

Summary of the total number of conducted activities under each SDG for the academic year 2023-2024

SMU SDG Implementation, A.Y. 2023-2024



Total Number of SDG 17 Activities/Partnerships: 10

Total Number of Local-Based Operationalization of SDG 17: 7

Total Number of International Involvements in SDG 17: 3

Livelihood Training on Wine and Vinegar Making for Sitio Masina and TIBIK, Inc.

Project Title:	Livelihood Training on Wine and Vinegar Making for Sitio Masina and TIBIK, Inc.
Date:	September 30, 2023
Time:	8:00am-12:00 noon
Team Composition:	School of Accountancy and Business
Project Leaders:	Mrs. Mayvelyn S. Covita and Dr. Harrison T. Villanueva
Project Staff/Members:	Dr. Regina D. Ramel Mrs. Rodora P. Tipay

Narrative

Saint Mary's University, School of Accountancy and Business has led in the provision of opportunities for the income generating activities and livelihood skills training to the 26 members of the adopted women's group, the Sitio Masina Women's Organization of Barangay Baretbet, Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya and the Timpuyog Iti Babbalasang Idi Kalman, Inc. (TIBIK, Inc) of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya, and with them is Hon. Roland Carub, Board Members of the North District of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya and the Founder of TIBIK, Inc.

On September 30, 2023, the Seminar on How to Start a Business and the Wine and Vinegar Making was conducted at the Debuscherre Hall from 8 o'clock in the morning until 12:20 in the afternoon. Mrs. Mayvelyn S. Covita, Graduate Program Cluster Department Head Business and Accountancy, and Dr. Harrison T. Villanueva, organized the said seminar. Dr. Regina D. Ramel, CPA, delivered her very warm welcome and opening remarks. Dr. Allen Christopher S. Marquez delivery his very inspiring message to everyone – the SMU and to our community partners, that we need to strengthen our partnerships through defining our roles as partners, and mostly sharing our resources and capacities to satisfy our partnerships. Mrs. Angela C. Garra, a Ph.D, 1 student was the Resource Speaker on How To Start a Business and Mr. Neil Jansen O. Reginalde, MBA 1 Student, was the speaker on How to Market Product: The Ps of Marketing.

Training on Wine and Vinegar making was facilitated just after the Seminar on How to Start a Business. Mr. Robert S. Aceret, Mr. Jerome A. Cabanag, Mr. Olivar Reimus Barroga, Mr. Vincent Carlo C. Boniol, of the CNS Department were the trainers on how to make wine and vinegar out of the *rambutan* and *lansones* fruits, with their Director, Dr. Elsa Cajucom.

The Seminar-Training ended with the Closing Ceremony. Trainees' representatives, Masina Group and TIBIK, Inc., gave their impressions. Hon. Roland Carub delivered his response in behalf of the women's group. It was followed by the awarding of certificates to the speakers, facilitators, trainers and to the trainees. Mrs. Loreta V. Garlitos formally closed the program thanking everyone for the very fruitful engagements, the SAB in coordination with the LMCDAC and SHANS, particularly, the CNS, and the community partners.

“Not every difficult and dangerous thing is suitable for training, but only that which is conducive to success in achieving the object of our effort.” — Epictetus

Documentation





Prepared by:	RODORA P. TIPAY , Extension Coordinator-SAB
Date Submitted:	November 10, 2023

Collaborative Seminar on Entrepreneurship, Marketing Management and Business Organization and Management for Sitio Masina

Project Title:	Collaborative Seminar on Entrepreneurship, Marketing and Business Organization & Management
Date:	September 30, 2023
Time:	8:00 AM-1:00PM
Team Composition:	MBA Students from MMBA 203 (Marketing Management) course PhD Commerce students from COMF 312 (advance Studies in Business Organization & Management) and COM 338 (Advance Studies in Entrepreneurship) courses Faculty Members in the Business and Accountancy Cluster
Project Leader:	Dr. Mayvelyn S. Covita
Project Staff/Members:	Jerome Cabanag Geover Martinez Neil Jensen Reginalde Frances Ann Abriam Mariela Angela Calderon Lyra Lenn Causarin Selle B. Dela Cruz Joyce Ann Galamay

Narrative

The objective of this activity or seminar is to plan, coordinate, and manage a seminar on Entrepreneurship Marketing Management and Business Organization for identified participants who are members of Timpuyog ti Babbalasang idi Kalman, Nueva Vizcaya (TIBIK-NV) Inc, an NGO, and Masina Women's Organization. This seminar will be integrated with their developed products. The seminar on Livelihood and Skills Training on Wine and Vinegar Making aims to educate, engage, and inspire participants to apply the learning and insights they gain to their product development.

