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## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PASSERS!

### FEBRUARY 2022 MASTER PLUMBER LICENSURE EXAMINATION

INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE: **66.67%** NATIONAL PASSING RATE: **62.38%**  
FIRST TIME TAKERS: **80.00%**

**ENGR. KERVIN A. MELCHOR** | **TOP 10**  
TSU CET Civil Engineering Batch 2018 Graduate  
Engineer, TSU Facilities Development and Management Office | **82.70%**



## TSU FDMO project engineer and BSCE grad lands 10th spot in February 2022 Master Plumber board exam

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With an average of 82.70%, Engr. Kervin A. Melchor of the College of Engineering and Technology secured the 10th place in the recently concluded February 2022 Master Plumber Licensure Examination.

Melchor is a graduate of BS Civil Engineering in 2018 and passed the Civil Engineer Licensure Examination in the same year. He is currently working as a project engineer at Tarlac State University's Facilities Development and Management Office.

In an interview, Melchor shared that he only had less than three weeks to prepare for the board exam. He also added that in a day, he ensures to have 8-6 hours of rest and plays online games to relax.

As to the effort he exerted in reviewing, he collected reviewers from previous examinees and poured himself with dedication and perseverance to achieve his goal.

"You need to surrender to God everything and pray for what you want. You need to focus on your goal and be consistent with what you are doing," Melchor said when asked about his tips to future board exam takers.

"If you don't sacrifice for what you want, what you want becomes the sacrifice," he added.

The topnotcher also shared that he was surprised when he was greeted with congratulatory text messages after a game of basketball since he did not anticipate that results would be released on February 21.

TSU has produced six new master plumbers in the February 2022 boards giving the institution a 66.67-percent passing rate.

There were 1,244 examinees all over the country who took the said exam with 776 passers according to the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

■ Nerika M. Tabora, OPA Intern

## TSU featured at DOST-PCIEERD & BCYF Liberty Campus Tour

■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan

Tarlac State University was featured at the Liberty Campus Tour organized by the DOST-Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD) together with the Benita & Catalino Yap Foundation (BCYF) in celebration of Innovation Month last February 19, 2022 via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Themed "Reinvigorating the Philippine Economy through

Innovation," the celebration emphasizes the diverse cooperation among various economic sectors and institutions in the country.

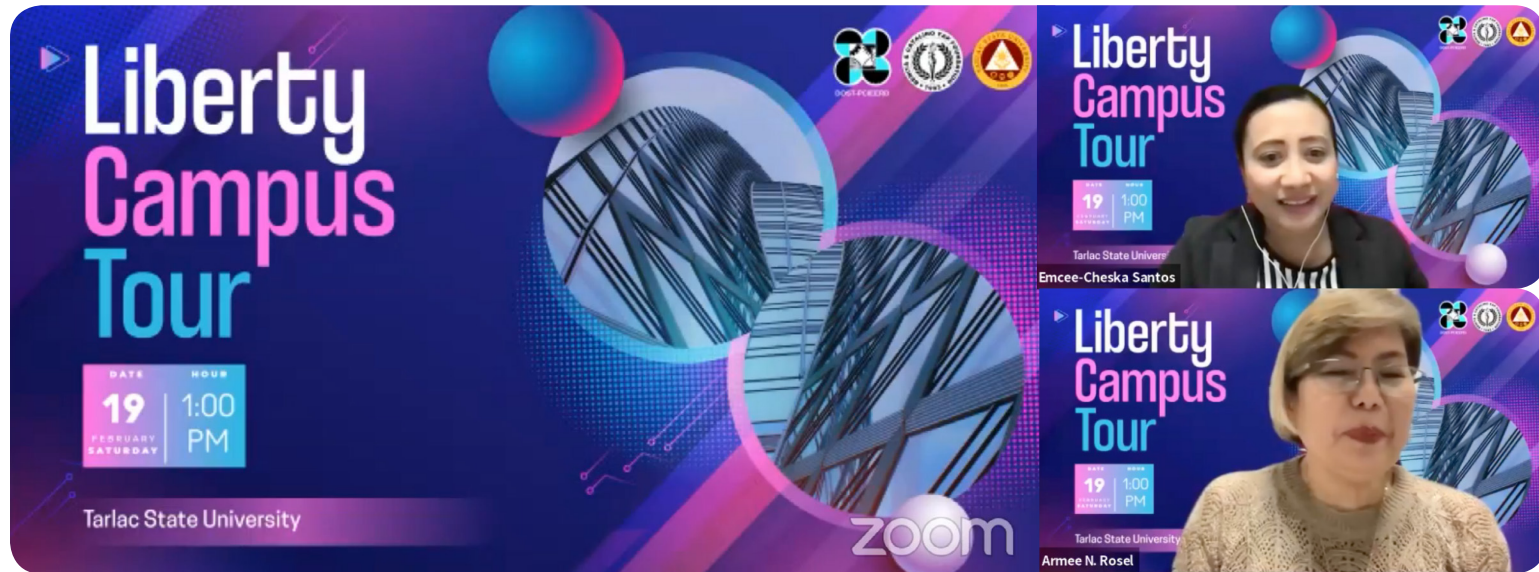
BCYF Founder and Chairperson Mr. Antonio Yap hoped that everyone will be inspired by the event and encouraged to embrace the idea of innovation in his message.

