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The NVC ROTC Corps and NVC Majorettes participated in the NVC 75th Palaro Parade, bringing their military training and energetic performances to the event. The parade took place in the at Poblacion, Kalibo, Aklan, adding a festive and celebratory atmosphere to the town.

NVC KICKS-OFF 75TH DIAMOND JUBILEE OPENING & GRAND PARADE

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The Northwestern Visayan Colleges has officially opened its 75th Diamond Jubilee Foundation Week and Palaro 2023 today, March 30, 2023 held at Pastrana Park, Kalibo, Aklan. Mr. Erwin R. Liberato, Jr., Dean of the Office of Student Affairs, welcomed the students, faculty and staff, and the guest speaker during the opening program.

To motivate and encourage the NVCians, on behalf of Hon. Vice Governor Atty. Reynaldo M. Quimpo, Hon. Nemesio Neron, 1st District Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member, served as the guest speaker for the said Palaro 2023.

As one of the highlights during the opening, a torch lighting was graced by Mr. Freddy Jizumundo Sr., the Legendary Champion Athlete and Mr. Josh Lee Bravo. Followed by the

raising of team banners administered by its respective team muses and escorts from Junior High School Department, Senior High School Department, and College Department.

Nine teams compete in the Cheerdance Competition namely Green Pelicans, Yellow Phoenix, Red Hawk and Blue Falcons from the Junior High School Department Category, the Senior High School Department Team, Primos, D'Generals, Executives and Hoteliers from the SHS and College category. The said competition was held at Pastrana Park for the first time during the 75th anniversary of the institution. Foundation Day and Palaro 2023 is a week-long event which will showcase the talents and train the sportsmanship of NVCians from March 30 to April 5, 2023.

UNITE FOR A NIGHT OF NOSTALGIA AT THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY GALA!

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In a special event that promised to spark passion and foster friendship, the Northwestern Visayan Colleges (NVC) invited all esteemed alumni to join in the fun as the institution celebrated its 75th-anniversary Gala Night. The grand celebration took place on April 1, 2023, at the prestigious Marzon Hotel Convention Center from 6 p.m. This commemorative event was a golden opportunity for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater, renew friendships with batchmates, and witness the transformational journey NVC had taken over the years.

The annual celebration was a unique opportunity for alumni to witness firsthand the remarkable transformation that had taken place in North West Visayan Colleges. From humble beginnings to its current status as an educational beacon, the institution had adapted to changing times while maintaining its commitment to academic excellence. The program reflected the growth, development, and innovation that had shaped NVC into what it was revealed.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the opportunity for graduates to reunite with their teammates. Whether they graduated recently or decades ago, the anniversary celebration promised to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere where they could reminisce about shared experiences, celebrate accomplishments, and catch up on the paths everyone had taken individually. It was a rare opportunity to strengthen the bonds formed during their time at NVC.

Besides the nostalgia and reunion, the 75th-anniversary was a showcase of the enduring spirit of the Northwest Visayan Colleges. As the world was constantly changing, NVC was adapting to the evolving educational landscape and growing stronger.



Alumnus of Northwestern Visayan Colleges attended the Gala Night in 2023, which was organized as part of the celebrations for the 75th Diamond Jubilee of the institution. The Gala Night featured special activities to commemorate the significant anniversary.

The NVC President, Mr. Allan Angelo Quimpo during his speech on the Gala Night 2023.

HYDRAULIC BASKETBALL POST INSTALLED AT NVC COVERED COURT

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In preparation for the much-anticipated NVC Palaro 2023, an upgrade has transformed the atmosphere at the NVC Covered Court. The venue, abuzz with activity from November 23 to 29, 2023, recently played host to the installation of a cutting-edge Hydraulic Basketball post and an additional Basketball Court outside the Covered Gym. Spearheading the installation process were NVC President, Mr. Allan Angelo Quimpo, and the dedicated NVC facility staff.

As the NVC community eagerly awaits the commencement of the Palaro 2023, the addition of the Hydraulic Basketball post adds an element of anticipation and intrigue, setting the stage for an unforgettable series of basketball showdowns. The NVC Covered Court, now equipped with cutting-edge technology, stands ready to host a thrilling display of skill and sportsmanship during the upcoming festivities.



NVC ROTC COMMENCES ITS 73RD POSE

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In honor of Ms. Melrose Quimpo Martelino, Chairman of the NVC Board of Directors, the Northwestern Visayan Colleges- Reserve Officers Training Corps commenced its 73rd Presentation of Sponsors and Escorts (POSE) held on March 30 2023 at Pastrana Park, Kalibo, Aklan.

The presentation started with the Assembly of troops (1500H) followed by the Ceremonial Parade and Review Proper (1530H) including Formation of troops, Presentation of Command and Honors, Inspection, Honor to the nation, NVC Hymn, Presentation of Sponsors and Reading of orders led by Senior Tactical Officer 1LT Rafael R. Escabarte Jr Pa (Res).

After two years of pandemic which the POSE has stopped, NSTP Director Ms. Angelie D. Custodio welcomed the guests and audience with pride and honor. "We were lucky enough that our beloved school has supported us in such endeavors as part of our tradition every foundation day each year", she said. Furthermore, Mr. Allan Angelo Quimpo, NVC President, encouraged every NVCians to fight and take their lessons learned while adjusting to the changing world. "Bisan kabahoe bahoe do itao kinyo, bisan sino pa, depende Taron sa inyong tagipusoon, depende Taron sa Inyo nga pag pati sa inyong prinsipyo".

Meanwhile, Deputy Group Commander 6RCDG, RESCOM, PA Mr. Coljonathan C. Gayas GCS (AGS) reminded the cadets to bring a better sense of focus among the cadets and build a valuable leader-follower relationship.

