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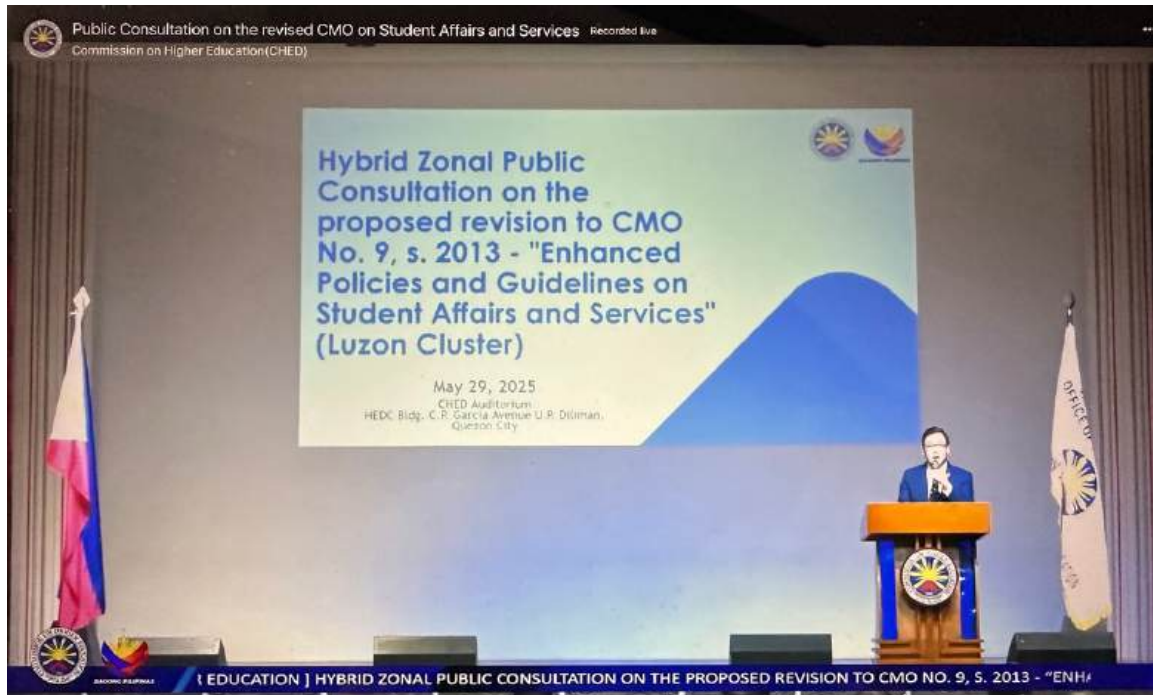
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CHED Holds Public Consultation on Revised Student Affairs and Services Guidelines



Dr. Marcon Espino, Dean of the School of Accountancy, Business, and Management at National University (NU) Clark hosts the hybrid public consultation.

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) held a hybrid zonal public consultation for the Luzon cluster on May 29, 2025 to present and gather feedback on the proposed revisions to CMO No. 9, series of 2013 which outlines the policies and guidelines for Student Affairs and Services (SAS) in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

The event convened stakeholders from universities, colleges, student organizations, and education advocacy groups to discuss the changing needs of students and the critical role of SAS in supporting holistic development.

The proposed draft, titled *"Inclusive and Comprehensive Policies and Guidelines on Student Affairs and Services"* underscores CHED's commitment to modernizing student support systems in HEIs across the Philippines.

The revised CMO introduces a more inclusive, student-centered, and responsive framework for Student Affairs and Services. Key changes include:



Director Corinna Frances Cabanilla, Director IV of the CHED Office of Student Development and Services delivers the opening remarks.

1. Expanded Coverage and Inclusivity

The new guidelines explicitly include Students with Specific Needs (SSN), Students with Disabilities (SWD), and foreign students. HEIs are required to provide reasonable accommodations and design inclusive programming across all student services.

2. Digital and Flexible Service Delivery

Student services such as admission, counseling, career placement, and orientation must be accessible both online and in person to ensure flexibility and accessibility.

3. Mental Health and Wellness Integration

The revised CMO prioritizes mental health services, including psychological first aid, counseling, and proactive intervention programs. HEIs must employ licensed counselors and maintain a minimum counselor-to-student ratio of at 1:1,000.

4. Strengthened Student Participation and Governance

The guidelines provide greater autonomy and institutional support for student organizations and councils, with clear standards for accreditation, monitoring, and online activity management. Leadership training programs are also institutionalized to cultivate servant leadership and civic engagement.

5. Enhanced Monitoring and Evaluation

CHED Regional Offices (CHEDROs) are tasked with regular monitoring and evaluation of SAS implementation. HEIs are required to submit annual reports and use evaluation findings to drive continuous improvement.

6. Comprehensive Student Handbook Requirements

Student handbooks must now include updated policies on artificial intelligence (AI) use, data privacy, anti-hazing, mental health, and services for marginalized groups. Handbooks must be reviewed and updated every five years and published in accessible formats.

HEIs demonstrating exemplary implementation of SAS may become eligible for institutional awards and government incentives. All HEIs are given a three-year transition period from the CMO's effective date to fully comply with its provisions.

OSS Hosts Seminar on the Applications of AI in Research



Dr. Ballena explains the objectives of the lecture-workshop to the participants.

As part of the Office of Student Services (OSS) Administrators, Faculty, and Support Staff Development Series, the Office of the OSS Dean conducted a seminar titled “GenAI Applications in Research” on May 21, 2025 at GSB109. This lecture-workshop aimed to equip OSS administrators and faculty members with the knowledge and skills needed to harness a variety of cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools for their research efforts.

