DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBERS ARE AMONG THE TOP 100 RESEARCHERS IN THE COUNTRY, according to the 2022 AD Scientific Index (Alper-Doger Scientific Index). The Index ranks institutions based on the scientific performance and the productivity of individual scientists.

Three University Fellows are ranked in the Top 10 Philippine researchers: NAST Academician and DLSU Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation Prof. Raymond Tan, No. 5; Prof. Anthony SF Chiu, No. 8; and NAST Academician Prof. Allan BI Bernardo, No. 9.

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DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY’S DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY CONTINUES TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO FILIPINOS IN TIMES OF DISASTER RECOVERY. It recognizes that underlying physical injuries are mental and emotional wounds that must be salved for healing to occur.

In response to the aftermath left behind by Typhoon Odette, the department, led by its chair Dr. Rene Nob, organized a psychosocial processing activity for typhoon survivors based in Siargao last February 5.

The activity was led by associate professor Dr. Homer Yabut and co-facilitated by a team composed of Psychology graduate students and volunteers, in partnership With Ahon Siargao, Diwa Siargao, And Espoir School of Life.

A group of survivors who experienced Typhoon Odette firsthand attended the two-hour event. There, they were provided with a venue to share their personal accounts of the storm and reflections of post-Odette life. To help these individuals begin the process of healing, self-care techniques and healthy ways of coping with calamities were discussed with them. Restoring a sense of hope and community were emphasized throughout the activity.

The Department of Psychology has carried out similar activities in the past. It has worked with De La Salle John Bosco Bislig, and SOS Children’s Village during typhoons Pablo and Yolanda, respectively. During this pandemic, various psychosocial processing sessions were held among OFWs in Taiwan, and teachers from public and private schools. It also partnered with Milk Tea Alliance Philippines for storytelling sessions among Myanmar youth.

A FACULTY MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION WAS SELECTED BY THE FILM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES (FDCP) to participate in the online Visitors Programme of the 19th Berlinale Co-Production Market (BCM) at the 72nd Berlin International Film Festival in Germany this February 12 to 16.

Danzen Santos Katanyag, DLSU professional lecturer and CEO and executive producer of Digital Dreams Inc., is one of the five country representatives to the Visitors Programme.

As participants, they are given access to BCM’s activities, including Visitors Meet and Match, Visitors Consultation Corner, Theme Talks, Speed Matchings, Books at Berlinale, and Country Sessions. The participants are also given access to the European Film Market (EFM) Industry Sessions and an additional online meeting space.

Katanyag’s project is titled Deadboy. She co-wrote Japan Prize recipient Kablog, and US Film and TV Festival Creative awardee Proudly Filipina, Alamat, and Wagas, among other television shows. She co-produced the films Magdalola and the Fools by Jules Katanyag and Dog Days by Timmy Harn, that both bagged the Jury Prize in the Cinemaone Originals Film Festival. Dog Days was also awarded with the NETPAC Jury Prize award at the QCinema International Film Festival in 2018.

The 72nd Berlin International Film Festival runs from February 10 to 22. (Source: fdcp.ph)
A TEAM OF DLSU CHEMICAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS WON 2ND PLACE in the Inter-University Chemical Engineering Quiz Show (Inter-U) held virtually last February 6.

Members of the team included Marc Dylan Lipit (Team Captain), Jan Joshua Cruz, and Robby Andre Ching. Dr. John Frederick Tapia from the Department of Chemical Engineering of the Gokongwei College of Engineering served as their coach.

The Inter-U is part of the annual Students’ National Chemical Engineering Conference hosted by the University of the Philippines Chemical Engineering Society Inc.

LAST DECEMBER, DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY’S BR. ALFRED SHIELDS FSC MARINE STATION hosted a group of students as part of the Marine Life Camp, a pioneer program of youth-led The Pisces Project that promotes marine biodiversity awareness through educational travelling and experiential learning.

With the assistance of University Fellow Dr. Wilfred Licuanan, Dr. Chona Abeledo, and Engr. Princess Mordeno, the camp was organized with the objective of raising awareness about the importance of marine biodiversity and explore underwater life through snorkeling and freediving with proper marine life interaction and learning more about marine organisms.

“In Marine Life Camp, you’ll learn how to take care of our precious oceans and hopefully improve what’s left. We’ll teach you not just to enjoy what the oceans can provide but also how to protect our so-called home,” Camp Director Carolynne Arriola shares.

Lecture and discussion topics provided to participants in the camp include marine biodiversity, threats and conservation, marine critter identification, lifestyle change, marine biology facts, and freediving and conservation.

