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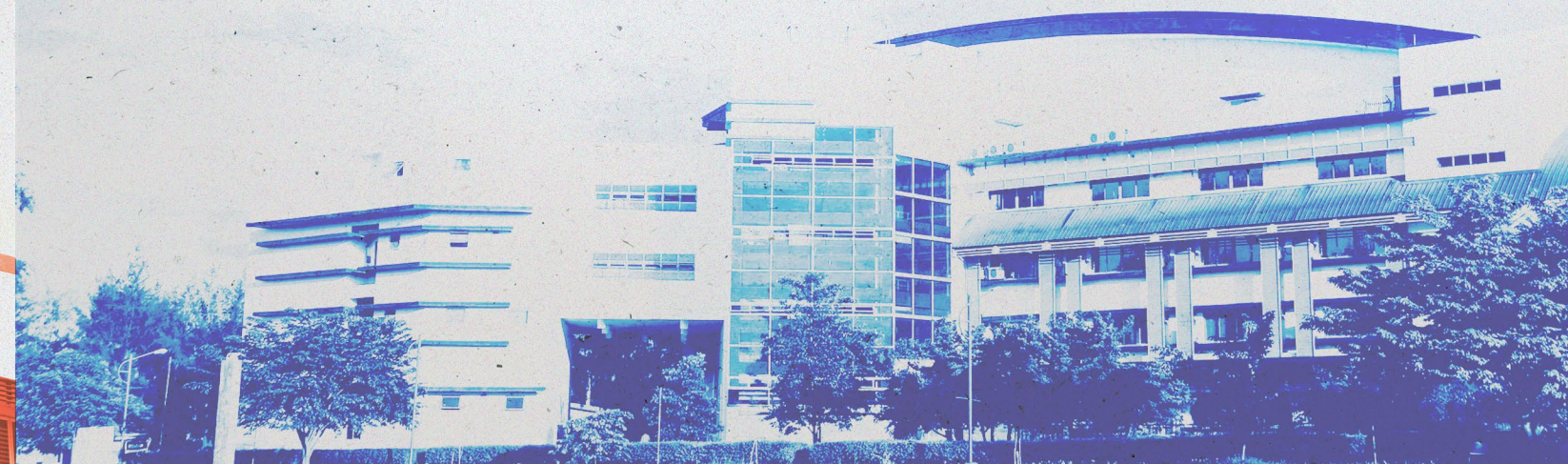
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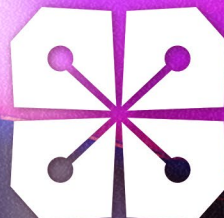
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Mapúa MCL's graduates observe first ever Send-off Celebration

■ WORDS SAMANTHA LOUISE LEONARDO

To commemorate its graduates' final moments in their journeys as College students, Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL) conducted its first-ever Send-Off Celebration for the graduating Batch 2023, where their successes and hardships were appreciated at the institution's Oval last September 20, 2023

To begin with, the party was preceded by the Baccalaureate Mass in the same location, where the invited graduates and their family members attended. Later on, the event started with the parade of College programs, equipped with their props, long balloons, and cardboard signs that displayed their corresponding program names. After the speeches from each department's valedictorians, the celebration ended with Taylor Swift's "Long Live" and a fireworks display, which signified the acknowledgement of all the graduates' efforts in their journeys in college.

Two days after this first-in-history celebration, the 22nd Commencement Exercises took place on September 25, 2023, at the Plenary Hall of the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). Each Mapúan wore a black toga while receiving their diplomas and their hard-earned laude awards after taking on academic challenges and setbacks. Subsequent to the awarding of medals and diplomas, Jon Lipat from the program BS Computer Science proceeded to deliver his heartfelt speech as Batch 2023's valedictorian.

Overall, this celebration served as a final moment for the graduates of the OneMapúan Community to appreciate their excellent performances while being a Mapúan. As such, the institution plans that the send-off event will be an annual campus tradition as a sign of its continuous support for the students.

Gathered in their graduation robes, students stand together, gazing up at the sky ablaze with bright fireworks, fueling their aspirations for success and a brighter future.

■ ART SU LIN BASBAS

CONSTELLATE 2023: A WEEK OF STELLAR BEGINNINGS

■ WORDS JON LAPADA

■ ART SAMUEL JR. AGRABIO & ASHLEY JULLIEN ALMENDRAL

The Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna Supreme Student Council (Mapúa MCL-SSC) welcomed both Senior High School (SHS) and College students with a year-opener event titled "Constellate 2023: Emerge to a New Beginning" last August 30 to September 1. The said event aimed to create a welcoming atmosphere as the Academic Year starts, where students would feel that they belong in the Mapúa MCL community.