Dr. Constantino Ballena, Dean of the School of Innovative and Flexible Learning, and Engr. Mark Montances, Supervisor of the Center for Artificial Intelligence at the Center for Innovative Learning Programs (CILP) discussed various AI tools that can assist researchers in discovering new sources for their literature review when writing research proposals.

These tools are designed to save them time by helping them find the most relevant articles and potential methodologies for their studies. Participants were also taught how to effectively “prompt” AI to obtain specific results and generate useful responses for their research inquiries.



Engr. Montances presents various AI tools that can assist in writing a research proposal.

Additionally, attendees were reminded of the importance of using AI tools responsibly and understanding their limitations, as well as being aware of institutional policies governing their use. The speakers emphasized that human expertise remains central to the research process.

To promote transparency and uphold academic integrity, participants were also encouraged to clearly acknowledge any use of AI tools in their research by specifying how these tools were applied.

OSS hosts Seminar on Digital Dexterity for Office Personnel



Participants listen attentively to Dr. Sanares' lecture.

As part of the Office of Student Services (OSS) Administrators, Faculty, and Support Staff Development Series, the Office of the OSS Dean conducted a seminar titled “Digital Dexterity: Streamlining Tasks and Designing with Purpose” on May 13, 2025, at GSB109.

Dr. Roda Sanares, faculty member from the Information Technology Department of DLSU-D, facilitated the hands-on lecture and workshop. The session aimed to equip OSS secretaries with essential skills to create visually engaging publicity materials using Canva, a user-friendly graphic design platform. Participants explored core design principles, learned the value of branding consistency, and navigated Canva's features with confidence.

The seminar also introduced Autocrat, a Google Sheets add-on designed to automate the creation and distribution of personalized digital certificates. Participants gained practical knowledge in planning, formatting, and deploying e-certificates by using organized datasets for automated merging.



Dr. Sanares presents the seminar's expected learning outcomes to the participants.

In her opening remarks, the OSS Dean underscored the importance of leveraging digital tools to improve office efficiency and streamline workflows. The seminar concluded with participants feeling empowered and prepared to integrate technology into their daily responsibilities.

OSS, SGPSCL, and BED conduct Sustainability Leadership Workshop at SMSSI

The Office of Student Services (OSS), School of Governance, Public Service and Corporate Leadership (SGPSCL), and Basic Education Division (BED) of DLSU-D conducted a Sustainability Leadership Workshop for the administrators, faculty, and staff of St. Mary's School of Sagada, Inc. (SMSSI) and its sister schools, All Saints Mission School of Mountain Province (ASMSMP) and St. James High School of Mountain Province, Inc. (SJHSMPI) on May 19–20, 2025 at the SMSSI Campus.



Workshop participants and facilitators gather for a group photo.

The workshop opened with a prayer led by Br. Zennel Sy, FSC, Br. Eugene De Luna, Jr., FSC, and Br. Henry, FSC of St. Jaime Hilario School - De La Salle Bataan.

Dr. Rommel Mazo, Director of SGPSCL followed with a lecture introducing the concepts of sustainability and sustainability leadership.

Mr. Marlon Pareja, the Principal of BED, then discussed systems thinking, system dynamics, and the theory of change. Participants later engaged in group workshops to develop sustainability plans tailored to their respective schools.

On the second day, Dr. Mazo delivered a session on ethics and sustainability. This was followed by Dr. Jacqueline Morta, Dean of OSS, who discussed how to leverage power to promote sustainability through transformational leadership. In the afternoon, participants presented their sustainability plans to the workshop facilitators. The two-day seminar concluded with the awarding of certificates of completion.

The workshop was hosted by Rev. Jing T. Guron, Principal of SMSSI, and Mr. Dennis Faustino, a member of the SMSSI Board of Trustees.



Br. Zennel Sy, FSC of St. Jaime Hilario School - De La Salle Bataan, leads the prayer for the two-day workshop.



Dr. Rommel Mazo discusses the concepts of sustainability and the foundations of sustainability leadership.



Mr. Marlon Pareja shares his insights on systems thinking with the participants.



Dr. Jacqueline Morta lectures on using power to promote sustainability through transformational leadership.

OSS Holds First Gawad Lingkod Lasalyano Recognition Day



*A group photo of OSS personnel alongside
OIC VP for Administrative Services,
Br. Fernando Sanding, FSC.*

In a heartfelt celebration of service and the Lasallian spirit, the Office of Student Services (OSS) held its inaugural Gawad Lingkod Lasalyano Recognition Day on May 30, 2025 at the Retreat and Conference Center (RCC) Dining Hall of DLSU-D. The event honored OSS personnel who have shown outstanding commitment to student welfare and community engagement.

OSS administrators, faculty, coordinators, and support staff gathered for the occasion which recognized individuals who have gone above and beyond in their respective roles.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to the coordinators of key programs including the Student Engagement Program (SEP), Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), Drug-Free Campus, OSS Research, and the Cultural Arts Office (CAO).

Special citations were also awarded to the ROTC Assistant Commandant, the Vicissitude Supervisor and Layout Artist, and the Associate Director of the Student Activities Office (SAO).

A second set of honors recognized OSS personnel who actively serve as officers in professional organizations, volunteer with the DLSU-D Night College, or were acknowledged for accomplishments in research, paper presentations, and publications. Special recognition was also given to the National Service Training Program - Civic Welfare Training Service (NSTP-CWTS) Office as the Schoolbook Conduct of Blended Learning Compliance Champion for SY 2024-2025.



