

2.2 PROMINENT GRADUATES OF MS HORTICULTURE GRADUATES (2016 – 2026)

2.2.1 IMPORTANT DESIGNATIONS

Table 2. Prominent Graduates in the Master of Science in Horticulture with High Positions/Great Achievements (2016 – present).

Name of MS Horticulture Graduate	Year Graduated	Agency	Position	Important Designation Held (Term)
1. Mark Al-jamie J. Muttulani	2016	University of Southern Mindanao	Associate Professor IV	Deputy Director-SOXAARRDEC
2. Leo M. Gayao	2019	University of Southern Mindanao	Assistant Professor IV	Campus Head Coordinator-USM PALMA Campus
3. Marlon Garrigues	2016	North Eastern Mindanao State University (NEMSU)	Associate Professor I	Assistant Campus Director- NEMSU, San Miguel
4. Denona, Mylene Grace	2016	South Cotabato State College	Assitant Professor I	South Cotabato State College, Dean, Institute of Agriculture
5. Dela Cruz, Robin A.	2016	LGU-Kabacan-MAO	Agricultural Technologist II	Municipal Agriculturist-LGU Kabacan
6. Judy Rose Alamada	2020	Cotabato Foundation College of Science	Assistant Professor IV	Supervisor of the CFCST Antipas Campus, & Director- Innovation and

		and Technology		Technology Transfer
7. Ivy Mar Cabornida	2013	University of Southern Mindanao	Associate Professor V	Former Dean, CHEFS, USM

The data presented in Table 2 highlights the remarkable professional achievements and career advancement of graduates of the Master of Science in Horticulture (MS Horticulture) program. The graduates have successfully established themselves in various government institutions, higher education institutions, and local government units, demonstrating the relevance and contribution of the program to their professional growth.

Among the notable graduates is Mark Al-Jamie J. Muttulani, who graduated in 2016 and is currently an Associate Professor IV at the University of Southern Mindanao (USM). He also serves as Deputy Director of SOXAARRDEC, reflecting his significant involvement in academic, research, and institutional development activities. His leadership role demonstrates the capacity of MS Horticulture graduates to assume higher-level responsibilities in research and development.

Leo M. Gayao, a 2019 graduate, is an Assistant Professor IV at the University of Southern Mindanao and serves as Campus Head Coordinator of USM PALMA Campus. His designation reflects his advancement into academic and administrative leadership within the university.

Similarly, Marlon Garrigues, a 2016 graduate, is an Associate Professor I at North Eastern Mindanao State University (NEMSU) and has served as Assistant Campus Director of NEMSU–San Miguel. His academic rank and administrative designation demonstrate his professional growth and contribution to higher education.

Another notable graduate is Mylene Grace Denona, who graduated in 2016 and is an Assistant Professor I at Tarlac Agricultural University. She has also served as Dean of the Institute of Agriculture at South Cotabato State College, highlighting her competence in academic leadership and agricultural education.

Robin A. Dela Cruz, a 2016 graduate, is an Agricultural Technologist II at the LGU-Kabacan Municipal Agriculture Office and has served as Municipal Agriculturist of the Municipality of Kabacan. His career exemplifies the application of horticultural knowledge and skills in local agricultural development and extension services.

Meanwhile, Judy Rose Alamada, a 2020 graduate, is an Assistant Professor IV at the Cotabato Foundation College of Science and Technology (CFCST) and serves as Supervisor of the CFCST Antipas Campus. Her academic rank and supervisory

designation demonstrate the early professional advancement of recent MS Horticulture graduates.

Furthermore, Ivy Mar Cabornida, an MS Horticulture graduate of 2013 from the University of Southern Mindanao, currently serves as an Associate Professor V at USM. She is recognized as one of the prominent graduates of the program, having demonstrated leadership and professional excellence through her service as Former Dean of the College of Education, Health, and Food Sciences (CHEFS), USM, reflecting the significant contribution of MS Horticulture graduates to academic leadership and institutional development.

