

2022 MATH FAIR; A SUCCESS

By: Amy Dumail, EPS

Opening Program of 2022 Division Math Fair



"All is well and it goes well." The Math Fair which came to a halt for a year returned with a bang as it was successfully conducted at Camarines Norte National High School last January 7-8, 2023. This two-day activity was in line with the Division Memorandum No 138 s. 2022 with the theme: "Sustaining Bicolano Learners Love for Mathematics."

Prior to the final judging, Video Lessons and MATHdoky entries were submitted online on January 5, 2023. MATHdoky contains video production of the Best Practices on Numeracy Program for both Elementary and Secondary levels.

E-Modulo Art Design Contest for Elementary and Secondary levels. E-Modulo Art Design Contest for Elementary and Secondary was conducted face-to-face. Math Showcase, which is composed of Devices (for Teacher and Student Category), Puzzles, and Games, also had its face-to-face presentation during the oral defense.

Education Program Supervisor in Mathematics, Joy G. Cabrera, spearheaded the activity in coordination with District Coordinators, School Principals, and Mathematics teachers.

First Place winners in all contest events shall represent the Division in the Regional Math Fair come January 11-12, 2023, at Legazpi City, Albay.

Project SERVE Sets to Continue as PROJECT SERVE PLUS

By: Antonio C. Ahmad, AOV

With the learners at the center of education, the SDO Camarines Norte, led by SDS Nympha D. Guemo, intends to continue its flagship program - Project SERVE (**S**ervice with **E**fficacy using available **R**esources and observing proper **V**alues for **E**xcellence) which ended in 2022 after three years of successful implementation, under the new name beginning January 2023. The project is now dubbed **PROJECT SERVE PLUS**

In the memorandum issued by SDS Guemo on the very first day of office of this year, she pronounced that her banner project shall remain with the following identified activities as the PLUSes, namely: (1) putting up a division newsletter that will highlight the significant information, update and accomplishment of the SDO, (2) opening of additional integrated schools particularly to the far-flung areas or last mile schools, (3) giving updates and clarification on issuances and other significant information to the school staff and personnel via virtual activities called e-Konsulta, (4) support projects initiated by Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) and School Governance Operation Division (SGOD) that would address learning gaps and learning losses as part of to the Learning Recovery Program of the SDO, and (5) put up a one-stop shop office for the existing associations in SDO to facilitate association transactions.

When SDS Guemo took over as superintendent of DepEd Camarines Norte in 2019, she launched Project SERVE as her guidon, which was praised by the people in the field due to facilitated teachers' reclassification, transparent budgetary utilization at high rates, zero non-liquidation of cash advances, efficient use of available resources, and ease in office transactions.

Schools Division of Camarines Norte

NEWSLETTER

SDO Camarines Norte SERVES with a HEART (Humility, Equability, Agility, Resiliency, Trust)

APPLAUDING THE 2022 OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES

By: Blesilda A. Necio, EdD

DepEd SDO Camarines Norte recognized the remarkable accomplishments and contributions of the school heads, teachers, and non-teaching personnel by conducting the 2022 Search for Outstanding Employees in DepEd SDO Camarines Norte held on January 7, 2023 at Agro sports Center, Daet, Camarines Norte. The search, as anchored in DepEd Order No. 9, s. of 2002 otherwise known as "Establishing the Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) in the Department of Education", is a flagship program of the division on Rewards and Recognition System which aims to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of employees, give honor and appreciation for their commitment, dedication, and hard work in the delivery of services, and acknowledge and reward productive, creative, and ethical behavior of employees. It is also another milestone of SDO's Project SERVE (**S**erve with **E**fficacy **M**aximizing the available **R**esources and **O**bserving Proper **V**alues for **E**xcellence) which was initiated by SDS Nympha D. Guemo.

The 2022 Search for Outstanding Employees was categorized into six, namely: Outstanding Elementary School



Heads, Outstanding Secondary School Heads, Outstanding Elementary Teachers, Outstanding Secondary Teachers, Outstanding Non-Teaching Personnel Level II, and Outstanding Non-Teaching Personnel Level I. The top 3 outstanding employees received a Certificate of Recognition and a cash prize amounting to ₱ 10,000 for the 1st place, ₱ 5,000 for the 2nd place, and ₱ 3,000 for the 3rd place. While, the finalists received a Certificate of Appreciation and a consolation prize. All of these and the criteria were spelled out vividly in the Division Memorandum No. 105, s. 2022.

The winners for the Outstanding Elementary School Heads Category were the following: **1st place - Susan B. Veras**, Principal III of Labo Central School in Labo East District;

2nd place - Josephine E. Caceres, EdD, Principal II of Anita Romero Elementary School, Daet South District; and the **3rd place - Jane T. Ramirez**, Principal II of Rizal Elementary School, Sta. Elena District; while in the Outstanding Secondary

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KEY EVENTS:

- Christmas Choral
- Division Math Fair
- Partnership with Food for the Hungry
- Project S.E.R.V.E. to Project S.E.R.V.E. PLUS
- SDO Cam Norte Newsletter Launching

SV-SLR District Choir Champs 1st SDO-Camarines Norte Christmas Carol Competition

By: Joan D. Naing, PDO II & Jessalyn P. Malanyaon, Librarian

The choir from San Vicente-San Lorenzo Ruiz District won the grand prize in the recently held SDO Camarines Norte Christmas Carol Competition last January 7, 2023 at Agro Sports Center.



Originally slated on December 19, 2022 but was rescheduled due to the inclement weather, this 1st SDO Camarines Norte Christmas Carol Competition was initiated by Nympha D. Guemo, Schools Division Superintendent, as part of the Christmas celebration. The competition also became an opportunity for the teachers and SDO personnel to show their singing talent.

