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A visual journey of MinSU Victoria's transformation through 75 years

THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE LEGACY

The faces and stories that shaped MinSU

75 YEARS

SEVEN DECADES. COUNTLESS LIVES. ONE LEGACY.

Mindoro State University–Victoria Campus marked its 75th Founding Anniversary, celebrating seven and a half decades of transforming lives through education, service, and innovation. From its humble beginnings as an agricultural school in 1951, it has grown into a dynamic center of learning, honoring its legacy while embracing the future.

MinSU VICTORIA CAMPUS CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

The 75th Founding Anniversary celebration brought the campus community together in a series of activities

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

Celebrating graduates who carried the MinSU legacy beyond the campus

THE VISIONARY LEADERS

The leaders who guided MinSU through the years

75 YEARS IN MILESTONES

Tracing seven and a half decades of growth and achievement

From humble beginnings to a legacy of excellence, MinSU Victoria Campus celebrates 75 years of shaping minds, transforming lives, and serving generations.

75 YEARS IN MILESTONE

The celebration traced its roots to August 26, 1951, when the institution opened its doors as the Mindoro National Agricultural School (MINAS) with 26 pioneering students.

Established through Republic Act No. 506, MINAS was created to provide agricultural education in Mindoro. Its early years were marked not only by classroom instruction but also by hard work and resourcefulness, as its first students helped clear the virgin forest and build temporary facilities that served as classrooms and cottages.

As the years passed, the school grew and changed with the needs of the province.

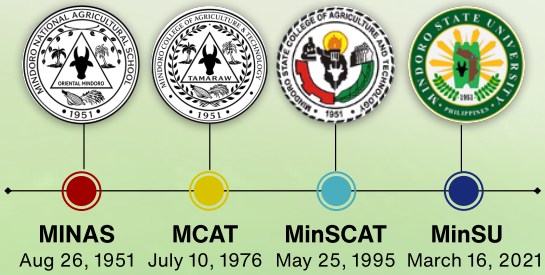
MINAS became the Mindoro College of Agriculture and Technology (MCAT) in 1976. In 1995, it was converted into the Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology (MinSCAT) through Republic Act No. 8007, becoming the first state college in Oriental Mindoro.

February 7, 2001 marked another milestone in the history of MinSU with the integration of the two (2) CHED supervised institutions in the province, namely: the Bongabong College of Fisheries now MinSU-Bongabong Campus and the Polytechnic College of Calapan now MinSU-Calapan City Campus.

Another chapter began with its conversion into Mindoro State University (MinSU) through Republic Act No. 10596, as amended by Republic Act No. 11006.

The institution subsequently secured full compliance with the requirements for university status on March 16, 2021.

From a school with 26 students, it had become a university serving thousands of learners and communities across the province and beyond.



A familiar landmark at MinSU - Victoria Campus recalls the institution's humble beginnings - the campus pyramid.

More than a landmark, the pyramid carries a story.

According to MinSU's historical accounts, the pyramid represents a fallen or tumbled tree, recalling the trees that once stood on the campus grounds when pioneering students helped clear the forest and build temporary classrooms and cottages.

The landmark connects the university's present to a time when resources were limited but the commitment to education was already firmly planted.

The Visionary Leaders



MR. ELIGIO C. URETA, SR.

1951-1962
Mr. Eligio C. Ureta Sr. is the first Superintendent of MINAS



MR. ONOFRE F. MARTIN

1962-1963
Superintendent



MR. CRISPIN E. CABANILLA

1963-1965
Superintendent



MR. ANTONIO U. GANIR

1965-1979
Mr. Ganir served as Superintendent when MINAS transitioned into a full-fledged college, named as MCAT



MR. CAMILO P. SILVESTRE

1979-1990
Superintendent



MR. MANOLITO V. ICALLA

1990-1991
Principal-OIC



MR. JEREMIAS A. ORTIZ

1991-1994
Administrator-OIC



DR. ANGELITO A. BACUDO

Principal OIC, 1994-1996
Dr. Bacudo is the first President of MinSCAT from July 1996 to February 2007.



DR. JESSE T. ZAMORA

2007-2018
Dr. Zamora served as the second president of MinSCAT and was its longest-serving president, with an 11-year tenure.



DR. LEVY B. ARAGO, JR.

2018-2023
Dr. Arago served as the first University President of Mindoro State University following its transition into a full-fledged university on March 16, 2021.



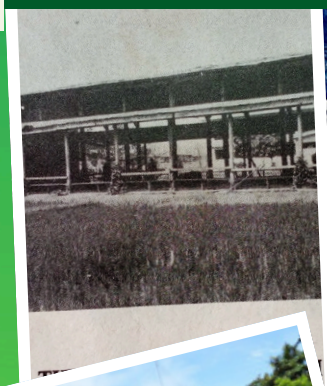
DR. CHRISTIAN ANTHONY C. AGUTAYA

September 2023 - July 10, 2024
Dr. Agutaya served as the Officer-in-Charge to the Office of the President following the retirement of Dr. Arago.

