DLSU linkage to promote civic education in Bicol

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY JESSE M. ROBREDO INSTITUTE OF GOVERNANCE (DLSU JRIG) FORMALLY PARTNERED WITH BICOL UNIVERSITY (BU) to promote civic education in the country during a signing ceremony last March 22.

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Called the Civic Education Project, the joint undertaking will be under the Youth Leadership for Democracy (YouthLed) program of The Asia Foundation, with funding support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Under this new collaboration, DLSU and BU will engage in joint research on the civic education programs of private schools and non-government organizations in the Bicol region.

In his welcome message during the event, Dr. Francisco Magno, project leader of the Civic Education Project, emphasized that this cooperation will lead to the development of a series of working papers that will provide guidance in the creation of new content to strengthen the delivery of civic education in the country.

YouthLed Chief of Party Natalie Christine Jorge remarked that the collaboration aims to increase our knowledge and understanding of the education interventions needed to promote active citizenship and to foster democratic participation among the youth.

Dr. Arnulto Mascarinas, BU president, shared the profound commitment of the state university to the objectives of the project. He expressed confidence that Dr. Alex Nepomuceno, dean of the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, will provide effective stewardship to the BU team to ensure the success of the partnership.

Dr. Ador Torneo, director of DLSU JRIG, closed the event by reiterating the important role of the youth in charting the nation’s future.

University Fellow receives leadership award at World Education 2.0 Conference

FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND LEARNING, NAST ACADEMICIAN AND UNIVERSITY FELLOW PROF. ALVIN CULABA RECEIVED the Education 2.0 - Outstanding Leadership Award at the World Education 2.0 Conference held last March 23-25 at the Intercontinental Dubai Festival City, United Arab Emirates.

Culaba was invited to the event to deliver the keynote lecture. The conference, which carried the theme “Reimagining The Education Landscape,” was attended by more than 500 in-person participants from all over the world.

The conference aimed at creating “a hub of inspiration and ideas” to drive positive changes in the education sector and provide solutions to 21st-century learning challenges.

Two major topics were highlighted in this year’s conference: “New frontiers in outcomes-based education” and “Digital education: the paradigm shift”.

Culaba noted the need for improved access to quality education, which plays a pivotal role in the creation of a sustainable future for all. He added that it serves as a foundation for harnessing the power of technology to improve learning outcomes and bridging the industry-academe gap to make better opportunities available to students around the world.

He also shared that the conference opened an opportunity to network with global thought leaders in education, especially in the era of post-COVID-19 pandemic.
THE DLSU DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY OF THE COLLEGE OF COMPUTER STUDIES HELD the first online International Workshop on Applied Computing in Agriculture or "AgriApp 2022" last March 4 and 5.

The workshop was led by DOST Balik Scientist and DLSU Department of Computer Technology faculty member Dr. Dan Jeric Arcega Rustia and was attended by nearly a thousand participants.


The workshop was co-chaired by Department of Computer Technology Chair Jocelynn Cu, Advanced Research Institute for Informatics, Computing and Networking (AdRiC) Director Dr. Joel Ilao, Department of Computer Technology faculty Clement Ong, and partners from the National Taiwan University Department of Biomechatronics Engineering: Distinguished Professor Ta-Te Lin, Assistant Professor Shih-Fang Chen, and Department Chair Professor Kuo-Chi Liao.

It was funded by the DLSU Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation (VCRI) and DOST Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD).

VCRI Dr. Raymond Girard Tan and CCS Dean Dr. Rafael Cabredo delivered messages to welcome the attendees.

The event featured parallel lectures and hands-on tutorials by DLSU and Pacific American School, Taiwan to allow participants to develop small software-based projects.

A hackathon was also held for the students. The winners were Chin-Rong Siang from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and Alseo Earl Abraham from DLSU for the "Deep Learning in Agriculture" track, and Joel Salazar from Pampanga State Agricultural University, Toni-An Mae Salcedo from the University of the Philippines - Los Banos, and Pinky Melanie Panlasigui from Isabela State University for the "Internet of Things in Agriculture" track.

More details on the workshop website can be found on https://sites.google.com/view/agriapp2022

Student leaders meet new Laguna Campus VP

NEWLY APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT FOR LAGUNA CAMPUS AND DEAN OF THE COLLEGE DR. JONATHAN DUNGCA HAD A MEET-AND-GREET SESSION with the student leaders of DLSU Laguna Campus last March 24.

Held at the Milagros Del Rosario Building, the Student Affairs Office organized the session for students to hear the directions for the Laguna campus as it transitions to a blended learning system. Among the topics discussed were the latest improvements in its academic programs and support services.