"For us at BCYF, we hope that



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■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan



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the average person who gets to know what we're doing can actually say, 'You know what, I like that innovation' because certain people, hopefully many, will benefit," he said.

Furthermore, he expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to collaborate with TSU.

"TSU, for us, is a special friend. We have known them for many years... I know that Tarlac State University is equally committed like DOST, DOST-PCIEERD - Dr. Paringit and I, in this objective, in this effort," he finished.

Moreover, BCYF Chair for Innovation Month former Sen. Teofisto Guingona III emphasized that innovation is also about humanity. He said that innovative ideas such as hygiene/sanitation and equality are detrimental to the progress and betterment of society.

"So you see, my friends, innovation is not just about science. It is about society, mankind. It makes us more human. It is an innovation from within that is the most important. Like the case of slavery, without that innovation (idea of equality), slavery would still be around today. Innovation makes us undo the wrongs that we do to our fellow men - because of

ignorance, prejudice, discrimination," he said.

Meanwhile, TSU, through the through the Extension Services Management Office (ESMO) and Food Technology and Research Center (FTRC), showcased the Extension-Led Research and Development Model (E-Led R&D) - an integrated approach for a more holistic and community-driven service to address the technical capacity and technology gaps of



Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

DOST-PCIEERD Executive Director Dr. Enrico C. Paringit also presented their agency's Human Resource and Technology Transfer as well as their other programs and initiatives.

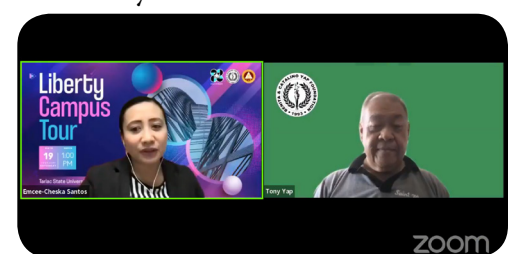
DOST Secretary Prof. Fortunato Dela Peña was glad that the academe has been their consistent partner in many fields of research, development, technology transfer, and

human resource development.

"We thank you for your continued support and collaboration, all of you coming from the academe. We commit that DOST will continue to be at the forefront in engaging more people, more institutions, so that we can come up with good local technologies [and] innovations so that we can address the problems we are confronting," he said.

TSU was represented by Vice President for Research and Extension Services Dr. Armee N. Rosel, FTRC Director and ESMO OIC Director Dr. Lea B. Milan, and ESMO Unit Head Mr. Aljon Lusung.

The Innovation Month is an annual week-long celebration by DOST-PCIEERD and BCYF. This year, from February 12-19, the campus tour also featured three other universities: Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology, Batangas State University, and Bataan Peninsula State University.



