



UNIVERSITY OF NUEVA CACERES

# EXECUTIVE PAGE

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## MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT



Dear UNC Family,

As we welcome 2025, let us take a moment to reflect on the journey we shared throughout 2024. It was a year of resilience, growth, and unity, filled with challenges that tested us and victories that brought us closer together.

Despite the typhoons and floods that disrupted our lives, the year 2024 was an E year, a year of Excellent outcomes exceeding previous years' track record in terms of board performance, employability, customer satisfaction rating, students and teachers achievements.

The lessons of 2024 reminded that every challenge we face shapes us into a stronger community. The hard work of our students, the dedication of our faculty and staff, and the unyielding support of our leaders have made 2024 a year of meaning and accomplishment. To our Graduates, Board Passers, top-notchers and achievers—thank you for representing the spirit of excellence that defines our university. Kaya nga BET NA BET! SA UNC!

We also express our appreciation to our volunteers, donors, and alumni for their unwavering support, whether in helping us rise from the floods, bringing joy to our extension communities, or supporting our scholars. Your generosity and commitment truly embody the essence of the Pamilyang UNCeano.

Now, as we look to the year ahead with 2024 as springboard, we can take new moonshots inspired by the clarity of our goals and aspiration for 2025. Let us embrace the opportunities of 2025 with courage, optimism, and a commitment to live out the values that unite us. Together, we can face any challenge, achieve greater heights, and continue building a future that reflects the heart and spirit of the Pamilyang UNCeano.

Let's continue to live our purpose for every UNCean—Makakatapos, Magkakatrabaho, at Magtatagumpay.

Sincerely,  
Madam Fay

## UNC has the Highest Number of Accredited Programs in Bicol for three consecutive years!

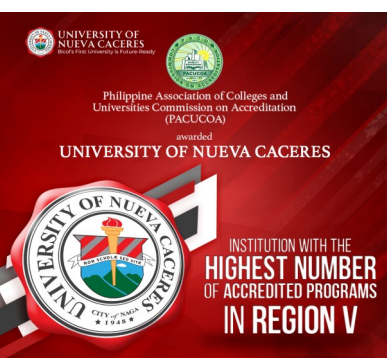
The University of Nueva Caceres has once again proven its excellence by earning the distinction of having the **Highest Number of Accredited Programs in Region V** for the third consecutive year. This remarkable achievement underscores UNC's strong commitment to delivering world-class education and fostering a culture of excellence for the Bicolano community and beyond.

Highlighting this milestone, University President Dr. Fay Lea Patria M. Lauraya received the prestigious award on December 10, 2024 during the 51st Founding



Anniversary of PACUCOA and its 35th General Assembly. Through this recognition, UNC continues to inspire future generations to aim higher and take pride in a legacy of academic success.

# UNC DID IT AGAIN!



The University of Nueva Caceres (UNC) Nursing Program has achieved a historic milestone by becoming the **first nursing program in Bicol** to receive the **Level III Reaccredited Status** from the **Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA)**.



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## UNC Shines in Back-to-Back Triumph at 2024 Youth for UNESCO Assembly

The University of Nueva Caceres (UNC) marked another milestone in its legacy of excellence, achieving a back-to-back victory at the International Assembly of Youth for UNESCO (Y4U) 2024, held in Puerto Princesa, Palawan.

UNC's delegation, composed of student leaders, UNESCO club officers, and members, garnered prestigious awards across multiple categories. These recognitions celebrate their exceptional contributions to leadership, creativity, and community engagement—hallmarks of the university's commitment to developing global citizens.

This successive victory reaffirms UNC's standing as a leader in promoting UNESCO's principles of peace, education, and cultural exchange. The triumph also highlights the university's efforts to empower the youth to take on meaningful roles in shaping their communities and beyond.



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Congratulations to the UNC delegation for their outstanding performance and for bringing pride and honor to the university on the international stage!



## UNC's Jude Ogarte Recognized as Top 3 Outstanding Jose Rizal Model of the Philippines for 2024

The University of Nueva Caceres (UNC) proudly celebrates Jude Ogarte's recognition as one of the Top 3 Outstanding Jose Rizal Models of the Philippines for 2024.

This prestigious award, given by the Knights of Rizal, honors students who embody excellence, leadership, and the values of Dr. Jose Rizal. After a rigorous selection process, which included nominations from universities nationwide and a challenging interview at the 62nd National Rizal Youth Leadership Institute, Jude secured an impressive third place.

His achievements inspire all to strive for greatness and make a positive impact on society. **Congratulations, Jude!** We are immensely proud of your accomplishments.



