

## Workshop to empower local NGOs



**LOCAL NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS** (NGOs) who are members of the Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates and human rights lawyers belonging to the Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG) came together for a Workshop-Forum on Universal Jurisdiction hosted by the DLSU College of Law (COL).

Upon the recommendation of UN, the activity was conducted as a follow-up of a fact-finding mission held in 2007 by the International Federation for Human Rights, an international non-governmental organization composed

of 141 human rights organizations from 100 countries.

The workshop-forum, which aimed to empower local NGOs in addressing issues on human rights and torture, tackled legislations and issues relating to universal jurisdiction such as Geneva Conventions, UN Convention against Torture, and Rome Statute.

It gave the participants an overview of universal jurisdiction legislations in Western Europe, particularly in Spain, United Kingdom, France, Netherlands, and Germany.

COL Dean Atty. Jose Manuel Diokno, who concurrently serves as FLAG Chair, gave a lecture on "The protection of victims and witnesses in the Philippines." The participants also discussed how to file a complaint on the basis of universal jurisdiction.



## Call for Ugnayan proposals

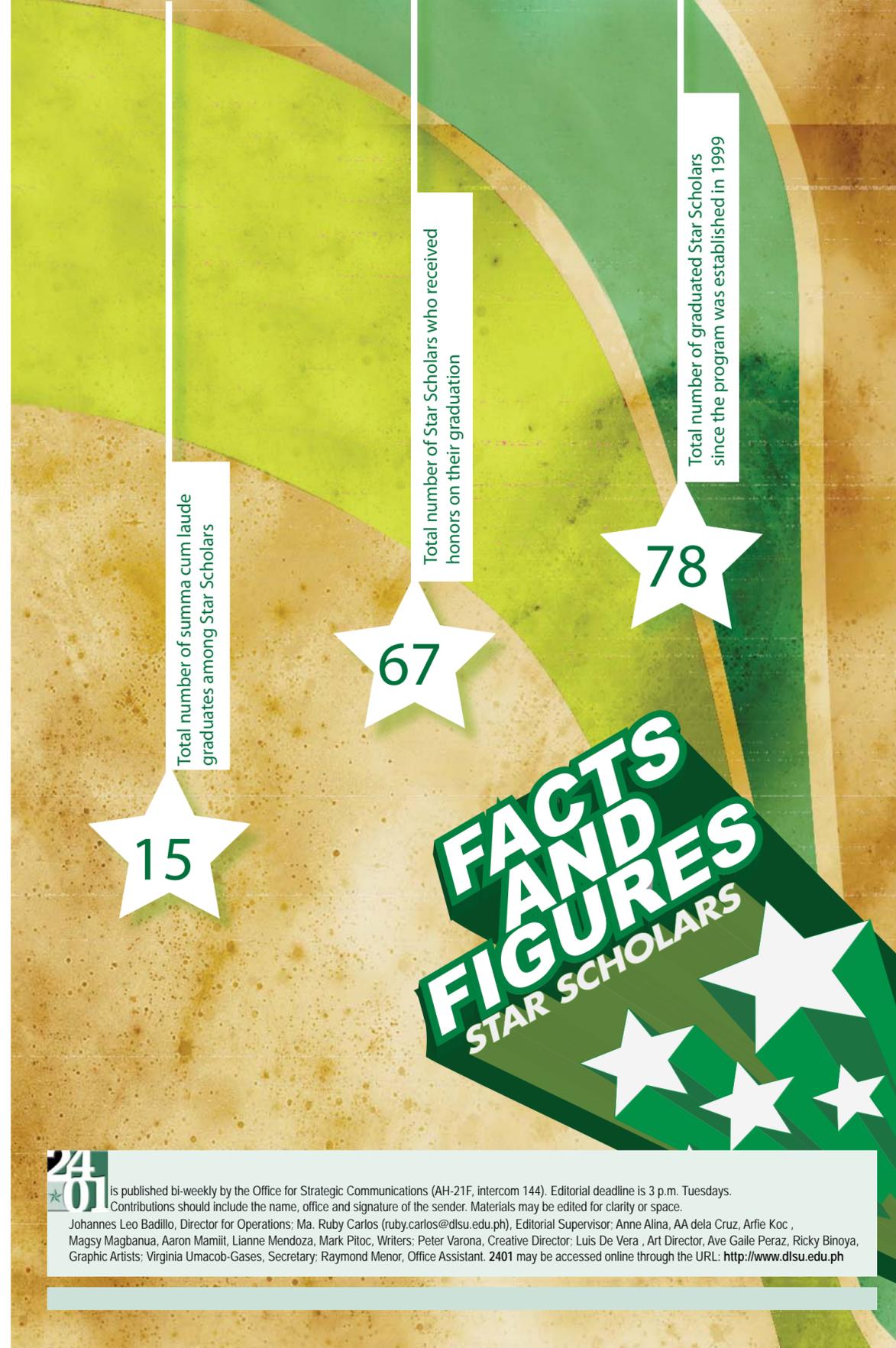
**THE OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS** is now accepting project proposals for Ugnayan, an endowment fund for collaborative activities with Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU).