On the first day, the Welcoming Week kicked off with a Thanksgiving Mass, followed by an opening ceremony, wherein welcoming speeches and icebreaker games were conducted to set the tone for the event ahead. Wizards and Mages, which are the names given to College and SHS Mapúans, respectively, had the opportunity to explore the various student-driven booths prepared for the event duration. From student councils to academic and non-academic organizations existing in Mapúa MCL, each booth showcased their own depth of extracurricular activities available to students, ranging from academic-related ones to those of personal interests.

Also, the first day gave way to the holding of general assemblies, where the various departments and organizations warmly welcomed and oriented their respective old and new members. Furthermore, booth operations and general assemblies continued to take place on the second day of the Constellate.

Lastly, the third day featured ABLAZE 2023, a free concert for all Mapúa MCL students. The concert, packed with vibrant performances from established artists, served as a fitting end to the much-awaited welcome event. Overall, Constellate 2023 was held to welcome all Mapúans to a new academic year full of learning, opportunities, and growth. The diverse set of activities held throughout the three-day event served as a space for both new and old students alike to connect with each other, explore their interests, and create lasting memories.

*A hand reaches for a star in the horizon.
Representing students reaching for new
beginnings.*

*A hand reaching for a distant star
symbolizes students' pursuit of new
beginnings and a brighter future,
encapsulating growth and opportunity.*

BACK TO SCHOOL: MAPÚA MCL LAUNCHES 14-WEEK TERM FORMAT

■ WORDS SHAMELLE FATE CLIMACO

■ ART ATASHA EUSEBIO & ARVIN RAGAZA

Last August 22, 2023, Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL) started its college classes for the Academic Year 2023-2024 by welcoming new and old Mapúan students.

For the freshmen, this was their first time to explore the institution's environment, meet their fellow students, and be acquainted with their professors in their respective courses. On the other hand, for the upperclassmen, this was their chance to expand upon their college journeys, considering the changes for this Academic Year.

To be more precise, both new and old students were introduced to the 14-week term curriculum instead of the old 12-week format. Notably, the major changes were the additional two-week allotment per semester, the redistribution of miscellaneous fees worth 3,400 pesos, the increase in the minimum and maximum units per term to 15 and 18 units, and shortened lab and lecture hours. Moreover, the Midyear Term was removed due to the added two weeks to the regular term schedule.

The administration advised that time and proper adjustments are needed to fully assimilate to these modifications. Despite the worries of the Mapúans, they assured that the changes were made to allow for the pursuit of non-academic activities, which creates a more dynamic college experience within the OneMapúan community. Particularly, this was first tested at the Constellate 2023: Emerge to a New Beginning, which is organized by the Mapúa MCL Supreme Student Council (SSC) to welcome all of the Mapúans and provide assistance in understanding the available organizations in the institution.

To proceed, the administration has a line-up of upcoming events or programs for Mapúans to hone their academic and non-academic talents and network with their schoolmates, such as student organizational events and school-wide programs. Both the administrators and current student-leaders encourage everyone to take part in these opportunities as this aforementioned curriculum has only begun.

*A star is being cradled; a small life in comparison to the gentle, guiding, experienced hand that is supporting it.
We are simple fledglings, waiting to be moulded into something more bright, more brilliant.*



BEYOND THE CAROLS

UNVEILING THE PASKONG MAPÚA MALAYAN

■ WORDS JON RANSON LAPADA

From December 6 to 15, 2023, the Mapúa Malayan community kicked off the Christmas season with the Paskong Mapúa Malayan celebration. Specifically, it serves as a platform for all members of the community to foster a sense of camaraderie and joy, aligned with the spirit of the holidays.

