

USM soars anew as one of Philippines' top HEIs

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From its previous rank at the 60th place, the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) registered to a 26th spot among 288 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) nationwide based on the Webometrics Ranking of World Universities (WRWU) in July 2021.

The WRWU is an initiative of the Cybermetrics Lab, one of the largest public research bodies and among the first research organizations in Europe. The Lab aims to provide multidimensional information about the performance of universities from all over the world based on their web presence and impact and top-cited researchers and papers.

One of the esteemed HEIs in Southern Philippines, USM maintains its prestige in nationwide rankings and continues to excel as a research institution. The University's synergy among its four-fold functions, research elevated the institution 34 notches higher.

Moreover, The Institutes for Research, Innovation, and Scholarship (The IRIS) recognized USM as one of the Top Philippine Universities in *Research Productivity*. Among 106 public and private universities, USM placed 19th in Science, 38th in Health and 67th in Engineering

Presented by Dr. Carlos Primo C. David, The IRIS released its rankings on July 14, 2021. As an internationally renowned evaluator of HEIs, the Institute determines its ranking through the cumulative publications and citations from Elsevier's Scopus and Thomson Reuter's Web of Science and the h-index.

With the recent innovative ventures of USM in research and extension, the University is set to surpass its stellar performance leading to global prestige.