DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY EMERGED AS THE COUNTRY’S LEADING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN THE FIELDS OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES AND LINGUISTICS IN THE 2021 QUACQUARELLI SYMONDS (QS) WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS, BELONGING IN THE 301-350 AND 201-250 BRACKETS, RESPECTIVELY.

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The QS World University Rankings by Subject ranks the world’s top universities in individual subject areas, covering 51 disciplines.

In the same rankings, DLSU is the top Philippine private university in Economics and Econometrics (451-500 bracket), Social Sciences and Management (401-450 bracket), and English Language and Literature in the 451-500 bracket.

QS analyzed over 13.9 million unique papers, producing close to 81 million citations. A total of 1,453 institutions were ranked across 51 subjects in five subject areas, creating over 16,981 published entries.

TO CELEBRATE OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL AND STUDENT MEDIA COVERAGE OF YOUTH AND EDUCATION STORIES, De La Salle University held the 16th Lasallian Scholarum Awards (LSA) on March 26 via live streaming.

The journalism awards centered on the theme, “Adapt-ed: Youth and Education in the Time of Pandemic,” which highlighted the resilience of the country’s youth and education sectors in the face of the unprecedented challenges brought about by COVID-19.

This year’s winners are: “DLSU engineers just presented possible approach in distributing COVID antiviral drugs” by Rhia Grana of ABS-CBN for Outstanding Feature Story on De La Salle University; “Batch 2020” by GMA Network’s The Atom Araullo Specials for Outstanding Video Feature Story on Youth and Education; “Private school teachers share their experiences in blended learning” by Noel Pabalate of Manila Bulletin for Outstanding Published Feature Story on Youth and Education in a Nationally Circulated Publication; “No student left behind? During pandemic, education ‘only for those who can afford’” by Rappler’s Bonz Magsambol for Outstanding Online Feature Story on Youth and Education; and “Spectrum of experiences: Children with special needs face up to distance learning demands” by Kay Estepa, Geraldo Nanglilian, and Criscela Racelis of DLSU’s The LaSallian for Outstanding Published Feature Story on Youth and Education in a School Organ.

This year’s board of judges included former Senator Bam Aquino, Universal Robina Co-managing Director Marcia Gokongwei, Asia Foundation Chief of Party, Youth Leadership for Development Nathalie Christine Jorge, iVolunteer Philippines and The Good Store co-founder JB Tan, and DLSU University Fellow Dr. Clodualdo del Mundo, Jr.

Winners in the professional categories each received a sculpture especially designed and crafted by renowned sculptor Toym De Leon Imao. Organized by DLSU’s Office for Strategic Communications, the Lasallian Scholarum Awards contracted an independent media-monitoring agency for the screening of youth and education news and feature stories.
Biomedical engineering and health technology projects launched

THE DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY - INSTITUTE OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING AND HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES (DLSU - IBEHT) HELD THE IBEHT NEW PROJECTS VIRTUAL KICK-OFF EVENT LAST MARCH 26 VIA ZOOM MEETINGS.

DLSU-IBEHT serves as the national institute for R&D, training, and knowledge and technology transfer in the field of biomedical engineering and health technologies in the Philippines. IBEHT’s main goal is to pave a way in accelerating the development of biomedical devices and technologies by providing state-of-the-art facilities and services to universities and research institutions, enabling them to transform their ideas into market-ready products.

This event highlighted the new projects that were given funding through the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD).

It also aimed to increase awareness of the initiative and efforts of DLSU in developing impactful technologies and showcased the importance of collaboration and partnership in advancing research and technology commercialization.

IBEHT Director Dr. Nilo Bugtai delivered the opening remarks while Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation Dr. Raymond Tan presented the IBEHT Advisory Council. Delivering messages of support were DLSU President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC, DOST-PCHRD Executive Director Dr. Jaime Montoya, University Controller Ma. Inores Palmes, and Supply Chain Management Office Executive Director Cynthia Ruth Abangan. CAPACITA Project Director Atty. Christopher Cruz, PhD, delivered the closing remarks.

In his message, Br. Ray cited the AGAPAY team, now entering Phase 3 of their research project led by Dr. Renann Baldovino; the TAYÔ team led by Dr. Armyn Sy with collaborators from the De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute, now in Phase 2 of their research to develop the robotic rehabilitation device for the lower extremities; and Dr. Bugtai’s LAPARA team, which is developing a modular laparoscopic surgical robot and a minimally invasive robotic surgical system.

The CAPACITA project led by Atty. Christopher Cruz aims to build the capacity of researchers, inventors, and technology transfer personnel in the commercialization of biomedical devices and health technologies.

Another initiative, the KANDILI project led by Pamela Tadeo, seeks to build DLSU’s intellectual property management system to help project teams devise their strategies for identifying, evaluating, protecting, and marketing their technologies and intellectual property.

NAQDown runner-up

A BUSINESS ACCOUNTING STUDENT, RAYMAR GABINETE, was the third runner-up in the recently concluded 13th National Accounting Quiz Showdown (NAQDown) last March 19. He was among the 20 finalists out of the 144 students who joined the competition.

Hosted by the National Federation of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants, the annual event was held online for the first time because of the pandemic.
Faculty members explore Performance Studies in PSi Constellate 2021

A GROUP OF DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBERS LED BY DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE FULL PROFESSOR DR. JAZMIN LLANA has joined fellow thinkers, activists, and academics working in the field of performance for a series of events called Performance Studies international (PSi) Constellate 2021.