The seminar is expected to achieve the following outcomes: presenting and discussing the basics of entrepreneurship, particularly "How to Start a Business" and "Entrepreneurial Competencies"; presenting and discussing fundamental marketing management concepts, especially the 4Ps, for integration into the marketing of participants' products; and providing information on Business Organization & Management that participants can apply to their entrepreneurial endeavors.

MBA students from MMBA 203 (Marketing Management) class were divided into two groups, each consisting of nine (9) members. One group facilitated the seminar on "Livelihood and Skills Training on Wine and Vinegar Making," which took place on September 30, 2023, at Debuscherre Hotel Function Hall, Saint Mary's University, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya. The other group is for the October 1 activity on Chayote Quash Pickles livelihood activity.

The group had the opportunity to sponsor the outreach by contributing P200.00 each, for a total of P1,800.00 for the snacks and sharing their knowledge of basic marketing principles. Mr. Neil Jansen O. Reginalde served as the lecturer for the seminar, covering the topic "How to Market a Product: The Ps of Marketing."

In total, there were twenty-six (26) participants, including 11 women from Sitio Masina and 15 women from TIBIK, Inc.

Overall, the participants engaged with the lectures and all were satisfied and happy about the extension program provided.

Extension Program Evaluation and Analysis

A 5-Scale Rating Surveys were distributed to twenty-six participants to know their feelings towards the extension program, with 1 as the lowest and 5 as the highest.

Table 1 presents the total number of participants' rating from each criterion.

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
A. Relevance of the Topics					
A.1 How To Start a Business				9	17
A.2 How to Market a Product: The Ps of Marketing				6	20

B. Effectiveness of the Speakers					
B.1 Mrs. Angela C. Garra			1	8	17
B.2 Mr. Neil Jansen O. Reginalde				8	18
C. Effectiveness of the Facilitators					
C.3 Promptness				6	20
C.3 Friendliness				5	21
D. Effectiveness of Events Logistics					
D.1 Venue or Online Platform				4	22
D.2 Meals				4	22
D.3 Time Management				4	22
D.4 Transportation (for cultural site visit participants)	4			4	18
E. Overall Impression				2	24

Table II presents the computed amount and average for each criterion.

CRITERIA	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	AVERAGE
A. Relevance of the Topics							
A.1 How To Start a Business				36	85	121	4.65
A.2 How to Market a Product: The Ps of Marketing				24	100	124	4.77
B. Effectiveness of the Speakers							
B.1 Mrs. Angela C. Garra			3	32	85	120	4.62
B.2 Mr. Neil Jansen O. Reginalde				32	90	122	4.69
C. Effectiveness of the Facilitators							
C.3 Promptness				24	100	124	4.77
C.3 Friendliness				20	105	125	4.81
D. Effectiveness of Events Logistics							
D.1 Venue or Online Platform				16	110	126	4.85
D.2 Meals				16	110	126	4.85
D.3 Time Management				16	110	126	4.85
D.4 Transportation (for cultural site visit participants)	4			16	90	110	4.23
E. Overall Impression				8	120	128	4.92
TOTAL AVERAGE							4.73

For each criterion on the evaluation, the amounts presented were computed by multiplying the total number of responses for each criterion by the rate value (1, 2, 3, 4, 5). Then averages were calculated by dividing the TOTAL by the total number of respondents which is 26.

