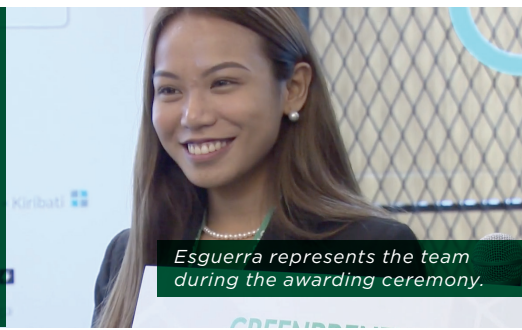


2019 GREENPRENEURS GLOBAL BUSINESS PITCH COMPETITION WINNER



Esguerra represents the team during the awarding ceremony.

AN ALL-FEMALE TEAM FROM DLSU BAGGED THE TOP PRIZE IN THE 2019 GREENPRENEURS GLOBAL BUSINESS PITCH COMPETITION hosted by Global Green Growth Institute last October 23 at InterContinental Seoul COEX. The event carried the theme, "Unlocking Renewable Energy Potential."

Dubbed ISDABest, the team is composed of founders Seanne Veniene Esguerra (BS in Applied Economics major in Financial Economic and BS in Accountancy), Patricia Nicole Joyce Cruz (BS in Applied Economics major in Financial Economics and BS in Legal Management), Dominique Hannah Sy

(BS-MS Applied Economics), and Iliana Tan (BS-MS in Chemical Engineering). Isdabest is the first polycultural, non-fed marine aquaculture startup in the Philippines.

It aims to develop a high-yielding and restorative ocean farming by growing seaweed and shellfish in the oceans in the country's mariculture system. This startup also intends to help small fishermen generate stable income by creating seafood hubs.

Isdabest has also been recognized in other major competitions, such as the Hult Prize Tokyo Regional Summit and the Enactus Business Innovation Challenge. Their

mentors include Norby Salonga of the Center for Social Concern and Action, School of Economics Dean Dr. Marites Tiongco, Vice Chancellor for the Lasallian Mission Fritzie de Vera, Department of Biology faculty member Dr. Ma. Carmen Ablan-Lagman, and former College of Business Dean Dr. Brian Gozun.

Greenpreneurs is a global competition that aims to provide aspiring young entrepreneurs an avenue to create a social enterprise that is aligned with Sustainable Development Goals, economic, and green growth.

International conference on agro-industry research highlights UN SDGs

IN PURSUIT OF THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS), MEMBERS OF THE ACADEME AND AGRO-INDUSTRY tackled the latest research developments as well as some of the most pressing issues in the agricultural sector during the 6th International Conference on Agro-Industry held at De La Salle University last November 5-7.

Organized by DLSU, Universitas Gadjah Mada-Indonesia, and De La Salle Araneta University, the event featured plenary talks and topical sessions that engaged members of the private and public sectors in the region towards creating social enterprise development solutions.

Agriculture Secretary William Dar delivered the first keynote address entitled, "Agribusiness: Securing the future of global industries." Likewise, Tourism Regional Director Rebecca Villanueva-Labit was invited to talk about "Agrotourism, as potential means to achieving sustainable development."

Nine experts from different organizations gave lectures during the three plenary sessions. Among the topics covered were biosystems engineering, academe-coffee industry linkage, biodiversity conservation, the potentials of the agro-industry, and best practices in countries with advanced agro-industry.

For Plenary Session 1, the featured speakers were Embassy of Israel in the Philippines' Deputy Chief of Mission Yulia Rachinsky-Spivakov and National Taiwan University's Dr. Yu-Pin Lin.

DLSU Food and Water Institute Director Dr. Emmanuel Garcia and Climate Reality Project Philippine Manager Rodne Galicha delivered

the lectures for Plenary Session 2, and 2019 CSR Youth Awardee and RiceUp Farmers, Inc.'s Elvin Jerome Laceda and Downstream Marketing Manager of East-West Seed Philippines Dr. Dexter Difuntorum for Plenary Session 3.

For Plenary Session 4, the speakers were Embassy of Canada-Manila's Trade Commissioner Angel Cachuela, Universitas Gadjah Mada's Dr. Adi Djoko Guritno, and UMG Group of Companies-Myanmar Founder and Executive Chairman Kiwi Aliwarga.

DLSAU's Dr. Mydil Cardines and Dr. Bernardo Sepeda served as facilitators during the discussions.

The lead organizers for the event were the DLSU Office of the Vice President for External Relations and Internationalization, DLSAU Office for Partnerships, Linkages, Academic Cooperation and Engagements, and La Salle Food and Water Institute.



DLSU President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC delivers his welcome message to the ICoA participants.

