

## **MUÑOZONIAN STUDENT RESEARCHERS SWEEP AWARDS AT NATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR '26**

Demonstrating excellence in science, technology, and innovation, 38 student researchers from the Schools Division of Science City of Muñoz (SCM) brought home an impressive collection of honors from the National Science and Engineering Fair (NSEF) 2026, held on February 7–8 at the Great Eastern Hotel.

Supported by six dedicated coaches, the SCM delegation competed against the country's most promising junior and senior high school innovators. Their outstanding performance earned the division the prestigious Culture of Research Award, given to the institutions with the highest number of national finalists.

The Science City of Muñoz Science High School (SCMSHS) dominated the awards across multiple categories:

### **Top Honors and Grand Awards**

Leading the field were the teams of Jewel Maey M. Agnes, Margareth J. Manuel, and Mia Rishelle M. Verona; and Audrey Nicole D.C. Inigo, Chloe Alexi M. Bernardo, and Erine Kiellah R. Vidad, both of whom clinched the 1st Grand Award.

Other major accolades included:

**2nd Grand Awards:** Teams led by James Bryan F. Ramento, Shaya Louis D. Santiago, and Kevin James A. Mata, as well as Edrine Cymon S. Esguerra, who also received the Best Research Video award.

**3rd Grand Awards:** Three separate teams led by Arcel Yuri Francisco, Makisig Malakas, and Harvkell Mariano.

**4th Grand Award:** Lhiane Jodi M. Bernardo and Trisha Nicole M. Estabillo.

**5th Grand Award:** Hilary M. Agbanawag, Jhan Jeanette A. Brin, Marrion Geio M. Marcos, Isabelle Mercheline V. Tamayo, and Marcelino Chan III.

**Community Impact Award:** The research group of Janli V. Tagliam.

The NSEF serves as a premier national platform for Filipino youth to showcase scientific inquiry and innovation. For the Muñoz delegates, this achievement highlights the division's strong commitment to research excellence and marks another successful defense of their work on the national stage.