

## **THE INSTITUTION**

An educational institution which is practically synonymous to and a proud partner of Bacolod City, STI West Negros University was founded on Valentine's day in 1948 by three Baptist women leaders, Luciana Aritao, Teresa Padilla, and Rosario Remetio, when the city was still fresh from the devastation of the Second World War.

The school, then West Negros College, first operated as a sectarian educational institution in an old rented Valentine Memorial Hall at corner Rosario and San Juan Streets, offering six undergraduate programs that attracted 710 students' with 33 faculty members.

The first few years of its existence proved that expansion was inevitable, and in 1951 the school was re-established as a non-sectarian school on its present location along Burgos Street, utilizing a three-storey wooden building that housed different classrooms and administrative offices. A separate building was also built for elementary and high school pupils.

It has since gone through years of providing education responsive to the needs of the community as seen in the continued increase in enrolment. Taking the challenge, then President Leodegario N. Agustin initiated the construction of a P2.2 million concrete five-storey building. The building accommodated all academic departments and administrative offices, laboratories, clinic, library, and classrooms.

To enrich the college life of students, a gymnasium was constructed in 1968 for the school's extra-curricular and sports activities. It also hosted convocations, cultural presentations and graduation activities, and extended its services to the community by accommodating, among others, basketball games, boxing tournaments, social gatherings, and concerts.

The following year, the school's enrolment rose to 6,843 students, with a pool of 200 faculty members. The increase had inspired the administration for further expansion; hence, in 1972 the construction of a concrete three-storey building for the high school and elementary departments was initiated.

In 1980, responding to the changing times with the advent of computers, the college put up its own Computer Center and expanded its curricular offerings by opening computer courses and short-term or technical programs. It was then considered among the biggest and was recognized among the pioneers of computer schools in Western Visayas.

The ultimate challenge came in 1999 when the attempt to become a university was initiated by Dr. Suzette Lilian A. Agustin, subjecting the school to evaluation for University status by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), through the CHED Technical Team, which conducted the evaluation on March 1999. From thereon, the school had focused its attention in complying with the requirements, including the task of undergoing accreditation processes by an

external organization, the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA).

After a thorough evaluation of WNC readiness, an application for University status was submitted on October 1, 2007 at the CHED Central Office, Manila, and in response, CHED Central Office sent a Special Team on November 22-23, 2007 to evaluate and verify compliance of WNC to the university standards. The school's readiness for a final CHED visit to inspect and evaluate WNC's level of compliance was conveyed on January 25, 2008 to the Commission *en banc* and to the Office of Programs and Standards of the Commission on Higher Education, which resulted to the conduct of the detailed and rigorous process of verification by the CHED Commissioners on February 5, 2008.

On February 11, 2008, during a meeting of the Commissioners *en banc*, the Commission on Higher Education has found West Negros College in full compliance of CHED requirements, and granted West Negros College the UNIVERSITY STATUS, per Resolution No. 78, s. 2008. The WNC Board of Trustees then unanimously approved the change of the school's name from West Negros College to **WEST NEGROS UNIVERSITY**, per Board Resolution No. 007-02-26-08 dated February 26, 2008. On June 10, 2008, West Negros University received the official confirmation through a Certificate of University Status from CHED, by virtue of Resolution No. 290, s. 2008, dated June 2, 2008.

On October 1, 2013, another milestone happened to the University. The Agustin family turned-over to STI Education Systems Holdings Inc. (formerly JTH Davies Holdings Inc.) the University. The 99% stocks takeover of the Eusebio Tanco-owned STI Education Systems Holdings Inc. allowed the expansion of its network of educational institutions, and course offerings at the tertiary level. With various renovations taking place in the campus under the leadership of its new president, Atty. Monico V. Jacob, the community's awareness of the school's existence along with its vision and mission of providing excellent Christian education has again made noise and underscored.

Fourteen Presidents so far have provided leadership to West Negros University since its founding, whose contributions became part and parcel of what the school has become:

Atty. Serafin V. Aguilar	(1949-1952)
Atty. Vicente T. Remetio	(1952-1953)
Mr. Frank K. Carbonell	(1953-1954)
Mr. Segismundo E. Gelvosa	(1954-1963)
Mr. Leodegario N. Agustin	(1963-1964)
Mr. Leo A. Agustin	(1965-1969)

Dr. Alfredo P. Catedral	(1969-1971)
Mrs. Delia A. Espino	(1971-1975)
Atty. Alex D. Espino	(1975-1979)
Mr. Roem G. Agustin	(1979-1984)
Atty. Alex D. Espino	(1985-1986)
Mrs. Delia A. Espino	(1986-1989)
Mr. Leo A. Agustin	(1990-1991)
Dr. Suzette Lilian A. Agustin	(1991-2011)
Dr. Oscar S. Suarez	(2011-2012)
Dr. Suzette Lilian A. Agustin	(2012-2013)
Atty. Monico V. Jacob	(2013 – 2019)
Mr. Peter Fernandez	(2019-present)

With an average of 1,000 graduates per school year in the last decade, West Negros University has already produced successful graduates and countless professionals in various fields of public and private services, here and abroad. It may have attained the coveted status of a university, but the mission of its founders in educating the youth anchored on Christian values will live on.

STI West Negros University continues to “Aim High” as she aspires to achieve a new Vision.

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## **TOWARDS A NEW DIRECTION**

In October 2013, STI Education Systems Holdings Inc. acquired the 65 year old West Negros University. The school then envisions herself as a Higher Educational Institution that provides equal learning opportunities for all.

The mission of the school is to provide excellent education that is Christian in orientation, holistic in approach, Filipino in character and global perspective.

On May 2015, Securities and Exchange Commission approved the Amended Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the university bearing its new name, STI West Negros University, Inc.

As the adjustment stage for both the new management and the people of the then West Negros University has been two years, the School Year 2016-2017 will now give birth to the directions as to where the university will be in the next 10 years.

Thus, the new Vision and Mission of STI West Negros University.

### **VISION**

**A leading university in the Negros Island in 2025 driven by passion for Academic Excellence through Innovation.**

This vision aims to place the university at par with the leading schools in the region. This status will give more reason for the students and their parents to choose STI as their trusted partner in education. This vision is anchored to university's academic excellence manifested by its board exam passing rate, employability of its graduates, research outputs and community involvement.

This vision will be achieved with the aid of innovation. As the university banks on its strengths, it will seek deeper understanding and further research on how to improve present practices, concepts and beliefs, and identify ways to take advantage of the present technology. By applying this, the school could move further and take herself to greater heights.

Amidst COVID-19 in 2020, STI WNU looks at these challenging times as an opportunity to showcase its supremacy in Education through ONE STI or ONline and ONSite Education at STI. The ONE STI Learning Model is an innovative approach to student development that uses digital tools and online technology combined with invaluable hands-on practice and onsite engagements to achieve students' academic objectives through a responsive learning experience.

## **MISSION**

**We are committed to produce excellent quality graduates who are able to meet and uphold the standards of the industry in pursuit of a better Filipino family and nation.**

This mission statement aims to unite every member of the organization to be committed to delivering quality education to the students and prepare them for their future careers.

This will be achieved through 1) Instructions through qualified teachers and updated curriculum, 2) State of the art facilities, 3) Linkages and 4) Job Placement Programs.

By applying its 5 graduate attributes: Critical Thinker, Communicator, Change Adept and Character and Christ-centered, the school aims at producing not only workers but leaders in their respective organization.

Helping the students get a good career would pave the way in improving their family's economic status thus, contributes in making the Philippines a better nation.

Amidst the global pandemic and its impact to the economy and education, STI West Negros University through its External Affairs and Job Placement Office has found opportunity to support its students continued education in pursuit of a better future.

Dubbed as Jobs Café: A Work for the Future Program, the University seeks to partner with BPO Companies and Fastfood chains who could provide employment to qualified students. True to its mission of developing students with the following graduate attributes: Critical Thinking, Communication Skills, Change Adept, A Person of Character and Christ-centered, Jobs Café aims at placing its students in a work environment early on so they will have opportunities of putting theories in action.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

Having embraced outcomes-based approach as its paradigm for teaching and learning, STI WNU seeks to provide students with holistic development through student-centered active learning and technology-enhanced education. The STI WNU strives to offer learning opportunities that allow students to maximize their potential and grow into intellectual, emotional, physical, and social maturity so that they will be able to thrive in a continuously changing and technology-driven world.

## **GOALS**

- Promote academic excellence by establishing Centers of Excellence and Development.
- Preferred school for basic education by providing quality educational foundations.
- Developing better professionals through exceptional continuing education.

## **OUR GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES:**

### **An Effective Communicator**

I communicate to understand and to be understood. I recognize the emotions behind the information read or heard and express my own emotion when giving information, may it be verbal or written.

### **Christ-Centered**

I start and end my day with God. I accept that everything is anchored in Jesus Christ and my labor is an offering for His glory.

### **A Change-Adept able person**

I utilize my ability to adapt and manage when a need for transformation or transition arises, to utilize my capabilities to its full extent, and build the capacity of the community where I belong.

### **A person of Character**

My response, regardless of circumstances is consistently virtuous.

### **A Critical-Thinker**

I discern through open-minded analysis and challenge one's belief to further improve creative ideas.

## **OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

### **ARTS AND SCIENCES**

- Bachelor of Arts in English
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology

### **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTANCY**

- Bachelor of Science in Accountancy

- Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Marketing Management and Financial Management

#### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION**

- Bachelor of Science in Criminology

#### **EDUCATION**

- Bachelor of Elementary Education
- Bachelor of Secondary Education major in English, Filipino and Early Childhood
- Bachelor of Physical Education
- Teachers Certificate Program

#### **ENGINEERING**

- Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

#### **INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY**

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Information Science

#### **TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT**

- Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management
- Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management

#### **GRADUATE STUDIES**

- Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Management (PhD)
- Doctor in Public Administration (DPA)
- Master in Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Arts in Education (MAED)

## **BASIC EDUCATION**

- Nursery
- Kinder (1 & 2)
- Elementary
- Junior High School
- Senior High School
  - ACADEMICS
    - STEM
    - ABM
    - HUMSS
  - TECHVOC
    - IT with Mobile Application and Web Design
    - Culinary Art
    - Tourism Operations
    - Maritime