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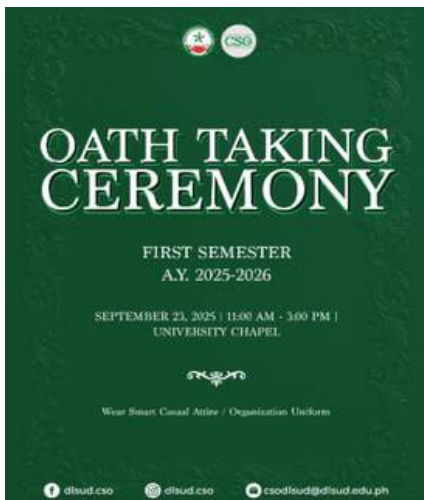
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Student organization events for September 2025

The month of September marked a vibrant start to the academic year at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, as various student organizations rolled out events that highlighted leadership, service, faith, and professional development across disciplines.



CSO-RSO OATH-TAKING CEREMONY

Date: September 23, 2025

Venue: University Chapel

Proponents: Council of Student Organizations

The CSO-RSO Oath-Taking Ceremony is a semestral inauguration of the officers within the CSO-RSO community. It serves as a formal acknowledgment that the officers have accepted their new leadership roles, along with the specific duties and responsibilities that come with them. This ceremony reminds each student leader of the principles and values they must uphold, emphasizing responsibility, integrity, and a commitment to effective leadership and service. It symbolizes each officer's dedication to serving the community.

SpeciFi: Find Your Specialization

Date: September 25, 2025

Venue: Tanghalang Julian Felipe and JFH Kubo

Proponents: College of Information and Computer Science Student Government

To support students in making informed decisions, the CICS Student Government, in partnership with the college administrators and alumni, organized a Specialization Seminar. The seminar will provide an overview of each track, including the subjects covered, the skills students are expected to develop, and the possible career paths after graduation. By hearing directly from faculty and alumni, students were equipped to choose a track that fits their strengths and aspirations. This initiative aims to reduce uncertainty and help students move forward with confidence in their academic and professional journey.



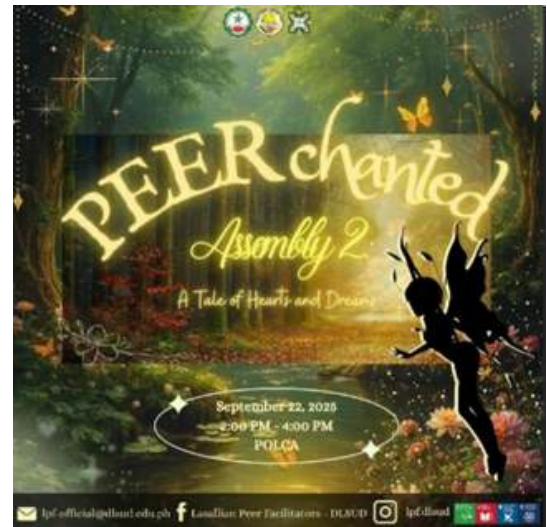
PEERchanted Assembly 2: A Tale of Hearts and Dreams

Date: September 22, 2025

Venue: POLCA

Proponents: Lasallian Peer Facilitators

The PEERchanted Assembly 2 is a general assembly attended by every member of the LPF 2025-2026. The event began with a "Diversity Welcome" where the hosts will mention relatable things and welcome the audiences who relate to them. The presentation of the LPF Introduction, Vision, Mission, Executive Board Members, and Adviser followed, highlighting the role and the significance of peers in the community. After that, "Conversation Questions" where all the members shall pair up with peers who are still unfamiliar to them and introduce themselves through a series of questions.



ECONNECT: Together Towards Tomorrow

Date: September 26, 2025

Venue: CBA401

Proponents: Ekonomiks Society

This event is more than a formal gathering—it's a celebration of unity, vision, and shared commitment. It sets the stage for a new academic year grounded in direction, engagement, and purpose. During the assembly, economics students were introduced to the organization's goals, projects, and values for the year. More importantly, they gained insight into how they can actively contribute to the organization's growth and shape its future. Econnect is about building bridges: between students and leaders, between dreams and action, between now and what's next. It reflects the organization's belief that success is built not in isolation, but through trust, teamwork, and a shared sense of mission. By bringing students together in one space for inspiration, dialogue, and collaboration, the Ekonomiks Society fosters a culture of support that extends beyond academics.

Know Your Rights 2025: Ugnay, Suri, at Gabay

Date: September 29- October 3, 2025
 Venue: Tanghalang Julian Felipe, JFH 505, PBH211
 Proponents: University Student Government



The ceremony featured prominent speakers who are adept on student rights and welfare and other KYR-related topics. For the remainder of the week, the campaign will move to the Ugnay, Suri, at Gabay (US&G) Roadshow that aims to conduct round-table discussions with students, student leaders, sectoral representatives, faculty and staff, and other key stakeholders. The roadshow course around the eight (8) academic colleges within the university, allowing participants to speak openly about student concerns and work together on solutions in a closer setting. It also served as a forum to gather students' feedback on the proposed policy and reform agendas of the USG for the year, providing sufficient knowledge and openness for recommendation to the attending participants.

Faith 'Til You Make It: NMAT Takers' Blessing Ceremony

Date: September 26, 2025
 Venue: University Chapel
 Proponents: DLSU-D Pre-Medical Society

The ceremony offers NMAT takers a dedicated moment for prayer, reflection, and encouragement as they prepare for the challenges of the examination. The event highlights the Society's commitment to the holistic formation of its members by addressing not only academic readiness but also emotional and spiritual well-being. Anchored on the Lasallian core values of Faith, Zeal for Service, and Communion in Mission, the activity reinforces the importance of unity, perseverance, and resilience, while guiding future medical professionals toward their goals with confidence and purpose.