The fund was set up last academic year as La Salle's gift to ADMU on its sesquicentennial and to foster friendship between the two universities through collaborative activities.

Ugnayan will have an initial amount of P500,000. Every year, the interest earned by the fund will be used to finance one joint project between La Salle and Ateneo students, faculty members, and administrators, as selected by a screening committee composed of ADMU officials. DLSU will set up and manage the endowment fund, and for Academic Year 2010-2011, La Salle will give a separate P50,000 for the first selected project.

Unlike the usual endowment fund that is academic in nature, the Ugnayan fund is for extracurricular or non-academic projects and activities.

Academic community of students and teaching and non-teaching staff are invited to send in their proposals. The project must involve members of the academic community of both universities and will be selected based on the theme or concept, values and lessons to be learned, projected budget, and the number of students who will be involved, among other criteria.

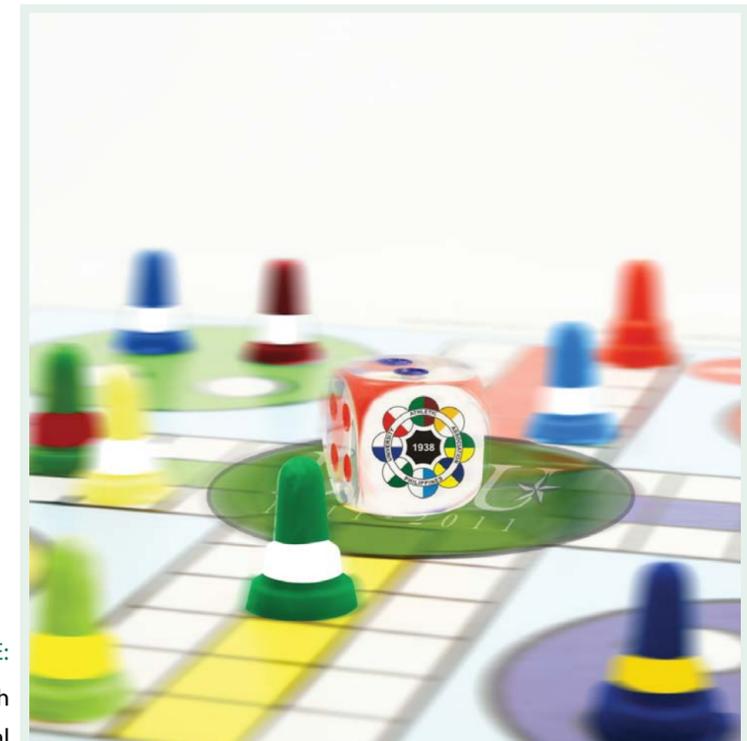


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## UAAP hosting a tribute to DLSU centennial



De La Salle University and other member universities of the UAAP celebrate the opening of Season 73 at the Araneta Coliseum.

Season 73 of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) formally opened last July 10 before

a mammoth crowd of 18,000 at the Araneta Coliseum, featuring the theme "HEROES" to make the highly

2401 (twen 'te for', 'o, wun) is a landmark number along Taft Avenue. It is the location ID of De La Salle University, home to outstanding faculty and students, and birthplace of luminaries in business, public service, education, the arts, and science. And 2401 is the name of the official newsletter of DLSU, featuring developments and stories of interest about the University.

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anticipated event meaningful and to echo De La Salle University's pre-centennial celebrations.

As this season's host, DLSU featured a 35-minute program that flowed seamlessly with video presentations and inspirational song and dance numbers. Popular artists and Lasallians Gary Valenciano and Ogie Alcasid performed song numbers, including a rendition of the One La Salle Prayer, backed by various Lasallian



athletes from all the UAAP member schools participated in the events, from a special mini-movie at the start of the program down to a lively dance number that capped the production lineup.

choral groups, La Salle Green Hills' Kundirana, and the Animo Chorale.

This year's opening ceremonies were made special by the collaboration of the eight UAAP schools. Students and

"The intention is for the opening ceremony to pay tribute to the athletes and students not just of the host school but all the UAAP member schools," said UAAP president and DLSU Vice Chancellor for Lasallian Mission and External Relations Br. Bernard Oca FSC.



## Teaching and research on concrete material

**CONCRETE IS THE MOST COMMON CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL** in the Philippines, primarily because of its value for money and immense strength when reinforced with steel. Its popularity as a construction material can be seen in the existing infrastructure in the country.

