

The Bachelor of Library and Information Science Program of Holy Cross of Davao College

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Abstract

As a contribution to the growth of LIS education in the Philippines, this paper describes the development of the LIS program of Holy Cross of Davao College, an archdiocesan institution located in Davao City. It recounts the changes in the LIS curriculum that led to the development of the BLIS program, including the HCDC-BLIS vision-mission statement, LIS faculty members since 1994, LIS student organization officers and student activities, performance of the graduates in the LLE, linkages established by the BLIS program, and the evolution of the program's logo as part of its history. The data presented are based on the office records, program reports, experiences of the institution, and results of the LLE released by the Professional Regulation Commission.

Keywords: Bachelor of Library and Information Science, LIS curriculum, Library and information science education, Library education and training, Philippines

BLIS VISION-MISSION STATEMENT:

VISION: HCDC-BLIS envisions an archdiocesan catholic LIS (Library and Information Science) school that produces globally competitive professionals.

MISSION: HCDC-BLIS is committed to provide quality and excellent instruction in order to prepare Christian value-laden graduates who are responsive to the needs of the community and society.

HCDC-BLIS HISTORY

The vision to open a library science program in Holy Cross of Davao College (HCDC) was conceived in 1994. HCDC opened the program when it celebrated its 43rd Founding Anniversary. Prof. Teresita O. Eco, the high school librarian, initiated the application for the offering of the library and information science (LIS) program. Prof. Eco was a full-fledged Master of Science in Library and Information Science (MSLS) degree holder from the University of San Carlos, Cebu City. Her co-librarians supported her in the submission of the needed requirements to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

When CHED approved the offering of library science as one of the subjects in the Bachelor of Science in

Education (BSED) program, it was at this time that the said program had an additional major. Simultaneously, in the same year, library science subjects were also offered as one of the subjects under Liberal Arts. Eventually, it became the Bachelor of Arts major in Library Science program.

After four years, both programs produced graduates with a major in library science. However, when Republic Act No. 6966, known as The Philippine Librarianship Act, was enacted into law, it mandated that library science graduates are required to take a licensure examination to practice the librarianship profession. This led to the faculty of library science's decision to revise the curriculum due to the licensure examination requirements. In 2000, the administration phased out the Bachelor of Arts major in Library Science and BSED major in Library Science programs. The school administration transformed the library science programs into the Bachelor of Science in Library and Information Science (BSLIS) program as approved by CHED Region Office XI. Though not a densely populated program as indicated in the enrolment, it produced graduates for the first batch of the BSLIS program in October 2003 and in March 2004.

FACULTY COMPLEMENT

The first faculty members of BSLIS who nurtured the

program were: Prof. Restituta D. Macarayo, the former in-charge and coordinator of the BSLIS program before October 2002, currently, the Knowledge Development Center (KDC) librarian at the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP); Miss Ligaya Marquez, the Director of Libraries (now deceased); Mr. Felix Bolocon, the Audio-Visual and IMC in-charge (now retired); Dr. Briccio Merced Jr., the university librarian of the University of the Philippines-Mindanao Campus; Engr. Eduoard Villegas, Internet in-Charge and Systems Engineer of HCDC; and Mrs. Teresita O. Eco, the former HCDC Librarian and former university librarian of USEP (now deceased).

In June 2003, HCDC hired Prof. Angelita Achacoso Bisares (former IMC in charge of the Assumption College of Davao). She then held two key positions: the BSLIS Program Head (from June 2003 to November 2012) and OIC-Director of Libraries (from January 2004 to 2005). All of the faculty members who served the program as part-time instructors were all practicing librarians and were actively involved in professional organizations. They enriched the students with the theories and their actual experiences in librarianship training. The efforts and hard work showed in the results of the past licensure examinations for librarians. To attest to this, in 1999, HCDC ranked 18th, in 2001, ranked 14th, and in 2002, ranked 11th of the top-performing library schools of the country. Most of the HCDC library science graduates were employed even before they acquired their licenses. New graduates were employed as librarians or as a librarians-in-charge of various institutions. They work not only in our city but also in the other regions of our country.

The program head directly reports to the Dean of College under Dr. Doroteo O. Amora. Then a structural change happened. The administration subdivided the university into five colleges: College of Education; College of Engineering; College of Maritime Education; College of Business; and College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). The BSLIS program then belonged to the CAS and when the institution has undergone a structural change, the program head reports directly to the dean of the CAS.

