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LASALLIAN ALUMNI WERE AMONG THE 100 NOTABLE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS (CPAS) honored during the grand celebration of the Centenary of the Accountancy Profession in the Philippines last March 17 at The Manila Hotel.

The awardees were recognized for their significant contribution to the advancement of the accountancy profession and their active participation in national development.

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Eleven alumni were conferred with the Accountancy Centenary Award of Excellence. They were Froilan G. Ampil (+), AB BSC 1966; Ramon V. del Rosario (+), BSC 1938; Jose W. Diokno (+), BSC 1940, Kim S. Jacinto-Henares, BSC 1980; Felipe M. Medalla, AB BSC 1970; Cesar Antonio V. Purisima, BSC 1979; June Cheryl C. Revilla, BSA 1992; Alberto G. Romulo, BSC 1954; current DLSU Board of Trustees Chair Nestor V. Tan, BSC 1978; current DLSU Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business faculty member Arnel Onesimo, BSC 1989; and Carlos J. Valdes, BSC 1940. Likewise, three alumni were conferred with the Board of Accountancy Members Recognition Award: Gerard B. Sanvictores, AB BSC 1978; Jesus J. Valdez, BSC 1955; and Luis C. Liwanag, II, AB BSC 1970.

The awarding was spearheaded by the Professional Regulatory Board of Accountancy (PRBOA), in partnership with the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA), and in cooperation with the Association of Certified Public Accountants in Commerce and Industry (ACPACI), Association of Certified Public Accountants in Public Practice (ACPAPP), Government Association of Certified Public Accountants (GACPA) and the National Association of Certified Public Accountants in Education (NACPAE).



Br. Bernard Oca FSC and Mr. Michel J. Lhullier (front row, second and third from left, respectively) sign the DOD, with officers from the two institutions witnessing the ceremony.

#### M LHUILLIER INKS DEED OF DONATION WITH DLSU

M LHUILLIER FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. FORMALIZED ITS AGREEMENT WITH DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY for the landscaping and renovation of the amphitheater, Marian Quadrangle, and Brothers' Memorial Garden, to be named as the M Lhuillier Botanical Gardens, on March 30 at the Villavicencio Boardroom, 15/F of Henry Sy, Sr. Hall.

The signing of the Deed of Donation (DOD) was attended by M Lhuillier's top executives led by CEO and President Mr. Michael Lhuillier, Chief Finance Officer Mr. Michael James Lhuillier, VP for NCR and Luzon Operations Mr. Lorenzo Escaño, Legal Division Head Atty. Heidi Caguioa, and Business Intelligence Divisions Head Mr. Tirso Cinco, Jr.

The renovation of the gardens is dedicated by Michael to honor his father, Michel J. Lhuillier, who is a distinguished alumnus from DLSC HS '59, BSBA '64. Señorito Michel, as he is fondly called, is passionate about flora and fauna and advocates environmental sustainability projects. "In donating the M Lhuillier Botanical Gardens in DLSU, Señorito Michel continues to build towards achieving his social and environmental mission," shared Mr. Cinco.

The M Lhuillier Botanical Gardens will provide green spaces where generations of students may experience college life and have a lasting memory of the time spent in our university. "We are bringing a piece of his collection here to DLSU. My father will definitely want the students to experience the beauty of nature," Mr. Lhuillier said.

In his acceptance message, DLSU President Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC, expressed his appreciation to the Lhuillier's support to our Lasallian Mission. "As our University seeks to promote the kind of education that is balanced, integrated and holistic, the M Lhuillier Botanical Gardens will be a place where our students will be able to gather. This is our response to the wellness needs of our students and the rest of the Lasallian community here," he shared.

The DOD was signed by Br. Bernard S. Oca and Mr. Michael L. Lhuillier, witnessed by DLSU Senior Vice President Mr Ramon Trajano and M Lhuillier's Business Intelligence Division Head Mr. Tirso P. Cinco, Jr. The M Lhuillier Botanical Gardens is expected to be inaugurated by the first quarter of 2024.

### La Salle joins Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia

THE DLSU LASALLIAN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LSEED) CENTER HAS BEEN ELECTED as a member of both the regional committee and board of trustees of the Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia (ISEA).

The confirmation was held during ISEA's regional assembly last March 24 in Bangkok, Thailand.

ISEA is a regional learning and action network set up by social enterprises held at the United Nations Conference Center in Bangkok, Thailand. and social enterprise resource institutions and scholars to catalyze

knowledge creation, capacity development, and movement-building for social entrepreneurship in the region.

LSEED Center Director Norby Salonga (left) will serve as representative of the University. He also represented DLSU in the 4th Social Enterprise Advocacy and Leveraging (SEAL) Asia Conference last March 22-23, with the theme, "Social Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Partnerships: Towards Inclusive Recovery and Accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals," held at the United Nations Conference Center in Bangkok, Thailand.



