

## **SPC Philippines inaugurates COIL Global Virtual Classroom**

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In its continuous pursuit of excellence, San Pedro College Internationalization and Linkages Office, in line with SPC's 65th Anniversary celebration, launched the Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Global Virtual Classroom to bolster internationalization and foster a digitally and globally ready learning environment.

The launching of the global classroom officiated virtually last August 04, 2021 via zoom and Facebook live. Despite time differences among the international partners, SPC COIL Coordinator Dr. June Lambo- Prieto formally opened the event, conveying in her opening address the challenges of global collaboration but how 'meaningful work' will be achieved, nonetheless.

Consequently, various COIL and Global Mobility Program initiatives like international webinars "Current Trends and Methods in English Language Teaching" and "Landscape of Physical Therapy Education and Practice During and Beyond the New Normal" conducted throughout the year were played in an audio visual presentation.

The Quipper Southern Mindanao team also presented their online management platform that connects teachers and learners for global wisdom opportunities. Founded in 2010, Quipper, the official learning management system of SPC, has established technological support with user-friendly platforms that include automated checking of student's assignments and exams, and content management for teachers.

Furthermore, ImmerseU Class2Class, the official COIL platform of SPC, has also been showcased at the event. Class2Class is a platform that can respond to complicated questions on connecting with other people and managing collaborations. It is also a remarkable program to level up teaching methods.

As it continues, international partners from the USA, Japan, Hawaii, Colombia, Chile, Brazil, Spain and Mexico have also graced the event, presenting their own initiatives in providing "Borderless Education through Digital Innovations."

### **TO ENABLE INTERNATIONALIZATION**

In sharing faculty member experiences, COIL Coordinator for SPC Arts and Sciences Department, Prof. Olivine Ivy Cocjin talked about her encounters in the COIL-LED Program. She expressed how it was challenging to teach foreign students, especially that some of them cannot speak the universal language. However, she strategized for them to communicate and understand each other in spite of the diversity because, according to her, this is a way to establish linkages to other schools. "From then on, I thought that it was such a fulfilling moment, what I experienced from my students," Cocjin said.

### **TO BREAK BOUNDARIES**

On the other hand, in the sharing of experiences of the Global Mobility Program, SPC student Vincent Arcite reminisced about his journey of being part of the initiative that made him step

beyond the line of comfort zone and how he was enlightened by the different adversities and boundaries of their countries. “Who might have thought that we were able to break all boundaries, borders, and limitations brought about by the pandemic. A dream turned reality,” Arcite accentuated.

#### TO FOSTER A GLOBAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

One of the key missions of the virtual global classroom is to promote a digitally and globally ready learning environment for students and faculty members. Through this, Commission on Higher Education - International Affairs Staff Director III, Atty. Lily Frieda C. Macabangun-Milla, CESO IV, expressed her support and gratitude in the international endeavors of San Pedro College. “As we journey through this day of another milestone in the academic community of SPC, we applaud the significant achievement of your institution. Thank you for being one with the commission in its internationalization endeavors,” Macabangun-Milla stated in her inspirational message during the event.

The SPC Global Virtual Classroom, based on the COIL methodology, aims to promote global learning, internationalization and to connect students around the globe. This initiative not only generates advanced and diverse learning experiences but enables international linkages that will lead to collaboration on making the world a better place.

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