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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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