The table shows that the Overall Impression of participants had the highest rating of 4.92 which means that the speakers and the trainer were effective and the participants liked the overall activities held. Transportation of Participants had the lowest rate of 4.23 because there were some delays and issues in the transport of some participants since they came from a remote barrio where communication is unstable but they were immediately fetched. The total average of all criteria shows a high rate of 4.73 which signifies that participants were all satisfied and happy about the overall extension program provided.

According to the comments collected from twenty-six participants, they liked all the activities provided and commended the topic

about the 7 Ps of Marketing. Participants suggested more Entrepreneurship training and seminars specifically Mushroom Processing, Packaging, Bookkeeping and Costing.

Documentation



Ms. Dhona Marie Dima
for the Opening Prayer



Mrs. Rodora Tipay on the acknowledgement of the Participants (Women of Sitio Masina and TIBIK, Inc.) and the Statement of Purpose



Dr. Regina Ramel
giving her Welcome
and Opening Remarks
and Introduction to
the women of Sitio
Masina



Dr. Christopher Allen S. Marquez giving a short message



Dr. Mayvelyn Covita on
the Introduction of
Lecturers

Mrs. Angela Garra, PhD
Commerce 1 student
with her lecture on



“How
Mr.
“How



to start a Business”
Neil Jensen Reginalde’s lecture on
to Market a Product: The Ps of
Marketing”

Mr.
to the



Robert Aceret on the Orientation
Participants



Livelihood Training Proper Wine and Vinegar Making



Awarding of Certificates

Prepared by:	Mariela Angela Q. Calderon MBA Student
Date Submitted:	

International Linkages
International Visits

For SY 2023-2024, five faculty members participated in international visits to SMU's global partners for various academic engagements.

Participants	Nature of Participation	Partner and Country of Origin
1. Elsa L. Cajucom	Coach, North Intensive Program, January 29-February 10, 2024	Synergy Programme, Belgium
2. Pearl Via S. Coballes	Guest Lecturer, Education International Week, February 04 -10, 2024	Vives University of Applied Sciences, Belgium
	Participant, AUN QA Tier 1 Training, April 2 - 5, 2024	Eastin Grand Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

3. Janna Joyce Coilan	Participant, International Immersion of Forensic Science Students, March 10 - April 6, 2024	Huachiew Chalermprakiet University, Thailand
4. Angelino Pimentel	Faculty Foreign Study in PhD Engineering, February 19, 2024 - February 19, 2027	Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology (STUST), Taiwan
5. Harrison Villanueva	Participant, AUN QA Tier 1 Training, April 2-5, 2024	Eastin Grand Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Dr. Cajucom was the Coach in the North Intensive Program

Dr. Cajucom was the faculty coach in the North Intensive Program at Vives University of Applied Sciences, Belgium on Jan. 29 – Feb. 9, 2024. The Intensive Programme was a two- week exchange program among four universities from the Philippines and two universities from Belgium to promote global citizenship and 21st-century competencies among students and faculty and to strengthen sustainable cooperation among the participating higher education institutions, and more broadly the Synergy partners of the province of West

Flanders, Belgium. With entrepreneurship, sustainable agriculture, and climate change as central themes, the students in interdisciplinary and intercultural groups explored innovative and creative solutions to the local challenges of the partner organizations.



Coballes is guest lecturer at Vives University of Applied Sciences International week

Mrs. Pearl Via Coballes, IDQAO Director, represented Saint Mary's University at Vives University's International Week for the Education program. Held from February 4-10, 2024 in West-Flanders, Belgium, the session was a vibrant showcase of global diversity. Mrs. Coballes contributed as a guest lecturer, sharing valuable language strategies for inclusive teaching in the Philippine context. The event featured lecturers from different countries including Belgium, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Rwanda, Poland, Sweden, Lithuania, Denmark, Romania, and Taiwan. This activity is part of the operationalization of the partnership framework which SMU and Vives University signed in December 2021.

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Coilan joins Student Mobility and Cultural Training in Thailand

Saint Mary's University sent eight forensic science students to Huachiew Chalermprakiet University (HCU), Samutprakarn, Thailand, from March 10 to April 6, 2024, as part of the Forensic Science International Student Mobility and Cultural Training Program. Ms. Jana Joyce Coilan, a forensic science faculty member, accompanied the students. The program's objectives were strengthening collaborations, promoting multiculturalism, and supporting educational variety. Cultural immersion is an essential component of the exchange program, as participants have gotten to know the customs and values of the local people in Thailand.