# TSU conducts Intercollege Visual Arts Competition, awards CAASUC winners in celebration of National Arts Month

■ Ariz Rosal [OPA Intern]

With the aim of promoting and celebrating artistic talents and excellence, Tarlac State University celebrated the National Arts Month by conducting the Intercollege Visual Arts Competition and recognizing the winners of the recently concluded CAASUC III (Culture and the Arts Association of State Universities and Colleges in Region III) Virtual Regional Showcase of Talents 2021 on February 28, 2022 via Zoom and Facebook Live.

The said event, themed "Sining ng Pag-asa," was organized by the Office of Student Affairs and Services through the Culture and Arts Unit headed by Prof. Marcelino Balanquit.

"Tunay nga namang napapanahon ang tema para sa taong ito, 2022, 'Sining ng Pag-asa.' Kinikilala nito ang sining bilang bukal ng pag-asa sa kabila ng nararanasan nating pandemya at nagbubukas pa rin ito sa atin ng mga bagong oportunidad upang makapag-isip nang mahusay na pamamaraan upang maipagdiwang ang ganitong mahalagang gawain para sa kulturang Pilipino," said Dr. Dexter Manzano, Institutional Student Programs and Services (ISPS) Unit Head, on behalf of SAS OIC-Director Prof. Gherold Benitez.

The first part of the program featured students' entries in the five categories: Charcoal Rendering, Pencil Drawing, Painting, Poster Making, and Photography.

Intercollege Visual Arts Competition Winners			
CATEGORY	NAMES	PLACE	COLLEGE
Charcoal Rendering	Jay Ar Baisa	1st place	College of Business and Accountancy
	Allan Jake Romano	2nd place	College of Science
	Kathleen Diane Bambatan		College of Criminal Justice Education
Pencil Drawing	Mica Ann Morte	1st place	College of Architecture and Fine Arts
	Jenra Mae Ganara	2nd place	College of Science
	Alfonso Dela Cruz	3rd place	College of Business and Accountancy
Painting	Trisha Kaye Dela Cruz	1st place	College of Science
	Jascha Tolentino	2nd place	College of Architecture and Fine Arts
	Lynette Salcedo	3rd place	College of Business and Accountancy
Poster Making	Yuri Gutierrez	1st place	College of Architecture and Fine Arts
	Mitchie Katte	2nd place	College of Science
	Daisyree Bayudan	3rd place	College of Criminal Justice Education
Photography	Kyle Andrei Balbas	1st place	College of Criminal Justice Education
	Genesis Antonio	2nd place	College of Computer Studies
	Chris Carino	3rd place	College of Business and Accountancy

Meanwhile, for the second half of the event, Prof. Balanquit awarded certificates of recognition to 21 student-representatives of the university who were named champions in various categories of the CAASUC III Virtual Regional Showcase of Talents 2021.

In a message, Prof. Balanquit stated that he is thankful for the annual celebration of the National Arts Month

because it serves as a way to showcase different talents as well as the country's culture, tradition, and arts.

Presidential Proclamation No. 683, promulgated by then President Corazon C. Aquino, declares February of every year as National Arts Month to celebrate artistic excellence and pay tribute to the Filipino heritage and culture's uniqueness and diversity.

