



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **231** s. 2026

**REGION VIII FINALISTS AND DELEGATION TO THE NATIONAL
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR (NSTF) FOR
SCHOOL YEAR (SY) 2025-2026**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

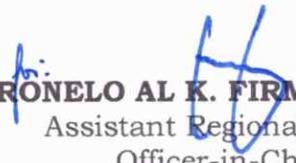
1. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum No. 006, s. 2026, titled "NSTF for SY 2025-2026" and to Memorandum DM-OULS-2026-068, titled "Finalists of the NSTF SY 2025-2026," this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division, announces and congratulates the following Region VIII Finalists to the NSTF for SY 2025 - 2026 which will be held on March 10 - 13, 2026 in the National Capital Region, with the specific venue to be announced in a later issuance:

Category	Name	Coach	School	Division
TUKLAS - Life Science - Individual	Mary Claire Louise V. Decio	Kristy Nillet P. Adobas	Ormoc City Senior High School	Ormoc City
TUKLAS - Life Science - Team	Elisha Quenel P. Blanco, Rain Gabrielle G. Hermias, Caileen Mharie B. Gonzaga	Maruja Jessa B. Lanojan & Edna D. Cabase	Ormoc City Senior High School	Ormoc City
TUKLAS - Mathematics and Computational Sciences - Individual	Benedicto R. Lambonao III	Ramil L. Lauron	Ormoc City Senior High School	Ormoc City
TUKLAS - Mathematics and Computational Sciences - Team	Jahna Bhec T. Lauz, Allen Laurence C. Lambert,	Rey Ian O. Pelaez & Crisanto L. Abas	Baybay City Senior High School	Baybay City

	Lady Nikki Beatrice M. Dongon			
TUKLAS - Physical Science - Team	Feonin T. Piedad, Raylene A. San Vicente, Wayne Miguel O. Maceda	Erickson M. Noseñas	St. Therese Educational Foundation of Tacloban, Inc.	Tacloban City
TUKLAS - Robotics and Intelligent Machines - Individual	Jahara A. Montes	Edwin R. Abobo Jr.	Eastern Samar National Comprehensive High School	Borongan City
TUKLAS - Robotics and Intelligent Machines - Team	Janine M. Aying, Lily Sophie A. Yap, Shekinah Faith P. Castino	Vanessa J. Gayoso	Samar National School	Catbalogan City
STEM Innovation Expo - Individual	Zachary Paul R. Rapis	Marvin S. Evardone	Dolores National High School	Eastern Samar
STEM Innovation Expo - Team	Argie B. Osias, Jerlyn B. Concan, Lea Jazmine B. Osila	Roselle V. Norona	Dolores National High School	Eastern Samar

2. The attached list of Region VIII delegates specifies the names of participants to the NSTF 2026 and other relevant information.
3. The official finalists per category are required to bring the following during the conduct of the activity:
 - a) Regional shirt for the opening program, and formal wear for the project presentation and judging and the awarding ceremony;
 - b) Display poster following the exhibit format; and
 - c) Endorsement letter signed by the Regional Director.
4. The student-researchers shall submit the **Learner Media Release Consent Form** and a **2x2 picture** (with white background and wearing school uniform or formal executive attire) via email to **ryan.tiu@deped.gov.ph** or shared OneDrive with the file name **Region8_Category Code_Researcher's Surname_First Name_Middle Initial (e.g. Region8_MCST_Delacruz_Juan_J)**.

5. The Schools Division Superintendents must ensure that classes left by the teacher-participants are taken over by relieving teachers, merged with other classes, or given an alternative instruction so that the learners can still avail the full benefit of classroom instruction. The learner-participants must be given Alternative Delivery Modes for their classes during this event.
6. The Schools Division Offices of the finalists are directed to conduct their own onsite coaching and technical assistance provision. The Regional EPSs for Science and Mathematics will conduct online or onsite coaching on any agreed dates from March 2 to 6, 2026.
7. Traveling expenses for the onsite coaching and for the NSTF shall be charged to local funds; the Regional Shirts of 35 participants shall be charged to the CLMD MOOE; while the board and lodging of the Region VIII Delegates (List A) shall be provided by the NSTF organizer charged to Basic Education Curriculum Fund, whereas the board and lodging of the Observers (List B) are charged against their respective local/division/school fund and/or other eligible funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


