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FROM INTENT TO IMPACT: SLU AND UP BAGUIO FORGE A PATH FOR COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION

Saint Louis University (SLU), through the Research, Innovation, and Sustainable Extension (RISE) Center, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of the Philippines Baguio to formalize a collaboration in innovation. UP Baguio's innovation hub, aptly known as UP SILBI: Social Innovation Laboratory and Business Inclusion, spearheaded this event. The MOU aims to create a partnership to jointly develop capacity-building activities, foster collaboration, support startups, and facilitate knowledge sharing. This aims to strengthen the city's start-up ecosystem and further intends to pool resources from several partner educational institutions, industry, and the LGU.

Held on 2 February 2026 at Balay International, UP Baguio, the event featured the theme: "From Intent to Impact: Turning Commitment into Collaboration". This is in response to the long-standing national call to provide a conducive ecosystem for bringing university research outputs to the community through commercialization. This was made possible through the Higher Education Institution Readiness for Innovation and Technopreneurship (HEIRIT) program of the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research Development (DOST–PCIEERD).

Guest startups were given the opportunity to present their innovations to the audience – products such as GROUNDED: Grounds for Environmental Detoxification, TASARAP: an edible cup, and THREADitION: a plasma-based wastewater treatment. One of them was SLU's The Last Se7en, a group of BSCS students from SAMCIS who developed Auscultate – an AI-powered clinical decision support tool to help healthcare professionals diagnose lung diseases solely based on lung sounds. The same group won 1st runner-up in the 10th Philippine Start-up Challenge held last December 2025. They were accompanied by their research promoter, Josephine S. Dela Cruz, PhD.

As the program continued, each representative was asked to talk about the importance of collaboration. RISE Director, Richel Lamadrid, PhD spoke of SLU's commitment to contribute to this shared endeavor. Baguio LGU, represented by the Vice Mayor Atty. Faustino A. Olowan, and Budget Officer Leticia O. Clemente, also expressed support, affirming the city's funding availability. A notable insight and challenge came from the Department of Information and Communications Technology-Cordillera Administrative Region (DICT-CAR) Regional Director Jimmicio S. Daoaten, who said we needed "magic" to make the inked promises come to fruition. This meant "making academe, government, and industry collaborate".

The event sparked a renewed opportunity to "resurrect" the University's own Technology Business Incubator (TBI) through the Innovation and Technology Transfer Office (ITTO) under the RISE Center. In this way, SLU can truly exemplify innovation as one of the university's core values, forging an innovation pathway from research to real-world impact.



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SLU HOSTS TWG MEETING TO PREPARE FOR DILG-CAR'S CIVIC ACADEMY SOCIETY PROGRAM

The Department of the Interior and Local Government – Cordillera Administrative Region (DILG-CAR) held a meeting last 25 March 2026 at the Burgos Conference Room, Saint Louis University for the Technical Working Group to talk about how to carry out their Civic Academy Society (CAS) program.

The CAS project aims to create complete learning modules for civil society groups, with a focus on three main areas: Values and Leadership, Local Governance Operation, and Soft Skills. These aim at giving civil society groups more power by helping them become better leaders, learn more about how local government works, and improve their social skills. This is to help civil society groups get a better understanding of governance and leadership by using both academic and real-world knowledge.

Interestingly, the program ushers collaboration among many different schools and organizations in Baguio City. These groups are working together to share their knowledge and resources, which will help the program succeed and last. It affirms how serious Baguio City's academic community is about helping the region grow and teaching people about their rights and responsibilities. For this year 2026, Rev. Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, CICM, PhD, SLU President, will be the convenor for the project.



The collaborative undertaking reflects how important the involvement of the partner institutions are in making modules that are useful and impactful. This project not only makes community groups stronger, but it also fits with the bigger goal of encouraging participatory governance and long-term growth in the area. Component 1 lesson will simultaneously commence by June in Saint Louis University and Benguet State University.

This partnership is aligned with SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals and CICM Advocacies on Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation, and Indigenous Peoples Advocacies.



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SLU ADVANCES EVIDENCE-BASED GOVERNANCE THROUGH ICREATE 2026 RESEARCH WITH GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

From March 23 to 26, 2026, Saint Louis University (SLU), led by the University Research, Innovation, and Sustainable Extension (RISE) Center, hosted its annual Innovations in Creatives, Research, Extension, and Technology (iCREaTe) showcase at the Fr. Francis Gevers Hall on the SLU Main Campus under the theme “Transforming Society Through Research, Innovation, and Extension.”

The four-day event highlighted multidisciplinary student research developed in close collaboration with external government stakeholders, including a study on the experienced social benefits of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries conducted alongside the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), which earned the Best Paper award for the School of Accountancy, Management, Computing, and Information Studies (SAMCIS) category.







Individual presenter awards were also conferred to accountancy student John Trif Pacho for his research on small-scale pharmacy inventory optimization and computer science student Hans Fredrick Aragona for his study on satellite remote sensing for soil nutrient analysis in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

By engaging public agencies and translating field research into actionable public policy insights, this interdisciplinary research showcase directly aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) by advancing evidence-based governance, public institutional transparency, and community-centered social development.





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