## CAASUC III Winners (Culture and the Arts Association of State Universities and Colleges in Region III)

CATEGORY	NAMES	COACH	CATEGORY	NAMES	COACH
Musical Play (Male)	Dale Calvin Castaneda	Dr. Raffy Aganon	Charcoal Painting	Lauren Jascha Tolentino	Mr. Edno Joson
Musical Play (Female)	Guiane Pasetes		Pencil Drawing	Mica Ann Lenon Morte	
Drama Monologue (Female)	Ariz Rosal	Prof. Augusto Lulu	Rap Singing (Male)	Alion Ballan	Prof. Douglas Ferrer
Drama Monologue (Male)	Marco Paulo Cirineo		Kundiman Solo (Female)	Kimverly Roldan	
Monologue Comedy (Female)	Cendy Avestruz	Ms. Janice dela Cruz	Kundiman Solo (Male)	Francis Edison Balboa	Dr. Mellany Masangkay
Monologue Comedy (Male)	Dale Calvin Castaneda		Pop Vocal Solo (Female)	Lyndsey Melody Balboa	
Spoken Poetry (Female)	Ricca Cura		Pop Vocal Solo (Male)	Dean Mhar Madriaga	
Spoken Poetry (Male)	Kisses Galang	Prof. Elizabeth Balanquit	Banduria	Tricia Mae Pinor	Mr. Dennis Virtudazo
Story Telling (Male)	Gilmar Baun		Dr. Agnes Ladia	Hip-Hop Dance (Female)	
Pagkukwento (Female)	Ma. Bernadette Payumo	Dr. Jeanette Mendoza Baquing	Contemporary Dance (Male)	Aisen Pierre Bulanadi	Mr. Joseph Melegrito
Pagkukwento (Male)	Brian Kitz Ariem				



# CTEd sign accord on ELCs with DepEd-TCSD, discuss opportunities with private schools in Tarlac

■ Jhayvi C. Dizon [College of Teacher Education]

The Tarlac State University College of Teacher Education (CTEd) and the Department of Education Tarlac City Schools Division (DepEd-TCSD) inked partnership for Experiential Learning Courses (ELCs) under the Teacher Education Curriculum on February 3, 2022.

ELCs, composed of teaching internship and field study of fourth year CTEd students, is prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

Through the leadership of CTEd Dean and concurrent International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO) Director Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza and the newly designated TCSD Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Maria Carmen P. Cuenco, said partnership will pave the way for the conduct of the teaching internship or the On-the-Job Training (OJT) of CTEd's fourth year college students.

Despite challenges on the shifting of provision of the Teacher Education Curriculum brought about



(APSTaP) discussed various mutual benefits of the Experiential Learning Courses (ELC) Agreement through an in-person meeting last February 4.

The ELC-Agreement includes the provision of Teaching Internship

GS academic requirements excluding therefore their thesis/dissertation writing fees," Dean Mendoza mentioned to the APSTaP Board.

In addition, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale



by the COVID-19 pandemic, the college continues to look for ways to provide quality education and teacher training to all CTEd students.

"Magtutulong-tulong tayo; tayoyayo rin ang magkakasama rito," Dr. Cuenco said during the MOA signing ceremony.

The event is attended by the CTEd program chairpersons, the IALO Special Programs and Services Unit Head Dr. Ninez B. Tulo, and the DepEd-TCSD Chief Education Program Supervisor Dr. Leonida Garcia who served as witnesses to the said partnership signing.

Starting February 22, 2022, teaching interns of the college will be deployed to schools, both private and public.

### Discussion with APSTaP on ELC Accord

The CTEd and the Alliance of Private Schools in Tarlac Province, Inc.



which the APSTaP Board deems as an employment opportunity for fourth year CTEd students.

"You are helping us, and we are helping you. 'Yung transition [ng students] hindi na gaanong mahirap. Actually, we are very much looking forward for this partnership na maging part [ang mga teaching interns] ng school namin," APSTaP board member Ms. Miriam L. Magno said during the meeting.

The college affirmed the essence of "mutualism" with the other party by also reiterating the partner training institution's benefits under the MOA signed last October 29.

"In line with this partnership, we are also able to help you, teachers, should you and your teachers wish to pursue Graduate School (GS). The Tarlac State University is offering 50% discount to cooperating teachers for their



also emphasized to the APSTaP Board that TSU is willing to be resource persons for their capacity building activities such as the conduct of teacher training through seminars which is also envisioned to provide Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points to the participants of the MOA.

The meeting was attended as well by the CTEd program chairpersons and the APSTaP Executive Board with other school officials.

