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**Sustainability
Impact Ratings 2026**

Nueva Vizcaya State University rises to the 1001-1500 band in the Times Higher Education (THE) Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026—expanding from seven to 13 SDG indicators and achieving notable gains in key areas.

601 - 800
SDG 1: No Poverty

1001+
SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

801 - 1000
SDG 4: Quality Education

601 - 800
SDG 5: Gender Equality

601+
SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

801 - 1000
SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

801+
SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

1001-1500
SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

601 - 800
SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

801+
SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

801+
SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

601+
SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

601-800
SDG 13: Climate Action

GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY RECOGNITION

NVSU climbs to 1001-1500 band in THE Sustainability Impact Ratings

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**RANKED
1001 - 1500
IN THE WORLD**



Nueva Vizcaya
State
University



Office of
International
Affairs

NVSU strengthens student-centered services through **One-Stop Enrollment** program

Incoming freshmen and transferee students availed themselves of the enrollment services through the One-Stop Enrolment, which marked its second year of implementation, held at the NVSU Gymnasium, Bayombong Campus, and the Bambang Campus Quadrangle from June 15 to 23, 2026.

The initiative provided a centralized and convenient enrolment process by bringing together key university offices in a single venue, enabling faster, more organized, and efficient transactions for all enrollees.

Throughout the conduct of the One-Stop Enrollment, University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. personally visited and monitored the venues to assess the efficiency of service delivery and ensure the smooth and orderly conduct of enrollment activities.

He emphasized the importance of collaboration among university offices and encouraged personnel to remain proactive in delivering prompt, organized, and effective services to students and stakeholders, reinforcing the University's commitment to excellence, client satisfaction, and student-centered service.

Through this initiative, the University further strengthened its commitment to providing accessible, efficient, and quality services to its stakeholders.

by the numbers

No. of enrolled freshmen as of June 30, 2026

1,351

Bambang Campus

2,119

Bayombong Campus

3,470

Total No. of enrolled freshmen as of June 30, 2026

**Data from the University Registrars*

Incoming freshman students wait for their turn during the One-Stop Enrollment at the NVSU Gymnasium, Bayombong Campus, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya. Now on its second year of implementation, this initiative aims to streamline the enrollment process by bringing essential student services together in one venue, making registration more efficient, convenient, and student-friendly while ensuring a smoother transition to university life for new students.
| *Keneth Kyle Quiachon, IU Intern*



Global Sustainability Recognition from page 1

The latest results reflect not only a rise in overall standing but also a significant expansion in the university's performance coverage—from seven Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicators in 2025 to 13 indicators in 2026. This development underscores NVSU's growing commitment to integrating sustainability across its core functions of instruction, research, extension, and governance.

Notable Improvements in Key Areas

Beyond expanding its coverage, NVSU also demonstrated significant upward movement in several indicators:

- SDG 4 (Quality Education) improved from the 1501+ band in 2025 to 801-1000 in 2026—one of the university's most notable gains.
- SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) advanced from 1001+ to 801-1000, reflecting strengthened contributions to employment and economic development.
- SDG 13 (Climate Action) rose from 801-1000 to 601-800, indicating enhanced institutional efforts in addressing climate-related challenges.

These improvements point to strengthening academic programs, research outputs, and community initiatives aligned with global development goals.

Sustained Performance in Continuing Indicators

NVSU maintained its standing in several SDGs that were already part of its 2025 debut:

- SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) remained within the 1001+ range, reflecting consistent engagement in health-related initiatives.
- SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) is now classified under 801+, a consolidated band that reflects continued participation.
- SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) is placed in the 1001-1500 band, consistent with ongoing collaboration efforts across sectors.

These results indicate steady performance and sustained commitment, even as reporting bands and classifications evolve.

As NVSU continues to refine its sustainability initiatives, the 2026 results serve as both validation of progress and motivation for further advancement. With a broader SDG portfolio and improved rankings, the university is well-positioned to strengthen its global impact and leadership in sustainability in the years ahead.

(refer to page 1 for the complete list of 13 indicators)



GLOBAL TOP 500

170th in the WORLD

46th in the PHILIPPINES

NVSU rises to Rank 170 in WURI 2026, 46th in PH, tops Region 2 SUCs

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) continues to strengthen its presence on the global stage after advancing to Rank 170 in the Global Top 500 of the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) 2026 from Rank 227 in 2025. With this achievement, NVSU also emerged as the No. 1 State University and College (SUC) in Region 2 in the latest WURI rankings, reflecting the university's growing commitment to innovation, impact, and transformative education.

