

DLSU confers honorary degree on Nobel Laureate Mario Vargas Llosa

Nobel laureate in Literature Mario Vargas Llosa recently received an honorary doctorate in literature from De La Salle University at the Teresa Yuchengco Auditorium last November 8.

The conferment ceremony marked his second visit to the Philippines. He first came to the country in 1978 to meet with the local chapter of the Poets, Essayists, and Novelists (PEN) International.

A Lasallian at heart, Llosa would recall fondly his formative years at the Colegio La Salle in both Bolivia and Peru. "Brother Justiano taught me how to read. Learning how to read was the most important event in my life," he said.

He also added that his vocation as a storyteller was ultimately born in those years and that reading was an extraordinary pleasure.

Concerning his vocation as a writer, Llosa opined that his vocation has fulfilled his life in a way that good books and poems have enriched the life of its readers.

Vargas Llosa received the Nobel Prize in Literature for his "cartography of structures of power and his trenchant images of the individual's resistance, revolt, and defeat." He has also



Mr. Mario Vargas Llosa is conferred the Doctor of Literature honoris causa. From left, Vice Chancellor for Academics Dr. Robert Roleda, President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC, and Chancellor Dr. Gerardo Janairo.

received the Prince Asturias Award for Literature in 1986, the Miguel de Cervantes Prize in Spanish-language literature in 1994, the PEN/Nabokov Award in 2002, and the XII Don Quijote Journalism Award.

As a writer, he is best known for his critically acclaimed novels and fiction including La ciudad y los Perros, La tia Julia y el escritor, El sueño del celta, and Cinco Esquinas.

Students' agri-bot wins top prize in engineering design contest



The SABRINA thesis group with Dr. Caillung (adviser) during the announcing of the Gold Thesis Award at the Henry Sy, Sr. Hall.

The SABRINA System (right to left: Vision Capture System, Unmanned Ground Robot Applicator)

A group of students from the DLSU Gokongwei College of Engineering bagged the top prize in the 4th Undergraduate Engineering Design Contest of the Philippine Association of Engineering Schools (PAES) held at Mapua Institute of Technology - Intramuros Campus last October 21. It was DLSU's third championship in the annual competition.

Composed of Manufacturing Engineering and Management students, the team won for a thesis project titled, "SABRINA: The Development of a Semi-Autonomous Banding Robot for Intelligent Nitrogen Application."

SABRINA is a semi-autonomous banding robot that is guided by an intelligent decision support system to aid it in allocating the proper amount of fertilizer for a scaled corn field. The robot is an unmanned ground robot that operates manually outside of lanes and autonomously inside of lanes.

It was developed by the team of Samuel Chueh, Renz Emmanuel Raquion, Matthew John Gatchalian, Geffcristian Jordan Tan, and Emil Wang, under the mentorship Dr. Edwin Caillung.

With SABRINA, the group seeks to further research in the field of precision agriculture as a field of study and promote the acceptance, development, and use of agricultural technology in the country.

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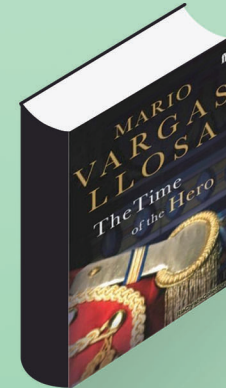
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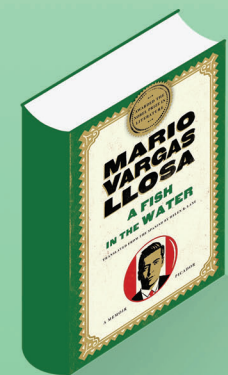


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Lasallians win in international competitions



DLSU COL students Lalaine Hablado, Edwin Concepcion, and Julia Pineda in the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Moot Court Competition in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Two teams from De La Salle University bagged top honors in the recently culminated 2016 National Model United Nations Conference in Washington D.C., USA and the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Moot Court Competition in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Participants from DLSU won the Distinguished Delegation Award at the 2016 National Model United Nations Conference, placing second among 100 universities hailing from more than 20 different countries across the world. DLSU also received two Most Outstanding Position Paper awards in the Security Council (SC) and

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International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Committees.

Team DLSU was composed of 12 delegates from the College of Liberal Arts, Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business, and School of Economics led by Head Delegates Giancarlo Inacay (SC) and Victorino Guillermo.

They were trained by the DLSU Model UN coaching staff under the leadership of Patrick Kahn (IV- BS-INSYS). The team members are Samantha Annika Carlos (IAEA), Claro Ignacio Manzano, Krizia Martina Mendoza, Juan Nicollo Mondonedo, Monique Therese Mujar (IAEA), Bianca Alessandra Ruiz (SC), Agerico Kearu Soriano, Roy Joseph Sotelo, Santiago Teodoro, Mikaelah Grace Vinluan, and Darleen Viray.

