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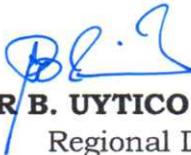
**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. 120, s. 2026

**LIST OF NATIONAL AWARDEES OF THE GAWAD  
DAKILANG PILIPINO AWARDS 2026**

To: Schools Division Superintendents of Kabankalan City,  
Negros Occidental, Sagay City, and Talisay City  
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Education Support Services Division, disseminates the attached communication from the Philippine Arts and Culture Educators Society (PACES), dated January 28, 2026, titled "**Gawad Dakilang Pilipino 2026 Finalist-Awardees,**" which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III**  
Regional Director

Reference: As Stated

Incl: As Stated

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under the following subjects:

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SJRM/ESSD-RM/ Endorsement of National Finalist-Awardee for Gawad Dakilang Pilipino Award 2026  
/February 2, 2026



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January 28, 2026

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Attention : **FERDINAND S. SY, PhD, CESO VI**  
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Schools Division Superintendent – NEGROS OCCIDENTAL  
**Dr. JEN-ANN V. ROSAL, CESE**  
Schools Division Superintendent – TALISAY CITY

Dear Dr. Uytico,

Greetings of Peace!

In behalf of the Philippine Arts and Culture Educators' Society and its allied culture and arts organizations with the National Executive Organizing Committee of the the **GAWAD DAKILANG PILIPINO AWARDS 2026**, Dangal ng Kultura't Integridad ng Lahing Pilipino, National Search for Outstanding Cultural Educators and Implementers cum **TANGHAL PAARALAN**, National Conference Workshop on Culture Arts Education on February 27-March 1, 2026 at Pina Colina Resort, Tagaytay City, We hereby inform you that our Third and Final Level of Evaluation result/s.

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that below are the list of your field personnel who have PASSED for the final level and to conferred to them the respective award of the Search, to wit:

No.	National Finalist-Awardee	SDO	School	Award to be Conferred
1	<i>Jerson Castillo Fernandez</i>	Kabankalan City	Tabugon National High School	Natatanging Guro ng Bayan
2	<i>Gezer Gabat Santiso</i>	Negros Occidental	Isabela National High School	Natatanging Guro ng Bayan



3	<i>Famela Jee Oray Yola</i>	Sagay City	Eusebio Lopez Mem Integrated School	Natatanging Guro ng Bayan
4	<i>Diego Argenal Macion</i>	Negros Occidental	Isabela National High School	Natatanging Lingkod Guro ng Bayan
5	<i>Rosslyn de Asis Mabasa</i>	Kabankalan City	Kabankalan National High School	Natatanging Lingkod Bayan
6	<i>Anabella Fortu Pascua</i>	Negros Occidental	Isabela National High School	Natatanging Lingkod Bayan
7	<i>John Jessie Cuachon Valero</i>	Kabankalan City	Kabankalan National High School	Haliging Alagad ng Sining at Kultura
8	<i>Kabankalan National High School</i>	Kabankalan City	Rosslyn D. Mabasa Principal	Outstanding Secondary School as Culture and Arts Implementer
9	<i>RBLMHS Association of Performing Arts</i>	Talisay City	Ralph Vincent D. Garbanzos Teacher Incharge [names of student awardees attached]	Natatanging Samahang Lingkod Kabataang Pampaaralan
10	<i>Tabugon NHS Performing Arts</i>	Kabankalan City	Lorena S. Diaz Principal	Natatanging Samahang Lingkod Kabataang Pampaaralan

Said conference Workshops cum Awarding ceremony will gather teachers, educators and education policy makers to discuss and share ideas on the current state and future directions of culture and arts education. Further acknowledging the exemplary dedication and commitment of our Filipino Educators in the pursuit of Global excellence.

Further request from your good office that the expenses to be incurred [including their travel and other incidental expense] thereto shall be chargeable against MOOE and/or to other local school fund available subject to its usual accounting and auditing procedures. Solidarity reregistration fee of One thousand five hundred only and there accommodation cost for the venue, board and lodging at Seven thousand five hundred only.

Very truly yours,

  
**MARIBEL SALVATIERRA DIOLAZO**  
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Attachment A

to the Letter Confirmation to SDO Talisay City  
dated February 8, 2026

Rafael B. Lacson MHS – Association of Performing Arts

1. Katie L. Sta. Ana
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*mediator* *[Signature]*

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December 17, 2025

In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013 this advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 28, s. 2001, but only for the information of DepEd officials, personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.  
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#### GAWAD DAKILANG PILIPINO AWARDS 2026

The Philippine Arts and Culture Educators Society (PACES), in coordination with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, will be launching the Gawad Dakilang Pilipino Awards 2026, *Dangal ng Kultura't Integridad ng Lahing Pilipino*, National Search for Outstanding Cultural Educators and Implementers at Tagaytay City, on February 27–March 1, 2026.

The Gawad Dakilang Pilipino Awards recognizes the significant contributions of educators and school-based organizations who play a crucial role in providing relevant, quality, and liberating education, fostering holistic learner development, and advancing nationbuilding through their exemplary service and innovative efforts.

Specifically, the occasion strives to

1. acknowledge the vital role and dedicated service of teachers and leaders in nurturing globally minded and community-building learners;
2. revitalize respect for the teaching profession by increasing public appreciation of educators' value in society;
3. express gratitude for the meaningful influence educators and cultural leaders have on Filipino learners;
4. recognize exemplary performance and outstanding contributions of teachers, school heads, and nonteaching personnel; and
5. highlight the support of parents, stakeholders, and partners whose collaboration strengthens educational and cultural development.

The teachers, school heads, nonteaching personnel, and education partners whose contributions uphold the values of culture, service, and nationbuilding are welcome. Nominations must be submitted to the PACES Secretariat Office not later than February 8, 2026.

Participation of public and private schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 012, s. 2025, titled *Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities* and DO 9, s. 2005, titled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith* and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017.

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