The university secured the 46th spot in the Philippines among academic institutions that submitted entries.

Notably, NVSU achieved an impressive Rank 18 globally in Funding for Sustainability, a remarkable leap from Rank 35 in 2025.

Meanwhile, the University's strong performance is further underscored by its recognition across key categories:

- Rank 49 | Student Support and Engagement
- Rank 53 | Ethics and Integrity
- Rank 64 | Social Impact through Knowledge Transfer
- Rank 72 | Industrial Application
- Rank 74 | University Brand and Reputation

In 2024, the University ranked 154 in the Global Top 300, following its placement within the 101-200 bracket of the Global Top 400 in 2023. Despite the increasing competitiveness of the rankings, NVSU has consistently demonstrated resilience and continuous improvement since its debut in 2023.

by the numbers

Php 38.7M
Total Scholarship Funding Secured

18
Rank
2026

35
Rank
2025

FUNDING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

NVSU climbed to Global Rank 18 in Funding for Sustainability from Rank 35 in 2025, highlighting the tangible impact of its international partnerships. These collaborations have expanded scholarship opportunities for faculty members, generating funding support equivalent to ₱38.7 million.

CONGRATULATIONS, NVSU!



**World University
Rankings 2026
Asia**

NVSU earns 'Reporter Status' in the THE World University Rankings 2026: Asia

This recognition signifies NVSU's commitment to transparency, quality education, and research development, as it continues to strengthen its academic and global standing. This milestone is a strong step toward future inclusion among Asia's top universities.



RECOGNIZED | Representing the University, Dr. Elma P. Apostol, Vice President for Academic Affairs and concurrent Chair of the University's THE Impact Rankings Committee, received the recognition conferred upon NVSU for its achievement in the 2026 THE Sustainability Impact Ratings during the awards ceremony held as part of the Times Higher Education Global Sustainable Development Congress 2026 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

NVSU joins global sustainability forum in Indonesia for the first time

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) marks a significant milestone in its internationalization journey as it participates for the first time in the Times Higher Education (THE) Global Sustainable Development Congress (GSDC) 2026, held from June 22 to 25, 2026 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The University was invited by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), through its International Affairs Service (IAS), to join the official Philippine delegation to the global event.

Representing the University is Dr. Elma P. Apostol, Vice President for Academic Affairs and concurrent Chair of the University's THE Sustainability Impact Ratings Committee.

This participation is significant for NVSU, marking its first attendance at the THE Global Sustainable Development Congress organized by Times Higher Education, a platform that brings

together global higher education leaders, policymakers, and sustainability experts to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in academic institutions.

The engagement comes at a strategic time following NVSU's debut in the 2025 THE Impact Rankings and its continued participation in the 2026 assessment cycle. The congress provides opportunities for benchmarking institutional sustainability efforts, strengthening SDG reporting and documentation systems, and gaining insights from global best practices.

Beyond rankings development, NVSU's involvement also serves as a gateway to expanding academic and research collaboration networks with international universities and organizations working on sustainability and innovation-driven education.

Ms. Mild R. Hombrebueno recently participated in the Spring School "Colonialism, Material Culture and Museum Collections" in Munich and Berlin, Germany, from May 18–22, 2026. Organized by the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Museum Fünf Kontinente, and the University of Bamberg, the program brought together international scholars and heritage practitioners to examine colonial-era museum collections, including the Philippine artifacts collected by German pharmacist Heinrich Rothdau between 1873 and 1883.



by the numbers

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International Linkages
as of 2nd Quarter of 2026

Please follow the NVSU-OIA page for more Internationalization-related updates.

STUDENT & FACULTY MOBILITY

by the numbers

Data as of 2nd Quarter of 2026

96

FACULTY & STAFF

31

STUDENTS



NVSU advances int'l collaboration through NIP 2026

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) strengthened its international engagement through its participation in the North Intensive Programme (NIP) Belgium 2026, held from March 23 to April 3 under the Synergy Programme of West Flanders.

