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IN THE 2022 TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS BY SUBJECT, DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY IS RANKED AMONG THE BEST IN THE WORLD IN FIVE FIELDS OF STUDY—BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS, COMPUTER SCIENCE, EDUCATION, ENGINEERING, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.

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DLSU is placed in the 601+ bracket in business and economics; 601-800 bracket in computer science; 201-250 bracket in education; 801-1000 bracket in engineering; and 601+ bracket in social sciences.

DLSU is the lone PHL university that is ranked in the fields of business and economics. In computer science, DLSU has been the leading university in the country for two years now.

In education, La Salle is also the lone PHL university.

For three consecutive years since 2019, DLSU topped the rankings in the country in the field of engineering and for this year, emerged as the top Philippine private university in the field.

It also maintained its position as the sole Philippine private university in social sciences.

The Times Higher Education rankings by subject list research-intensive institutions, and the criteria used put emphasis on research resources, global outlook, productivity, and scientific impact.

This year, 795 HEIs were ranked in business and economics while the computer science subject rankings covered 891 universities. Five hundred ninety-seven universities met the criteria to be included in the education rankings and 1,188 HEIs were included in the engineering subject rankings. In the social sciences area, 870 schools qualified to be ranked.

For more information, visit: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/by-subject>.



DLSU holds investiture of new president

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY HELD THE INVESTITURE OF ITS 24TH PRESIDENT, BR. BERNARD OCA FSC, WITH A EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION THAT PRECEDED THE CEREMONY LAST OCTOBER 7 AT THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL.

Among a handful of University officials who attended was DLSU Board of Trustees Chair Nestor Tan, who read the resolution naming Br. Bernie as the new president. Tan also presented to him the presidential mace.

Chancellor Emeritus Dr. Carmelita Quebengco AFSC administered the Oath of Office.

Meanwhile, De La Salle Philippines President Edgar Chua presented a certificate of citation to Br. Raymundo Suplido FSC, the previous university president.

In his inaugural address, Br. Bernie paid tribute to the Lasallian community members for their collective efforts in the face of enormous challenges.

He cited the Lasallian values of faith, zeal for service, and communion in mission for keeping the community strong. "Our core values are made for crises, they were made for a disrupted world," he said.

The ceremony centered on the theme, "Spark of Hope." In his new role as president concurrent to his role as chancellor, Br. Bernie emphasized the importance of bringing hope, urging the community to "put all our work at the service of God and the Philippines, through research-driven and challenge-based pedagogies."

Br. Bernie is former president of La Salle Green Hills and one of the founding Brothers of the Jaime Hilario Integrated School (JHIS)-La Salle in Bagac, Bataan. He serves as concurrent president of De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ), JHIS, and De La Salle Araneta University.



Br. Bernard Oca FSC, the 24th DLSU President, as he recites the "Oath of Office" during the Investiture last Oct 7.

Photo by: Greg Guinto

Civic education partnership with The Asia Foundation, USAID

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY-JESSE M. ROBREDO INSTITUTE OF GOVERNANCE (DLSU-JRIG) LAUNCHED THE CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT under the Youth Leadership for Democracy (YouthLed) program of The Asia Foundation and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) last September 29.

Under the engagement, DLSU-JRIG will conduct an assessment of civic education programs in the informal sector, which includes civil society organizations, local government units, and the private sector.

It will develop civic education materials that promote youth leadership and democratic governance. It will also collaborate with the U.P. Public Administration Research and Extension Services Foundation, Inc. in proposing recommendations to enhance the civic education curriculum of the Department of Education.

Dr. Francisco Magno, professor of Political Science and Development Studies, will serve as the project leader.

During the signing of the Letter of Grant, DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC cited how the cooperation would foster civic education towards democratic governance and sustainable development.

Sam Chittick, Country Representative of The Asia Foundation in the Philippines, highlighted the importance of collaborating with academic institutions like DLSU to “improve the educational system, support locally-led reforms, and make a lasting impact geared towards skills and capacity building of Filipino students.”

YouthLed is a five-year program that aims to increase and improve civic engagement leading to strengthened participation of youth in democratic governance. The program is composed of leadership development, coalition-building, and civic education and engagement activities among Filipinos, aged 15 to 30 years old.

Natalie Christine Jorge, Chief of Party of YouthLed, emphasized that the partnership with DLSU-JRIG would help “provide a strong foundation on the civic duties and responsibilities of future generations.”



MOU with Philippine Coffee Guild to drive UN SDGs

ALIGNED WITH THE UN 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY THROUGH THE LA SALLE FOOD AND WATER INSTITUTE HAS PARTNERED WITH THE PHILIPPINE COFFEE GUILD to promote an exchange of best practices in the areas of research, social development, and the environment.