*NSTP-CWTS Office's Chair Jemily Puchero,
along with NSTP-CWTS faculty members,
receives a certificate of recognition*

For the third set of awards, medals and certificates of recognition were given to the following OSS personnel:

Outstanding ROTC Training Staff

PO3 Noel Gluda

Outstanding Student Formatore

Michael Nicart

Outstanding OSS Secretaries

Mellany Alvaran

Jean Marion Fernandez

Lucena Sambajon

Outstanding NSTP-CWTS Faculty

Roselie Villanueva - Full-Time Faculty

Ersyllen Biñas - Part-Time Faculty

Outstanding Guidance Counselors

Louela Lacsamana – College Level

Jhade Jen Jacinto – Basic Education Division



Outstanding OSS Secretaries Mellany Alvaran, Jean Marion Fernandez, and Lucena Sambajon receive medals and certificates of recognition from Student Development and Activities Office (SDAO) Director, Dr. Eric Vargas and OSS Dean, Dr. Jacqueline Morta.

The highlight of the ceremony was the awarding of the first-ever “San Benildo Romançon Gawad sa Pinakamahusay na Kawani sa Serbisyong Pang-Mag-aaral.” This special recognition honors the most outstanding support staff member who exemplifies the ideals and values of Saint Benilde Romançon, the Patron Saint of OSS.

This year’s nominees were Mr. Michael Nicart from the Student Welfare and Formation Office (SWAFO) and Ms. Lucena Sambajon from the Student Wellness Center (SWC).



Nominees for the San Benildo Romançon Gawad sa Pinakamahusay na Kawani sa Serbisyong Pangmag-aaral are presented before the announcement of the winner.

After a careful selection process, Ms. Lucena Sambajon was announced as the inaugural awardee. She received a medal and a plaque of recognition from OSS Dean Dr. Jacqueline Morta and Br. Fernando Sanding, FSC who represented the De La Salle Brothers.



Outstanding NSTP-CWTS faculty members Ersyllen Biñas (second to the left) and Roselie Villanueva (second to the right) receive medals and certificates of recognition



Mr. Michael Nicart (left) proudly accepts his award as this year's Outstanding Student Formator from the OSS Dean.



Ms. Hannah Marjorie Angcao (second from left) accepts the Outstanding Guidance Counselor Award for the Basic Education Division on behalf of Ms. Jshade Jen Jacinto, while Ms. Louela Lacsamana (second from right) is recognized as the Outstanding Guidance Counselor for the college level.



Ms. Lucena Sambajon (center), the winner of this year's San Benildo Romancon Gawad sa Pinakamahusay na Kawani sa Serbisyong Pangmag-aaral receives her award from Dr. Jacqueline Morta and Br. Fernando Sanding, FSC.

Official Nominees Announced for Luntiang Parangal 2025



The Office of Student Services (OSS) through the Student Development and Activities Office (SDAO) announces the official list of nominees for this year's Luntiang Parangal - De La Salle University-Dasmariñas' highest institutional recognition for student leadership and organizational excellence.

This annual recognition program honors individuals and student organizations that have demonstrated excellence, service, creativity, and a strong commitment to the Lasallian mission. The 2025 nominees exemplify the university's core values through their contributions in leadership, cultural and athletic performance, student governance, and impactful initiatives.

Scheduled for June 11, 2025 at 2:00 PM at Ugnayang La Salle, Luntiang Parangal serves as the culminating celebration of student achievements and a tribute to the spirit of faith, zeal, and communion in mission.

Spotlight on Leadership: Interviews underway for Luntiang Parangal 2025 Major Awards

As preparations for Luntiang Parangal 2025 reach their final stage, the search for this year's outstanding student leaders advances with the successful panel interviews for the event's most prestigious recognitions: *Lider ng Taon* and *Gawad San Juan Bautista De La Salle para sa Kahusayan sa Pamumuno*.

Set for June 11, 2025 at 2:00 PM at Ugnayang La Salle, Luntiang Parangal is the university's annual institutional recognition of student excellence in leadership, service, and impact. Central to this celebration are two major awards that highlight exemplary contributions in student governance and leadership.

Lider ng Taon: Recognizing Campus-wide Leadership

The *Lider ng Taon* panel interview was conducted on May 5, 2025, at Seminar Room A of the Ayuntamiento de Gonzalez (ADG) Building. Ten outstanding student leaders from various colleges, councils, and university-wide organizations were interviewed. Each nominee was given 30 minutes to respond to questions on their leadership philosophy, project impact, and contributions to the Lasallian community.

Lider ng Taon Nominees:

- Feliz Andrea Marie M. Abrera – College of Education Student Government
- Jenzon Y. Arvisu – Sinag Society of Leaders
- Chrissia Nicole L. Bagasol – Forensic Science Program Council
- Caryl Joy DG. Cabrera – Council of Student Organizations
- Jammin Liz L. De Vera – Council of Student Organizations
- Renly Klaude M. Gollena – Circle of Student Assistants
- Philip Zymon P. Linezo – College of Liberal Arts and Communication Student Government
- Ahlyssa DS. Reyes – University Student Government
- Meryl Joy Whena S. Tagulimot – Council of Student Organizations
- Ullysis Grant A. Valle – University Student Government



Panel of Interviewees for Lider ng Taon (from left): Dr. Olorga (CMO), Associate Dean Rayray (CBAA), Dean Dr. Morta (OSS), Dean Dr. Causaren (COS), and SWC Director Mr. Rasing.

