



# THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2021

## Sole Philippine private HEI in 2021 THE World University Rankings

FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR, DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY IS THE ONLY PHILIPPINE PRIVATE UNIVERSITY INCLUDED IN THE TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS, RETAINING ITS POSITION IN THE 1,001+ BRACKET.

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DLSU has been part of the global ranking since its inaugural appearance in 2019. THE WUR requires a threshold number of Scopus publications, combined with data on teaching, research, innovation, international outlook, and reputation.

Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation Dr. Raymond Girard Tan says that DLSU's inclusion in the rankings underscores the University's commitment to contribute to the country's development through research, especially in this time of pandemic.

"We actively engage in research in order to contribute to social transformation and sustainable development. Particularly this year, we initiated a number of studies that we hope can contribute to mitigating the impact of COVID-19," he said.

Only a handful of private HEIs throughout ASEAN have qualified to be included in the list.

The 2021 edition ranks more than 1,500 institutions out of an estimated 26,000 HEIs around the world.

"I congratulate the faculty, students, and personnel for this achievement. May we remain steadfast in our commitment to transform Philippine education to meet the challenges of the times, towards a more progressive, sustainable, and safe future. Thank you for your continued support as we pursue our mission to become achievers for God and country," DLSU President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC said in a message to the community.

## DLSU team joins international project on educating science teachers

**A TEAM OF DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBERS FROM DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES WAS RECENTLY FORMED TO WORK ON EDUCATING SCIENCE TEACHERS FOR ALL (ESTA),** an international project that aims to improve the quality of science teachers and science educators towards teaching diverse and inclusive classes.

The team is composed of Dr. Lydia Roleda and Dr. Minie Rose Lapinid of the Science Education Department, Dr. Rochelle Irene Lucas of the Department of English and Applied Languages, Vice President for Lasallian Mission Fritzie Ian De Vera, and Dr. Abdul Jhariel Osman of the Educational Leadership and Management Department.

ESTA involves eight universities from five countries, namely, University of Ludwigsburg, Germany and University of Limerick, Ireland as the program institutions; with the Ilia State University, Georgia; Iakob Gogebashvili Telavi State University, Georgia; University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; University of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and DLSU and Philippine Normal University, Philippines as the partner institutions.

The three-year project commenced in January of this year. On its first year, each partner institution performs needs analysis in terms of linguistic and cultural diversity. Also, an academic staff tour will be held at the program institutions to help equip the partners in developing or updating the relevant courses to address diversity in science teaching.

Action Research and Content and Language Integrated Learning approaches will be used in the implementation and evaluation of these new courses during the next two years.

In addition, the project aims to expand its impact to more science teachers through seminar-trainings outside the partner institutions.

ESTA underscores the development of diversity-sensitive teaching science courses. Educators from science disciplines develop their teaching methods cooperatively with educators from language, general pedagogy, and intercultural education departments. Thus, different competencies and skills will be learned together.

All new teaching and learning as well training materials will be offered at the ESTA website by way of open educational resources and will be evaluable not only to the participants of the courses but also to other interested pre- and in-service science teachers.

ESTA is the second Erasmus+ Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education (CBHE) project for DLSU Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC College of Education. As a partner institution, DLSU will acquire teaching science equipment of EUR 44,500 through this project.



Team members from DLSU Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC College of Education attend the kickoff meeting of ESTA. The event took place at Padagogische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, Germany in February 2020.



## Oxford University Press releases textbook by Philosophy faculty team

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS (OUP) RECENTLY LAUNCHED "SHS PHILOSOPHY OF THE HUMAN PERSON: GIVING MEANING TO LIFE,"** a textbook co-authored by Philosophy Department faculty members Dr. Noelle Leslie dela Cruz and Dr. Beverly Sarza, with Philippine Normal University faculty member Dr. Dennis Apolega.

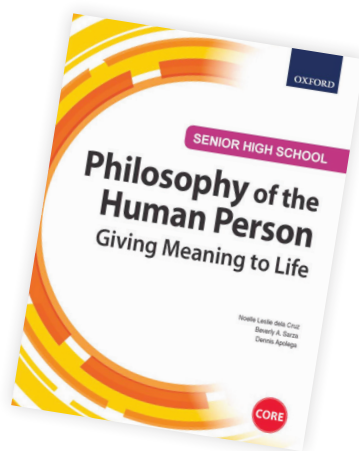
The book was developed for the senior high school core course "Introduction to the Philosophy of the Human Person" and is the first of its kind from the Philippines to be published by OUP.

