



**UNIVERSITY OF
NUEVA CACERES**
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Dear UNC Family,

What do we associate most with the month of May?

It is a month of celebrations and festivities. The same can be said for May 2025 in UNC. The month brought with it exemplary achievements mostly to be celebrated.

We attained PACUCOA Level IV accreditation in three (3) programs, along with remarkable performance in the board licensure exams for Electrical Engineering and Teacher Education.

The University's Greyhound Spirit was at its peak with the Intramurals 2025, the showcase of UNC's Architecture students' exhibit and Employability Summit, as well as the resounding success of the 1st Bicol Student Research Summit – Nurture 2025.

The accomplishments of our students this month serve as a shining example of what can be achieved when passion meets hard work and commitment. Their success not only elevates their individual potential but also strengthens the reputation of our institution in the academic community.

This reminds us of the powerful truth behind the phrase, “Non scholae sed vitae” — we do not learn for school, but for life. Our education equips us not only with knowledge but with the skills and values needed to thrive beyond the classroom and make meaningful contributions to society.

Congratulations to all our students and faculty for a remarkable May filled with achievement and growth. Let us continue to uphold the pursuit of excellence, grounded in the knowledge that what we learn today prepares us for the challenges of tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Madam Fay

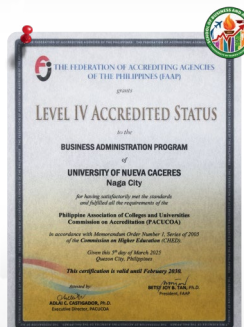
UNC LEADS BICOL WITH THE MOST LEVEL IV ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

For the third year in a row—2022, 2023, and 2024—the **University of Nueva Caceres** has been recognized by the **Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA)** as the top institution in the Bicol Region with the highest number of accredited academic programs.

This May, UNC proudly adds another prestigious achievement to its legacy: earning the highest number of Level IV Accredited Programs in Bicol, the pinnacle of quality assurance in Philippine higher education.

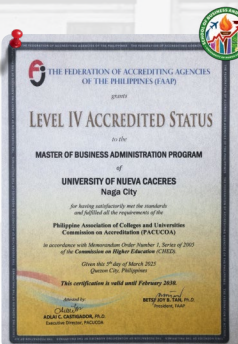
Level IV accreditation is the highest distinction conferred by PACUCOA, symbolizing institutional excellence in teaching, research, community service, and strategic management. It affirms UNC's unwavering commitment to providing world-class education and continuously raising academic standards.

We are proud to highlight the newest programs granted Level IV status:



Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA)

The Business Administration Program of UNC has been granted Level IV Accredited Status by PACUCOA. This recognition confirms the program's leadership in delivering a future-focused, industry-aligned business education, producing professionals who drive innovation, sustainability, and ethical leadership in the business world.



MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program

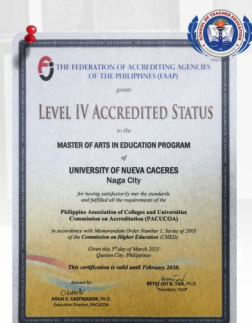
MBA Program receives Level IV Accreditation status.

The Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program has been granted Level IV Accredited Status, reflecting its outstanding performance in curriculum, faculty credentials, research, and program outcomes. This milestone further reinforces UNC's commitment to developing globally competent, values-driven leaders ready to take on complex challenges in today's dynamic global economy.

Master of Arts in Education

The Master of Arts in Education (MAEd) Program has been granted Level IV Accredited Status, marking a significant milestone in graduate teacher education in the region.

This honor highlights UNC's role in preparing competent, compassionate, and visionary educators capable of transforming lives and communities through learning.



MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM



UNC FUTURE-READY ENGINEERS SHINE IN APRIL 2025 BOARD EXAMS

The University of Nueva Caceres proudly celebrates the success of its newest batch of licensed engineers who aced the April 2025 board examinations, setting a high standard of excellence and proving once again why UNC remains a leader in engineering education.

Future-Ready Registered Electrical Engineers

Our Electrical Engineering graduates made the university beam with pride by achieving an impressive 88.89% passing rate in the Registered Electrical Engineers (REE) Licensure Exam, well above the national average of 66.85%. This accomplishment reflects their hard work, dedication, and the strong support of the UNC College of Engineering and Architecture (CEA).