"ROTC needs revelations about Discipline, patriotism and nationalism", he said. CDT COL Albert Jerome P. Reprado ICL is this year's Brigade Corps Commander and Juliane A. Galino, the Brigade Corps Sponsor.

ISMAEL HAIL AS MISS PINAY RISING 2023

Article by: Vilrose Gregorio Cual BA COMM 4A

Despite being new to the pageant industry, Frisha Rhsyhanine Ismael was hailed Ms. Pinay Rising 2023 as she proudly represented the Educators team on the search for the ideal modern Filipina held at the NVC CSQ Gym Kalibo Aklan, April 5, 2023, as NVC celebrated its 75th anniversary. "I'm so overwhelmed because my winning was unexpected because most of my opponents are all veterans in the pageant industry," Ismael said in her first statement as Ms. Pinay Rising 2023.

With all the support of her friends, family, and team, she managed to radiate confidence and wit in every category.

Among the fourteen candidates, this 20-year-old answered the final question with conviction.

What is the symbol of an empowered Aklanon woman?

"If there is something that we have in us common with Aklanon, it is that we are always strong, and we always strive to become better because Aklanon is a woman who doesn't shrink herself, she doesn't let anyone dictate to her or limit her, but rather she goes out in a free space where she can be as big as she can be. She lets the world feel her weight, she wants the world to feel her presence. Because an Aklanon woman knows, we radiate nothing but positivity."

Ismael will be the ambassadress of Northwestern Visayan Colleges and JCI Aklan Kalantiao in promoting gender equality and women empowerment.





Ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly constructed four-storey ASQ building, featuring NVC President Allan Angelo Quimpo, Carmela O. Almanzor, Board of Director, Marianne Quimpo, Dean College of Education, Vice Governor Reynaldo Quimpo, and Dr. Vicente Quimpo, Secretary of the Board of Director.

INAUGURATION AND BLESSING OF THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ASQ FOUR-STOREY BUILDING

Article by: Ma. Irisbelle Junean Ronato (Grade 11 TVL - H.E)
and Sarah D. Vicente (Grade 12 STEM-1)

A significant milestone in the history of Northwestern Visayan Colleges (NVC) was achieved as the newly constructed four-storey building of the Allen Salas Quimpo (ASQ) was inaugurated and blessed.

This momentous occasion was graced by the presence of Reverend Father Harvey Fojas, Dr. Vicente Quimpo, Vice Governor Reynaldo Quimpo, Architect Ramon Duéna, and in behalf of Engineer Jerry Tamayo his wife Mrs. Arwena Tamayo. The unveiling of the Adopt-a-room Project was led by Mr. Ureta Reyes, Dean of the NVC High School Batch 1972, Atty. Mario T. Dionisio Jr., BS Criminology Batch 1995, along with other notable guests.

In an interview with Judge Lollie Ureta-Villaruel, she expressed her heartfelt gratitude for naming one of the faculty rooms in honor of her mother, Dean Consolacion Taffala-Ureta. Furthermore, she also mentioned the connection her family has with NVC, as her mother cherished the institution dearly. She emphasized the significance of this tribute and its place in her heart.

The inauguration and blessing would not have been possible without the support and generosity of NVC High School Batch 1972. Their dedication and initiative in spearheading this project have contributed significantly to the growth and enhancement of NVC.

The expansion of the 4-storey ASQ building aims to provide a better learning environment for NVCians as it signifies the institution's commitment to offering quality education and accommodating the evolving needs of its students and faculty.

NVC LAUNCHES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND OFFICERS' COLLEGE 2023

Article by: Louis Joseph M. Candari, 1st Year, BCAED

After nearly three years, leadership training at Northwestern Visayan Colleges is finally back. Through the initiative of its ever-supportive President, President Allan Angelo L. Quimpo, and in partnership with JCI Aklan Kalantiao, the institution gathered all student leaders from the different departments and organizations of NVC, namely: Criminology, Education, Computer Science, Tourism and Hospitality Management, Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts in Communication, SAMANA Club, MATHgician Club, JJC, English Club, Filipino Club, and the Supreme Student Council.

The event commenced with the preliminaries, followed by welcoming remarks from NVC's President, President Allan Angelo L. Quimpo. He explained how "Leadership Training" had evolved into "Leadership Academy." Furthermore, he elucidated the objective of the activity, which is "To initiate our leadership journey." The President didn't fail to impress the students with his passion for leadership and his willingness to share with student leaders what he believes are the best traits a leader should possess, namely, "MARUNONG MAGDALA, MAKISAMA, AT MAKIBAGAY." His words of wisdom and encouragement didn't stop there; he provided another set of words for reflection, "Giving up is the last thing a leader should do." He concluded his message to all the student leaders with the advice, "LEARN, NEVER GIVE UP."

The program continued with the first speaker, none other than Mr. John Marden F. Maigue, who spoke on the topic, "Discovering the Leader in Me." His discussions encouraged students to reflect on how they discover and will discover the leader within themselves. He emphasized that every leader has their own journey, meaning, and timeline of leadership. He also discussed the 3 E's of Effective Leadership: ENVISION, ENERGIZE, and ENABLE, respectively. With his knowledge of leadership, he emphasized that leaders should build bridges within the organization, establish relationships with others, and create a positive impact on the community. He concluded his presentation with the quote, "The time is now!" The NVC President then awarded him a certificate to honor and acknowledge his valuable efforts and time spent sharing his knowledge with all the student leaders at NVC.

