



## LA SALLE STUDENTS RECEIVE GRANTS FROM FOUNDATION FOR LIBERTY AND PROSPERITY

FIVE STUDENTS FROM DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY WERE RECOGNIZED BY THE FOUNDATION FOR LIBERTY AND PROSPERITY (FLP), a non-profit organization promoting best practices in law and business founded by retired Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban, last August 11.

DLSU's Aibar Rabi Rashad Bibi, Master of Business Administration student, was one of the five students who received a fellowship worth

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P450,000 each. The grant was launched this year by FLP in partnership with Metro Pacific Investments Foundation for students taking MBA, or what FLP calls “ESMEL” (entrepreneurship, sustainability, management, economics, and business law) courses.

Likewise, students from the Tañada-Diokno College of Law each received a scholarship worth P200,000 from the FLP in partnership with Tan Yan Kee Foundation (TYKF). The grantees are fourth year student Shalimar Hillary Taongan and third year students Laine Marie Bringuelo, Almira Bianca de Guzman, and Shandreil Allen Guevarra. A total of 21 law students were awarded this year.

For the MBA/ESMEL fellowship grant, the FLP board of judges was chaired by former Bangko Sentral Governor Amando Tetangco, Jr., with members June Cheryl Cabal-Revila (chief financial officer of the Metro Pacific Investments Corp.), Cezar Consing (former president of the Bank of the Philippine Islands and of the Bankers Association of the Philippines), Marilen Yaptangco (president of Baron Travel Corp.), and lawyer Joel Emerson Gregorio (FLP trustee and corporate secretary).

For the legal education scholarships, the FLP board of judges was composed of Chief Justice Alexander Gesmundo, former Education Secretary Dr. Edilberto De Jesus, TYKF Vice Chairman Harry Tan, Dean Gemy Festin (who is also Philippine Association of Law Schools President), and lawyer Gregorio.

The FLP focused on liberty programs during its first decade from 2011 to 2021 and in its second decade, would give emphasis on the prosperity side of its philosophy, starting with the ESMEL fellowships to help people help themselves through private entrepreneurship.



## BALIK-TANAW: THE ROAD TAKEN NOW AVAILABLE

**BALIK-TANAW: THE ROAD TAKEN BY EMINENT FILIPINO SCHOLAR-CRITIC-TRANSLATOR SOLEDAD S. REYES IS NOW AVAILABLE AT DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY PUBLISHING HOUSE.** The memoir is a joint publication of DLSU Publishing House and the Sussex Academic Press.

The book will also be available at Solidaridad Bookshop and will be marketed and distributed in North America by The University of Chicago Press within the year.

In the words of the author: “This is my journey of more than seven decades where I plot my personal narrative intertwined with people and events, with social and political movements with which the country sought to negotiate the treacherous shoals in the postwar years. The account carries a fair amount of biographical data (as lodged in my memory in the absence of diaries), from my childhood into my college years. But as the context becomes wider and more complex, the narrative takes on a more analytical frame as I try to make sense of disparate experiences whirling about me in the tumult of the 1970s and beyond, and in the startling changes in the political landscape, local and global, that now grip the country.”

Reyes is Professor Emeritus at the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies of the Ateneo de Manila University. She is the author or editor of over 40 books of literary criticism on the Tagalog novel, Philippine popular culture, Philippine women’s writings, as well as of translation.

She was awarded the A.L. Becker Prize for Translation (2016) for *What Now Ricky?*, her translation of a Rosario de Guzman Lingat novel. Her English versions of other Tagalog classics—Antonio Sempio’s *The Golden Dagger*; Lingat’s *The Cloak of God and The Death of Summer*, and Precioso Palma’s *Avenge Me!*—are published by DLSU Publishing House.





From left: OAS Director Grichelle Prado, DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC, MindNation Founder and Chief Impact Officer Kana Takahashi, and MindNation Co-founder and Head of Communications and Content Cat Triviño

## MINDNATION OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRAD STUDENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH FIELD

**DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY FORMALLY SEALED ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH MINDNATION**, which committed to provide scholarships to students taking master’s programs in Psychology at the DLSU College of Liberal Arts and/or in Counseling at the Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC College of Education starting AY 2022-2023.

The MOA signing between the two parties was held last August 3 at the Villavicencio Boardroom, 15th floor of the DLSU Henry Sy Sr. Hall. In his welcome message, DLSU President Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC stressed the importance of well-being especially in this period of anxiety and uncertainty. “With MindNation’s support to our qualified scholars, we can collectively achieve our goals of finding ways to address the needs of those battling with mental issues,” he said.