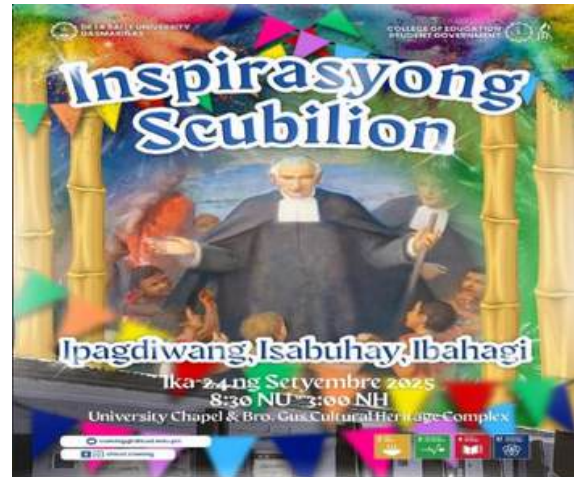
Inspirasyong Scubilion: Ipagdiwang, Isabuhay, Ibahagi

Date: September 24, 2025

Venue: University Chapel

Proponents: College of Education Student Government

Inspirasyong Scubilion: Ipagdiwang, Isabuhay, Ibahagi is a spiritual and outreach event that honors the life and works of Blessed Scubilion Rousseau by celebrating his legacy of service, education, and compassion. Through creative expressions of faith, zeal for service, and communal mission as a college, the event encourages following his lifelong dedication to serving the marginalized and the underprivileged. It also aims to promote the Ibahagi Initiative across key areas such as Essential Needs, Food and Nutrition, and Health and Wellness, reaching everyone in the College who is in need



Nurturing Financial Wellness: Establishing Roots to Success

Date: September 26, 2025

Venue: CBAA Chapel and GSB

Proponents: Junior Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines - DLSU-D



The theme for the second Nurturing Financial Wellness event is "Establishing Roots to Success" which focuses on discussions related to the connection of the current economic state to student leaders and collectives, risks of online gambling to youth's finances, and the spiritual challenges face. This event also serves as a gathering for the newly appointed Junior Executive Officers (JEOs), Executive Board members, and the general student body. It offers an opportunity to reflect on the deeper relationship between personal finances and overall wellness, acknowledging that financial challenges can influence not just one's daily life, but also mental clarity, emotional stability, and spiritual health.



Lasallian Culinary Cup 2025

Date: September 30-October 1, 2025

Venue: Centennial Hall, Hotel Rafael, Food Laboratory 3, Food Laboratory 107, Function Room 3

Proponents: Hotel and Restaurant Management Society Program Council

It aims to ignite the passion and love for culinary as they develop illuminated and notable gastronomy in the province of Cavite through competition and convention and to showcase the students' skills and knowledge in the different categories. Lastly to encourage Senior High school students taking the Culinary Tourism Track to exhibit their skills and techniques in the hospitality industry and continually raise the standards of culinary excellence and professionalism.

From leadership formations to academic guidance, faith-driven gatherings, and professional showcases, September's lineup of activities reflects the diversity and dynamism of the Lasallian student community. Together, these events reaffirm the university's mission of forming competent, committed, and compassionate leaders who embody "faith, zeal for service, and communion in mission."

CSO-RSO Officers Take Their Oath of Service



RSO Officers gather at the University Chapel for the oath-taking ceremony.

The Council of Student Organizations (CSO) and Recognized Student Organizations (RSO) of De La Salle University–Dasmariñas officially welcomed their new set of officers during the CSO-RSO Oath-Taking Ceremony held on September 24, 2025 at the University Chapel.

The program began with an invocation and the Philippine National Anthem, setting a solemn tone. In her opening remarks, Ms. Joan Bermundo, CSO Adviser and SAO Associate Director emphasized that leadership is built on service, shared responsibility, and commitment to innovation, not just titles.

Leading the pledge were the newly appointed CSO Chiefs of Committees, followed by Executive Officers under CSO's six committees. RSO Officers then took their oath, signaling their collective commitment to serve with integrity, compassion, and impartiality.

CSO Director for External Affairs Ms. Rashey Louise Etorma facilitated the oath-taking and led by CSO Director for Public Relations Ms. Mikhaela Aure. With their hands placed on the Bible, officers pledged to uphold the Lasallian values of Faith, Zeal for Service, and Communion in all their endeavors.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Andrei Emmanuel Toledo, CSO Director for Spiritual Activities reminded student leaders to hold on to their sense of purpose during challenging times.



Newly sworn CSO-RSO student leaders take their oath of service.

The ceremony ended with a group photo capturing the unified commitment of this year's CSO-RSO officers to a year of service, collaboration, and innovation – a declaration of their readiness to serve, support, and strengthen one another and the entire Lasallian community.

SDAO Launches SULONG to Strengthen Student Governance



Dr. Rommel Mazo delivers the keynote address on servant leadership.

The Student Development and Activities Office (SDAO) officially launched SULONG: Strategic University Leadership Opportunities for Nurturing Governance on September 17, 2025 at the ADG Reception Hall.

The kickoff event brought together the key bodies of the University Student Government (USG), including the Executive Branch, House of Representatives, Senate, University Student Elections (USEC), Internal Audit Service (IAS), and the High Court for a focused dialogue on trust, service, and the institutional structures that sustain student governance.

Ms. Joan Bermundo, Associate Director of the Student Affairs Office, introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Rommel Mazo, Director of the School of Governance, Public Service, and Corporate Leadership.

