



DLSU is country's top HEI in 7 areas in latest THE subject rankings

De La Salle University is once again top-ranked in the country in six fields of study, according to the 2024

Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject. These are Business and Economics (801+), Computer Science (801-1,000), Education (501-600), Engineering (1,001+), Physical Sciences (1,001+), and Social Sciences (801+).

This year, DLSU was also ranked in the Arts and Humanities subject area (601+), making it the leading university in the country as well.

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Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business Associate Dean Dr. Cynthia Cudia congratulated her college as she underscored its commitment to engage stakeholders, pilot innovations, and pursue impactful initiatives that make a difference to the communities they serve.

School of Economics Dean Dr. Arlene Inocencio cited the collective effort of the academic community: “The administrators, for their visionary leadership, tireless commitment to academic excellence, and their ability to create an environment where excellence can flourish. The faculty and staff, for their outstanding contributions, tireless support, and for being the backbone of our educational institution. And to our students, for their commitment to learning, thirst for knowledge, and passion for economics.”

College of Computer Studies Dean Dr. Ethel Ong mentioned the importance of continuous improvement to maintain the College's leading status. “As these metrics showcase the college's strengths and areas

for improvement, we remain committed to innovating our teaching methods and pursuing socially impactful endeavors.”

Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC College of Education Dean Dr. John Addy Garcia said the world rankings serve as one of their key metrics to remain competitive and to be more responsive to target stakeholders and emerging publics. “By integrating the university rankings into DLSU's overall QA and benchmarking system, we are able to maximize ranking performance to guide institutional self-improvement initiatives despite changes in the ranking methodology and criteria.”

Dr. Kathleen Aviso, Dean of the Gokongwei College of Engineering, acknowledged that other institutions worldwide are progressing at a fast pace. “There is still a lot of room for improvement and I hope that the results will encourage everyone to rise up to the challenge and to continue developing innovative strategies to remain globally competitive.”

For her part, College of Science Dean Dr. Mary Jane Flores encouraged the community to continue to push the boundaries in the realm of physical sciences and remain committed to DLSU's core values of faith, zeal for service, and communion.

Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Dr. Rhoderick Nuncio cited the top administration's support in fostering a research culture that cultivates social action and innovation. He added that this year's inclusion in the Arts and Humanities subject rankings is “an affirmation of our pursuit to produce outstanding publications and creative works that enrich our culture, define our identity, and embrace our humanity.”

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



Winner of ASEAN-U.S. Science Prize for Women

De La Salle University Full Professor and Chair of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering Dr. Charles Sy wins the 2023 Underwriters Laboratories-ASEAN-U.S. Science Prize for Women.

The ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology, and Innovation (COSTI) in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and UL Research Institutes (ULRI) announced the winners in a ceremony held last October 20 in Bohol.

Among the 51 who applied, Sy earned the top prize in the mid-career scientist category.

This year's competition focuses on the theme of electrification as it recognizes the exemplary accomplishments of women in the ASEAN region “working in sciences to create electricity using renewable or clean

sources of energy in a way that results in economic benefits and protects the environment.”

Sy was honored for her innovative research on micro hydro systems in generating electricity for local communities. Her work employs advanced mathematical modeling techniques that account for uncertainty, resulting in more effective and sustainable energy solutions.

Started in 2014, the Science Prize for Women honors the achievements by women in science as they pursue initiatives that strengthen science and technology capacity and gender equality in the ASEAN region.

For information on the competition, visit: <http://scienceprize4women.asean.org>.

To know more about Dr. Charles Sy's project, visit: <https://fb.watch/nQa8Et31Vc/?mibextid=K8Wfd2>



DLSU Chorale bags gold in Busan Choral Festival and Competition 2023

With its stellar performance that brought pride and honor to the Philippines, DLSU Chorale emerged as the grand prize winner at the Busan Choral Festival and Competition (BCFC) 2023 last October 21 at the Busan Cinema Center in South Korea.

Jose Immanuel Aquino also received the Conductor Award. In the competitions leading to the finals, the DLSU Chorale took two golds—one in Classical Mixed and another in Ethnic category.

Organized by the Korea Choral Institute, BCFC has fostered cultural exchange and promoted high quality choral music since its first edition in November 2005. The event was participated

in by 54 teams from five countries, namely South Korea, Indonesia, Singapore, Sweden, and the Philippines.

The jury was headed by Anton Armstrong, who is on his 34th year as conductor of the St. Olaf Choir (USA); Dr. Maria Emma Meligopoulou, assistant professor of Choral Conducting in Macedonia University of Thessaloniki School of Music Science & Art (Greece); Dr. Yu-Chung Johnny Ku, Music Director of Taipei Philharmonic Chorus, Taipei Philharmonic Chamber Choir, and the Taipei International Choral Festival and Competition (Taiwan); Dr. Chin-Seop Yeom, director of the Korean Choral Federation, director of the Busan Choral Festival and Competition, and visiting

professor at China's Sichuan University (South Korea); and Dr. Shin-Hwa Park, president of Korea Church Music Association, member of World Choir Council, and broadcasting host of FEBC FM (South Korea), among other posts.

