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SLU'S PUBLICLY DOCUMENTED COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL INCLUSION AND SOCIAL OUTREACH

SLU Baguio has a strong, publicly documented commitment to social inclusion and community outreach, which inherently involves tracking and supporting underrepresented groups. The evidence is found in their sustainability reports, community extension services, and institutional policies. SLU continues to distinguish itself as a leading institution committed to excellence, inclusivity, and community service. This is evidenced by its achievement of a 3-star rating in the QS Stars 2025, with top marks in Employability, Environmental Impact, and Facilities.

SLU MARKETING MIXERS' OUTREACH PROGRAM AT BAGUIO DUMPSITE AREA



Last 5 April 2025, SLU Marketing Mixers (MM), together with the Community Extensions and Outreach Program Office (CEOPO), officially launched its Mission Chikiting: Uplifting the Next Generation — a one-month community outreach program intended to empower children's development in the city by supporting their growth and ensuring long-term sustainability through hands-on community care that maintains involvement, builds lasting connections, and provides beneficial initiatives.

Weekly visitations for a month will be conducted in order to ensure continuous support among the children. During the first visit, 15 sets of school supplies were donated to them to support their academic needs. More necessities, along with programs and activities will be provided for them over the next three weeks to nurture their well-being. The organization aims to reach different communities in Baguio every semester. For this term, the beneficiaries are children residing beside the Baguio Dumpsite at Barangay Dontogan, Baguio City.

This initiative accomplishes Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being) by improving children's overall well-being by means of community involvement and support. In addition, it also helps achieve Sustainable Development Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities) by giving underprivileged kids equal opportunities, thus bridging the gap for education, care and assistance.

The program is in partnership with The Compassion Company, a non-profit organization that serves the least, the lost, and the left out within Baguio City and beyond.

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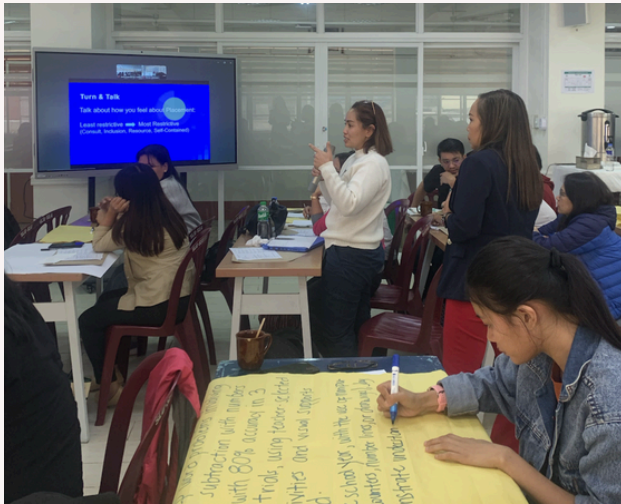
WORKSHOPS TO SUPPORT LEARNERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND A PARENTING WORKSHOP ON NONVERBAL COMMUNICATION



SLU SCYWC equips educators to support learners with special needs

The Saint Louis University (SLU) Sunflower Child and Youth Wellness Center (SCYWC) continues to strengthen global partnerships to provide quality services for children with special needs and their families in Baguio City and surrounding communities.

On 12 July 2025, members of the Communities Aligning Baguio and San Antonio, Texas (CABSAT) collaborated with the Sunflower Pedagogical and Developmental Center (SPDC) to hold a one-day seminar titled “Equipping Educators: Best Practices for Supporting Students with Special Needs.” The event, held at the SIRIB Center on SLU’s Main Campus, brought together 60 local teachers, parents, caregivers, and community advocates with professionals from San Antonio, Texas. Led by special education expert Almie Pachoco-Latimore, MAT SpEd, from the Southwest Independent School District, the seminar offered practical strategies for teaching math, reading, writing, and storytelling, equipping participants with tools they could immediately use in classrooms and homes.



A particularly moving part of the event came when parents of children with special needs shared personal stories, offering an intimate view of the challenges and triumphs of raising children with unique abilities. One mother’s story about her son’s journey toward self-sufficiency deeply resonated with participants, highlighting how love and persistence can transform lives. The seminar also featured virtual contributions from San Antonio educators and counselors, emphasizing individualized learning, multi-tiered systems of support, and assistive technology. This exchange of knowledge and empathy reflected the shared commitment to inclusion and collaboration between Baguio and San Antonio. The activity supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4 (Quality Education) and 10 (Reduced Inequality).