Representing NVSU were Ms. Katrine Angela A. Tucay of the College of Business Education, who served as coach, and Cris Gerald Madalura, a Mechanical Engineering student from the College of Engineering, Bambang Campus. The program was hosted by VIVES University of Applied Sciences and Howest University of Applied Sciences in Belgium.

During the two-week program, participants collaborated in international and interdisciplinary teams to develop innovative solutions addressing sustainability challenges, including smart farming and sustainable food systems. Activities included workshops, field visits, prototyping sessions, and project presentations.

Madalura contributed engineering expertise to the team's outputs, while Tucay provided academic guidance and mentorship. The program also offered cultural immersion opportunities through homestays and visits to academic, agricultural, and cultural sites, enriching participants' global perspectives.



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Nueva Vizcaya State University, led by University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr., joins the DOST-PCAARRD GALING PCAARRD Kontra Krisis (GPKK) Program as one of only 63 approved projects nationwide. Through its Php 5-million Green Energy-Driven Integrated Farming System (GE-IFS) project, NVSU strengthens its commitment to advancing sustainable agriculture, enhancing rural livelihoods, and delivering science-based solutions for communities in Cagayan Valley. | NVSU-RET



NVSU faculty member joins LIF Global 2026, showcases cacao machine innovation

Engr. Rhealyn A. Quipo, instructor from the College of Engineering and Project Support Staff of the NVSU Intellectual Property and Technology Business Management (IPTBM) Project, was selected as one of only 12 participants from the Philippines in the prestigious Leaders in Innovation Fellowships (LIF) Global 2026.

Engr. Quipo is the second NVSU representative to qualify for the program, following IPTBM Chief Dr. Sony P. Aquino, a LIF 2025 fellow. The 2026 cohort brought together 46 innovators from the Philippines, Jordan, Brazil, India, and Vietnam for a two-week ecosystem immersion in the United Kingdom from June 27 to July 11, 2026.

As part of the fellowship, Engr. Quipo presented NVSU's Cacao Machine technology, using it as a focus innovation for commercialization training, stakeholder engagement, and ecosystem mapping activities.

The fellowship concluded with the development of a strategic "next steps plan" for the Cacao Machine, for a roadmap commercialization and strengthen NVSU's technology transfer initiatives.



The PODIUM



The PODIUM newsletter holds significant symbolism for Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU). The newsletter is inspired by a podium or rostrum made from an old tree near the old administration building.

Symbolic Heritage: The podium made from an old tree symbolizes resilience. It serves as a metaphor for NVSU's commitment to sustainability, growth, and excellence in education and community engagement.

Communication Platform: Just as the podium provides a platform for speakers to address an audience, the newsletter serves as a platform for communication within and outside NVSU. It disseminates university news, administrative updates, academic insights, community engagement and internationalization initiatives.

Historical Connection: The presence of the rostrum from an old tree near the old administration building underscores NVSU's deep-rooted history and commitment to preserving traditions while embracing progress. The Podium honors this historical connection by showcasing NVSU's journey, milestones, and achievements.

Community Engagement: The Podium promotes community engagement by featuring stories of alumni success, student accomplishments, faculty research, and staff contributions.



NVSU advances SDGs, education, public Service through DAP-GSPM partnership, futures caravan

Reinforcing its role in both education and public service, Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) continues to position itself as a catalyst for transformative governance and sustainable development after formalizing its partnership with the Development Academy of the Philippines – Graduate School of Public Management (DAP-GSPM) through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing, alongside the co-hosting of DAP-GSPM's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Futures Regional Caravan at the NVSU Bayombong Gymnasium, April 29.

The event gathered leaders from across Nueva Vizcaya, including representatives from Local Government Units (LGUs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), and National Government Agencies (NGAs), promoting a multi-sectoral platform for advancing sustainable development goals and futures thinking in the province.

Representing Governor Atty. Jose "Jing" V. Gambito, Vice Governor Eufemia A. Dacayo conveyed the province's appreciation for the initiative spearheaded by DAP-GSPM, emphasizing the urgency of resilience in today's rapidly evolving landscape.

Meanwhile, DAP-GSPM Senior Vice President and Dean Dr. Lizan E. Perante-Calina highlighted the

significance of formalizing the partnership with NVSU, noting that capacity building remains crucial in navigating the complexities of modern governance.

The partnership, she added, is anchored on a shared vision of preparing Nueva Vizcaya for a more resilient and futures-oriented trajectory.