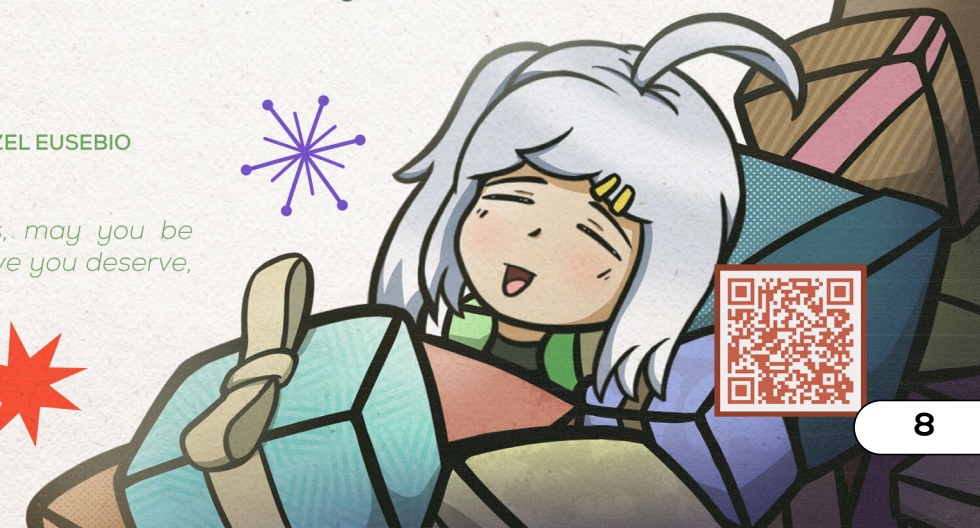
To start with, it all began with the symbolic Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the fountain area near the Airwell on December 6. Then, on December 13, the first day of the event, an opening ceremony officially launched the celebration. This was followed by a free outdoor movie marathon held at the Grandstand, showcasing classic holiday films such as "Home Alone". In the end, the day culminated with the Christmas Tree Presentation and Lighting Ceremony. Additionally, numerous concessionaires offered a variety of food and treats for attendees to enjoy.

Day 2, held on December 14, served as the continuation of the diverse market stalls, allowing Mapúans to explore and shop for the holidays. Moreover, this day's evening witnessed a Christmas show, filled with performances featuring various Mapúa MCL organizations. Adding to the celebration were Christmas-themed short films created by the College organizations, which were evaluated by judges. Ultimately, the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Department was announced as the champion, followed by the Mapúa Institute of Technology Laguna (MITL) Department as the first runner-up, and the College of Computer and Information Science (CCIS) Department as the second runner-up. The winners were announced on the final day of Paskong Mapúa Malayan, December 15.

All in all, the annual Paskong Mapúa Malayan has become a tradition that enriches the Christmas season of the Mapúa Malayan community. It is a time where each Mapúan, whether they are students, teachers, or staff, temporarily ease from the hustle and bustle of daily life and focus instead on creating memories with the various activities and performances offered during the festivities.

■ ART ELIJAH ABENDAN & DENZEL EUSEBIO

A future Christmas greetings, may you be showered with all the gifts and love you deserve, much like the girl below the tree.



A SINGLE SITE TO SEEK:

Mapúa MCL Engage Officially Revealed

■ WORDS SHAMELLE FHATE CLIMACO

Centered on becoming an information hub meant to increase the visibility of student-led programs and events, the Mapúa MCL Engage website was introduced to the Mapúans during the Opening Ceremony of the college's Foundation Week at the Oval, January 22, 2024. Specifically, it is promised to bridge the communication gap between the students and the various academic and non-academic organizations within the institution, which may allow them to participate and have a more active college life.

To be precise, one of the main functions of this platform is to allow each student organization to deploy and manage their own Organization pages. This is to streamline various processes within their communities, including membership registration, communication, and event preparation, among others. Aside from these, news and relevant information, specific-purpose forms and documents, and other organizational functions can now all be found in this one virtual place. In fact, it can even allow the members to comment their opinions towards their organization's endeavors, which will allow the officers to assess and understand what improvements can be made to generate higher participation and member satisfaction.

For context, this website operates with the structure of Anthology Engage, a platform by Anthology Inc., the same company which powers Mapúa MCL's Blackboard Learn (BBL) platform.

Moreover, this site will be accessed through their OneMCL Live accounts; thus, making it an exclusive perk of the students. Fully launched by the Third Semester of the A.Y. 2023-2024, student leaders have explored the website and populated their Organization pages with content and users. In conclusion, Mapúa MCL Engage is part of the institution's continuous effort to modernize and streamline the college experience by empowering its student leaders and granting them a platform to showcase their work more clearly and further connect with their constituents.

■ ART ELIJAH ABENDAN & ATASHA EUSEBIO

Just as the vast sea of water is virtually endless, the girl submerged in it symbolizes the waves of information we're bound to come across through MCL Connect.



WIZARDS' CUP: MITL CARDINALS BACK-TO-BACK TITLES

■ WORDS AIDEN JOSEPH PANTOJA

The Mapúa Institute of Technology in Laguna (MITL) Cardinals clinched yet another championship title for their department at the Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL)'s Wizards' Cup 2024 last January 23 to 24, 2024.