“Marine Life Camp is a place where inspiration, education, and discovery abound. I have visited a number of oceans, but I’ve never felt truly connected to it until I attended the camp. As a bonus, they taught us the basics of skin diving. I also met inspiring people who share the same interest in making oceans a safer environment for all marine life,” camper Chloe Albea said.

The Pisces Project is an SEC-registered youth empowered initiative based in the Philippines dedicated to promote marine biodiversity conservation and sustainable practices through education, responsible travel, and environmental projects.
**TEN FELLOWSHIPS HAVE BEEN AWARDED FOR THE 10TH KRITIKA LA SALLE NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ART AND CULTURAL CRITICISM**, which will be held from February 7 to March 1, 2022 online via Zoom. The sessions are scheduled on four consecutive Mondays and Tuesdays from 5pm to 8pm.

Hosted by Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) last January 22-23, the event centered on the theme, “Regional Collaboration in Civil Engineering education to accelerate delivery of the SDGs.”

She presented the paper, “Shear Strength Behavior of Expansive Soil Stabilized with Agricultural Wastes,” which was co-authored by her BSCE students Earl Matthew Gallardo, Hans Kenneth Garcia, Shean Berwin Gonzales, and Jeffrey Christian Phi.

The paper showcases an alternative way of soil stabilization with the use of agricultural wastes.

**KRITIKA10 Fellows Announced**

The 2022 fellows are Ryan Cezar Alcarde (political culture); Louise Vincent Amante (literature & film); Mark Bonabon (literature: waray ecopoetics); Christopher Bryan Concha (film); Javier Antonio Laurel (literature: graphic novel); Richard Madrilejos (Bikolano theater); Rex Sandro Nepomuceno (contemporary/experimental literature); Drew Ashley Paige Rabadon (visual arts); Mikaela Adrianne Regis (online theater); and April Rose Villaber (Waray literature).

Rolando B. Tolentino, associate for criticism of DLSU Bienvenido N. Santos Creative Writing Center, is workshop director. He is supported by a distinguished panel of experts: Dr. Isidoro Cruz, Dr. Layeta Bucoy, Ms. Lisa Ito-Tapang, Dr. Carlos Plocos III, Dr. Jazmin Liana, Dr. Anne Frances Sangil, Dr. Ronald Baytan, and Dr. John Iremil Teodoro.

**KRITIKA10** is organized by BNSCWC in celebration of the Philippine National Arts Month.
THE CENTER OF ENGINEERING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH (CESDR) LAUNCHED A NEW POLICY RESEARCH PROJECT ON SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES, under the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) framework, last February 4 via Zoom.

“Sustainable Cities and Communities in the Philippines: Evaluation and Assessment Methods using the UN SDG Global Indicator Framework,” will be implemented by DLSU, with funding from Department of Science and Technology - National Research Council of the Philippines, through Gokongwei College of Engineering faculty members. The lead researcher will be Dr. Elmer Dadios and his co-proponents are Dr. Robert Kerwin Billones, Dr. Alvin Culaba, Dr. Alexis Fillone, Dr. Laurence Gan Lim, and Dr. Marlon Era.

The research study will focus on the development of the SDG assessment matrix and evaluation methods for SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities, under the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals framework.

It will include a comprehensive and systematic analysis of policies, resolutions, frameworks, masterplans, and other literature and use the UN SDG global indicator framework to assess and evaluate the Philippine targets and indicators for SDG 11.

Its aim is to create a framework and policy recommendations to help in the decision making for the development, improvement, evaluation, and assessment of sustainable cities and communities in the Philippines.

The key areas to be included are livability and inclusivity, infrastructure planning and development, economic development and competitiveness, transport and mobility, environment and nature, sustainable resource management, and government & public sector. The study will also integrate the concept of smart cities to the SDG framework of sustainable cities and communities.

Professor gets President’s Award from Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers

FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP, INVOLVEMENT, AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (PICE), Department of Civil Engineering faculty member and former dean of the DLSU Gokongwei College of Engineering Prof. Jonathan Dungca received the President’s Award from the professional organization last January 15.

Dungca was cited for "his active participation and invaluable support to the projects of PICE in his capacity as a member of the Committee on Geotechnical Engineering Specialty Division, the achievements of which have greatly advanced the objectives of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers, Inc."

The award was presented to him at the Induction of the 2022 National Officers and Directors held virtually through the Hybrid meeting application.

"Never speak to anyone except with kindness, and if you fear to speak otherwise, keep silent."

— Beatitudes and 1 Cor 13

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Typhoon Odette Relief Bulletin
As of January 24, 2022

PHP 320,485.71
Total amount collected

7 Locations

705 Beneficiaries

117 Individuals who contributed

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