For Civil Engineering (CE) students to gain an understanding and analysis of concrete, DLSU's CE curriculum has incorporated 30 units worth of courses dealing directly with it. This extensive coverage on the topic is comparable to the weight given on the topic by

CE programs from top international universities.

A team of three CE faculty members—Dr. Bernardo Lejano, Dr. Andres Winston Oreta, and Dr. Jonathan Dungca—developed a paper on "Teaching and Research on Concrete in the Undergraduate Program," and presented it at the recent convention of the Association of Structural Engineers of the Philippines.

The convention, held last May, aimed to keep the country's civil and structural engineers updated with the latest trends, technology, and information on the field.

## Opening career opportunities

**TO PROVIDE A VENUE** for graduating students to scout some of the best jobs and make choices for their future, the Job Placement Services staged the bi-annual Job Expo from June 28 to July 2 at the Yuchengco Lobby and Central Plaza.

The event, participated in by a total of 125 companies, also featured several career talks by representatives of multinational companies including Nestle and Shell, alongside an on-campus interview by Macquarie Offshore Services. Food sponsors such as The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, URC and Conti's Specialty Foods, Inc. also joined the event. A booth dedicated for registration of Social Security Number was likewise organized.

Dr. Kit Bonnet, coordinator for Job Placement Services, said "Lasallians have always proven their worth. For that, it has been a joy building healthy relationships with the best of the best of the industries."



## CHED workshop on alternative education

**AS FILIPINOS BECOME MORE MOBILE** with workers going overseas, students working and studying at the same time, and young professionals seeking additional degrees, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is building on efforts to provide ways of earning a degree outside the classroom.

To support CHED efforts, De La Salle University played host to a recent CHED-NCR workshop on "Appreciating Alternative Delivery Modes in Higher Education."

The workshop aimed at giving educators a better understanding and clearer direction on how to go about the different delivery of programs. The main focus were CHED's thrusts on ladderization, equivalency, and distance education, in the face of challenges brought about by technology and economics.

The workshop recognized modern communications technology—the internet, videoconferencing, smart classrooms, and computer-based training—as tools for institutions of higher education to reach people in a

variety of environments, including private homes.

DLSU Vice Chancellor for Academics and Research Dr. Myrna Austria who gave the opening remarks said: "What our respective institutions can give to these people who genuinely value education are options to still learn and get credit for their efforts. It is part of the Lasallian mission to contribute in developing an educational system that will transform individuals into citizens with competencies, and in the process transform our society for the better."



The new batch of Star Scholars

## 2010 Star Scholars Recognition

**LAST JULY 8**, De La Salle University honored the graduates and newest batch of Star Scholars during the annual recognition rites of the scholarship program. This year's list of Star Scholars graduate includes Rodolfo Anthony Semira Jr. (ECE) magna cum laude, Andrew Donovan Yu (ECE) summa cum laude, Louise Jezareth Antipala (LIM) magna cum laude, Maria Carina Teresa Alba (BS-STAT), Alvin John Chua (IE) summa cum laude, Amanda Isabel Bacani (PSM-BMG) summa cum laude, Lorenzo Alba (BSBCEM) summa cum laude, and Jarische Frances Lao (HUM-BIO) cum laude.

On its twelfth year, the Star Scholars program also welcomed 14 new scholars, who out of the top 72 DLSU College Entrance Test examinees made it through the rigorous screening

process this year. They are Gabriel Abiera (CS), Allan Abrogena (MEM-BME), Neil Angeles (CHE), Gino Arellano (CHE), Menandro Isagani Reyes Daella Jr. (CS), Angelo Gutierrez (BSA), Sed Holaysan (CHE), Sarah Livelio (HUM-BIO), Kei George Rebolledo (HUM-BIO) Sheena Sacdalan (ECE), Miguel Soriente (AB-ECM) Kennard Sychingping (MTH-CAP), and Manuel Vidal Jr. (BSBCEM).

Since its establishment in 1999, the DLSU's Star Scholars Program has gained the reputation of being the most comprehensive and innovative scholarship program in the country. It offers an integrated undergraduate and graduate scholarship to the best and the brightest graduating high school students from all over the country.

## Linkage with Osaka University

**THE 13TH JOINT ACADEMIC RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM** of De La Salle University and Osaka University will be held on Sept 29-30, 2010. This annual event highlights the ongoing partnership between DLSU and the Osaka University.

With the theme, "Science and Technology dealing with Real World Issues", the Symposium aims to foster research in the area of Science and Technology and its impact to mainstream human activities. Specifically, it serves as a venue for discussion and exchange of ideas. The first day of the symposium features invited presentations from distinguished researchers and academicians, while the second day is devoted to parallel paper presentations of research done by faculty and students of De La Salle University and Osaka University.

For more details, visit <http://www.dlsu.edu.ph/conferences/ou/>.



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---St. John Baptist de La Salle