In conclusion, the first day of Leadership Academy and Officers College was a resounding success. This would not have been possible without the dedication of every faculty and staff member at NVC, led by President Allan Angelo L. Quimpo, the partnership with JCI Aklan Kalantiao, and the cooperation and drive of all student leaders for leadership enrichment and progress. Leaders are truly not born, but they are made. Today's students are tomorrow's leaders and the creators of leaders for the future.



NVC Student Leaders and JCI Aklan Kalantiao Members, alongside President Allan Angelo Quimpo, gathered during the Leadership Academy at the NVC ASQ Building.

NVC IANS, YOUR NEW SSC OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ELECTED!

Article by: Adrian Lasay



The Department Representatives, convened by the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), gathered to select the new Supreme Student Council (SSC) leaders for the upcoming school year at NVC. Loyd T. Francisco, OIC of OSA, encouraged aspiring officers to step out of their comfort zones. The elections proceeded smoothly, and the selected officers expressed their dedication to serving fellow students. The newly elected SSC Officers are:

SSC President: Jacel C. Benigno, an experienced SSG Officer and SK-appointed Youth President.

SSC Vice President: John Leovy Basijan, a former club leader and last year's SSC vice president.

SSC Secretary: Marielle B. Rogando, a first-year representative and photojournalist for the Forum.

SSC Treasurer: Ruby F. De Manuel, a second-year representative from BEED Department and a self-nominated officer.

SSC Auditor: Jay Lawrence Fernando, a first-year representative and experienced SSG representative.

These student leaders are ready to serve and deserve a warm welcome!

NVC CONDUCTS TRAINING INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR NEW 3-YEAR DIPLOMA STUDENTS

Article by: Jennilyn C. Gano

The Northwestern Visayan Colleges recently organized a Training Induction Program for the new batch of students enrolled in the TESDA (Technical Education and Skills Development Authority) 3-year Diploma Program. This event took place on September 6, 2023, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the RSQ Building Alumni Hall, aimed at preparing the students for the upcoming semester.

Mrs. Liza Cezar, the Program Coordinator of NVC TESDA, kicked off the program with an opening message filled with encouragement and inspiration. She stated, "Our utmost desire is for everyone to succeed in their chosen field of expertise and become productive citizens. I have faith and trust in all of you."

Following this, the guest speaker, Mr. Mark Anthony Dolinog from TESDA Aklan, discussed the commitment required in the program and the services provided by TESDA. He also shared valuable tips on how to prepare for employment, emphasizing Social Equity, Global Competitiveness, and Job Readiness. Mr. Dolinog's presentation primarily focused on the benefits of being a Tesda 3-year Diploma scholar.

As part of the program, TESDA scholars and regular students served as models, showcasing the uniforms and attire of each department. This was done to introduce the appropriate attire that new scholars should wear when entering the school premises.

The program concluded with a photo opportunity for each course.

Students from various departments, including CMST (Communication Media Services Technology), CAST (Computer Application Services Technology), BMST (Business Marketing Services Technology), and HST (Hotel Services Technology) from Batch 4-8, attended the Training Induction Program.



TESDA Scholars who attended the Training Induction Program at the RSQ Building Alumni Hall on September 6, 2023.

NORV'S COMPANY TRIUMPHS IN INTER-SCHOOL DANCE CONTEST

Article by: Cedrick V. Cusay BACOMM 3A

In a spectacular showcase of talent and creativity, NorV's Company, representing Northwestern Visayan Colleges, emerged as the undisputed champions of the Inter-School Dance Contest held during the KALIBO STO. NIÑO ATI-ATIHAN OPENING SALVO on the 3rd day of the celebration by outshining ten competing schools.

The event, which drew a diverse crowd of dance enthusiasts and supporters, witnessed NorV's Company's awe-inspiring performance that left the audience spellbound. Their exceptional choreography, synchronization, and passion on the stage earned them the title of champions.

Linabuan National High School claimed the second spot, while Aklan Valley High School secured the third position.

The winning members of NorV's Company, whose names will forever be associated with this triumphant moment, are as follows:

John Paul Elizalde - BCAED
Andrea Renong - BSBA
Joshua Casiano - BSHM
Allen Paradero - BSHM
David Angel Andico - BSCrim

Jeoffrey Santillan - BSCrim
Shane Ron A. Villaflo - GAS
John Linard Tolentino - BSHM
Jhon Jeanne C. Macabante - BSCS



NVC PALARO 2023 OFFICERS NIGHT SHINE SPOTLIGHT ON DEPARTMENT AND CLUB LEADERS

Article by: Marsha Jane Ocumas



In line with the NVC Palaro 2023, the Supreme Student Council gives honor and tribute to all the Department and Club Officers during the NVC Officers Night held at NVC CSQ Gymnasium, November 26.

With the theme "Extravaganza", each student showcased their dazzling outfits with confidence and elegance. Louis Joseph Candari serves as Master of Ceremonies led the event with his energy level vibe.

Jacel Benigno, SSC President, gives his welcome remarks and words of gratitude to all the Officers who has a big part in their respective department and for the success of NVC Palaro.

With the special guest DJ Seth Hilario, the said event was a blast of rhythm and sounds as the dance floor opens to all. One of the highlights is the runway challenge of each department and club representatives.

SSC Vice President, John Leovy Basijan, extends his heartfelt words to all the officers who gathered and cooperate to make this event a successful one.

Supreme Student Council during the NVC Officers Night at the NVC Gymnasium, November 26, 2023.

