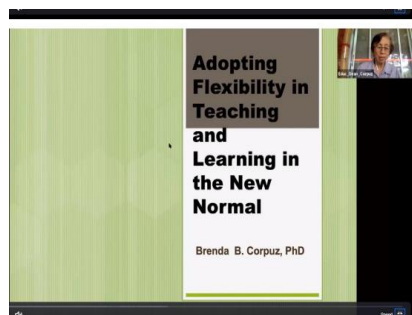


# PAFTE IX Adopts Flexibility in the New Normal

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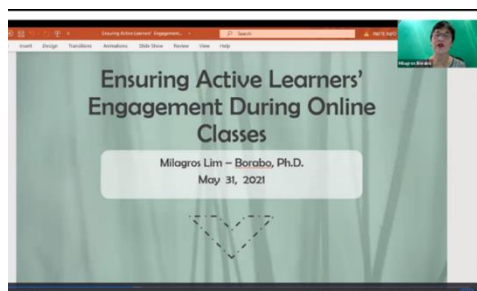
The Philippine Association for Teachers and Educators (PAFTE) Region IX, with its new set of officers, conducted the first Regional Virtual Students' Congress on June 1, 2021 via Zoom with the theme *“Adopting Flexibility in Teaching and Learning in the New Normal”*.

At 8 o'clock, all the 455 participants were admitted in the virtual room. The program started with the AV presentations of the doxology, the national anthem, and the Zamboanga Hermosa hymn. Dr. Elizabeth Jane P. Sebastian, the chairperson of PAFTE Region IX had her welcome address and statement of purpose to greet the participants and the speakers.



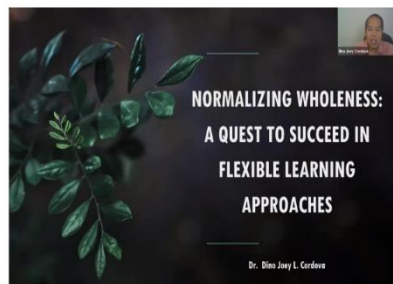
Dr. Celia D. Andas, PAFTE VP for Mindanao, introduced the keynote speaker, **Dr. Brenda D. Corpuz**, the PAFTE National President. She delivered her keynote message anchoring on the theme of the congress and further emphasized on flexible learning in terms of content, schedule, assessment, and delivery.

Dr. Marjorie S. Emmanuel, Regional Secretary introduced



**Dr. Milagros L. Borabao**, VP for Luzon and Executive Director, PAFTE as the first resource speaker who shared her knowledge and expertise on the topic “Ensuring Active Learners Engagement During Online Classes”. She discussed the 20 Tips in Increasing Learners Engagement which are very applicable to all students in this time of pandemic.

An intermission number was performed by the Zamboanga Peninsula Polytechnic State University (ZPPSU) Nawan Cultural Dance Troupe.



Dr. Rosalinda C. Baloria, Regional Board presented Dr. Dino Joey L. Cordova who gave his enlightening talk on the topic “Normalizing Wholeness: A Quest to Succeed in Flexile Learning Approches”. He reiterated on our own individual discovery of our purpose in life.

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PRO, facilitated the Open Forum. Three questions were raised by the participants for each of the three speakers of the day.

Dr. Mercedes A. Bejerano, Chapter Vice Chair, delivered her Challenge to all the pre-service teachers participating in the congress. She also thanked all of those who attended and cooperated in the event for without them everything would not have been a success.

An announcement was made by Dr. Marjorie S. Emmanuel, regarding the evaluation e-forms which must be accomplished by all participants. The incoming PAFTE 11th Midyear Convention which will happen on the June 11-12, 2021, was also announced and all members were encouraged to join. Then, the PAFTE Hymn was played through an AV presentation. The Master of Ceremony was Dr. Narcisa S. Bureros, the treasurer of PAFTE Region IX.