In his message, University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. stressed that collaboration lies at the heart of meaningful institutional progress. He noted that partnerships, such as that with DAP, serve as a foundation for elevating governance and public service.

Drawing from the university's longstanding engagement with DAP programs, Dumale underscored how these initiatives have significantly enhanced the capabilities of NVSU personnel, enabling them to operate

at higher levels of governance and service delivery.

The MOU signing formally established a strategic alliance between NVSU and DAP-GSPM, signaling the beginning of deeper collaboration in research, capacity development, and knowledge exchange.

University officials, alongside DAP leadership, affirmed their joint commitment to fostering innovation, co-creating knowledge, and advancing sustainable development outcomes in the region.

Complementing the partnership, DAP-GSPM also turned over key knowledge resources to NVSU, including comprehensive research compendia that provide valuable insights into local governance and sustainable development in the Philippines.



NVSU maintains ISO 9001:2015

The Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) has secured its ISO 9001:2015 maintenance recommendation following the successful conduct of its 2nd surveillance audit by SOCOTEC Certification Philippines, Inc. held on May 20-21, 2026.

The result reaffirms the university's sustained commitment to quality management systems, continual improvement, and delivery of efficient services for its stakeholders.

The university, through NVSU President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr., acknowledged the observations raised

by the auditors and expressed appreciation for their guidance.

He also assured that the university will continue to strengthen and improve the identified areas and processes as part of its ongoing quality improvement efforts.

ACHIEVE



GAMMAD



ACOB



GUIAB



ABAYA

student voices

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) joined the celebration of the Commission on Higher Education's (CHED) 32nd Anniversary by highlighting the inspiring stories of students from diverse backgrounds and sectors within the university community.

The series was published through the official NVSU Facebook page and website, highlighting the experiences of learners from diverse backgrounds and sectors of the university community.

As part of the celebration, selected students shared their personal journeys, challenges, and achievements, reflecting NVSU's commitment to inclusive and accessible higher education. Featured were stories from first-generation college students, students with disabilities (PWDs), Indigenous Peoples (IPs), solo parent students, working students, student parents, financially challenged students, and student leaders and volunteers.

Among those who shared their experiences were Mary Joyce C. Acob, a BEd graduate and Ms. NVSU SCUAA, whose involvement in community service and leadership through FEECEA shaped her as a future

educator; Diana Rose Guaib, a BSIT student and person with disability (PWD) who continues to pursue her dreams despite daily challenges; Maxine E. Gammat, Queen NVSU 2026 and Environmental Science student, who champions inclusivity and representation; and Noel D. Abaya, a working student and security guard pursuing a degree in Information Technology while supporting himself and his family.

Through their testimonies, the students emphasized the importance of support systems, scholarship opportunities, student services, and inclusive policies that have helped them continue their academic journey and achieve their goals.

The activity served as a testament to CHED's vision of promoting equitable access to quality higher education while recognizing the diverse

experiences and aspirations of Filipino learners.

By amplifying these voices, NVSU reaffirmed its commitment to fostering an inclusive learning environment where every student's story matters and every learner is empowered to succeed.



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Up Close and Personal

For Joshua C. Del Rosario, being named 4th Runner-Up at Mr. PASUC 2026 is more than a pageant achievement—it is the culmination of years of perseverance, faith, and unwavering determination.



“ JOSHUA 1:9

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

”

A Bachelor of Physical Education (BPEd) student at Nueva Vizcaya State University–Bambang Campus, Joshua faced financial challenges growing up in a broken family. With the support of his uncle, he found opportunities in sports and pageantry that helped him continue his education.

What began as a way to finance his education soon became a platform to inspire others. Despite being naturally shy, Joshua learned that true leadership means stepping beyond one's comfort zone, listening to others, and serving with humility. Through NVSU's leadership programs, organizations and

competitions, he embraced the values of discipline, resilience, and service—qualities that shaped him into the leader he is today.

Joshua's advocacy centers on the transformative power of education. For him, education is not only about earning a degree but about molding character, building resilience, and preparing individuals to serve others with purpose. His journey proves that struggles do not define a person's future—they strengthen character and reveal one's true potential.

Guided by his faith and the words of Joshua 1:9—“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”—Joshua continues to inspire students to believe in themselves, embrace opportunities, and pursue their dreams with courage.



