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REGION IV-A CALABARZON



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**RECOGNITION OF THE 2026 CERCon AWARDEES,
MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL WORKING
COMMITTEES, AND STAKEHOLDERS**

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In recognition of the researchers' quality output and exemplary performances and also of the invaluable services of all involved in the successful conduct of the recently concluded 2026 CALABARZON Educational Researchers' Conference (CERCon), this Office congratulates all the awardees, the management and technical working committees, and stakeholders.

2. The following research papers, individual awardees, SDO awardees, and all other key drivers are hereby recognized:

A. Oral Presentation - Breakout Room 1

Best Research Papers

Rank	Research Title	Researcher/s	Schools Division
1	What Shapes A Stem Identity? The Roles of Self-Efficacy, Engagement, Recognition, and Belongingness	Franz Kevin B. Manalo	San Pablo City
2	Effectiveness of Contextualized, Localized, and Authentic Problem Solving Sets (CLAPSS) And Regular Problem-Solving Sets (RePSS) as Teaching Material In Teaching Grade 7 Physics	Anna Rochelle O. Soriano & Mary Rose B. Librada	Cabuyao City
3	Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Predictors of Students' Performance in ICT	Evelyn J. Sublay	Calamba City



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3	San Pablo City	Maria Rosario Lissa C. Ticson	Marbin Jeramil D. Fragata, CESE	Gerlie M. Ilagan, CESO V
4	Imus City	Jenielyn A. Sadang	Glenda DS. Catadman	Lito A. Palomar, CESE
5	Antipolo City	Alfonso Abogado	Rodrigo Rodriguez, Jr., CESO VI	Lerma I. Flandez, CESO VI

K. Most Prolific Province Divisions in Research for 2026 CERCon

Rank	SDO	SEPS for P&R	SDRC Chair	SDS
1	Cavite Province	May Anne Joy D. Romanes	Ruben E. Faltado III, CESE	Rosemarie D. Torres, CESO V
2	Batangas Province	Rosemarie A. Encarnacion	Jofit P. Dayoc, CESE	Marites A. Ibañez, CESO V
3	Rizal Province	Analiza G. Soriano	Alona A. Encinares, CESO VI	Doris DJ. Estalilla, CESO V

3. This Office highly commends the unwavering support and outstanding performances of the Schools Division of Cavite Province as the host division, the management and technical working committees composed of the Regional Office and SDO-Cavite Province personnel and the SDO-created special committees (*ref.*: RM No. 289 s. 2026), the 25 SDOs and school-based regional research evaluators (*ref.*: RM No. 204 S. 2026) who worked with the Regional Research Committee in the screening process, and the 16 panelist-judges (*ref.*: URM No. 67 s. 2026) who served during the CERCon presentation proper.
4. As partner-stakeholders, this Office also acknowledges the invaluable assistance provided by the stakeholders especially the Provincial Government of Cavite and Municipal Government of Tanza.
5. For widest dissemination and reference.


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Best Oral Presenters

Rank	Research Title	Presenters	Schools Division
1	Sir Ben: Tagalog Science AI Teacher and Study Buddy on Students Perceived Usability and Learning Outcomes	Ben Mark Joy A. Cuvinar	Laguna Province
2	What Shapes A Stem Identity? The Roles of Self-Efficacy, Engagement, Recognition, and Belongingness	Franz Kevin B. Manalo	San Pablo City
3	CyberSecure Cavite: A Division Wide Study of High School Teachers' Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices on Cybersecurity	Jodelyn L. Tuscano	Cavite Province

B. Oral Presentation - Breakout Room 2**Best Research Papers**

Rank	Research Title	Researcher/s	Schools Division
1	Linguistic Inclusivity in a Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL) on Technology-Infused Teams Games-Tournament (TGT): A Mixed-Method Study	Amie Rose J. Ampo	San Pedro City
2	Development and Evaluation of StatChum: An Offline Interactive Application for Enhancing Statistical Analysis Skills in Statistics and Probability	John Ruel A. Montallana	Cavite Province
3	Beyond Working Hours: Understanding After-Hours Work Communication Among Personnel of the Schools Division Office of Cavite Province	Ronald Kevin C. Del Rosario, Ronalyn P. Salazar, & Richelle P. Del Rosario	Cavite Province

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2	Data Trustworthiness Redefined: Unveiling an Integrity Framework from Grounded Theory Exploratory Analysis of Data Management and Utilization Dilemmas	Dennis B. Masangcay	Tanauan City
3	LITRATURA: Paglinang ng Photographic Memory Gamit ang Panitikang Biswal	John Ervin C. Alejo	Bacoor City

C. Oral Presentation - Breakout Room 3**Best Research Papers**

Rank	Research Title	Researcher/s	Schools Division
1	Administration and Utilization of Early Childhood Development (ECD) Assessment Results: Basis for a Proposed Support Strategy and Guidelines Development	Sheila D. Lee	Cavite City
2	Differentiated Instructions and Assessment Practices of Receiving Teachers in Inclusive Classroom: Input for Instructional Enhancement	Rudolf C. Calimag	Dasmariñas City
3	Correlation Level of Mental Health Adjustment and Academic Performance of Senior High School Students	Mark Anthony P. Lagumen	Santa Rosa City

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1	Establishing Narrative Equality in Second Language Learning through Intercultural Approach	Crispin G. Gacuan	Laguna Province
2	Administration and Utilization of Early Childhood Development (ECD) Assessment Results: Basis for a Proposed Support Strategy and Guidelines Development	Sheila D. Lee	Cavite City
3	Development of Basic Education Linkages Management Framework	Mark Jayson G. Espinosa	Dasmariñas City