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A CAMPUS LIFE KICKSTART ORIENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Saint Louis University (SLU), through the Office of Global Relations, Alumni Affairs, and Scholarship Programs (OGRAASP) and the University Registrar's Office (URO), held a general orientation for international students on 29 August 2025 at the AVR, Msgr. Charles Vath Library Building. Titled "Campus Life Kickstart," the event introduced students to campus life, support services, and immigration processes, while helping them adjust to a new environment and connect with peers from diverse cultures. Prof. Joselito C. Gutierrez, PhD, Executive Assistant to the SLU President, welcomed participants, emphasizing SLU's commitment to their academic and personal success and the importance of understanding responsibilities and expectations while studying in the Philippines.



The program featured a briefing by the Bureau of Immigration of Baguio City on essential procedures for international students, followed by a fireside chat and interactive sessions that encouraged dialogue and friendships. The event closed with remarks from Mr. Joshua Madongit, Internationalization Coordinator of OGRAASP, who reaffirmed SLU's dedication to fostering an inclusive and supportive global community. The orientation reflected the University's alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals—Quality Education (SDG 4), Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10), and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17).



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A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR ITS STUDENT ALUMNI GROUP, SLU AGES



The Saint Louis University (SLU) Association of Geodetic Engineering Students (AGES), committed to building an active and companionable student community, recently concluded a successful membership drive that involved the registration of old and new members from different years and programs who wish to become a part of the organization. The event was successfully held in front of the GE Faculty Room on the first floor of Otto Hahn from 11-15 August 2025. A total of 189 members registered, demonstrating the strong appeal and reach of the organization's initiatives.



The primary goals of the membership drive were to increase participation by inviting new students to join the association and encouraging returning members to renew their membership. Additionally, the AGES Membership Drive aimed to strengthen member engagement by promoting involvement in various activities, leadership roles, and providing access to exclusive events organized by the AGES community. Preparations for the membership drive began a week prior to the event, with the officers utilizing promotional materials and social media platforms to inform and encourage students to participate during their free time, ensuring that class schedules were not disrupted. Registered members are also entitled to receive an ID at a later date, which can be used when borrowing surveying instruments. The drive not only met but exceeded its goals in engaging new members, renewing existing ones, and fostering active student engagement.



The initiative aligns with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions).

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RUN FOR HOPE 11: A HOPEFUL STRIDE FOR CHILDREN

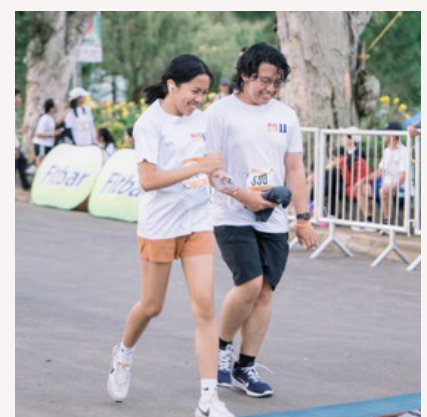
With sweat, smiles, and a shared sense of purpose, more than a thousand runner-advocates joined the 11th season of Run for Hope Philippines on 2 March 2025 at Lake Drive, Burnham Park, Baguio City. The event combined compassion with action, raising support for beneficiaries at Halfway Home for Boys and Project Daily Bread. Before the race, Fr. Emanuel Enjang Pranatal, CICM, offered a prayer for strength and guidance, while Dean Glory Dela Peña, event manager, inspired runners to give their best, reminding them that each stride contributed to building a better future for others.

The marathon featured 3K, 5K, 10K, and 21K categories, with standout performances across all divisions. Champions included Zykhen Kira Angcaway and Freya Malafo (3K), Denzel Josh Pagaduan and Alyza Sumacyab (5K), Angelo Quitlong and Nicole Fugen (10K), and Ramon Carlos Aquino and Akyzxa Izakiela Tangalin (21K). Each finisher crossed the line not just in triumph, but with the fulfillment of having run for hope, proving that every step—no matter the distance—can make a lasting difference.



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CREATIVITY TAKES CENTER STAGE AT CICM-PSN ARTIST CONVERGENCE HOSTED BY SLU

The CICM Philippine Schools Network (CICM-PSN) Center for Culture and the Arts (CCA) Cluster launched a two-day Artist Convergence on 26–27 June 2025 at Saint Louis University (SLU), gathering 149 students, educators, and artists from four CICM-affiliated institutions—Saint Louis College (La Union), Saint Mary's University (Nueva Vizcaya), University of Saint Louis (Tuguegarao), and SLU-Baguio. The event celebrated Filipino creativity and collaboration through workshops in dance, vocal music, and theater, beginning with a Eucharistic Celebration, a Trainer's Forum, and a meet-and-greet to build community among participants.