Every enrollment moment reflects not only a student's journey but also the unwavering support of their families who continue to guide and inspire them.

According to Sir Cesar, grandfather of an incoming freshman at NVSU, accompanying his grandchild during enrollment is important because it is her first time experiencing a new environment.

“*Naninibago siya sa environment niya kaya ko sinamahan —para ma-guide ko siya sa mga proseso ng pag-eeenroll. Lahat ng apo ko sinasamahan ko... eto nga lang eh bago pa lang, hindi ko maiwanan,*” he shared.

His grandchild will be taking up Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT) at NVSU. Sir Cesar added the family chose the university because of its excellent standing, and recommendations from relatives who also graduated from the same program.

Stories like theirs show how families entrust their hopes and aspirations to NVSU—believing in its promise of quality education and a brighter future.



A total of 61 graduating students of Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) secured immediate employment during the 2nd Job Fair for the Graduating Class of 2026, held on June 25–26, 2026, at the University's Bayombong and Bambang campuses.

Organized by the NVSU Job Placement Office in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Nueva Vizcaya Field Office, the two-day event formed part of the University's continuing commitment to enhance graduate employability by connecting soon-to-be graduates with prospective employers before they complete their academic journey.

Among the 389 graduating students who participated in the activity, 61 were hired on the spot, 95 were identified as near-hires, and 233 were assessed as qualified applicants, demonstrating the competitiveness and industry readiness of NVSU graduates.



NVSU, DOST - SEI launch 'first-of-its-kind' BEST for IP Scholarship Program in the country

In another unprecedented milestone, Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) formalized its partnership with the Department of Science and Technology – Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI) through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing and officially launched the Bridging Education in Science and Technology (BEST) for Indigenous Peoples (IP) Scholarship Program—the first initiative of its kind in the Philippines, held at the NVSU Mini Theater, Bayombong Campus, May 2.

The event gathered local leaders, DOST officials, university administrators and employees, DOST scholars and partners for development of NVSU in a collective push to expand access to science and technology education among Indigenous Peoples.

DOST-SEI Director Dr. Jayeel Serrano Cornelio emphasized the program's national significance, describing it as a pioneering effort that could redefine the country's scholarship landscape for IP communities.

"It is the first time that we are launching the first of its kind—a program that will shape, I'd like to believe, the landscape of IP scholarship programs in the Philippines," Dr. Cornelio said.

According to him, NVSU was intentionally selected as the partner institution, citing its strong track record in serving Indigenous Peoples, with more than half of its graduates in the previous year coming from IP communities.

The BEST for IP program aims to reach "last-mile students," particularly those from underserved and

geographically isolated communities, ensuring that access to quality education becomes more inclusive and transformative.

In his message, University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. underscored the university's strong commitment to expanding opportunities for all sectors, especially marginalized learners.

"Isa sa mga prayoridad ng NVSU under this humble administration is to open up many opportunities to all stakeholders of the university. Kung kaya itong mga ganitong unprecedented na programa ay napakagandang maipakita sa community ang ating pagiging seryoso," Dr. Dumale expressed.

The university president also extended gratitude to the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya for its continued support in advancing NVSU's inclusive education agenda.

Messages of support were delivered by key officials, including representatives of Hon. Benjamin L. Cuaresma III, Bambang Mayor; Hon. Antonio Sergio G. Bagasao, Bayombong Mayor; Hon. Atty. Timothy Joseph E. Cayton, Congressman of the Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya;

Hon. Atty. Jose V. Gambito, Governor of Nueva Vizcaya; Hon. Flodemonte S. Gerdan, Sangguinan Panlalawigan Member and Chair for Education Committee; Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera, Regional Director of DOST Region 02; and Dr. Harold V. Gallo, Campus Director of the DOST-Philippine Science High School Cagayan Valley Campus—all expressing strong backing for initiatives that uplift IP communities through education.

An overview of the scholarship program was presented by Mr. Peter Gerry P. Gavina, Chief Science and Technology Scholarship Division, DOST-SEI detailing its goals, scope, and implementation strategies aimed at nurturing future scientists and professionals from Indigenous backgrounds.