## UNC Celebrates 76 Newly Licensed Professional Teachers

The University of Nueva Caceres (UNC) proudly celebrated its Education Pinning Ceremony on December 7, 2024, as part of the School of Teacher Education's (STED) tradition of academic excellence. The celebration was made even more meaningful by the announcement from the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) on December 13, 2024, of the success of 76 UNCEAN graduates in the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET).



This milestone reflects the resilience and passion of UNC graduates, who continue to set the standard for excellence in the educational field.

Key figures in this achievement include **Dr. Romeo M. Sumayo Jr.**, Dean of the UNC School of Teacher Education, and **Prof. Romeo Layones**, Assistant Dean. Their leadership has been pivotal in guiding students to success. In his remarks, Dr. Sumayo stated, *"This achievement reflects the hard work of our educators and students, fostering a culture of excellence that prepares them to make meaningful contributions to education."*

Congratulations to UNC's newly licensed professional teachers!



## Ayala Group Partners with DepEd and Khan Academy to Enhance Digital Learning for Filipino Students

Filipino students and educators are set to benefit from cutting-edge 21st-century digital learning, thanks to a transformative partnership between Ayala Group, DepEd Philippines, and Khan Academy Philippines Inc.. This public-private collaboration aims to strengthen learners' core competencies, focusing on literacy and numeracy, by utilizing Khan Academy's world-renowned online courses.

Key initiatives within the partnership include comprehensive teacher training programs, the deployment of Khan Academy's learning platform in Ayala-affiliated schools represented by the University of Nueva Caceres (UNC) and National Teachers College, internships and fellowships, and the provision of crucial digital infrastructure facilitated by Globe Telecom. During the MOU signing, UNC was represented by President Fay Lea Patria Lauraya, while NTC was represented by VPAA Dr. Edizon Fermin.

"We are delighted to support DepEd and Khan Academy in this very important Public-Private Partnership initiative to utilize the latest education technology to deliver high-quality education to many Filipino learners in public and private schools," said Fernando Zobel de Ayala, Member of the Board of Directors of Ayala Corporation and Chairman of Ayala Foundation.

This partnership represents a monumental step in enhancing digital education across the Philippines, offering invaluable resources to both public and private school communities.





## UNC Honors School-Wide Achievements Across All Departments

### UNC Junior High School Student Receives National Recognition

Estella Khelen Shaye O. Chan, a Senior Girl Scout from UNC Junior High School, has been awarded the *JHS Senior Girl Scout Medal Scheme National Award*.

The ceremony took place on November 19, 2024, at the Philippine National International Convention Center, CCP Complex, Pasay City. The award recognizes Estella's commitment to leadership, community service, and the values of the Girl Scouts.

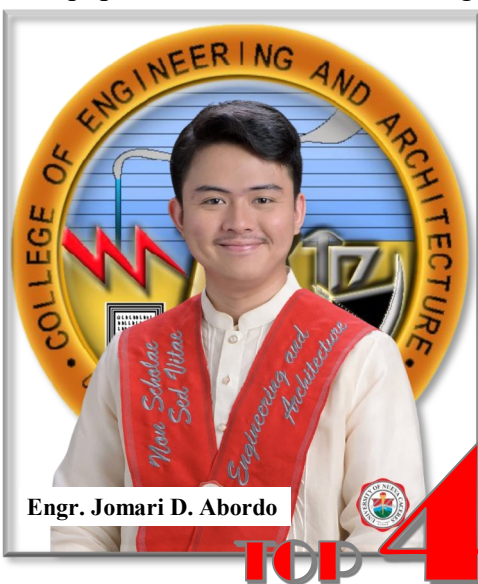
The achievement was supported by JHS GSP Coordinator Ma'am Isabel A. Arlante, whose mentorship and guidance contributed significantly, and by UNC JHS Principal Ma'am Dinna E. Capin, who provided continuous support to the Junior High School Department.



## UNC College of Engineering and Architecture Celebrates Exceptional Licensure Exam Results and Honors Top Performer

The University of Nueva Caceres (UNC) is proud to announce the remarkable success of its Civil Engineering graduates in the November 2024 Civil Engineering Licensure Examination.

With an impressive 79.25% passing rate for first-time takers and an overall performance of 49.43%, UNC's results significantly surpass the national passing rate of 37.09%. This achievement underscores the university's continued commitment to excellence in engineering education and its ability to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in a competitive industry.