Renowned artists led the sessions: Prof. Fidel Calalang of the UST Singers for voice, Richardson Yadao, a Gawad Buhay awardee, for dance, and Lhorvie Nuevo-Tadioan and Jonathan Tad Tadioan of Tanghalang Pilipino for theater. Participants also toured the SLU Museum of Igorot Cultures and Arts and the Fr. Joseph Van den Daelen CICM CCA Theater, culminating in a creative showcase at the CCA Lobby. The convergence strengthened cultural ties among CICM schools and advanced the UN Sustainable Development Goals on Quality Education (SDG 4), Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10), Peace and Justice (SDG 16), & Partnerships (SDG 17).



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BAGGS SCHOLARS SHINE: LOUISIAN LEADERS JOIN 2025 SCHOLARS' LEADERSHIP BOOT CAMP

From 26–28 March 2025, the cool mountains of Baguio City became the inspiring setting for the 2025 Scholars' Leadership Boot Camp (SLC)—a three-day training that gathered promising young leaders from across the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR). Designed for second- and third-year scholars, the event aimed to develop leadership grounded in values, responsibility, and service. Participation required prior completion of the Values Formation Program and demonstrated leadership potential, ensuring a select group of passionate student leaders. Among them were thirteen scholars from Saint Louis University (SLU), many of whom were active members of the Baguio Association of Government Grantees and Scholars (BAGGS). Their involvement reflected both their personal commitment to growth and SLU's mission of forming servant-leaders dedicated to making a positive social impact.

The camp offered a rich blend of workshops, plenary sessions, and outdoor team-building activities focused on ethical leadership, social responsibility, effective communication, and community-based project development. Resource speakers inspired participants to embrace servant leadership—leading with empathy, humility, and purpose—while group discussions and collaborative challenges strengthened teamwork and solidarity among scholars from diverse provinces. As the camp concluded, participants returned home with renewed motivation, deeper insight, and stronger leadership skills. Their experience stands as a testament to the transformative power of values-based leadership and the enduring hope embodied by the next generation of Cordilleran youth leaders.



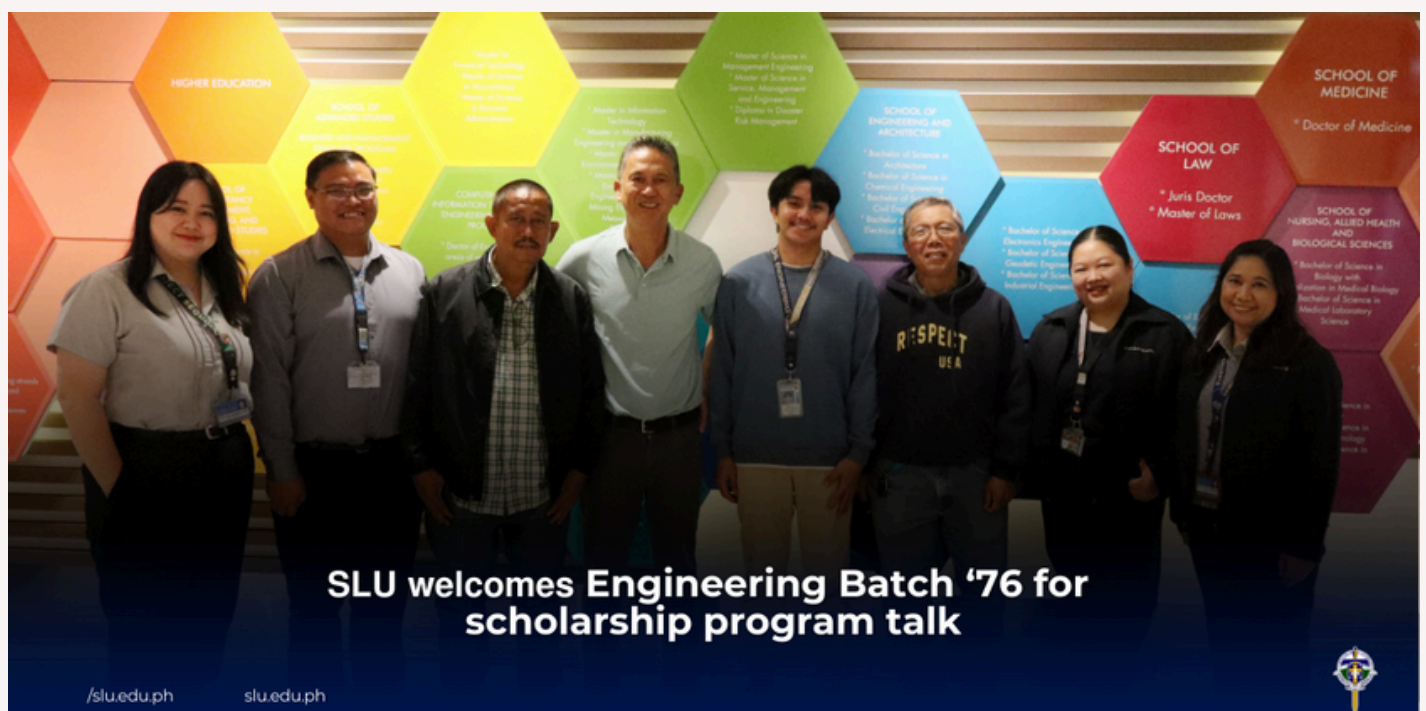
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SLU WELCOMES ENGINEERING BATCH '76 FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TALK