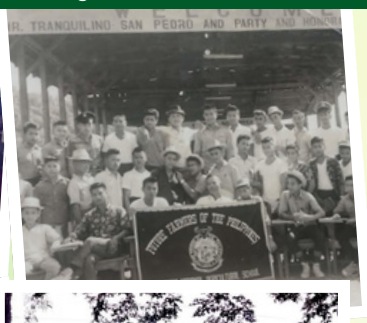


DR. ENYA MARIE D. APOSTOL

2024-present
Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol is the current University President of MinSU and the first woman to lead the institution.














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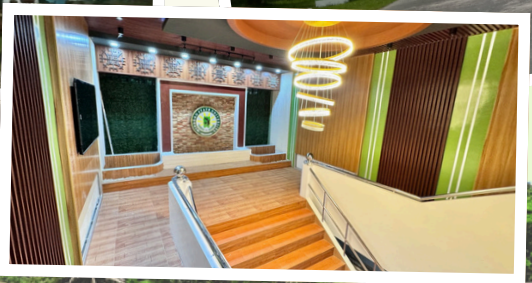
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MinSU Victoria Campus marks 75 years with commemorative parade, floral offering

Mindoro State University (MinSU) Victoria Campus marked its 75th founding anniversary with a commemorative parade and ceremonial floral offering at the campus' iconic pyramid on August 25, 2026, a day before the University's 75th founding anniversary celebration.

The parade brought together university officials, faculty and staff, students, alumni, and other members of the MinSU community as they made their way to the pyramid, where the ceremony culminated in a floral offering.

The pyramid holds special significance in the university's history. It symbolizes the tumbled trees that once stood on the campus grounds, recalling the early years when pioneering students helped clear the forest and build temporary classrooms and cottages for what was then the Mindoro National Agricultural School.

The floral offering, held at the foot of the pyramid, paid tribute to those pioneers and to the generations of students, faculty, employees, alumni, and partners who helped build and sustain the institution through the years.

Leading the ceremony were Ms. Rovelyn P. Roxas, OIC-Vice President for Administration, Finance and Operations; Dr. Jerrel P. Reyes, Campus Executive Director; Ms. Filomena P. Reyes, Chief Administrative Officer; Ms. Elisa M. Agoncillo, Director for Extension; and Engr. Rodrigo C. Silvestre, an Outstanding Alumni.

Founded in 1951, MinSU has since evolved from a small agricultural school into a university serving thousands of learners and communities across Mindoro.

The 75th anniversary activity honored the institution's roots while recognizing the people who continue to carry its legacy forward.











































The People

Behind the Legacy

Institutions are remembered through the people who teach, learn, serve, lead, build, and return to give back. This anniversary belongs to every generation that has helped shape the campus



























OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

24 alumni honored as MinSU celebrates 75 years of legacy

From classrooms and government offices to corporate boardrooms, laboratories, and communities, 24 graduates of Mindoro State University (MinSU) and its predecessor institutions were recognized for their achievements, leadership, and service during the inaugural MinSU Outstanding Alumni Awards on August 25, 2026.

Held at the University Auditorium as part of the 75th founding anniversary celebration of the MinSU Victoria (Main) Campus, the awards serve as the University's highest recognition for alumni who have made significant contributions to their professions, communities, and alma mater.

The awardees represent generations of graduates from the Mindoro Agricultural School (MINAS), Mindoro College of Agriculture and Technology (MCAT), Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology (MinSCAT), and MinSU, including its integrated institutions under the Polytechnic College of Calapan and Bongabong College of Fisheries and their predecessors.



The 2026 awards recognized alumni in four major categories: Distinguished Alumni, Alumni Achievement, Outstanding Young Alumni, and Alumni Service, covering fields such as education, public service, corporate leadership, agriculture and research, environmental science, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

The inaugural awards also established a new institutional tradition, with the recognition set to be held every five years to honor alumni who continue to exemplify excellence, leadership, and service.

Beyond celebrating individual achievements, the awards highlight the enduring legacy of MinSU graduates and inspire succeeding generations to carry the University's values wherever their journeys may lead.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Educational Leadership