2016 Star Scholars Recognition held

The University welcomed its newest batch of Star Scholars in a recognition event held last October 28. Star Scholar graduates who graduated last academic year were also given recognition during the program.



For this year, 14 new scholars topped the DLSU College Admission Test and made it through the rigorous screening process, joining the ranks of the University's best and brightest students. They are Ingrid Agbunag (HUM-BIO), Azriel Baluyut (AEF-BSA), Nicholas Barria (AEF-APC), Patrick Chan (BS-PSYC), Lizelle Cruz (AEF-MKT), Marie Ferrer (OCM-APC), Zoe Goding (HUM-BIO), Jerk Layos (BS-AEF), Gwyneth Lim (BSA), Antonio Llamas (CS), Luis Lopez (CS), Lia Manalo (CS), Wilfredo Royeca (HUM-BIO), and Lance Trillanes (BS-AEF).

This year's list of Star Scholar graduates include Gerald Aaron Ang (CHE) honorable mention, Clarence Co (CHE) summa cum laude, Stephen Rogie Vasquez (AE-FIN) magna cum laude,

Meanwhile, the team from DLSU College of Law composed of Julia Pineda, Edwin Concepcion, Lalaine Hablado, and coach Atty. Katrina Aguila ranked 4th in overall orals scores and ranked 13th in overall written and oral scores in the FDI Moot Court Competition. Concepcion was also cited as a Top Ten Advocate.

For this year, participating universities include University of Buenos Aires, New York University, King's College London, and Harvard University. The FDI Moot Court Competition was organized by the Center for International Legal Studies, a non-profit, training, and law publications institute based in Salzburg, Austria.

Paul Arcega (BS-PSYC) magna cum laude, Julio Fajardo III (BS-STAT) cum laude, Ma. Lourdes Justiniani (AB-PSM), Christine Octavo (BS-STAT) honorable mention, Joelle Peña (PHY-MED), Ritchelle Quiros (BSA) magna cum laude, Frank Santiago (BS-STAT) magna cum laude, Beryl Tan (HUM-BIO) summa cum laude, Justin Belmonte (HUM-BIO) magna cum laude, and Jayson Reggie Obos (MBA).

The Star Scholars program is on its 18th year of granting an integrated undergraduate and graduate full scholarship to deserving students.

Faculty members share insights on crisis and disaster risk management

Faculty members of the Civil Engineering Department and members of the Center for Engineering and Sustainable Development Research (CESDR) delivered lectures for Philippine Public Safety College graduate students taking up Master of Crisis and Disaster Risk Management (MCDRM).

The sessions were held at the DLSU Faculty Center last November 14-16.

There are 10 sessions of seminars on various topics on disaster risk reduction and management as well as public safety and resilience. MCDRM lectures were also conducted.

On the first day of the sessions, Dr. Lessandro Garciano, Civil Engineering Department chair, delivered a lecture on "Basic Extreme Wind Speeds and Earthquake Hazards Analyses" while Dr. Renan Tanhueco shared his presentation on "Mainstreaming DRRM in the Philippine subnational physical framework and local land use plans and decision making processes."



On the second day, Dr. Andres Oreta shared his lectures in his DLSU graduate course seminar, Disaster Risk Reduction and Infrastructure Development, on the general topic, "Understanding Hazards and Disasters."

The CE faculty members delivered the lectures as part of their community engagement activities.

CEO talk features engineer-entrepreneur-philanthropist



Diosdado "Dado" Banatao

The Management and Organization Department of DLSU recently hosted a CEO talk featuring Diosdado "Dado" Banatao—described as "an engineer, inventor, entrepreneur, venture capitalist, and philanthropist"—last October 28 at the Yuchengco Hall.

Banatao is the son of a farmer from a small barrio in Iguig in Cagayan Valley. He grew up with no access to electricity, and walked the dirt road to his school every day barefoot.