Containing thought experiments, case studies based on local and international news, and exercises, the book is intended as a companion to a senior high school student's entry into philosophical thought and activity. It is aimed at introducing the reader to philosophical reflection and argumentation about the key issues in what it means to be a person, using the most relevant and contemporary issues concerning personhood.

While it is structured according to the required topics and learning outcomes in the DepEd syllabus for philosophy of the person, the textbook includes supplementary chapters, as well as a problem-oriented discussion that is representative of the diverse traditions and approaches in philosophy.

These include philosophy as critical thinking, the mind-body problem, the problem of identity, environmental philosophy, the freedom of the will, the self-other relation, social and political philosophy, gender issues, and death and the meaning of life. The authors address both eastern and western traditions and adopt a variety of philosophical methods, from phenomenology to conceptual analysis.

The book is available on <https://www.megatextsphils.store/product/shs-philosophy-of-the-human-person-giving-meaning-to-life/>



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## Faculty member receives award for sustainability research

**THE PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PHILAAST) CONFERRED THE MAIDEN 2020 DR. MICHAEL PURVIS AWARD FOR SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH** on De La Salle University Chemical Engineering Full Professor Dr. Kathleen Aviso.

According to PHILAAST, the award is given to an individual whose body of scientific work and accomplishments embody the life and work of Prof. Mike Purvis, Emeritus Professor of University of Portsmouth and DLSU Honorary Professor. In 2017, he was conferred a Doctor of Engineering *honoris causa* by DLSU in recognition of his research in sustainable technologies and to his contribution to the development of DLSU's College of Engineering in the 1900s to 2000s.

Aviso's research interest underscores the development of support tools for environmental decision-making at eco-industrial parks as well as for low-carbon energy systems, to name a few.

She is currently the assistant dean at DLSU JGCE, as well as executive editor of the *Journal of Cleaner Production*, editorial board member of *Computers in Industry*, and editorial advisory board member of *Heliyon*, all Elsevier-listed. She is likewise an editorial board member of *Process Integration & Optimization for Sustainability* in *Springer/Nature*.



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# Libraries' AnimoSearch seeks to improve teaching and learning support

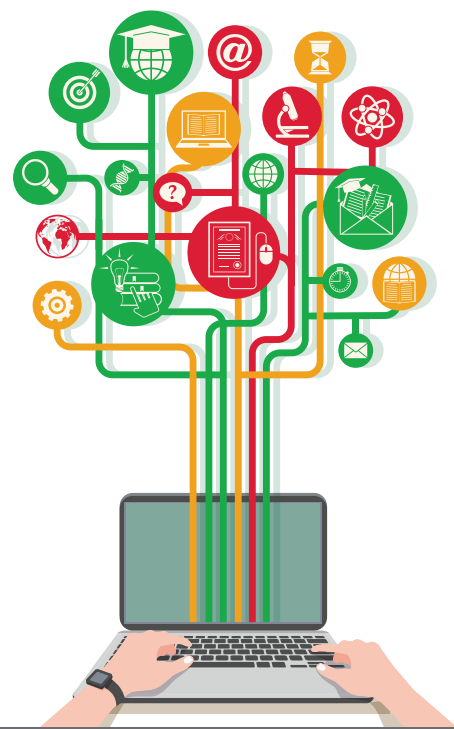
**THE LIBRARIES LAUNCHED A NEW CLOUD-BASED LIBRARY SERVICES PLATFORM, DISCOVERY, AND COURSE RESOURCE LIST SOLUTIONS UNDER THE COLLECTIVE BRAND ANIMOSEARCH LAST SEPTEMBER 1, REPLACING THE OLD LIBRARY SYSTEM, SIERRA.**

AnimoSearch is powered by Ex Libris' Alma®, a next-generation library management system which features a discovery component – Primo® VE, to better support the community's teaching and learning needs.

Primo® is a one-stop integrated search tool that allows users to discover and access information resources regardless of type and format - anywhere and anytime. It has an advanced user interface that optimizes discovery and delivery, improves visibility of resources, and facilitates serendipitous discovery via virtual browsing.

With its Single-Sign-On (SSO) capabilities, users no longer need to create a separate MyLibrary account. The system will authenticate users via the My.LaSalle (MLS) log-in.

