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# Among the world's top 2% researchers based on impact

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCHERS ARE INCLUDED IN THE 2023 LIST OF THE WORLD'S TOP 2% RESEARCHERS ACROSS ALL DISCIPLINES, in a paper published by a team led by Stanford University statistician John Ioannidis (<https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/6>).

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The list includes around 200,000 scholars from all over the globe.

Three Lasallian faculty members are included in the list of the world's top researchers based on cumulative career statistics. They are University Fellow and Academician Dr. Raymond Tan, University Fellow Dr. Kathleen Aviso, and Professional Lecturer and retired Distinguished Professor Dr. Luis Razon. There are 29 locally-based researchers, but only 11 are affiliated with HEIs.

Moreover, six faculty members are among the leading researchers in the world based on single recent year data per citations received in 2022. They are Dr. Raymond Tan, University Fellow and Academician Dr. Allan B.I. Bernardo, Dr. Kathleen Aviso, Full Professor and Research Fellow of the Department of Mechanical Engineering Dr. Aristotle Ubando, Department of Theology and Religious Studies Associate Professor Dr. Fides del Castillo, and University Fellow and Academician Dr. Alvin Culaba. There are a total of 50 locally-based researchers listed, with 32 from Philippine HEIs.



## COASTAL PROTECTION, VOLUNTEERISM HIGHLIGHTED IN LECTURE SERIES

**TO EDUCATE AND INSPIRE FUTURE VOLUNTEERS IN THE FIELD OF COASTAL PRESERVATION,** De La Salle University has launched the Coastal Scouts Lecture Series for interested students, faculty, and staff of both the Manila and Laguna campuses.

Last September 6, the fourth lecture of the series featured Dr. Angeli Diaz from the DLSU Department of Communication. Hosted through the Ninoy Aquino Professorial Chair in Communication Arts, the lecture was conducted in collaboration with the Br. Alfred Shields FSC Ocean Research (SHORE) Center and the Department of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) at the Integrated School of the Laguna Campus.

The lecture series aims to equip individuals with the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitude to protect local coastal ecosystems.

Geraldine Yumang of the Integrated School STEM Department delivered last June the first lecture, "Diving into Marine Ecologies: Exploring Corals, Seagrasses, and Mangroves," which laid the foundation for understanding the intricate web of life beneath the ocean's surface.

Series two, titled "Introduction to Life Under the Waves: Corals & Coral Reefs," featured University Fellow and SHORE Director Dr. Wilfredo Licuanan as the keynote speaker. Licuanan shed light on the world of coral reefs and their vital role in marine ecosystems.

The third installment, "Raising the Charisma of Mangroves and Seagrasses as Inquiry Subjects Towards Conserving our Coastal Ecosystem," was led by Dr. Rene Rollon, professor at University of the Philippines Diliman. His presentation emphasized the importance of often-overlooked coastal habitats.

SHORE has been advocating for citizen science, wherein it trains community volunteers and coastal scouts on marine protection such as monitoring reefs and collecting data. Licuanan said through the educational sessions for coastal scouts, DLSU continues to push for a sustainable and thriving coastal environment in the country.



# DLSU on THE list for 6th straight year, to strengthen strategic plans

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY IS AMONG THE WORLD’S LEADING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, according to the 2024 Times Higher Education World University Rankings. In this edition, DLSU is placed in the 1,501+ bracket.

The rankings measure research-intensive universities in their main functions covering teaching, research, knowledge transfer, and international outlook.

In a statement, Vice President for Research and Innovation Dr. Raymond Tan says, “International rankings provide a key yardstick to broadly gauge the competitiveness of universities. Our new strategic plan contains measures that will improve DLSU’s performance in each of the metrics that factor into rankings. Among these are strategies to strengthen the impact and global influence of our research.”

1,904 institutions from 108 countries met the criteria to be included in the rankings this year.

For more information, visit: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2024/world-ranking>



Among the world’s top HEIs for the 6th straight year



## JRIG conducts media training for academics



**THE DLSU JESSE M. ROBREDO INSTITUTE OF GOVERNANCE (JRIG) HELD A TWO-DAY MEDIA TRAINING** for the education sector entitled *Communicating with Clarity and Confidence: A Media Relations Workshop for Academics* last September 23-24 at Hotel Benilde Maison, Manila.

The capacity-building activity focused on equipping the participants with comprehensive skills in media engagement which included understanding news values, branding, writing press releases, and facing interviews, among others. The workshop

aimed to enable them to strategically communicate their ideas and research for a wider audience reach.

Department of Communication faculty member Carlo Figueroa facilitated the workshop. Among the featured resource speakers were former ABS-CBN News Executive Lynda Jumilla, Meralco Corporate Communications VP Agapito Zaldarriaga, and former PLDT Head of Corporate Communications Mon Isberto.