One of the standout performers in this cohort is Engr. Jomari Delos Reyes Abordo, who not only ranked *Top 4* nationwide but also brought immense pride to the UNC community with his exceptional achievement. His hard work, discipline, and academic excellence serve as an inspiration to both peers and future civil engineering students. In recognition of his outstanding performance, Engr. Abordo was honored with a PHP 100,000 award by the university during the PASKUHAN SA UNC on December 7, 2024. This special recognition highlights his dedication and sets a high standard for all students striving for excellence in the field.

The success of UNC's Civil Engineering graduates is also a reflection of the unwavering leadership of Engr. Christiene Bautista, Dean of the UNC College of Engineering and Architecture. Her visionary guidance, coupled with her commitment to academic rigor and student success, has played a crucial role in shaping the program into one that continues to produce highly qualified and competent engineers. Under her leadership, the college has fostered an environment where students are encouraged to push boundaries and reach their fullest potential. The university extends its heartfelt congratulations to Engr. Abordo and all the newly licensed Civil Engineers. With such outstanding accomplishments, UNC is confident that these graduates will continue to make significant strides in the industry, shaping the future of civil engineering and leaving a lasting legacy. The UNC community stands with them in celebrating their success and looks forward to their continued achievements.

3	BERNARD BONIN ABELLA FLORES	PANGASINAN STATE UNIVERSITY-URDANETA	92.25
4	JOMARI DELOS REYES ABORDO	UNIVERSITY OF NUEVA CACERES	92.20
	JASON TAHUP BORDAS	SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE UNIVERSITY (SLSCST)-SOGOD	92.20
	CRAIG WILLIAM ABALOS FERRER	SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY	92.20

### UNC BIDYO Clinches 4th Place in NAGAYon 365 Photo Contest

UNC BIDYO has earned 4th place in the prestigious NAGAYon 365 Photo Competition, organized by Naga City Tourism. The winning entry captivated viewers with its portrayal of Naga, showcasing the group's exceptional skill, creativity, and passion for photography.

The success was made possible through the unwavering guidance and support of BIDYO's adviser, Sir Junie Orante, whose mentorship played a vital role in the team's achievement.



## UNC School of Nursing and Allied Health Services (SNAHS) Makes it almost perfect passing rate of 98.28% (57 out of 58) for first-time takers.

The UNC School of Nursing and Allied Health Services (SNAHS) has achieved an exceptional 98.28% passing rate for first-time takers of the nursing licensure exam, with 57 out of 58 students passing. This outstanding performance is a testament to the school's commitment to excellence in nursing education and its role in producing highly skilled healthcare professionals.

In addition to this impressive milestone, SNAHS is proud to announce that Ms. Ara Jane Tudio ranked 2nd in the SNLE June 2024, a remarkable accomplishment that has inspired both faculty and fellow students. As a result of her exceptional achievement, Ms. Tudio was awarded ₱140,000 by the UNC Administration, recognizing her dedication and hard work.



**Congratulations!**

The successful examinees who garnered the ten (10) highest places in the June 2024 Philippine Nurses Special Professional Licensure Examination are the following:

RANK	NAME	SCHOOL	RATING (%)
1	SUSANA RODRIGUEZ EVANGELISTA	VIRGEN MILAGROSA UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION	86.20
2	ARA-JANE FLORES TUDIO	UNIVERSITY OF NUEVA CACERES	85.80
3	MICHAEL NAVERRA CHUA	PERPETUAL HELP COLLEGE OF MANILA	85.60
4	MICHAEL ANGELO YLANSANIA MENDOZA	FLAMERS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY FOR	85.40
5	GENALYN VALDEZ	FLAMERS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY FOR	85.40
6			85.20
7			84.80

**2nd Placer**  
June 2024 Philippine Nurses Special Professional Licensure Examination

The achievement of these graduates is a reflection of the rigorous training they received at SNAHS, supported by a team of dedicated faculty members. This success was celebrated at a testimonial dinner on December 13, 2024, where both students and faculty gathered to commemorate the 98.28% passing rate and to honor the accomplishments of the entire nursing cohort.



With such outstanding results, SNAHS continues to maintain its reputation for excellence, preparing students for successful careers in healthcare and setting high standards for nursing education in the region.

## UNC SBA Team Clinches Top Award at COMEPP National Conference

The University of Nueva Caceres (UNC) has once again proven its commitment to academic excellence as the School of Business and Accountancy (SBA) team secured the coveted **1st Place - Best Research Oral Presentation Award** at the **34th Council of Management Educators and Practitioners in the Philippines (COMEPP) National Conference**, held in Tagbilaran City, Bohol from November 20 to 22, 2024.