Among the activities during the SDRC celebrations was a series of webinars. Featured speakers were (clockwise, from left): Salanga, Mateo, Tan-Llorin, Domingo, Soriano, and Jabar

### SDRC@44 HIGHLIGHTS RESEARCH FOR SOCIAL INITIATIVES

AS PART OF ITS 44TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, THE DLSU SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTER HELD A SERIES OF WEBINARS focusing on the theme, "Delivering Good News to the World through Research: Proactively Building Initiatives for Social Development" last March 31.

The event featured the following presentations: "Empowerment Modified Feminist Self-Defense: Violence against Women in Transit in Metro Manila," with Rosallia Domingo, co-investigator of the project; "Ethical Technology Assessment of Artificial Intelligence (Al) and the Internet of Things (IoT) among GEN Z Population in the Asia Pacific Region: Qualitative Results of the Philippine Case," by Dr. Melvin A. Jabar and Dr. Ma. Elena Chiong-Javier, investigators; "Towards Fair Labor Conditions in the Philippine Platform Economy," by Dr. Cheryll Ruth R. Soriano, principal investigator; Prof. Virgel C. Binghay, co-investigator; and Margreta Lanzador-Medina, research assistant; and "Katawag Project: Co-creating Solutions for Mental Health and Well-being at Work," by Dr. Maria Guadalupe C. Salanga, co-investigator; Dr. Niño Jose C. Mateo, co-investigator; and Ms. Charisse Tan, project manager.

Established in 1979, the Social Development Research Center is committed to the highest standards of research and training, in furtherance of the University's mission to advance learning and knowledge use. Its mandate is to conduct research about, build capacities for, and promote public awareness and discussion of emerging social issues about quality of life, social development, and the nation's growth.





# DLSU, University of Glasgow team up for research on mental health of BPO workers

A RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW recently featured an online seminar to discuss insights and share valuable data on stressors and factors affecting the mental health of workers in the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry.

The webinar held last March 27 was part of the Katawag Project, which seeks to identify the causes and roots of mental stress of BPO workers in the Philippines. Through mapping and interconnecting these factors to understand the needs of the workers, the study aims to provide solutions for leaders and supervisors.

Spearheading the Katawag Project are Prof. Kirstin Mitchell of the School of Health and Wellbeing of the University of Glasgow and DLSU Department of Psychology faculty member Dr. Maria Guadalupe Salanga, the project's country lead. Among other members of the team are Prof. Niño Jose Mateo of the Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology as co-investigator, and Ms. Charisse Tan-Llorin of the Social Development Research Center as project manager. In the study funded by the United Kingdom Medical Research Council, the team noted the highly competitive and generally more stressful nature of the BPO industry compared to the larger part of the working population. Among the key concerns of the BPO workers were stress, anxiety, and sleep, which were linked to pressure on quota, irregular work schedule, and heavy workload.

The team presented their findings to an audience that included partner organizations from the BPO industry.

The panel included Tess Azicate, Human Resources Consultant for Labor Standards and Health of IBPAP IT & Business Process Association of the Philippines; Academician, University Fellow, and DLSU Distinguished Psychology Professor Dr. Allan B.I. Bernardo; and Vina Paglicawan, PCC, Director for Wellness + Resiliency, Asia of TaskUs.

With the feedback gathered from the seminar, the team would map out a system that would support the future-proofing of the overall wellness of BPO employees.

### COLLEGE OF COMPUTER STUDIES STUDENTS REAP AWARDS IN VARIOUS COMPETITIONS



SEVERAL STUDENT TEAMS FROM THE DLSU COLLEGE OF COMPUTER STUDIES received top prizes in competitions on programming and game development, and also for their presentation during a research congress.



#### **Best Educational Game**

Last February 24, the Game Developers Association of the Philippines (GDAP) announced that Eureka, DLSU's entry to Game On 2022 was awarded the Best Educational Game.

Eureka was developed by BS-IET students composed of John Erick Alemany, Raina Cally Ang, Warren Luceñara, Bryan Manese, and Jean Ryan Bernal and supervised by Department of Software Technology faculty member Ryan Samuel Dimaunahan and Department of Chemistry faculty member Dr. Laurenzo Alba. With Eureka, students learn about elements and compounds interactively.



#### ALGOLYMPICS 2023: Astra Champion

DLSU students bagged the first place in ALGOLYMPICS 2023: Astra, an annual intercollegiate programming competition hosted by the Association for Computing Machinery UP Diliman Student Chapter Inc. (UP ACM) last March 25.

