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Editor's Note

COVID-19 pandemic has brought about several changes in the lives of many people all over the world. Its consequences vary from one sector to another. In the education sector, some schools have been closed due to limited enrollment. For the existing schools, they have to follow DepEd's modular distance learning mode. With the use of the internet, Learning Management Systems such as Canvas, or the virtual meeting platforms, like Messenger, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or Google Meet, have been maximized. Synchronous and asynchronous classes have been made possible with the collaboration of students, teachers, and parents. Conference webinars and activities related to research have been maintained as well.

Harvest, the institutional research publication of Baliuag University (BU), is one of the first 11 journals in the Philippines included in the Andrew Gonzales Philippine Citation Index (AGPCI), a journal indexing and citation database for Philippine academic journals. The certificate was awarded to President Patricia B. Lagunda on February 28, 2020, a few days before the declaration of the Metro Manila community quarantine.

The 2020 issue contains eight articles for its 16th volume. These underwent rigorous reviews by local and foreign peer reviewers. Despite the corona virus outbreak, the faculty of Baliuag University, in coordination with some government and private agencies, were able to produce relevant research outputs. Two researchers tapped the Department of Labor and Employment and the Division of Community Environment and Natural Resources in Pampanga to determine the level of awareness and the level of implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by the owners of lumber companies in Central Luzon. A team of four worked with the Municipal Health and Nutrition Office of the Municipality of Baliuag, the sponsoring agency, to come up with a model of Public Health Policy and Nutrition Programs. Another model was developed through a case study by one researcher to help lessen the challenging behavior of any preschooler in the university. Two others examined if there is a relationship between loneliness and resiliency and if loneliness could be a predictor of resiliency. In addition, the ratings of the senior and junior high school student council officers, in terms of their leadership practices, were compared by two researchers. Financial literacy and its impact on the financial attitudes and practices of college students was investigated by one researcher, while another examined if a newsletter could be an avenue for improving the writing skills of EFL learners. The last two researchers worked on the MathDali Intervention Program, a research project funded by Knowledge Channel Foundation. They tried to find out if the intervention program is effective on the mathematics performance of Grade 4 learners.

The findings of the researchers are specified in the articles that follow. It is interesting to note that the pandemic was not an obstacle for them to do research work. During the series of lockdowns implemented by the government, they tried hard either to gather their data online, to analyze them, to organize their thoughts and write them on paper, or to just polish an unfinished paper. What motivated them to go through these hassles amidst an environment full of anxiety is the full encouragement given by the university as stated in its vision statement, "Baliuag University aims to be an educational leader in the region, respected and recognized in the Philippines and abroad for its academic excellence, achievements in research, commitment to community service, and pioneering technological advancement."

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