FACTS and FIGURES

DLSU topnotchers in board exams

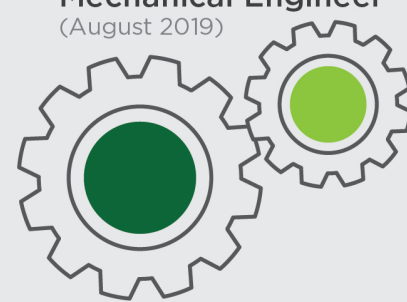
#1 TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL
Psychologist
(October 2019)
Top 5 - Mahjalin Bugtong
Top 9 - Kimberly Jane Du



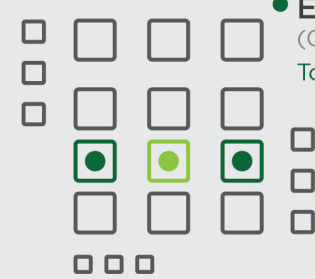
4th TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL
Psychometrician
(October 2019)
Top 3 - Jasmine Frances Burgos
Top 9 - Rutherford Rigodon



3rd TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL
Mechanical Engineer
(August 2019)



Electronics Engineer
(October 2019)
Top 6 - Gideon Clarence Ong



Certified Public Accountant
(October 2019)
Top 3 - Christian Lawrence Go
Top 8 - Carlos Benedict Echevarria



Chemist
(October 2019)
Top 10 - Nikko Angelo Salvador Carisma



Guidance Counselor
(September 2019)
Top 3 - Khrystine Delos Santos Cristobal
Top 7 - Giselle Glico Pascual
Top 10 - Christina Gracia Diaz Meron



Source: PRC Board



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DLSU joins top-ranked universities in global THE subject rankings

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY JOINS THE 2020 LIST OF LEADING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS in the region in two subject rankings of the Times Higher Education (THE).

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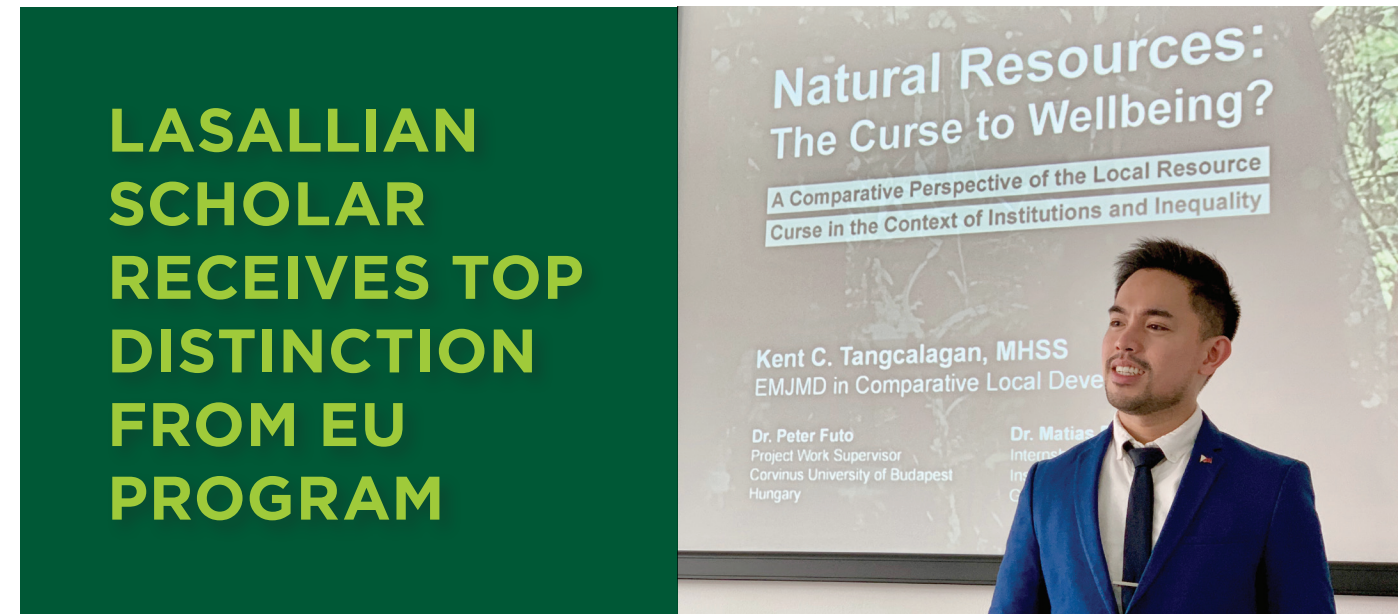
In the Social Sciences Subject Rankings, DLSU is the only private university among the 16 ASEAN higher education institutions included in the list. This year, only 720 universities qualified to be included in the said rankings.

In the subject area of Engineering and Technology, DLSU is the top-ranked Philippine university in the latest THE list for the second straight year. For this subject area, 1,008 universities made it in the list.

In both the Social Sciences and Engineering and Technology subject rankings, DLSU gets a spot in the 501-600 bracket.

The THE Subject Rankings apply the same criteria used in the THE World University Rankings but uses data on specific areas such as in this case.

The Times Higher Education lists the world's best research universities, requiring a minimum threshold of Scopus publications, combined with data on teaching, innovation, international outlook, and reputation.



LAST SEPTEMBER, MASTER OF HEALTH SOCIAL SCIENCE ALUMNUS KENT TANGCALAGAN ('13) received the distinction of summa cum laude during his graduation from a joint master's degree in the EU.