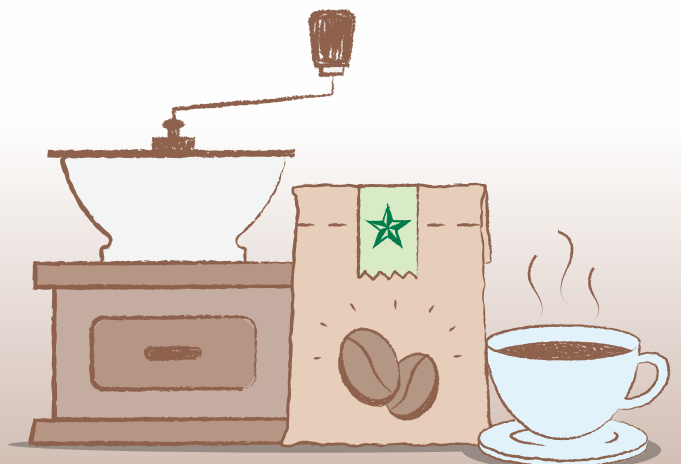
The parties entered a Memorandum of Understanding last September 3, with DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC and Philippine Coffee Guild president Ronald Yu as signatories. DLSU Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation Dr. Raymond Tan and PCG Director Jaycee Martinez served as witnesses.

Through this collaboration, DLSU aims to build initiatives, policy research, networking activities, classes, and industry-wide forums. The long-term goal of DLSU is to strengthen its growing, caring research community that answers the call to timely, relevant, and favorable solutions.

“This confluence of efforts by the leading private academics and research university in the country and the organization composed of national coffee champions, both literally

and figuratively, did not happen overnight. It has been the result of several years of frequent, serious, deep, and broadminded exchange of notes,” La Salle Food and Water Institute Director Dr. Emmanuel Garcia said.

He added, “The forthcoming collaborative projects and activities will not only boost the case for industry-academe cooperation, but also stress the importance of such cooperation as a crucial driver of the UN’s SDGs. In time, we will see that this is really not just about coffee.”



LAGUNA CAMPUS UPDATE

Laguna Campus projects among innovation initiatives of DOST program

IN A VIRTUAL PRESS CONFERENCE LAST OCTOBER 8, THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PRESENTED ITS SCIENCE FOR CHANGE PROGRAM, with 10 projects related to biotechnology, diagnostic, and therapeutic research. These included two major projects from the De La Salle University Laguna Campus.

Entitled “Investing in R&D: Shaping the Philippines Innovation Landscape,” the event launched DOST’s Niche Centers in the Regions (NICER) for research and development, which are managed by universities from Regions I, II, III, IV, IV-A, X, and NCR.

Through the NICER projects, DOST aims to address the current pandemic and other present health risks, as well as challenges and opportunities related to industry, energy, and emerging technology sectors.

DLSU Biology Department Full Professor and University Fellow Dr. Divina Amalin presented the Center for Vector of Diseases of Public Health (CVHPHIL) for Region IV. CVHPHIL is tasked to develop an action plan in preventing and controlling vector diseases, such as dengue fever and malaria.

Amalin and her team conduct research at DLSU’s new laboratory housed in the Dr. George S.K. Ty Advanced Instrumentation Building.

Meanwhile, Manufacturing Engineering and Management Full Professor Dr. Nilo Bugtai presented the DLSU-Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Health Technologies (IBEHT), which addresses concerns on economic disparity in healthcare, lack of access to high tech medical devices, and dependence on imported technologies.

DLSU IBEHT, which is under Bugtai’s leadership, emphasizes the need for a one-stop-shop, common service facility; platforms for exchange of information; and the development of experts in the field of Biomedical Engineering. It is located at the Richard L. Lee Technology Block.

The DOST event was also attended by President and Chancellor Br. Bernard Oca FSC and Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation Prof. Raymond Tan.



Dr. Divina Amalin and Dr. Nilo Bugtai working on their respective projects

Lasallian team tops CIMA Global Business Challenge 2021

A TEAM OF THIRD YEAR ACCOUNTANCY STUDENTS COMPOSED OF TRISHA HUANG (AEF-BSA), CEDRIC LIGON, HENRICO GUSTAV MIKHAIL SANCHEZ, AND CARL FREDRICK SAYSON represented the Philippines and emerged as the champion of the CIMA Global Business Challenge 2021 Regional Grand Final last October 10.

