



## DLSU HOLDS ANNUAL PILLAR OF LASALLIAN EDUCATORS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBERS IN TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**, led by University Fellow and Chemical Engineering Department faculty member Prof. Alvin Culaba, were recognized at the 9th Pillar of Lasallian Educators Excellence Awards last May 14.

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Culaba received the St. La Salle Pillar of Excellence, the highest recognition given at the awarding ceremony, for excelling in all the three core functions of the University—teaching, research, and community engagement. He was also recognized as one of the two Pillar Achievers who reached the Distinguished Full Professor rank.

For the St. Benilde Romancon—Pillar of Excellence Award in Teaching, the University recognized Dr. Mary Jane Flores of the Biology Department. The criteria for this category included the following: ITEO, peer, or chair evaluation; comments and feedback from students, colleagues, or alumni; support of student-sponsored activities; effective mentoring; new programs or modules developed; and teaching innovations including use of technology in the classroom.

Prof. Jose Isagani Janairo received the St. Miguel Febres Cordero—Pillar of Lasallian Excellence Award in Research for his exceptional work in the field of research, as evidenced by the following: publication in high impact journals; plenary talks and invited lectures in high quality conferences; peer reviews and citations by notable scholars; societal impact; externally-funded projects; leadership in professional organizations; and editorial work.

Meanwhile, Dr. Francisco Magno of the Political Science Department was named awardee of the St. Jaime Hilario—Pillar of Lasallian Excellence Award in Community Engagement. The criteria for this category included the following: expertise-based initiatives for capacity building and community empowerment; curriculum integration of service learning; contributions that help solve pressing problems of society; participation in government/NGO policy-making processes; and involvement in training or extension programs and other related activities.

The event also recognized the Pillar Achievers, or faculty members who earned rank promotions in the past year. These included two Distinguished Full Professors, namely, Prof. Culaba together with Prof. Renato De Castro of the Political Science Department; 21 Full Professors; and 18 Associate Professors.

In the same event, Dr. Ronald Baytan of the Literature Department was recognized as the awardee of the Students' Search for Outstanding Teachers (SSOT), which was spearheaded by students through the Council of Student Organizations.



Prof. Alvin Culaba,  
St. La Salle Pillar of Excellence recipient



Dr. Mary Jane Flores,  
St. Benilde Romancon—Pillar of Excellence Award  
in Teaching recipient



Prof. Jose Isagani Janairo,  
St. Miguel Febres Cordero—Pillar of Lasallian Excellence  
Award in Research recipient



Dr. Francisco Magno,  
St. Jaime Hilario—Pillar of Lasallian Excellence Award in  
Community Engagement recipient

## Outstanding AnimoSpace Course 2021

### TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE HIGH QUALITY, INNOVATIVE

**ANIMOSPACE COURSES** that can serve as examples for online teaching, the University launched the DLSU Outstanding AnimoSpace Course 2021 at the 9th Annual Pillar of Lasallian Educators Excellence Awards held last May 14.

As the education sector went on full online learning mode when the pandemic broke last year, DLSU reinforced the technology-enabled or blended learning that it introduced to the faculty more than 10 years ago. Faculty members were encouraged to develop courses for the current online learning system, AnimoSpace.

The top prize went to Carmelea See and Kimberley Migallos of the Educational Leadership and Management Department of the Brother

Andrew Gonzalez FSC College of Education for their course, Building and Enhancing New Literacies across the Curriculum.

Six outstanding AnimoSpace courses were awarded at the college level while eight were recognized at the department level.

The university selected the most outstanding AnimoSpace courses not only to acknowledge the most innovative programs but also to reward continuing course development efforts of faculty members and to promote and improve course development in AnimoSpace.

Winners at the department, college, and university levels received cash prizes of Php 10,000, Php 30,000, and Php 100,000, respectively.



