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Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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To : Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads/Principals/Administrators
Public and Private Secondary Schools

Subject : **MINDANAO MICROBIOLOGY OLYMPIAD (MMO)**

Date : April 12, 2023

Herewith is a letter from the University of Southern Mindanao Microbiology Society (USM MicroSoc) inviting Senior High School students to participate in the Mindanao Microbiology Olympiad (MMO). The Olympiad is focused on the theme "PUSAKA: Pioneering Societal Advancement through Microbiological Knowledge."

The participation of DepEd teachers and learners is on voluntary basis and on personal expense. Further, it shall be subject to the policy on "No disruption of Classes" per DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith" and the no collection policy as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546 also known as An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law).

Other details of the activity are found in the enclosures.

This memorandum is issued not for endorsement but only for the information and guidance of the Schools.

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Dear Madam:

Greetings of Peace and Prosperity!

The **University of Southern Mindanao Microbiology Society (USM MicroSoc)** will be hosting its first ever and highly anticipated **Mindanao Microbiology Olympiad (MMO)**. The MMO is an annual competition open for all Senior High School students from the six regions of Mindanao, aiming to promote and culture excellence in the field of microbiology in the pre-college level.

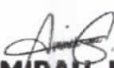
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In line with this, **USM MicroSoc cordially invites Senior High School Institutions under your division to the first-ever Mindanao Microbiology Olympiad**. May we request for your guidance through your good office to send our invitation to them.

Attached in this letter is the event primer for more information. Shall any questions or concerns regarding the invitation, kindly contact us through email **mmo.usmmicrosoc@gmail.com** or through phone **0968 644 1295**.

We are looking forward to your approval in this humble request. Thank you!

