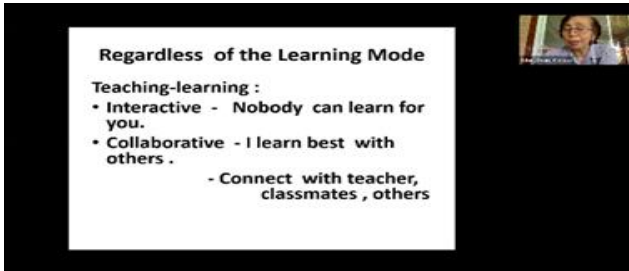
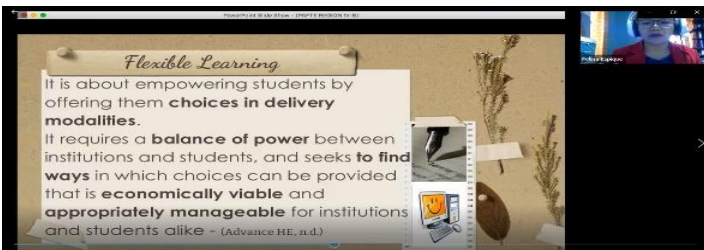


Teaching and Learning Models in the New Normal

Last May 8, 2021, PAFTE MIMAROPA held the 2021 Student Congress with the theme: *“Teaching and Learning Models in the New Normal”*, through Zoom and FB Live. With the aim to continue aiding for excellence in the field of education despite the pandemic, six hundred forty-



three (643) students and teachers actively participated in this activity. **Dr. Brenda B. Corpuz**, the PAFTE National President, graced the event with her keynote speech. The resource speakers were **Dr. Milagros Lim-Borabo**, shared points on “Ensuring Active Learners’ Engagement during Online Classes”; and **Dr. Felina P. Espique** on “Technological and Pedagogical Strategies for Flexible Learning.”



technology enables us to reach the once unreachable programs. The webinars like this made it possible because of the online platforms used to adjust to the new normal. Dr. Milagros Borabo, the first resource speaker, on the other hand, highlighted the importance of learning engagement. Learning engagement, according to her, is the degree or attention, curiosity, interest, optimism, and passion that students show when they are inside the classroom which also reflects their level of motivation. It also allows collaborative learning, the development and enhancement of teacher-student relationship, and many more. The last speaker, Dr. Felina Espique, furthermore, focused on the technical side of flexible learning and various learning modalities teachers can use to adapt to the new educational setup. According to her it is important that we, as future teachers, develop our technology, pedagogy, and content.



All these are key takeaways important among the future teacher like me as it gives us a chance to look at the profession in different perspectives – professionally and personally.

Kudos to PAFTE MIMAROPA for the event.
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Reflection

I had a lot of realizations during the PAFTE Student Congress this academic year. As part of the organizing team and as one of the event’s hosts, I really had a chance to see up close the way it works from the inside that eventually helped me gain some takeaways. Before the event started, we, the hosts, had only a little time to prepare for our spiels but this was easy for us because we had immense help from the PAFTE officers and committees. During the event, I was personally able to enjoy the program because it featured very knowledgeable speakers and very informative talks.

From the keynote speaker, the President of PAFTE National, Dr. Brenda Corpuz, I learned that even with the set-up now, anything is still possible because of technology. She mentioned that