Pimentel secures a 3-year Faculty Foreign Study in Taiwan

Engr. Angelino Pimentel, head of the Electronics Engineering (ECE) Department and concurrently the head of the Technology Transfer and Business Development Office (TTBDO), secured a 3-year Faculty Foreign Study in PhD Engineering at Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology (STUST) in Taiwan. STUST is a competitive international university dedicated to providing students a well-rounded education in both the humanities and technology. Engr. Pimentel's academic journey will begin from February 19, 2024- February 19, 2027.

The grant was made possible through the partnership agreement forged between SMU and STUST on April 7, 2022, which includes international academic exchanges for faculty, staff, and students.



2 Faculty from Vives University in Belgium visit SMU

Two faculty members from Vives University of Applied Sciences, Belgium, visited Saint Mary's University for a two-week academic visit and immersion from April 11 to 22, 2024. They were Frieke Monica Debyser and Emmy Sarah Maricke de Bruyne, both preschool teachers and internship coordinators from Vives University. They were welcomed by the SMU administrators led by University President Dr. John Octavious S. Palina in a program at the University Boardroom on April 11, 2024, 9am.

During their stay at SMU, Ms. Debyser and Ms. de Bruyne engaged in collaborative dialogues and academic exchanges with the education group of SMU: first, with the Grade School where three interns from Vives University have been deployed since January 2024; and second, with the Professional Education department for synergistic discussions about global trends and strategies in teaching and education. During their two-week visit, they attended a series of activities that include the following: class observations, school visits, and dialogues with faculty, pupils, and students.

Their visit is part of the framework of cooperation signed by SMU and Vives University in January 2022, where both universities pledged to engage in academic exchanges to advance the internationalization efforts of both universities.



Guest Lecturer from Belgium visits SMU; program funded by Erasmus+

Saint Mary's University had the privilege of hosting guest lecturer Vic Vansevenant from Howest University of Applied Sciences, Belgium. In a ceremony on April 16, 2024 at the SMU Mini Board Room. Mr. Vansevenant was warmly welcomed by SMU administrators, led by University President Dr. John Octavious S. Palina.

Vic Vansevenant, whose expertise is in entrepreneurship, brought valuable insights and international perspectives to the campus. He conducted a series of lectures with faculty and students and business coaching at SMU - Technology Transfer and Business Development Office. Mr. Vansevenant's visit is still part of the Erasmus + 2022 which SMU got in partnership with Howest University, Belgium. SMU's partnership agreement with Howest University of Applied Sciences was signed in March 2021.



List of International Linkages

In SY 2023-2024, SMU has 26 international partners, representing an increase from the previous two years, with 24 and 17 linkages, respectively.

International Partners	Date Forged	Date of Expiration
1. AFS Intercultural Programs	Sept. 06, 2023	Sept. 06, 2028
2. ASIA e University, Malaysia	June 13, 2017	June 13, 2022
3. Central Institute of Business Management, India	October 7, 2018	October 7, 2023
4. Coventry University, United Kingdom	2017	<i>*Not indicated</i>
5. Daffodil International University, Bangladesh	November 23, 2017	November 23, 2022
6. Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan, R.O.C.	May 14, 2021	May 14, 2026
7. Howest University of Applied Sciences, Belgium	March 11, 2021	March 11, 2026
8. Hwashin Cyber University, South Korea	October 9, 2015	<i>*Agreement is in effect until parties end its validity.</i>
9. Northern University, Bangladesh	November 23, 2017	November 23, 2022
10. Saint Roberts Training and Management/ Bellarmine Global Education (Thailand)	<i>*No date indicated (5-year duration)</i>	
11. Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Secretariat (SEAMEO, located in Thailand) and Universities of Indonesia-Malaysia-Mayanmar-Philippines-Thailand (SEA-Teacher Project)	Started on September 20, 2017	
12. Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology, Taiwan	March 18, 2022	March 18, 2027
13. Universitas Kanjuran Malang (UNIKAMA), Indonesia	November 15, 2019	November 15, 2024
14. Universitas Surubaya, Indonesia	April 13, 2023 (renewal)	April 13, 2028
15. West Flanders, Belgium (SYNERGY Project)	December 15, 2022	December 31, 2024
16. Vives University of Applied Sciences	January 26, 2022	January 26, 2028
17. Madhuribai Deshmukh Institute of Nursing Education, Nagpur, Maharashtra, India	May 26, 2023	May 26, 2028
18. Huachiew Chalermprakiet University	June 1, 2023	June 01, 2028
19. Universitas of Kristen	<i>MoU in writing</i>	<i>MoU in writing</i>
20. Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL)	July 2021	<i>*Until the parties agree to terminate MOU in writing</i>
21. Universitas Halu Oleo, Indonesia	March 21,	March 21, 2026