For school year (SY) 2005-2006, pursuant to CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) no. 8, series of 2005, HCDC offered a new curriculum for the Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS) program effective June 2005. The curriculum was revised and implemented in SY 2006-2007. The BLIS faculty line-up in SY 2006-2007 included: Angelita A.

Bisares; Felix Bolocon; Restituta Macarayo; and Ligaya Marquez.

In SY 2007-2008, the school administration hired Prof. Melinda Belangel-Alba as a part-time instructor. In 2009, the school hired Mr. Denan Carino as a substitute instructor for Prof. Belangel-Alba during her maternity leave.

In SY 2009-2010, an institutional structural change in the academic organization resulted in the creation of the five colleges. The BLIS program was still under CAS with Dr. Raymundo P. Pendor as dean. Upon the retirement of Dr. Pendor in 2008, Dr. Cristina M. Pendor took over. All the deans directly report to Dr. Hernane I. Carillo, the Vice-President for Academic Affairs. In November 2012, Mrs. Rufina S. Balansag was hired and joined the faculty line-up.

LLE REVIEW PROGRAM

The BLIS program conducted an in-house review for the BLIS graduates in preparation for the Librarian Licensure Examination (LLE). The program held the said activity every Sunday only due to the conflict of schedules. It usually starts in August until November of each year to prepare BLIS graduates to hurdle the LLE which was usually conducted every second week of November by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

Due to the need of some graduates from other library schools to attend review classes, the review program was opened for participants who graduated from other institutions. In 2014, however, Rev. Msgr. Julius C. Rodolfa, the school president, issued a memo that no activity is allowed inside the school campus on Sundays. Hence, no in-house review was further conducted.

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

In 2010, some best practices of the program were determined:

- a. Designing a Stewardship Program;
- b. Conducting annual library benchmarking or library visit or educational trip for all BLIS students;
- c. Conducting the acquaintance program held outside the school campus integrating with the Sports Fest Activities which the students find it enjoyable, liberating and has enhanced camaraderie among them; and
- d. Non-screening in conducting institutional activities (no selection) like cheer dance during intramurals as long as the students are able, willing and committed to participate. In activities where massive participation is needed, all

students are encouraged to participate.
e. Librarian Licensure Examination

In the November 2010 LLE, the BLIS program produced four passers with a topnotcher, Miss Aldianne Joy Ambit, who placed second with a rating of 87.05%. Alongside Ms. Ambit, the following were passers of the LLE: Ms. Aisa Balico; Ms. Gina Malanog; and Mr. Erwin Rhui Ojaldon. After the results of the LLE were released, the BLIS program commemorated the National Book Week and Library and Information Services Month through a motorcade for the first time. Prof. Bisares spearheaded the said activity.

In the November 2012 LLE, the HCDC BLIS program produced another topnotcher in the person of Ms. Genevieve L. Vivero, who got fifth place with a rating of 86.15%. The following are the other HCDC-BLIS passers: Cristine C. Abarquez; Evan Jhon A. Bagayo; Maricel F. Calipayan; Julie G. Gasapo; Joan B. Lagare; Emmalyn A. Latigay; Mary Joy A. Repil; Raquel C. Sedentario; Mildred A. Solijon; and Rochel A. Villar.

Based on the results of the LLE last November 2012, there were 31 takers from HCDC-BLIS. But the actual HCDC takers were only 25 HCDC BLIS graduates: 8 first-time takers and 17 repeaters. However, the program head personally checked with the PRC Regional Office in Davao. The error was due to the non-encoding of the applicant online. Hence, PRC assigned some takers to the school of each applicant who did specify their respective schools. To refrain from committing the error, the PRC Office (through the Application Section) advised the future applicants to encode applications for examination through their website.

In 2012, a full-time program head of the Office of the BLIS Program was appointed by the former head librarian Prof. Bisares effective second semester of SY 2012-2013. From 2003 to 2012, Prof. Bisares held a dual position—both as BLIS Program Head and as the Head Librarian of HCDC Learning Resources Center.

Due to the retirement of Dr. C. Pendor as dean of CAS in January 2014, Dr. Grace M. Castigon took over the deanship of the CAS. In SY 2014-2015, effective June of 2014, Prof. Bisares was appointed again as Head Librarian, the position of the College Library (on a marked assignment) at the same time, program head of the BLIS program. As the head librarian, she directly reported to Dr. Luzviminda N. Ates, the Director of Student Life and Services.

