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## Report

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## **DLSU-D Faculty to Lead Special Education Courses at La Salle Madrid Exchange Program**

Dr. Royce Salva, a distinguished faculty member from De La Salle University-Dasmariñas' (DLSU-D) College of Education and College of Professional and Graduate Studies, is set to embark on a faculty exchange program at La Salle Campus in Madrid, Spain.

Dr. Salva will be handling courses in Special Education, aligning with La Salle Madrid's commitment to a holistic approach to education, research, and innovation. The program emphasizes the integration of international perspectives and the fostering of intercultural understanding, providing a unique opportunity for both institutions.

The formal contract signing ceremony took place today at the Office of the Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations at DLSU-D. Key university officials were present to witness the agreement, including Dr. George Francisco, Dr. Teresa Valdez, Dr. Arvin Gacelo, Dr. Nor Cacuela, and Dr. Royce Salva.

"This exchange program represents a significant step in strengthening the academic ties between DLSU-D and La Salle Madrid," stated Dr. Nor Cacuela, Director of the Linkages and Scholarship Office. "Dr. Salva's expertise in Special Education will undoubtedly contribute to the enriching educational experience of students at La Salle Madrid."

Dr. Salva's engagement in the program is expected to facilitate a valuable exchange of pedagogical approaches and research insights, furthering the development of inclusive and innovative educational practices. The collaboration underscores DLSU-D's commitment to internationalization and its dedication to providing its faculty with opportunities for global academic engagement.

This partnership with La Salle Madrid will not only benefit the students in Spain but will also bring back valuable knowledge to DLSU-D, enriching its own Special Education programs. The university looks forward to the successful implementation of this faculty exchange and the continued strengthening of its international partnerships.



## Heidi Mendoza Inspires DLSU-D Students, Linking Good Governance to UN SDGs 4 & 16

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) witnessed a powerful convergence of ethical leadership and global development goals as former Commission on Audit (COA) Commissioner Heidi Mendoza delivered a transformative lecture on good governance, transparency, and accountability to its accountancy students. The lecture resonated deeply, connecting the principles of ethical accounting to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4 (Quality Education) and 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions).

Commissioner Mendoza, a figure synonymous with integrity and unwavering commitment to public service, addressed the DLSU-D community, including De La Salle Brothers, administrators, faculty, and students, emphasizing the vital role of accounting in fostering a just and equitable society. Her insights, drawn from extensive real-world experience, provided a compelling framework for understanding the ethical responsibilities inherent in the accounting profession.

The lecture's significance extended beyond professional ethics, directly aligning with UN SDG 16, which champions peace, justice, and strong institutions. Commissioner Mendoza underscored how transparent and accountable financial practices are foundational to building robust and trustworthy institutions, which are vital for sustainable development.

Furthermore, her message resonated with SDG 4, which advocates for quality education. By equipping future accountants with a strong ethical compass and a comprehensive understanding of good governance, the lecture contributed to the development of professionals who will drive positive change in their communities.

"Commissioner Mendoza's lecture provided our students with invaluable perspectives on the ethical dimensions of accounting, directly linking their professional responsibilities to global development goals," stated a faculty member from the College of Business Administration and Accountancy. "Her insights will undoubtedly inspire them to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and integrity throughout their careers, contributing to the realization of SDGs 4 and 16."

The event served as a pivotal moment for DLSU-D students, offering them a unique opportunity to learn from a distinguished leader and understand the broader societal impact of their chosen field. DLSU-D remains steadfast in its commitment to providing students with opportunities to engage with thought leaders and industry experts, fostering ethical and responsible professionals who are equipped to contribute to a sustainable and just future.





## **DLSU-D Student Selected to Represent the University at International Sustainability Summit in Hungary**

Mr. Gavin Dale Q. Sitones, a second-year Bachelor of Science in Psychology student from De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D), has been chosen to represent DLSU-D at the prestigious 3rd International Student Leaders Meeting on Sustainability (ISLMS 2025) in Szeged, Hungary.

The event, scheduled for April 10-12, 2025, will convene student leaders from across the globe to engage in critical discussions and collaborative initiatives focused on sustainability. Organized in partnership with the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings, the ISLMS 2025 aims to foster cross-cultural connections and develop actionable plans for a more sustainable future.

A formal contract signing ceremony, held at the ADG Boardroom on March 31, 2025, solidified Mr. Sitones' participation. Key university officials witnessed the momentous occasion, including Mr. Loreto Camiloza, Chair of the Philosophy and Psychology Department; Dr. Nor Cachuela, Director of the Linkages and Scholarship Office; and Ms. Rachelle Arbiol, the Internationalization and Program Mobility Officer. Mrs. Sitones, Gavin's mother, was also present to celebrate her son's achievement.

Mr. Sitones, an active member of the Lasallian Student Ambassadors, expressed his enthusiasm and gratitude for the opportunity. "I am deeply honored and excited to have this opportunity to represent DLSU-D and the Philippines on such an important international stage," he stated.

Mr. Loreto Camiloza conveyed the Philosophy and Psychology Department's pride in Mr. Sitones' selection. "We are incredibly proud of Gavin's selection. His dedication and commitment to sustainability are commendable, and we are confident that he will make significant contributions to the ISLMS 2025," he affirmed.