Overall, the career trajectories and leadership designations of these graduates demonstrate the high employability, professional competence, and leadership potential developed through the MS Horticulture program. Their appointments as professors, campus administrators, deans, supervisors, and municipal agriculture leaders provide strong evidence that the program equips its graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in academic, government, research, extension, and administrative positions. These accomplishments further affirm the program's significant contribution to producing competent horticulture professionals and leaders who actively contribute to agricultural and community development.



Prof. Mark Al-jamie J. Muttulani (MS Horticulture Alumni) designated as Deputy Director of SOXAARRDEC Consortium



**University of
Southern Mindanao**
PALMA Cluster Campuses

LEO M. GAYAO, MSc

Assistant Professor 4

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- BS Agriculture
Major in Horticulture
(2013)
- License Agriculturist
(2013)
- MS Horticulture
(2019)

**USM PALMA CLUSTER CAMPUSES
PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

- Agriculture and Veterinary Technology
- Campus Coordinator
USM Alamada

*"Committed to excellence in
agricultural education,
research, and extension for a
sustainable and food-secure
future."*

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**Prof. Leo M. Gayao (MS Horticulture Alumni) designated as USM Palma
Cluster Campuses Program Coordinator**



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EXTENSION SERVICES AND LINKAGES

"WELCOME MESSAGE"

DR. MARLON M. GARRIGUES

Assistant Campus Director



**Dr.. Marlon M. Garrigues (MS Horticulture Alumni) appointed as Assistant Campus
Director of North Eastern Mindanao State University-
San Miguel Campus**



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HAPPENING NOW | Technology Week 2025 of the Institute of Agriculture officially begins!

Technology Week 2025 officially kicks off at **South Cotabato State College – Institute of Agriculture (IA)** with the theme “Cultivating Knowledge, Nurturing Innovation, and Fostering Future Agriculturists for Sustainable Growth,” this three-day celebration (September 24–26) highlights the vital role of agri-tech in shaping a resilient and forward-looking agricultural sector.

The opening program was led by **Dr. Mylene Grace C. Denona, Dean of the Institute of Agriculture**, and graced by Dr. Joebert C. Legreso, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Mr. Hope P. Esparagosa, MAgDev, Director for Instruction together with the dedicated faculty and staff of IA.

Let the innovation begin!

Dr. Mylene Grace C. Denona (MS Horticulture Alumni) appointed as Dean of the Institute of Agriculture- South Cotabato Stage College gave here opening message during their Agritechnology Day Activity



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**Prof. Judy Rose C. Alamada (MS Horticulture Alumni), Designated as Supervisor,
Antipas Extension Campus of CFCST, and Director- Innovation and
Technology Transfer**

Republic of the Philippines
Region XII
Province of Cotabato
MUNICIPALITY OF KABACAN

MEMORANDUM NO. 2024-014

TO : ROBIN A. DELA CRUZ
Agriculturist II
-This unit

FROM : MUNICIPAL MAYOR

DATE : JANUARY 15, 2024

SUBJECT : ACTING MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURIST

In the exigency and interest of public service you are hereby designated as Acting Municipal Agriculturist In the Local Government Unit of Kabacan effective on January 15, 2024 until revoked by the undersigned.

Further, to ensure the smooth flow of operation in the Office you are hereby ordered to:

1. Supervise the operation of the office,
2. Represent the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist in all meetings,
3. Attend trainings and other similar official activities as approved by the Local Chief Executive,
4. Sign all reports,
5. Give update to the undersigned from time to time specially on technical matters,
6. Recommend Application for Leave and Travel Order of personnel, and
7. Does other functions as ordered by the undersigned.

Be guided accordingly.

[Signature]
EVANGELINE PASCUA-GUZMAN
Municipal Mayor

Cc: Office of the Municipal Mayor
Office of the ISDAG
Office of the Main, Agriculturist

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Memorandum Order, designating Mr. Robin Dela Cruz (MS Horticulture Alumni), as Acting Municipal Agriculturists Office of Kabacan

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