The following are the BLIS program Library Science Organization (LISCO) officers for SY

2014-2015: President: Etel Ella Mae Hinampas; Vice-President: Fatima June Tagan; Secretary: Jinalyn Amolato; Assistant Secretary: Anna Christine Inocando; Treasurer: Shireslyngrace Superal; Assistant Treasurer: Lovely Mae Carillo; Business Manager: Kim Bryan Pizaña; Auditor: Marielle Bulaong; Public Information Officer (PIO): Michele Esguerra; and SSG Representatives: Jolina Maureen Navales, John Miguel Jabines, and Maria Linda Pilan.

In SY 2014-2015, the BLIS program organized the first officers of Interns. The following were the officers: President: Ms. April Mae B. Delola; Vice President: Janyl C. Bautista; Secretary: Jesa Jessah B. Elevencione; Acting Secretary (2nd semester): Ladie Mae S. Barcoso Treasurer: Rose Marie M. Lim; and PIO: Michele M. Esguerra. In 2014, the BLIS program was represented in the Yearbook Staff by Ms. Fatima A. Tagan. When this batch took the LLE, it produced the second placer in the person of Ms. April Mae Delola.

HCDC-BLIS has maintained the following linkages and networking to keep abreast of the needs of the times:

- a. Assumption College of Davao (ACD)
- b. Ateneo de Davao University (ADDU)
- c. Davao Doctors College (DDC)
- d. University of South-Eastern Philippines (USEP)
- e. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
- f. Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA)
- g. Philippine Agency for Community and Family (PACAF)
- h. Davao City Library & Information Center
- i. Saint Alphonsus Theological and Mission Institute (SAT-MI)
- j. Knowledge Development Center (KDC).

HCDC-BLIS has also collaborated with the following professional groups:

- a. Davao Colleges and Universities Network (DACUN)
- b. Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI)
- c. Philippine Accrediting Association for Schools Colleges and Universities (PAASCU)
- d. Mindanao Alliance of Educators of Library & Information Science (MAELIS)
- e. Council of Deans and Heads of Library and Information Science Schools (CODHLIS), and
- f. Philippine Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science, Inc. (PATLS).

In 2016, the administration renamed CAS to the College of Humanities, Social Sciences and Communication (HuSoCom) with the appointment of the new dean, Dr. Teresa P. Fabiania. The BLIS Intern Batch 2016 held the first pinning ceremony at the

HCDC Sedes Sapientiae Auditorium. It was also in 2016 that HCDC-BLIS produced the second placer in the LLE for the third time. The event was conducted with a motorcade and the Eucharistic Celebration of the Mass in time during the National Book Week and Library and Information Services Month celebration. The program head accompanied the LLE topnotcher to the oath-taking ceremony on October 24, 2016, for the newly licensed librarians at the Century Park Hotel Manila. The passers also had the opportunity to tour the Malacañang Palace and the museums in Intramuros.

On November 10, 2016, the BLIS program held the following activities:

- a. The program head attended the PAASCU General Assembly and received the John Meany Award at the Century Park Hotel; and
- b. The BLIS Interns assisted the secretariat during the PLAI-National Congress held on November 22 to 25 at the SMX Convention Center, Davao City.

On March 29, 2019, the whole college celebrated the first HuSoCom Graduation Ball and Internship Culminating activity at the Grand Men Seng Hotel. The college invited representatives from the different linkages of the internship program.

In SY 2017-2018, with the support of the leadership of Fr. Russell A. Bantiles, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the BLIS program pushed for the construction of the new BLIS laboratory. This school year, the BLIS program hired Mrs. Isaval Mae C. Monterde as full-time faculty. It was the first time that the BLIS program has hired full-time faculty members.

On July 2, 2018, the BLIS office was transferred from the left wing of the third floor in the HCDC Gymnasium to the sixth floor of the Sta. Ana Building (new building) along Sta. Ana Avenue. The administration provided the BLIS program with an office and laboratories. Plans and lay-out for the laboratory provided the following: a) Mini-Library; b) BLIS Computer Laboratory; and c) Technical Conservation / Restoration Laboratory facilities. The BLIS development plan includes the furniture and equipment.