	2023	
22. Lampang Rajabhat University, Thailand	March 21, 2023	March 21, 2026
23. Kanchanaburi Rajabhat University, Thailand	March 21, 2023	March 21, 2026
24. Universitas Negeri Surabaya, Indonesia	July 17, 2023	July 17, 2026
25. Lamrin Tech Skills University, Punjab, India, on July 27, 2023	August 16, 2023	August 16, 2028
26. Kanchanaburi Rajabhat University (KRU), Thailand	August 29, 2023	August 29, 2028

a.4. Operationalization of International Linkage Programs

International Partners	Activities
1. Huachiew Chalermprakiet, University, Thailand	A. SMU co-hosted 10 th HCU International Conference on June 29, 2023, via Zoom
	B. Ceremonial MOA Signing and partnership meeting with Pharmacy and Medtech Faculty and Staff on July 07, 2023
	C. International Immersion of Forensic Science Students on March 10 to April 6, 2024
2. Kanchanaburi Rajabhat University, Thailand	A. Ceremonial MOA Signing and partnership meeting on August 29, 2023
3. Universitas Negeri Surabaya, Indonesia	A. International Summer Course: Toward Socio-Cultural Sustainability, July 31- August 04, 2023
4. AFS	A. Welcome program to 3 AFS foreign students, SY 2023-2024
	B. Acceptance of One AFS exchange student, Ms. Lisa Kuster
5. Vives University of Applied Sciences, Belgium	A. Participation of 10 students to the Global Sustainability and Engagement Course Batch 6, September-December 2023
	B. IDQAO Director Pearl Via Coballes as Guest Lecturer during the VIVES Education International Week, February 4-10, 2024
	C. Internship of Four Education students, January 29 - April 30, 2024
	D. North Intensive Program, January 29- February 09, 2024
	E. Academic Visit and Immersion of Two Pre-School Teachers on April 11-20, 2024
6. Howest University of Applied Sciences	A. Internship of Two Students on Health and Wellness, February 12-April 30, 2024
	B. North Intensive Program, January 29- February 09, 2024

	C. Student Exchange Program, February 12-June 28, 2024, under the Erasmus+ grant
	D. Guest Lecturer of one Faculty Member on April 15-April 20, 2024, under the Erasmus+ grant
7. Passage to ASEAN	A. Participation of 10 students to the Virtual Mobility in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2023, Sept. 6-Oct. 11, 2023
	B. Participation of 11 students to the Business Entrepreneurship and Technology and Intelligence, April 1- May 8, 2024
	C. Participation of 5 students to the ASEAN Green Entrepreneurship Hackathon, April 25-July 2024
	D. Participation of 13 students to the Hybrid Mobility 2024 in Health Sciences, June 11-July 09, 2024
8. SEAMEO	A. Participation of 5 inbound student from Indonesia and Thailand and 7 outbound students to Indonesia and Thailand under the SEA Teacher Project Batch 9
9. Synergy Programme, funded by the Province of West Flanders, Belgium	A. North Intensive Program, January 29 to Feb. 9, 2024
10. Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Indonesia	Virtual Commtech Nusantara 2023, October 16-27, 2023, via Zoom
11. Sultan Agung Islamic University, Indonesia	Online Global Cultural Exchange 2023, October 23-27, 2023, via Zoom

1C. Eight Forensic Science Students Embark on International Immersion

Eight Forensic Science students embarked on an international immersion at Huachiew Chalermprakiet University (HCU), Samutprakarn, Thailand, from March 10 to April 6, 2024, as part of the Forensic Science International Student Mobility and Cultural Training Program. They were accompanied by forensic science faculty Janna Joyce Coilan.