The panel was chaired by Dr. Jacqueline Morta, Dean of the Office of Student Services. She was joined by:

- Mr. Emerico Rasing – Director, Student Wellness Center
- Dr. Ma. Estrella Natalie Pineda – Dean, College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology
- Dr. Rubie Causaren – Dean, College of Science
- Dr. Maria Gracia Olorga – Faculty Campus Minister, Campus Ministry Office
- Ms. Mian Rayray – Associate Dean, College of Business Administration and Accountancy

Gawad San Juan Bautista De La Salle: The Pinnacle of Student Leadership Excellence

Meanwhile, the exclusive panel interview for Gawad San Juan Bautista De La Salle Para sa Kahusayan sa Pamumuno was held on May 6, 2025 at Seminar Room A of ADG. Only the top seven nominees based on cumulative scores from all preliminary evaluations advanced to this stage.



Panel of Interviewees for Gawad San Juan De La Salle Kahusayan Para sa Pamumuno (from left):

Dr. Ching (Deputy Provost for Research), Br. Sanding, FSC (Director SHWO), Dean Morta (OSS), Dr. Francisco (VPGEER), and Ms. Roque (Director, ULFO)

- The OSS Dean presided over the panel joined by the following administrators and Lasallian mission leaders:
- Br. Fernando Sanding, FSC – Director, Safety, Health and Wellness Office
- Dr. Christian George Francisco – Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations
- Dr. Johnny Ching – Deputy Provost for Research
- Ms. Diana Jean Roque – Director, University Lasallian Formation Office

Gawad San Juan Bautista Nominees:

- Feliz Andrea Marie M. Abrera – College of Education Student Government
- Jenzon Y. Arvisu – Sinag Society of Leaders
- Kyle Luigi A. Gonzales – Hotel and Restaurant Management Society
- Abigail O. Hapal – University Student Government
- Angela Marie A. Montero – Sinag Society of Leaders
- Jake Ryan P. Olase – College of Information and Computer Studies Student Government
- Giannina R. Ruidera – College of Information and Computer Studies Student Government

These interviews are part of a comprehensive, value-driven selection process that upholds the Lasallian commitment to forming servant-leaders - those who embody excellence, integrity, and transformative impact.

As the countdown to *Luntiang Parangal 2025* continues, the university community awaits the official announcement of awardees who will be recognized for their exceptional leadership journeys and contributions to the Lasallian mission.

A Month of Milestones: May 2025 brims with student-led initiatives at DLSU-D

May 2025 marked a vibrant chapter for the Lasallian student community, featuring a diverse range of student activities across academic, cultural, spiritual, and advocacy spheres. These initiatives highlighted the depth of student engagement and the dynamic expression of Lasallian values at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas.



Dance Series Track 9: Bon Voyage

Date: May 10, 2025

Venue: Ugnayang La Salle

Proponents: Lasallian Point's and Flexes

Dance Series Track 9: Bon Voyage, a collaboration that brings together diverse dance artists from within and beyond the Lasallian community in Cavite. This is a continuation of the company's annual dance concerts. The performance will take place at Ugnayang La Salle, DLSU-D. The company's primary aim is to showcase the artistic expressions of various dance groups, highlighting their graceful and powerful movements that require a harmonious coordination of mind and body. These performances will feature unique masterpieces in their respective dance genres. The success of the group relies on teamwork and friendship, but this project places particular emphasis on fostering camaraderie and mutual respect—core elements in building a thriving network of talented individuals. Ultimately, the goal is to unite all dancers under a shared purpose.

BIDA KA DIBA! Animong Bahaghari 2025

Date: May 27, 2025

Venue: Grandstand

Proponents: University Student Government (USG)

The struggle for LGBTQIA+ rights is ongoing, marked by a process that can often be slow and filled with obstacles. However, the continued fight for recognition and equality will be significantly strengthened when their identities and the causes they stand for are visibly supported by the USG. Through events like Bida Ka Diva! Animong Bahaghari 2025! The USG has the opportunity to not only celebrate queer identities but also demonstrate its unwavering commitment to the values of inclusivity, equality, and respect for all members of the Lasallian community. All the activities covered will contribute to the overarching message of Bida Ka Diva that the lives of queer people deserve to be celebrated, not excluded; that inclusivity is more than just a buzzword, but a principle that champions the acceptance of diverse gender identities in society, beyond mere tolerance; and, above all, that the USG, as the representative of Lasallian students, stands in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community, empowering their voices and affirming their fight for safer spaces within the university by visibly celebrating diversity both inside and outside the campus.



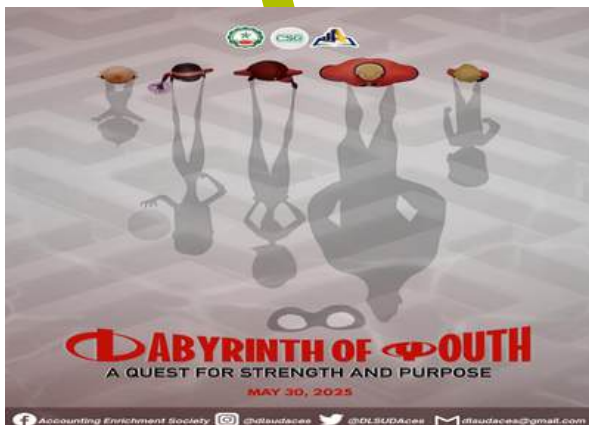
The AcES Gambit: Enclass Series

Date: May 8-10, 2025

Venue: Microsoft Teams and GSB Rooms

Proponents: Accounting Enrichment Society (AcES)

The AcES Gambit: Enclass Series is a 3-day event scheduled to take place on May 8-10, 2025. The event consists of 3 activities, Enrichment Classes for College Students, Mock Examinations, and AcES Olympiad. The AcES Gambit: Enclass Series", AcES seeks to achieve its vocation by expanding the accessibility of Lasallian education. Additionally, the event is designed to embody the Lasallian values of passion for excellence, zeal for service, and communion. In similar fashion, "AcES Olympiad" aims to foster the value of collaboration as participants strive to overcome challenges and tackle obstacles during the activity. AcES intends to contribute to the holistic development of accounting students, not only by nurturing academic excellence but by also instilling the values of teamwork and sportsmanship.