Saint Louis University (SLU) warmly welcomed the School of Engineering and Architecture (SEA) – Engineering Batch 1976 for a meeting on 10 February 2025 at the International Teahouse, Administrative Building, SLU Main Campus, to discuss the launch of a new scholarship program. Representing SLU were Dr. Stephenie O. Busbus, Director of the Office of Global Relations and Alumni Affairs (OGRAA); Marie Ellami Refuerzo, Director of the Center for Counseling and Wellness; Christine Marie C. Kee, Guidance Associate; and Elmer A. Benito, SLU Scholarship Program Coordinator. The Engineering Batch 1976 delegation was led by Mr. Kiko Cervantes, Scholarship Project Head, along with Mr. Jan U. Ursua and Mr. Jonathan Lacambra. The meeting began with introductions and a group photo, setting a collegial tone for the discussion that followed.

During the session, Mr. Cervantes outlined the development of the *Engineering Batch '76 and Friends Scholarship Program*, which began in early 2023 and was finalized by August 2023. The program's first beneficiary, Kenu Riel Malto, a 2nd-year Civil Engineering student, received the scholarship starting the second semester of Academic Year 2024–2025. The initiative aims to strengthen educational partnerships and global collaboration while supporting students in need. Aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1 (No Poverty), 4 (Quality Education), 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), the scholarship underscores SLU's enduring commitment to inclusivity, academic excellence, and the creation of a more equitable society.



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SLU CELEBRATES “TAPESTRY OF TRIUMPHS” DURING RAMBAKAN 2025 GALA AND AWARDS NIGHT



Saint Louis University (SLU), through the SLU Alumni Association, held its Grand Alumni Homecoming Rambakan 2025 Gala and Awards Night on 18 January 2025 at the Olive Ballroom of the Venus Parkview Hotel. With the theme “Grace of Gratitude: Celebrating a Tapestry of Triumphs of the Louisian Alumni,” the event brought together alumni from around the world to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the enduring spirit of SLU. The evening opened with cultural performances and messages of gratitude from University leaders, highlighting the alumni’s role in shaping SLU’s legacy of excellence and service. The program also featured the 2025 Outstanding Louisian Alumni Awards, honoring individuals who exemplified the University’s values of Christian spirit, competence, and social involvement, along with the Theophile Verbist Lifetime Achievement Award. Honorees expressed gratitude and reaffirmed their commitment to giving back to the University and the wider community.

The celebration also recognized the 2024–2025 SLU Alumni Association officers and jubilarians marking milestone anniversaries—Diamond (60 years), Golden (50 years), Ruby (40 years), and Silver (25 years). Earlier in the day, alumni participated in a Thanksgiving Mass, the unveiling of the Alumni Legacy Wall, and school fair activities that rekindled camaraderie and Louisian pride. The event underscored SLU’s ongoing commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Quality Education (SDG 4), Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10), Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions (SDG 16), and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17), aligning with the CICM’s mission of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) and the CEAP JEEPGY values of engaged citizenship and youth empowerment.