UNC Civil Engineers: Licensed and Ready to Build the Future

Not to be outdone, UNC's College of Engineering and Architecture also proudly announces the success of 13 new Registered Civil Engineers who passed the April 2025 Civil Engineering Licensure Exam. These new engineers embody resilience and excellence, proving they are ready to meet the challenges of the profession.



We salute their determination and grit that define what it means to be Future-Ready UNCeans.

Special thanks go to the faculty and staff, under the leadership of **Dean Engr. Christine Bautista**, whose guidance was crucial in empowering these aspiring engineers to succeed.

To all our new licensed engineers—Electrical and Civil—your future starts now. UNC celebrates you and the bright paths you will build ahead.

Padayon, UNCeans!

UNC SCHOOL OF TEACHER EDUCATION CONDUCTS COMMUNITY-BASED LITERACY SESSIONS AT BOOK NOOK SATELLITE



The University of Nueva Caceres extends its deepest appreciation to the graduating students of the School of Teacher Education for their exemplary commitment in organizing and facilitating the **Book Nook Community Learning Hub: Reading and Teaching Sessions** held on April 12, 2025 (10:00 AM–12:00 NN) and May 5, 2025 (3:00 PM–5:00 PM) at the Khaldoni Café Book Nook Satellite, Concepcion Pequeña, Naga City.

These sessions provided an enriching platform for promoting literacy, engaging children through interactive storytelling, and fostering a deeper appreciation for reading. By sharing their time, knowledge, and passion for education, the students demonstrated their dedication to community engagement and inclusive learning.

The University commends the School of Teacher Education for exemplifying the values of service, excellence, and leadership—hallmarks of a Future-Ready UNCean.

We thank our future educators for their meaningful contribution to the development of young minds and for advancing the culture of reading within the community.



UNC SCHOOL OF TEACHER EDUCATION - OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN THE MARCH 2025 LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR TEACHER

The School of Teacher Education at the University of Nueva Caceres proudly celebrates a double milestone in the March 2025 Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET):

The **Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED)** program achieved a 100% passing rate, surpassing the national average of 46.77%—a flawless victory that underscores our unwavering commitment to excellence in foundational education.

The **Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSED)** program posted an impressive 83.33% passing rate, significantly higher than the national average of 62.27%, reaffirming UNC's position as a leading institution in preparing future-ready secondary educators.

These exceptional outcomes are a testament to the academic rigor, passion for teaching, and commitment to nation-building that define a Tatak UNC educator. Behind this success is the steadfast guidance of **STED Dean Dr. Romeo M. Sumayo, Jr.**, **Assistant Dean Sir Romeo C. Layones**, and the Office of the **Vice President for Academic Affairs**, whose leadership has been instrumental in shaping educators ready to lead and inspire.

To our newly licensed teachers—congratulations! You are the embodiment of Tatak UNC. Tatak Guro ng Bayan. The future of Philippine education is brighter because of you.



BICOL STUDENT RESEARCH SUMMIT: NURTURE 2025 – NURTURING TRANSFORMATION THROUGH UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

The University of Nueva Caceres proudly hosted the first-ever regional student research summit in Bicol, **NurTURE 2025**, held on May 23, 2025, at the UNC Social Hall. This pioneering event was organized by the UNC Research Center, and brought together 13 academic institutions from across the Bicol Region to celebrate and advance transformative student research.

A total of **59 research papers** and **63 research posters** were presented, representing a broad spectrum of innovative and socially relevant topics. The summit served as a platform for emerging scholars to share their work, engage in critical dialogue, and contribute to academic and societal development. The summit was highlighted by a compelling plenary address delivered by Dr. Margarita Felipe-Fajardo, who spoke on the theme of Transformational Research, inspiring attendees with insights on how evidence-based inquiry can drive meaningful change.

Student parallel sessions were organized around four Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

reflecting the diverse and impactful nature of student research:

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

These sessions showcased the creativity, dedication, and intellectual rigor of the youth as they tackled contemporary global issues through academic inquiry.

We extend our sincere appreciation and congratulations to all participating schools, student-researchers, faculty mentors, panel evaluators, and guests. Special thanks to the organizing committee and volunteers whose commitment ensured the success of NurTURE 2025.





UNC LAW STUDENT SECURES PRESTIGIOUS INTERNSHIP AT THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL



The University of Nueva Caceres proudly congratulates **Mr. Leo Jeremiah Arnel O. Caayao**, a student of the UNC School of Law, for being selected to join the **Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) Legal Internship Program 2025**—a significant achievement and a testament to his legal acumen and unwavering dedication to public service.