JCI KALANTIAO AKLAN CHAPTER INSPIRES FUTURE LEADERS AT "KAPIHAN SA AKLAN" EVENT

Article by: Jonah Macahilig BACOMM 2A

The Grand Function Hall at Marzon Compound in Kalibo, Aklan, came alive on August 19, 2023, as the Junior Chamber International (JCI) Kalantiao Aklan Chapter gathered to discuss their past achievements, upcoming initiatives, and the transformative impact they're making as developers of leaders for a changing world. The event, hosted by the Aklan Press Club Inc., provided a platform for JCI to highlight their dedication to empowering young individuals to create positive change.

Distinguished figures, including Allan Angelo L. Quimpo, the Regional Vice President; Janica Anne Dela Peña, Executive Vice President External; John Marlou Salido, the 2023 JCI LO President; Paul Robert Saladar, the VP for Community Development; Ms. Ivy Cubid, Area VP of JCI Ph; and Josel Osal, Area Communication Director, were all present, creating an atmosphere of inspiration and engagement.

The event was an opportunity for the JCI Kalantiao Aklan Chapter to address the queries and concerns of students from various schools who were invited to participate. The organization's rich history and its journey of successful initiatives were explored, with a special focus on the number of impactful training sessions and programs that have been undertaken. Amidst the discussions, an exciting announcement emerged: JCI Kalantiao Aklan Chapter, in conjunction with their fellow JCI members from the Visayas Chapter, will be hosting the largest gathering event of the year from September 1 to 3 on the stunning Boracay Island. This gathering is anticipated to serve as a platform for like-minded individuals to collaborate and envision a brighter future together.



Central to the event's spirit was the resounding call for young individuals to join JCI and take part in the journey of personal and leadership development. John Marlou Salido, the 2023 JCI LO President, passionately expressed, "In our movement and organization, our mission is to provide leadership development opportunities that empower young people to create positive change." JCI aims to shape and refine the skills of today's youth, nurturing them into triumphant leaders of tomorrow. As the event came to a close, it was evident that JCI Kalantiao Aklan Chapter's commitment to nurturing leaders for a changing world is unwavering. Through their dynamic initiatives and dedication, they continue to inspire and equip the next generation to make a meaningful impact on their communities and beyond.



DAGYAW 2023 DILG AKLAN FOSTERS OPEN DIALOGUE WITH YOUTH SECTOR

Article by: Jerose April Abada BAELS-2A and Janna Joy F. Impreso, BACOMM-1A

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Aklan recently carried out DAGYAW 2023 on November 10, 2023 at Aklan Catholic College Annex building. The covered court was filled with mental health advocates, teachers and competent student leaders from different local resource institutes in Aklan mainly from Aklan Catholic College (ACC), Aklan Polytechnic College (APC), Aklan State University (ASU), Garcia College of Technology (GCT), STI Kalibo (STI), Regional Science for Region VI (RSHS), and Northwestern Visayan Colleges (NVC).

The event began with an instructive opening address, from the Provincial Director, Mr. Dino A. Ponsaran, sharing an overview and a short story about how they came up with Dagyaw. He stated that the word "Dagyaw" directly translates in hiligaynon to "togetherness," and emphasized that DAGYAW 2023 is the first and only Dagyaw in Region 6. With the theme: "Dagyaw... where voices are heard"

the campaign intends to offer a safe channel of communication between the government and the people of Aklan province.

The comprehensive discussion started with Dr. Jeannette Felipe-Ortega, providing an overview about mental health and further explaining the concept of the common mental illnesses experienced by the youth, followed by Ms. Psyche Mae Villoriente-Ruiz, RMT, discussing the mental statistics and programs in the province of Aklan.

The "TALAKAYAN" was the highlight of Dagyaw 2023, with the first two resource speakers joined by Ms. Madel F. Fuentes, RGC, and Ms. Gaynor A. Calizo, Guidance counselor as panelists, addressing mental health related questions of students from different schools in Aklan.

Mr. Medel Espinosa, LGOO VI, offered the event's final remarks, which were followed by an inclusive dance conducted by Aklan Catholic College and Garcia College of Technology.

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AKLAN LAUNCHES TERTIARY/COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR IP

Article by: Luz Mary P. Rufon, BACOMM 4A

Recognizing the importance of education in building a brighter future, the Provincial Government of Aklan under the able leadership of Aklan Governor Jose Enrique M. Miraflores and Vice Governor Atty. Reynaldo M. Quimpo has announced the launch of the Tertiary/Collegiate Scholarship Program for Aklan Indigenous People (TCSP AIP).

This initiative aims to provide financial support to the Indigenous People of Aklan, enabling them to pursue higher education at both public and private colleges and universities in the province.

Qualified applicants will be granted a maximum of P15,000 in tuition and miscellaneous fees per semester. Additionally, they will receive a monthly allowance of P2,000.00 for 5 months per semester.

To apply for the TCSP AIP, interested IP applicants may submit their applications from September 22 to October 13, 2023. The application process is open from Monday to Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and applications can be submitted at the Provincial Governor's Office, Provincial Capitol Building.

It can be recalled that on January 32, 2022, the 18th Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Aklan passed a General Ordinance No. 2022-016 entitled, "An ordinance institutionalizing educational assistance/college scholarship program of Aklan for the marginalized and deserving members of the Indigenous cultural communities in the Province of Aklan.

The PGA recognizes indigenous peoples' right and they should be given full support for the improvement of their total well-being by giving them equal access to free and accessible education for them to equally compete for available opportunities in the future.

PBBM LEADS THE DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE IN AKLAN

Article by: Luz Mary P. Rufon, BACOMM 4A



President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, Jr. recently distributed 1000 rice subsidies to Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries in Aklan. The rice assistance, weighing 25 kilograms, originated from smuggled rice confiscated by the Bureau of Customs.

