



Financial, psychological, connectivity support during COVID-19

AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THAT RESULTED IN THE LUZON-WIDE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE, De La Salle University extends financial, psychological, and connectivity support to its students and other members of the academic community, as it seeks to alleviate the impact of the pandemic on their families.

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DLSU will give a 7% rebate for Manila Campus and 10% rebate for Laguna Campus college students for tuition, and also provide rebates of other fees for Term 2, AY 2019-2020. Moreover, there will be tuition discounts and waiving of some fees for Term 3, AY 2019-2020.

In order to address the mental health concerns of students and faculty brought about by the pandemic, DLSU offers free counseling services from the Office of Counselling and Career Services.

For their part, the Psychology Department's Telepsychology for the Lasallian Community (TLC) provides support to the academic community who are experiencing stress, anxiety, and other psychological issues during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The University is also making arrangements with telecommunication companies for the provision of Wi-Fi gadgets to students, faculty, and staff who have limited or no Internet access at home. Details of this service will be announced soon.

DLSU earlier announced that it will implement a no-failing-grade policy this second trimester and has provided its students options for the completion of school requirements, including deferment of subjects that they can complete within one academic year.

In a statement, DLSU President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC said "I thank the many Lasallians who have made sacrifices and contributed to helping others, despite the difficulties in which they find themselves. As St. La Salle once prayed, we also implore God to continue what He has begun in us, that we may find strength in the pursuit of our shared mission."



La Salle's future lawyers lead volunteer efforts

STUDENTS OF THE DLSU COLLEGE OF LAW RECENTLY INITIATED RELIEF EFFORTS AND OTHER VOLUNTEER INITIATIVES for vulnerable communities during the enhanced community quarantine in Luzon and other areas.

Among the many frontliners is Alessandra Gaon, who has embarked on the "Feed a Collector" project for garbage collectors and other struggling families in Pasig and Payatas. Christianne Noelle De Vera with fellow alumnae from all-girls schools launched "Barya Para Sa Bayan," which involves a partnership with the Grain Foundation for PWDs and social workers from District 2 of Quezon City. Isay Yason's "Muntinlupa Food Drive" started with the goal of raising P75,000, but which has already reached about half a million pesos. The fund was used to purchase food packs distributed to over 2,000 families living in Muntinlupa.

In addition, other COL students are rendering service and working as frontliners in their personal capacity or as members of larger organizations. Reynold Noveno is currently volunteering for the government. Byron Yao is providing relief goods to families in Sta. Ana, Manila as an extension of the Muntinlupa Food Drive, while Francisco Bautista is helping to provide groceries every week to struggling families as part of the Victory Christian Fellowship and Operation Blessing project.

Meanwhile, Mayor Datu Pax Ali Sangki Mangudadatu has returned home to his municipality of Datu Abdullah Sangki,

Maguindanao. His office has already conducted three waves of relief operations for 7,000 households. He provided relief support that contained not only food packs but also agricultural products, introduced a mobile market, supported the production of face masks, and constructed an isolation facility for disease control, among other initiatives.

Another COL student, Race del Rosario, is in Butuan serving as a volunteer and has already provided improvised face shields and hot meals for about 1,000 frontliners, a medical tent for Butuan Medical Center, and food relief packs for homeless people, garbage collectors, and construction workers, among others.

The Law Student Government (LSG), meanwhile, has raised funds for members of the DLSU community facing health and financial issues during this period.

An additional 59 students have volunteered for VALOR, an organization that is providing free legal assistance during the enhanced community quarantine in Luzon.

"I am proud of our students who have stepped up to the challenge. If they learn to do these during their student days, we can be confident that they will be good lawyers in the future: technique + passion to serve," DLSU College of Law Dean Atty. Virgilio de los Reyes said.



One in mission: Lasallians mount COVID-19 relief efforts for DLSU community

MEMBERS OF THE LASALLIAN COMMUNITY, FROM ADMINISTRATORS, FACULTY, AND STAFF TO STUDENTS, ALUMNI, AND UNIVERSITY FRIENDS AND PARTNERS

have continued to extend financial assistance to support those who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as to help keep the University operations afloat. At the same time, the University has extended measures to alleviate the difficulties of contractuales, part-time faculty members, and full-time employees.