## Society of Fellows presents new members

THE SOCIETY OF UNIVERSITY FELLOWS, DLSU'S PREMIER GROUP OF LASALLIAN EDUCATORS, welcomed two new members to its fold: Prof. Kathleen Aviso of the Chemical Engineering Department and Prof. Drexel Camacho of the Chemistry Department.

Prof. Arnulfo Azcarraga, the head of the Society of University Fellows, made the announcement during the 9th Pillar of Lasallian Excellence Awards held last May 14.

The Society is composed of faculty members who have been conferred the title of University Fellow in recognition of their distinguished teaching, research, and publication in their field of study, and their meritorious service to the University.

### University Fellow, Prof. Drexel Camacho

## A remarkable zeal and sense of responsibility

***“TEACHING IS IGNITING A SPARK IN STUDENTS AND NURTURING THIS FIRE SO THEY CAN CARRY THE TORCH OF KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM FOR OTHERS,” SAYS PROF. DREXEL CAMACHO, FULL PROFESSOR OF THE CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT.”***

Since 2009, Camacho has mentored DLSU's undergraduate and graduate students, a number of whom have won in various congresses and conferences. He currently serves as the scientific director of the Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF) at the DLSU Laguna Campus.

He holds a BS degree in Chemistry for Teachers, graduating magna cum laude at the Philippine Normal University. He completed his Master's degree in Chemistry from DLSU in 1997, his Ph.D. from Tohoku University in 2002, and post-doctoral fellowship at the University of California, Irvine in 2004.

Prior to joining DLSU, he taught as a Special Science teacher at the Philippine Science High School Southern Mindanao Campus in Davao City. He also worked in the semiconductor industry as Senior Process and Development Engineer at Intel Technology Phils. and Chief Development Engineer at NXP Semiconductors Phils.

He has consistently received recognition for his exceptional work, from his days as a student (he graduated as high school valedictorian and garnered the Gerry Roxas Leadership award at Notre Dame in Cotabato) up until now as a professional. When he was still in the semiconductor sector, he received various commendations including Employee of the Year in 2007.

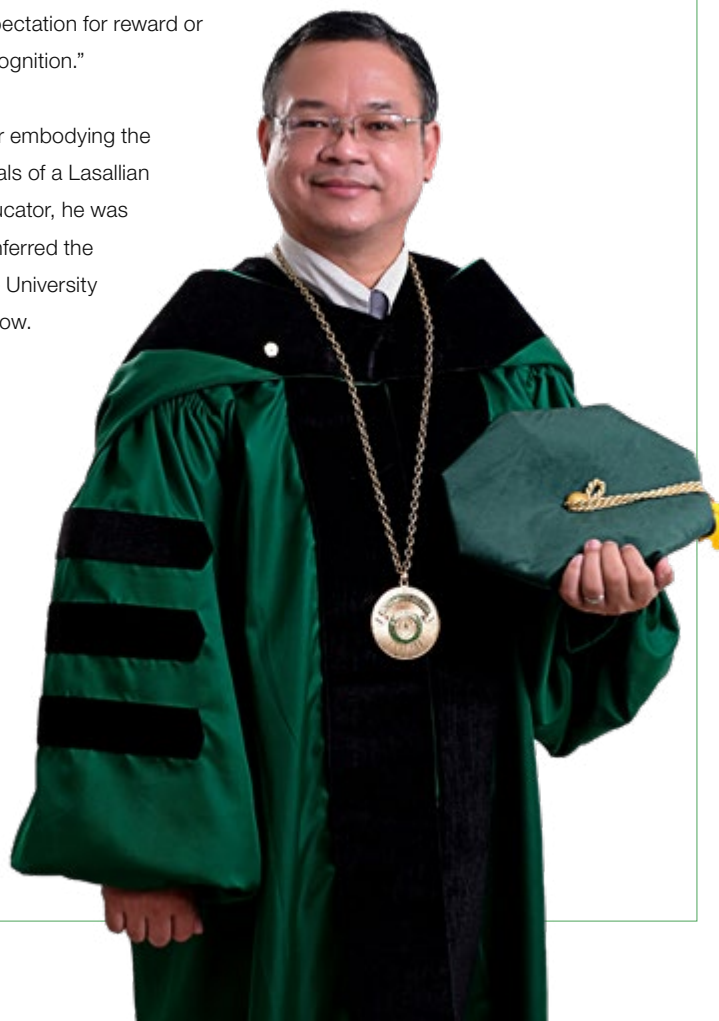
At DLSU, he has a stellar record in research. Of this pursuit, he says: “Doing research jolts the creative mind, ruffles the current mindset, razes the chronic problems, and ripples the common good.”