Labyrinth of Youth: A Quest for Strength and Purpose

Date: May 30, 2025

Venue: GSB Rooms

Proponents: Accounting Enrichment Society (AcES)

The Spiritual Activity, "Labyrinth of Youth: A Quest for Strength and Purpose," invites participants to reflect on their growth and the challenges they've overcome throughout the school year. This event will provide a space for them to reconnect with themselves and recognize the valuable lessons they've learned along the way. By revisiting their journeys, participants will see how life's experiences guide them toward God's will and purpose, allowing them to grow stronger in faith and wisdom. They will explore the concept of self-contentment through a seminar, fostering reflection and growth. A leadership talk led by an invited speaker from the Campus Ministry Office will encourage deeper insights into their roles, while relay games will offer fun opportunities for collaboration, bonding, and building camaraderie. This experience will strengthen their connections and help them develop into more effective and compassionate leaders.



CSO RSO Awarding Night 2025

Date: May 31, 2025

Venue: Ugnayang La Salle

Proponents: Council of Student Organizations (CSO)

This event aims to recognize and celebrate the efforts, commitment, and positive influence of CSORSO student leaders. It is a way to show appreciation for what they have accomplished — the effort and passion that is part of being a student leader. It's a platform to celebrate their individual and group accomplishments but, more importantly, the role they play in developing a better environment for everyone within the Lasallian community. It reminds us of the impact established by our committed student leaders who can influence building the future and also encourage the next generation to take steps on leadership and move forward with service and commitment.

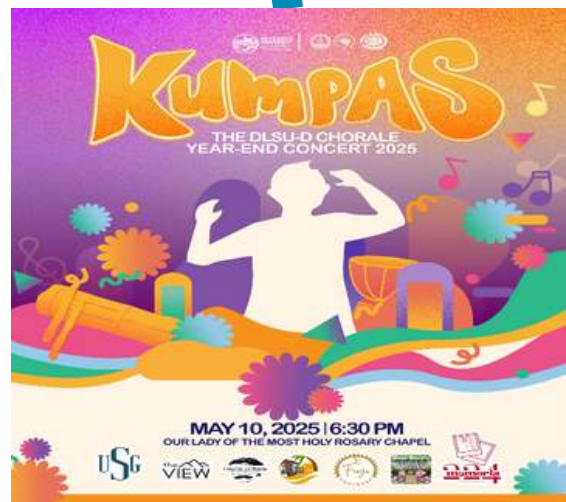
DLSU-D Chorale Recital 2025

Date: May 10, 2025

Venue: Holy Rosary Chapel

Proponents: DLSU-D Chorale

This event aims to provide trainees with a platform to demonstrate their vocal and artistic progress, cultivate confidence in their craft, and reinforce their commitment to excellence. Guided by Lasallian principles, this recital will highlight musical talent, strengthen camaraderie, and inspire continuous artistic development.



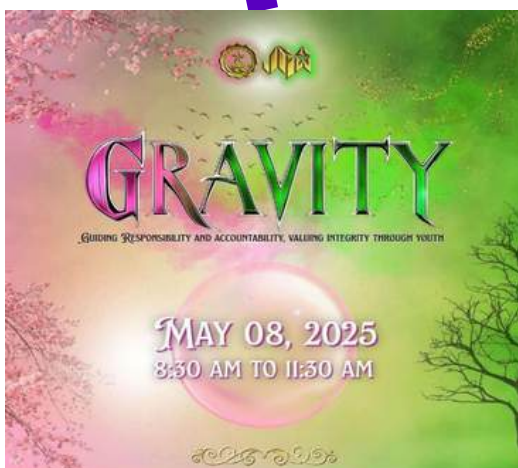
DL Awarding (Golden Achievers)

Date: May 29, 2025

Venue: Ugnayang La Salle

Proponents: College of Business Administration and Accountancy Student Government (CBAASG)

The Golden Achie-verse: Honoring Excellence, Igniting Potential is an expression of gratitude and recognition towards students who have consistently pursued academic excellence. In alignment with Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education, this event aims to foster a culture of merit and academic integrity, motivating students to continue striving for excellence in their educational journey. By celebrating these achievements, the CBAASG seeks to inspire the entire CBAA community to aim higher, embrace their potential, and lead with purpose. The event also reinforces the institution's dedication to forming competent, committed, and compassionate Lasallian professionals who will contribute meaningfully to society.



Nurturing Financial Wellness by JFINEX: Growing Your Tree to Bear Fruit and Share

Date: May 8, 2025

Venue: BBA Rooms

Proponents: Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (JPIA)

GRAVITY: Guiding Responsibility and Accountability, Valuing Integrity Through Youth is an event designed to cultivate a strong sense of responsibility, integrity, and ethical leadership among young individuals. The event will provide a platform for participants to explore how effective leadership can be enhanced through the integration of financial accountability awareness, teamwork, and personal reflection. Key activities will include a seminar featuring experienced government accountants who will share their perspectives on the role of financial transparency and the importance of ethical practices in the public sector, aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 16.