Dungca took over the new posts, which replaced the position of the Vice Chancellor for Laguna Campus. The implementation of the concurrent positions is part of rationalizing the DLSU organizational chart and the first step to revising the Administration Manual.
AS PART OF ITS INSTITUTIONAL VOTER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY RECENTLY HOSTED A TWO-PART FORUM SERIES featuring Vice Presidential and Manila mayoral candidates to respond to key issues and matters relevant to the voters. The event was held at the Henry Sy, Sr. Hall grounds.

The VP candidates’ forum last April 8 provided an opportunity for those seeking the second highest position in the country to respond to various key national issues, particularly related to the environment.

The program was designed as a Hybrid Town Hall Forum, wherein panelists may come there from different venues. Media partner Rappler and GMA Network’s Boto Lasalyano, Sulong Pilipino live streamed the event on their respective social media pages.

Lasallian Justice and Peace Commission, PARTICIPATE (La Salle Institute of Governance, Ateneo School of Government, and Ateneo Policy Center), YouthLed, and student councils of various HEIs joined DLSU in organizing the VP forum.

For the City of Manila mayoral candidates’ forum last April 6, the invited panelists were given the opportunity to demonstrate their competence, knowledge, and insights on relevant issues and concerns of the city and its constituents.

Task Force Safe Schools, DLSU Committee on National Issues and Concerns, and the La Salle Institute of Governance co-organized the mayoral forum.

New website promotes sustainability reporting

ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) ASCENT, A WEBSITE THAT PROMOTES SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING, WAS LAUNCHED by the Animo Labs Foundation Inc., in collaboration with the ASEAN Corporate Reporting Research Network of the DLSU Center for Business Research and Development, last March 28.

It aspires to be a publishing platform for ESG. It will feature ESG-related articles, working papers, columns, and case studies. It will be a repository of publicly available sustainability reports of ASEAN companies.

ESG Ascent encourages scholarly research and practice-oriented discourses as well as collaboration among students, faculty, and practitioners. It likewise promotes increased transparency in corporate reporting.

Its maiden feature entitled “The Rise of Sustainability Reporting in the Philippines” by Engr. Edmond Maceda seeks to raise awareness on the environment, in line with the goal of Earth Hour.

For the link to the website and to subscribe to its newsletter, visit: www.esgascent.org
A GROUP OF DLSU STUDENTS EMERGED AS THE CHAMPION TEAM at the Information Management Summit (IM Summit 2022), a case competition sponsored by Accenture and a flagship event of the Ateneo Management Information Systems Association held last March 5-26.

Members of the team are Rav Ryan Ocampo, 3rd Year BS Entrepreneurship; Wilfredo Argana Jr., 1st Year BS Information Systems; Ricson Andrei Vergara, 4th Year BSIT; and Kenneth Angelo Julio, 1st Year BS Physics minor in Economics.

IM Summit 2022 was themed “Rediscover Innovation” and aimed at empowering undergraduate students to integrate the power of information technology in an enterprise setting.

Participants from across the country showcased their analysis, decision-making, and creativity skills to develop innovative and sustainable solutions for common problems experienced in business organizations.

UNISERVITATE AWARD 2022

The Uniservitate Award 2022 recognizes service-learning projects in Catholic Higher Education Institutions (CHIEs). As a global award, it covers Africa, Asia and Oceania, Central and Eastern Europe and the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, USA & Canada, and Western Europe (North and South).

Universitate Award 2022 aims to recognize the best service-learning experiences of each region, particularly those that respond to the real needs of the poor and marginalized sectors of society. The award’s objective is to make visible good educational and solidarity practices to inspire new initiatives so that the social impact is greater.

Uniservitate’s global network is present in 26 countries on 5 continents through partnerships with more than 30 universities and higher education institutions. De La Salle University serves as its Service-Learning Regional Hub for Asia and Oceania.

The award will consider all the initiatives – even the most incipient – that have been launched between January 2019 and April 2022 within the framework of CHIEs from anywhere in the world.

A total of 84,000 euros will be given to the winners to give continuity to the awarded projects or to start others. The Universitate Awardees will also receive funding to participate in the Uniservitate’s 3rd Global Symposium, which will take place in Rome from October 26 - 30, 2022.

The Uniservitate Award is organized by the Global Uniservitate Program, under the coordination of CLAYSS (Centro Latinoamericano de Aprendizaje y Servicio Solidario) and Porticus, in adherence to the Global Compact on Education.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS ON MAY 2, 2022.

Visit: https://www.uniservitate.org/award-2022/
For inquiries, email: award@uniservitate.org

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In the spirit of communitas, De La Salle University pursues its Balay Program this year with focus on banyuhay—short for bagong anyo ng buhay or transformation—to strengthen its thrust on the holistic development of Lasallian faculty and staff. Balay Program 2022 introduces various activities that will help the University personnel achieve total wellness as they define the standards of excellence and service in higher education.