This year, all educational programs of HCDC, including the BLIS program, has undergone a revision of its curriculum. The first batch will finish on SY 2021-2022. The BLIS program adopted the new general education subjects mandated by CHED. The institution changed the curriculum due to the

implementation of the K to 12 program. Based on CMO no. 24, series of 2015, the BLIS curriculum was revised effective SY 2018-2019.

In 2018, the HCDC-BLIS program produced 13 new librarians who passed the LLE conducted by PRC on September 19 and 20. On September 15, 2018, another event was the organization of the first HCDC BLIS Alumni. The following officers were elected: President: Mrs. Gresiel Ferrando; Vice President: Ms. April Mae B. Delola; Secretary: Ms. Rochel Villar; Treasurer: Mrs. Karen Jearim C. Abanil; Business Manager: Mr. Gleen Dagohoy; PIO: Ms. Leny Lasmarias; and Auditor: Mr. Janyl C. Bautista. There were 21 alumni who attended the meeting.

In SY 2019-2020, the following are the BLIS faculty members: Angelita Achacoso-Bisares; Isaval Mae Calunsag Monterde (full-time); Mirafe Beldad (part-time); Mary G. Lariosa (part-time); and Genevieve Vivero-Tagudin (part-time). The school administration transferred the office of the BLIS program from the College of HuSoCom under the new Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Teresa P. Fabiania to the College of Engineering and Technology (CET) under the OIC Dean Prof. Owen B. Pilongo. In August 2020, Fr. Russell Bantiles retired as vice-president for Academic Affairs. Dr. Fabiania performed dual roles as Dean of the College of HuSoCom and the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Beginning in March 2020, the institution suffered from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unprepared, everyone left the school campus, and HCDC started to conduct classes online. The school experienced deep financial crisis. In August 2020, the administration retrenched 69 employees. The Basic Education Department also ceased its operation in May 2021. In SY 2019-2020, the administration created the Transitional Academic Period (TAP). It bridged the time gap due to the unexpected change of the school calendar opening from June to August. Hence, the first semester of SY 2020-2021 commenced from August until December 2021. The BLIS program hurriedly conducted online training for the faculty on handling classes online and creating modules and hand-outs. HCDC offered TAP packages for faculty: a) Package 1: Module Writing – 6 units; b) Package 2: Online training + hand-outs; c) Package 3: 2 subjects loads; and d) Package 4: training facilitators. The BLIS faculty opted to have package number 2 to attend the online training. The administrators conducted the training to equip the faculty in handling the online classes.

On September 1, 2020, the administration ceased the appointment of Prof. Bisares as the BLIS Program Head. She endorsed the BLIS Office to the Office of the CET OIC Dean, Mr. Owen Pilongo, MIT. The school administration transferred Prof. Bisares to the HCDC Library as the Head Librarian. However, she continued to be a faculty in the BLIS Program. Members of the faculty were encouraged to attend online webinars by library associations such as CODHLIS, PATLS, and other organizations such as CHED for updates. HCDC programs also conducted in-house seminars to enhance competencies.

In November 2020, HCDC declared that the school is on the verge of bankruptcy. The HCDC administration encouraged all employees to apply for early retirement by December of 2020. In January 2021, simultaneous with the new structure, another change transpired. Due to the few enrollees in the BLIS

program, the administration transferred the BLIS Office to the old e-library beneath the HCDC Gymnasium. PRC issued a resolution to defer the conduct of the LLE. Hence, there were no takers of the licensure examination for librarians nationwide.

In addition, the HCDC administration adopted a new structure. They renamed and dissolved some administrative positions like the deanship position. The administration appointed Mr. Owen B. Pilongo, the former OIC-Dean of CET program as Head of the Bachelor of Information Technology (BSIT) program. He subsumed the BLIS program. The BLIS faculty line-up for the second semester of SY 2020-2021 presently handling the LIS subjects are Professors Isaval Mae C. Monterde, Zenaida D. Sayson, and Genevieve Vivero-Tagudin. All of them are on part-time faculty provisions. Table 1 presents the faculty line-up from SY 2003-2004 to 2020-2021.