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ONCE MORE, WITH EXCELLENCE: SLU RECEIVES DSWD IYAMAN AWARD

Saint Louis University (SLU) was honored as an Iyaman Awardee by the Department of Social Welfare and Development–Cordillera Administrative Region (DSWD–CAR) during the agency’s 74th Anniversary Celebration on 4 April 2025 at the Newtown Plaza Hotel, Baguio City. The recognition acknowledges SLU’s outstanding partnership and contribution to the implementation of DSWD programs and services in 2024 under the Bayanihang Bayan Program, reflecting the University’s continued commitment to community service and social responsibility.

The event, attended by representatives from academic institutions, local government units, and civil society organizations, celebrated collaboration and compassion in public service. In the anniversary message delivered by Undersecretary Dr. Denise Florence B. Bragas on behalf of Secretary Rex Gatchalian, the DSWD commended partners like SLU for their shared dedication to uplifting Filipino families. The ceremony concluded with a message from Assistant Regional Director Enrique Gascon, emphasizing the event’s theme, “Bawat Pamilya ay Mahalaga sa Bagong Pilipinas.”



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THE LAUNCH OF SEMEK, THE CORDILLERA HUMAN RIGHTS HUB

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Saint Louis University (SLU), through its School of Law and the Chief Justice Manuel V. Moran Community Legal Assistance Office, in partnership with The Asia Foundation (TAF) and other institutions, officially launched the Human Rights Hub in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) on June 9, 2025. Dubbed “Semek”—an Ibaloi word meaning “love”—the hub aims to enhance human rights protection and awareness through collaboration among civil, legal, and academic sectors. The launch brought together key partners, including the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Commission on Human Rights–CAR, law schools across the region, and civil society organizations. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between SLU President Rev. Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, CICM, PhD, and TAF Country Representative Sam Chittick, marking the start of a one-year partnership to support the initiative.

The event also highlighted Baguio City’s role in advancing human rights through local legislation, notably the Human Rights Defenders Ordinance passed in December 2024. Speakers, including Councilor Jose Molintas, Levi Glen Ingente, and Abigail Bengwayan-Anongos, underscored the importance of amplifying the voices of civil society and human rights defenders. In her closing remarks, SLU School of Law Dean Atty. Yasmine Lee R. Tadeo emphasized the University’s commitment to collaboration, education, and advocacy for the common good. The initiative strengthens SLU’s alignment with CICM advocacies on peace and justice and supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals on reducing inequalities, promoting peace and justice, and building strong institutional partnerships.



REGIONAL GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-CAR HONORS SLU FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO GENDER EQUALITY

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Saint Louis University (SLU) was honored by the Regional Gender and Development Committee – CAR (RGADC-CAR) for its outstanding efforts in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment. The recognition highlights SLU's achievement of ranking highest among Cordillera higher education institutions and surpassing over 1,000 colleges and universities worldwide in the 2024 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings for UN Sustainable Development Goal #5: Gender Equality. The award was presented on March 28, 2025, at the DPWH-CAR Multi-purpose Hall in Baguio City during the National Women's Month closing ceremony. Representing University President Rev. Fr. Gilbert Sales, CICM, PhD, OSAS Director Triceayn Marie De Guzman-Prestousa and OLA Director Johanne Margarette R. Macob accepted the award on behalf of SLU.

In her acceptance speech, Ms. De Guzman-Prestousa emphasized SLU's commitment to living out its core values of inclusivity and diversity beyond policy and documentation, ensuring they are visible in everyday campus life. RGADC-CAR and DSWD Assistant Secretary Janet P. Armas commended SLU for shaping a generation of gender advocates through an empowering academic environment. The recognition reaffirms SLU's leading role in promoting inclusivity and social equity while advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals on gender equality, reduced inequalities, peace and justice, and partnerships for sustainable progress.



MOMFI CONDUCTS MEDICAL OUTREACH IN SADSADAN, BAUKO, MT. PROVINCE

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In partnership with Medical Koinonia for Community Outreach Missions and Cordillera Eagles Region 1, the Medical Outreach Missions Fellowship Initiative (MOMFI) held a free medical outreach in Barangay Sadsadan, Bauko, Mt. Province, on 7 June 2025. The mission served over 254 pediatric and adult patients and was led by Dr. Roberto E. Tolentino, Dr. Therese Tolentino, and Dr. Leonora Benedito, with support from student volunteers of Saint Louis University (SLU) – School of Medicine (SOM), including members of Medical Koinonia.

Departments under Cordillera Eagles Region 1, such as Registration, Surgery, EENT (Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Throat), OB/Surgery, Pharmacy, and Control, were fully mobilized, showcasing the power of teamwork, service learning, and community-based healthcare. This initiative supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3), Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10), and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17).