BCFC president Chung-Suk Kim in his message said, “May the beautiful harmonies resounding through the ‘Busan Choral Festival & Competition’ become hope and light for those who are living in darkness around the world.”

Linkage with University of Hamburg to promote religious studies

De La Salle University, through the Department of Philosophy of the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), recently entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Hamburg through its School of Humanities.

Signing the MOU for DLSU were CLA Dean Dr. Rhoderick Nuncio and Institute of Practical Theology Managing Director Dr. Kristin Merle.

The MOU aims to promote collaboration on research and the

development of Interdisciplinary Studies on Religion. Related to this, Department of Philosophy Chair Dr. Jeane Peracullo is co-organizing an international conference on “Global Religion and the Climate Crisis: Perspectives from Practical Theology and Religious Studies in International Discourse” in collaboration with Professor Dr. Felix Roleder from the University of Hamburg. The conference is scheduled on September 30-October 2, 2024.



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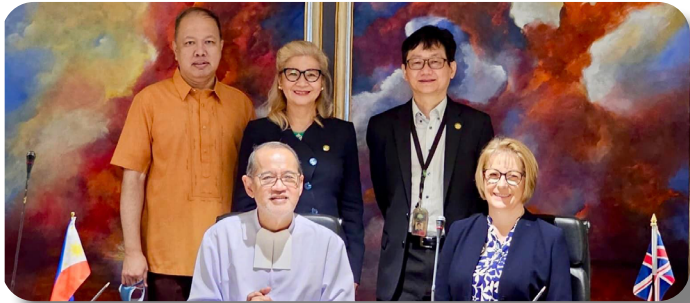
De La Salle University recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Liverpool Hope University (LHU) as part of the two institutions' continuing partnership under the auspices of the British Council and the Commission on Higher Education in the Philippines.

Under the MOU, the parties agree to encourage mutual academic cooperation through such activities as: collaboration in joint research and teaching projects; exchanging academic information and publications; fostering internationalization through student and staff mobility; and undertaking other related activities linked to the missions of both institutions.

In her visit to DLSU, Liverpool Hope University Vice Chancellor and Rector Prof. Claire Ozanne met with DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC, Provost Dr. Robert Roleda, and Vice President for External

Relations and Internationalization Dr. Laurene Chua-Garcia. Also in attendance was College of Liberal Arts Assistant Dean for External Relations and Lasallian Mission Dr. Jose Victor Jimenez.

There are a total of seven DLSU scholars in LHU. Four have completed the program, two are currently pursuing their degrees, and one student will commence the program in January 2024.



PhilEd 2023 to tackle educational reforms at this year's biggest event for educators

The biggest gathering of the country's teachers, school administrators, and policymakers is all set to happen during the Philippine Education Conference (PhilEd 2023) on December 5-7 at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City.

One of the highlights of the event will be a keynote presentation from 2023 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee for Emergent Leadership Korvi Rackshand, who will share his experiences and insights on educational reforms, with focus on inclusive education and his work championing quality education in Bangladesh.

NAST Academician and DLSU Professor Dr. Allan B.I. Bernardo will also be one of the featured speakers in the plenary session.

Hosted every two years, this year's PhilEd carries the theme "Inspiring Reforms that Transform Philippine Education," with the aim to serve as an avenue for the participants to tackle future directions in their school setting, with emphasis on improving the performance of Filipino learners.

Other notable speakers during the event are members of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2), the national commission tasked to undertake a comprehensive assessment and evaluation of the performance of the Philippine education sector. Resource persons from global education forums and sought-after local professionals in the field are also slated to share their expertise.

Launched in 2013, the conference is organized by the Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) every two years, with about 3,500 educators attending every gathering. This year, PhilEd 2023 comes back as a face-to-face event after its online edition in 2021.

PEAC Executive Director Doris Ferrer expressed hope that the conference would give the impetus for the educational sector and the EDCOM to undertake reforms that would genuinely transform the country's educational system.

For full details and to register for the conference, please visit: <https://peac.org.ph/2023philed/>





Linguists, scholars converge at ICALLE 2023

The Department of English and Applied Linguistics (DEAL) of the DLSU Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC College of Education (BAGCED) hosted the 4th International Conference on Applied Linguistics and Language Education (ICALLE 2023) last October 19 to 21 on campus.

Following the success of past conferences, ICALLE 2023 continued to facilitate dynamic discussions among researchers and practitioners in the field about the application of linguistics research to language education.

