

### MMSU's Commitment

*Help build strong and inclusive institutions and societies by advocating for peace and justice toward sustainable development*



**MMSU Advances Peace and Justice through Clinical Legal Education Program, Empowering Law Students with Practical Externships**

MMSU continues its commitment to building strong and inclusive institutions by promoting peace, justice, and sustainable development through its Clinical Legal Education Program (CLEP). As part of this initiative, law students undergo a 100-hour externship in various legal agencies, with placements at the Public Attorney's Office (3 externs), the Provincial Prosecutor's Office in Batac (2 externs), and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (5 externs). Under Rule 138-A of the Rules of Court, Level I-certified Legal Student Practitioners (LSPs) are authorized to perform legal tasks such as client interviews, legal advising, document drafting, and representing clients before quasi-judicial bodies. These externships also allow the students to contribute to public legal education and policy initiatives, furthering their practical experience while supporting justice and equality.

### Highlights

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of Graduates	2,826	1,145	546	2,478	3139
Number of Graduates in Law Courses	9	5	6	8	4

### Key Activities and Accomplishments

- **MMSU as global ranking achiever.** Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) has achieved remarkable milestones on the global stage, solidifying its status as a leading university in the Philippines. Recognized for its excellence, MMSU has become a source of inspiration and a

benchmark for other Philippine higher education institutions. It placed second among Philippine universities and 401st-600th globally in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, fifth in the country and 356th in the world in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings, and ranked in the Top 101-200 in the World Universities with Real Impact (WURI) Rankings, including fourth globally in the Fourth Industrial Revolution category. The university has excelled across instruction, research, extension, and campus management, all guided by its 7-point ACHIEVE agenda since 2017.

- **Student leadership development.** Nurtured in a holistic learning environment, Josh Rafael Fagaragan, a Grade 12 student of Mariano Marcos State University-Laboratory High School (MMSU-LHS) in the City of Batac, has been appointed as the Junior Governor of Ilocos Norte. Taking his oath of office on August 22 at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall, Fagaragan will be responsible for executing policies for the youth sector and representing them under the provincial government. His appointment is part of the SIRIB LiNKS Junior Officials program, which has been running for five years in celebration of 'Linggo ng Kabataan' (Youth Week). The initiative aims to select young leaders to engage in legislative writing and parliamentary processes, preparing them for roles as future public servants and nation-builders.
- **Implementation of Oplan ARAKCUP.** As it continues to foster compassion through Human Rights Education and uphold a dignified and well-informed Filipino nation, the Department of Social Sciences of the College of Arts and Sciences remains committed to empowering every Filipino through information drives. By endowing individuals with the opportunity to claim their rights, it encourages personal development and collective contributions to community growth. Citizens are urged to understand, secure, and advocate for their rights and those of their fellow Filipinos. In collaboration with the national government's multi-agency committee, chaired by the Commission on Human Rights and involving key departments such as justice, education, and national defense, the university actively promotes awareness through projects and activities. The MMSU as a key ally, is actively partnering in this mission by initiating projects such as human rights education, training of trainers, seminars on mushroom propagation for women, the establishment of Barangay Human Rights Action Centers (BHRAC) in Laoag City, and a series of voters' education seminars. Through these activities, the university aims to build a universal culture of human rights, providing both the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and defend these rights in daily life.