MindNation Founder and Chief Impact Officer Kana Takahashi, on the other hand, expressed their company’s appreciation to the entire Lasallian community. “We are thankful to provide this opportunity to Lasallian students as we produce future mental health experts and advocates,” she said.

Alumna and MindNation’s Co-founder and Head of Communications and Content Cat Triviño (Communication Arts, 2011) mentioned that this meaningful partnership would benefit not only the scholars but also the whole mental health industry. “We are proud to share the mission of providing accessible mental healthcare,” Triviño added.

MindNation is an innovative mental health and well-being organization that has grown globally as a trusted partner for organizations and communities. It provides mental healthcare support to help teams and individuals feel heard and perform to their fullest capacity.

Aside from Br. Bernie, other DLSU administrators who attended the event were College of Liberal Arts Associate Dean Dr. Ron Ressorreccion, Office of Admissions and Scholarships (OAS) Director Grichelle Prado, Integrated School Registrar Patricia Triviño, and Advancement and Alumni Relations Executive Director Edwin Reyes. They were joined by OAS officers Vivian Sy and Charlene Bautista, as well as the student sector represented by the President of the Lasallian Scholars Society, Jasteen Maer Panganiban.

## Sentro ng Pagsasalin, Intelektuwalisasyon, at Adbokasiya, itinatag

**IPINAHAYAG NG TANGGAPAN NG ASSOCIATE PROVOST ANG PAGTATATAG NG SENTRO SA PAGSASALIN, INTELEKTUWALISASYON, AT ADBOKASIYA O DLSU SALITA** kasabay ng pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa nitong Agosto.

Ang DLSU SALITA ay magsisilbing isang tukoy na sentro sa ating pamantasan na magbibigay ng mga serbisyong propesyonal sa larangan ng pagsasalin, edukasyong pangwika sa Filipino, at magsusulong ng sistematikong koordinasyon ng mga gawaing kaugnay ng pagsasalin. Ito rin ang magsisilbing lugar na masasangunang tungkol sa pagsasalin, mga pagpupunyaging kaugnay ng intelektuwalisasyon ng wikang Filipino, at mga adbokasyang pangwika. Ang naturang sentro ay mapapasailalim sa Tanggapan ng Associate Provost.

Sa pamamagitan ng DLSU SALITA, inaasahang patuloy na makapag-aambag ang Pamantasang De La Salle sa pagsusulong ng intelektuwalisasyon ng wikang Filipino.





## DLSU HOSTS 2022 ASEAN-KOREA YOUTH SUMMIT

**CENTERING ON THE THEME "CARBON NEUTRALITY AND ASEAN- KOREA YOUTH," THE 2022 ASEAN-KOREA YOUTH SUMMIT** welcomed ASEAN delegates, including students from different HEIs in the country, for lectures and discussions that sought to establish net-zero initiatives towards a sustainable future last August 9-12.

The Philippine delegates converged at the 15th floor of the Henry Sy, Sr. Hall, joining other delegates via Zoom.

The DLSU Office of the Vice President for External Relations and Internationalization under Dr. Laurene Chua-Garcia served as the ASEAN Offline Local Organizer for the Philippines.

The local delegation is composed of Kristina Cassandra Bello (Polytechnic University of the Philippines), Arvine Charles Rase (De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute), Tiffany Ashley Uy (University

of the Philippines), Aeren Tisbe Lagui (University of Batangas), Crizelle Quinquini Joya (University of Santo Tomas), Angel Frances Mapa (University of the Philippines-Mindanao), Mac Arthur Acuña (University of the Philippines-Los Baños), Sophia Ferraris (De La Salle University), and Prince Ernest Sabado (University of Santo Tomas).

Topics included the implementation of carbon neutrality and the role of the youth; environmental justice and equal environmental rights; the future of eco-friendly and green technology; environmental changes and human health; and the achievement of UN Sustainable Development Goals and youth participation.

The summit sought to promote youth exchanges between ASEAN and Korea, develop global leadership of youths, and provide them the opportunity to explore a common agenda and draw cooperative measures.



## CREATING CHANGE THROUGH GEO-MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT

**IN LINE WITH DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY'S CONTINUED THRUST TO ADDRESS THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT CHAIR DR. MARY ANN ADAJAR** has focused her research activities on alternative geo-materials for soil stabilization while addressing the disposal problems of waste materials.

For her efforts in this field, some of her studies have been recognized in several conferences. In 2021 alone, she received two awards in two international conferences: one at the Regional Conference in Civil Engineering and Sustainable Development Goals in Higher Education Institutions held at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and another at the annual International Conference on Geotechnique, Construction Materials and Environment held in Japan, where she also bagged an award in 2019. **Adajar**



When asked about her motivation for doing research, Adajar explains that research is essential to both teaching and learning. "As an educator, we need to be well-informed of the recent developments and challenges related to our field as well as in the trans-discipline research area.