With the launch of BEST for IP, NVSU once again cements its role as a catalyst for inclusive development—breaking new ground as the first university in the country to host and implement a program of this scale dedicated to IPs, and reinforcing its reputation for trailblazing, community-centered innovations in higher education.

administration

NVSU begins early Financial and Procurement Planning for CY 2027

Demonstrating a proactive and strategic approach to institutional planning, University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr., together with the University's Financial Management Services (FMS), led the Financial and Procurement Planning Review for Calendar Year (CY) 2027 on June 23 at the NVSU Bayombong Campus.

The planning review brought together key university officials and personnel to assess financial priorities, procurement requirements, and resource allocation strategies in preparation for the 2027 fiscal year.

According to Dr. Dumale, the activity marks a significant milestone for the University, as it is the first time that planning has commenced considerably earlier than its usual schedule, even ahead of the release of the National Expenditure Program (NEP).

"This initiative reflects our

commitment to being more strategic and forward-looking in our planning processes," Dr. Dumale emphasized, noting that the early review allows the University to better anticipate institutional needs and align resources with its development goals.

The proactive move is rooted in lessons learned from previous planning cycles and underscores the University's commitment to continuous improvement in governance and financial management. By starting the process earlier, the institution aims to strengthen preparedness, improve operational efficiency, and ensure more effective utili-



NVSU, DOST PSTO, DOST Scholars provide support to IP Youth during BEST for IP exam



While aspiring BEST for IP scholars took a significant step toward achieving their educational dreams through the qualifying examination, members of the Association of DOST Scholars of Nueva Vizcaya State University (ADS-NVSU) stood beside them through ISKO-OPS, a national initiative led by DOST-SEI Scholars, designed to extend academic support to DOST-SEI Applicants.

The initiative began with a free online review session conducted on June 15, helping applicants prepare for the examination, and continued exam day through a scholar's pantry and assistance activities aimed at encouraging the aspiring scholars.

A total of 99 qualified Indigenous Peoples (IP) applicants took the examination after successfully meeting the program's screening requirements. The examination serves as a crucial step in the selection process for the pioneering BEST for IP Scholarship Program, which aims to expand access to higher education opportunities for students from IP communities.

Demonstrating the university's commitment to the welfare of the applicants, NVSU President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr. personally visited the examination venue to monitor the conduct of the examination and check on the aspiring scholars and facilitators.

DOST Provincial Science and Technology Office - Nueva Vizcaya representatives likewise ensured the smooth and orderly administration of the examination, providing applicants with a conducive environment as they pursued the opportunity to become part of the scholarship program.

Results of the examination are expected to be released following the evaluation and validation process. Successful applicants will move one step closer to becoming part of the program's first batch of scholars.

From the pool of examinees, 50 scholarship slots await deserving students who will be selected to benefit from the BEST for IP Scholarship Program.

More than financial assistance, the program seeks to empower Indigenous Peoples through education, leadership development, and opportunities that can help uplift their communities.

zation of resources for the coming fiscal year.

Through this innovative planning approach, the University reinforces its dedication to sound fiscal stewardship and institutional excellence, positioning itself to effectively meet future challenges and opportunities in CY 2027.



BEST for IP Scholarship Benefits

Qualified scholars under the BEST for IP Scholarship Program shall be entitled to the following benefits, to be administered by the DOST-SEI, in accordance with the applicable scholarship guidelines and the individual Scholarship Agreement to be executed with each scholar:

Learning Materials and/or Connectivity Allowance - Ten Thousand Pesos **(PHP 10,000.00)** per year;

Transportation Allowance - Actual cost of one (1) economy-class roundtrip fare per academic year from the scholar's permanent residence to the place of study outside his or her home province or region and vice versa, reimbursable at the start and end of the academic year;

Monthly Living Allowance - Eight Thousand Pesos **(PHP 8,000.00)** per month;

Clothing Allowance - One Thousand Pesos **(PHP 1,000.00)**, granted during the First Semester of the First Year only;

Group Health and Accident Insurance - Coverage under the applicable insurance program of DOST-SEI;

Thesis Allowance - Ten Thousand Pesos **(PHP 10,000.00)**;

Graduation Allowance - One Thousand Pesos **(PHP 1,000.00)**;

Dissemination Grant - Up to Fifty Thousand Pesos **(PHP 50,000.00)** for the presentation or publication of research outputs in local or international conferences, subject to liquidation and applicable DOST-SEI guidelines.

by the numbers

99

total number of qualified Indigenous Peoples (IP) applicants took the examination after successfully meeting the program's screening requirements

NVSUans showcase talent, excellence at PASUC NCAF 2026; Del Rosario named Mr. PASUC 2026 4th Runner-Up

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) showcased the talent, creativity, and excellence of its students during the 12th Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) National Culture and the Arts Festival (NCAF) 2026 held in Iloilo City.

