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**OUTSTANDING YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD**
Dr. John Jamir Benzon Aruta
Department of Psychology

Dr. Ronnie Concepcion II
Department of Manufacturing Engineering and Management

Dr. Ourlad Alzeus Tantengco
Department of Biology

The Outstanding Young Scientist (OYS) Awards are given to young Filipino scientists below the age of 40 years who have made significant contributions to science and technology.

**NAST TALENT SEARCH FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS**
Third place
Dr. Ann Franchesca Laguna
Department of Computer Technology

Special Citation winner
Dr. Ivan Henderson Gue
Department of Mechanical Engineering

The National Talent Search for Young Scientists is a project of NAST to encourage young people to pursue a career in science.

**NAST OUTSTANDING SCIENTIFIC PAPER**
Dr. Melissa Garabiles
Department of Psychology

The Outstanding Scientific Paper Awards is given annually for papers published in Thompson Reuters or SCOPUS listed journals in the Philippines within five years preceding the award.

The awarding ceremony for the 2023 NAST Awardees will be on July 13 as the culminating activity of the 45th NAST Annual Scientific Meeting, which will be held on July 12-13 in Manila.

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**Lasallian community marks Golden Jubilee of DLSU Coeds**

**LAST JUNE 4, THE LASALLIAN COMMUNITY MARKED** the date when DLSU welcomed its first batch of female students 50 years ago. The University’s yearlong celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the DLSU Coeds kicked off with a celebration of the Holy Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, followed by a program and salu-salo.

“It was a milestone that underscored the Lasallian institution’s commitment to promoting the role of women in our society,” University President Br. Bernard Oca FSC said in his welcome remarks.

He added that since then, the Lasallian institution has been able to produce women leaders and achievers in various fields, including business, economics, education, science and technology, arts and social sciences, medicine, law, and public service.

*Their presence has added joy and meaning to the pursuit of our Lasallian mission and further enriched St. La Salle’s legacy of an empowering, Christian education. Opening the doors to them was also a step closer to making Lasallian education more accessible and inclusive,* he said.

Some of the Primas namely, Dr. Eppie Estanislao-Clark, Ms. Glenda Pena-Reyes, Ms. Josefina Sayoc-McNiel, Ms. Ma. Theresa Pilar-Orendain and Ms. Maria Belinda Lopez-Villavicencio shared their memorable experiences as being the first batch of coeds.

Also, other exceptional female graduates from other generations such as Dr. Marjorie Evasco-Pernia, Ms. Chiqui Escareal-Go, Dr. Eva Imingan, Atty. Maria Myla Maralit, Engr. Klarissa Martinez-Daly, Dr. Emma Assuncion Punzalan, Engr. Erica Elice Uy, and Ms. Josephine Yap shared how their Lasallian journey shaped them into the person they are today.
DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY
COMPUTER ENGINEERING
STUDENTS WON 2nd Prize in
the Huawei ICT Global Competition
2023 Network Track. The final competition was held from May 24 to 28 at Huawei Base, Shenzhen, China.

The Huawei ICT Global Competition is a year-long event participated by over 120,000 students in 2,000+ universities from 74 countries. Started in 2015, it provides participants with a platform to compete and exchange ideas, thus enhancing their ICT knowledge and practical skills.

Team DLSU, which won in the National and Asia-Pacific (regional) qualifying rounds before reaching the global competition, was composed of Francis John Magallanes, Elmark Corpus, and Martin Adrian Enghoy.

Serving as their mentors were Dr. Melchizedek Alipio (Coach, National level), Engr. Dino Dominic Ligutan (Coach, Asia-Pacific/Global level) and Dr. John Anthony Jose (Coach, Global level).

According to the AUN website, the latest version of the AUN-QA model for program level assessment encompasses eight criteria: Expected Learning Outcomes; Programme Structure and Content; Teaching and Learning Approach; Student Assessment; Academic Staff; Student Support Services; Facilities and infrastructure; and Output and Outcomes.

The AUN-QA assessment models are applicable to the diverse universities in ASEAN countries, and are also aligned to both regional and international quality assurance frameworks.
Lasallians win Best Paper Awards in IEEE 8th International Conference

TWO RESEARCH PROJECTS BY MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING STUDENTS OF DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY RECEIVED the Best Paper Award in the IEEE 8th International Conference on Business and Industrial Research (ICBIR) in Bangkok, Thailand last May 17-19.

The winning paper, “Optimized Fuzzy Logic and Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference Systems for Wound Healing Time Prediction among Diabetic Patients,” was authored by Daeuk Kim (BSMS MFGE), Dr. Ronnie Concepcion II (Adviser, DMEM), Dr. Gerard Anthony Espiritu (COS), Joseph Rey Sta. Agueda (DMEM), and Dr. Ryan Rhay Vicerra (DMEM).

Meanwhile, the other winning paper, “Development of a Quality Grading Model for Processed Milk Through Sensor Data and Symbolic Genetic Programming,” was authored by Jose Miguel Custodio (BSMS MFGE), John Vincent Cortez (BSMS MFGE), Arianna Elise Chua (BSMS MFGE), and Dr. Ronnie Concepcion II (Adviser, DMEM).

ICBIR 2023, which featured multidisciplinary research projects in science, engineering, informatics, modern business, social science and linguistics, was organized by Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology and Technology Promotion Association of Japan-Thailand.

