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OSS gears up for S.Y. 2024-2025



DLSU-D Chorale Triumphs at Taipei International Choral Competition

The DLSU-D Chorale, an institutionally recognized performing arts group has once again demonstrated their exceptional talent on the international stage, earning praises at the **Taipei International Choral Competition** (TICC) held from July 31 to August 2, 2024.

Competing in three categories, the chorale brought home prestigious award titles, including the Gold Awards in the Mixed Choir category, Musica Sacra (third place), and Ethnic/Traditional Music (third place). They also received a Special Jury Prize for Best Performance of an A Capella Work with their rendition of "Laudate Dominum" by Levente Gyöngyösi.



The DLSU-D Chorale proudly holds the Philippine flag at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport. Accompanied by Mr. Eric A. Vargas, SDAO Director (right), Mr. Joel G. Refuerzo, CAO Coordinator (left), and Mr. Angelo Diamos, DLSU-D Chorale Conductor (second from left) as adult companions.

These accolades highlight the group's dedication and artistry and continues to set a high standard for musical excellence.

OSS Dean Delivers Lecture on Transformational Leadership

The Office of Student Services (OSS) launched its OSS Administrators, Faculty, and Support Staff Development Program (OSS-AFSSDP) for the 2024-2025 academic year with a thought-provoking lecture on "Transformational Leadership and the Use of Power" for OSS Administrators on August 9, 2024, at the OSS Conference Room.

Dr. Jacqueline Morta, Dean of OSS, delved into a leadership style that inspires and motivates employees to innovate and foster organizational growth. She challenged the participants to embrace their roles as agents of change by improving service delivery and developing new student support services to meet the rapidly changing needs of students.

Looking ahead, OSS will organize a series of development training and seminars for OSS administrators, faculty, and support staff through the OSS-AFSSDP. The program aims to provide professional development opportunities to all OSS personnel, focusing on effective student support, administrative excellence, and ensuring high-quality delivery of instruction among NSTP-CWTS faculty members.



Dr. Jacqueline L. Morta (right) addresses OSS Administrators on August 9, 2024.

DLSU-D Welcomes New Students, Transferees

The Lasallian community officially welcomed close to 2,000 students through its week-long freshman orientation.

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) recently hosted PANIMOLA: The DLSU-D Freshman Orientation from August 12-16, 2024, in preparation for the new academic year. This event involved a series of activities organized by the Office of the Provost and the Lasallian Mission Office in partnership with the Office of Student Services (OSS) and its constituent units and attended by first-year students and transferees across all colleges. The program aimed to introduce them to the Lasallian Identity and Mission as well as the campus' policies, guidelines, and services for students.

University President, Br. Francisco "Sockie" V. Dela Rosa, FSC, greeted new students,—

highlighting the essence of welcoming new experiences the Lasallian way and encouraged them to take inspiration from "our continued achievements in academics, topnotchers, board passers, sports, and international awards for different performing arts groups..."

The week kicked off with Animowalk, a campus-wide parade spearheaded by the University Student Government (USG) followed by a Eucharistic celebration and presentations from key university administrators. The event also featured a campus tour by the Lasallian Student Ambassadors (LSA) and a recruitment fair hosted by the Council of Student Organizations (CSO).

Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of activities aimed at immersing them into campus life and deepening their understanding of the Lasallian Mission. Volunteer faculty members shared the inspiring life story of St. John Baptist de La Salle and discussed the salient provisions of the student handbook.

The week capped with a reflection session and send-off by Br. Normandy C. Dujunco, FSC and a Eucharistic celebration, leaving young Lasallians a strong foundation and setting the stage for a meaningful and enriching student experience at DLSU-D.



Dr. Cristina C. Salibay, Provost (left) and Dr. Jacqueline L. Morta, OSS Dean (right) presents a certificate and token to PANIMOLA Resource Speaker, Br. Normandy C. Dujunco, FSC (center).



CCIE students chants during the Kick-off Ceremony at Ugnayang La Salle.