The new knowledge and ideas that we learned from research and shared in the classroom will complement our teaching skills in shaping the minds of our students."

Adajar's research interest on waste utilization as alternative geo-materials has allowed her to publish papers that are aimed to promote the re-use of waste materials in the production of sustainable construction materials.

The use of solid wastes as a new ingredient in construction materials is one innovative effort to reduce environmental degradation and facilitate sustainable use of natural resources.

Some of her most recent works in this area include "Geotechnical Characterization of Alluvial Soil as an Alternative Roadway Construction Material" and "Hydraulic Conductivity Characteristics of a Fine Grained Soil Potential for Landfill Liner Application," both published in the International Journal of GEOMATE in 2021.

"Through research and innovations with environmental significance, we can contribute to a change that will reshape the world and make it better," she says.

# NEWLY APPOINTED AUN-QA LEAD ASSESSOR

**DLSU PROVOST DR. ROLEDA WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED AS ONE OF THE SEVEN LEAD ASSESSORS** of the ASEAN University Network-Quality Assurance Council effective June 2022. The new appointees come from four countries across the ASEAN region.

AUN-QA expressed its gratitude to all its assessors and lead assessors for their long standing commitment and contribution to AUN-QA's mission in elevating the quality of higher education in ASEAN through quality assurance.

Roleda, a Physics associate professor, has also served as the University's Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Academics.

For the full updated name list of the official AUN-QA Assessors, please kindly visit <https://aunsec.org/discover-aun/thematic-networks/aun-q/aun-qa-assessors>



Roleda



Meeting attendees seek to strengthen their collaboration in research and training, among others.

## University promotes partnership with ALPHA

**TO ENHANCE ITS ACADEME-INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP, THE DLSU LAGUNA CAMPUS THROUGH ITS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UNIT** held a meeting with the Board of Directors of the Association of Laguna Technopark Personnel and Human Resource Administrators, Inc. (ALPHA) for the continuity and strengthening of their five-year partnership.

Attendees were oriented to the DLSU programs that employees from Laguna Technopark companies can avail of to further their careers. The meeting highlighted the continuing education programs in engineering, management, accounting, compliance, and logistics.

Representatives of the two parties also agreed to promote internship and employment opportunities within the Laguna Technopark for the students of the Laguna Campus.

The Laguna Campus PEZA zone—acknowledged as a Center of Knowledge, Innovation, and Science and Technology—encourages companies to set up their startup or Research and Development subsidiaries.

Among the DLSU administrators and leading professors and researchers in the meeting were Robbie Porsovigan, director of the Business Development Unit for Laguna Campus and faculty members Dr. Aristotle Ubando, Dr. Jose Bienvenido Biona, and Dr. Ivan Henderson Gue of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. ALPHA representatives included Gerry Menta, Cynthia De Leon, Faith Bautista, Lucille Managa, Claire Coladilla and Rochelle De Castro.

“The more you devote yourself in prayer,  
the more you will do well in your work.”

*Beata Falle*  
Med 95.1—Feast of St. Genevieve

## DLSU Board Performance

April-August 2022

### GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

August 2022

100% DLSU passing rate

61.27% National passing rate

**Top 4 Resty John C. Dimal (88.65%)**

**Top 10 Maria Carissa M. Sanchez (88.00%)**



### ACCOUNTANCY

May 2022

60.38% DLSU passing rate

22.29% National passing rate

**Top 4 John Daniel M. Sarmiento (87.67%)**

**Top 10 Jillian Rae R. Chua (86.17%)**



### MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

August 2022

89.58% DLSU passing rate

54.15% National passing rate

Ranked **2nd** among schools with 50 or more examinees and with at least

80% passing percentage

**Top 2 Francis Gregory Lao Ng (94.40%)**



### CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

May 2022

88.89% DLSU passing rate

56.69% National passing rate

Ranked **3rd** among schools with 10 or more examinees and with at least

80% passing percentage

**Top 4 Christelle Paula C. Batac (86.10%)**

**Top 7 John Vincent M. Jose (85.10%)**



### LET ELEMENTARY

June 2022

100% DLSU passing rate

50.62% National passing rate



### CIVIL ENGINEERING

May 2022

89.47% DLSU passing rate

42.35% National passing rate

Ranked **3rd** among schools with 50 or more examinees and with at least

80% passing percentage



### LET SECONDARY

June 2022

100% DLSU passing rate

50.5% National passing rate



### ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING

April 2022

81.82% DLSU passing rate

46.6% National passing rate



Source: Strategic Management and Quality Assurance Office



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