The winners were chosen from about 250 scientific and technical papers accepted for presentation in ICBIR and for publication in the Scopus website. DLSU had 23 delegates from the Department of Manufacturing Engineering and Management and the Department of Electronics and Computer Engineering of the Gokongwei College of Engineering in the conference.

The research outputs presented by the students and professors were supported by the Intelligent Systems Laboratory, Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Health Technologies, Department of Science and Technology-Engineering Research and Development Program, and the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation of DLSU.

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DLSU AND INTEGRATED MICRO-ELECTRONICS, INC. (IMI) HELD AN MOU SIGNING CEREMONY last May 30 to formalize the Academe-Industry partnership that will involve initiatives to promote the exchange of staff, faculty immersion, student mobility and on-the-job training, academic activities, joint research and publication, and industry cooperation.

IMI provides electronics manufacturing services and power semiconductor assembly and test services with manufacturing facilities in Asia, Europe, and North America. Its headquarters is located in Biñan, Laguna.

Attending the event for the University were Br. Bernard Oca FSC, President of De La Salle University; Dr. Jonathan Dungca, Vice President for Laguna Campus and Dean of the School of Innovation and Sustainability; Dr. Elinita Garcia, Associate Provost; Dr. Fides del Castillo, Associate Dean of the School of Innovation and Sustainability; Dr. Roy Francis Navea, Assistant Dean for Research and External Affairs; Dr. Nilo Bugtai, Director of the Institute for Biomedical Engineering and Health Technologies (IBEHT); Dr. Aristotle Ubando, Project Head of the DOST CRADLE Thermomechanical Analysis Laboratory (TALA); and Dr. Rafael Cabredo, Dean of the College of Computer Studies.

Meanwhile, representatives from IMI included Andrew Carreon, Philippine Operations Head; Lucrecio Mendoza, AME Asia/Camera and Vision Technology Head; Ronald Hilaria, Global Head, Learning and Development; Rommel Santiago, Philippine HR Head; Erwin De Guzman, HR Manager; Cristalyn Malolos, Training Specialist; and Leofer De Chavez, HR Supervisor.
OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY COURSES 
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Gokongwei College of Engineering Dean Dr. Kathleen Aviso explained that part of the project is to launch an MSc degree jointly developed by the three institutions. The idea is to co-supervise students and conduct joint lectures where students from the different institutions can come together to learn.

The partnership falls under the UK-China-Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Countries Education Partnership Initiative which was launched in recent years as the first multilateral education collaboration program designed in partnership with the British Council and China’s Ministry of Education. It aims to boost education partnerships and deepen collaboration between the UK, China, ASEAN, and African countries.

JOIN initially received seed funding to help train the next generation of global leaders in the field of offshore renewable energy. The resulting international MSc program offering in offshore renewable energy aims to provide a global perspective on sustainable energy systems by acknowledging variations in regional and national conditions. The program’s first students will begin their degree courses at the University of Exeter in September 2023.

Ge4 Network Global Education Summit 2023

Focusing on the theme, “Can Artificial Intelligence (AI) Transform Higher Education?,” the summit brought together over 100 participants from different Asian universities to explore the potential of AI in personalizing learning experiences for students, assisting professors in assessing performance data, and enabling cross-cultural communication. However, it was emphasized that ethical implementation is crucial to ensure AI enhances, rather than replaces, the role of academics and professors.

Keynote speaker, University of Melbourne Professor, 2023 Balik Scientist Program Awardee of the Philippine Government, and DLSU Distinguished Visiting Professor Dr. Greg Foliente, highlighted the importance of developing global competence for innovative entrepreneurship through study abroad programs, exchanges, and experiential learning.

Dr. Nordin Yahaya, Faculty of Civil Engineering professor from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, conducted a master class on strategic global relations and sustainable international partnerships. The session focused on leadership skills in global education and partnerships, adapting to the post-COVID-19 era.

The summit also featured a workshop led by Dr. Yahaya on enhancing global education experiences. It emphasized internationalization activities, supported by the Ge4 Network, to equip students with cross-cultural awareness.

The attendees were likewise treated to a musical recital by renowned concert pianist Dr. Raul Sunico. They also had a tour of the Laguna Campus and visited a coffee farm in Amadeo, Cavite.

"Say to Jesus as the apostles did: ‘Lord, teach us to pray.’" - Letter 111
DLSU Board Exams Performance

100% Passing Rate

Chemical Engineers Board Exam (May 2023)

Licensure Exam for Teachers – Elementary (March 2023)

Licensure Exam for Teachers – Secondary (March 2023)

CHEMICAL ENGINEERS

Top 1
Engr. Christian Jay P. Balboa

Top 8
Engr. Sean Elijah J. Tiu

De La Salle University garnered a passing rate of 100% against the 58.93% national passing rate.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

Top 2 Rayhanah D. Decampong
Top 8 Carl Fredrick P. Sayson
Top 10 Yanesah Ann L. Tumambing

De La Salle University has 64 new Lasallian CPAs with a 71.91% passing rate, while the national passing rate is 30.37% in the May 2023 CPA Licensure Examination.

LICENSURE EXAM FOR TEACHERS

Top 4 Elementary Level
Krystelle Meagan Yao
Magna cum Laude
and Jose Rizal Honors Society member,
Early Childhood Education,
December 2017

Top 10 Elementary Level
Pavia Denise Delgado
Cum laude, Early Childhood Education,
December 2017

In the LET where DLSU obtained a passing rate of 100%, the national passing rate in the elementary level was 40.76% while the passing rate in the secondary level was 46.94%.

Source: Professional Regulation Commission