Table 1

Faculty Line-Up from SY 2003-2004 to SY 2020-2021

<p>SY 2002-2003 TO 2006-2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Angelita A. Bisares, MSLS b. Felix L. Bolocon c. Teresita O. Eco, MSLS d. Restituta D. Macarayo, MSLS e. Briccio M. Merced, Jr., PhD f. Engr. Edouard Villegas 	<p>SY 2007-2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mrs. Melinda B. Alba, MLIS b. Mrs. Angelita A. Bisares, MSLS c. Mr. Felix Bolocon d. Briccio M. Merced, PhD e. Mrs. Restituta D. Macarayo, MSLS f. Mr. Ernesto Tomas, jr g. Engr. Edouard Villegas
<p>SY 2008-2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Engr. Kim Andagan b. Mrs. Angelita A. Bisares, MSLS c. Mr. Felix Bolocon d. Ms. Melinda B. Alba, MLIS e. Mrs. Restituta D. Macarayo, MSLS f. Briccio M. Merced, Jr., PhD 	<p>SY 2009-2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mrs. Angelita A. Bisares, MSLS b. Mr. Felix L. Bolocon c. Dr. Denan Cariño d. Ms. Melinda B. Alba, MLIS e. Mrs. Restituta D. Macarayo, MSLS f. Briccio M. Merced, PhD
<p>SY 2010-2011</p> <p>Faculty handling LIS Major Subjects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mrs. Melinda B. Alba, MLIS b. Mrs. Angelita A. Bisares, MSLS c. Mr. Felix L. Bolocon d. Mr. Restituta D. Macarayo, MSLS e. Briccio M. Merced, Jr., PhD <p>Other Faculty assigned in the BLIS Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prof. Ernesto Tomas b. Prof. Albert Musico 	<p>SY 2011-2012</p> <p>Faculty handling LIS Major Subjects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mrs. Melinda Alba, MLIS b. Mrs. Angelita A. Bisares, MSLS c. Mr. Felix Bolocon d. Mrs. Restituta D. Macarayo, MSLS e. Briccio . Merced, PhD f. Engr. Kim Andagan <p>Other Faculty Assigned in the BLIS Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mr. Albert Musico b. Mr. Ernesto Tomas

<p>SY 2012-13 Faculty Teaching BLIS Major Subjects a. Balansag Rufina , MSLS b. Bisares, Angelita A, MSLS. c. Bolocon, Felix L. d. Calunsag, Isaval Mae e. Desabilla, Anne Frances f. Macarayo, Restituta D.,MSLS</p> <p>Other Faculty Assigned in the BLIS Program a. Andagan, Kim b. Musico, Albert c. Tomas, Ernesto, Jr. d. Toleran, Jeffrey</p>	<p>SY 2013-14 Faculty Teaching BLIS Major subjects a. Mrs. Balansag, Rufina S., MSLS b. Mrs. Bisares, Angelita A, MSLS. c. Ms. Calunsag, Isaval Mae d. Mr. Bolocon, Felix L. e. Mrs. Desabilla, Anne Frances f. Mrs. Macarayo, Restituta, MSLS g. Engr. Andagan, Kim h. Engr. Polestico, Gernante</p> <p>Other Faculty Assigned in the BLIS Program a. Mr. Toleran, Jeffrey b. Mr. Tomas, Ernesto</p>
<p>SY 2015-2016 Faculty handling LIS Major Subjects a. Mrs. Rufina S. Balansag, MSLS b. Mrs. Angelita A. Bisares, MSLS c. Mr. Felix L Bolocon d. Mrs. Isaval Mae C. Monterde e. Ms. Mary G. Lariosa, f. Ms. Genevieve L. Vivero</p> <p>Other Faculty Assigned in the BLIS Program a. Ms. Cupidlyn Banoyo b. Mr. Albert Musico c. Mr. Mark Suico d. Mr. Jeffrey Toleran e. Mr. Ernesto Tomas</p>	<p>SY 2016-2017 Faculty handling LIS Major Subjects a. Mr. Felix Bolocon b. Mrs. Rufina S. Balansag, MSLS c. Mrs. Angelita A.Bisares d. Ms. Mary Lariosa e. Mra. Isaval Mae Monterde f. Ms. Genevieve Vivero</p> <p>Other Faculty Assigned in the BLIS Program a. Ms. Cupidlyn Banoyo b. Mr. Albert Musico c. Mr. Mark Suico d. Mr. Jeffrey Toleran e. Mr. Tomas Ernesto</p>
<p>SY 2017-2018 a. Mrs. Angelita A.Bisares b. Mrs. Rufina Balansag c. Ms. Mirafe Beldad d. Mrs. Isaval Mae C. Monterde e. Mrs. Mary G. Lariosa f. Mrs. Genevieve Vivero</p>	<p>SY 2018-2019 a. Engr. Kim Andagan b. Mrs. Rufina S. Balansag c. Mrs. Angelita A.Bisares d. Ms. Mirafe Beldad e. Mrs. Isaval Mae C. Monterde f. Mrs. Mary G. Lariosa g. Mrs. Genevieve Vivero-Tagudin</p>
<p>SY 2019-2020 a. Mrs. Angelita A.Bisares b. Ms. Mirafe Beldad c. Mrs. Isaval Mae C. Monterde d. Mrs. Mary G. Lariosa e. Mrs. Genevieve Vivero-Tagudin</p>	<p>SY 2020-2021 a. Mrs. Isaval Mae C. Monterde b. Mrs. Zenaida D. Sason c. Mrs. Genevieve Vivero-Tagudin</p>