Respectfully yours,


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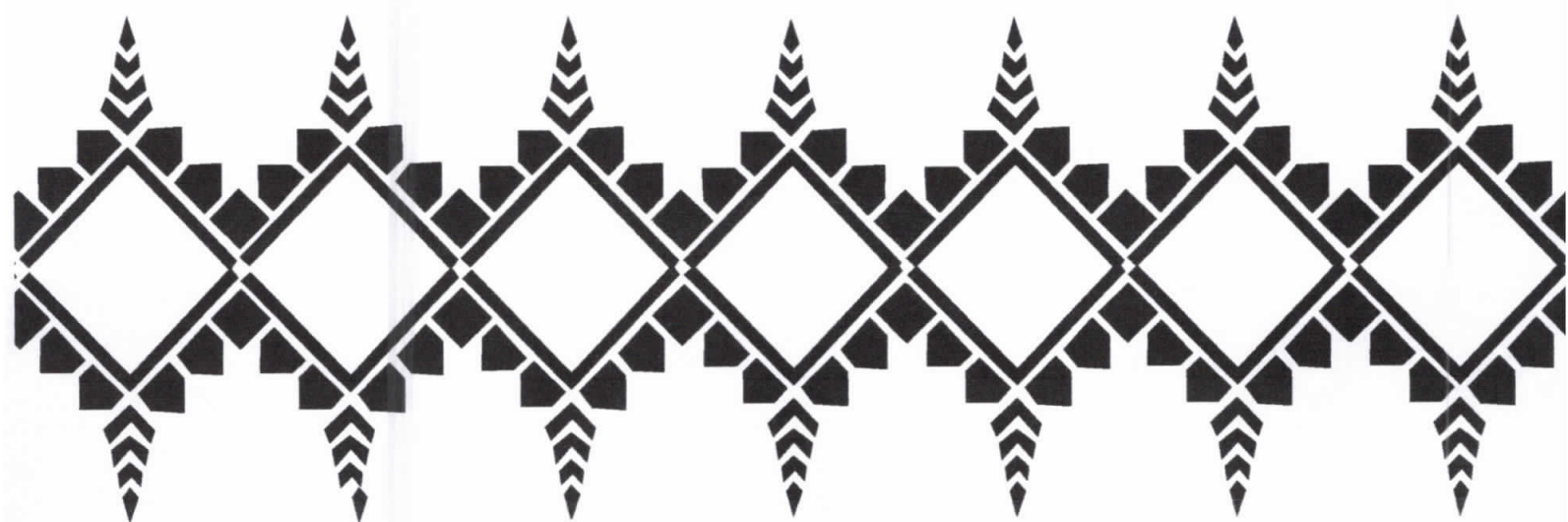
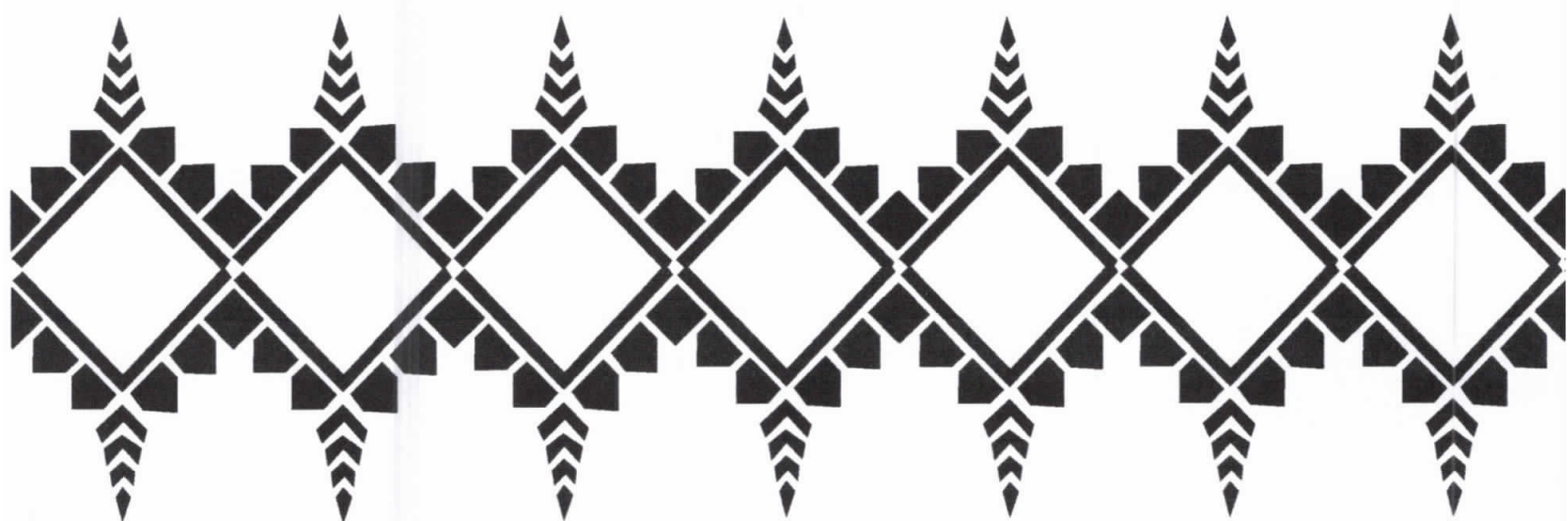
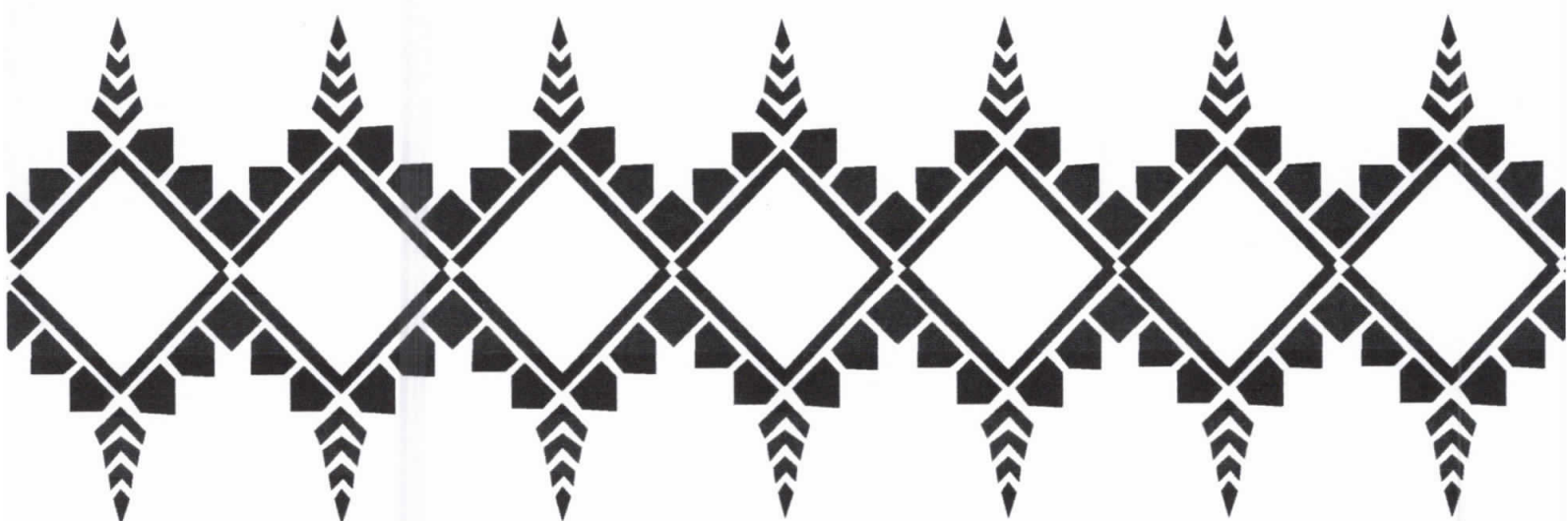
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MINDANAO MICROBIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