RONELO AL K. FIRMO, CESO IV
Assistant Regional Director
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Regional **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Enclosures: List of Participants

References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

FAIR

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Enclosure No. 1 to the Regional Memorandum RM No. 231, s. 2026**List of Region VIII Delegation to the NSTF SY 2025-2026**

A. Region VIII Delegates (Live-in, with NSTF board and lodging)

Names	Role	School	Division
Mary Claire Louise V. Decio	Learner-Researcher	Ormoc City Senior High School	Ormoc City
Elisha Quenel P. Blanco, Rain Gabrielle G. Hermias, Caileen Mharie B. Gonzaga	Learner-Researchers		
Maruja Jessa B. Lanojan	Research Adviser / Coach		
Benedicto R. Lambonao III	Learner-Researcher		
Jahna Bhec T. Lauz, Allen Laurence C. Lambert, Lady Nikki Beatrice M. Dongon	Learner-Researchers	Baybay City Senior High School	Baybay City
Rey Ian O. Pelaez	Research Adviser / Coach	St. Therese Educational Foundation of Tacloban, Inc.	Tacloban City
Feonin T. Piedad, Raylene A. San Vicente, Wayne Miguel O. Maceda	Learner-Researchers		
Erickson M. Noseñas	Research Adviser / Coach		
Jahara A. Montes	Learner-Researcher	Eastern Samar National Comprehensive High School	Borongan City
Edwin R. Abobo Jr.	Research Adviser / Coach		
Janine M. Aying, Lily Sophie A. Yap, Shekinah Faith P. Castino	Learner-Researchers	Samar National School	Catbalogan City
Vanessa J. Gayoso	Research Adviser / Coach		
Zachary Paul R. Rapis	Learner-Researcher	Dolores National High School	Eastern Samar
Marvin S. Evardone	Research Adviser / Coach		
Argie B. Osias, Jerlyn B. Concan, Lea Jazmine B. Osila	Learner-Researchers		
Roselle V. Norona	Research Adviser / Coach		

B. Region VIII Observers (Live-out, without NSTF board and lodging)

Names	Role	School/Office
Kristy Nillet P. Adobas Edna D. Cabase Ramil L. Lauron	Research Advisers / Coaches	Ormoc City Senior High School
Crisanto L. Abas	Research Advisers / Coaches	Baybay City
Beth Catherine Dongon Felinda T. Jamer Carmen R. Lim John Patrick G. Lazaro Hazel Maraviles	Division STF Coordinators	Baybay City Borongan City Catbalogan City Eastern Samar Ormoc City
Gertrudes C. Mabutin Ryan R. Tiu Glendale B. Lamiseria	Chief EPS, RSTMF Coordinator EPS, RSTMF Co-coordinator	CLMD



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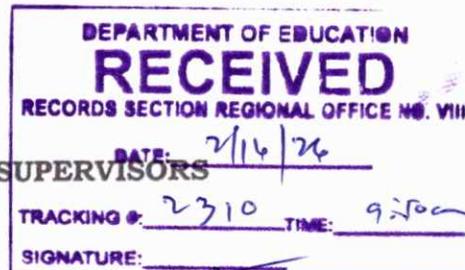
FOR : **RONELO AL K. FIRMO**
 Regional Director
 DepEd Region VIII

ATTN: REGIONAL SCIENCE AND MATH SUPERVISORS

FROM : *Carmela C. Oracion*
CARMELA C. ORACION
 Assistant Secretary
 Officer-in-Charge
 Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : **FINALISTS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR S.Y. 2025 - 2026**

DATE : February 9, 2026



The Department of Education, through the Bureau of Curriculum Development (BCD), congratulates the finalists of the **National Science and Technology Fair (NSTF) S.Y. 2025 - 2026** from the regions. Listed in Table 1 are the projects that successfully met the standards of the National Scientific Review Committee.