The shift to this new system was necessitated by the significant growth of electronic and digital resources and the continuous adoption of new library technologies. The Libraries will be able to streamline workflows, enhance patrons' user experience, and support teaching and learning. Trainings and tutorials will be provided to the community to better maximize the use of this new system.



## Preserving the historical heritage of San Jose, Batangas

**A PROJECT TO PRESERVE THE HISTORICAL HERITAGE OF SAN JOSE, BATANGAS THROUGH THE ARCHIVING OF OLD DEMOGRAPHIC AND CANONICAL RECORDS IS CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS' HISTORY DEPARTMENT** through the initiative of DLSU alumnus Marlou Castillo (LIACOM '72).

Castillo first took interest in the history of his hometown back when he was still in college thinking of a possible thesis topic. After extensive research of San Jose's centuries-old ecclesiastical books housed in the town's parish church, he eventually wrote his thesis San Jose, Batangas: A Study in Historical Demography, which earned him the Gold Medal for Research in Economics in 1972.

Almost half a century later, Castillo returns to his Lasallian roots to seek assistance from research experts in ensuring the preservation and protection of his hometown's rich history. The project, dubbed as Kasaysayan ng San Jose: Preserving a Historical Heritage, involves the cataloging of archival books (as part of the practicum of DLSU History majors) as well as the writing of a book on the history of San Jose based on old demographic and canonical records.

CLA Dean Dr. Jazmin Llana, History Department Chair Dr. Ma. Florina Orillos-Juan, and Dr. Arleigh Ross dela Cruz, are working with Castillo in this worthwhile project, which also seeks to develop and establish an archive within San Jose, Batangas to house the centuries-old records in physically and environmentally safe conditions by next year.

For more information on the project, visit <https://kasaysayansj.com>.



(L to R): Dr. Arleigh Ross dela Cruz, DLSU Associate Professor of History; Rev. Fr. Edwin Tolentino, OSJ, Parish Priest of SJ; Dr. Ma. Florina Orillos-Juan, Chair of DLSU History Department; and Mr. Marlou O. Castillo, Executive Director of Kasaysayan ng San Jose.



# Grand winner of Impact Hackathon 2020

**DLSU ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING STUDENTS EMERGED AS THE GRAND WINNERS IN THE IMPACT HACKATHON 2020 HELD FROM AUGUST 17 TO 25.**

Impact Hackathon seeks to create prototypes and design new solutions that address issues concerning food and agriculture, health, climate change, smart cities, and education sectors. It is part of Impact 2050, a multi-year program designed by social impact incubator and global changemakers network Impact Hub Manila.

The team ECES-1 won for their solution "Silid AraLAN". The team also bagged the best solution for the education vertical. ECES-1 is composed of Dominic Aguila, Miguel Amoroso, Angelo Pestao, and Gilbert Roque.

Another Lasallian team dubbed as QUARANTEAM were also part of the Top 20 finalists from a pool of more than 70 entries. Composed of Tiffany Benitez, Maria Ching, Jann Red, Vince Salloman, and Scott Te, the team's solution is "Tap ON!" Both ECES-1 and QUARANTEAM are eligible for a 1-year incubation for their proposed solutions.

ECE faculty member Engr. Reggie Gustilo served as the teams' adviser.

ECES-1's Silid-AraLAN provides an offline learning management system through raspberry pi implementation. To learn more about the app, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDVKe8QMbKs>

For QUARANTEAM's part, their entry is Tap ON!, a mobile gaming application inspired by Candy Crush that rewards its end users for every successful trash segregation by means of points that users may utilize to claim in-game and real-life rewards. For more information, visit: <https://youtu.be/Q7WYtZBgCXI>



## DLSU HS student tops 2020 NOI.PH finals

**A STUDENT FROM DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PLACED FIRST IN THE NATIONAL OLYMPIAD IN INFORMATICS (NOI.PH) HELD ONLINE ON AUGUST 8 AND 9,** beating 30 other finalists who won in the national eliminations round last January.

Dan Alden Baterisna earned his top-ranked status when he scored 609 points. He received a gold medal and P6,000 cash prize, and a spot in the Philippine team for the International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI).

Last year, Baterisna bagged the bronze medal at the 31st International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI) in Baku, Azerbaijan. The finalists each solved five challenging programming tasks in each day's five-hour session. Contestants used their programming and analytical skills to create data structures and algorithms to solve each task using a program.