EVENT PRIMER



The Organization



EXCELLENCE IS OUR CULTURE

USM Microbiology Society (USM MicroSoc) is a rising STEM community in the University of Southern Mindanao (USM), composed of collegiate students having BS in Microbiology and BS in Biology Major in Microbiology as their academic program. This organization is under the Department of Biological Sciences – a Center of Development in Biology, ISO 9001:2015 certified, and producer of topnotchers in the Philippine Academy of Microbiology (PAM) Certification Examination for three years in a row.

The organization is committed to: 1) Promote scientific knowledge in microbiology to students and others who are interested in the field; 2) Introduce career opportunities to students and others who are interested in microbiology; 3) Participate in science/health/environment related activities; 4) Develop leadership and management skills to student members; and, 5) Recognize achievements of members in different specialized fields of microbiology.

USM MicroSoc worked on the promotion of students' excellence as the organization composed the 45% of academic scholars in the College of Science and Mathematics (CSM) during the 45th University Recognition Program, excelled in various academic and non-academic competitions in and out of the University, and a regular participant in the Annual Convention and Scientific Meeting of the Philippine Society of Microbiology (PSM), Inc. Mindanao Chapter.

Additionally, the organization focused on its aim to communicate science. This January 2023, the USM MicroSoc had the most number of awards during the Agung Online Communication and Journalism Awards by the Mindanao Tech, the official student publication of the University. Among the awards received are Best Social Strategy and Public Affairs awards under the Insight and Innovation category and Innovative Society of the Year for the Best of the Best category.



The Event



MINDANAO MICROBIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

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Pioneering Societal Advancement through Microbiological Knowledge



Contest Levels

Elimination Round

There are two categories in this competition: **INDIVIDUAL** and **TEAM**. Participating Senior High School institution can send a maximum of two entries per category. In the elimination round, all participating schools will face-off in an oral type of quiz bee with virtual means. This means eliminations will be conducted through a Zoom teleconference.