Table 1: NSTF Finalists

REGION VIII				
Category	Research Title	School	Proponent/s	Adviser
1. Life Science - Individual	Eco-Synthesized Silver Nanoparticles from <i>Moringa oleifera</i> as a Colorimetric Biosensor for In Vitro Detection of Misfolded Lysozyme	Ormoc City Senior High School	Mary Claire Louise V. Decio	Kristy Nillet P. Adobas
2. Life Science - Team	Antagonistic Potential of Endophytic Microbes Isolated from Rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i>) Against <i>Xanthomonas oryzae pv. oryzae</i>	Ormoc City Senior High School	1. Elisha Quenel P. Blanco 2. Caileen Mharie B. Gonzaga 1. Rain Gabrielle G. Hermias	1. Maruja Jessa B. Bancale 2. Edna D. Cabase



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3. Physical Science – Team	SYNTHESIS AND ANTIBACTERIAL EVALUATION OF SILVER NANOPARTICLES FROM <i>Ardisia tomentosa</i> AGAINST <i>Escherichia coli</i> AND <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	ST. THERESE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF TACLOBAN, INC.	1. Feonin T. Piedad 2. Wayne Miguel O. Maceda 3. Raylene A. San Vicente	Erickson M. Noseñas
4. Robotics and Intelligent Machines – Individual	TAPIK: ARDUINO-BASED GLOVE AND MOBILE APPLICATION FOR REAL-TIME FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE (FSL) TRANSLATION	Eastern Samar National Comprehensive High School	Jahara Montes	Edwin R. Abobo Jr.
5. Robotics and Intelligent Machines – Team	HYDROSURV: Marine Autonomous Radar and Intelligent Surveillance System in Coastal Areas	Samar National High School	1. Janine M. Aying 2. Lily Sophie A. Yap 3. Shekinah Faith P. Castino	Vanessa J. Gayoso
6. Mathematics and Computational Science – Individual	Local Sphere Packing Within a Continuous Toroidal Solid	Ormoc City Senior High School	Benedicto R. Lambonao III	Ramil L. Lauron
7. Mathematics and Computational Science – Team	Modelling the Ecological Dynamics Between the Coconut Scale Insect (<i>Aspidiotus rigidus</i>) Infestation on Coconut Trees (<i>Cocos nucifera</i>) with <i>Comperiella calauanica</i> as the Biological Control	Baybay City Senior High School	1. Jahna Bhec T. Lauz 2. Allen Laurence C. Lambert 1. Lady Nikki Beatrice M. Dongon	1. Rey Ian O. Pelaez 2. Crisanto L. Abas
8. STEM Innovation Expo – Individual	MarkIt: A Fair Marketplace Application for Agri-Fishers	Dolores National High School	Zachary Paul R. Rapis	Marvin S. Evardone
9. STEM Innovation Expo – Team	ReMiCRO: A PORTABLE MICROSCOPE FROM RECYCLED ELECTRONIC WASTE	Dolores National High School	1. Argie B. Osias 2. Jerlyn B. Concan 3. Lea Jazmine B. Osila	Roselle V. Norona



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The official number of delegates in your region is shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Regional Delegates

	Number of Official Delegates
Regional Director/Assistant Regional Director/ Chief Education Program Supervisor (CLMD/CID)/ Regional Science EPS/ Regional/ Mathematics EPS/ Adult Observers	7
Student-researchers	19
Total Number of Official Delegates	26

The official finalists in each category must bring the following during the conduct of the NSTF:

- A regional shirt for the opening program and formal wear for the project presentation and judging, and awarding ceremony;
- A display board following the exhibit format; and
- Endorsement letter signed by the Regional Director.

Additionally, a link to an online drive will be sent to the Regional Science EPS, where the official research entries, regional shoutout videos and the 2x2 photos of the student-researchers shall be uploaded following these filename formats:

For Shoutout:

Region_Shoutout

(e.g. Region1_Shoutout)

For 2x2 Pictures:

Region_Category code_Researcher's Surname_First name_Middle initial

(e.g. Region1_PSI_Delacruz_Juan_J)

Travel expenses of the official delegates shall be charged against local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Immediate dissemination of the information is highly directed.