Being hailed as the "Department of the Year" during the Awarding Ceremony last January 26, 2024, this monumental win of the MITL Department continues its legacy as the defending champion from last year's Wizards' Cup. What paved their two-peat victory is the fact that they managed to champion 12 out of the 29 different athletic and skill-based events that were held throughout the tournament and garnered a total of 3,100 points.

In total, six departments of Mapúa MCL contended for the coveted title, namely: the crowned MITL Cardinals, the College of Computer and Information Science (CCIS) Mavens, the College of Marine Engineering and Transportation (CMET) Marines, Enrique T. Yuchengco College of Business (ETYCB) Candors, the College of Arts and Science (CAS) Elixirs, and the Senior High School (SHS) Vipers. After their battles in various sporting events that exhibited the skill, talent, and sportsmanship of Mapúans, right next to the Cardinals are the SHS Vipers as the first runner-up with 2,220 points and the CCIS Mavens as the second runner-up with 1,960 points.

■ ART SAMUEL AGRABIO & PRINCESS FAJARDO

Grainy photographs that vividly capture the exuberant celebrations at the event. Celebrating MITL as the overall champion, capturing their journey with bold strokes and colors. It symbolizes their lasting legacy and the memories that will last for a lifetime.





MAPÚA MCL INTRODUCES AVIATION PROGRAM FOR A.Y 2024-2025

■ WORDS SAMANTHA LEONARDO

Last April 27, Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL) conducted a showcase event, featuring the new department, the Mapúa Institute of Aviation (MIA), at Rooms E301 to E303 of the Einstein Building. This event aimed to impart amongst the attendees brand new information regarding the new addition to Mapúa MCL's offerings, the Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering (BS AeE), starting this upcoming Academic Year 2024-2025.

To start, the aviation showcase provided a sneak peek of the blueprint of the building delegated to the MIA Department, which is the Da Vinci building. To be located at the front of the Einstein Building of Mapúa MCL, the aforementioned facility will consist of student lounges, a swimming pool, and additional air-conditioned classrooms.

Additionally, the Beechcraft Sierra, the first airplane introduced during the whole session, is promised to provide incoming aviation students with hands-on experiences that will help them master their skills in operating, piloting, and tinkering with aircrafts.

This introduction to what is coming next in the institution was followed by the presence of Captain Michael John P. Reyes, the Dean of MIA and the speaker of the seminar. During the talk, he engaged with the attendees through his sharing of insights about the basic concepts of aeronautics, the crucial role of aviation in the industry, potential career paths in the aforementioned field, the longevity of the program, and the equipment and facilities to be present in supporting the overall college journey of future Mapúan pilots.

Subsequently, concerns with regards to the new developments and the idea of aviation in Mapúa MCL were addressed during the question-and-answer portion. One of which was the concern about when the building, equipment, and facilities to be used in MIA's curricular activities will be available, to which Capt. Reyes disclosed that these would be established before the Academic Year ends. Furthermore, any additional necessary items for aeronautical studies will simply follow through.

Aside from this meeting, another event associated with the introduction of new changes in Mapúa MCL happened during the Mapúa MCL EduQuest, the institution's year-end promotional activities dedicated to incoming Mapúans, last July 30 at the Global Classroom. Capt. Reyes, who is also the speaker for this talk, once again shared his insights for those who are interested and willing to venture into the field of aviation.

