UGA message highlights DLSU achievements, final leg of ANIMO strategic plan

In the University General Assembly (UGA) last September 16, DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC highlighted recent reforms to ensure that the University remains “a place of professional and personal flourishing.” The UGA in Hyflex setup signaled the start of the term with the largest resumption of in-person classes since the pandemic started.

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Br. Bernie opened by congratulating the community on key University accomplishments in the past academic year. He also cited recent developments in the BITUIN (Enterprise Resource Planning) Project, the flagship program for automating and optimizing University operations. He mentioned efforts to evaluate the organizational structure, professionalize administrative service, and affirm College Deans in top management, in order to support their role in innovating for their respective colleges.

According to him, the steps toward better efficiency have an underlying moral principle: “the cost of education has risen nearly three-fold in real terms since 1992. As families deal with this, it would be plain wrong for the University to tolerate costly inefficiencies.”

Br. Bernie also reported the completion of the DLSU Code of Conduct and Metapolicy, aimed at setting clear expectations of behavior for the DLSU community and external partners, as well as serving as a guide in policymaking that is rooted in “desirable characteristics of Lasallian governance.”

Finally, as the academic year also commences the final leg in the University’s three-year Strategic Plan, he renews the University commitment to the five ANIMO Strategies (Accompaniment: ensuring a meaningful Lasallian education; Niches, research and engagement toward supporting Philippine enterprises and UN SDGs; Impact: increasing partnerships; Ministry: using BITUIN and the enterprise resource planning project to serve the Mission; Opening: redesigning and repurposing the campuses for post-pandemic study and work).

For this particular year, he urged the community to “undertake meaningful, root-and-branch review of all our programs; aggressively re-start student and faculty exchange; move forward with a new research communications program; discover our best ways of serving the Mission and experiencing Lasallian Communitas; and ensure at least pre-pandemic levels of service on campus.”
University reps lead Asia Hub delegation in Argentina service-learning confab

REPRESENTATIVES OF DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY LED A DELEGATION FROM ASIA AND OCEANIA that participated in the 25th International Service-Learning Conference and the 20th anniversary of the Centro Latino Americano de Aprendizaje y Servicio Solidario (Latin America Center for Solidarity Service-Learning) held last August 24-27 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The delegation joined service-learning champions from all over the world in charting the network’s direction for the next four years.Asian hub coordinator Marietta Guanzon also spoke at the panel discussing “Hybrid and online service-learning during and after the pandemic.”

The network’s Asia and Oceania hub housed at DLSU’s Center for Social Concern and Action has been supporting Fu Jen Catholic University (Taiwan), Assam Don Bosco University (India), and Australian Catholic University in their SL institutionalization efforts since 2020.

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TWO DLSU GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING PROFESSORS WERE HONORED by the Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology (PhilAAST) during its 71st Annual Convention Celebration held at the Manila Hotel last September 9.

SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH ADVOCATE
University Fellow Prof. Anthony SF Chiu, Distinguished Full Professor and Senior Research Fellow of the Department of Industrial Engineering, received the CY 2022 Michael Purvis Award for Sustainability Research. He was recognized for his works in cleaner production, industrial ecology, and sustainable consumption and production (SCP). More specifically, he was cited for his work in the introduction of a four-stage eco-industrial park development model for Asia and the Pacific, a nexus between facility-level cleaner production and beyond-the-wall eco-industrial networking. Chiu was also cited for his advocacy to link science, policy and management, and the crafting of policy framework for Sustainable Consumption and Production.

The Michael Purvis Award was established in honor of Dr. Michael Robert Irvin Purvis, a distinguished energy engineer from the United Kingdom who served for 20 years in the academe of De La Salle University.

FIRST NON-MEDICAL DOCTOR FOR HEALTH RESEARCH AWARD
Prof. Nilo Bugtai bagged the Dr. Paulo C. Campos Award for health research, earning the distinction of being the first non-medical doctor to receive the award.

His team at IBEHT has been granted two patents for the AGAPAY Project—Robotic Exoskeleton for Upper Extremity Rehabilitation. Under the Department of Manufacturing Engineering and Management, he is also a co-inventor of two other projects that received patents.

A RESEARCH TEAM FROM THE DLSU GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING BAGGED THREE AWARDS at the International Conference for Energy, Aquatech and Sustainability 2022 held at Hanyang University ERICA Campus, South Korea last August 3-5.

Led by Dr. Marla Maniquiz-Redillas, head of the Hydraulics and Water Resources (HWR) Division of the GCOE Department of Civil Engineering, the research team of eight delegates presented research papers on water and environment, climate change, and sustainable development.

Three of the team’s eight papers received the Best Presentation award.

Miguel Enrico Robles, an undergraduate, was recognized for his study titled “Investigating heavy metal buildup processes in road deposited sediments and its contribution to urban runoff nonpoint source pollution.”

Master’s student Engineer Denzel Keith Urieta was acknowledged for his research “Evaluating the hydrological response of a developing tropical catchment for sustainable watershed management.”

Meanwhile, doctorate student Engr. Gil Cruz won an award for his study “First flush analysis and water quality volume determination for the design of low impact development control in an urban catchment area.”
DLSU Tañada-Diokno College of Law finishes 12th worldwide in Nuremberg Moot Court 2022

A TEAM OF LAW STUDENTS FROM THE DLSU TAÑADA-DIOKNO COLLEGE OF LAW (TDCOL) reached the octofinals, and debuted with a 12th spot finish in the recently concluded oral rounds of the Nuremberg Moot Court 2022. The competition proper was held online last July 1-15, where 45 teams from different schools all over the world argued a hypothetical case before a simulated International Criminal Court.

Initially, 105 competing schools qualified to proceed to the Written Memorandum phase of the competition, which ran from February to March 2022. The deliberation process for the written phase ended in May, wherein 50 teams were selected to advance to the Oral Rounds based on their memoranda scores and equitable geographic representation.

Organized by the International Nuremberg Principles Academy and the International Criminal Law Research Unit at Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg, the Nuremberg Moot Court is an international competition in the field of international criminal law. The objective of the competition is to promote the Nuremberg Principles of holding individuals accountable for the most serious international crimes through a fair trial. It allows law students to plead before the historic Courtroom 600 — the birthplace of international criminal law and the site of Nuremberg Trials against the major Nazi war criminals.

The project is funded by the John Templeton Foundation through the Global Philosophy of Religion Project of the University of Birmingham’s Centre for Philosophy of Religion. Its main aim is to promote research by philosophers of religion from underrepresented regions such as Southeast Asia.

For more information about the project, visit: https://sea-philosophy.com.
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