Levy B. Arago, Jr.
MCAT BSAEd, 1979



Nimrod F. Bantigue
MCAT BSAEd, 1993



Angelito A. Bacudo
MCAT BSAEd, 1978



Jesse T. Zamora
MCAT BSA, 1981



Wilfredo Cabral
CSAT, 1986

Industrial Leadership



Rodrigo C. Silvestre
MINAS HS, 1976

Public Administration



Ma. Shellita Salazar- Valenton
MinSCAT HS, 1996

Corporate Leadership



Emmanuel G. Salazar
MCAT HS, 1995

Agriculture and Research



Marissa B. Roldan
MCAT BSAEd, 1979

OUTSTANDING YOUTH ALUMNI

Public Service



Chris Sean Paul C. Nagutom
MinSCAT BSA, 2019



Mila Joy J. Martinez-Saballo
MBC BSHTM, 2017

ALUMNI SERVICE



Rodrigo C. Silvestre
MINAS HS, 1976

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

Public Service



Gil G. Ramirez
CSAT 1978



Jesse M. Pine
MCAT BSA, 1987



Ma. Leizl L. Magbojos
MinSCAT MAEd, 2019



Roniel M. Macatol
MinSU MBA, 2022



Anthony J. Ramos
MinSCAT BSA, 2001

Corporate Leadership



Ma. Shenny S. Peralta
MCAT HS, 1994

Environmental Science



Katherine P. Sanchez-Escalona
MCAT HS, 1991

Educational Leadership



Teresita S. Bacudo
MCAT BSAEd, 1978 †



Carlito M. Matibag
MCAT BSAEd, 1980



James T. Zamora
MCAT BSAgEcon, 1983





Gabi ng Ningning

From their usual work routines to an evening of music, dance and recognition, employees of Mindoro State University (MinSU) Victoria Campus gathered for "Gabi ng Ningning: Pagpupugay, Parangal at Tagumpay" on August 27, 2026 at the C.E. Cabanilla Memorial Gymnasium.



Held as part of the Campus' 75th Founding Anniversary celebration, the event brought faculty and staff together to celebrate the milestone and recognize the people whose dedication has helped sustain the campus' operations, growth and accomplishments over the years.



After a busy day at work, employees came dressed for the occasion and joined their colleagues for an evening program filled with music, performances and fellowship.



One of the featured activities was the Rigodon de Honor, where employees took part in a traditional dance presentation that showcased coordination, discipline and camaraderie. The evening also provided employees a chance to unwind and strengthen camaraderie as they shared laughter, music and memorable moments with their fellow faculty and staff.



Highlight of the event was the Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) awarding ceremony which honored teaching and non-teaching personnel, both permanent and Job Order/contractual employees, for their dedication, excellence and contributions to the university.



The awards brought recognition to the people behind the campus' daily operations - those who teach, assist, organize, manage, and serve, whether in visible roles or behind the scenes.



The "Gabi ng Ningning" was part of the series of activities marking the campus' 75th Founding Anniversary, honoring not only its history and accomplishments but also the people whose everyday work continues to shape its journey. (jdtdc)



From MINAS to MinSU
GENERATIONS OF ALUMNI COME HOME





Decades may have passed, but memories remained vivid as generations of alumni and former faculty returned to their alma mater for Balik MinSU 2026: Grand Alumni Homecoming on Aug. 22, 2026, as part of Mindoro State University's 75th Founding Anniversary celebration.

The homecoming brought together alumni from different generations, including batches dating as far back as 1962. Some traveled from different parts of the country and abroad to reconnect with former classmates, friends and mentors.

Former teachers and professors also returned, including those who served the institution when it was still known as the Mindoro National Agricultural School (MINAS) and later as MCAT, MinSCAT and MinSU.

The celebration opened with a motorcade from Victoria Plaza Hotel to the MinSU campus in Alcate, followed by the recognition of alumni batches and former faculty members.

> "This is a celebration of the people who have been part of MinSU's journey. No matter how many years have passed or where life has taken them, our alumni will always have a place here. MinSU will always be home."
>
> **MR. JONBERT M. CAOLI**
> Director for Alumni Relations

The formal program soon gave way to reunions filled with stories, laughter and memories of student life. Games, raffle draws and a community potluck further brought the generations together.
For many, the gathering was more than an alumni reunion. It was a homecoming to an institution that has shaped generations of Mindoreños.

From MINAS to MCAT, MinSCAT and MinSU, the institution may have changed through the years, but the memories and bonds forged within its halls remain.

Seventy-five years later, they came home.



WHEN WORK TOOK A BACK SEAT:

MinSU employees let loose in anniversary games

For once, nobody was rushing to finish paperwork.

Instead, MinSU employees were running, shouting and laughing at the Victoria Campus Quadrangle on August 25 as they traded their usual office routines for an afternoon of games and friendly competition.

The employee games, held as part of the 75th Founding Anniversary celebration of Mindoro State University (MinSU) Victoria Campus, brought faculty and staff together in a different kind of workplace setting—one filled with cheers, playful banter and plenty of sweat.

Employees gamely took on the challenges, pushing themselves through activities that tested speed, coordination and teamwork. The quadrangle echoed with laughter as colleagues cheered one another on and celebrated every win, close call and funny moment.

Some ended the games breathless. Others were visibly tired and sweaty. But nearly everyone walked away with a smile.

For a few hours, deadlines and office concerns took a back seat as employees simply enjoyed being together.

More than a break from office work, the games gave MinSU employees a chance to reconnect outside their usual roles and celebrate the institution they help build every day.

As the Victoria Campus marked 75 years of its journey, its employees celebrated not only the university's history, but also the people who continue to keep its story moving forward - one day, one task and, on this afternoon, one game at a time. (jdtdc)













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