Among the many awards he received as a researcher are the Outstanding Young Scientist Award by the National Academy of

Science and Technology and the 2007 Third World Academy of Science Prize for Young Scientists in the Philippines. He is also among the top scientists in the Philippines based on the Google Scholar's List of Scientists.

Despite his latest accomplishments—specialized training in innovation and start-ups; completed and ongoing projects; a patent and six pending patent applications to his name; and partnerships with industry and academe, among others—he is described by Society of Fellows president Prof. Arnulfo Azcarraga as “always humble and methodically working with no expectation for reward or recognition.”

For embodying the ideals of a Lasallian educator, he was conferred the title University Fellow.



## Pursuing research with passion and discipline

**UNIVERSITY FELLOW FROM THE CHEMICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, PROF. KATHLEEN AVISO** has more than a decade of outstanding teaching experience and has one of the most active research profiles in the region, particularly with her work on process systems engineering applied to the design of green industrial systems.

The scientific impact of her work was documented in the 2020 Stanford List of the top 2% of the world's researchers. This year, she was placed for the second time among the Asian Scientist 100 by the Asian Scientist Magazine. She is also ranked in Google Scholar among the Top 25 researchers in the world in the area of process integration.

Prodigious as a child, she excelled not only in academics, but also in music and ballet. She has since leaned more into academic pursuits, although her exceptional research career still bears the mark of an artist's passion and a dancer's discipline.

She joined DLSU with a BS Chemical Engineering degree from UP Diliman in 2000, and earned her MS degree in Environmental Engineering and Management in 2006, and PhD in Industrial Engineering in 2010. As Assistant Dean for Research and Advanced Studies, she has been advocating for careers in STEM and research, particularly among women students.

Her outstanding research contributions attracted funding from agencies such as the British Council, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), National Research Council of the Philippines, Department of Science and Technology, and the Oscar M. Lopez Center for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management. Recently, she was invited to the executive editorship of Elsevier's highly influential Journal of Cleaner

Production, which is focused on environmental and sustainability research and practice.

As a registered Professional Chemical Engineer, she has been active in professional organizations, such as the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Society of Risk Analysis, National Research Council of the Philippines, Outstanding Young Scientists Inc., and the International Input-Output Association (IIOA). In 2019, she became President of the Philippine-American Academy of Science and Engineering (PAASE).

Aviso's hard work is continuously rewarded with accolades from the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP), the Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology (PhilAAST), CHED, and the University of the Philippines Alumni Engineers Association (UPAE).



Aviso

## Lasallian among 2021 Global Teen Leader

**LAST APRIL 28, AN AB IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES STUDENT FROM DLSU WAS RECOGNIZED** as one of the 2021 Three Dot Dash Global Teen Leaders (GTLs) organized by We Are Family Foundation (WAFF).

Emmanuel Mirus Ponon was chosen for his work on youth education for collective action and his advocacy for disadvantaged communities. He was among the 40 teens chosen out of hundreds of applicants for their social good innovations, organizations, projects, and promise for a more just, equitable, and peaceful future.

In October 2019, he established Youth Advocates for the Philippines which became the ASEAN Youth Advocates Network (AYAN) in 2020. AYAN is a nonprofit organization that paves the way for Southeast Asian youth to experience socio-civic involvement while exploring their ASEAN identity. Currently present in eight Southeast Asian countries, AYAN's mission is to instill a passion for service and a sense of initiative in Southeast Asia's youth to collectively create impact.