### On ELC concerns

Both parties also took the opportunity to address concerns about ELCs during the said meeting.

The College Dean discussed the contents of the addendum to the Practice Teaching Manual through the released Memorandum Order No. 006,

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s. 2022.

Said addendum contains matters regarding the prescribed reporting schedule of the teaching interns and the documents that must be submitted weekly such as the Daily Lesson Plan (DLP) and the Observation Checklists.

"We are requiring them of the DLP to train them to the core so as to give them the awareness and accountability of every decision they make inside the classroom. This is also in line with the mandate of the Department of Education to teachers who have accumulated no teaching experience yet," Dean Mendoza explained when asked about the private schools' practice in the use of the Instructional/Unit Plan which is prepared on a weekly basis.

Meanwhile, the APSTaP Board raised a concern regarding the provision of allowances by cooperating schools to teaching interns.

"The cooperating schools are not required to hand out allowances to teaching interns nor any remuneration," Experiential Learning Chair Dr. Mellany G. Masangkay addressed.

## CAFA, COS commit to deliver long-term extension projects to Tarlac communities

■ Derich D. Bognot [ESMO]

As Tarlac State University continues to be a champion in community service, the colleges of Architecture and Fine Arts (CAFA) and Science (COS) expressed their commitment to conduct possible extension projects in a virtual meeting with TSU Board of Regents representative Hon. Melissa Yeung-Yap on February 10, 2022.

The collaboration was brought to TSU through the initiative and efforts of Regent Yap. In her speech, she thanked TSU for its wonderful service and impact not just to different stakeholders, but also to the wider community.



Hon. Yap requested the two colleges to deliver extension services particularly in the Municipality of Victoria and the rest of the 2nd district of Tarlac.

Meanwhile, Vice President for



Other matters include the establishment of proactive solutions in line with the monitoring of daily attendance records of the teaching interns and the issues relative to the pandemic during the internship.

### 1st virtual Pinning and Candle Lighting Ceremony for practice teachers

Prior to the deployment of 1,300 practice teachers, the college conducted the first virtual Pinning and Candle

Lighting Ceremony on February 21 via Facebook Live, in partnership with the TSU Office of Public Affairs.

The event is usually held to ceremonially pin the practice teachers' nameplates while wearing their internship uniforms before they are assigned to different schools.

This year, the ceremony was held virtually in line with the university's health and safety protocols.

Research and Extension Services Dr. Arme N. Rosel said in her welcome remarks that this is a good opportunity for the university to continually create an impact to its stakeholders.

"This is a great way to put our university closer to different communities," VP Rosel said.



During the meeting, expert service providers from CAFA presented their extension project concepts and gave an overview of their possible extension projects for this year.

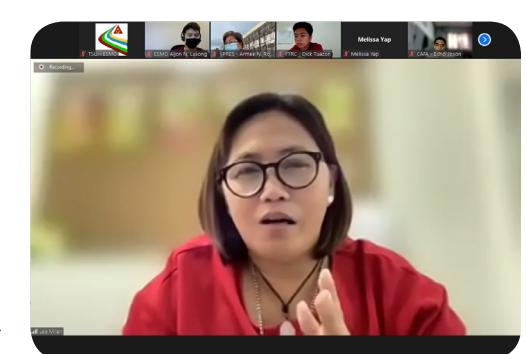
These projects are deemed to contribute more to society, especially on the targets of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the expertise of faculty members from concerned colleges.

"We are very thankful not just [for] this opportunity that is given to TSU, but more so to the trust that Hon. Melissa Yap is giving to everyone, especially the College of

Architecture and Fine Arts and the College of Science. We are humbled and thankful by this gesture; we appreciate the trust you gave to us, the Tarlac State University. Rest assured that we are not perfect, but we will strive to be the best with our services and joint undertakings with you," TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari said in her message.

Once approved, the initial long-term extension project of CAFA will kick off this March 2022.