The program's objectives strengthening collaborations, promoting multiculturalism, and supporting educational variety. SMU's partnership agreement with HCU was forged on June 1, 2023.



AFS Intercultural

SMU hosts another German exchange student

Saint Mary's University hosted an AFS exchange student from Germany. Lisa Kuster joined the SMU Senior High School program as a Grade 11 student from February to June 2024. Lisa was hosted by the family of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald and Rona Gamboa.



Vives University of Applied Sciences

5E. Academic Visit and Immersion of Two Pre-School Teachers on April 11-20, 2024

Two faculty members from Vives University of Applied Sciences, Belgium, were at Saint Mary's University for a two-week academic visit and immersion from April 11 - 22, 2024. They were Frieke Monica Debyser and Emmy Sarah Maricke de Bruyne, both preschool teachers and internship coordinators from Vives University of Applied Sciences, Belgium.





Howest University of Applied Sciences

6C. Two Marians are Recipients of the Student Exchange Program Grant from Erasmus+

Wendy Vallejo (BSBA-MM3) and Jasfer Dela Cruz (BSCS-2) went to Belgium to join the English-taught Semester of Howest University of Applied Sciences from Feb. 12, 2024 to June 28, 2024. This exchange program is fully funded by Erasmus+ and is still part of the Erasmus+ grant 20222 which SMU got in partnership with Howest University. Vallejo joined the Global Business Management Program while Dela Cruz joined the Applied Computer Science Program. This student exchange program grant is the first for SMU and the first Erasmus+ grant given to an HEI in Region 2.



6D. Howest University Professor as Guest Lecturer on April 15-April 20, 2024

Still within the grants that SMU got in the call of Erasmus+ 2022, a staff member from Howest University of Applied Sciences visited SMU on April 15 – 20, 2024. Vic Vansevenant, a professor from Howest University of Applied Sciences, was welcomed by the SMU administrators on April 15, 2024 at the University boardroom. During his stay in SMU, he conducted seminars on secrets of start-up success, academic discourse with the Business and Accountancy Cluster Professors in Graduate Studies, class visits, local tours in Kiangnan Ifugao, and entrepreneurial visits to various local businesses in Nueva Vizcaya.



Passage to ASEAN (P2A)

7A. Ten Marian Students participate in the P2A Virtual Mobility in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2023

Ten students from Saint Mary's University completed the P2A Virtual Mobility in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2023 from September 6 to October 11, 2023, where they engaged and collaborated with other ASEAN students. The activity was spearheaded by the Lingkod Maria Community Development and Advocacy Center (LMCDAC). SMU is an active member of the Passage 2 ASEAN, a network of ASEAN universities promoting regional connectivity through student exchanges, cultural programs, and joint academic initiatives, fostering mutual growth and understanding.



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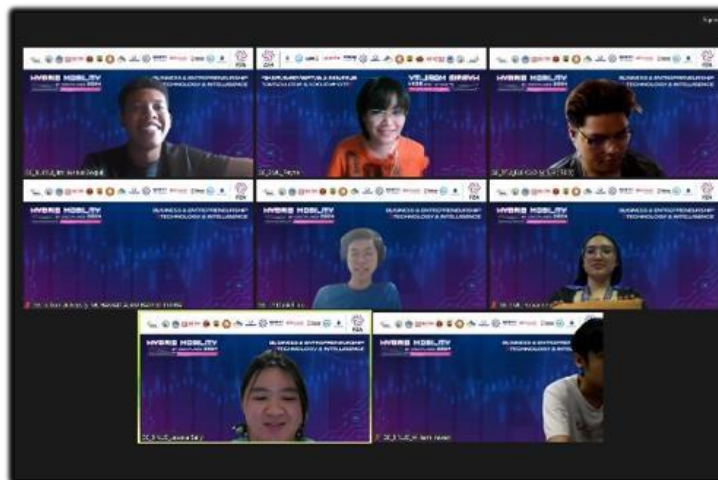
7B. 11 Marian Completers in the 2024 Passage to ASEAN: Business Entrepreneurship and Technology and Intelligence on April 1-May 08, 2024