In his presentation, “Trust: Student Leadership in Student Governance,” Dr. Mazo underscored the centrality of servant leadership in building trust within student institutions. He highlighted practical pillars such as listening, stewardship, and commitment to growth, and argued that cultivating a trust-based environment is essential for meaningful student participation and ethical governance.

In his address, Dr. Eric Vargas emphasized the need to revise the USG Constitution to align its provisions with present-day realities and strengthen student leadership. He urged the USG Executive Board, House of Representatives, and Senate to allocate dedicated budgets for USG branches and constitutional commissions to ensure these bodies can effectively fulfill their mandates. Dr. Vargas also announced upcoming SDAO-led training sessions designed to equip student leaders with skills in leadership, governance, and preparation of data-driven proposals.

Certificates of participation were awarded to the speaker in recognition of his contribution to the program. The event closed with the singing of the Alma Mater Hymn.

SULONG is conceived as an ongoing development series to enhance the governance capabilities of student leaders across the university. SDAO encourages all USG branches and commissions to actively engage in upcoming training sessions and collaborate in the constitution review process to ensure a transparent, relevant, and service-oriented student government.



USG Branches and Constitutional Commissions attends the first SULONG Development Series.

SDAO sends delegates to Samahang Lasalyano National Assembly 2025

The Student Development and Activities Office (SDAO) reaffirmed its commitment to student leadership formation by sending official delegates from De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) to the Samahang Lasalyano National Assembly 2025 held from September 11 to 14, 2025 at Krisalis: Benilde Retreat and Conference Complex, Tagaytay City, Cavite.

With the theme *#HeartOverHype: Genuine Selflessness Over All Aspects*, this year's assembly hosted by the East Luzon Cluster brought together student leaders from Lasallian tertiary institutions across the country for workshops, evaluations, and dialogue on pressing issues and shared initiatives.

Representing DLSU-D were Mr. John Andrei Vito, USG President of the 7th Congress, and Ms. Jana Davy Mikaela Ng, Samahang Lasalyano Ambassador. The delegates shared the progress of the USG 6th Congress and participated in team-building activities designed to strengthen collaboration and camaraderie among Lasallian leaders nationwide.

This participation reflects the university's continuing mission to nurture Lasallian leaders who embody faith, service, and communion in mission by actively engaging with the broader De La Salle Philippines network to address shared challenges and advance common goals.



Delegates of the Samahang Lasalyano National Assembly 2025 gather for a solidarity photo at Krisalis: Benilde Retreat and Conference Complex in Tagaytay City.



DLSU-D student leaders join fellow Lasallians in team-building activities during the assembly.



DLSU-D delegates present the progress of the USG 6th Congress at the Samahang Lasalyano National Assembly 2025.

Curtains Up, Silence Falls: TEATRO Lasalliana's Martial Law Piece Strikes Again



Babaeng Itawis reveals to the priest the cigarette burns inflicted by soldiers.

On the stage of National University–Dasmariñas, silence weighed heavily before it was pierced by the raw, unflinching voices of a wounded Itawis girl and a refugee priest. Their story was not simply a retelling of survival during late President Ferdinand Marcos’ Martial Law — it is a mirror, reflecting wounds that still sting in the nation’s collective memory. This was Buwan at Baril: Babaeng Itawis, the chosen piece of TEATRO Lasalliana as they represented De La Salle University – Dasmariñas at Tanghal Lusong 2025.

This year’s festival, organized by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) carried the theme “Staging the Future: Theater for Livable Communities.” For two days, instrument players, dancers, singers, actors and theater enthusiasts from across Luzon gathered to celebrate the performing arts as a platform for dialogue, community, and change. TEATRO Lasalliana stepped up on stage not just as performers, but as storytellers tasked to embody narratives that disturb, awaken, and move audiences to defend historical truth.

Directed by Nazer Salcedo and written by Chris Millado, Buwan at Baril remains as relevant today as when it was first staged in 1985. The full play features five scenes: Magsasaka and Manggagawa in Scene 1, Pari and Babaeng Itawis in Scene 2, Asawa in Scene 3, Socialite in Scene 4, and Estudyante and Interogeytor in Scene 5.

TEATRO Lasalliana's excerpt revolves around the dialogue between a rescued Itawis girl (Venace Avionna Lopez) and a tortured priest (Kristofer Peter Blancaflor) who has dedicated his life to aiding fellow refugees. While she speaks in Butbut Kalinga, the priest translates for the "reporters," the audience itself who come seeking answers. But answers never come easily. Her wounds, both physical and emotional, are too raw to be reduced to words, leaving the audience unsettled in their role as silent witnesses.

This was not the group's first encounter with the piece. They had staged it on campus in 2018, 2019, and March 2025 for *The Wounds Remain: A Memoir of Martial Law*, and during Pasinaya 2019 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP). Yet this time, they faced the challenge of compressing a 25-minute performance into just 10 minutes without losing the story's weight. Limited tech checks, a smaller stage, and time constraints added pressure, but the team pulled through with precision and grit.



TEATRO Lasalliana members take the stage to receive the award.

Under the guidance of Stage Manager Prince Diesta and ASM Viancei Sabijon, the team executed the performance seamlessly, proving once again that pressure is no stranger to Teatro Lasalliana.

The performance was also as much about artistry as it was about resourcefulness. With a modest budget, ASM for Make-up Gabrielle Antenor-Cruz spent over an hour crafting 21 cigarette burns on Lopez's back using primer, glue, eyeshadow, fake blood, hair spray, and baby powder. The wounds lasted less than a minute onstage, but their impact was unforgettable.