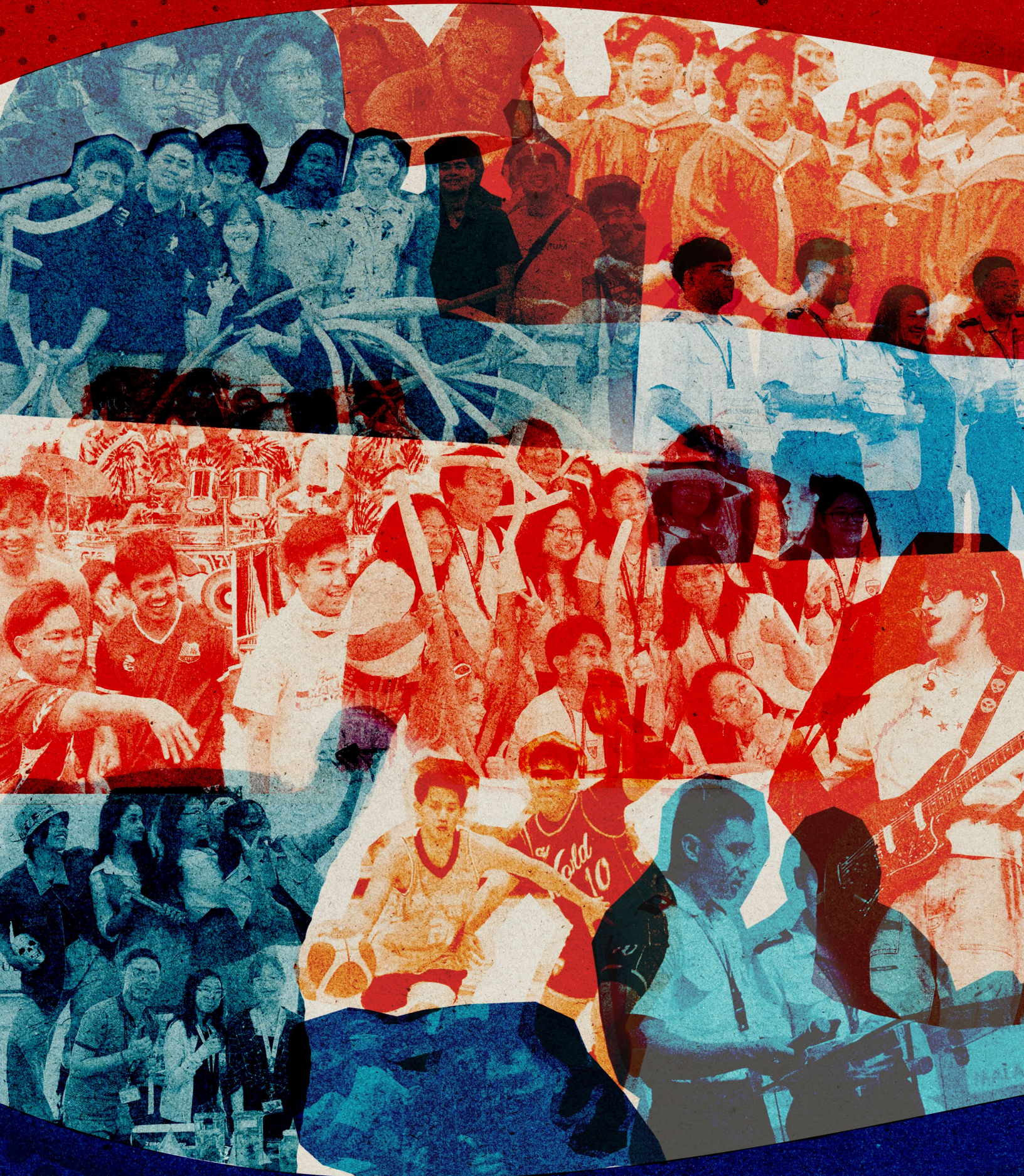
To conclude, the new program will take flight in the upcoming Academic Year 2024-2025, opening a call for students who want to pursue aeronautical engineering within Laguna and nearby provinces.

■ ART CEL ADVINCULA & JAMES BUSTAMANTE

Fasten your seatbelts! As new opportunities are about to take flight with the introduction of Mapúa MCL's Aviation Program. With incoming students soaring through their dreams and reach new heights, they will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to navigate the skies of tomorrow.



YEAR IN *Photos*



august
Beginning of Classes

SHS

College

CMET Week 2023

september

Quiz Bee

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Opening Parade

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Mass

Send Off
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Mapúa MCL 22nd Commencement

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november

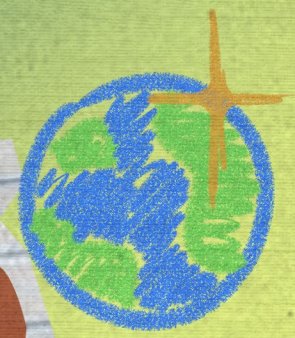
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Holidays with KAMALAYAN (General Assembly)

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DECEMBER

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SERVICE LEARNING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

JANUARY

SINAGLAYA



WIZARDS CUP

FOUNDATION WEEK

FEBRUARY

SHS CAREER WEEK



MACASAMA SA FEB-IBIG



CAS WEEK



MARCH

CAS WEEK



UAPSA NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE WEEK



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APRIL



CMET Master Training Program



MapKal Environmental Protest



MIA Aviation Showcase

MAY



CYA South Youth Center



ETYCB Week



SHS Week

JUNE



MWE-CCIS Estudyante Esports



Mapúa MCL Cup



CCIS Week

JULY



BS PSY Global Signature Courses



CLICC Send-Off Party



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