The P2A Hybrid Mobility in Entrepreneurship and Technology and Intelligence was a 5-week-long webinar series focused on preparing students for a collaborative future workforce by fostering teamwork and cooperation. A total of 11 students from SMU successfully completed the hybrid mobility and got several awards, as follows:

- Ariel Naidas - Gold Prize, Group Award
- Jericho Corpuz - Top 8 Finalist, Group Award
- Liela Mae Duntugan - Top 8 Finalist, Group Award
- Athena Mairi Rose M. Hernando - Top 8 Finalist, Group Award

- Karelle Calpo - Top 8 Finalist, Group Award

The activity was spearheaded by the School of Accountancy and Business and School of Engineering, Architecture, Information Technology.



Documentation: Ongoing online lessons

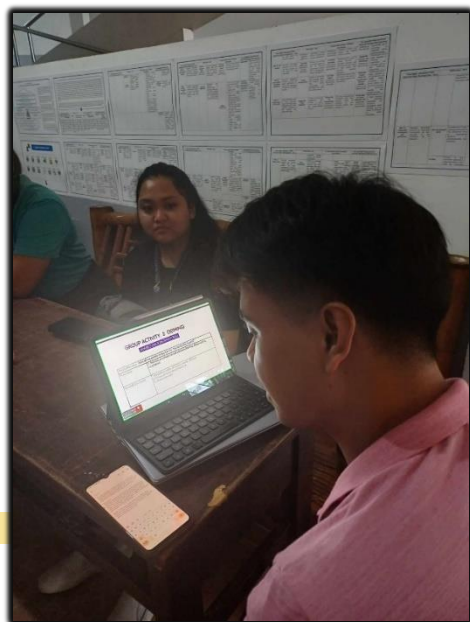
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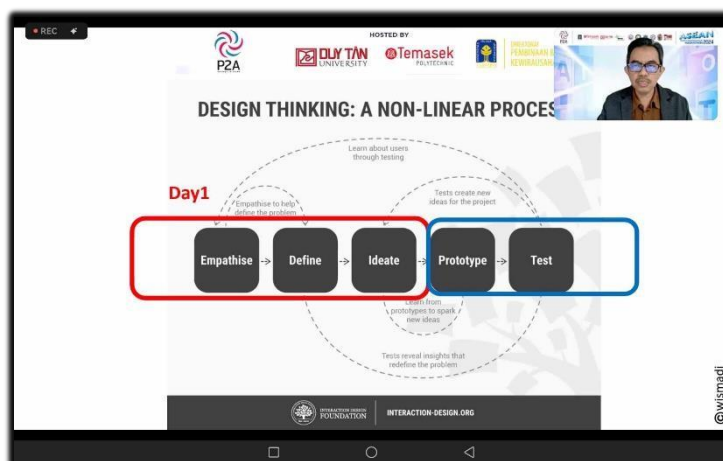
7C. ASEAN Green Entrepreneurship Hackathon April 25-July 2024

Five Marian students are currently participating in the Passage to ASEAN 2024: Green Entrepreneurship Hackathon from April 25 to July 2024. The program focuses on Sustainable Production and Consumption Cities, Low-carbon Cities, and Equitable City for All. The activity is spearheaded by the School of Accountancy and Business (SAB).