The OSG, known as the legal defender of the Republic of the Philippines, plays a vital role in upholding the rule of law by representing the government in key judicial proceedings and landmark cases. Acceptance into this prestigious internship program is a rare and competitive honor, reserved for law students who demonstrate exceptional academic performance, integrity, and commitment to justice.

Mr. Caayao's selection reflects the high standard of legal education and training provided by the UNC School of Law, and it affirms the University's commitment to producing future-ready, service-oriented legal professionals.

Congratulations, Mr. Caayao! This milestone marks a significant step in your journey toward a career of meaningful impact and principled advocacy. Your UNC community celebrates this achievement with pride.

UNC COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION CROWNED OVERALL CHAMPION AT THE 23RD REGIONAL INTER-CJE ACADEMIC AND SKILLS OLYMPICS

The University of Nueva Caceres – **College of Criminal Justice Education (CJE)** made us proud once again by being named the Overall Champion at the **23rd Inter-CJE Academic and Skills Olympics** held last April 28–30, 2025, at Our Lady of Lourdes Colleges Foundation, Daet, Camarines Norte.

Our CJE students showcased their talents and skills across a wide range of events — from sports and academics to the arts — proving they are not only future peacekeepers but also champions in many fields. Their dedication and hard work brought home numerous awards, shining brightly for UNC.

Winning Highlights

Taekwondo

- Multiple Gold medals in various weight classes and Poomsae events
- Silver and Participation awards across several categories

Swimming

- Gold medals in Individual Freestyle, Backstroke, and Breaststroke (female and male categories)
- Bronze in Male Breaststroke

Other Sports & Events

- Participation in Crime Scene Processing and Marathon
- Gold in Female Marathon

Musical Events

- Silver in Vocal Solo Male
- Participation in Vocal Solo Female and Vocal Duet

Academic Competitions

- Gold medals in Essay Writing, Extemporaneous Speech, and Debate
- Participation in Quiz Bee, Oratorical, Research Presentation, and Digital Poster Making



OVERALL CHAMPION

23rd REGIONAL INTER-CCJE ACADEMIC AND SKILLS OLYMPICS



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This outstanding performance is a testament to the strength, skills, and competitive spirit of our students.

A big congratulations to the entire UNC CJE family! Special thanks to **Dean Dr. Lorlie B. Tanjay** for her strong leadership and support in empowering our students to excel.

INTRAMURALS 2025: A VICTORY FOR TEAM SPIRIT! WHAT A WAY TO END AN UNFORGETTABLE CELEBRATION OF SPORTS, UNITY, AND PRIDE.

Intramurals 2025 has officially wrapped up, and what a ride it was! From the first game to the final cheer, UNC's campuses came alive with energy, color, and the true spirit of being a UNCean.

Every department brought their best:

- School of Social & Natural Sciences
- School of Business & Accountancy
- School of Computer & Information Sciences
- College of Criminal Justice Education
- College of Engineering & Architecture
- School of Teacher Education
- School of Nursing & Allied Health Sciences
- School of Law



Students showed not only skill and strength, but also sportsmanship, teamwork, and passion. Whether on the court or in the crowd, every UNCean played a part in making this event a huge success.



WHAT A FINALE!

The Greyhounds Cup 2025 closed with a bang—filled with thrilling matches, loud cheers, and moments we'll never forget. Congratulations to the **College of Engineering and Architecture — THE BEAVERS** — for claiming the title of 2025 Greyhounds Cup Champions!

From every pass and goal to every chant and cheer, you proved that Intramurals is more than just a game—it's a celebration of community, commitment, and pride.

To all athletes, coaches, organizers, and supporters:

Thank you for making Intramurals 2025 a winning moment for us all.

Padayon, UNCeans! Until next year!

UNC SENIOR HIGH STUDENT EARNS NATIONAL HONOR FOR DISCIPLINE AND CHARACTER

NATIONAL DISCIPLINE AWARDS SY2024-2025



ANNUAL SEARCH FOR NATIONAL DISCIPLINE AWARDS (NDA)

The NDA program was established in 1990 in response to Ambassador Alfonso T. Yuchengco's call to instill national discipline in the country's youth. Having criteria that focus on character and not academic performance, the award gives recognition to graduating senior high school students who consistently exemplify the virtue of discipline in school and in the community.

