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**DLSU LEADS IN  
5 AREAS IN 2025  
THE SUBJECT  
RANKINGS**

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**DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY IS THE COUNTRY’S TOP-RANKED HEI IN FIVE FIELDS OF STUDY -ARTS AND HUMANITIES (601+),** Business and Economics (801+), Education Studies (401-500), Psychology (401-500), and Social Sciences (801-1000) – in the 2025 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject.

The University is also ranked in three other subject rankings: Computer Science (1,000+), Engineering (1,251+), and Physical Sciences (1,001+).

Dr. Ador Torneo, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, acknowledges both the value and the limitations of global rankings, such as Times Higher Education and says that “focus remains on fulfilling our institutional vision-mission of bridging faith and scholarship and serving society, especially the marginalized.”

Torneo also acknowledged the Psychology program, which has been ranked for the first time. “This recognition reflects the dedication and hard work of our faculty, staff, and students in advancing the field of psychology through groundbreaking research and impactful applications that address the needs of our communities, especially in the area of mental health.”

Ramon V. del Rosario College of Business Dean Dr. Emilina Sarreal acknowledged the dedication and hard work of DLSU faculty, staff,

and students as well as their commitment to excel and innovate. She noted their continuing efforts to further advance research adhering to the College’s societal impact statement of “Living the Lasallian Values for Shared Prosperity” and a curriculum that fosters “business as a force for good.”

Carlos L. Tiu School of Economics Dean Dr. Arlene Inocencio, for her part, emphasized that the combined efforts of the DLSU community have not only secured the institution’s place among the elite in the field of Business and Economics but have also enhanced the university’s global profile. She also recognized the various stakeholders for their commitment to excellence and passion for economics.

As the leading HEI in Education in the Philippines, the Br. Andrew Gonzalez College of Education reflects a rigorous academic environment characterized by innovative teaching methodologies, impactful research outputs that contribute to the field of education, and strong collaborations with industry partners and international institutions, Dean Dr. Rochelle Lucas said.

College of Computer Studies Dean Dr. Ethel Ong shares that the ranking in Times Higher Education highlights the college’s contribution to providing world-class computing education and conducting research that expand human knowledge and address societal challenges. “The commitment from academic and support staff enabled us to remain internationally



competitive for the benefit of our students and alumni.”

Dr. Kathleen Aviso, dean of the Gokongwei College of Engineering, states that “while we remain included in the THE Engineering Subject Rankings, our position has declined, reflecting that other institutions are improving at a faster rate. This serves as a timely reminder to avoid complacency and to redouble our efforts toward excellence.”

College of Science Dean Dr. Mary Jane Flores sees the achievement as a testament to the unwavering commitment, innovative research, and academic excellence that define DLSU. “The faculty of the College of Science has been a cornerstone of this success, contributing cutting-edge discoveries, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and cultivating an environment where curiosity thrives.”

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

## Best Oral Presentation Award in HK conference

**A GOKONGWEI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FACULTY MEMBER RECEIVED THE BEST ORAL PRESENTATION AWARD FOR THE PAPER TITLED,** “Advancing Textile Industry Wastewater Treatment: A Multiobjective Fuzzy Optimization in a Photo-Fenton Process,” which was presented at The 10th International Conference on Water Resource and Environment (WRE 2024) last December 15–18 at the Education University of Hong Kong (Tai Po Campus), Hong Kong.

Dr. Angelo Earvin Sy Choi of the DLSU Department of Chemical Engineering presented the paper, which he co-authored with Redeil Arreza, Alec Nowell Ranara, Trisha Kerstin Tan, and Dr. Kathleen Aviso.

Jointly organized by The Education University of Hong Kong and I-Shou University, the conference brought together experts and researchers to discuss advances in water resources and environmental engineering.

The event featured plenary and keynote speeches on environmental pollution, ecological and human health risk assessments, advanced remediation technologies, environmental management strategies, environmental health education, and relevant political issues.

Participants included scientists and practitioners from Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Ecuador, Finland, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, South Korea, Thailand, and Taiwan.

Further details about the event can be accessed at the official website: <https://www.wreconf.org/index.->





# NPC, DPC recognize La Salle Data Protection Officer



L to R: DPC President and San Miguel Corporation DPO Gela Boquiren, DLSU DPO Fritz So, and National Privacy Commissioner Atty. John Henry Naga.