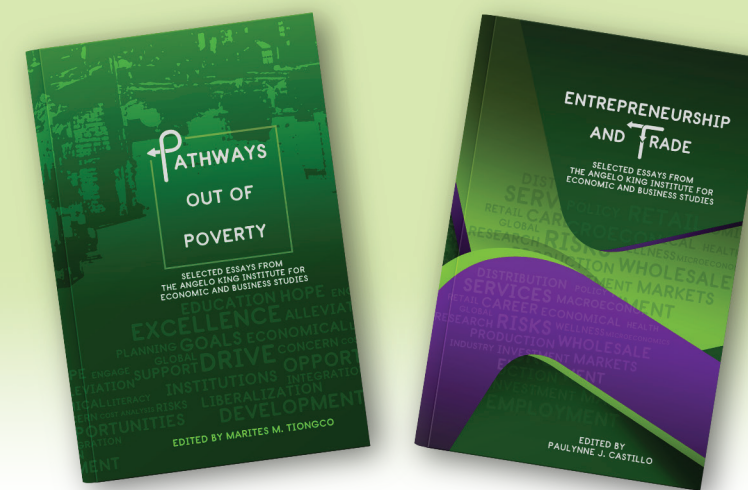
After earning a degree at the Mapua Institute of Technology, Dado worked in the United States and enrolled in a graduate study program at the University of Washington. A licensed pilot, he was among the design engineers for the Boeing 747. He left the company to pursue a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering and Computing Science at Stanford University.

Upon graduating, he spent time at the Homebrew Computer Club alongside engineers and professors, including Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.

Banatao invented two of the foundation technologies in every PC today: the PC chip set, and the graphics acceleration architecture. He has founded three technology startups: Mostron; the S3 which became the third most profitable company in the world in 1993; and Chips & Technologies, which he sold to Intel in 1996.

Today, he is the managing partner of Tallwood Venture Capital, a venture firm focused on semiconductor technology solutions for computing, communication, and consumer platforms.

Book series tackles pathways to boost PHL economy



The Angelo King Institute for Economic and Business Studies (AKI) and the De La Salle University Publishing House (DLSUPH) held the launching of the books *Pathways out of Poverty* and *Entrepreneurship and Trade* last October 28 at the Animo Labs, Henry Sy, Sr. Hall.

The books were edited by the School of Economics Dean Dr. Marites Tiongco (*Pathways out of Poverty*), and Assistant Professor Paulyne J. Castillo (*Entrepreneurship and Trade*).

A collection of essays and studies, both at the country and provincial levels, the books address important contemporary issues such as poverty, hunger, food security, and trade liberalization in the Philippines.

Through the publication and release of these books, the writers and editors aim to disseminate more knowledge in the fields of social and economic studies both within the Philippines and abroad in order to further existing discussions on the pertinent economic and business problems at present.

For more information or to purchase copies of the books, please contact the DLSUPH at 524-4611 loc. 271 or email dlsupublishinghouse@dlsu.edu.ph.

Balay Program seeks communion and fellowship

In its effort to promote communion in mission and fellowship among teaching and non-teaching personnel, the Office of the Vice President for Lasallian Mission under Br. Michael Broughton FSC has established the Balay Program, DLSU's flagship community building program.

Under this initiative, full-time teaching faculty, ASFs, APSPs, CAP, part-time faculty who have taught at least three trimesters (equivalent to one year), and direct-hired personnel who have at least one year of contract will be assigned to different Balays or Houses named after Lasallian saints.

Members of the Balays are encouraged to cooperate with each other and promote healthy competition with other Balays in team-building activities and University programs.

The Balay Program kicked off with the Animo Wellness! Periodic Health Examination (PHEX) last November 7-12. Teaching and non-teaching personnel who underwent the annual physical exam earned points for their Balay.

Through the Balay Program, the community will have a year-round venue to foster camaraderie and enhance relationships among our members, in pursuit of our mission to strengthen our identity as Lasallians.

To know about the Balay membership and for information about the program, you may view www.dlsu.edu.ph/personnel/balay. Announcements and updates will also be posted in the Green Screen, elevator boards, and social media channels. For inquiries, email balayprogram@dlsu.edu.ph.



2nd Learning NetworkPH Conference Call for papers

De La Salle University invites teachers, scholars, and graduate students in the fields of education and technology to showcase their best teaching practices, scholarly papers, and research works at the 2nd Learning NetworkPH Conference to be held in DLSU on May 12-13, 2017.

The Learning NetworkPH promotes education for all by providing reliable e-learning materials, safe and learner-

friendly sites and open source education technology platforms for learning and teaching, all for free. Its vision is to harness information, ideas, and knowledge through crowd sourcing, open sharing, and collaboration to reach all types of learners regardless of age, culture, faith, gender, and social status via the internet.

Among its many projects are the Senior High School Learning Portal for Filipino,

English, Math, Science & Social Studies and the Online Filipino Dictionary.

Deadline for the submission of abstract is on December 15 and notifications for accepted abstracts will be released on January 15, 2017. Deadline of submission for the full paper will be on March 15.

Details about the conference may be viewed at <http://learningnetworkph.com>

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De La Salle
- St. John Baptist de La Salle
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