More than a performance, *Babaeng Itawis* is an act of remembrance. It demands that history be felt, not just recalled. As the lights dimmed and silence returned, the story lingered – a reminder that the wounds of Martial Law are not relics of the past.

And as long as groups like TEATRO Lasalliana continue to tell these stories, the stage remains a space where art defends truth.

DLSU-D Chorale Advances to NAMCYA Finals



DLSU-D Chorale outside Enverga University Stadium during the Semifinals of the Senior Choir Category on September 20, 2025.

For more than five decades, the National Music Competitions for Young Artists (NAMCYA) has stood as the country's premier stage for showcasing Filipino musical excellence. Now in its 52nd year, the competition continues to gather the nation's finest young performers, choirs, and instrumentalists in a celebration of artistry and cultural pride.

This year, the De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) Chorale adds its voice to that legacy. Following a strong performance in the Senior Choir Category Semifinals, the group earned a spot in the National Finals this November, representing Region IV-A.

For DLSU-D Chorale, securing a place in the finals is already a milestone worth celebrating. Each year, countless choirs aspire to compete at NAMCYA, and being named a finalist is no small feat. This reflects not just musical talent, but also dedication, discipline, and passion for music. This milestone carries added meaning as the group rebuilds with a new generation of members eager to uphold and enrich its tradition of excellence.

During the semifinals, Chorale presented a repertoire that balanced technical mastery with emotional depth. Their performance opened with Luca Marenzio's "Già torna a rallegrar l'aria e la terra," a Renaissance piece that reflects joy and renewal. They followed with Josep Olle i Sabaté's "Ave Maris Stella," a 20th-century work showcasing vocal precision and expressive nuance. The set concluded with Nilo Alcala's "Dogalen a Mabasó," a contemporary Filipino piece rich in rhythm and cultural depth.

The selection reflected Chorale's versatility and their ability to tell stories through music; moving seamlessly from joy to reverence to cultural pride. It also demonstrated the group's capacity to convey emotion and meaning beyond words, connecting performers and listeners through shared experience.

This semifinal success, however, is only the beginning. As the group prepares for the National Finals, members are focused on strengthening their sound, refining technique, and deepening their unity as an ensemble. Each rehearsal is part of their journey to deliver a performance that embodies both technical excellence and heartfelt expression.

More than competition, this moment is about purpose. Even in a period of transition, the DLSU-D Chorale continues to prove that the spirit of music remains constant; resonating with hope, resilience, and shared passion.

As November approaches, DLSU-D Chorale looks ahead with determination, carrying their tradition and renewed voice to the national stage -- ready to inspire, connect, and make their mark as they step into this defining moment.

At Your Service!



Jay Allan Francisco

Graphic and Layout Artist, Student Media and Publication Office

In the bustling world of student media and publications, where stories are told and milestones are preserved, one quiet force has been shaping narratives and inspiring generations of Lasallians for more than two decades. Meet Jay Allan Francisco, Graphic and Layout Artist of De La Salle University - Dasmariñas's Student Media and Publication Office, whose journey began with a simple desire to grow and has since evolved into a lifetime of service.

Jay first set foot in DLSU-D in March 2001 as a contractual graphic designer and layout artist at the Institutional Yearbook Office. A little over a year later, he became a regular employee, marking the beginning of a career that would eventually weave through the transitions from the Student Publications Office to what is now the Student Media and Publications Office. "It all began with a simple desire to grow and to be of service," he shares. "At first, I was just focused on doing my best in my tasks and responsibilities, but along the way, I discovered that it is even more fulfilling when you are able to inspire and help others as well."

It is this spirit of service that has defined his more than two decades at the university. What initially started as a job became a vocation deeply rooted in the culture of excellence and service that DLSU-D is known for. "The environment here is inspiring. The culture is contagious," Jay Allan reflects.

“ Education is not just about knowledge; it builds character and values. I knew I was in the right place. ”



*Final Pre-Press for Vicissitude 2012 Yearbook
April 30, 2013 | Midtown Printing Press, Davao City
L-R: Ms. Kareena Sulit, Ms. Lhany Alvaran, and
Ms. Cez Falcon*

A Front-Row Seat to Growth

For Jay, the most rewarding part of his career isn't the events, publications, or accolades; it's the students. As part of SMPO, he has witnessed countless student leaders and artists grow, find their voices, and leave their mark. "There's a unique sense of fulfillment when I see students succeed. Knowing that in some way, I was part of their journey," he says. "When they return years later to say thank you and share how their experiences shaped their lives, those simple thank-yous and smiles are priceless."



*GPP 2013 Yearbook Distribution
February 18, 2014 | DLSU-D Amphitheater
With Mr. Emmanuel Mendoza*

Through the years, Jay has seen the academic landscape of DLSU-D evolve - new technologies, changing student dynamics, and growing expectations. But what remains constant, he notes, is the heart of the community. "Whenever there are projects that seem impossible at first, but we finish them through teamwork and dedication, those were moments I cherish most," he adds. His work has been part of many impactful programs that have extended far beyond the campus, leaving lasting impressions on both students and communities.

Passion Sustained by Purpose

Sustaining passion for over 20 years is no small feat. For Jay, it comes down to finding meaning in everyday life. "What motivates me is the chance to make a positive impact on students' lives. Even if my contribution seems small, it can still make a difference," he says. "The support from my colleagues and the community pushes me to give my best every day."

Like any journey, his career has not been without challenges. Juggling multiple responsibilities, tight deadlines, and high expectations once tested his resilience. But instead of letting the weight overwhelm him, he leaned on teamwork and trust. "I learned to delegate and focus on the purpose of what we were doing," he shares.