Juan Voice

Date: May 8, 2025

Venue: Tanghalang Julian Felipe

Proponents: College of Liberal Arts and Communication Student Government (CLACSG)

The CLACSG, through Juan Voice, aims to serve as a vital avenue for open communication and ensuring that every Liberal's perspective is valued and heard. The meeting will serve as an opportunity for CLAC student representatives, organizations, and program councils, along with faculty and administrators, to address matters that align with these interests and reach solutions that cater to the needs of the majority. The consultations shared by attendees will raise awareness about the challenges faced by community members, fostering a common understanding that can drive collegiate-wide development.

Miting De Advance: Special Elections 2025

Date: May 2, 2025

Venue: Ugnayang La Salle

Proponents: University Student Election Commission (USEC)

In line with the upcoming 2024-2025 Special Elections, the University Student Election Commission (USEC) emphasizes the importance of providing a platform for student leader candidates to present their platforms, comprehensive plans, and advocacies to the Lasallian community. This initiative aims to foster the exchange of ideas, build shared visions and missions, and promote meaningful dialogue between the candidates and the student body for the academic year 2025-2026.



Gawad Laya 2025: Pagbubunyi sa Gilas at Dangal ng mga Liberal na Lasalyano

Date: May 30, 2025

Venue: Ugnayang La Salle

Proponents: College of Liberal Arts and Communication Student Government (CLACSG)

The annual recognition of the college entitled "Gawad Laya", conducted by the CLACSG to award the Liberal Lasallians for their triumphs and tenacity in the current academic year. Gawad Laya 2025: Pagbubunyi sa Gilas at Dangal ng mga Liberal na Lasalyano aims not only to acknowledge the efforts of the Liberal Lasallians throughout this academic year, but also to serve as a milestone achievement of each student every academic term and a reminder to keep on persevering to harvest the fruits of their academic labor.



Interstellar: BOMS Constellation of Success

Date: May 27, 2025

Venue: POLCA

Proponents: Business Operations Management Society (BOMS)

As 4th-year students prepare to embark on their professional journeys and 1st- to 3rd-year students gear up for another academic year, it is crucial to recognize and celebrate their achievements and contributions to the university community. The yearend serves as a platform to honor their dedication, leadership, and excellence in both academics and extracurricular activities. Additionally, it fosters a sense of unity and collaboration among students, faculty, and industry professionals, promoting a supportive network that will benefit them in their future endeavors.



SOLARE: L5AD (Leading by Empowerment, Aspiring for Diversity)

Date: May 26, 2025

Venue: Bulwagang Jose Basa

Proponents: Sinag Society of Leaders (SISOL)

SOLARE: L5AD (Leading by Empowerment, Aspiring for Diversity) seeks to unite student leaders from different university organizations by providing a collaborative platform that fosters dialogue, reflection, and innovation in leadership. As leaders increasingly venture into organizing activities that extend outside the academic setting, there is a growing need for synergy, shared learning, and enhanced skills that respond to the needs of the broader community. This fifth annual leadership seminar aims to strengthen inter-organizational collaboration, allowing participants to exchange insights on various leadership styles and learn how to work more effectively with peers from diverse backgrounds. Through interactive sessions and focused discussions, the event will equip student leaders with practical knowledge in planning and executing community-centered events—skills that are vital for creating impact beyond the four corners of the university.

From performances to forums, from service to celebration, student activities held in May 2025 reflected the enduring spirit of Animo. These initiatives not only showcased leadership and creativity, but also embodied empathy, purpose, and a commitment to meaningful change - living expressions of Lasallian values in motion.

HaPEERy Ever After closes A.Y. 2024-2025 with Reflection and Renewal

Lasallian Peer Facilitators conclude the year with evaluation and transition activities.



SWC DLSU-D Lasallian Peer Facilitators

The Lasallian Peer Facilitators (LPF) concluded Academic Year 2024–2025 with a year-end event titled “HaPEERy Ever After: The End of a Magical Chapter.” Led by LPF President Robert Rendel Cayas, the gathering served as a space for reflection, evaluation, and leadership transition.

The event opened with team-building activities designed to strengthen group cohesion and encourage cooperation among members. These activities provided opportunities to reinforce trust and shared responsibility.

Following the group exercises, members participated in a culminating and evaluation session.

The discussion focused on key initiatives from the past academic year, allowing members to review accomplishments, identify areas for improvement, and express appreciation for collective efforts and personal development.

Another highlight of the program was the election and oath-taking of the incoming Executive Board for AY 2025–2026. Members voted for new officers who will continue LPF’s mission of peer support and student empowerment. The newly elected leaders formally accepted their responsibilities during the oath-taking ceremony.

The event highlighted LPF’s commitment to peer facilitation and leadership development. It recognized the contributions of current members and prepared the organization for the upcoming year.

As the academic year came to a close, LPF reaffirmed its dedication to fostering a supportive peer community and advancing student well-being. The event marked a transition, not an ending, signaling the start of a new phase in the organization’s journey.

PGCA celebrates 60 years of Counseling Legacy and Leadership



PGCA, Inc. Cavite Chapter Delegates

The Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association, Inc. (PGCA) held its 60th Annual National and 2025 International Conference at The Manila Hotel – Fiesta Pavilion and St. Scholastica’s College, Manila. With the theme “PGCA Legacy: Stories to Conquer New Glories,” the event brought together counselors, educators, and mental health advocates to recognize the organization’s six decades of work and to discuss the future of the profession.

Speakers shared insights on current trends and challenges in counseling, promoting evidence-based approaches and collaboration. The sessions emphasized the role of counselors in supporting mental health, resilience, and community well-being.

DLSU-D Participants

Student Wellness Center (SWC) Director Emerico Rasing, RGC, Basic Education Coordinator Hannah Marjorie Angcao, RGC, College Guidance Counselors Louela Lacsamana, RGC, and Glessie Cantada, RGC, together joined the conference. Their attendance reflected the university’s support for student wellness and professional development.