Reference: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2020/08/30/dlsu-hs-student-tops-2020-noi-ph-finals/>

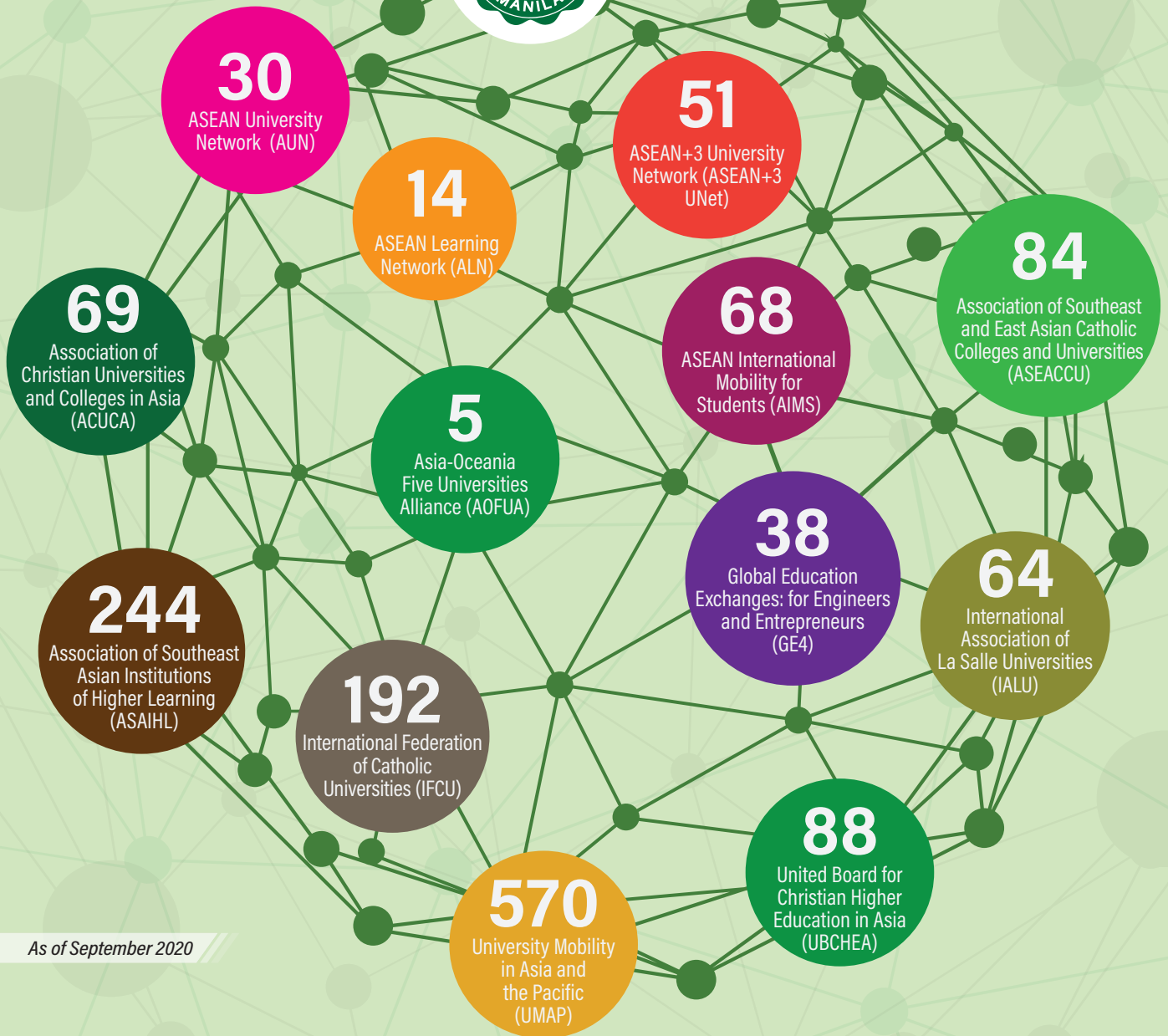


Dan Alden Baterisna of De La Salle University Senior High School scored 609 points to place first in the National Olympiad in Informatics (NOI.PH).

“ God be blessed and  
His will be done. ”

*De La Salle*

## De La Salle University Global Connections



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2401 (twen'te fôr, 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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