We are proud to announce that **Rovick V. Domanico**, a student from the UNC Senior High School, has been named one of the recipients of the **AY Foundation National Discipline Award for the School Year 2024–2025!**

This prestigious award recognizes graduating Senior High students who demonstrate outstanding discipline, strong values, and exemplary character both in school and in their communities.

Rovick's dedication to living with integrity and setting a positive example has earned him not only the honor but also a monetary prize and the esteemed San Lorenzo Ruiz Medal—a symbol of his inspiring role as a model student and citizen.

He will represent UNC with pride at the **National Discipline Awards Ceremony** hosted by the AY Foundation on June 20, 2025, at the **Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium in Makati City**.

This achievement is a celebration not just for Rovick and his family but for the entire UNC community. Congratulations, Rovick! Your kindness, humility, and discipline inspire us all. Keep shining and leading the way for others to follow!



DAGUSAN 2025: UNC ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS UNVEIL VISIONARY DESIGNS FOR THE FUTURE

The University of Nueva Caceres, through the United Architects of the Philippines Student Auxiliary – UNC Chapter, proudly hosted **DAGUSAN: Dagus na sa Satuyang Futura**, a two-day architectural exhibit held on May 20–21, 2025, at the Robinsons Place Naga Event Center.

This culminating event showcased the thesis projects of 5th-year Architecture students, highlighting their creativity, design excellence, and readiness to contribute to the built environment. More than an academic milestone, DAGUSAN served as a professional platform where students engaged with architects, alumni, potential employers, and the broader community.

A highlight of the exhibit was the recognition of outstanding works in various categories. We extend our congratulations to the following achievers:

Top 5 Best Thesis

- John Patrick B. Cunanan
- Christian Niño D. Fajardo
- Trecia Lei O. Chan
- Sheila A. Laureles
- Sherie Mae N. Marpuri

Honorable Mentions

- Alliona Joross P. Bacerdo
- Clyde Myca C. Paz
- Rutherford A. Ferrer
- Lysa G. Cariño
- Nathalie P. Barrameda

Special Awards

Most Innovative Project

Winner: Trecia Lei O. Chan
Runner-up: Christine Pia Aguenza

Excellence in Cultural Significance

Winner: John Patrick B. Cunanan
Runner-up: Lorraine Antonnette Estrella

Excellence in Oral Presentation

Winner: John Patrick B. Cunanan
Runners-up: Trecia Lei Chan, Alliona Joross Bacerdo

Excellence in 3D Visualization

Winner: Christian Niño D. Fajardo
Runner-up: John Carlo V. Lucena

Excellence in Architectural Drafting

Winner: Christian Niño D. Fajardo



The success of DAGUSAN 2025 was made possible through the leadership of **Dean Engr. Christine Bautista**, the unwavering support of the College of Engineering and Architecture, and the dedication of our faculty, staff, and student body.

We are immensely proud of our Architecture students, whose work reflects not only academic excellence but also a forward-thinking commitment to sustainable, inclusive, and culturally resonant design. Join the Legacy of Excellence—shape the future, one design at a time.

UNC EMPOWERS GRADUATING STUDENTS THROUGH EMPLOYABILITY SUMMIT 2025

May 21–22, 2025 | UNC Sports Palace



The University of Nueva Caceres, through the UNC Career Center, successfully held the **Employability Summit 2025**, a two-day event aimed at preparing graduating students for the transition from academia to the professional world. Held on May 21–22 at the UNC Sports Palace, the summit carried the theme “**Beyond the Degree: Bridging Talent and Opportunities.**”

The event featured an inspiring keynote address by **Ms. Anna Marie “Penny” S. Bongato**, a distinguished career strategist and advocate for talent development. Ms. Bongato encouraged students to take ownership of their career journeys and embrace opportunities beyond graduation, providing valuable insights on navigating the evolving landscape of work.

The summit offered a comprehensive array of activities, including:

- Panel discussions and career talks with industry experts
- Networking sessions with local and national employers
- On-the-spot job interviews and career matching services
- Skills workshops focused on employability and professional growth

One of the major highlights of the event was the official launch of UNC’s commitment to the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 8 (SDG 8): Decent Work and Economic Growth**. This initiative, in partnership with **SILIP (Students in Leadership and Industry Partnership)** led by **Ar. Ara Gamalinda**, reflects the university’s ongoing efforts to align academic programs with global development goals and promote inclusive, sustainable employment opportunities for all graduates.

