse. College President Dr. Joy C. Capsitrano, praised the Graduate School's initiative and personally attended the event.

Throughout the colloquium, students presented their research studies, receiving valuable feedback from panels composed of faculty evaluators from the ASSCAT Graduate School. They also gained insightful learnings from the plenary sessions contributing to their academic and professional development.

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## ASSCAT SECURES TOP PATENT FILER AWARD AT GAWAD YAMANG ISIP



On April 29, 2024, at Dusit Manila, Thani Makati City, Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT) has once again its commitment proven innovation and development by clinching the prestigious Gawad Yamang Awards-Isip Intellectual Property Citation. The recognition was bestowed upon ASSCAT for being the Top Patent Filer of the Philippines in 2023.

Leading the charge at ASSCAT is none other than Prof. Ferdinand Dumalagan, the Director for Innovation and Development, who proudly accepted the award on behalf of the institution.

Under the visionary leadership of Dr. Joy C. Capistrano, ASSCAT's College President, this achievement marks yet another milestone for the institution, showcasing commitment to excellence and pushing the boundaries of innovation



#### STATUS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS





CONSTRUCTION IMAGES BEFORE JULY 5, 2024



CONSTRUCTION OF LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER, PHASE I AS OF JUNE 25, 2024



### Did you know?

 The First Filipino Woman to win an Olympic Gold Medal was Hidilyn Diaz. She achieved this milestone in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics by winning the gold in women's weightlifting (55 kg category).  Corazon Aquino was the first female president in Asia, serving from 1986 to 1992. She played a pivotal role in restoring democracy in the Philippines after the Marcos dictatorship.







#### **VISION**

#### **MISSION**

#### QUALITY POLICY

The globally-engaged institution of sustainable agriculture and innovation

#### ASCENI

A- Accelerate resource generation and innovate management of assets; digitization of administrative services

S-Seize the opportunities to collaborate with industries to support innovation system

C-Continue to provide holistic formation of students; efficient, innovative and relevant student affairs and services

student affairs and services **E**-Engage with the community through maximal utilization of research and innovation outputs

innovation outputs
N-Necessitate the implementation of innovation and entrepreneurship strategies
D-Develop innovative teaching-learning models, offer curricula and programs that are industry-responsive and quality assurance-compliant; invest in faculty development program

To serve the humanity, the institution will:

- Provide quality and inclusive instruction
- Further its excellence and values
- Undertake vibrant research and innovation; and
- Pursue responsive community services for sustainable development

Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology's Vision to be a premier agro-industrial Higher Education Institution in Caraga Region is fostered by the following principles:

- -Sustaining quality education experience and community engagement;
- -Encouraging optimum resource management;
- -Developing an environment that is conducive for intellectual and personal growth; and
- -Generating relevant knowledge through innovative thinking.

To continually improve our Quality Management System, we commit to comply with all applicable requirements and provide service excellence in our four-fold functions.

#### CORE VALUES

A.R.I.S.E.

Accountability • Responsiveness • Innovativeness • Selflessness • Excellence

#### **COURSES OFFERED**

#### **GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Doctor of Philosophy in Agriculture Doctor of Education in Applied Linguistics Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership

Master of Science in Agriculture Master of Arts in Educational Leadership Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics

#### **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

#### **COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**

Bachelor of Agricultural Technology Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Bachelor of Science in Agroforestry Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Majors in:

Agronomy, Animal Science, Horticulture

Diploma in Inland Fisheries Technology 1-Year Oil Palm Technology

#### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Information System
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
Bachelor in Industrial Technology
Majors in:

Civil Technology, Electronics Technology Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Technology, Welding and Fabrication Technology

#### **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics Bachelor of Science in Biology Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science

#### COLLEGE OF TEACHER EDUCATION

Bachelor of Elementary Education Bachelor of Arts in English Language Bachelor of Secondary Education Majors in:

Biology/Science, English, Mathematics, Technology and Livelihood Education Bachelor of Technology and Livelihood Education

Majors in:

Agri-Fishery Arts, Home Economics, Industrial Arts

#### TRENTO SATELLITE CAMPUS

#### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship

