



ASTRUM SCIENTIS SORORITY

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES BAGUIO

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Schools Division Superintendent
Department of Education

Dear Sir/ Madam:

Greetings!

The **ASTRUM SCIENTIS SORORITY**, a duly recognized sorority in the University of the Philippines Baguio, will be holding its **13th Annual Gawad Tala** on the **seventh day of September, 2013** at the Alumni Center lobby. Registration will start strictly at 8:30 to 9:00 in the morning. The said event is in line with the sorority's 33 years of solid dedication to academic excellence.

Gawad Tala is a Benguet-wide high school competition that showcases talents, aptitudes, and flair for students in various areas such as poster-making, impromptu speech, essay writing and quiz bee. The sorority will invite schools from Baguio City and other schools in Benguet to cover a more competitive contest. Certificates and medals will be awarded to the winning participants so as with their respective coaches. In the impromptu speech, essay writing, and poster-making, there is a specific theme that will be given before the actual competition.

For twelve years, **Gawad Tala** has always been a successful event that gives high school students a chance to participate in different areas of competence and proficiency. Its main objective is to develop their potentials and to instill in them the values of self-confidence, sportsmanship, and camaraderie. Along with these objectives, the event also serves as a vehicle to uplift the dedication to education of the youth and to draw them from undesirable influences in the community.

In line with this, we would like to ask for your participation in the said event. If there are any questions or for the confirmation of participation of your school, please do not hesitate to contact us through these numbers: **Mary Anne - 09053525926 or Angelica - 09263525881**. As requested by the DepEd, attached here is the **Contest Mechanics for Gawad Tala**.

We would be greatly honored and immensely grateful upon your confirmation.

We hope that you are one with us in this academic endeavor. Thank you and more power.

In the spirit of upholding academic excellence, we remain.

Sincerely yours,

MARY ANNE DE LEON

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ADVISORY

TO: ALL INTERESTED TEACHERS AND STUDENTS
Public and Private Secondary Schools, 8/1/2013

FROM:
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DATE: August 01, 2013

For your information and guidance. Attached are the guidelines for the conduct of the contest.



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CONTEST MECHANICS GAWAD TALA 2013

1. All bona fide high school students from Baguio City and Benguet are allowed to join in any of the four competitions.
2. Each participating school should have only one representative for the impromptu speech, one for the essay, one for the poster-making contest, and one team made up of four members are required for the quiz show.
3. Participants are required to bring their school I.D.
4. Participants who come later than 9 in the morning are automatically disqualified.

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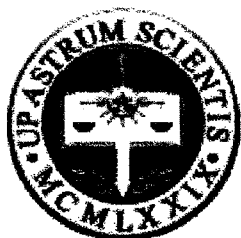
- Each participant will pick a question or topic for his/her speech.
- He/She will be given five (5) minutes to prepare and another five (5) to seven (7) minutes to deliver the speech. Deductions will be given to contestants who exceed the allotted time.
- Coaches are not allowed inside the contest room.
- The criteria for judging are as follows:

○ Content	35%
○ Delivery	30%
○ Diction	15%
○ Voice	10%
○ Articulation	10%
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	100%

ESSAY WRITING

- The participants will be provided five (5) pieces of paper each.
- Only the papers given by the proctors should remain on the desk of each participant.
- Participants will be given two (2) hours to write the essay.
- Finished or unfinished papers will be collected by the proctors after the allotted time.
- Coaches are not allowed inside the contest room.
- Participants who are caught cheating or being coached by their advisers during the contest proper will be disqualified.
- Participants may provide their own title for their essays.
- The criteria for judging are as follows:

○ Organization	30%
○ Relevance to the theme	40%
○ Style	20%
○ Spelling and Grammar	10%
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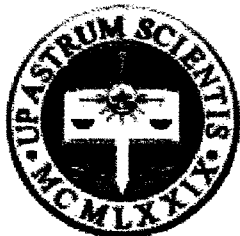
POSTER-MAKING

- Participants should have their own art materials except for the illustration boards that will be provided for them.
- Participants will be given two (2) hours to complete their entry.
- Finished or unfinished works will be collected by the proctors after the allotted time.
- Coaches are not allowed inside the contest room.
- Participants who are caught cheating or being coached by their advisers during the contest proper will be disqualified.
- The criteria for judging are as follows:

○ Originality	30%
○ Relevance to the theme	40%
○ Creativity	20%
○ Technique	<u>10%</u>
	100%

QUIZ BEE

- Each team must be composed of four (4) members.
- The quiz proper will be composed of three (3) categories: the easy, average, and difficult. Each question will be given a corresponding number of points.
 - Easy 10 points each
 - Average 15 points each
 - Difficult 20 points each
- Problem solving: 25 points. (The problem solving question may be given in any of the three categories and it will constantly be scored for 25 points each regardless of the category where it will be asked).
- Easy and Average rounds have multiple-choice type of questions while the difficult round has identification-type questions.
- Math, Science, Current Events, History and General information are the disciplines where the questions will come from.
- Contestants will be given exactly ten (10) seconds to answer multiple choice type of questions, two (2) minutes to answer problem-solving type questions, and fifteen (15) seconds for the identification-type questions.
- Only four (4) highest scoring teams after the average round will be carried to the difficult round.
- After the difficult round, the scores will be summed up and the team with the highest score wins.
- In case of a tie in the final round, three (3) tie-breaking questions which will be taken from the difficult category will be asked.
- Each question will be read twice. After the second reading of the question, the time allotted to answer will immediately begin.



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- Final answers must be encircled on the answer sheets provided. Correct answers which are not encircled are not valid. A blank sheet would mean no answer.
- Proctors assigned to each team will immediately collect the answer sheet when the allotted time is up.
- Name or abbreviation of the school represented by the contestants should be written on the upper right portion of the answer sheet.
- Anyone caught answering after the time is up will be immediately disqualified.
- There must be absolutely no coaching from the audience and the advisers. Anyone caught cheating or receiving answers from the audience will be disqualified.
- Awards will be given to the first three highest scorer team.

AWARDS OF WINNERS

- There will be designated points for every rank obtained by the participants in each event.
- These points will be added according to the school to which the participant/s belong/s.
- The school that acquires the most points wins 1st prize followed by the 2nd and 3rd placers.
- Certificate of Participation will be given to all participants.