DLSU-D’s sustainable program receives int’l award

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas through its Environment Resource management Center(ERMaC) was awarded the ECOSWITCH Planet Award for Waste Minimization ECOBONUS Category, during the 3rd ECOSWITCH Awarding Ceremony, held at the Manila Hotel, Oct.16, 2013.

The award made the University the first academic institution in the Philippines to achieve the greatest savings and environmental impact on reducing wastes.

In the same event, the University was also granted the ECOSWITCH-GPIOs (Green Philippines Islands of Sustainability) certification by the European Union Project.

In a memo released by ERMaC Director Marlon Pareja, he encouraged the academic community to integrate sustainable initiatives in the curriculum, operations, missions, and extension programs.

ECOSWITCH-GPIOs project is funded by the European Union’s SWITCH-Asia program focusing on sustainable consumption and production of SMEs. This project aims to contribute to an improved environmental and sustainable industrial development of Metro Manila and CALABARZON, by reducing the pollution level and by increasing resource efficiency of companies in the said areas. Green Philippines Islands of Sustainability is one of the initiatives funded by the European Union. (Reference: http://greenphilippines.com.ph/newgpios/)

Fr. left: ERMaC Director Marlon Pareja, CBA Faculty Dr. Epifania Anfone and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Services Mary May Eulogio with the European Union’s representatives during the 3rd ECOSWITCH Awarding Ceremony, Oct. 16, 2013.
VCAR elected SEAAIR’s VP

Vice Chancellor for Academics and Research Olivia Legaspi was elected vice president of South East Asian Association for Institutional Research (SEAAIR) during the organization’s general assembly on Oct. 9 at Yogyakarta Plaza Hotel, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Allied Business Management Department Faculty Don Malabanan was also elected member-at-large to represent the country in this association of researchers in the Asia Pacific region. The general assembly was the finale of the 13th SEAAIR International Conference that started on Oct. 7.

In this international conference, six research papers from DLSU-D were presented after passing a double-blind review process. These papers include: “Evaluating the Status of Selected Public High School Libraries in Cavite: Basis of a Proposed Functional Library Services Program” by Dr. Sonia Gementiza; “Measures of Quality Assurance: The DLSU-Dasmariñas Experience” by Lucila Calairo; “An Evaluation of the Training Management of DLSU-Dasmariñas for the K-12 Basic Education Program” by Drs. Olivia Legaspi, Necitas Sayoto, Sonia Atienza, Sonia Gementiza and Mr. Arnel Legaspi; “Factors Influencing the Pursuit of Entrepreneurial Ventures among the DLSU-D BSBA Major in Entrepreneurial Management Graduates”; and “Cost Efficiency Analysis of Air Conditioning System Design in Classrooms of DLSU-Dasmariñas” by Je Johari Dela Cruz, Aron Dave Umali, and Carmela Reyes.

The 13th SEAAIR Conference, with the theme “Entrepreneurship in Higher Education and Institutional Effectiveness,” brings together researchers and scholars from the Asia Pacific region every year to advance research leading to improved understanding, planning, and operations of institutions of post-secondary education in the region. This year’s conference was hosted by Ciputra University, Indonesia. The university’s active participation in SEAAIR is in line with the institution’s thrust to promote research and faculty publications.

Museo holds art handling workshop

The staff of Museo De La Salle and select members of the community who directly manage certain collections from the museum learned about various techniques in handling and transporting museum pieces, through Muse De La Salle’s Art-Handling workshop, Oct. 17.

In the seminar-workshop, Ricky Francisco of Lopez Museum and and Cecille Gelicame, director of Museo, shared the fundamental principles and techniques behind taking care of museum collections. Francisco introduced preventive conservation and the common techniques in handling museum artifacts. The participants were also given the rare opportunity to access the cordoned areas of the 19th century lifestyle museum, areas where guests are not allowed due to the sensitivity of the artifacts featured. As an application of the lecture, the participants demonstrated the proper handling and transfer of specific museum pieces such as antiques, taxidermy, among others.

Housekeeping staff demonstrates how to clean, handle, and transport taxidermy.
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DLSU-D honors public school teachers of Cavite

DLSU-D, through its College of Education, once again lauds exemplary educators through Gawad Gurong Caviteño 2013: The Search for Outstanding Public School Teachers in Cavite.