“ *In the end, everything came together, and it reminded me that with teamwork and determination, even the toughest challenges can be managed.* **”**

Inspiring the Next Generation

As someone who has seen hundreds of students pass through the doors of Vicissitude, Jay knows the value of mentorship. His advice to those just starting their journey in student services is simple but profound: "Be open to learning and enjoy the experience. Don't be afraid to make mistakes because that's part of growth. Build connections, ask questions, and remember that student services are about helping students. If you put your heart into serving others, the work becomes truly fulfilling."

Looking ahead, Jay Allan hopes to see DLSU-D continue to nurture a culture of excellence, leadership, and service. "I hope the university continues to be a place where students feel supported and inspired," he says. "I also wish for more programs that encourage collaboration and volunteerism, where students can see how their contributions make a real impact."

And as for his own role? He remains steadfast: "I just hope to keep contributing in any way I can, whether by guiding, supporting, or simply being there for the students."

After all, true service doesn't always make the loudest noise. Sometimes, it's found in the quiet dedication of people like Jay Allan Francisco whose work, though often behind the scenes, continues to inspire long after the ink has dried.



At Your Service!

Lasallians Join Trillion Peso March

On September 21, 2025, students, alumni, and administrators from De La Salle schools across Luzon joined thousands of Filipinos in the Trillion Peso March, a large-scale protest denouncing alleged government corruption involving ghost projects worth trillions of pesos.

Organized by De La Salle Philippines (DLSP), the march began at La Salle Green Hills (LSGH) and moved toward the People Power Monument. Participants from various Lasallian institutions walked in unity, carrying banners, and chanting calls for transparency, accountability, and reform in government spending.

Before the march set off, Atty. Chel Diokno, lawmaker and founder of the De La Salle University College of Law, addressed the crowd at LSGH as a guest speaker. He emphasized the power of civic engagement and standing up for justice, principles deeply rooted in Lasallian education and mission.

As the procession neared its destination, a sudden downpour forced many participants to seek shelter before reaching the monument. Yet, even under heavy rain, the spirit of the movement remained unshaken.



*Lasallians march to EDSA to protest massive corruption in DPWH's flood control projects
(Photo: Heraldo Filipino).*

The sight of Lasallians marching together had already sent a clear message: courage, unity, and conscience endure -- rain or shine.

At the monument, Diokno rejoined the participants and reminded them of the magnitude of the issue. *"Yung mga nakita nating korapsyon, katiting lang 'yan ng mga ninakaw nila,"* he declared, his voice rising above the weather and drawing loud cheers from the crowd.

In the end, the Trillion Peso March became more than just a protest. It stood as a living expression of Lasallian faith, mission, and commitment to justice – an assertion that no amount of rain can drown out the collective voice of the masses determined to demand accountability.

SMPO General Assembly 2025 Marks a New Chapter for Campus Media

The General Assembly of Student Media and Publications 2025 held on September 17 at the Alumni Multi-purpose Hall marked a significant milestone for the newly established Student Media and Publication Office (SMPO) of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas. The event gathered members of The Herald Filipino and Vicissitude, together with administrators, alumni, and special guests for an afternoon of orientation, inspiration, and community building.



SMPO General Assembly participants listen intently to the speaker.

Close to 60 student journalists from the two publications joined and represented the university's student media community.

In her opening message, Dean Jacqueline Morta of the Office of Student Services highlighted the importance of creating spaces for student voices to thrive.



University Mentor Br. Victor Franco FSC delivers an insightful talk.

Br. Victor Franco FSC followed with an inspirational message that underscored the role of student media in upholding truth, critical thinking, integrity, and service.

University Provost, Dr. Christian George Francisco and HF alumnus Jecoup Asombrado also shared their experiences as former student journalists and how campus journalism helped shape their academic and professional journey.

SMPO Director Jem Puchero presented the office's vision, objectives, programs, and services, emphasizing its commitment to empowering student journalists. Updates from Glaiza Bernadette Cabillon, HF's Editor-in-chief, and Francesco Sayasaya, Vicissitude's Executive Editor followed, along with the introduction of new staff members for the academic year.

The program was brought to life by hosts Gwyneth Paredes of the USG Judiciary and Frances Nicole Umbao, HF's Associate Editor. Special thanks were extended to the documentation and technical teams led by HF Chief for Web Naomi Hannah de Lima whose efforts helped ensure the smooth execution of the event.

The GA served as a meaningful first step toward building a stronger network of student publications on campus. Through its programs and initiatives, SMPO aims to provide training, guidance, and platforms for students to express their ideas responsibly and creatively.



Group photo of SMPO Team with student journalists from The Heraldo Filipino and Vicissitude after the event.

As SMPO begins this new chapter, it envisions a vibrant campus press community where every voice is heard.

SDO appoints SWC's Elmer Jimenez as New College Sports Officer

The Sports Development Office (SDO) has appointed long-time guidance counselor Mr. Elmer Jimenez, RGC, RPsy as its new College Sports Officer effective October 1, 2025. This move underscores SDO's commitment to integrating student welfare with athletic excellence.

With years of experience guiding students in their personal and academic growth, Mr. Jimenez brings a unique and holistic perspective to sports development. As guidance counselor for the College of Education (CoEd) and College of Engineering Architecture and Technology (CEAT), he is well-positioned to bridge academics, mental health, and athletic performance.

His appointment is met with confidence as his expertise in guidance and counseling is expected to further strengthen athlete support programs, promote mental health and well-being, and foster the holistic development of student athletes.

Likewise, Mr. Jimenez expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to build stronger relationships with student athletes and provide meaningful support that goes beyond the playing field.

Mr. Jimenez's appointment takes effect on October 1, 2025.

SWC Services Orientation Builds Connections, Promotes Well-Being



CEAT Counselor Ms. Dettie Panganiban explains SWC services to the class.

