



## "PANAGTARIPTTO KADAGITI AGTUTUBO" PTO PROGRAM: UCU'S COMMITMENT TO SDG 4 THROUGH SERVICE LEARNING AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The "Panagtaripatto Kadagiti Agtutubo" PTO Program is a transformative service-learning initiative of Urdaneta City University (UCU) that connects the youth with meaningful community engagement while fostering their personal growth, character development, and career readiness.

Derived from the Ilocano words "Panagtaripatto" meaning "to take care or value" and "Agtutubo" meaning "the youth," the program reflects UCU's mission to nurture and value young individuals by enhancing their skills, potential, and sense of civic purpose.

### Empowering Youth Through Service Learning

Through this initiative, students from various UCU colleges extend their learning beyond the classroom by sharing their knowledge, talents, and expertise with PTO beneficiaries and community members. In return, they gain hands-on experience that strengthens their leadership, empathy, and professional competencies—traits essential for lifelong learning and success in their future careers.

Service-learning activities under the program include public lectures, educational workshops, and interactive community sessions that promote literacy, digital skills, environmental awareness, and health education. These activities not only enrich the community but also deepen the students' understanding of social responsibility and the value of education as a tool for transformation.

### Supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4

The "Panagtaripatto Kadagiti Agtutubo" PTO Program directly supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education, which advocates for inclusive, equitable, and lifelong learning opportunities for all. By organizing educational events, outreach programs, and public lectures, UCU empowers communities with knowledge while ensuring that education extends beyond formal academic settings. Through this initiative, UCU emphasizes that education is not confined within university walls—it is a shared responsibility that uplifts individuals and communities alike. The program highlights the university's dedication to integrating sustainability and social engagement into its academic and extension services.





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## A Testament to UCU's Broader Vision

Urdaneta City University remains steadfast in its commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, especially those focused on education, equality, and community development. The "Panagtariptto Kadagiti Agtutubo" PTO Program stands as a testament to this advocacy—showing how higher education can serve as a bridge between learning and life, knowledge and kindness, growth and giving.

By empowering the youth to serve and learn, UCU continues to shape globally competent, socially responsible graduates who contribute to sustainable progress—both locally and beyond.

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