Day 1 – May 21

The event opened with a welcome message from PGCA National President Christopher Hernandez and remarks from the Professional Regulatory Board of Guidance and Counseling. In her keynote, PGCA President Emeritus Dr. Evangeline De Jesus reflected on the association’s history and direction.

Plenary speakers included Dr. Adelaida Gines, who discussed the development of counseling in the Philippines; Congressman Roman Romulo, who explained RA 12080, the Basic Education Mental Health and Well-being Promotion Act; Dato' Dr. Abd Halim Bin Mohd Hussin, who spoke on inclusive counseling practices; and Dr. Rowena Banes, who emphasized the need for collaboration among counselors, school leaders, and families.



DLSU-D Delegates from left: Ms. Louela Lacsamana, Ms. Glessie Cantada, Mr. Emerico Rasing & Ms. Hannah Marjorie Angcao.

The day also included a meeting of PGCA leaders and the launch of a mental health book and coffee table publication.

Day 2 – May 22

Held at St. Scholastica's College Manila, the second day focused on workplace and community mental health. Dr. Julian Montano addressed counseling for employee well-being. Dr. Lourdes Medina discussed trauma-informed care. Dr. Rodney Boncajes presented community-based mental health strategies. Dr. Myrna Joyce Sanchez spoke on family counseling. A panel discussion moderated by Dr. Ed Caligner followed, connecting these topics through a shared focus on support systems.

Day 3 – May 23

Workshops on the final day offered practical tools and techniques. Topics included digital wellness, generational counseling for Gen Z and Gen Alpha, movement therapy and yoga, and psycho-spiritual support. These sessions provided participants with methods to respond to changing needs in schools and communities.

The 60th PGCA Conference honored the association's legacy while setting its sights on the future. With renewed focus on inclusion, collaboration, and effective practice, PGCA continues to support Filipino counselors and the people they serve.

At Your Service!

By: Jesus Rex Ceballos and Ruel Elias

*Jesus Rex Ceballos
SWAFO, Head of Education Section*

At the heart of De La Salle University - Dasmariñas, the Student Welfare and Formation Office (SWAFO) continues to guide students in their personal and academic growth. This month, the "At Your Service" segment of OSS NSPIRE newsletter highlights Mr. Jesus Rex Ceballos who has dedicated nearly 25 years to shaping student discipline and formation at DLSU-D. His story reflects how empathy and persistence can turn challenges into lasting change.

Mr. Ceballos began his career at the university in February 2001, initially applying as a faculty checker. Instead, he was hired as a Discipline Officer under University Discipline Office (UDO) Coordinator Jose Precia and OSS Dean Felicitacion Antonio. With a background in teaching and guidance and counseling, shifting to a role focused on enforcing rules was a major adjustment. His calm and respectful approach to students stood out, and over time, this mindset became the basis for a new direction in student discipline.

The Formation Program and SWAFO's Development

Mr. Ceballos believed in rehabilitation over punishment. This led him to propose a program that would allow students with major offenses to earn a Certificate of Good Moral Character by showing accountability and learning from their actions. Despite being rejected several times, he remained persistent.



Mr. Ceballos facilitating the Formation Program

In June 2004, the Formation Program was approved. Its success helped reshape the office's direction. A new Education Section was formed, and UDO became the Student Welfare and Formation Office (SWAFO) under the leadership of Dr. Mariano S. Ramirez. From 2006 to 2009, other Lasallian institutions studied the program, and in 2008, it received recognition during the PAASCU accreditation which also secured its budget support.

Peer Involvement and Student Engagement

In 2003, Mr. Ceballos launched the Peer Assistance Program (PAP), encouraging student volunteers from different colleges to support office tasks and activities. Between 2012 and 2017, membership peaked at about 120 students. In 2024, it was renamed the Vanguard of Student Discipline (VSD) reflecting its evolving role.

He also helped develop the **S-M-A-R-T** approach under the guidance of former SWAFO Director Albert John Puchero. This method reshaped how student violators were approached:

S – Smile and Greet

M – Make simple conversation

A – Ask for the ID card

R – Refer the student to the office

T – Thank the student

This approach promoted respectful and constructive communication while maintaining protocol.

Preserving History and Shaping Policy

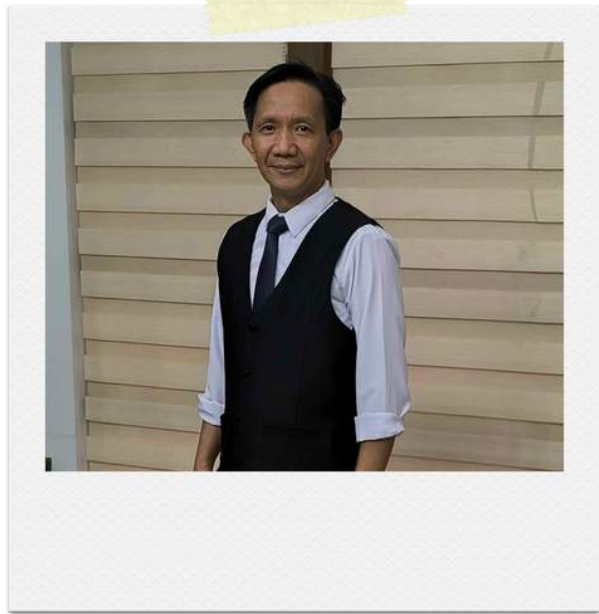
Mr. Ceballos also documented the history of UDO and its transition to SWAFO by gathering stories from early officers such as Sir Hondo and Sir Fajayo. His effort preserved important insights for future staff and students.