As the new academic year begins, the Student Wellness Center welcomed incoming freshmen with its **SWC Services Orientation Program**, an initiative designed to support their smooth transition into college life. Recognizing that stepping into a new environment can be both exciting and overwhelming, the program aims to help students feel at home while equipping them with the tools to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Conducted during the first two months of the school year, the orientation introduces freshmen students to the full range of SWC services, including academic guidance, career and personal counseling, and psychoeducational development support. Students are encouraged to view SWC as a safe space where they can seek help, ask questions, and share concerns.

The orientation also highlights the office's mission of fostering holistic growth, rooted in the Lasallian values of faith, service, and community.

In response to the growing need for mental health awareness, each class orientation includes a small group session on mental health care. These interactive sessions provide a more personal setting for students to engage with their counselor in meaningful discussions on stress and time management, self-care practices, resilience building, and balancing academic and personal responsibilities. Through these conversations, students can share experiences, learn from one another, and develop practical coping strategies.

The SWC Freshmen Orientation Program reaffirms the office's commitment to accompanying students throughout their university journey, ensuring that no one feels alone in facing the challenges of college life. More than an academic milestone, the freshmen year represents a season of new beginnings, growth, self-discovery, and community building - and SWC is ready to support each student every step of the way.

SWAFO promotes Initiatives, Strengthens Campus Discipline and Integrity



*Mr. Ruel Elias opens the "Know Your Rights" forum as its first speaker.
(Photo: Heraldo Filipino)*

The University Student Government (USG) gathered students at Tanghalan Julian Felipe (TJF) for the "Know Your Rights: Ugnay, Suri, at Gabay" forum. This event serves to clarify the framework that guides student life at DLSU-D.

Mr. Ruel Elias, Director of the Student Welfare and Formation Office (SWAFO) opened the program by emphasizing that understanding the Student Handbook is essential. He explained that university policies are anchored on national educational mandates, including the CHED Memorandum Order No. 9 Series of 2013 and the Manual of Regulations for Private Higher Education (MORPHE) to ensure consistency and fairness in implementing disciplinary measures.

Mr. Elias also presented data on student violations over the past three years to give a clear view of current disciplinary trends and a clear picture of the community's disciplinary challenges. He also outlined SWAFO's services and the University Code of Conduct to remind students of their rights and responsibilities.

To proactively address recurring issues, Mr. Elias introduced SWAFO's two new initiatives: the Special Program on Advanced Discipline Education (SPADE) and the Most Disciplined College of the Year Award. These programs aim to go beyond mere enforcement, support student success, reduce incidence of offenses, and fundamentally contribute to the overall well-being and integrity of the DLSU-D community.

Mr. Elias concluded with a powerful reminder: "knowing your rights is inseparable from understanding your responsibilities," encouraging students to take an active role in maintaining a respectful and accountable campus community.

CCJESG Leads Leadership Formation for Student Leaders

On September 15-16, 2025, the College of Criminal Justice Education Student Government (CCJESG) held a two-day leadership formation session titled “F.A.L.C.O.N: Soar to Greater Heights” at Felipe Calderon Hall (FCH) 108. The event aimed to equip CCJE officers with knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become responsible, visionary, and service-oriented student leaders.



CCJE student leaders listens attentively to Dr. Morta's lecture.

A highlight of the second day was an inspiring talk by OSS Dean Dr. Jacqueline Morta, “Being a Lasallian Student Leader: Empowering Leadership Through Faith, Service, and Communion in Mission.” Dr. Morta began the session by inviting student leaders to reflect on their mission not merely as representatives of their peers, but as catalysts for meaningful change rooted in Lasallian values.

She emphasized that leadership in the university setting goes beyond tasks and titles. It is, above all, a vocation; a call to serve with purpose, compassion, and integrity. Student leaders, she reminded, carry the responsibility of being role models and agents of positive change, promoting inclusivity and ethical decision-making within their organizations.

Dr. Morta also shared examples of student-led initiatives that have made tangible impacts on campus life, illustrating how effective leadership can directly enhance student experience and foster a culture of care, innovation, and community. Addressing common challenges such as time management, conflict resolution, and sustaining motivation, she framed these as opportunities for growth, resilience, and a deeper commitment to the Lasallian mission.

She concluded by encouraging participants to reflect on their personal leadership journeys, the kind of Lasallian leaders they aspire to be, and the legacy they hope to leave. Leadership, she underscored, is a lifelong journey, one that demands continuous self-improvement, authentic service, and a steadfast commitment to values-driven action.

ROTC Training Day Celebrates Leadership, Tradition, and New Beginnings

The Graduation, **Promotion, Turnover Ceremony, and Reception Rites 2025** of the 267th NROTC Unit was a momentous occasion filled with pride, tradition, and meaningful milestones. Held on September 20, 2025 at the University Grandstand, the Corps brought together the entire Corps to celebrate the graduation of Batch **"Kalasag,"** the promotion and turnover of Batches **"Masidlahi"** and **"Mabalasik,"** and the Reception Rites of Batch **"Bagwis."**

OSS Dean Dr. Jacqueline Morta introduced Br. Normandy Dujunco FSC as the inspirational speaker. Br. Mandy's inspirational message resonated deeply with the Corps, leaving them inspired with wisdom, courage, and a renewed commitment to the Lasallian and ROTC spirit.

The event also honored the unwavering support and presence of Ms. Lanie Roque-Barrera, NSTP-ROTC Coordinator, fondly regarded as the *"mother of the unit."* Her steadfast guidance and encouragement have been instrumental in nurturing the Corps' enduring values of unity and service.