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The triumphant team included:

- **Angelica Mae Adolfo Park**, lauded for her exceptional presentation skills.
- **Joe Torriente**, praised for his leadership as the group leader.
- **Alan Bataller, Carly Estipona, Jarold Jardina, and John Elmer Cano**, whose collaborative efforts as co-authors were integral to the paper's success.



Special acknowledgment is extended to **Prof. Nico A. Ogarté, MBA**, the Director of the Research Center, for his expert mentorship and unwavering support throughout the research journey.



## UNC Salutes 10 New UNCEAN Certified Public Accountants!



**Congratulations!** The University of Nueva Caceres (UNC) proudly recognizes the achievements of 10 graduates who have passed the December 2024 Licensure Examination for Certified Public Accountants (CPA). This remarkable accomplishment highlights their dedication and hard work, exemplifying the Greyhound spirit of excellence.

These newly licensed professionals are now ready to contribute their knowledge and skills to the accounting industry, equipped with the education and integrity instilled at UNC. Their success not only sets a benchmark for excellence but also serves as an inspiration to future students, motivating them to aim higher and pursue their dreams.

### UNC BSBA-Marketing Management Student Shines at Regional Cooperative Quiz Bee



The University of Nueva Caceres proudly celebrates the outstanding achievement of **Kevin Reinier Robrigado**, a 3rd-year BSBA-Marketing Management student, for securing **3rd Place** in the 2nd Regional Cooperative Quiz Bee. The event, held on **November 7, 2024**, at Villa Caceres Hotel, Naga City, brought together brilliant minds from various institutions to showcase their knowledge of cooperative principles and practices.

Organized by the Cooperative Development Authority, Region V, this competition highlighted the importance of cooperative education in shaping skilled and socially responsible future leaders.

Special thanks to the Dean, **Dr. Benchie Fortuno**, Assistant Dean **Reina Zaens**, and the dedicated faculty and staff of the **School of Business and Accountancy** for fostering a culture of academic excellence and continuous growth.

Congratulations, Kevin, for bringing pride and honor to UNC! Your achievement inspires the entire UNC community to aim higher and excel.

### Success Medical, Dental, and Delousing Program in Sua, Camaligan

Bringing health and care to the community!



## UNC Welcomes 52 New Future-Ready Lawyers



The University of Nueva Caceres takes immense pride in unveiling its latest cohort of 52 exemplary Bar passers from the **2024 Bar Examinations**, heralding a new era of **innovative and dynamic legal practitioners**.

The entire UNC community celebrates this significant milestone, recognizing not just the personal achievements of these outstanding individuals but also the commitment of the School of Law in nurturing future legal professionals.

The UNC School of Law, led by **Dean Atty. Antonio Rivero**, **Assistant Dean Atty. Lawrence Garcia**, and **Secretary Ms. Christy Oliquino**, played a pivotal role in empowering these aspiring lawyers with the expertise and ethical grounding required to excel in the legal sphere. This achievement is a profound testament to UNC's legacy of producing legal minds who are prepared to navigate and address the evolving challenges of society.

Kudos to our **52 future-ready legal luminaries**, your brilliance will undoubtedly illuminate the halls of justice and beyond. The University of Nueva Caceres stands firmly behind you as you chart new paths of impact and influence.

### UNC Paskuhan 2024: A Celebration of Success and Holiday Spirit

The **UNC Paskuhan 2024** kicked off with the **Christmas Lighting Ceremony**, marking not just the holiday season but also the incredible achievements of our **newly licensed UNCEAN Nurses and Civil Engineers**. This year's ceremony was a testament to the success, pride, and unity of the UNC community.

Together, we lit up the season with joy and excitement, celebrating both the holidays and the bright future ahead for UNC!





# UNC FAMILY Christmas SNAPSOTS



## The General Alumni Homecoming Celebrating 76 years

The General Alumni Homecoming last December 29, 2024 was a show case of the alumni's giving back to UNC in living their purpose - Non Scholae Sed Vitae.



WE ARE DYNAMIC AND CREATIVE

## FROM 1ST TO #1!

### UNC Opens Early Online Applications for SY 2025-2026

The University of Nueva Caceres, Bicol's top university of choice, officially opens its **Early Online Application** for the academic year 2025-2026.

Join the dynamic **Red and Gray Community**, known for producing future-ready graduates equipped to excel in real-world challenges. Secure your spot and experience the best student life at a nurturing and world-class institution.



UNC MUSEUM IS NOW OPEN!

Experience the masterpieces of **Juan Luna**, **Fernando Amorsolo**, and **Fernando Zobel** at the Ayala Museum's "Pioneers of Philippine Art" Traveling Exhibition at UNC Museum, University of Nueva Caceres, Naga City! Visiting hours is from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.