

USTP celebrates commencement exercises with the theme “Fostering National Development through Innovation and Entrepreneurship”



On 18 September 2020, the University of the Science and Technology of Southern Philippines celebrated its first virtual Commencement Exercises. This accommodated all students who completed their degrees for the academic year 2019-2020.

There were 1,828 graduates across all campuses, with 1,195 from Cagayan de Oro, 407 from Claveria, 22 from Jasaan, 111 from Oroquieta, and 93 from Panaon.

In his welcome address, Dr. Ambrosio Cultura,

USTP System President, mentioned the pride that the University had for the students who, despite the circumstances, were able to complete their studies. He stated, “The restrictions and separations can never outshine the hard work and dedication that you and your families have shown over the years of your pursuit for higher education.”

Hon. Karlo Alexei Nograles, Office of the Cabinet Secretary, was the guest speaker for the Commencement Exercises, which had the theme, “Fostering National Development through Innovation and



Acer-Intel Donates Laptops to Deserving Students



As the country shifts to virtual learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Acer Philippines partnered with Intel for their Acer-Intel Scholar Program, which aims to donate laptops to deserving students from its active Acer Academy member institutions.

Interested member schools were requested to send nominations of their scholars, containing

a brief profile of their scholarship programs. From the list of students, Erwin Amper and Chasil Gueen Lood were selected.

The notebooks were personally delivered to their residences by their respective deans and other USTP personnel. The students each received Acer Core i3 notebooks from Acer and Intel.

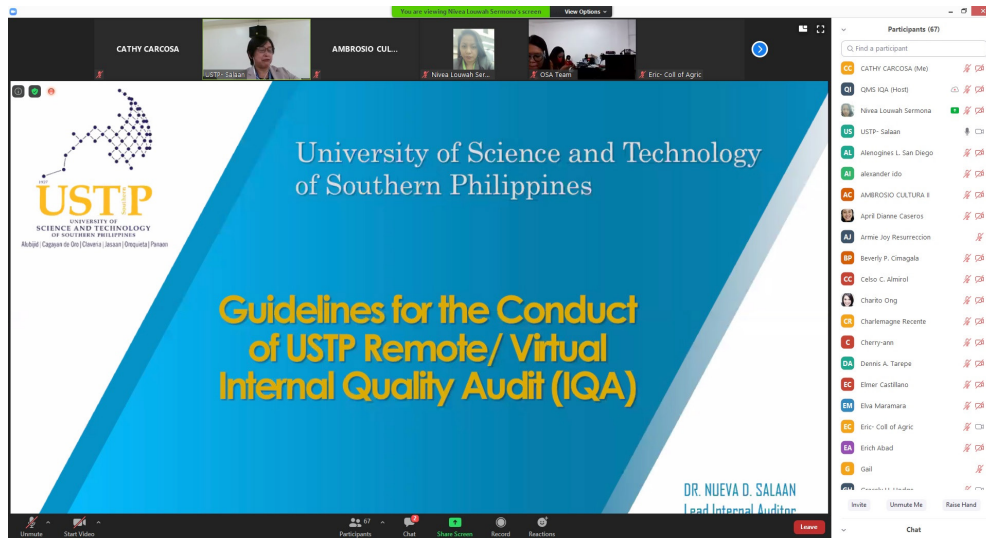


Entrepreneurship.” Recognizing the unique situation of virtual graduation, Hon. Nograles mentioned his hope that students would not be discouraged from pursuing their dreams because of the pandemic. “It is within each and every one of you to determine the rest of your lives,” he stated. “Success in life is better measured by the good we can do for others, and the good we are able to create in this world”

Alfonso Alamban, Regional Director DOST X, delivered a quick message to the graduates by saying, “You are the key to the future, you are the ones to whom we pass the torch of knowledge.” Hon. Mylah Faye Aurora Carino, CESO III Regional Director, NEDA-X, also shared congratulatory words. In her message, she mentioned that “May everything you learned in USTP allows you to make meaningful contributions to society.”

Each Campus Head and Chancellor then presented the graduates for their respective campuses. This was followed by The Graduate’s Pledge and The Alumni’s Oath. Some College Deans then gave congratulatory remarks. The event concurred with the singing of the University Hymn.

USTP follows “no face to face” audit during pandemic

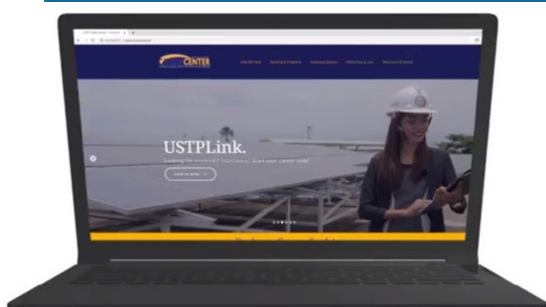


To eliminate the risk of employees contracting the COVID-19 virus, the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP) conducted a virtual audit in its offices and major campuses. This is also in adherence to the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Guidelines on Health Protocols and Social Distancing.

Twenty-one auditors (21) were tasked to conduct the week-long audit from September 14 until September 21, 2020. Dr. Nueva Salaan, Lead Auditor of the Internal Quality Audit, said that the virtual audit will address safety constraints, travel issues, as well as comply with social distancing protocols.

The remote audit was conducted via scheduled web conferencing. Documents and other evidence were flashed on the screen during the audit or sent through email or Facebook messenger.

Career Engage: Bringing industry partners and Trailblazers together virtually



Virtual Career Center and Industry Relations Services



By Ms. Mary Grace Idulsa-Rojo, Consultant of USTP Career Center and Industry Relations Office.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic pushed most activities to go online including the way how new graduates and alumni connect with potential employers. Virtual interviews are now part of what is being called ‘the new normal’.

On September 23 to 25, the USTP Career Center and Industry Relations Office (CCIRO) launched the Career Engage: A Virtual Job Fair through a private group in Facebook.

This job-hunting scheme will take the

place of face-to-face interactions and do away with mass gatherings while allowing students to meet up with recruiters and prospective employers virtually.

USTP CCIRO Director Ms. Lera Fay Cotiangco-De La Rama said students must also prepare copies of their curriculum vitae, application letter, and recent 2x2 pictures just like in face-to-face job fairs. This time, documents must be in digital form.

After a successful launch last August 2020, the virtual services of the USTP Career Center continue through Career Engage. It offers a unique opportunity for students and alumni to connect with top-ranked employers and partner industries. It replicates an actual recruiting event, where candidates and organizations alike can easily interact and possibly find their perfect professional match. Among the participating companies are Rebisco in Bukidnon; RSPOT Solutions, Inc.; Fligno Software Philippines, Inc.; Del Monte Philippines, Inc.; Nutrimax Fresh-Baked Inc.; Teleperformance; Maxim Integrated; Innovuze Solutions, Inc; and Wela School System.

The pool of industry partners rolls out a total of approximately 50 job openings, offering mostly web or online-based positions due to the current trend in the marketplace nowadays. About 200 students and alumni registered for the event.

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USTP-CDO implements additional safety measures to fight COVID-19

The Digital Transformation Office under the direction of Engr. Alex Maureal, Chairman of the USTP COVID-19 Initiative Committee, implemented additional safety measures in the University's fight against the coronavirus.

Temperature Measurement Walk-Through Detector

USTP-CDO installed the new Temperature Measurement Walk-through Detector, a non-contact temperature measurement system. The detector can take an individual's temperature from 1.5 meters, and will sound an alarm if it detects abnormally high temperatures.



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