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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY**

# CERTIFICATION

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

*THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on July 10, 2023 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial ordinance was approved:*

Authored by Vice Governor Mark Ronald DG. Lambino

**PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 302-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 218-2018, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GOVERNOR’S EXCELLENCE AWARDS ON ACADEMICS AND LEADERSHIP IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN”**

**WHEREAS**, the youth of today take hold of their own future by molding themselves to be exemplars of perseverance and competency for the next generations;

**WHEREAS**, in order to highlight the outstanding academic and leadership performance of graduating students of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) and Senior High Schools, the Province of Pangasinan deem it proper to institutionalize an awards program for academic excellence, leadership and diligence;

**WHEREAS**, the re-launching of the Governor’s Excellence Awards on Academics and Leadership, and the launching of the Medal of Diligence in the Province of Pangasinan would add on a new meaning and purpose of inspiring college and high school students to keep on traversing with the Provincial Government through the present leadership in the path towards achieving excellence;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is continually recognizing the embodiment of the Province’s vision for human development especially for the youth of today through the passage of legislative measures which would honor their successes in life’s missions;

**WHEREFORE**, in view of the foregoing, on motion of Vice Governor Mark Ronald DG. Lambino, duly seconded -

*Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled:*



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**SECTION 1. TITLE** – This ordinance shall be known as “**AN ORDINANCE REVISING PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 218-2018, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GOVERNOR’S EXCELLENCE AWARDS ON ACADEMICS AND LEADERSHIP IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN”**”.

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** – The Province of Pangasinan hereby institutionalizes the program on Governor’s Excellence Awards on Academics and Leadership for graduating college students and Governor’s Excellence Awards on Academics and Medal of Diligence for graduating students of Public Senior High School in the Province of Pangasinan.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall have the following objectives:

1. To recognize outstanding graduating college and high school students who excel in academics and leadership.
2. To acknowledge and commend high school students who exhibit exemplary diligence, perseverance and commitment in their studies.
3. To foster a culture of excellence, discipline and hard work among students in the Province.
4. To create awareness among students of the collective vision of the Province: Pangasinan is the premiere province of great opportunities, sustained socio-economic growth and a place where one can experience life at its best.

### **SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS -**

1. **Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs)** – include all public and private schools in Pangasinan
2. **Provincial Awards Evaluation, Selection and Management Committee (PAESMC)** – committee in-charge of the program implementation which shall be created through an Executive Order.
3. **Senior High School** – all public senior high schools in Pangasinan
4. Awards refer to the following:
  - a) **Academic Excellence** – is the demonstrated ability to perform or achieve by a college and senior high school student in scholastic activities.



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- b) **Leadership Excellence** – a unique or certain level of potential highly achieved by a college student in the performance of his ability and skills to be a leader in his/her school.
- c) **Medal of Diligence** – is a display of outstanding perseverance and commitment to pursue studies despite some hindrances.

**SECTION 5. THE SELECTION CRITERIA** – the criteria for the selection of nominees shall be as follows:

### **Governor's Academic Excellence Award (College)**

- a) The awardee should be a recipient of any of the Latin Awards (Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude) or its equivalent.
- b) The awardee should have the highest Final Weighted Average among all the graduates of the academic institution at a given batch/class.
- c) The awardee should be a graduate of any four or five-year course, without any disruption of residency or school attendance in any of the academic semestral terms.
- d) The awardee should finish the program he/she enrolled within the semesters required by the curriculum.
- e) The awardee should be of good moral character.

### **Governor's Leadership Excellence Award (College)**

- a) The awardee should be an officer of any school organization or a proponent of a project or program that has created a lasting significance to the school or community, duly recognized by the academic institution and certified by the recipient community/organization. Documentation to include certification by the recipients/beneficiaries should be attached to the nomination form.
- b) The awardee should have an impressive track record of output, preferably sustainable accomplishments/projects or programs that has/have benefitted the academic institution, student body and the community.
- c) The awardee should be of good moral character.

### **Governor's Academic Excellence Award (Senior High School)**

- a) The awardee should be a Filipino citizen and a bonafide resident of the Province of Pangasinan, except Dagupan City.
- b) The top three (3) awardees should be selected based on their Final Weighted Average.
- c) Students must meet the criteria set by the PAESMC.



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- d) The awardee should be of good moral character.
- e) Each concerned senior high school institution shall identify the qualified awardees based on their criteria.

### **Medal of Diligence Award (Senior High School)**

- a) The awardee, despite some hindrances, is a model of refined traits and brilliance in his/her studies.
- b) The awardee should be a member of the students with honors but not be a recipient of any of the Governor's Academic Excellence Award.
- c) Students must meet the criteria set by the PAESMC.

**SECTION 6. AWARDS PRESENTATION** - The Governor's Academic Excellence Award, Governor's Leadership Award, and Medal of Diligence Award shall be presented annually during commencement exercises. The ceremony shall be graced by the Governor, education officials, parents, and other stakeholders.

**SECTION 7. PROVINCIAL AWARDS EVALUATION, SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (PAESMC)** - To carry this policy, there shall be created a Provincial Scholarship Program Committee (PSPC) to be headed by the Provincial Governor as its Overall Chairman. The composition of the PSPC shall be appointed by the Provincial Governor through an Executive Order.

**SECTION 8. ROLE OF THE PAESMC** - To carry the goal of this Program, the PAESMC shall be responsible for the thorough review and evaluation of nominations to be submitted to the Provincial Governor for his final approval. The PAESMC shall follow the procedure of selection embodied in a procedural manual to be crafted upon approval of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by competent authority, such judgment or action shall not affect or impair the other sections or provisions thereof.

**SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE** - All ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations, or part thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.