During the event at the Augusto B. Legaspi Sports & Cultural Complex, President Marcos urged Aklanon to actively combat smuggling, hoarding, and illegal practices affecting agriculture and the economy. He emphasized his administration's commitment to agricultural production, announcing plans to allocate nearly 3 million pesos for pig farming and oyster culture in Aklan.

President Marcos also revealed the approval of almost 3 billion pesos for the Rice Farmer Financial Assistance Program (RFAAP), providing P5000.00 to beneficiaries nationwide, particularly during challenging periods like El Niño.

In addition to agricultural support, various government assistance was distributed, including 107 tablets to Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) trainees and tools to Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) beneficiaries. Livelihood assistance was extended to several groups, including the Altavas Small Fishermen Association, Yarp Agriculture Cooperative, and Taga Rurok Mainuswagon Panimalay Consumer Cooperative.

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHILHEALTH) distributed indemnity claim checks, while the Department of Agrarian Reform issued landowner awards. The Department of Health (DOH) provided medical assistance to Dr. Rafael S. Tumbokon Memorial Hospital patients.

Educational support included scholarships from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Unified Financial Assistance System for Tertiary (UniFAST) to scholars at Aklan Catholic College (ACC) and Aklan State University (ASU). The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) contributed livelihood assistance to the Sandona Development Cooperative and scholarship allowances to ACC scholars.

Various agencies, such as the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), provided training assistance and seed capital funds to beneficiaries.

President Marcos' visit and the distribution of government assistance underscore his commitment to uplifting Aklan's agricultural sector and supporting residents during challenging times.

KAPIHAN SA AKLAN

Article by: Adrian Lasay (BACOMM 2nd Year)

Kapihan sa Aklan convened once again at Latte Coffee Café, Marzon Hotel Compound, to engage in a discussion regarding the forthcoming Barangay and SK Elections. The guest speaker for the event was Mr. Crispin Raymund B. Gerardo, the COMELEC Aklan spokesperson and election officer.

Attended by a number of students from Northwestern Visayan Colleges and Infant Jesus Academy, the conference was not lacking in terms of curious and insightful questions brewing in the minds of the students attending, particularly as the topic concerns them, the youth, especially.

The conference started with Mr. Gerardo stating the three main concerns of the commission: Security, Process, and Manpower. He stated that process especially needs further consideration, saying that "It takes two to tango," urging the public to deeply consider their votes and to file complaints as per due process.

He added later to avoid seeking clarification from outside sources like Social Media and instead go directly to the COMELEC Office itself.

Owing to the increase in the number of candidates this year, Mr. Gerardo emphasized again the process of filing COC's for candidates saying that the office cannot accept haphazardly done COC's with missing information, especially if with inconsistencies.

He then expanded on the No Campaigning rule for candidates, stating the only appropriate time to promote oneself is during the campaigning period which will occur during October 19 to 28 and only then.

As for the moral obligation of the public during this election season, Mr. Gerardo says: "Focus, focus, focus sa tama," following a discussion about vote selling, a problem that still plagues the COMELEC Office now especially.

Rest assured the office itself is taking strides to fulfill their moral obligations also as it plans to implement an Anti-Dynasty Law, prohibiting candidates running for office if they have any filial connections to another person, especially if in a higher position, already in office. This is called the SK Reform Act.

Its implementation will ensure that our local government does not fall prey to political dynasties, and instead foster a progressive and competitive democratic process.

Finally, COMELEC wants to clarify that during the election months, August 28 to November 29, there will be an implementation of a Gun Ban. This was enacted mainly for security reasons. This gun ban will primarily affect firearm owners as it will prohibit their right to carry in public excepting that they are in their homes. Firearms are now effectively "Mala Prohibita," as mere possession is already a violation.

With that the curtain closes on another successful and insightful Kapihan sa Aklan. Join us next week on another conference via our live broadcasts on Kalibo Cable TV or on the Aklan Press Club Inc. FB page every Saturdays.



IMPACT OF TOURIST INFLUX TO BORACAY ISLAND

Article by: Hannah Cathrina I. Aguirre BAELS 2-A

The Aklan Press Club Inc.'s "Kapihan sa Aklan" tackled the hot topic of "Caticlan (Malay) Jetty Port Operations and Boracay Tourism Updates" on July 8, 2023 at the Latte Coffee Café, Marzon Hotel Compound, Kalibo, Aklan.

Mr. Felix Delos Santos, Chief Tourism Operation Officer of LGU Malay, Municipal Tourism Office, Mr. Cedric Sazon, Board of Director Boracay Foundation, Inc., and Mr. Esel Flores, Jetty Port Administrator of Caticlan, Malay, Aklan graced the forum.

They answered the questions thrown by the members of the Aklan Press Club Inc., Kalibo Cable Television Network, and the NVC The Forum Publication particularly on concerns regarding the influx of tourists in the island of Boracay and its effects to the tourism industry, employment, sustainability and the economy.

According to Delos Santos, the total tourist from the month of January to July reached 1,377,275, and still not stable in terms of tourist arrival.

The segment dig more about the status of the island especially on the target of the tourist this year, the objectives and programs of the BFI, improvement, promotion and growth of the tourism industry, increase of occupancy, protocols and policies entering the islands for local and foreign tourists, environmental preservation and protection, and the accreditation of establishments.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT BARANGAY LEADERS

Article by: Luz Mary P. Rufon BACOMM 4A

It's the election season once again, following five lengthy years of the current barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officials' tenure in office. It is the time when we, as Filipinos, will exercise our fundamental right to cast our votes. With the Barangay and SK election scheduled for October 30 this year, local communities will soon have a new set of Barangay leaders to govern them.