Part of its continuing objective is to strengthen in the language educator the interface between skill in the method and practice of language teaching and information about

theoretical, and methodological developments and issues concerning how languages such as English are learned and taught.

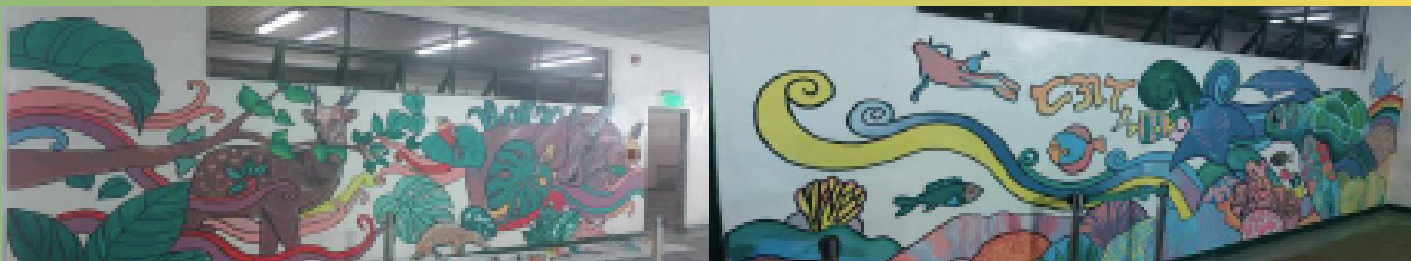
ICALLE2023 led discussions on applied linguistics and language education, bringing together applied linguists, language educators across levels, as well as graduate and undergraduate students from local and international institutions.

Plenary speakers included Prof. Eric Frigal from Polytechnic University of Hong Kong, HK SAR, who talked about the intersection of corpus linguistics, generative AI, and spoken (Philippine) English; Prof. Nicola Galloway from the University of Glasgow, UK, who made a presentation on Global Englishes; Prof.

Andrew Moody of the University of Macao, Macao SAR, who tackled norms in World Englishes; BAGCED's own Associate Dean Dr. Rochelle Irene Lucas, who presented an ethnolinguistic study on Hanunoo Mangyan; and Prof. Jong-Bok Kim from Kyung Hee University, South Korea, who discussed usage-based construction grammar.

In his welcome message, Brother President Bernard Oca FSC remarked on the “feat to continue to strive and thrive in an age where technology can be a friend or foe” and called on the use of technologies and AI to further pedagogies and combat misinformation, mal-information, and disinformation.

CLA program focuses on ridge to reef conservation



Environmental advocates under The Green Initiatives program of the DLSU College of Liberal Arts are focusing on the theme “Ridge to Reef Conservation” as they organize various activities that support the college’s “modest response and commitment to the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), especially on climate action, environmental conservation, and life-centered goals.”

This year, the program highlights some of the endangered marine species and local communities’ critical link to ensure the protection and survival of nature.

Among the activities by the Green Initiatives Committee for the second half of this year include webinars, Green Action awarding, a lecture on environmental laws, setting up 4Rs for an environment exhibit, the

launching of The Green Impact Experiment, and community mural painting with artist A.G. Saño.

Launched by CLA amid the pandemic in December 2021, The Green Initiatives (then called The Green Impact Initiatives) seeks to integrate environmental awareness, human capacity on environmental impact mitigation, and other climate change measures into CLA’s curricular and extra-curricular initiatives.

The Green Initiatives Committee is composed of advocates for the environment from the Office of the Provost, the Offices of the CLA Assistant Dean for External Affairs and Lasallian Mission and the Assistant Dean for Research and Advanced Studies, Council of Student Organizations, Center for Social Concern and Action, and allies from other colleges and units of the Manila campus.

“ Remembering that God is with you
will help and inspire you in all that you do.”

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-Letter 2 - to a Brother, 15 May 1701

DLSU Performance in Licensure Examinations

October 2023

Chemical Engineers

100% DLSU passing rate

70.23% National passing rate

Top 1, 90% rating

Engr. Robby Andre Tan Ching

Top 3, 87.70% rating

Engr. Cary Albert Dy Chan

Electronics Engineers

77.78% DLSU passing rate

33.36% National passing rate

Electronics Technicians

100% DLSU passing rate

Top 4 (94%) Gilbert Manalang Roque Jr.

Certified Public Accountants

74.32% DLSU passing rate

31.37% National passing rate

Source: PRC Board



2401 (twen'te fôr'o, wun) is a landmark number along Taft Avenue. It is the location ID of De La Salle University, home to outstanding faculty and students, and birthplace of luminaries in business, public service, education, the arts, and science. And 2401 is the name of the official newsletter of DLSU, featuring developments and stories of interest about the University.

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