**DLSU DATA PROTECTION OFFICER (DPO) FRITZ SO ENDS HER TERM AS 2024 NPC DPC EDUCATION SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE** with four recognitions from the National Privacy Commission (NPC) and the Data Privacy Council (DPC).

As 2024 Sector Representative, So led over 120 privacy practitioners from the Education Sector guided by the Lasallian values of Faith, Service, and Communion, initiating programs that focused on learning and fostered collaboration.

With support from DLSU President Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC, she was able to volunteer in NPC and DPC activities. She co-created NPC training modules aimed at improving privacy understanding and skills of DPOs in the Philippines. She also volunteered as lecturer for seven learning events organized by NPC and DPC.

During the NPC DPC Awards Night on December 19, 2024, the Education Sector was named 2024 Sector of the Year and Most Collaborative Sector among the 28 sectors that comprise the DPC. So’s project of improving data privacy knowledge of DPOs employed by schools through free, monthly learning sessions delivered by seasoned privacy practitioners was named as Finalist in the Education and Awareness Program of the Year category.

So was also awarded as a Finalist in the Officer of the Year category alongside other privacy practitioners from the Retail, Manufacturing, and Manning Sectors.

The NPC is the government agency that regulates and monitors privacy compliance in the Philippines. The DPC is the country’s highest privacy consultative body created under the Office of the Privacy Commissioner. It is composed of 28 sectors representing the different industries operating in the Philippines. Each Sector is led by an elected Representative.

## Pathways to Environmental Governance

**IN HONOR OF ZERO WASTE MONTH, THE DLSU CENTER FOR SOCIAL CONCERN AND ACTION (COSCA) PARTNERED WITH SUSTAINABILITY HUB MANILA** for a workshop titled “Pathways to Environmental Governance: Community Engagement in Waste Management” last January 15 at the Pablo Nicolas Auditorium.

The event brought together barangay and community partners around the DLSU Manila campus, highlighting the crucial role of community involvement in effective waste management.

Director of Sustainability Hub-Manila Joseph Rosal shared valuable insights on how industry partners could contribute to community waste initiatives. Meanwhile, University Sustainability Office Executive Director Antonio Carlos Maralit concluded the session with a message about embracing the challenge of innovating waste management solutions in our neighborhoods.



#SustainableDLSU #DLSUinSDG11 #DLSUinSDG12 #DLSUinSDG17

# University receives CHED ICONS Award

IN RECOGNITION OF DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY’S COMMITMENT TO THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF PHILIPPINE higher education and its exemplary performance in global rankings, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) presented a Certificate of Commendation to the University at the ICONS Awards 2024 held at the Philippine International Convention Center last December 16.

Represented by Vice President for External Relations and Internationalization Dr. Anthony SF Chiu, DLSU was among the 95 Philippine HEIs recognized at the event. ICONS stands for Internationalization Champions of Nation-building and Sustainability Awards.

DLSU was cited for its performance in Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings and Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, THE Asia University Rankings, and THE Impact Rankings.

“We applaud institutions who lead in promoting internationalization and elevating their global reputation,” emphasized CHED Chairman



Chiu

Dr. Prospero De Vera III. “Their dedication and persistent efforts have been instrumental in showcasing the capabilities of Philippine higher education on the global platform. They are truly ICONS of Philippine higher education.”

The ICONS Awards 2024 served as a platform for HEIs to network, foster collaborations, and strengthen international partnerships.

(Source: <https://ieducationphl.ched.gov.ph>)



## DLSU holds Evelyn D. Ang Hall topping-off ceremony

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY MARKED A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN ITS PURSUIT OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION with the topping-off ceremony of the Evelyn D. Ang Hall last January 24 on its Laguna Campus.

The event was graced by members of the Ang family, led by Mr. Philip Ang, Chairman of the Evelyn D. Ang Scholarships and Charities Inc. (EDASCI), alongside university administrators, faculty, and project partners.

In his remarks, DLSU President Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC highlighted the significance of the Evelyn D. Ang Hall, stating: “It symbolizes our unwavering commitment to

advancing biomedical engineering and health technologies, driving meaningful contributions to society, and elevating the quality of life for countless individuals. More than just a physical structure, it embodies our dedication to innovation, excellence, and service to the community.”

Representing the Ang family, Mrs. Carmina Ang, Executive Vice President of EDASCI, shared heartfelt remarks emphasizing their commitment to education and biomedical innovation. She expressed the family’s dedication to creating transformative opportunities for students and society, made possible through their enduring partnership

with DLSU. (Note: Actual message may be incorporated later.)