Barangay elections serve as the grassroots of governance, where the citizens have the opportunity to elect leaders who are familiar with the needs of the constituents. However, some voters cast their ballots based on their familiarity with the candidates or those from their immediate social circles rather than having a deeper understanding of their qualifications and true intentions.

We recognize that trust, friendship, and connections are essential in barangay elections, however, these factors should not be the sole basis of why we should elect the candidates. How certain are you that the candidates you voted for can promote change in the community? How can you guarantee that the person you are familiar with is not corrupt? How will you justify the choices you made when it's too late?

Nowadays, we cannot deny the fact that there are various reported and unreported cases of corruption in our country.



According to the 2022 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) published by Transparency International, the Philippines is perceived to be one of the most corrupt countries in the world. Out of 180 countries, the Philippines ranked 116 in terms of being least corrupt. This means that the country is almost in the top one-third of the most corrupt countries.

The Philippines received a CPI score of 33 out of 100, consistently hovering around this level since 2012. In 2014, it reached its highest score of 38 points, while the lowest score of 33 points was recorded in both 2021 and 2022. To provide perspective, the Asia-Pacific region's average CPI score stands at 45, with zero indicating high corruption. In the regional ranking, out of 31 countries and territories, the Philippines tied for the 22nd position with Mongolia.

The hard-earned money of Filipinos often finds its way into the pockets of corrupt officials by abusing their power for their benefit. This money should have been allocated to promoting education among the less fortunate, constructing infrastructure to boost our country's economy, funding health and agriculture initiatives, and much more. They have deprived countless Filipinos of much-needed public services and benefits of development. The big question is, who should be blamed?

It is not too late to combat corruption and strive towards a better Pilipinas. As responsible voters, we should practice our right to vote for deserving candidates not because we know them or because they belong to our social circles. We must remember that the election happens in just a day, yet that elected official will serve a three-year term. We cannot replace them just because they fail to meet our expectations.

As voters, it is our responsibility to research the backgrounds of the leaders we wish to elect and assess whether they have a track record of integrity and whether their intentions are for the betterment of the community and the country. As voters, we should educate ourselves and our fellow voters about the candidates, their track records, and their positions on key issues. We should make informed choices based on their qualifications and integrity. Additionally, we should look for candidates who are not tied to powerful interest groups and have a history of standing up against corruption. We should also support candidates who prioritize transparency and accountability in government. They should be open to inspection or examination and willing to address corruption within their ranks.

Remember, the foundation of peaceful and corruption-free governance lies in our ability to choose the right leaders. Vote wisely!

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SALUTE, COMPASSIONATE CRIMINOLOGISTS!

Article by: Kyla Stephanie Nalumen & Janna Impreso (BACOMM 1A)

A little act of kindness can be a small, thoughtful action that is done to help or bring joy to someone else. It can be as simple as holding the door open for someone, offering a smile to a stranger, or lending a helping hand to someone in need. As every person loves positivity, here's one. As we recognize the people who made another heart warmed.

Two second-year Criminology students at Northwestern Visayan Colleges, namely John Rainier D. Cezar from Bugasongan, Lezo, Aklan, and Joshua P. Glemao from New Washington, Aklan, were driven by their compassionate nature when they encountered an elderly man in need while walking along the road. Recognizing the old man's struggle, they decided to lend a helping hand genuinely. They approached him with warmth, offered him food, and provided nourishment and comfort in the middle of the bright sun.

The old man, who was struggling to walk along the road, was trying to sell 'kangkong,' a green leafy vegetable. Understanding that the old man needed assistance returning home, they took it upon themselves to find a tricycle for him. With their genuine act of kindness, these two students not only provided immediate aid but also demonstrated the power of empathy and compassion. Their small gesture had a significant impact on the old man's life that day, reminding us of the transformative power of simple acts of kindness.

What they did serves as an example that students can learn not only academically but also the values that enable us to make a positive impact on our daily lives. Everyone can lend a hand to those in need, and even the smallest gestures can be significant to others. These acts may seem insignificant, but they have the power to brighten someone's day, create a positive ripple effect, and foster a sense of connection and community. Little acts of kindness are a reminder that even the smallest gestures can make a big difference in the lives of others.



Article by: Noreen Bernas BSed 1A and Arvie J. Tugo BSed-II

AFS, originally the American Field Service Exchange Program, is an organization that provides cross-cultural learning opportunities to people in order to further develop and deepen their knowledge of the essence of diversity. The AFS is an international exchange organization where students from other countries have the opportunity to study and explore other countries, which helps them prepare and open their minds to the diverse world. Respect for all people is promoted by this program, regardless of their gender, social standing, ethnicity, religion, or language. In essence, this program advocates for freedom and equality without taking into account a person's social status or characteristics.

Northwestern Visayan Colleges welcomes everyone, no matter what you are or where you are from. Ivy Thierolf from Germany and Yui Ogo from Japan are the NVC AFS participants; they were welcomed warmly, and they are currently studying as senior high school students this A.Y 2023-2024 under the HUMSS Strand.

Participants share their observations, experiences, and learnings from school and the community. It was a great exchange of learning and experiences to promote intercultural exchange between the NVC community and participants.

A get-to-know-you session was also conducted with the participants. According to them, during the first month of staying here in the Philippines, they were in love with our culture, Filipino foods, and how NVCians accommodated and welcomed them with kindness. They found new friends and also shared that they learned the mode of transportation in Kalibo, which is to ride a tricycle to school.

Moreover, they experience the opening salvo of the Kalibo Ati-Atihan Festival, which is celebrated every 3rd week of January. They've witnessed street dancing, the beat of the drums, and colorful costumes, which is new to their experience.

