

## UCUIAN GRANTEES RECEIVE TDP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: EMPOWERING STUDENTS, ADVANCING



In 2024, **Urdaneta City University (UCU)** reaffirmed its commitment to quality and inclusive education by facilitating the distribution of financial aid to **134 student grantees** under the **Tulong-Dunong Program (TDP)** at the UCU Holding Area. The event was successfully organized by the **Center for Student Leadership and Development (CSLD)**, reflecting the University's continued efforts to support student welfare and equitable access to higher education.

The **Tulong-Dunong Program (TDP)**, a component of the **Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES)** under the **Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST)**, provides direct financial assistance to deserving Filipino students enrolled in various higher education institutions. Through this initiative, grantees receive support to cover educational expenses such as tuition, learning materials, and other academic needs—allowing them to focus on their studies and achieve academic success without the burden of financial constraints.

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This initiative stands as a strong manifestation of Urdaneta City University's support for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—particularly SDG 1: No Poverty, which seeks to eradicate poverty in all its forms. By providing opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds to pursue higher education, UCU continues to empower individuals and families to overcome socio-economic barriers, promoting lifelong learning and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Moreover, this program embodies UCU's belief that education is the most powerful tool for breaking the cycle of poverty. Through scholarships and financial assistance, the University ensures that no deserving student is left behind due to financial limitations. Each grantee represents not only personal achievement but also the University's broader vision of inclusive development, social equity, and nation-building.

UCU's collaboration with UniFAST and other government agencies highlights the importance of multi-sectoral partnerships in achieving educational and social sustainability. Together, these initiatives strengthen the University's role as a catalyst for positive change—uplifting the youth and contributing to the realization of a more just, inclusive, and prosperous society.

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