JRIG Director Dr. Ador Torneo highlighted the importance of academics effectively

communicating and engaging with the public, as a tool in spreading their purposeful endeavors and expertise.

Around 15 faculty members from the College of Liberal Arts and staff from various offices of DLSU participated in the event.

The workshop was conducted in partnership with PARTICIPATE, a non-partisan, pro-democracy coalition dedicated to engaging and empowering the political participation of the Filipino people.



# FIRST FILIPINO TO RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL ERGONOMICS ASSOCIATION FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Gutierrez



**DLSU FULL PROFESSOR DR. ALMA MARIA JENNIFER GUTIERREZ OF THE GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING'S DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING** recently received the International Ergonomics Association (IEA) Fellowship Award for 2023, the first Filipino to get this recognition.

Gutierrez is one of the pioneering members of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of the Philippines, where she is now president. She concurrently serves the IEA International Development Committee as co-chair since 2021.

She is the lead editor of the "Convergence of Ergonomics and Design Proceedings" of *ACED SEANES2020 in Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing*, a Scopus-indexed publication

produced from the ACED-SEANES 2020 conference, where she took the role of conference chair. She has also published in the *Sustainability Journal*, *International Journal of Industrial Ergonomics*, and *International Journal of Aviation Psychology*.

In 2018, she was honored with the South East Asian Network of Ergonomics Societies Educator Award in Bangkok, Thailand.

A nonprofit global federation of human factors/ergonomics societies, IEA states on its website that "the IEA Fellowship is given to recognize an individual's extraordinary or sustained superior accomplishments." The awardees are active members of a federated or affiliated ergonomics society for at least 10 years and have made significant contributions to the global ergonomics community.

## University Fellow receives 2023 Gregorio Y. Zara Award

**UNIVERSITY FELLOW AND DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY FULL PROFESSOR DR. DREXEL CAMACHO** received the 2023 Gregorio Y. Zara Award for Basic Science Research during the 72nd Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology (PhilAAST) National Convention at the Manila Hotel last September 22.

Camacho, who also serves as the director of the Central Instrumentation Facility on DLSU Laguna Campus, has a stellar record in research and continues to mentor undergraduate to graduate students. His work has earned numerous awards and recognitions from various local and international bodies.

A private nonstock and nonprofit national organization of scientists and technologists, PhilAAST seeks to promote and broaden scientific advancement in the Philippines through scientific research, technology development, and innovation.

The award was established by the family of National Scientist Gregorio Y. Zara and PhilAAST in 1968 to honor the country's most outstanding scientists and researchers.



Camacho





# NEW LAGUNA CAMPUS LABORATORY BUILDING INAUGURATED

**THE DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY LAGUNA CAMPUS** held the blessing and inauguration of its new Laboratory Building last October 3. With its state-of-the-art facilities, the building is designed to support the campus' sustainable goals and the research activities of faculty and students.

The Laboratory Building will house 25 science and engineering laboratories, which can hold 600 students and teacher-researchers. It is designed to create a stimulating learning atmosphere, with spacious laboratories featuring high-precision equipment and collaborative

spaces where students and teachers can work together on projects.

In his message, DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC said that the inauguration of the Laboratory Building is a significant milestone for the Laguna Campus as it marks the university's commitment to providing its students and faculty with the best possible resources to pursue their academic and research endeavors. He also stressed that the building is also a testament to DLSU's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Gracing the event were Br. Bernie, VP for Laguna Campus and Dean School of Innovation and Sustainability Dr. Jonathan Dungca; Campus Development Executive Director Dr. Jason Ongpeng; Monolith Construction Development Corporation President Engr. Mariano See Diet; JSLA Principal Architect Jose Siao Ling; Design Coordinates President Architect Senen Salvacion, and the construction managers of the project.

## On-campus e-vehicle shuttle service now available

**IN LINE WITH ITS THRUST TO DEVELOP A SUSTAINABLE, GREENER CAMPUS**, the Laguna Campus, through the Support Services Unit of the Campus Services Office (SSU), is now operating an on-campus shuttle service using e-vehicles for students and employees starting October 9.

The e-vehicles will be available from 7 am to 8 pm, with round trips from MRR East Canopy to GT Building and back between 7:00 am - 7:10 am. For events or campus tours that need the e-vehicle service on Saturdays, contact the SSU for reservation.



“Follow the inspirations that come to you from God.”

*De La Salle*

Letter 86 - to an unnamed Brother,  
date unknown



## DLSU Intellectual Property Office Managing IP and Transferring Technology

..... 6 Invention disclosures

..... 72 Ongoing projects

..... 23 Potential industrial IP  
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Source: DIPO



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