D. Oral Presentation - Breakout Room 4**Best Research Papers**

Rank	Research Title	Researcher/s	Schools Division
1	From Theory to Practice: Evaluating Behavioral Application and Impact of MATATAG Phase 1 Training in DepEd Antipolo City	Dr. Jonathan P. Domingo, Edmer M. Constantino & Arlene L. Tayona	Antipolo City
2	The Post-Pandemic Era in Education: Adaptation and Continuity of Distance Learning in Mathematics Teaching in the Division of Antipolo City	John Edward A. Combo	Antipolo City
3	Filipino Fermented Foods in Biotechnology Education Effects on STEM Students' Awareness, Perception, and Literacy	Joshua Philip T. Pirante, Via C. Alvarez, & Nerizza L. Ramos	Laguna Province

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3	Teachers on the Frontline: Readiness and Responsiveness to Child Protection Concerns	Charlene V. Quiambao	Cavite Province

E. Poster Presentation - Block 1**Best Research Papers**

Rank	Research Title	Researcher/s	Schools Division
1	I-READ: Interactive Reading Mobile Application for Enhanced Senior High School Reading and Writing Skills	Joseph Arsie C. Cabantog	Laguna Province
2	Trailblazers of Skills: Tracking the Career Footprints of Senior High School TVL Graduates in Cavite Province	John Lexter L. Emberador, Harold B. Pangilinan & Karen M. Edem	Cavite Province
3	Enhancing the Teachers' Research Capabilities Through the Collaborative Training and Mentorship Program (CTMP)	Mark Randolph G. Sanchez & Lizette B. Abril	San Pablo City

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F. Poster Presentation - Block 2**Best Research Papers**

Rank	Research Title	Researcher/s	Schools Division
1	From Practice to Rigor: Effectiveness of Project REACH-IT Phase 2 (Research Empowerment and Advancement on Capability Workshop for High-Impact Teaching) in Strengthening the Methodological Competencies of ETTMNIHS Senior High School Research Teachers	Ceejay P. Isaac, Alyssa Bianca B. Aguilar, and Marvin Jay I. Maming	Cavite Province
2	Enhancing Conceptual Understanding in Organic Chemistry Through Cognitive Conflict Instructional Strategy	Mary Ann A. dela Cruz; Relly Aris A. Tagsuan	Cavite Province
3	I-SPEAK: The Developed Interactive Speech Proficiency Enhancement and Assistance Kit for Oral Communication	Eva Joyce V. Cabantog	Laguna Province

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1	Spanish Illustrated Model Conversation (SIMC): Its Effect on the Speaking and Writing Accuracy of Grade 7 Spanish Language Learners	Edgardo T. Obong Jr.	Biñan City
2	Mental Health Awareness of School Heads: Challenges and Opportunities for Leadership and Management in Sariaya East District	Albert D. Sarmiento	Quezon Province
3	Transmedia Storytelling Towards the Development of Transliteracy Among Junior High School Learners	Roma Marian F. Guadana	Dasmariñas City

G. Poster Presentation - Block 3**Best Research Papers**

Rank	Research Title	Researcher/s	Schools Division
1	A View from the Flip Side: Inverting the Lecture-Homework Dynamic with Student Centered Active Learning	Johnell R. Panganiban	Batangas City
2	Transforming Needs into Actions: Crafting a School-Community-Based Professional Development Program for Educators	Michael Joseph A. Lapid Gina Lynn E. Luna	Cavite Province
3	A Comparative Analysis of Numeracy Levels Before and After Implementing Project Math O'clock Habit at San Buenaventura Elementary School	Jhon Arjay M. Audije	San Pablo City

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3	From Teacher Competency to Student Achievement: A Post-Project REACH-IT Evaluation of Research Skills in Sampling Techniques and Data Analysis	Ceejay P. Isaac	Cavite Province

H. Poster Presentation - Block 4**Best Research Papers**

Rank	Research Title	Researcher/s	Schools Division
1	Bakte Dance Integration as a Culture-Based Strategy to Enhance Students' Engagement and Attitude Toward Farming	Carol D. Esquita, Melanie P. Eze, Marycon Carmela G. Mella	Imus City
2	REACH (Responsive Education through Academic Collaboration at Home): A Tool in Improving Academic Motivation, Attendance, Performance, and Percieved Parental Involvement among Grade 7 Struggling Learners	Carl Ahnne Gellie T. Camilon, Rosalie G. Racoma, Marycon Carmela G. Mella	Imus City
3	STEMTokPeriment as a Teaching Innovation for Bridging Learning Gaps in Scientific Literacy Among Grade 9 Students of Gen. Mariano Alvarez Technical High School	Dominic E. Ornacho, Mary Joy P. Mola, Ramil L. Ramirez II	Cavite Province

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I. Presentation of SDO's Best Practices on Research Management

No.	Schools Division Office	Presenter
1	Cavite Province	May Anne Joy D. Romanes SEPS for Planning & Research
2	San Pablo City	Maria Rosario Lissa C. Ticson SEPS for Planning & Research

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1	Calamba City	Dexter M. Palanas	Nadine C. Celindro	Merthel M. Evardome, CESO V
2	Batangas City	Marc Elmer M. Perez	Catherine V. Maranan, CESO VI	Hermogenes M. Panganiban, CESO V