Tangcalagan took up a two-year graduate program in Comparative Local Development on an Erasmus Mundus scholarship. His previous training as a nurse made him gravitate toward learning about sustainable development, particularly in the health sectors of various societies.

A joint master's degree meant taking the program in several universities in the continent, including Corvius University of Budapest in Hungary, University of Trento in Italy, University of Regensburg in Germany, and the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, where he also

interned. This exposed him to some of the best development practices in health sectors around the world.

Tangcalagan's research career began while he was earning his first master's degree in DLSU, where he was also a Ford Foundation scholar.

"My professor Dr. Ma. Elena Javier took me as a research associate in DLSU's Social Development Research Center, for a USAID-funded project on 'Conservation Agriculture Production Systems in the Philippines and Cambodia.' The work and mentorship I received allowed me to shift seamlessly from the nursing profession to the field of sustainable development," he shares.

After graduating from DLSU in 2013, he was hired by US-based development

firm Chemonics International, Inc. He maintained his working relationship with his mentor, this time in a new USAID project about biodiversity and watersheds.

When Javier left the program, Tangcalagan was asked to take over her role in the project and it paved the way toward his Erasmus Mundus scholarship.

After graduating, Tangcalagan continued to seek development work in the health sector. He currently works for the USAID program "Philippines: Human Resources for Health in 2030," which focuses on improving the country's health workforce, strengthening human resources in health governance and performance management, and advancing the use of data for health decision-making in human resources.

DLSU LAGUNA CAMPUS UPDATE

DLSU INTEGRATED SCHOOL HOLDS 11TH SCI-MATH RACE

DLSU INTEGRATED SCHOOL, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BR. ANDREW GONZALEZ FSC COLLEGE OF EDUCATION'S Operation Big Brother (OBB), recently hosted the annual inter-school competition, Sci-Math Race, for public and private high school students from Manila and Laguna.

Held at the Laguna Campus last October 12, the program saw the participants battling against each other in various activities such as the Quiz Bee, Robotics Innovative Projects Competition, Digital Poster Making, Modulo Art, and Room Escape.

Ramon Magsaysay High School students placed first in the Room Escape activity while Manila High School students placed first in Robotics. OBB schools from Tondo—Gregorio Perfecto High School and Florentino Torres High School—bagged the 3rd place in the Room Escape and 2nd place in the Quiz Bee, respectively. Manila Science High School finished 3rd place overall.



Samgyupsalamat donation



IN APPRECIATION OF THE LOYAL LA SALLE CUSTOMERS at their first branch on Kapitan Tikong Street in Manila, Samgyupsalamat Inc. owner, Mr. Young Hun Ko, signed a deed of donation to DLSU, represented by DLSU President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC. The donation will provide support to three scholars under the St. La Salle Scholarship Program.

Serving as witnesses to the ceremony are DLSU Office for Admissions and Scholarships Director Grichelle Prado and Samgyupsalamat's Sung Wan Kwon.

STELLAR PERFORMANCE BY DLSU TEAM IN 2019 ASEAN IMPACT CHALLENGE

BESTING 300 ENTRIES FROM THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION, a team from De La Salle University emerged as one of the top 10 regional finalists at the ASEAN Impact Challenge held from October 31 to November 2 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The team, G-MATrix, represented the Philippines as part of the ten StartImpact Ventures. These are start-ups in the ideation and early stages of business implementation.

G-MATrix presented a solution for a sustainable and progressive built environment using geopolymer technology.

Ithan Jessemar Dollente and April Anne Tigie made a pitch to some of ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY) members and judges from the start-up community. Dollente and Tigie are also members of the Geopolymer and Advanced Materials

Engineering Research for Sustainability (G.A.M.E.R.S.) research group headed by Dr. Michael Angelo Promentilla.

Aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the regional challenge centered on the theme, "Circular Futures: Innovations for a Circular Economy." It aimed to discover solutions that promote circular economy through the power of business and collaboration. The regional challenge is now on its fifth year of implementation.

G-MATrix is a recipient of the DLSU Innovation Grant, a seed grant for university IP owned projects initiated by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, DLSU Intellectual Property Office, and DLSU Innovation and Technology Office. The start-up plans to continue the start-up at pilot scale, helping a targeted community with its geopolymer-based products.



CBCP Gawad Paglilingkod Award for Prison Pastoral Care



MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION FACULTY MEMBER Dr. Maria Paquita Bonnet and the Center for Social Concern and Action (COSCA) received the Gawad Paglilingkod Award from the Catholic Bishop Conference of the Philippines-Episcopal Commission on Prison Pastoral Care.

The awarding ceremony was held at St. Andrew Cathedral, Paranaque City last October 27 during the national celebration of the 32nd Prison Awareness Sunday.

CBCP gives the recognition to individuals and groups that have done exemplary and valuable contributions to the prison ministry. COSCA has been in partnership with the Philippine Jesuit Prison Service, Inc. for several years through various social engagement and service-learning activities of Lasallian students with Persons Deprived of Liberty.

“It is impossible to please God if you do not live on friendly terms with others.”

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