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## **LNU Research Pageant 2024 Highlights Collaborative Academic Excellence and Community Engagement**

February 28, 2024 — Leyte Normal University (LNU) held its annual Research Pageant at the HRDC Alba Hall, celebrating the achievements of both undergraduate and graduate scholars. The 2024 event emphasized the value of research and innovation in addressing local needs and fostering community collaboration. Local residents, government representatives, and civil society organizations were invited to participate, reflecting LNU’s commitment to inclusive decision-making and community-oriented research.

The College of Education (COE) secured two of the top three spots for the Best Undergraduate Research Award, with projects titled “Peer Cheating to Peer Learning” and “Animal Characterization and Mental Health Issues Portrayal in Trish Hammond’s Selected Picture Books.” A standout project from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), titled “GeNER: Generative Nexus of Education Resource Assistance for LNU,” also earned a top position. These projects were celebrated for their relevance and potential impact on local communities, underscoring the university’s vision of education as a collaborative and transformative force.

In the Graduate category, top honors were awarded to three entries from the Masters and Doctoral programs, reflecting the scholars' deep engagement with issues relevant to the region. This category aimed to reinforce the university’s role in empowering local stakeholders by incorporating research that addresses shared challenges and seeks innovative solutions. The presence of community leaders at the event allowed for immediate feedback and dialogue on the projects’ potential impacts.

Dr. Lina G. Fabian, LNU’s Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension, emphasized that the Research Pageant is a platform not only for showcasing academic excellence but also for fostering meaningful community connections. “We are committed to bridging the gap between academic research and community needs, ensuring that our local stakeholders have an active voice in shaping our research directions,” Dr. Fabian stated.

The event concluded with the announcement that the top projects would be honored at the upcoming Dayaw Awards on March 9, under the theme “Forward Horizons: Pioneering Paths, Shaping Tomorrows.” With this collaborative approach, LNU continues to cultivate a research environment that values local insights and promotes shared progress, reinforcing its dedication to community empowerment and knowledge exchange.

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