Table 2 presents the graduates of HCDC-BLIS program who passed the LLE from 2001 to 2019. Table 3 presents the performance of HCDC in the LLE from 2010 to 2019.

ACADEMIC CRESTS, SEALS AND LOGOS

The HCDC Logo is reflected in the official communications of the BLIS program as a member of

the HCDC Community, it is inherent to adopt the abovementioned logo in all its official communications. The HCDC 60th Anniversary Logo was used especially during the 60th anniversary of HCDC.

As a program belonged to the CAS until 2019, the BLIS program acknowledged the CAS by reflecting

Table 2*HCDC BLIS Roster of Librarians from 2001 to 2019*

<p>November 2001 Badar, Janice Manon-og Balite, Winda Laurente Belangel, Melinda Blando De la Cruz, Jennie Avenion Delcon, Corazon Villegas Lingatong, Alice Rebuta Magno, Rizza Paul Martinez, Lea Christine Gonzales</p>	<p>November 2002 Escalante, Annabelle Loren Fabicon, Germie Magoncia Garrote, Ruth Tajantajan Gonzales, Jenny Marice Zafra Hofitena, Carlo Mario Aquino Pelayre, Jude Maratas Quinoveba, Alne DagmiL Suaybaguio, Vergel Ruelo Repil, Joan Narisma</p>	<p>November 2003 Escaros, Ethel Luardo Escuyos, Fe Tuling Magdadaro, Belly Llanos</p>	<p>November 2004 Alfaro, Fretzie Flores Bastasa, Ma. Reggie Ranay Cuevas, Karen Jearim Muana</p>
<p>November 2005 Batulan, Liza de la Torre Comonal, Janice Balondo Sacare, Lydia Natinga</p>	<p>November 2006 Cabana, Mae Ann Mendoza Calunsag, Isaval Mae Itao Canang, Cindy Marcos Gelmo, Mustiola Resomadero Gripo, Analou Duclan Jugador, Chester Jethro Clint Lamoste, Meralo Amparo Lubiano, Leah Carillo Ramirez, Mary Janet Miguel Sabelino, Joan Rescallar 1Suhayon, May Gomez</p>	<p>November 2007 Arendaing, Flora Mae Dupa Rodis, Irene Mamaril (earning 18 units only)</p>	<p>November 2008 Fernando, Gresiel Esquadra Gador, Roxenne Villar Guimba, Alessandra Agan</p>
<p>November 2009 Canang, Rhea Marcos Dominguez, Zenaida Galendez Senit, Patty Abregana Niar, Annie Grace Bayog</p>	<p>November 2010 Ambit, Aldiane Joy Basale - 2nd Place Balico, Aisa Redondeiz Malanog, Gina Limsan Ojaldon, Erwin Roy Taleo</p>	<p>November 2011 Mercado, Kiara Keren Roncesvalles Sarita, Emelita Canoy</p>	<p>November 2012 Abarquez, Cristine Calago Bagayo, Evan Jhon Advincola Calipayan, Maricel Ferrando Gasapo, Julie Galve Lagare, Joan Bustillo Latigay, Emmalyn Asares Repil, Mary Joy Narisma Solijon, Mildred Anino Villar, Rochel Alo Vivero, Genevieve Losegro - 5th Place</p>
<p>November 2013 Capa, Ellen Joy Marin Colanse, Liezel Tuico Dagohoy, Gleen Manulat Gapas, Cherry Gil Acaso Ibañez, Noredith Kaye Cordero Mehoy, Genna Masong Napoles, Jacqueline Buala Remulta, Ronelyn Roa</p>	<p>April 2014 Goc-ong, Ma. Chieves Bansag Lasmarias, Lenny Barcoso Ortilano, Lovelyn Samonte</p>	<p>April 22-23, 2015 Roselyn Mercado Jerralyn Sato April Shalom Luis Mabascog, Shella Mendoza, Annabel (earning units who proceeded to masteral)</p>	<p>September 20-21, 2016 Abordo, Cyndiarrelle G. Alibango, Jayson R. Anunciado, Roanne Mae Aresco, Key S. Bagol, Cecilia Banggat, Shenes C. Barcoso, Lorhen V. Bautista, Janyl C. Broca, Lovely Rose C. Buenafe, Christi Frank Von Cañete, Anthony P. Cordero, Joy Lou Marie M. De Los Nieves, Cualecca B. Delola, April Mae B. - 2nd Place Gatchalian, Fe Susana C. Goc-Ong, Charles Nieven Jane B. Gomez, Mary Ann Joy B. Hinampas, Etel Ella Marie F. Inocando, Anna Christine C. Lim, Rose Marie M. Magdoboy, May Ann Joy B. Pilan, Maria Linda C. Pioso, Claire Ann Quinte, Lorina Superal, Shireslyng A. Tagan, Fatima June A.</p>
<p>September 19 & 20, 2017 Camporedondo, Roquiza Sevilla Duran, Edlyn Perez Elevencione, Jesa Jessah Borres Gemilga, Christine Mae Gevero Jabines, John Miguel Cuizon Lastimado, Donna Joy Villareal Magdamo, Claire Ann Magdoboy, Charez Joy Bandigan Mosquito, Roscent Navales, Jolina Maureen Paderanga Oljol, Giselle Jade Feca Ortillano, Liezel Pizaña, Kim Bryan Ochea Pringase, Gina</p>	<p>September 18 & 19, 2018 Anna Joyce Alforon Argyll Almonte Danielle Anne Balolong Alma Mae Cabilin Myrem Dacuno Lemuel Gregori Jennifer Alsie Marasigan Charmaine Grace Palapas Fe Pedrosa Rosa Mae Perales Jerome Procorato Cielo Ruth Taboada Judyllyn Urquiza</p>	<p>September 10-11, 2019: <i>New Takers: 83.33%</i> <i>National Passing: 55.18%</i> Aure, Ella Lea Mae Prochina Booc, Fritche Anne Lim Camanse, Almera Bitang Dela Vega, Helen Mariz Zosa Dotillos, Vanessa Reign Tagudin Funtecha, Rodelyn Sevileno Justol, Trixia Anne Cordero Rodriguez, Jeffrix Alboroto Asejo, Kathrina Dango Omandam, Lorie Ann Ybanez</p>	