The Evelyn D. Ang Hall will house the Evelyn D. Ang Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Health Technologies (EDA-IBEHT), a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to transformative research and innovation.

Dr. Nilo Bugtai, Director of EDA-IBEHT, shared: “This facility provides space for pioneering research and hands-on learning in biomedical engineering, symbolizing EDA-IBEHT’s mission to transform healthcare technology in the Philippines while honoring Evelyn D. Ang’s enduring impact on this vision.”



# Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Distinguished Fellow

Ibita

**AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT THE DLSU DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** has been selected as the new Distinguished Fellow of the Anthropocene at Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam.

Dr. Ma. Marilou Ibita will work on a project called FRESH-Doughnut for BASE, or “Future-oriented, Rights-based Ecological and Sustainability Hermeneutics (FRESH) and Doughnut Economics for the Bible, Anthropocene, and Sustainability Education (BASE) Project with Matthew 20:1-16 as a Test Case.”

Supported by the Faculty of Religion and Theology and the Amsterdam Sustainability Institute at the VU Amsterdam, the project uses an interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral process that includes see-judge-act-evaluate-celebrate-ritualize steps.

This endeavor aims to explore sustainability issues such as agriculture, land ownership, labor, and the dignity of workers in first-century CE Roman Palestine through an interdisciplinary lens.

The FRESH-Doughnut for BASE approach also interprets the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard from the contemporary context of the informal economy. It explores ways in which the biblical text might inspire and promote a fair and inclusive labor structure aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The project benefits from being situated in Amsterdam, which has adopted Doughnut Economics.

Ibita, also a Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium), finished her doctorate at the KU Leuven, specializing in



biblical exegesis and hermeneutics.

Her research interests and publications include interpreting and recontextualizing biblical narratives, economics and social stratification in the Bible, popularization of the Bible, adult faith education, and the intersection between the Bible, human rights, and the UN SDGs.

Source: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

## Robothon Team bags spot at Computer Engineering students’ national meet

**DLSU COMPUTER ENGINEERING STUDENTS FINISHED 2ND RUNNER-UP ACROSS ALL EVENTS AT THE COMPUTER ENGINEERING STUDENT CHALLENGE 2024**, organized by the Institute of Computer Engineers of the Philippines (ICpEP) – NCR Student Edition Chapter.

More than a dozen schools from the National Capital Region participated in the inter-school competitions held last December 6 at the Philippine Christian University.

DLSU Robothon team composed of Zander Ivo Holoyohoy, Angelica Gregorio, and Christian John Alado emerged as champions and will be representing the NCR chapter for the Nationals to be held this year in Baguio.

For Python Programming, Charles Rodley Mercado finished as first runner-up. Pierre Justine Parel won second place for C Programming.

Other Lasallians represented the University in their respective events: Alvin Josh T. Valenciano in C++ Programming; Arhela Maxine E. Drapiza in Java Programming; Miguel James Martinez and Lawrence Guanzon in Breadboarding; and Harish Chawla, John Matthew Enciso, and Win Clarence Sy in Quiz Bowl.

The students were coached by GCOE faculty members Engr. Dino Ligutan and Engr. Jose Martin Maningo.



## Congratulations to our new Lasallian CPAs!

DLSU registered a passing rate of 80.53%, against the national passing rate of 30.17% in the December board exams for Certified Public Accountants.