Representing Region II, the NVSU delegation, composed of 15 student delegates and 15 coaches, participated in various cultural and artistic competitions alongside contingents from state universities and colleges across the country.

Leading the university's achievements was Joshua C.

Del Rosario, the reigning Mr. CaVRASUC 2026, who was named 4th Runner-Up in Mr. PASUC 2026 during the pageant held at West Visayas State University on April 10, 2026.

Del Rosario also earned 3rd Place in the Best in Talent Category, underscoring his exceptional stage presence, confidence, and performance.

The participation of NVSUans in the PASUC NCAF 2026 reflects the university's continuing commitment to nurturing student talents and promoting cultural excellence beyond the classroom.



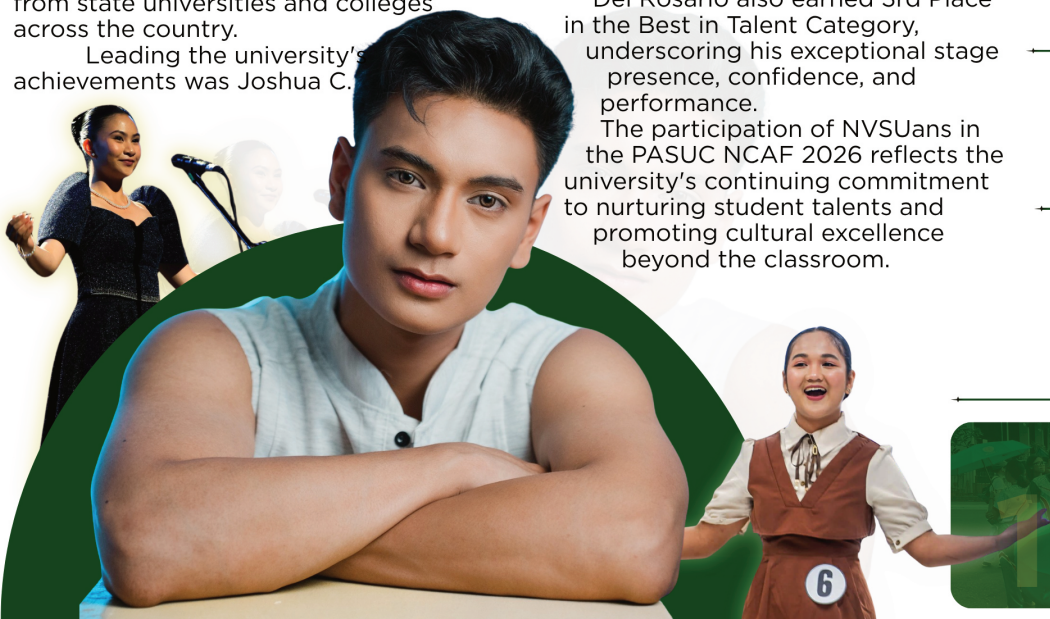
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by the numbers

15 students **15** coaches

NO. OF
2026 PASUC
NCAF
ATTENDEES
FROM NVSU

NVSU ROTC Units sustain Top 5 standing in Cagayan Valley

Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) strengthened its reputation for ROTC excellence as both its Bayombong and Bambang units secured spots among the Top 5 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) units in Cagayan Valley during the Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI).

The NVSU-Bambang ROTC Unit ranked 3rd with a 99.035% rating, while the NVSU-Bayombong ROTC Unit placed 5th with 98.78%, improving from last year's 96.618% score.

The inspection evaluated cadets' administrative and tactical competencies under the supervision of Col. Camilo A. Saddam, GSC (INF) PA, chairperson of the inspection team.

The achievement reflects the cadets' discipline, preparedness, and commitment to service, supported by the guidance of ROTC officials and the unwavering support of the NVSU community led by University President Dr. Wilfredo A. Dumale Jr.

The strong performance underscores NVSU's continuing commitment to developing competent and service-oriented student leaders through its ROTC program.



National Service Training Program (NSTP) students of NVSU Bayombong Campus perform during the Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI), helping boost the morale, spirit, and pride of every cadet on the field.