The SV-SLR Choir received a cash prize of ₱20,000.00, Vinzons District Choir judged second placer, 15,000.00, and Paracale District Choir, ₱10,000.00, being the third placer. Meanwhile Choirs from SDO Camarines Norte and other districts like Basud, Capalonga, Daet South, Jose Panganiban East, Jose Panganiban West, Labo East, Labo West, Mercedes, Sta Elena brought home ₱5,000.00 as a consolation prize.

.....Outstanding Employees

School Heads Category, the winners were: **1st place - Arminda G. David, EdD**, Principal II of Talobatib National High School, Labo East District; **2nd place - Maria Lourdes M. Santos, EdD**, Principal II of Daguit National High School, Labo West District; and **3rd place - Melissa M. Barbosa, EdD**, Principal II of Dominador Narido High School, Basud District.

The winners for the Outstanding Elementary Teachers Category were: **1st place - Rechilda B. Torrero, EdD**, Teacher III of Zantua Abordo Elementary School in Talisay District; **2nd place - Susan Paming, EdD**, Master Teacher I of Labo Central School, Labo East District; and **3rd place - Bernie C. Aremado**, Teacher III of Don Tomas Elementary School, Sta. Elena District. Meanwhile, the winners for the Outstanding Secondary Teachers Category were the following: **1st place - Jheny P. Villacruz, EdD**, Master Teacher I of Moreno Integrated School in Daet North District; **2nd place - Isagani F. Musa**, Master Teacher I of Basud National High School, Basud District; and **3rd place - Ms. Teresa R. Visitacion**, Teacher III of Camarines Norte National High School, Daet South District.

To complete the list, the following were the winners for the Outstanding Non-Teaching Personnel (Level II): **1st place-Blesilda A. Necio, EdD**, Education Program Specialist II of the Human Resource Development Section; **2nd place - Leusin Q. Alvarez, PhD.**, Guidance Counselor III of Vinzons Pilot High School; and **3rd place-Joan D. Naing**, Project Development Officer II of the Learning Resource Management. Likewise, winners for the Outstanding Non-Teaching Personnel (Level I), were the following: **1st place - Allen R. Mago**, Administrative Assistant II of San Roque National High School; and **2nd place - Sherell A. Aguilar**, Administrative Assistant II of Vicente Basit Memorial High School.

The awarding ceremony was full of excitement. It was also graced with the presence and inspirational message of Ms. Andrea Nicole S. Padilla, the representative of Governor Ricarte "Dong" Padilla.

Truly, rewarding and recognizing employees leads to greater work engagement and creates a more positive working environment.

SDO Cam Norte Newsletter Launched

By: Antonio C. Ahmad, AOV

What you are reading now is the maiden issue of the SDO Cam Norte Newsletter.

In an effort to reach various stakeholders of education not only in the province of Camarines Norte but throughout the world, the Department of Education SDO Camarines Norte began publishing a newsletter that will feature significant events, achievements, accomplishments, and milestones for information and to document the same.

"As part of PROJECT SERVE PLUS, our objective is for our people to be aware of what is going on," said SDS Nympha D. Guemo during a meeting called for the purpose. "This shall reinforce e-Konsulta as a form of information sharing, which will better document what we have accomplished. We don't want a complicated publication that requires more features; we refer to a one-page newsletter that we will issue every time we have enough news items. We will produce limited copies but we will share it digitally to our social media platforms," she further added.

News writers are representatives from various sections and divisions of the SDO which include: Amy B. Dumail, Glenda N. Rito, Blessilda A. Necio, Jessalyn P. Malanyaon, Joan D. Naing, SB-Corazon J. Bacerdo, Marilou O. Apuang, Daisy Jane U. Lausin, along with Antonio C. Ahmad, the concurrent Division Information Officer, and Armie Joy A. Abdon, Jerahmeel H. Landagan of the Information Technology Office as the layout artists, under the editing prowess of EPS Lourdes B. Mesa and EPS Elisa E. Rieza, and the supervision of SDS Nympha D. Guemo.

The said Newsletter shall be featured on the Facebook pages - DepEd Camarines Norte and DepEd Tayo Camarines Norte.

LSA Trained in Partnership with Food for the Hungry

By: Antonio C. Ahmad, AOV



Sixty-seven (67) Learning Support Aides (LSA) underwent a three-day specialized training at the SDO Conference Hall last January 5-7, 2023 in partnership and collaboration with Food for the Hungry, a non-government organization dedicated in eradicating all forms of human poverty. The activity facilitated in by fourteen (14) FH staff, was intended to capacitate the LSAs effectively and efficiently in assisting teachers in delivering high-quality educational outcomes that have been hampered by the COVID-19 crisis. The LSAs were introduced to the global and national contexts of learning insufficiency through the presentation of the present status of literacy and numeracy in the country, prepared to become acquainted with the SDO Camarines Norte's learning recovery and continuity programs, received technical input on best practices in addressing learning gaps, and gained competencies in teaching reading.

The 67 LSAs shall serve as a course multiplier for the first 172 LSAs hired by DepEd SDO Cam Norte under the Contract of Service, as specified in DepEd Order No. 32, s. 2020, subject to other existing policies, rules, and regulations. Their primary responsibilities include assisting the teacher with lesson preparation and delivery, as well as monitoring and tracking learners' progress and achievement.

SDS Nympha D. Guemo expressed gratitude on behalf of SDO Camarines Norte for the partnership extended by Food for the Hungry, a well-respected NGO, that is passionate about combating learning poverty.

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