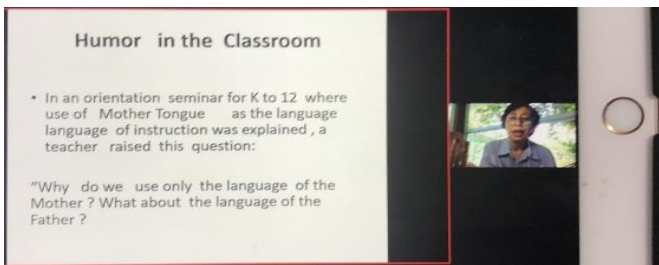


PAFTE-ASTER 10 ensures active learners' engagement in on-line classes

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To ensure the active learners' engagement in an online class through social and emotional competence and the hybrid technological tools and apps was the covid goal of the **Philippine Association for Teachers and Educators (PAFTE) Region 10** in this new normal education. With this as the guidepost, the **PAFTE 10 Board** gave way to the **First Student Teachers Virtual Congress** last **April 30, 2021 (Friday, 1:00-5:00 pm) via Microsoft Teams**. The highly esteemed resource speakers whose caliber is beyond question profoundly shared their brilliant thoughts and genuine support during the congress. The Regional Director of the Commission on Higher Education Regional Office 10, **Dr. Raul C. Alvarez** started it all as the Keynote Speaker, but his message was successfully delivered by Dr. Miriam B. Fuentes, Education Program Supervisor of his office, and left the teachers and students with the note that **"during the pandemic, we learn better with GRIT- Generosity, Resilience, Innovativeness, and Technology"**.

Aligned with the theme were the following objectives: **1.) define active online learners' engagement and appropriate strategies to ensure learning and real-life applications; 2.) describe social and emotional competence and its importance to the development and online learning; 3.) acquaint with hybrid technological tools and apps for teachers and student teachers; 4.) orient the pre-service teachers with the Dep Ed hiring guidelines of teacher 1 positions; 5.) exchange ideas and aspirations and have productive interaction for the continuous improvement of the quality teacher education; 6.) intensify the pre-service preparation and training in the region.**



Dr. Brenda B. Corpuz, PAFTE National President

Dr. Brenda B. Corpuz, the President of PAFTE discussed the **Essentials of Social and Emotional Development and Competence for**

Virtual Teaching and Learning. She opened with several fun dialogues and mentioned the dimensions such as self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making. These are very important inputs for the teachers and the soon-to-be-teachers to remain healthy not just physically but also mentally and emotionally in this challenging time.

Dr. Milagros L. Borabo, Executive Director and Vice President for Luzon of PAFTE made the virtual conference meaningful and realistic by presenting the **Effective Strategies and Techniques in Ensuring Active Learners' Engagement during Virtual Classes**. The sample activities she specified were remarkably appreciated that the student teachers would soon like to apply when they teach online.

Hybrid Technological Tools and Apps were explained with a sample hands-on to provide the participants a concrete grasp of the teaching-learning system tools by **Ms. Maria Rhodora M. Santos**, Amicus KOI Solutions, Australia to help them know and explore the system applications so they can use when they teach virtually.



The Dep Ed Hiring Guidelines for Teacher 1 Positions were extensively presented by **Dr. Cherry Mae A. Limbaco**, Schools Division Superintendent, Cagayan de Oro City. She also stressed the criteria, requirements, guidelines, and procedures if after graduation they wish to apply to the Department of Education. That made the program more complete so the education graduates will have the idea of the preparation and standards for hiring. The **Virtual Raffles** were drawn of which the prizes were 2 units prepaid wifi modem and 1 smartphone to add excitements during the activity. The program indeed was a laudable success, and all the participants were happy that the learning was relevantly overflowing and realistic for online classes as an alternate learning modality. The student teachers were grateful that they were all given the chance to



interact virtually with the other senior students from the different teacher education institutions in the region.

Right after the virtual congress, all the **Association of Students in Teacher Education Region (ASTER) 10** Institutional Presidents converged altogether to hold the online election and induction of ASTER 10 Officers SY 2020-2021. Congratulations to the following Officers: President: John Lloyd Masanding (NMSCST); V-President: Jasher Alob (Christ the King – Maranding); Secretary: Shiela Marie P. Batutay (Capitol University); Treasurer: Arjay Rivero (Lourdes College); Auditor: Cathlyn Floremae Raluto (Liceo de Cagayan University); P. I. O: Joshua Armanroi P. Ejares (St. Michael’s College); Social Managers: 1. Evelyn S. Pacatang (La Salle University – Ozamis); 2. Audremie Durato (North Central Mindanao College); Board of Directors: 1. Levy P. Velez (Tagoloan Community College); 2. Jessun R. Tilan (The New El Salvador Colleges); 3. Christy Maestrado (Gingog City Colleges); and 4. Eleonor Lintuco. **To all these Officers, Godspeed and Stay Safe.** The acknowledgment to the Members of the Technical Committee, Chaired by Prof. John Mark Saldivar, La Salle University, Ozamis City, Prof. Mary Koren W. Acuesa, Tagoloan Community College, Mis. Or., Dr. Cris Barcelona, Lourdes College, Dr. Felina P. Espique, PAFTE National, Dr. Carmencita Cotapte, Chair, Dr. Victoria N. Estroga, Dr. Jenelyn G. Sabellina and all the cluster heads of the region.