Table 3

Institutional Summary of LLE Results from 2010 to 2019

YEAR	FIRST TIMERS				REPEATERS				OVERALL PERFORMANCE				NATIONAL PASSING
	PASSED	FAILED	TOTAL	% PASSED	PASSED	FAILED	TOTAL	% PASSED	PASSED	FAILED	TOTAL	% PASSED	%
2019	10	2	12	83.33%	0	9	9	0%	10	11	21	47.62%	55.18%
2018	13	7	20	60%	0	8	8	0%	13	15	28	46.43%	49%
2017	13	2	15	86.67%	3	8	11	27.27%	16	10	26	61.54%	60.28%
2016	20	5	25	80%	6	10	16	37%	26	15	41	63.41%	64.74%
2015	3	6	9	33.33%	1	6	7	14.29%	4	12	16	25%	45%
2014	1	1	2	50%	2	11	13	15.38%	3	12	15	20%	27.97%
2013	6	6	12	50%	2	9	11	18.18%	8	15	23	34.78%	45.80%
2012	7	4	11	63.64%	5	15	20	25.00%	12	19	31	38.71%	47%
<i>Actual HCDC-BLIS Performance in 2012 (there were five passers who were included in the list, but were not graduates of HCDC)</i>													
2012	7	1	8	87.50%	4	13	17	23.53%	11	14	25	44%	47%
2011	2	3	5	40%	0	16	16	0%	2	19	21	9.52%	27.62%
2010	3	4	7	42.86%	1	11	12	8.33%	4	15	19	21.05%	27%

the college logo on all its official communications. In 2019, the BLIS program was transferred to the College of Engineering and Technology (CET) and the shift was also reflected in the logo use in official communications.