PSi is home to many communities from different cultural and geographic points of origin, interacting in both physical and virtual intersections. These communities of exchange take many forms, such as the PSi Working Groups and the PSi Future Advisory Board (FAB), among other ad hoc and emerging clusters. DLSU is an institutional member of PSi.

PSi Constellate 2021 aims to provide a flexible framework for the activities of these groups, in order to identify possible constellations of shared interest, opportunity, and interaction.

The PSi website notes that “over the past decades, performance has developed as an umbrella term for scholarly as well as artistic research engaged with a wide variety of topics. The research conducted under this umbrella term is interdisciplinary and is strongly rooted in the interaction between theory and practice.” Working groups conduct performance research, by means of an archive and oral history project and also explore the further development of performance education in a global context.

Llana is co-organizer of the Neighbourhoods Virtual RoRo Journeys, from March to September 2021 across five continents. This is part of a bigger program within the PSi Constellate 2021 events series. The first event was held last March 25, with Llana as co-convener with Dr. Ella Parry-Davies and Dr. Matt Yoxall.

IS students win in major competitions

SHOWING EXCELLENCE IN THE AREAS OF MATH, CHEMISTRY, AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE, DLSU INTEGRATED SCHOOL STUDENTS GARNERED TOP AWARDS IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL COMPETITIONS.

ASIAN ENGLISH OLYMPICS
DLSU Integrated School emerged as the Institutional Champion in the Asian English Olympics organized by BINUS University in Jakarta, Indonesia. The online event was held last February 26.

Two students were named as champions in two categories: Eulaine Crispino for Newscasting and Alliyah Vanessa Provido for Short Story Writing. Crispino also won the Best News Reading and Best Live Reporting awards. Mikee Grace Gadiana bagged the 1st Runner-Up in Newscasting.

PHILIPPINE MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD
At the Philippine Mathematical Olympiad organized by the Mathematical Society of the Philippines and Science Education Institute-Department of Science and Technology last March 2, two of the Top 30 Finalists also came from DLSU Integrated School: Sarji Elijah Bona and Al Patrick Castro.

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD
Garnering the top spot at the Philippine National Chemistry Olympiad organized by the Institute of Chemistry and UP Chemical Society last February 6 was another DLSU IS student, Aames Juriel Morales.
DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED THE MIRIAM YUSOFF-CARMELITA BARDELOSA DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH PROFESSORIAL CHAIRS IN MALAY-POLYNESIAN STUDIES LAST MARCH 10 IN A VIRTUAL CEREMONY.

The event was spearheaded by DLSU President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC, DLSU Science Foundation President Br. Armin Luistro FSC, and businessman, philanthropist, and advocate of human capital development Dato’ Dr. Mohamed Razali bin Dato’ Mohamed Yusoff.

The research professorial chairs were named in honor of the donor’s mother, Mrs. Miriam Yusoff, and his friendship with the Bardelosa family.

In his message, Dr. Ghazali shared that “once you get wealth from your business, give it back to knowledge.” He strongly believed that the real wealth is knowledge, hence, he established the professorial chairs. He also emphasized the important role of knowledge in Asean connectivity, for one nation to easily connect with the other.

DLSU Southeast Asia Research Center and Hub (SEARCH) under Director Dr. Fernando A. Santiago, Jr. will supervise the professorial chairs that seek to promote the study of Southeast Asia with focus on the Malay-Polynesian people and encourage solidarity between Christians and Muslims.

Three professorial chairs were created in each of the following research areas: Arts and Education (Liberal Arts, Education and Law); Science and Technology (Science, Computer Science and Engineering); and Business and Entrepreneurship (Business and Economics).

The Professorial Chairs will also highlight the following research themes: interfaith dialogue towards peace and prosperity; culture and heritage towards mutual understanding; food, health and upliftment from poverty; and values and humanity for development and progress.

Yupangco Electronics donates mixing console

YUPANGCO ELECTRONICS CORPORATION (YEC), LED BY ITS PRESIDENT AND DLSU ALUMNUS JOSE MARI L. YUPANGCO, donated a Yamaha PM5D-RH digital mixing console to De La Salle University in a virtual ceremony last March 24.

To be installed at the Teresa G. Yuchengco Auditorium, the brand-new Yamaha mixing console will enhance the listening experience at the University’s main auditorium. The Yuchengco Auditorium has hosted world leaders, nobel laureates, leading researchers, as well as numerous school plays, dance concerts, international conferences, national election debates, and university-wide gatherings.

As the exclusive distributor of Yamaha professional and commercial audio equipment, YEC is committed to enhance the quality of learning through innovative audio equipment and solutions.

“You are called to inspire God’s love in the hearts of those whom you instruct.”

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Lasallian Social Enterprise for Economic Development

The Lasallian Social Enterprise for Development (LSEED) Center is the flagship initiative of De La Salle University-Manila in areas of social innovation and social entrepreneurship. It also serves as a localization strategy of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.

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**Initiated over 130 events** including workshops, learning sessions, study tours, and boot camps.

**Engaged over 1,600 students and 60 faculty members** in social entrepreneurship.

**Currently implements 32 initiatives under 6 major programs.**

**Pioneered 4 national and regional conferences** on SDGs and social entrepreneurship.

Source: LSEED

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2401 (twen’t for’, 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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