To conclude, the AFS Exchange Program enables the students to have new learnings and experiences. This program allows students to become globally aware and prepared; they can learn about various cultures. Through this program, numerous skills such as communication, critical thinking, open-mindedness, and global awareness can be further developed. Furthermore, this program helps students adapt to a diverse world in order to promote peace and understanding with each other, regardless of the diversity.

DIFFERENTLY ABLED STUDENT, RECIPIENT OF THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Article by: Luz Mary P. Rufon, 4th Year BACOMM

Serving as an inspiration and pride to the entire Northwestern Visayan Colleges (NVC) community, an NVCian with a disability has defied all odds, becoming one of the recipients of the academic excellence award, during the College Recognition Day, a remarkable event recognizing the hard work, dedication, and commitment of students to academic excellence, organized by the Northwestern Visayan Colleges (NVC), through the Office of the Student Affairs held on June 28, 2023, at the NVC Gymnasium.

The recipient of this award was Mr. Kyle Trinidad, an incoming third-year Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science (BSCS) student, son of spouses Mr. and Mrs. Edmer and Raquelyn Trinidad, who were currently residing at Sitio Pook, Mabilo, New Washington, Aklan.

Despite his physical condition, Mr. Trinidad displays unwavering commitment, passion, and dedication to his education, making him a deserving recipient of the President's Award Academic Excellence- 1st Semester for Academic Year (AY) 2022-2023, and Dean's Listers- 2nd Semester for Academic Year 2021- 2022.

Mr. Trinidad is a living testament that despite his situation, he can achieve his dreams and become an inspiration to his fellow students. Furthermore, it will also serve as a reminder that disabilities should never limit one's potential to achieve success.

"To all the students that are struggling like myself. I just want to tell you that don't ever give up on achieving your goals in life. Many ways will help you overcome those obstacles that you're facing. Remember that struggles will only make your achievements meaningful. Take it as a motivation for you to transcend to become a better version of yourself", shared Trinidad,

PALARO REMINDER



DID YOU KNOW?

• DID YOU KNOW that the 770-meter Kalibo Bridge III is the longest bridge in the entire Western Visayas, located along the Circumferential Road in Barangay Tigayon, Kalibo, Aklan. It was opened on January 16, 2020.

• DID YOU KNOW that a former military captain in the Philippines died in the sinking of the Titanic?

A former journalist, Archibald Willingham Butt was a well-known military aide and adviser to US presidents William Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt. He joined the army that fought during the Spanish-American War.

After the war ended, he was assigned to the Philippines as a volunteer and later promoted to assistant Quartermaster with the rank of Captain. He stayed in Manila until July 1903.

In 1912, after a short trip to Europe, Butt embarked on the Titanic to return to the US. Sadly, he was one of the victims who perished when the ship sank. His body was never recovered.

• DID YOU KNOW that Jaz Cola, a cola brand specifically made for the Visayas?

Jaz Cola is a brand of cola produced by Coca-Cola Company exclusively for the Philippine market. The beverage is only available in the Philippines and made for an even more specific market: people in the Visayas which is a group of islands in the middle of the Philippines.

As a result, Jaz Cola has reportedly “fueled Visayan pride among its teen consumers.”

• DID YOU KNOW that the Province of Aklan's oldest name is Minuro it Akean? It is considered to be the oldest province in the country and is believed to have been established as early as 1213 B.C.E. by Ati King Marikudo.

• DID YOU KNOW that Filipinos ranked as the highest selfie-takers in the world! Filipinos have earned the title of the world's most enthusiastic selfie-takers, embracing the art of self-expression through photography.

• DID YOU KNOW that Aklanon language is the only language in the Philippines that has seven continuous vowels in one word.
Example: Nagakaeacem

The Sun Doesn't Shine On Us

Article by: Cedrick V. Cusay BACOMM-3A

I wanted to feel your soul's presence next to mine
Take your hand and pour my heart into it, and carve
Moments that would overtake the hands of time
But the sun doesn't shine on us
I yearned for more than just the fleeting moments
When we cross paths, like the wave of the hand
And you jolting that ever sugar smirk back
But the light deflects its fluorescence from us
I desired to, more than just the blink of an eye,
Side your arms even for just the water boil's span

And be warmed by the heat of your aura
But it's rain clouds that are hovering over us
Your eyes have the stars, the moon, and the worlds
They hold the truths to the depths of the universe
And I longed to gaze into them 'til my reality's lost
But there's a thick mist permeating between us
Your hands transcend the blankets of forests
Even if your touch is fire, it thaws my cold spirit
And I wished we'd interweave 'til tapestry it becomes
But the rainbow refuses to arch for us

Your voice makes me tremble for it's like
An angel comes down and caresses my psyche
And I hoped you'd speak to me 'til I ascend to heaven
But the dawn denies us of its hue of golden
Your grin could never be subdued by any aurora
Stealing a glimpse of it melts my icecap heart
I sought to see it more than a pass of a shooting star
But the tides shift and they wash away from us
I pined to pen you letters turning you maroon
Give you roses every twice in a blue moon

And delight you with those hazel maltose cakes
But we're evaded by the songbird's refrain
I'd have taken you springing where there are flowers
Unshell with your mountains, fields, and rivers
And take your plunging poles down benevolent lakes
But thunder is wreaking upon us it's rumbling
I'd have brought you wishes on every falling meteor
Climbing on roofs and counting every constellation
And belch reveries while dusk's ember subsides
But the hails withhold their sparkles from us

I pined too to lit campfires of the subconscious
Around it, we'd trade tales from crooked long-ago
And glitter-glazed coughs would come out of our jaws
Until we fall to the ground, but the seasons pass us
I coveted as well that you'd come close to my ears
And drown me in the sea of your plumage melody
And I'd never weary of listening to the same song
But the breeze carries whispers that elude us
We'd hearken each other utter about tomorrow
Where we discern ourselves in five to twenty years