In 2013, working with Mr. Johnatan Villa, he helped revise the Student Handbook. A key change reduced the maximum suspension period from one year to 12 days, aligning with the Manual of Regulations for Private Higher Education (MORPHE) and allowing students to continue their studies with minimal disruption.

For 24 years, Mr. Jesus Rex Ceballos has served with consistency and care. As he enters the last seven years of his service, the Lasallian community recognizes his contributions—not just in policies and programs, but in the lives of the students he has supported. He remains a true example of being ***At Your Service.***



At Your Service!



267th NROTCU holds Graduation Ceremony for Military Science Graduates



An ROTC graduate receives his certificate of completion awarded by Dr. Sonia Gementiza, Chief Administrative Officer (guest of honor).

The 267th Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit (NROTCU) held its graduation ceremony on May 24, 2025 at the University Grandstand from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event honored cadets and cadettes who successfully completed Military Science 1 and 2, celebrating their dedication and perseverance throughout the rigorous training program.

Dr. Sonia Gementiza, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the university, served as the guest speaker. She was formally introduced by Captain Junmar Sales, PN (GSC), acting commandant of the 267th NROTCU.

In her address, Dr. Gementiza emphasized the importance of national service and the honor that comes with serving one's country. She commended the graduates for their unwavering commitment and encouraged them to uphold the values instilled during their training.



Dr. Gementiza receives the certificate of appreciation from Captain Junmar Sales PN (GSC), acting Commandant of the 267th NROTCU.

The ceremony concluded with a commemorative photo session featuring the graduates with Dr. Gementiza, Captain Sales, the training staff, and ROTC officers. Proud parents and guardians were also present to witness this milestone in their children's military training journey.

267th NROTCU hosts 'Salute to the Stars' Premier Night

The 267th Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit (NROTCU) hosted its annual Cadets' Night on May 10, transforming the Retreat and Conference Center Dining Hall into the venue for *"The 267th NROTCU Cadets' Premier Night: Salute to the Stars."*



The training staff members (in blue uniform), together with the acting Commandant of the 267th NROTCU, Captain Junmar Sales PN GSC (left), ROTC Coordinator Ms. Linda Lou Palomino (in red), Assistant Commandant LT Cdr. Freddie Navarro PN, (right), and alumni ROTC officers.

Held from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the five-hour program showcased cadet life beyond military drills and formations, highlighting the social, creative, and personal dimensions of Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) training. The event highlighted how leadership and discipline can thrive in both formal and festive settings.

Cadets arrived in formal, Hollywood-inspired attire that reflected the evening's red-carpet theme.

The night featured a series of highlight competitions such as Best Dressed Male and Female) and the coronation of Mr. And Ms. ROTC.



The ROTC best dressed male and female awarded by the esteemed alumni ROTC Officers Mr. Stanley Mapua (left) and Mr. George Pineda Jr. (left) together with the Assistant Commandant Lt. Freddie Navarro PN (right)

Captain Junmar Sales, PN (GSC), delivered a keynote message that encouraged cadets to value both the rigor and enrichment offered by the ROTC experience. Several alumni officers also attended, reinforcing connections between current cadets and past members of the unit.

Themed "One night. One Unit. One unforgettable memory," the evening affirmed the belief that "not all stars are in the sky—some wear uniforms."

Beyond celebration, the evening reflected the unit's commitment to camaraderie and its recognition of the diverse strengths cadets bring on and off the training field.

Lifters marks 18 years of Faith Advocacy and Fellowship

The DLSU-D Lifters began in 2007 as an extension of the CvSU Lifters, an organization which started in 2003 to promote campus ministry and Christian values. Founded in Cavite, with branches like Little Lifters and Lifters High, the group was established to provide a safe, uplifting space centered on Jesus Christ. This October, Lifters marks 18 years of active presence at DLSU-D, continuing its mission of Christ-centered leadership and community.



Animo Leadership Odyssey, Recruitment Week

What sets Lifters apart is its purpose—to uplift souls through listening, empathy, and encouragement, mirroring Christ's example. Through outreach, prayer sessions, and personal connections, the organization raises others by first lifting up Christ. Over time, Lifters has grown into a community of student leaders who reach the marginalized, welcome the unheard, and guide fellow Lasallians in their spiritual journeys.



DLSU-D LIFTERS Batch 2024-2025 Rise Up: General Assembly

Rising Through Challenges

The journey has not been without trials. Academic pressures and limited funding sometimes led to declining engagement. At one point, a leadership dropout left only five members to carry on. Yet, through prayer, commitment, and a deep sense of purpose, the group endured. The pandemic further tested them, but Lifters adapted – turning online gatherings into lifelines for students seeking spiritual connection.

Ministry through Action

One standout event, We Listen and We Don't Judge exemplified the group's mission. It was not just another program – it was ministry in motion, fostering authenticity, empathy, and healing. Events like this remind members of their calling and ground the organization in its original purpose.

A Christ-Centered Legacy

Lifters' impact is not measured by popularity or numbers but by transformation. The group nurtures spiritual growth, selfless service, and lives rooted in faith and compassion. It is a space where students find strength, purpose, and joy - all grounded in the Gospel.



DLSU-D LIFTERS Batch 2024-2025 conducts virtual oath-taking ceremonies.

Those considering membership are encouraged to speak life, surrender their hearts to Christ, and discover the courage and peace that come from serving Him. New members often find themselves growing in love, leading with humility, and living out the Lasallian mission in its fullness.

If the Lifters could leave one lasting message, it would be this:

“ *Rest if you must, but do not quit. Continue fighting the good fight, all for the love of Christ.* **”**

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