WAFF is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the visions of a global family by creating programs that promote cultural diversity while nurturing and mentoring the vision, talents, and ideas of young people who are positively changing the world.



Ponon



## International linkage seeks to promote theology and religious studies

**TO OPEN MUTUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES THROUGH RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND OTHER ACADEMIC INTERCHANGE,** De La Salle University and the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium signed a Memorandum of Understanding at a virtual ceremony last May 4.

DLSU, through the Theology and Religious Studies Department (TRED), and KU Leuven, through the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies (FTRS), aimed at strengthening the theologizing process and capacity of their faculty and students under the agreement.

The collaboration allows for both virtual and, when possible, in-person academic and professorial visits. It will also benefit the hybrid and virtual graduate program courses, strengthen research, and support co-supervising theses or panel membership in master or doctoral thesis defenses in both universities.

In his message, DLSU President Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC said the Religious Education focus of TRED and the Religious Studies program of FTRS would also mutually grow in an increasingly plural world, through the possibilities of common endeavors in this agreement.

Representing KU Leuven during the ceremony were Prof. Dr. Johan de Tavernier, the dean of FTRS; Prof. Dr. Peter de Mey, the assistant dean for Internationalization; and Prof. Dr. Reimund Bieringer, the previous head of the Research Unit Biblical Studies who helped establish the MOU.

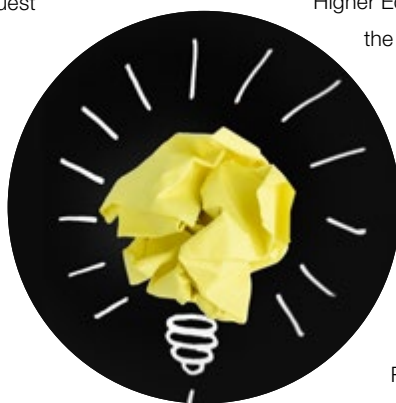
DLSU representatives included College of Liberal Arts Dean Dr. Rhoderick Nuncio; former TRED Chairs Dr. Rito Baring and Dr. Agnes Brazal; and the current chair, Dr. Fides del Castillo.

## European Chamber event features faculty talk on social entrepreneurship

**DECISION SCIENCES AND INNOVATION DEPARTMENT FACULTY MEMBER AND LSEED CENTER HEAD NORBY SALONGA** was a guest speaker of the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP)'s Conference on Social Entrepreneurship entitled "Reshaping the Future Business Landscape Through Education" which was held last March 30.

ECCP is the largest foreign chamber in the Philippines whose main goal is to foster close economic ties and business relations between the Philippines and Europe. Salonga, through his experience in establishing LSEED Center, discussed the integration of social entrepreneurship to students' curriculum,

the factors and challenges to consider in building an SE/SI Program in Higher Education Institutions, and the new trends in reshaping the business landscape through education.



Likewise, Salonga also moderated the National Forum on Inclusive and Innovative Pathways to COVID-19 Recovery: Harnessing Social Entrepreneurship and Cross-Sectoral Collaboration on March 29, 2021, organized by the Institute of Social Entrepreneurship in Asia (ISEA), OXFAM Philippines, and the Poverty Reduction Through Social Entrepreneurship (PRESENT) where LSEED Center is a core member.

“ We do not acquire virtue by taking our ease and seeking our comfort. ”

*De La Salle*

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## De La Salle University Most Productive Departments in Research AY 2020-2021

### Science and Technology Cluster

- Manufacturing Engineering and Management Department (small department)
- Mechanical Engineering Department (big department)



### Business and Social Sciences Cluster

- International Studies Department (small department)
- Economics Department (big department)



### Humanities and Education Cluster

- Science Education Department (small department)
- Literature Department (big department)



Source: 9th Pillar of Lasallian Educators Excellence Awards



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