



Three faculty members are recipients of the Outstanding Young Scientist (OYS) Award: Dr. Angelo Earvin Choi of the Department of Chemical Engineering; Dr. Jerome Cleofas of the Department of Sociology and Behavioral Sciences; and Dr. Jose Isagani Janairo of the Department of Biology.

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

For the Outstanding Book Award, the following works and contributing members from the Lasallian community were named this year's winners: *A Handbook of Protocols for the Conduct of Reef Assessments in the Philippines* with editors Dr. Katrina Luzon, Francis Xavier Verdadero, Ysadora Mendoza, and Dr. Wilfredo Licuanan; *Ang Mabuting Kita: Mga Isyu ng Etika sa Negosyo* by Dr. Napoleon Mabaquiao, Jr.; and *Patronage Democracy in the Philippines: Clans, Clients, and Competition in Local Elections*, with editors Dr. Julio Teehankee and Dr. Cleo Anne Calimbahin.

The Outstanding Book Awards are given annually for books and/or monographs published by Filipino publishers based in the Philippines within five years preceding the award.

For the Outstanding Scientific Paper, among the named winners are: "Does altruism affect purchase intent of green products? A moderated mediation analysis" by Dr. Reynaldo Bautista, Jr., Dr. Rayan Dui,




Dr. Luz Jeong, and Dr. Miguel Paolo Paredes; "Political Illiberalism in the Philippines: Analyzing Illiberal Political Values" by Dr. Anthony Lawrence Borja; and "Development of Risk-targeted Seismic Hazard Maps for Low-rise and Mid-Rise Reinforced Concrete Buildings in the Philippines" by Royce Argel Mallari, Dr. Lessandro Estelito Garciano, and H. Peñarubia.

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

In the Talent Search for Young Scientists, which aims to encourage young people to pursue a career in science, Dr. Neil Patrick del Gallego of the College of Computer Studies received a Special Citation.

Likewise, Dr. Ivan Henderson Gue of the Gokongwei College of Engineering bagged a Special Citation in the NAST Environmental Science Award (NESA), which is intended to recognize outstanding scientific and technological research work that contributes to environmental protection and conservation.

NAST Awards 2024

Janairo
Cleofas
Choi

Outstanding Young Scientist Award





Teehankee
Calimbahin
Mabaquiao Jr.






Luzon
Verdadero
Mendoza
Licuanan

Outstanding Book Award






Mallari
Garciano
Borja







Bautista
Dui
Jeong
Paredes

Outstanding Scientific Paper



Gue

NAST Environmental Science Award



del Gallego

Talent Search for Young Scientist

DLSU journal ranks Q1 in Social Sciences and Citation Index

The Asia-Pacific Education Researcher (TAPER), a De La Salle University journal published by Springer, is now ranked Q1 in the Social Sciences and Citation Index (SSCI), Education and Educational Research Category.

Q1 journals comprise the most statistically prestigious journals within the subject category, belonging to the top 25% of the journals on the list.

TAPER provides a venue for empirical and theoretical studies in education, with emphasis on the experiences of successful educational systems in the Asia-Pacific Region.

It publishes research on educational processes and outcomes using the research methods and analytic frameworks of varied academic disciplines and multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches.

DLSU Publishing House Executive Director Dr. Jonathan Bayot expressed gratitude for the distinction as he congratulated TAPER editor-in-chief Prof. Timothy Teo and the rest of the TAPER editorial team, together with his colleagues and friends at DLSU.



La Salle team bags top prize in international Service Learning awards

A faculty-student team from the DLSU Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business (RVR COB) garnered the First Place Award in the Uniservitate Award 2024 – Service Learning (SL) Experiences in Catholic Higher Education, following the Jury Deliberation Meeting held last June 25.

The winners, faculty member Angelique Blasa-Cheng and student group representative Alex Kayne Santiago of the Department of Management and Organization received the award for their SL entry titled “Project MAGKASAPI - MAGkasamang KAunlaran SA Pag-aaral at Paglalarong Intelektwal”.