Named Gawad Gurong Caviteño 2013 grand winners are Marites Salisbar of Dasmariñas Elementary School (Elementary Category) and Irlo Dumo of Paliparan National High School (High School Category). The other finalists in the elementary category are Maricar Pascua of Ladiasio Diwa Elementary School and Joel Zaragoza of Pintong Gubat Elementary School, while Wilson Centeno of Dasmariñas North National High School and Riza Soberano of Bucal National High School are the finalists in the high school category.

Got to Believe

“Kung mayroong subtitle ang ating Gawad Gurong Caviteño ngayong gabi, ito ay ‘Got to Believe.’ Got to believe that there are more teachers who have done and continue to do heroic work in our country today,” declares Department of Education Secretary Br. Armin Luistro FSC during the awarding ceremony held on Oct. 2 at DLSU-D’s Salrial Ballroom.

The education chief expressed his pride for the teachers of Cavite and the rest of the country, noting that despite the negative stories that are usually spread about public school teachers, there are thousands and thousands of moving stories on how teachers go beyond their classroom work to mentor children. “Ang ilang mga bugok na ilog sa isang napakalaking basket ng edukasyon sa Pilipinas ay hindi maaring sirain ang mga ipinapakita at mga paghihirap na ginagampanan ng ating mga huwarang guro,” Luistro emphasized.

Luistro further thanked the University for recognizing teachers for their hard work, excellence, and dedication. Gawad Gurong Caviteño takes inspiration from the ways of the patron saint of teachers, St. John Baptist de La Salle. Apart from giving recognition, the search hopes to motivate teachers to work on achieving their optimum potential for professional growth for the nation building.

Behind the scene

Salisbar has been teaching for 18 years, with the last 13 years in public service. Her lesson plan on Cory Aquino’s Love of country won Best in Lesson Plan Writing in a contest sponsored by Philippine Daily Inquirer. She was also awarded as Best Demonstration Teacher in one of the seminars held in UP Diliman. Despite feeling blessed with the awards she has received, Salisbar is still more thankful for the opportunity to teach and make even the slightest difference in the lives of her students. “While awards are wonderful to receive, knowing that I have helped my pupil realize his/her dreams is another important reward,” Salisbar concludes.

The high school category winner Irlo Dumo is also an English teacher. His undergraduate degree is quite unrelated to English--BS Electronics and Communication Engineering. It is in teaching, however, where he found his happiness. He eventually rose to become a bemedalled school paper coach and adviser, leading his team to win in school competitions up to the national level. But according to him, the Gawad Gurong Caviteño 2013 award is different from all his other awards as this is his first award as a teacher. “I am truly honored by this award… that I will cherish for the rest of my life,” he enthused.

The grand winners received a cash prize worth P25,000 each and a scholarship grant under the College of Education Graduate Studies where they could pursue their post graduate degree. The search is DLSU-D’s way of saying thanks to the teachers who continue to foster enthusiasm for learning and whose hard work have left indelible marks in the lives of countless Filipino children.
DLSU-D holds Research Week

As part of DLSU-D’s effort to promote the culture of research in the community, the University Research Office will hold “DLSU-D Research Week” on November 18-20.

Themed, Building Capabilities through Innovative and Relevant Research, the event will feature research presentations of select DLSU-D faculty, and students and guest presenters from other institutions. Research studies are categorized based on the various academic areas such as business and tourism, history culture and arts, science and technology and education.

De La Salle University Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation Raymond Girard Tan will serve as the keynote speaker, while plenary speakers include: Dr. Maria Lourdes Quisumbing-Baybay of Miriam College, Dr. Ricardo Abad Ateneo de Manila University; Dr. Benito Teehankee, chairperson Ramon del Rosario College of Business Management and Organization Department De La Salle University, Dr Alvin B. Culaba, executive director for External Relations and Internationalization De La Salle University; Atty. Mark Andrew C. Herrin from the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, Dr. Jaime Galvez-Tan, former secretary of DOH, Ma. Valle Congzon Supervising Tourism Operations Officer and Maria Ayn Jella Villanueva, Climate Change Commission.

The three-day seminar will be participated by faculty members, and students from the University’s seven colleges.

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