The success of the Employability Summit 2025 is a testament to the dedication of the UNC Career Center, under the leadership of **Ms. Jo-Ann Dancalan**, in equipping students with the tools, connections, and confidence they need to thrive in their respective fields.

As UNC continues to foster a future-ready culture, this summit reaffirms the university’s commitment to student success—empowering Unceans to enter the workforce with purpose, professionalism, and potential.

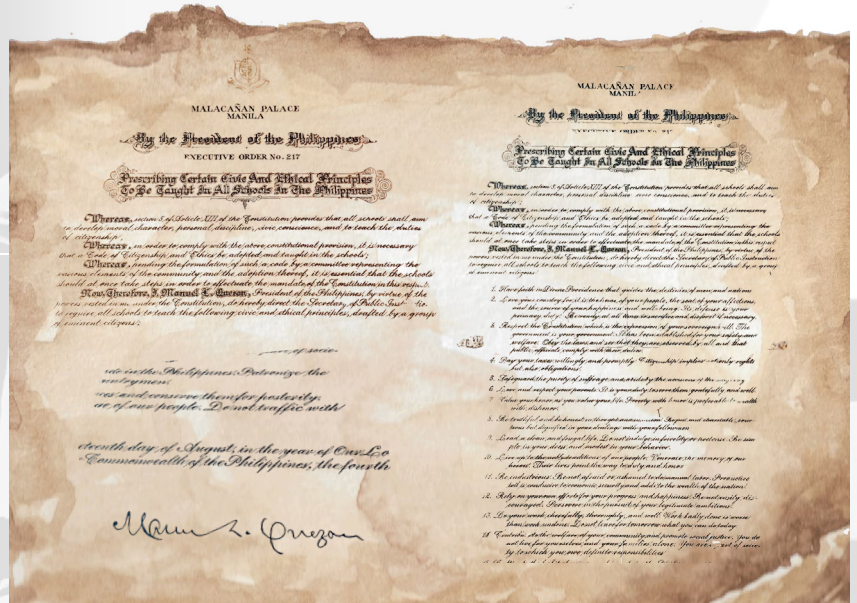
PIECE OF HISTORY: UNC MUSEUM ACQUIRES SIGNED 1939 EXECUTIVE ORDER BY PRESIDENT MANUEL L. QUEZON

The University of Nueva Caceres Museum proudly announces the acquisition of a rare and significant historical artifact: an original, signed copy of Executive Order No. 217, issued in 1939 by President Manuel L. Quezon.

This Executive Order prescribes “Certain Civic and Ethical Principles to Be Taught in All Schools in the Philippines,” mandating the integration of values education into the national curriculum. It emphasizes the development of moral character, personal discipline, civic conscience, and the responsibilities of citizenship among Filipino learners—principles that remain deeply relevant today.

This remarkable document, along with other archival materials from the Commonwealth era, is now preserved and available for scholarly viewing at the UNC Museum Archive Room.

We invite the UNC community and the public to explore this important piece of our national history—a testament to our enduring commitment to education, civic virtue, and cultural preservation.



ENROLLMENT RAFFLE PROMO SY 25-26

The University of Nueva Caceres is adding excitement to the upcoming academic year with a raffle promo for early enrollees—offering brand-new students a chance to win official school apparel and exclusive merchandise.

Incoming freshmen and transferees for School Year 2025–2026 are encouraged to complete their enrollment within the designated early registration periods:

Basic Education Department (BED): March 10 to June 1, 2025
Higher Education (Undergraduate and Graduate): May 5 to July 14, 2025

Eligible students will automatically be entered into the raffle using their Student ID Numbers. This initiative aims to provide a warm welcome to new UNCeans while giving them a head start on their student experience.

What's at stake?

Winners will receive official UNC uniforms and limited-edition UNC items, helping them show their school spirit from day one. These prizes are both practical and symbolic of the vibrant campus life awaiting them.

Raffle Draw Dates:

- June 2, 2025 – Basic Education
- July 15, 2025 – Undergraduate & Graduate Programs

Winners will be contacted directly and announced through the university's official communication channels. Prizes may be claimed from **June 2 to August 5, 2025**, at the University Resource Center.

UNC continues to redefine the student experience with initiatives like this, reflecting its commitment to student engagement and holistic development. As the new academic year approaches, the university invites all prospective students to enroll early—not only to secure their place but also for a chance to start their journey with a celebratory win.

UNC: Your journey begins here.