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Uplifting Communities

True to its mission to empower communities, Tarlac Agricultural University (TAU) continues to engage with development partners in ensuring inclusive and sustainable rural development. Sustaining Growth in 2025, TAU demonstrated its support to agrarian reform beneficiaries. During the 2nd Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries' Organizations (ARBO) Summit in Tarlac Province, Dr. Silverio Ramon DC. Salunson conveyed a message of solidarity to leaders and members of various cooperatives and associations.

Furthermore, the TAU Department of Development Communication won the Best Poster Award and was named the Third Best Film in the ARBO Category at the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) PelikulAgraryo 2025 National Awarding Ceremony. TAU's official entry, "Rang-ay", mirrors the struggles and triumphs of real agrarian reform beneficiaries.

In a collaborative effort, the College of Engineering and Technology (CET) and the Department of Extension and Training (DET) partnered with the NIA-MIO or the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) Tarlac Irrigation Management Office and the Tarlac CIS Federation to launch the "HANAPBUHAY" (Handog na Alternatibong Negosyo at Pagsasanay para sa Pandagdag PangkaBUHAYan ng mga Magsasaka) livelihood program. This initiative was designed to empower agricultural communities by capacitating local farmers with essential skills for alternative entrepreneurship and supplemental income.



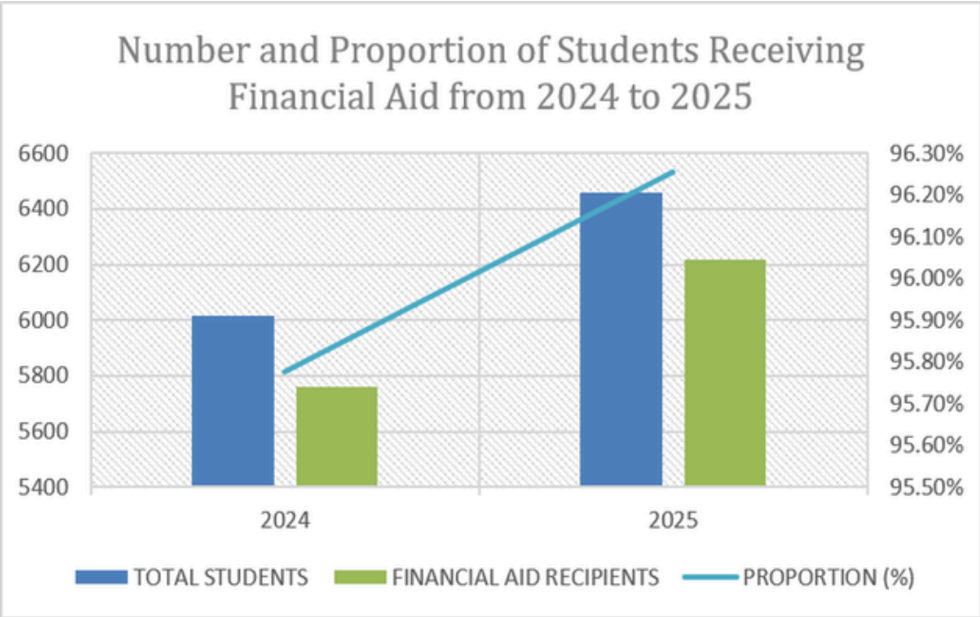
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Sustainable Growth

The University strengthens its commitment to sustaining growth in communities through a formal partnership with the Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Training Institute - Regional Training Center III (DA-ATI-RTC III). This partnership aims to bolster the implementation of the Techno Gabay Program (TGP) in the Province of Tarlac - an initiative designed to promote technology transfer to beneficiaries in the agriculture, forestry, and natural resources sectors. In line with this partnership, TAU and DA-ATI also jointly spearheaded a three-day workshop for the Rural Improvement Club (RIC) of Papaac, Camiling, Tarlac. The workshop, titled “Enhancing Sweet Camote and Banana Chips: Training on Flavor Innovation and Financial Literacy”, focused on enabling community partners in value creation and financial management. The Bamboo Research Training Center (BRTC) and the Engineered Bamboo (eBamboo) Facility conducted a two-day training session for the indigenous communities in Sitio Dueg, Barangay Maasin, San Clemente, Tarlac. The training equipped participants with valuable skills in creating bamboo handicrafts, aiming to foster economic empowerment and preserve traditional craftsmanship using sustainable materials.

Institutional Performance

Number and proportion of students receiving financial aid.



The number of low-income students receiving financial aid increased from 5,760 in 2024 to 6,219 in 2025. Financial aid coverage likewise improved from 95.78% to 96.25% of the total student population, indicating sustained institutional support for economically disadvantaged students



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Highlights

The goal of the Tarlac Agricultural University (TAU) is to recruit students who come from the bottom 20 percent of families in terms of their income level across the country. The Affirmative Action Policy adopted by TAU helps fulfill its commitment to equity and inclusion in higher education by creating educational chances for poor and marginalized students such as indigenous people, single parent families, and disabled people.

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RESOLUTION NO. 61, S. 2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN FOR INCOMING FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RA 11291 (MAGNA CARTA FOR THE POOR), RA 8371 (THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS ACT OF 1997), RA 8972 (SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000), AND RA 7277 (MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY) SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER EXISTING AND PERTINENT GOVERNMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

In compliance with RA 11291, RA 8371, RA 8972, and RA 7277, TAU employs admission policies that support equitable access and guaranty that eligible students' financial situations do not hinder their pursuit of higher education. The information in this report shows TAU's efforts to fulfilll its admission target for the lowest financial quintile and to further its commitment to socioeconomic mobility, equal opportunity, and social inclusion.



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Poverty alleviation



Directly relevant to poverty alleviation through livelihood development and community support, TAU entered a regionally binding agreement with the DSWD for helping disadvantaged communities via micro-enterprise development and job generation. The commitment was made by TAU to provide its participants access to facilities, research assistance, training, and mentoring. This was signed on May 26, 2025.



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Support for local farmers



TAU also partnered with the National Irrigation Administration to provide farmers with resource management, modern irrigation techniques, and technical training. Alternative Wetting and Drying technology is included in the agreement to increase farm sustainability and productivity.

Harvest Happiness — free vegetable picking



The Department of Research and Development at TAU started offering free produce picking to staff, students, and community partners in its vegetable fields. The program seeks to alleviate poverty and promote food security while supplying wholesome food.