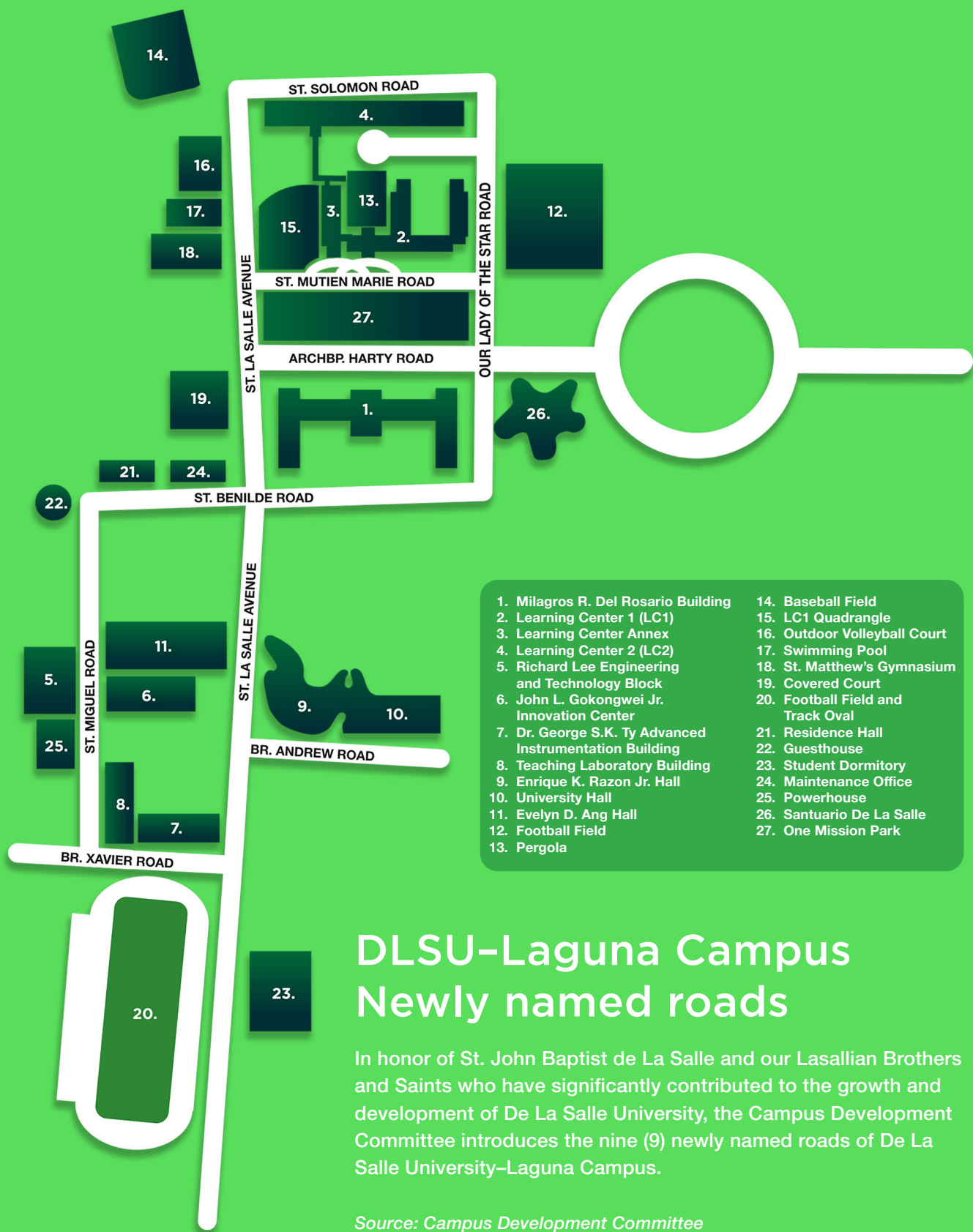
Alumni Gregorio Ramos Herrera ranked 5th, while Cherry Catherine Ng ranked 6th.

DLSU is also a top performing school among HEIs with 50 or more examinees and with at least 80% passing percentage.

“Show the great love you have for Jesus by being eager to talk with him in prayer.”

*De La Salle*

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Milagros R. Del Rosario Building                     | 14. Baseball Field                |
| 2. Learning Center 1 (LC1)                              | 15. LC1 Quadrangle                |
| 3. Learning Center Annex                                | 16. Outdoor Volleyball Court      |
| 4. Learning Center 2 (LC2)                              | 17. Swimming Pool                 |
| 5. Richard Lee Engineering and Technology Block         | 18. St. Matthew's Gymnasium       |
| 6. John L. Gokongwei Jr. Innovation Center              | 19. Covered Court                 |
| 7. Dr. George S.K. Ty Advanced Instrumentation Building | 20. Football Field and Track Oval |
| 8. Teaching Laboratory Building                         | 21. Residence Hall                |
| 9. Enrique K. Razon Jr. Hall                            | 22. Guesthouse                    |
| 10. University Hall                                     | 23. Student Dormitory             |
| 11. Evelyn D. Ang Hall                                  | 24. Maintenance Office            |
| 12. Football Field                                      | 25. Powerhouse                    |
| 13. Pergola   | 26. Santuario De La Salle         |
|   | 27. One Mission Park              |

## DLSU-Laguna Campus Newly named roads

In honor of St. John Baptist de La Salle and our Lasallian Brothers and Saints who have significantly contributed to the growth and development of De La Salle University, the Campus Development Committee introduces the nine (9) newly named roads of De La Salle University-Laguna Campus.

Source: Campus Development Committee



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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