The project was the output of their 2023 SL course, Corporate Social Responsibility and Governance. The group, together with their professor and SL coordinator Karol Jim Louis Castillo, was composed of Christella Audrey

Garin, Gillian Maegan Montalbo, Sonya Nimfa Mari Go, Luis Augustine Morente, Andrea Nicole Bugarin, Marc Joshua Mariano, Rav Ryan Ocampo, Yvan Kyle Orate, Jem Rhey Parrocho, Fredrich Russell To, and Alex Kayne Santiago.

The project gamified information about disaster risk reduction management by creating board games for typhoon response, earthquake drills, and fire prevention. The board games were used by the children and the barangay beneficiaries of Share An Opportunity Philippines in Iloilo City. The institution will receive €5000 to further the winning SL project and/or develop new ones.

Moreover, two other course projects from RVR COB made it into the finals. The projects were “Sweet Harmony Empowering Communities through Trifle Delights and Sustainable

Merchandising” handled by Dr. Adrian Mabalay and “Career Boost: Resume Writing and Job Interview Preparation Toolkit” taught by Angelique Blasa-Cheng.

The Uniservitate Awards 2024 Regional Awarding Ceremony will be held at the Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan on September 25. The winners are invited to participate in the V Uniservitate Global Symposium on November 7-9, 2024 at the Università LUMSA - Libera Università Maria Ss. Assunta, Rome, Italy.

The Uniservitate Award aims to identify and showcase the initiatives that combine academic excellence and the concrete testimony of a socially committed institution. It also acknowledges and promotes Catholic educational institutions that best integrate undergraduate academic learning with community service.





Megawide Foundation commits to support DLSU scholars

De La Salle University and Megawide Foundation Inc. inked a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) last June 21 on campus, with the aim to provide allowances to five deserving DLSU scholars.

Leading the MOA signing were Megawide Foundation President Mrs. Teresa Saavedra and DLSU President Br. Bernard Oca FSC. Standing as witnesses were Megawide Foundation Vice Chairperson Engr. Edgar Saavedra and DLSU Advancement and Alumni Relations Executive Director Edwin Reyes.

Also gracing the event were key officers of the Foundation, DLSU administrators, and select Gokongwei College of Engineering faculty members and students.

Megawide Foundation Inc. is the corporate social responsibility arm of Megawide Construction Corporation, dedicated to supporting education, community development, and environmental sustainability initiatives.

Engr. Saavedra, Civil Engineering '95 and De La Salle Alumni Association's 2023 Lasallian Achievement Awardee, shared his fond memories of his college days and how they molded him into the entrepreneur, leader, and civil engineer he is now. "The opportunity to give back through our Megawide Foundation to support future engineers strongly supports our belief in championing engineering excellence and our vision for a developed, first-world Philippines."

The collaboration between DLSU and Megawide Foundation Inc. underscores a shared commitment to nurturing future leaders equipped with both knowledge and values. Through this initiative, Megawide Foundation Inc. will provide financial support that goes beyond mere assistance, empowering scholars to pursue their academic goals with dedication and focus.

For his part, Br. Bernie expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, highlighting its potential to foster academic excellence and social responsibility within the Lasallian community.

University Vision Mission Week highlights community spirit

Members of the Lasallian community celebrated the University Vision Mission Week (UVMW or UnivWeek) from June 14-22, with the tagline "Sandiwa: Adhikaing Likha para sa Kapwa."

In keeping with the theme "communion in mission", the celebrations highlighted the spirit that brings together the Lasallian community in championing advocacies and igniting creativity for the benefit of others.

UnivWeek is an annual celebration of DLSU's founding anniversary, which commenced with a holy mass celebration at the Cory Aquino Democratic Space.

Several forums, seminars, and workshops were held on the Manila, Laguna, and BGC campuses. Some of the activities on the Manila campus were: an online forum on legislating the declaration of state of climate emergency; Woven: Empowering the community; PAKIKIPAGKAPWA: Developing Cultural Sensitivity in a Globalized World; Forum on the State of Alternative Learning (ALS) System in Manila and MOU signing with DepEd Manila-ALS Bureau; and an

online forum on the partnerships of Lasallians and the government on environmental protection.

A symposium entitled "Rainwater Harvesting and Sustainable Solutions to Water Management: Low Impact Development Symposium" was organized in Laguna, welcoming the LGU, partner barangays, and communities. The DLSU Legal Clinic in BGC conducted a legal mission on and off campus.