The first BLIS logo was created by Prof. Felix L. Bolocon, HCDC-BLIS faculty member. The revised BLIS Logo S.Y. 2013-2014 was created by Ms.

April Me Delola during her internship year in the college.

The newly adapted BLIS logo comes with the following elements: HCDC, Catherine Wheels, The Cross, Open book, Laurel Wreath, 1994, WWW icon, Five Marian Stars representing Ranganathan's Five Laws of Library Science and the color Lemon Yellow serving as the official color of the program.



HCDC Logo



HCDC 60th Anniversary Logo



CAS Logo



CET Logo



Old BLIS Logo



New BLIS Logo

New Logo

The library is a growing organism, and so is our logo. The following words, colors, and symbols now grace our new emblem.

Outer Circle:

BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

HCDC – Holy Cross of Davao College

The Spiked Wheel – Also known as Catherine Wheel; it is the principal symbol of St. Catherine of Alexandria, the patron saint of the Bachelor of Library and Information Science department

Inner Circle:

The Cross – The cross symbolizes Jesus Christ, our Savior, the center of our lives and all our endeavors. The cross reminds us of God’s great love for us and of Jesus’ triumph over sin and death. The red symbolizes the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, our sanctifier and giver of life. The Red Cross also depicts our belief of Jesus being conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Open book – It represents the library print materials and the modern thinking that libraries are not just for storing books, but for providing the users access to these books. In history, books were often chained and are enclosed in glass cases to preserve them and to prevent their loss. Nowadays, most libraries are embracing the concept of open shelves while still conducting activities that protect and preserve library materials.

Laurel Wreath – It represents the department’s advocacy for excellence and pursuit of continuing professional education and development among information science professionals.

1994 – The year when the Library and Information Science program was founded in HCDC.

WWW Icon – It represents the non-print materials, electronic information resources, internet-based resources and the integration of the information communication technology in performing library operations.

The Five Marian Stars – The symmetric six-pointed blue stars symbolize Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, our luminous hope and guide towards salvation. The stars are five in number in order to represent the profession’s foremost guiding principles in operating a library system, Dr. S.R. Ranganathan’s Five Laws of

Library Science, to wit:

1. Books are for use
2. Every reader his/her book
3. Every book its reader
4. Save the time of the reader
5. The library is a growing organism

The first three of these laws are situated on the right panel together with the open book to emphasize the need for the users to gain full access to library items that will be useful to them.

The other two are situated on the right side panel together with the WWW icon in recognition of the role of technology in the provision of faster and more efficient services and in the realization of libraries that successfully adapt to the changes of the environment.

Lemon Yellow – The official color of the Bachelor of Library and Information Science program.

Quetzalcoatl:

The Aztec God of Learning

The Bachelor of Library and Information Science has Quetzalcoatl – “The Quetzals” – as its mythical creature to acknowledge his contributions in the early formation of literacy, books and libraries. *Quetzalcoatl* /,kɛtsəlˈkɔːtl/ is one of the major Aztec deities of the ancient Mexican pantheon.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

1. Celebrated with a mass the Annual Fiesta of BLIS in honor of St. Catherine of Alexandria every November 25;
2. Presented researches in symposiums;
3. Has contributed articles to the following Newsletters: Masterpiece and The Exponent; The Official Newsletters of CAS/HUSOCUM and Engineering and Technology Programs;
4. Library Science Organization (LISCO) BLIS students conducted its Library Assistance Program (LAP);
5. Conducted regularly Community Extension Services (CES) to Philippine Agency for Community and Family (PACAF);
6. Processed/renewed memorandum of agreements among the linkages

BLIS FACULTY ACTIVITIES:

1. Produced promotional materials; collaborated with Social Communication Center (SCC);
2. Conducted promotional campaigns
3. Conducted Action Research, “Factors Influencing Students’ Performance in Librarians Licensure Examination.”
4. Developed the following:
 - 4.1. BLIS Office Manual and Procedures
 - 4.2. Internship Manual
 - 4.3. Laboratory Guidelines
 - 4.4. Instructional Materials, Modules and hand-outs
5. Updated syllabi for new courses
6. Devised new ways to meet online thru video call, Zoom, SMS, Messenger, Facebook
7. Attended networking activities, online training and webinars, association meetings, and assemblies.

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