Name	Course and Year
1. Karl Michael Navarette	BSMA 3
2. Queyzelle Teaño	BSA 3
3. Feona Faith Doroni	BSA 3
4. Justine Faith Maddela	BSA 3
5. Julianne Esperanza Divad	BSA 3



Documentation: Ongoing online sessions



Documentation: Ongoing online sessions

SEA-Teacher Project

8A: SEA Teacher Project Batch 9

Through the Department of Professional Education, the School of Teacher Education and Humanities sent seven Marian pre-service teachers to Thailand and Indonesia for the SEA Teacher Project Batch 9 from August 26 to September 28, 2023. Meanwhile, Saint Mary's University received 5 international students from three international partners: Lampang Rajabhat University, Kanchanaburi Rajabhat University, and Halu Oleo University. SEAMEO organized this program to revitalize teacher education and increase the quality of education in Southeast Asian countries.



Newly forged partnership

In SY 2023-2024, SMU was able to forge 5 new international partnerships and 7 national partnerships which are addition to SMU's growing global linkages.

Five Newly forged International Partnerships

International Partners	Date Forged	Evidence
1. Huachiew Chalermprakiet University, Thailand	July 6, 2023	Please see page 20 of Midyear Report SY. 2023-2024
2. AFS Intercultural Programs, Philippines on September 06, 2023	September 06, 2023	Please see page 20 of Midyear Report SY. 2023-2024
3. Lamrin Tech Skills University, Punjab, India, on July 27, 2023	July 27, 2023	Please see page 21 of Midyear Report SY. 2023-2024
4. Kanchanaburi Rajabhat University (KRU), Thailand	August 29, 2023	Please see page 21 of Midyear Report SY. 2023-2024
5. Universitas Negeri Surabaya, Indonesia	July 25, 2023	Please see page 22 of Midyear Report SY. 2023-2024

Seven Newly forged National Partnerships

National Partner	Date Forged	Evidence
1. University of Perpetual Help System Dalta, Calamba Campus	November 07, 2023	Please see Annex N
2. iPhitech IT and Digital Solutions Corporation	February 15, 2024	Please see Annex O
3. Indra Philippines	March 04, 2024	Please see Annex P
4. Hytec Power Inc.	May 15, 2024	Please see Annex L and Q
5. University of the Philippines Los Baños	May 14, 2024	Please see Annex R
6. De La Salle University	April 30, 2024	Please see Annex S
7. De La Salle University of Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Health Technologies	April 30, 2024	Please see Annex T

1. SMU celebrates International Students' Day

Saint Mary's University celebrated the International Students' Day on September 14, 2023 at the Sacred Heart Center. The International Students' Day was attended by 13 international students from countries such as Belgium, Korea, Japan. The students were in SMU for various activities, including the SEA-Teacher Project student exchange program, AFS student exchange program, international internship, and international study. The foreign students showcased their culture through various intermission numbers such as dancing, singing, and cooking. The performing groups of SMU also presented several intermission numbers showcasing the beautiful culture and traditions of the Philippines. The event was attended by the top administrators of SMU.



2. International Partners Socialization Night at Zen Hotel on April 16, 2024

To welcome esteemed guests from SMU's international partners, SMU hosted a Socialization Night for the University's foreign visitors on April 16, 2023 at Zen Hotel. The evening commenced with a warm welcome to the guests, including faculty members, administrators, and students from Howest University and Vives International and representatives from SMU. The attendees enjoyed a delightful dinner, engaging in lively conversations. The event allowed interns from Belgium to bond with their mentors from

SMU. With a shared commitment to internationalization, the event served as a testament to the importance of building lasting relationships across borders. As SMU continues to embrace its role on the global stage, such gatherings provide invaluable opportunities for shaping the future of education through collaborative efforts and innovative partnerships.



3. **Despedida for Ms. Lisa Kuster, an AFS student from Germany**

The SMU Community bade farewell to Ms. Lisa Kuster, an AFS exchange student from Germany. Lisa joined the SMU Senior High School program as a Grade 11 student from February to June 2024. A Despedida program for her was held at the SMU Boardroom on June 7, 2024, attended by SMU administrators led by SMU President Dr. John Octavious S. Palina. Also present were Vice President for Finance Mrs. Venica S. Acosta, Vice President for Mission and Identity Rev. Fr. Philip A.Yu Jr., CICM, Dean of Student Affairs and Services Mr. Samuel Damayon, and Dr. Clara M. Gonzales, Head of the Promotions, External Relations, and Internationalization Office.