The meeting was also graced by the online presence of Extension Management Services Office OIC-Director and Food Technology and Research Center Director Dr. Lea B. Milan, deans and faculty experts from CAFA, COS, and FTRC, and the ESMO staff who served as the event moderator.





## 1st batch of TSU programs undergo AACCCUP accreditation using new guidelines

■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan

Five undergraduate programs of Tarlac State University were subjected to an online 3rd level survey visit using the new guidelines for Levels 3 and 4 program accreditation of the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines, Inc. (AACCCUP) last February 22-24, 2022 via Zoom.

The first batch of programs that were visited and evaluated under the new guidelines are BA Communication from the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), BS Criminology from the College of Criminal Justice Education (CCJE), and BS Hotel and Restaurant Management, BSBA Marketing Management, and BS Accounting Technology from the College of Business and Accountancy (CBA).

The new guidelines will forego the document-based accreditation of Phase 1 and focus only on Phase 2 which features presentations for mandated and chosen areas.

In an earlier interview with Vice President for Planning and Quality Assurance Dr. Niño B. Corpuz, he said that this process is beneficial for SUCs (state universities and colleges) and AACCCUP as the process is now streamlined for a more efficient assessment.

For Level 3, the program will be assessed in four areas – two of which are mandatory and the other two are areas of their choice. The mandatory areas for undergraduate programs are instruction and extension. For other areas, the options are faculty development, licensure examination results, consortia or linkages, and library resources.

During the opening program, TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari showed her gratitude to the AACCCUP



accreditors in her welcome remarks.

“AACCCUP is a part of our journey on quality assurance. That’s why we are very honored and very happy and very pleased that our esteemed accreditors are here today to help us once again prove that all the awards we received are really worth receiving,” Pres. Mallari said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Boyet L. Batang, designated AACCCUP overall coordinator and Isabela State University vice president, thanked and commended the university for the excellent and commendable presentation of documents and best practices in his overall impression during the closing meeting.

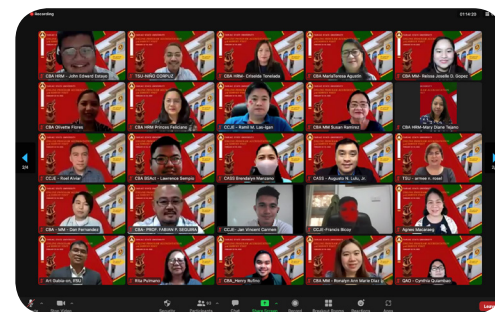
“I would like to congratulate each and everyone – salute to the men and women of Tarlac State University, for your steady dedication to work despite the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is also in accreditation that we learn and unlearn. Therefore, we should make accreditation as a way of our academic life,” Dr. Batang

said.

He also mentioned that the AACCCUP technical review committee would still review their reports, and TSU will be notified of the results in two months.

In response, college deans Dr. Brendalyn Manzano (CASS), Dr. Theodore Timpac (CCJE), and Prof. Fabian Seguirra (CBA) expressed their commitment to abide by the results of the accreditation and use them to further improve the accredited programs.

The new guidelines for Levels 3 and 4 program accreditation took effect last April 1, 2021 under AACCCUP’s Memorandum No. 5, s. 2021.



## TSU implements revised admission policy for TSU CAE 2022

■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan

Aspiring first year students for Academic year 2022-2023 applied to Tarlac State University following the revised admission policy which the TSU Board of Regents approved through Resolution No. 6, s. 2022.

The revised TSU College Admission Evaluation (TSU CAE) is now a combination of an admission test, evaluation of grades using the high school report card general weighted average (GWA), and evaluation of socio-economic status through income tax return or certificate of indigency.

These areas are given corresponding points to which the total sum will determine the final standing of the applicant: 60 points for the entrance examination, 25 points for the GWA, and 15 points for socio-economic status.