Support from administrators

The DLSU leadership composed of vice chancellors and vice presidents agreed to donate the whole amount or a percentage of their one-month honorarium, on top of their personal pledges, to other DLSU donation drives.

The collective fund from the deduction is intended to help redirect University resources to urgent academic, research, social engagement, and operational challenges caused by the outbreak, as well as the financial support package extended to the students.

Lasallians CARE

For the concessionaire staff and construction workers assigned by their companies to service DLSU and who have lost their source of income during the ECQ, the Office of the Vice President for Lasallian Mission (OVPLM) launched the project, Lasallians CARE. Donors working at DLSU offered salary deductions payable over a short or longer period, while students, alumni, and partners deposited their donations to the DLSU account.

Likewise, the OVPLM announced last April 15 that DLSU provided a standard one-month salary and extended financial assistance to the said personnel who were most affected by the quarantine.

Early release of pay for employees

DLSU had an early release of salaries for full-time and part-time employees. Likewise, in compliance with the “Bayanihan To Heal as One Act” under Republic Act 11469, all loans due within the ECQ period but were initially deducted have been refunded.

For part-time faculty members, the University released their last salary for the second term in full, equivalent to two weeks. It was an exception to the existing policy that the last pay for the term will be paid in two (2) tranches with the first tranche normally released via ATM on the 13th of April and the second via check payment upon submission of the accomplished clearance form to the Finance and Accounting Office.

In addition, due to the extension of the second term, all part-time faculty members shall receive an additional two weeks’ salary covering the period April 25 to May 9, 2020 which will be paid/credited via ATM on May 19, 2020.

A pro-rata 13th month pay will likewise be computed to cover months of January until May 2020 (4.5months) which is due for release in the first week of June 2020. This aims to help alleviate difficulties caused by the unprecedented disruption.

Faculty researchers assess global pharmaceutical supply chains



Dr. Derrick Yu



Dr. Luis Razon



Dr. Raymond Tan

WITH THE ONGOING GLOBAL HEALTH CRISIS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, a group of De La Salle University faculty researchers recently released a study highlighting the challenges and concerns in the global pharmaceutical supply chains as pharmaceutical companies around the world race to develop vaccines and antivirals to combat the disease.

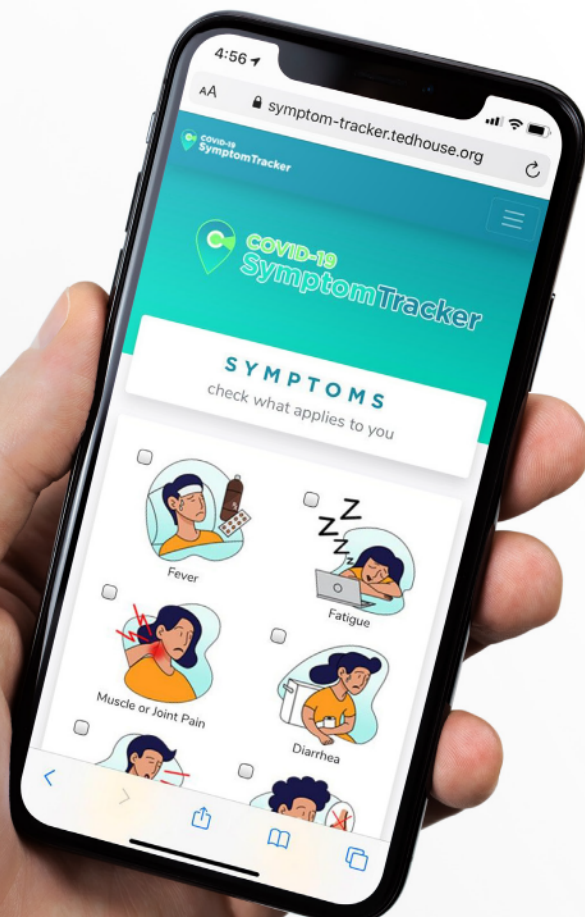
In their paper “Can Global Pharmaceutical Supply Chains Scale Up Sustainably for the COVID-19 Crisis?” (available in ScienceDirect.com), Chemistry Department Full Professor Dr. Derrick Ethelbherth Yu, Chemical Engineering Full Professor Dr. Luis Razon, and Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation and University Fellow Dr. Raymond Girard Tan discussed the high likelihood of global shortages of treatments and vaccines developed for COVID-19.