In full support of the ceremony were the training staff from the Philippine Navy led by LCDR Freddie Navarro PN, Assistant Commandant, and PO3 Ricky Galera PN, CMAA. Alongside the rest of the training team, they continue to play a vital role in shaping the discipline, leadership, and excellence of every cadet.

More than a ceremonial gathering, the 5th training day stood as a proud testament to the Corps' legacy of service, dedication, and leadership. It marked not only transitions in command but also the beginning of new journeys, anchored in the enduring principles of Honor, Duty, and Country.

Indeed, the 5th Training Day was not just a ceremony but a celebration of unity, growth, leadership, and the unbreakable spirit of the 267th NROTCU.



The Corps Commander pours water on the newly convened COCCs during the Reception Rite, symbolizing their new beginning as aspiring cadet officers of the 267th NROTCU.



Students who chose ROTC as their NSTP component hone their public speaking skills as hosts of the Joint Reception Rites and Turnover Ceremony.



Ms. Lanie Barrera, newly appointed ROTC coordinator with OSS Dean Dr. Jacqueline Morta, inspirational speaker, Br. Normandy Dujunco FSC, and incoming Commandant LCDR Freddie Navarro PN.



Cadet Sanchez accepts the Saber, symbolizing the assumption of duties and responsibilities as Corps Commander.



Cadet Muncada accepts the Saber, symbolizing the assumption of duties and responsibilities as Vice Corps Commander.



Officers await their well-deserved promotion.

Lasallians Extend Compassion Through PANIMOLA 2025 Outreach



Dasmariñas City Jail personnel receive Panimola 2025-donated hygiene kits from the Lasallian Community Development Center, supporting health and dignity of persons deprived of liberty.

On September 17, 2025, the Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC), in collaboration with the Office of Student Services (OSS), led the distribution of school supplies and hygiene kits collected during the PANIMOLA DLSU-D Freshmen Orientation 2025.

During the PANIMOLA Closing Mass held on August 15, 2025, freshmen were invited to offer school supplies or hygiene kits as a symbolic gesture of their entry into the Lasallian community.

These donations became part of a larger outreach effort that benefited 275 individuals from various marginalized sectors, including:

- Bahay Pag-asa ng DLSU-D
- San Nicolas Elementary School
- Bahay Kalinga
- Bukal ng Kapayapaan
- Dasmariñas City Jail
- Bahay Tuluyan ng mga Bata
- Diocese of Imus Synodality Center
- Indigenous People (Mangyan Community in Mindoro)

Each kit distributed carried not only essential items but also a message of hope and solidarity. The initiative stands as a testament to the power of collective action and the university's enduring dedication to social responsibility.

LCDC faculty members Melanie Malabanan, Jhoven Paulite, and Dr. Socorro Grace Red, who also served as a member of the PANIMOLA core committee, facilitated the distribution. They were joined by Ms. Diana Jean Roque from the University Lasallian Family Office, a fellow PANIMOLA core committee member.

Through PANIMOLA, freshmen were not only welcomed into the academic fold but also introduced to the transformative impact of community engagement; a hallmark of Lasallian education that continues to inspire meaningful action and lifelong service.



Bukal ng Kapayapaan, a center serving children with special needs, receives hygiene kits donated through Panimola 2025.



LCDC and ULFO representatives deliver Panimola 2025-donated hygiene kits to the Diocese of Imus Solidarity Center



San Nicolas Elementary School receives school supplies donated through Panimola 2025, supporting students' learning needs.

SPADE Road Show Hits CBAA Town Hall



SWAFO Director Mr. Ruel Elias discusses SPADE during the CBAA Town Hall Meeting via MS Teams.

The College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA) took a proactive step toward professionalism and integrity during its Town Hall meeting on September 24, 2025 via MS Teams. Organized by the CBAA Student Government (CBAASG) led by Governor Ms. Hannah Marielle Dela Cruz, the event featured Mr. Ruel Elias, Director of the Student Welfare and Formation Office (SWAFO) as the resource speaker. His discussion aimed to integrate discipline into the college's success-driven culture.

Mr. Elias presented the Special Program on Advanced Discipline Education (SPADE), SWAFO's flagship initiative aimed at promoting accountability, minimizing violations, and strengthening the university's culture of discipline. To provide a clear context, Mr. Elias shared key data on policy compliance, including the dress code policy, three-year violation statistics, and the most common infractions recorded within the college.

Beyond the numbers, Mr. Elias underscored the critical importance of adhering to the university's discipline policy. He leveraged the data to challenge CBAA students to set the standard and work toward earning the "Most Disciplined College of the Year" Award. He emphasized that academic excellence is best sustained by a strong foundation of ethical conduct, especially in fields like business and accounting.

The event concluded with an open forum where students raised concerns on uniform policies and document processing timelines. Mr. Elias addressed these questions with clear, data-driven explanations, including figures from the Ancillary and Asset Management Office (AAMO) on uniform purchases and processing details for the Certificate of Good Moral Character.

By fostering open dialogue and transparency, the session reinforced CBAA's commitment to both academic and character formation.

SWAFO Formation Program Inspires Responsible Lasallian Citizenship



Students actively participate in the SWAFO Formation Program session.

The Student Welfare and Formation Office (SWAFO) held the second session of its Formation Program for Batch 38 on September 17, 2025 at Felipe Calderon Hall. Facilitated by Ms. Odessa Parreño and supported by Mr. Rex Ceballos, the session began at 2:30 p.m. and brought together 45 participants who demonstrated strong commitment to formation and self-development.

Centered on the theme "Upholding the Code of Conduct – Living Out the Lasallian Values," the session used a creative and interactive approach through a role-playing skit.