And we'd cast a glow into each other's feet
But the butterflies dance beyond our reach
We'd release all of the shabby laundries we hide
And we'd bargain every single dirt-stained textile
Until we feel our acquiescence just wash them
But the world spins with us remaining unnoticed
You'd whisper that you'll never vault off the ship
And I'd mutter I'll never paint you a gashing
And we'd ink all of them into each other's palms
But while the birds soar high, they fly away from us

I'd ask you about the demons residing in your head
Then I'd scat them out with the flare of my bruises
And embrace you from them enthralling you again
But the darkness is engulfing us head to heels
I'd let you lay your trouble-waved head on my shoulder
And I'd hum you a lullaby while you just doze somber
To show you you have someone you can confide
But the storm unleashes its fury upon us



HISTORIC FIRST GOLD MEDAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES ACHIEVED BY AKLANON SWIMMER AT 45TH SEA AGE GROUP

Article by: Cedrick V. Cusay BACOMM 3A

In a triumphant moment for the Philippines, Aklanon swimmer Jennuel Booh De Leon secured the nation's first-ever Gold Medal at the 45th SEA Age Group Swimming Championships held in Jakarta, Indonesia. The remarkable feat unfolded on Friday morning August 25, 2023, marking a significant milestone in the country's swimming history.

Competing in 16-18 Boys 50-meter Fly category, De Leon emerged as the champion, blazing through the pool with a record-breaking time of 25.40 seconds. His remarkable performance not only earned him the prestigious Gold Medal but also etched his name in the record books.

De Leon's achievement was met with fierce competition from other top swimmers in the region. Bernie Elle Yang Lee of Malaysia demonstrated an impressive performance and clinched the Silver Medal with a timing of 25.49 seconds. Meanwhile, Thailand's promising contender, Thanaseat Thanornngitissakul, exhibited his skills and secured the Bronze Medal with a time of 25.72 seconds.

As the event concludes on the 45th SEA Age Group Swimming Championships, De Leon's remarkable accomplishment will undoubtedly be remembered as a pivotal moment in Philippine sports history. His achievement not only brings pride to Aklanon province but also ignites a new era of competitive swimming in the Philippines.

NVC STUDENTS SHINE AS BEST FORWARDS IN YORME'S CUP 2023

Article by: Luz Mary Rufon



Two students from Northwestern Visayan Colleges (NVC) emerged as the Best Forward awardees during the Championship of the first-ever YORME'S CUP 2023 Inter Barangay Basketball League Juniors Division on October 10, 2023, at the ABL Sports Complex, Capitol Site, Kalibo.

The recipients of the said awards are Dio Domenick Guillamar representing Team Tigayon and Hyuel L. Irodistan of Team Poblacion, both students of the NVC Bachelor of Science in Criminology (BSCrim), who stood out with their exceptional skills and dedication during the games. Their achievements have not only brought honor to the NVC but have also served as a source of inspiration to aspiring athletes.

YORME'S CUP 2023 Inter Barangay Basketball League, which started on August 28, 2023, until October 10, 2023, organized by the Local Government Unit of Kalibo (LGU-Kalibo) under the leadership of Mayor Juris B. Sucro, which was participated by 16 barangays in Kalibo, Aklanon, aimed to uncover and nurture the hidden talents of Kalibonhon in the field of basketball.

"PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF" FOR BATANG HAKIDS AS THEY SECURE SILVER MEDAL IN E-SPORTS

Article by: Jean Gelito

Batang Hakids, a formidable team of cadets hailing from the Northwestern Visayan College ROTC Unit representing 601 (Aklanon) CDC, has clinched the silver medal in the thrilling E-Sports-Mobile Legends Bangbang Event during the Philippine ROTC Games on August 17, 2023, held in Libas, Banga, Aklanon.

The outstanding members of Team Batang Hakids include Adrian Pador, John Melbin C. Pilar, Sulficio B. Ubane Jr., Romar Haryson Oniada, Joshua Marte, Renie Christian Mopia, and Jeff Roma.

The team openly discussed the hurdles posed by a less-than-ideal internet connection. They attribute their remarkable achievement to their strong sense of teamwork, which ultimately led them to capture the coveted silver medal.

With their triumph, the team extends valuable advice to their peers and fellow players: "Consistent training is the key to eventual success." This accomplishment stands as a testament to their adherence to this principle.



NVCians SECURE SILVER, BRONZE MEDALS IN ARNIS EVENT

Article by: Jean Gelito BACOMM 2A

Arnis, a contemporary stick-fighting sport with a focus on self-defense, not only enhances hand-eye coordination but also cultivates discipline and overall physical coordination. Delving into the core attributes required to excel in this sport raises the question: what essential skills pave the way to mastery?

Kneeza A. Reprado and Clynel I. Gregorio have unlocked the secret, emphasizing the pivotal role of heightened awareness encompassing both the mind and body. These two accomplished cadets from NVC have clinched two prestigious medals in the Arnis Event during the week-long Philippine ROTC games. Their impressive achievements stand as a testament to their dedication and the guidance of their resolute and dynamic coach, MSgt. Alejandro P. Area Jr., PA (Res).

Reprado and Gregorio expressed their astonishment at their victory, as they had not harbored any lofty expectations due to the relatively brief duration of their training. "I believe that our triumph stems from unwavering perseverance and self-determination," remarked Reprado. These hard-earned bronze and silver medals serve as emblematic accolades, showcasing that NVCians excel not only in academics but also on the sports arena.