The authors opined that a proper system-wide perspective should be maintained to ensure that the complex sustainability areas of rapid production scale-up are anticipated properly and

addressed accordingly. They also discussed the possibility of the environmental impact occurring throughout the life cycles of these pharmaceutical products to be magnified as the pandemic progresses.

To address these concerns, the researchers identified five urgent research and development challenges for pharmaceutical supply chains: (1) decision-making under epistemic and stochastic uncertainty, (2) optimal supply chain planning taking into account agility, resilience, and sustainability, (3) game theoretic analysis of conflicts of interest among agents in global value chains, (4) life-cycle sustainability assessment of pharmaceutical product systems, and (5) development of drug allocation strategies under resource or supply constraints.

Crowdsourcing tool to map COVID-19 symptoms



FACULTY AND STUDENTS FROM THE LAGUNA CAMPUS OF DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY recently developed a crowdsourcing tool to map COVID-19 symptoms.

Initiated by University Fellow Dr. Arnulfo Azcarraga, Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Development Jay Calleja, and BS CS-ST student Cyrus Vatandoost Kakhki, the tool allows the public to share data then see possible patterns of symptoms from the community map generated. Submitting data only takes 10 seconds.

The sole purpose of the submitted information is to generate a crowdsourced map accessible to the public.

The map may be of use to health care professionals in the fields of public health and epidemiology. Households and community leaders may also refer to the map as a possible source of important information in this time of enhanced community quarantine in various parts of the country.

Respondent's location will be offset randomly to a nearby location. A red pin will initially point at his/her house/location to confirm that the app has been able to get the GPS coordinates, but the Summary Map will not have the exact coordinates. The exact location is not all that important as the tool seeks to see the overall change and spread of symptoms in communities.



DLSU welcomes PGH frontliners

De La Salle University offers a temporary respite for healthcare workers from the Philippine General Hospital as they look after COVID-19 patients in their area. This initiative is part of the La Salle Safe Shelter Project of De La Salle Philippines.

The University continues to welcome support for this endeavor through cash and in-kind donations.

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DLSU Laguna Campus Updates



Laguna Campus Relief Operations

The Laguna Campus of De La Salle University held Covid-19 relief operations to neighboring communities last April 18.

Organized by the Lasallian Mission Office at the Laguna Campus, in partnership with De La Salle Philippines and the De La Salle Brothers, the activity was able to reach 505 households at Brgy. Tagapo and 156 households at GK Toyota Village of Brgy. Pulong Sta. Cruz.

The local government of Sta. Rosa assisted the group for safety and crowd control during the relief operations.

“ Your actions must be the living expression of what is written in the Gospel. ”

De La Salle

Med 84.3 (Battersby)
(Feast of St Thomas, Apostle)

Lasallians CARE

With the enhanced community quarantine that started in March, concessionaire staff and construction workers assigned by their companies to service DLSU suddenly lost their source of income. To support them, the DLSU Office of the Vice President for Lasallian Mission launched the project, Lasallians CARE. Likewise, DLSU provided a standard one-month salary and extended financial assistance to those who were most affected by the quarantine.

500

Estimated number of concessionaire staff and construction workers at DLSU

251

Faculty, administrators, and staff (full-time, part-time, and contractual) who made contributions through salary deduction

64

Donors, including students, alumni, and partners who directly deposited cash to the DLSU accounts

P764,760

Subsidy and financial assistance raised as of April 20, 2020



Source: Office of the Vice President for Lasallian Mission



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