Like any other oral quiz bee, this comes in three stages: **easy**, **average**, and **difficult**. The coverage for the elimination round revolves only on the basic microbiology subjects. These subjects include **bacteriology**, **mycology**, **parasitology**, **protozoology**, **phycology**, **nematology** and **virology**.

Finals Round

Top ten entries in the elimination round—both individual and team categories—will once again battle on-site for the finals round. This will be held at the **University of Southern Mindanao (USM) campus**.

Unlike elimination round, the finals round will come in three stages for both categories. The first stage is the **written exam** where an entry will answer series of challenges with only pen and paper. The second stage is the **oral exam** where in each entry will answer series of questions which will be given orally. The third and last stage is the **practical exam** where an entry will answer series of challenges through a moving exam.



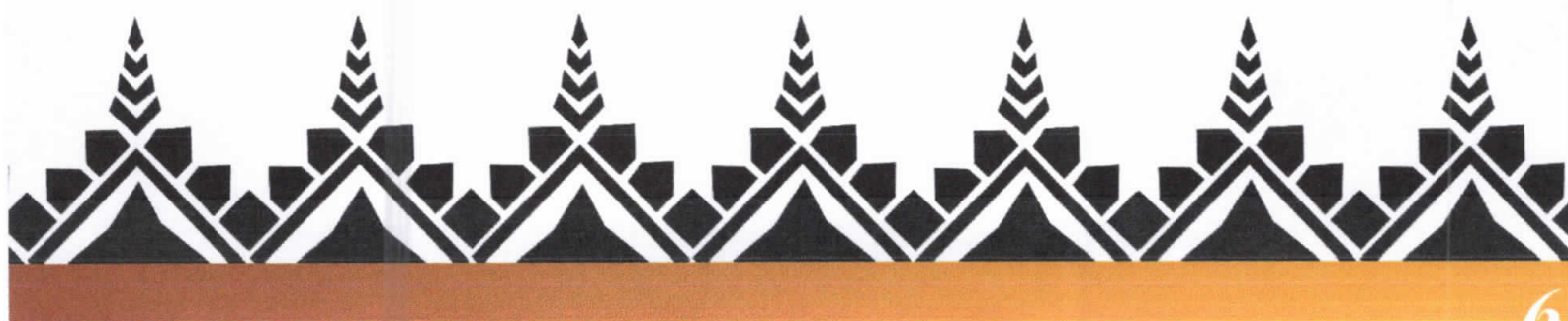
Guidelines

Individual Category

- All Senior High Schools in Mindanao are eligible to register a maximum of two entries in the competition through tinyurl.com/MMO23RegForm
- Only bonafide senior high school students enrolled in the participating school are eligible to be a participant of the individual quiz. Hence, students' school ID is required upon registration.
- The registration fee for the Microbiology Olympiad is a non-refundable amount of **One Hundred Fifty Pesos (Php 150.00)**.
- Top ten (10) Individual quizzers will move forward to the face-to-face quiz to be held at the University of Southern Mindanao-Main Campus

Team Category

- All Senior High Schools in Mindanao are eligible to register a maximum of 2 entries in the competition through tinyurl.com/MMO23RegForm
- Only bonafide senior high school students enrolled in the participating school are eligible to be a participant of the team quiz. Hence, students' school ID is required upon registration.
- The registration fee for the Microbiology Olympiad is a non-refundable amount of **Four Hundred Pesos (Php 400.00)**.
- Top ten (10) Individual quizzers will move forward to the face-to-face quiz to be held at the University of Southern Mindanao-Main Campus



Calendar

Dates to Save

APRIL 21

Registration Closed

APRIL 22

Online Orientation

APRIL 24

Elimination Round

MAY 6

Online Masterclasses

MAY 19

Finals Round

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