Mr. Andie Rafael E. Quiballo, Section Head of Testing, Evaluation, and Monitoring Unit (TEMU), said that the new policy was crafted for a more balanced and fair assessment of applicants considering the feedback they received before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The admission test is a face-to-face pencil and paper test that will be administered at the open gymnasium of the Lucinda Campus. This is in accordance with the IATF-EID (COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Resolutions) guidelines wherein the conduct of entrance examinations is allowed with 50% outdoor venue capacity under Alert Level 3.

Moreover, health and safety protocols had been put in place for the protection of the examinees and the TSU community with the help of the Pollution Control and Safety Unit.

The applicants are required to be fully vaccinated. Uploaded images of their vaccination cards will be checked before issuing their exam permit. They are also requested to present a health declaration form signed by their respective barangay health officer to certify that they are healthy and not COVID-19 suspects.

Furthermore, after a batch of examinees has finished taking the test, the examination area is sanitized, and a fresh set of testing materials will be prepared. Nurses and staff from the university’s Medical Services Unit are also on standby to ensure the well-

being of the applicants.

Each batch of examinees is composed of 100 applicants to ensure proper physical distancing. Every Tuesday to Thursday, the university accommodates four batches, while two batches are accommodated every Friday.

For the evaluation of grades, Grade 12 applicants will be assessed based on their Grade 11 GWA. For those who have already completed the senior high school level, their Grade 12 GWA will be checked. The university also entertains applicants who are high school graduates from the old curriculum (batch 2015 and below). The basis of their evaluation is their 4th year high school GWA.

Meanwhile, the socio-economic status bracketing of the applicants is based on the Philippine Statistics Authority’s (PSA) income categories: poor, low income, lower middle income, middle middle class, upper middle income, upper income, and rich. The points that will be given are 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, and 9, respectively. The applicants are requested to upload a copy of their parent/s’ or guardian/s’ income tax return or certificate of indigency for verification.

The university still employed the TSU College Admission Test portal for applications and uploading of requirements which was launched in 2020. In partnership with the TEMU, the Management Information Systems Office added features for ease of application, such as Facebook profile linking, and application status tracking.

According to Mr. Quiballo, they

have not encountered any significant difficulties during the conduct of the TSU CAE. At most, only errors during the online submission of requirements and re-scheduling of applicants who failed to appear during their examination date had been met.

He also wants to thank the Office of the Student Affairs Services led by OIC-Director Prof. Gherold C. Benitez for their support, the Civil Security Unit for ushering and maintaining the safety of the examinees, the Medical Services Unit for their assistance, the TSU Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committee for the health and safety protocols, and the Office of Public Affairs for the efficient dissemination of advisories.

The online application for the TSU CAE 2022 started on January 25, 2022 and will end on February 28, 2022.

**What will be the basis for my TSU-CAE rating?**

TSU-CAE 2022-2023 is a combination of Admission Test and Evaluation of Other Credentials.

Components	Weighted Percentage	Maximum Points
• College Admission Test Rating	60%	60
• General Weighted Average (GWA)	25%	25
• Socio-economic Status	---	15
A. Average Family monthly Income	---	---
<b>Total</b>	---	<b>100</b>




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Tarlac State University is envisioned to be a premier University in the Asia Pacific Region.

## Mission

Tarlac State University commits to promote and sustain the offering of quality and relevant programs in higher and advanced education ensuring equitable access to education for people empowerment, professional development, and global competitiveness.

## Towards this end, TSU shall:

- 1.) Provide high quality instruction through qualified, competent and adequately trained faculty members and support staff.
- 2.) Be a premier research institution by enhancing research undertakings in the fields of technology and sciences and strengthening collaboration with local and international institutions.
- 3.) Be a champion in community development by strengthening partnership with public and private organizations and individuals

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Tarlac State University is committed to improve continually for:

- Global competitiveness and excellence in the delivery of education, research, extension, training and consultancy services, hotel operation and administrative support services;
- safe and healthy working conditions to prevent injury and ill health of its employees, students, guests, visitors, suppliers and contractors;
- management of environmental aspects towards the prevention of pollution;
- compliant to regulatory and statutory requirements for the utmost satisfaction of its valued customers.