Empowering Student Leaders: SDAO hosts SIBOL 2024 Leadership Program

The Student Development and Activities Office (SDAO) conducted its annual leadership program dubbed as “Strategies in Inspiring and Building Organizational Leadership” (SIBOL) from August 21 to 22, 2024 at the Retreat and Conference Center (RCC). This program was designed to equip student leaders with essential skills through leadership training, team-building activities, and an orientation on university policies.

The first day of SIBOL featured a discussion by OSS Dean Dr. Jacqueline L. Morta on integrating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in student activities. This was followed by sharing of leadership experiences by former student leaders, Mr. Benedict Bravo and Ms. Eishelle Mae Marquez. SDAO Director, Mr. Eric A. Vargas also provided a detailed orientation on Student Activity guidelines.



SIBOL participants get acquainted with OSS Dean, Dr. Jacqueline L. Morta (left).

On its second day, the Vice Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, Dr. Leo D. Manansala delivered a compelling talk on Systems Thinking and Strategic Planning. Parallel sessions were also held in the afternoon to further discuss the policies pertinent to student activities. SIBOL concluded with a pledge of commitment from the participants.

More than 300 student leaders participated in the program highlighting DLSU-D's commitment to fostering effective and collaborative student leadership.



SDAO Director, Mr. Eric A. Vargas (right) and CAO Coordinator, Mr. Joel E. Refuerzo (left) with resource speakers and DLSU-D alums, Mr. Benedict Bravo (second from right) and Ms. Eishelle Mae Marquez (center).

OSS Aligns Student Activities to UNSDGs

On August 2, 2024, the Office of Student Services (OSS) Dean issued a memo directing all student organizations to align their activities with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) starting school year 2024–2025. This new mandate aims to engage student leaders and their members in addressing both local and global sustainability challenges.



OSS Dean Dr. Jacqueline L. Morta presents the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) on August 21 at the DLSU-D Retreat and Conference Center (RCC).

To support this initiative, the Student Development and Activities Office (SDAO) through its Strategies in Inspiring and Building Organizational Leadership (SIBOL) orientation and training program for student leaders featured a discussion of the UNSDGs.

Dr. Jacqueline Morta, the OSS Dean, guided students on how to map and evaluate the impact of their activities in relation to the UNSDGs. Dr. Morta emphasized the importance of collaboration and resource management among student organizations to further the UNSDG agenda. This event was held on August 21, 2024, at the University's Retreat and Conference Center.

The SDAO will be responsible for overseeing and ensuring that student organizations align their activities with the UNSDGs, providing support and guidance throughout this transition.



SIBOL participants actively engage in dialogue with OSS Dean Dr. Morta.

SWAFO Launches Special Program on Advanced Discipline Education (SPADE)

The Student Welfare and Formation Office (SWAFO) unveiled its Special Program on Advanced Discipline Education (SPADE) at the annual Strategies in Inspiring and Building Organizational Leadership (SIBOL) Seminar and Workshop. The event, which took place on August 21, 2024, at the DLSU-D Retreat and Conference Center (RCC) is designed to promote a culture of responsibility and discipline among students.

According to SWAFO Director, Mr. Ruel Elias, “SPADE is designed to deepen students’ understanding of university policies and provides a platform for them to inquire and gain clarity on discipline policies and sanctions. By offering an onsite, class-based learning model, SPADE aims to implement a discipline education program that enables students to understand their Lasallian identity in a personal and engaging manner.”

The program is set to commence in September 2024 and will be conducted during university break. “By end of the school year, colleges should have reduced their record of offenses as a result of the SPADE,” Elias said. The SWAFO will also recognize the college with the lowest record of offenses in the annual *Luntiang Parangal*.



SWAFO Director, Mr. Ruel D. Elias presents the Special Program on Advanced Discipline Education during the SIBOL Seminar and Workshop held at the Retreat and Conference Center (RCC).

As discipline education is vital for promoting a respectful, safe, and peaceful campus environment, the SWAFO aims to achieve this goal through SPADE by enforcing student discipline, reducing violations, and addressing common queries regarding offenses and sanctions. Ultimately, this initiative supports both individual student success and the overall well-being and integrity of the university community.

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