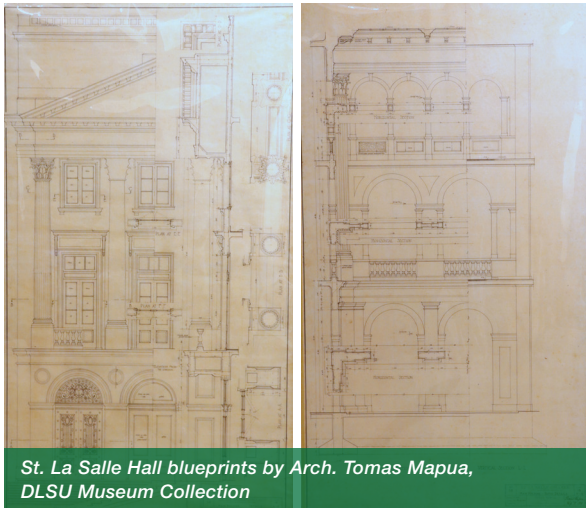
Dr. Florenz Tugas of the Accountancy Department of the Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business served as the team’s mentor. For the Southeast Asian regional finals, the team prepared presentation slides and a one-page summary of their presentation.

Initiated by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), the international competition aims at discovering and developing business acumen of students, unlocking their potential for their knowledge and career competitiveness, and cultivating business leaders for future social development.

The participants in teams of four submitted analysis reports of specific cases within a given time, and defended their analyses and recommendations facing an international panel of experts in the Accountancy field. The competition adopted the actual case scenario under the CIMA professional qualification system.



100 years of St. LS Hall



St. La Salle Hall blueprints by Arch. Tomas Mapua, DLSU Museum Collection

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IN HISTORY: What St. La Salle Hall would look like was determined by a building design competition. A Php 5,000.00 cash prize was set aside for the best entry in the contest: Php 1,000.00 would be given upon being chosen and Php 4,000.00 after the completion of the edifice. From among ten entries, the design of Architect Tomas Mapua, who finished Architecture in Cornell University, New York, was chosen.

Source: Cirilo F. Bautista. 2011. *The De La Salle University Story. Volume 2: The Early Years* (Quezon City: C&E Publishing), 46-58.

Contributed by: DLSU History Department through Mr. Xiao Chua

Service-Learning Training Program launched

THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL CONCERN AND ACTION, THROUGH ITS SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAM, RECENTLY KICKED OFF ITS YEARLONG SERVICE-LEARNING TRAINING PROGRAM FOR INSTITUTIONAL STAKEHOLDERS, a virtual training program running from September 23, 2021 to October 19, 2022.

Centering on the theme “The Fundamentals of Creating, Implementing, and Sustaining Service-Learning”, the program was launched with DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC and the Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines H.E. Archbishop Charles Brown, DD gracing the event.

The program aims to capacitate faculty, students, and representatives from partner communities from various schools in Asia and Oceania on their service-learning institutionalization endeavors.

It is also one of the major activities of DLSU as a regional hub of the UNISERVITATE Program.

During the virtual launch held last September 22, the leaders of the program’s three regional hubs delivered messages of solidarity. They were: Fr. Stephen Mavely, the Rector and Vice-Chancellor of Assam Don Bosco University in India; Fr. Anthony Casamento, CSMA, the Vice President and

Director of Identity and Mission of the Australian Catholic University; and, Fr. Leszek Niewdana SVD, Vice-President for Mission of Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan.

In a presentation, UNISERVITATE Program director Prof. Nieves Tapia acknowledged the importance of unity in diversity towards the promotion of integral education in higher education institutions through Service-Learning.

Dr. Ma. Lourdes Melegrito, a faculty member from the Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC College of Education and one of the module developers, presented the training program’s objectives and framework.

About 130 participants from 26 institutions in the region attended the opening ceremony.



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Fulfil your ministry with all the affection of your heart, working entirely for God.

De La Salle

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NEW NAMES OF DLSU ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

In accordance with the new naming convention of units that was approved by the President's Council, the new names of academic departments shall be used starting Term 1 of AY 2021-2022.

Department of Accountancy	Department of Information Technology
Department of Sociology and Behavioral Sciences	Department of International Studies
Department of Biology	Department of Labor Law
Department of Chemical Engineering	Department of Literature
Department of Chemistry	Department of Management and Organization
Department of Civil Engineering	Department of Manufacturing Engineering and Management
Department of Civil Law	Department of Marketing and Advertising
Department of Commercial Law	Department of Mathematics and Statistics
Department of Criminal Law	Department of Mechanical Engineering
Department of Communication	Department of Mercantile Law
Department of Computer Technology	Department of Philosophy
Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology	Department of Physical Education
Department of Decision Sciences and Innovation	Department of Physics
Department of Economics	Department of Political Law
Department of Educational Leadership and Management	Department of Political Science and Development Studies
Department of Electronics and Computer Engineering	Department of Psychology
Department of English and Applied Linguistics	Department of Remedial Law
Department of Filipino	Department of Science Education
Department of Financial Management	Department of Software Technology
Department of History	Department of Tax Law
Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering	Department of Theology and Religious Education

Source: Vice Chancellor for Academics



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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