The campuses also hosted a variety of activities, including a bazaar, Animosaic, Blood Donation Drive, Advocacy Run, Advocacy Mural, Lingkod Lasalyano, Archeal, Sustainability Fair, Forest Bathing, Worship Concert, Brew with Bro, and the Lasallian Enrichment Alternative Program (LEAP).

Animusika concluded the week of festivities with performances from several artists including Spongecola, Lola Amour, and Josh Cullen, among others.



Photos by Sheika De Vera



LAGUNA CAMPUS UPDATE

Service Learning Expo 2024 celebrates student innovation and community Impact

The inaugural **Service Learning Expo at DLSU Laguna Campus**, which showcased a collection of over 20 projects by **Senior High School students**, highlighted unique approaches to address social challenges in DLSU’s partner communities. The expo was held at the Milagros R. del Rosario Building Lobby and concluded last June 26.

Service learning is an educational experience in which students participate in a credit-bearing course paired with an organized community service component.

The Expo featured a poster session during which students at their designated booths discussed their projects with event attendees. The Expo likewise featured student presentations similar to TED talks – quick, engaging, and lasting no more than eight minutes. Students either presented individually or as part of a group, sharing how their engagement experiences have impacted their life and academic journey.

Organized by the Lasallian Mission Office (LMO) and the Integrated School Senior High School, in collaboration with the Christian

Living Faculty and Service Learning Mentors at the Laguna Campus, the Expo recognized the invaluable contributions of judges, teachers, and mentors who supported student initiatives.

The Expo announced winners of special awards for categories such as Best Poster, Best Presenter, and Project with the Most Potential Impact. Partner communities supported the activity.

Meanwhile, a similar event for the SHS Manila campus will be held on July 10, 2024.



University inks partnership with Nature Awareness and Conservation Club

De La Salle University and Nature Awareness and Conservation Club, Inc. entered into a Memorandum of Understanding last May 28 to strengthen their efforts in response to UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly on Climate Action (SDG 13) and Life on Land (SDG 15).

During the MOU signing, Sustainability Hub Director Joseph Rosal provided a background of the joint undertaking, which he noted aimed to “address/combat climate change” and “protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss.”

Under the MOU, Nature Awareness and Conservation Club, Inc. will contribute in the following areas: identification of forest restoration sites, orientation, providing the updated price of seedlings and saplings, coordination with local agencies, monitoring, providing an inventory report, and providing information on growth.

For its part, DLSU will contribute in the following: mobilization of volunteers, purchase of seedlings and saplings, orientation attendance, monitoring, project maintenance, and carbon sequestration measurement.



From left: Nature Awareness & Conservation Club, Inc. representatives Grace Flores and Violet Imperial and DLSU Sustainability Office representatives Antonio Carlos Maralit and Joseph Rosal

“Receive Jesus today with respect and thanksgiving.”

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SUSTAINABILITY HUB

Manila

1,266.95 kg

Total volume of waste collected from the Manila campus on June 19, 2024 only (coinciding with the Vision-Mission Week 2024-Bazaar) for the Waste Analysis and Categorization Study 2024 Phase 1

2,006.27 kg

Total volume of Food Waste collected from the Manila campus and diverted away from the landfill
Period covered: April–June 2024*

3,877 kg

*Total volume of Hazardous Waste disposed**

1,304.5 kg

*Total volume of Used Lead Acid Batteries (ULABs) disposed**

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Total number of MOUs signed this AY related to SHM's work

- Evergreen Labs Philippines - Management of Plastic Waste (recyclables and residuals)
- The Soilmate Collectives Inc and World Wide Fund for Nature Philippines - Management of Food Waste
- UDENNA Environmental Services Inc - Managing Hazardous Waste
- Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) and Oriental
- Motolite Marketing Corporation (OMMC) - Managing Used Lead Acid Batteries
- Nature Awareness and Conservation Club Inc - Forest Restoration sites for Volunteers

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Coastal and upland forest restoration sites in partnership with NACCI and selected local communities

- Orion, Bataan
- Biak na Bato National Park, San Miguel, Bulacan
- Calatagan, Batangas
- Angat Watershed and Ipo Dam, Norzagaray, Bulacan
- Bauang, La Union
- Lemery, Batangas
- Limay, Bataan

Source: Sustainability Hub-Manila



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