Participants were grouped and tasked to act out real-life scenarios related to discipline and the Code of Conduct. This activity encouraged them to go beyond lectures, prompting reflection on the deeper values of respect, integrity, and accountability that underpin university life.

Following the presentations, reflective sharing followed, allowing participants to discuss their realizations and connect their experiences to the Code of Conduct and the Lasallian core values they are expected to uphold.

The session concluded on a positive note, affirming SWAFO's mission to form students who embody not only academic excellence but also moral integrity and social responsibility. Through its ongoing Formation Program, SWAFO continues to guide Lasallians toward becoming ethically grounded individuals ready to contribute positively to the university and the wider community.

OSS General Assembly Kicks Off Lecture on Inclusion and Safe Spaces



OSS personnel gather for a group photo following the general assembly.

The Office of Student Services (OSS) officially opened the 2025–2026 academic year with its Start of the School Year General Assembly held on September 10, 2025 at the University's Retreat and Recollection Center. The event brought together OSS administrators, faculty, and support staff for a meaningful day of reflection, collaboration, and professional growth.

In her welcome remarks, OSS Dean Dr. Jacqueline Morta emphasized the importance of the assembly as an opportunity to foster open dialogue, renew shared purpose, and strengthen collaboration within the OSS community.

She encouraged everyone to continue supporting one another, embrace innovation, and remain grounded in the Lasallian values of faith, service, and community.

A key highlight of the program was the lecture delivered by Dr. Maria Virginia Aguilar, Dean of the College of Professional and Graduate Studies (CPGS), who served as the guest speaker. Her talk, "Every Voice Counts: Inclusion, Access, and the Power of Difference," focused on the critical role of educational institutions in creating safe and affirming spaces for all learners, particularly those from historically marginalized backgrounds.

Dr. Aguilar shared powerful insights on how universities can intentionally foster environments where every individual feels respected, valued, and empowered to participate fully. She emphasized the need for equitable access to opportunities, resources, and support systems that allow all students regardless of ability or background to thrive. She also underscored how diverse identities and perspectives strengthen institutions, enrich collective learning, and drive innovation.

This seminar forms part of the OSS Administrators, Faculty, and Support Staff Development Program (OSSAFSSDP) for the academic year, reflecting OSS's commitment to continuous professional development and inclusive student services.



Dr. Aguilar underscores the pivotal role educational institutions play in creating safe, affirming environments for all students.

The assembly set an inspiring tone for the year ahead, reaffirming OSS's shared mission to cultivate a supportive, inclusive, and transformative educational environment for all members of the university community.

OSS Joins Root Cause Analysis Training

In line with its commitment to continuous improvement and excellence in student services, the Office of Student Services (OSS) participated in Root Cause Analysis (RCA) training on September 5, 2025, at the Ayuntamiento De Gonzalez Reception Hall.

Organized by the Herminia D. Torres-Quality Assurance Office, this initiative is part of the university's ongoing efforts to strengthen its compliance with the ISO 21001: 2018 Educational Organization Management System (EOMS) standards.



Dr. Janette Rodriguez discusses the importance of conducting Root Cause Analysis (RCA) as a tool for continuous improvement in educational institutions.

The session was facilitated by Dr. Janette Rodriguez, Director of the Institute for Academic Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Holy Angel University. A seasoned consultant and recognized expert in EOMS ISO 21001:2018, Dr. Rodriguez shared practical knowledge and best practices in institutional quality systems and educational management.

Her lecture focused on equipping university administrators with tools and methodologies to identify the root causes of nonconformities and service delivery issues. Dr. Rodriguez advised participants to address underlying causes rather than surface-level symptoms to ensure more sustainable and effective solutions.

She also highlighted relevant ISO 21001 clauses for RCA and offered strategic insights on conducting RCA effectively. Dr. Rodriguez emphasized that RCA is more than just a compliance requirement; it is a strategic tool for fostering a culture of accountability, innovation, and continuous learning.

The training marks an important step in OSS's quality assurance journey, furthering its commitment to delivering responsive and effective student services while advancing the university's broader pursuit of institutional excellence and stakeholder satisfaction under the ISO 21001 framework.

SWC Psychometrician Joins Fellow Helping Professionals at Annual PAP Convention

Student Wellness Center (SWC) registered psychometrician Ms. Marnil Rosaroso, Rpm attended this year's Philippine Psychological Convention (PAP Con) and 8th ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies (ARUPS) Congress held from September 24 to 27, 2025 in Cebu City.

This year's theme: FUTURESCAPING PSYCHOLOGY: Our Role in Attaining the Sustainable Development Goals underscored the critical role of psychology in building a more just, inclusive, and sustainable future.

PAP Con is an annual gathering of psychology professionals and allied service providers across the Philippines and the ASEAN region. This year's assembly co-organized by PAP and ARUPS featured a series of plenary talks, workshops, and collaborative discussions that explored psychology's contributions to achieving global development goals.

The convention centered on five key areas aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): mental health and well-being (SDG 3); quality education and inclusive learning (SDG 4); reduced inequalities, gender, justice and social inclusion (SDG 5, SDG 10); environmental psychology, sustainability and climate action (SDG 13, SDG 15); and cross sectoral partnerships and community engagement (SDG 17).

Participants were challenged to move beyond traditional models of diagnosis and treatment to envision how psychology can actively shape sustainable, equitable futures. Discussions also examined the complexities of implementing mental health policies in ASEAN countries, particularly in workplace settings where systemic issues often reflect broader mental health challenges.

The convention underscored the importance of collective effort in raising mental health care consciousness as both a personal and community concern. ARUPS President Adrian Toh captured this message powerfully, saying, *"Because if we truly believe that every life matters, then every mind matters too."*

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