Named Team Kuuhaku, the team was composed of BSMS Computer Science (Honors) students Mark Edward Gonzales, Hans Oswald Ibrahim, and Gabriel Joseph Pua, and coached by Department of Software Technology assistant professor Ryan Austin Fernandez.



#### **Best Poster Presentation**

The DLSU team composed of Computer Systems Engineering students Chris Aaron Cheng, Juliana Marie Agulto, Gian Carlo Guitierrez, and Yeohan Lorenzo Norona, together with their adviser Roger Luis Uy, was awarded Best Poster Presentation for their research paper entitled "Interactive Cloth Simulation using Verlet Integration with Decoupled Iterations using CPU and GPU".

The awarding was held at the 23rd Philippine Computing Science Congress (PCSC) held at the University of San Jose-Recoletos, Cebu City last March 23-24, 2023.



**Best Local Team in the 2022 ACM ICPC Asia-Manila Regionals** De La Salle University's College of Computer Studies Programming League was crowned the top Philippine team in the Asia-Manila regional leg of the International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) held last December 14 to 15 at Ateneo de Manila University.

Composed of fourth-year BSMS Computer Science (Honors) students Mark Edward Gonzales, Hans Oswald Ibrahim, and Gabriel Joseph Pua and coached by Department of Software Technology assistant professor Ryan Austin Fernandez, the team also bagged the First to Solve Award for being the first team to submit a correct solution to a problem. They secured the fifth spot in the international leaderboard, placing DLSU in first place among the Philippine universities and third in terms of overall university rankings, next only to Nanyang Technological University (Singapore) and Chulalongkorn University (Thailand).



Dr. Susumu Ito of the University of Niigata Prefecture (fourth from left) with DLSU CLA administrators

### CLA EXPLORES MORE COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

THE DLSU COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS HELD MEETINGS WITH ACADEMIC PARTNERS for the promotion of faculty and student exchange and possible collaboration on artistic and cultural activities.

CLA Dean Dr. Rhoderick Nuncio and Assistant Dean for External Affairs and Lasallian Mission Dr. Jose Victor Jimenez discussed possible joint activities with the School of Arts and Science of St. Scholastica's College representatives Dean Faye Rafael and Prof. Rebecca Marquez last February 13.

Likewise, the CLA Office of the Dean hosted the visit of Dr. Susumu Ito, dean of the Graduate School of International Studies and Regional Development, University of Niigata Prefecture, last February 15. The parties talked about the Annex to the Memorandum of Understanding that they signed in November 2022, which seeks "to further promote the academic exchange through the exchange of students in master's degree courses". Aside from Nuncio and Jimenez, also present at the meeting were the Chair of the Department of International Studies, Dr. Elaine Tolentino, Chair of the Department of Political Science, Dr. Cleo Calimbahin, and former Assistant Dean for Research and Advanced Studies Dr. Dennis Trinidad.

Meanwhile, CLA also welcomed six administrators from Notre Dame of Midsayap, North Cotabato, who took part in the benchmarking visit of the college last February 9. Associate Dr. Ron Resurreccion and Assistant Dean for Research and Advanced Studies Dr. Shirley Lua joined Nuncio and Jimenez in sharing the best practices in the areas of leadership and governance, instruction, student welfare and services, curriculum, research, and internationalization and linkages.

Nuncio likewise signified his interest in collaborating with Notre Dame concerning its Peace Studies and DLSU's environmental advocacy dubbed 'Green Initiatives' and CLA's Offshore Graduate Program.

### DLSU Integrated School students win at International Robothon 2023

THREE STUDENT TEAMS FROM THE DLSU INTEGRATED SCHOOL garnered awards at the International Robothon 2023, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia last March 26.

The team of Raina Helaga and Sofia Angeline Tomas bagged the Leanbot (Veteran) Excellence Award; Dan Miguel Miranda and John Rafael Capinia won the Leanbot (Veteran) Distinction Award; and Richard Derek Talla and Rafael Niccos Tolentino, garnered the VEX IQ (Expert) Excellence Award.

DLSU Integrated School sent 8 teams to the International Robothon 2023, with coaches and parents supporting the students. There were 101 teams that participated in the event.



Photo from: DLSU Integrated School Facebook Page

Say to Jesus as the apostles did: 'Lord, teach us to pray. Description: Description

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### **FACTS and FIGURES**

## **Congratulations to our new Lasallian Lawyers!**

In the November 2022 Bar examinations, 68 graduates of the De La Salle University Tañada-Diokno School of Law passed the exams.

DLSU posted a passing rate of 69.62% among its first-time takers and is ranked #4 among schools with
51 to 100 examinees. Its overall passing rate is 65.38% against the national passing rate of 43.47%.

### Animo La Salle!



Tañada-Diokno School of Law

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