DLSU-D's participation in the ISLMS 2025 underscores the university's commitment to fostering global citizenship and promoting sustainable practices among its students. Mr. Sitones' involvement in the summit is expected to not only enhance his personal growth but also contribute to the broader dialogue on environmental stewardship.



## DLSU-D Explores Edu-Tourism Opportunities in Korea During KTO Familiarization Tour 2025

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) actively participated in the Familiarization Tour 2025 organized by the Korea Tourism Organization (KTO) Manila Office and Rackso Travel, held from April 21-27, 2025. Representing DLSU-D were Prof. Paul Antony Notorio, Dean of the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management (CTHM), and Dr. Nor Cachuela from the Linkages and Scholarship Office.

DLSU-D joined the Philippine delegation representing various Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), including De La Salle College of St. Benilde, University of Santo Tomas, Far Eastern University, Ateneo de Davao University and Ateneo de Iloilo. The education delegation conducted ocular visits to the different edu-tourism landscape and cultural heritage sites of several key destinations to have an overview of South Korea's provinces namely: Jeju Island, Busan, Gyeongju and Seoul.

A significant aspect of the familiarization tour involved meetings with key representatives from various provincial offices of KTO and the main KTO office. These interactions provided invaluable opportunities for the Philippine HEIs, including DLSU-D, to network, discuss potential collaborations, and gain a deeper understanding of the support and resources available for organizing educational tours to South Korea.

For DLSU-D, the participation of Dean Notorio and Dr. Cachuela underscores the university's commitment to providing its students, particularly those in the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management, with global exposure and practical learning experiences. The familiarization tour presented numerous opportunities for developing educational tours that could significantly enhance the students' understanding of international practices, cultural nuances, and the diverse offerings of South Korea.

"This familiarization tour has been incredibly insightful," remarked Prof. Notorio. "Witnessing firsthand the diverse tourism assets of Jeju, Busan, Gyeongju, and Seoul, and engaging with KTO representatives, has opened up exciting possibilities for our students. We hope to continuously include immersive educational tours that will provide them with invaluable practical knowledge and a broader global perspective within the tourism and hospitality industry."

Dr. Cachuela shared a similar sentiment, emphasizing the potential for strengthening international linkages. "The connections made during this tour with KTO and other Philippine HEIs are crucial for fostering collaborative initiatives. We look forward to exploring avenues for student exchange programs and customized educational tours that align with DLSU-D's academic programs."





## Christ University-India Faculty Members Join DLSU-D Civil Engineering Program for Short-Term Exchange

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas' (DLSU-D) Office of the Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations (OVPGEER) warmly welcomed two distinguished faculty members from Christ University, India. Dr. Matcha Beulah and Dr. Jacob Alex Kollerathu have joined the College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology (CEAT) as exchange faculty and will be imparting their expertise to students under the Civil Engineering program during their short-term visit.

This collaborative initiative underscores DLSU-D's ongoing commitment to strengthen and internationalize its engineering programs. By hosting international faculty, the university aims to provide its students with valuable global perspectives and enrich their learning experience.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Beulah and Dr. Kollerathu to our DLSU-D community," said Dr. Francisco, Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations. "Their presence will undoubtedly bring fresh insights and diverse teaching methodologies to our Civil Engineering program, ultimately benefiting our students and faculty alike."

Dr. Beulah and Dr. Kollerathu bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience in their respective fields within Civil Engineering. Their short-term engagement will involve teaching specialized courses, sharing their research expertise, and interacting with students and faculty members.

This exchange program not only enhances the academic environment at DLSU-D but also fosters stronger ties between the two universities, paving the way for potential future collaborations in research and academic endeavors. The students of the Civil Engineering program can look forward to an enriching learning experience, gaining a broader understanding of global engineering practices and perspectives.

The arrival of the Christ University faculty marks a significant step in DLSU-D's continuous efforts to provide its students with a world-class education and prepare them to be globally competitive engineers.



## **DLSU-D Welcomes International Partners to Forge Stronger Ties and Expand Global Initiatives**

Dasmarinas City, Cavite, Philippines - De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) recently played host to esteemed delegates from partner institutions in Thailand, Vietnam, and India, marking a significant step towards the expansion of its internationalization initiatives. Officials from Hanoi National University of Education (HNUE) in Vietnam and Kasetsart University (KU) in Thailand joined the University's Office of the Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations (OVPGEER) for a productive meeting held on campus.

The discussions centered around exploring new avenues for collaboration, including student and faculty exchange programs, joint research endeavors, and the development of transnational education opportunities. Both HNUE and KU representatives expressed enthusiasm for deepening their partnerships with DLSU-D, recognizing the University's commitment to academic excellence and its growing international profile.

Adding another layer to their visit, the international delegates also actively participated in the 3rd International Conference on Research Inclusivity Sustainability (INCRIS), hosted by the DLSU-D University Research Office. Their presence in the conference as keynote speakers provided a valuable platform for knowledge sharing, networking with local and international researchers, and exploring potential collaborative research projects aligned with sustainable development goals.

The visit signifies DLSU-D's proactive approach to internationalization, aiming to provide its students and faculty with broader global perspectives and opportunities. The ongoing collaborations with institutions like HNUE and KU are expected to yield tangible benefits in the areas of academic exchange, research, and cultural understanding, further solidifying DLSU-D's position as a globally engaged university in the Calabarzon region.





## **Sharing the Lasallian Way: DLSU-D Welcomes La Salle Iligan for Benchmarking Activity**

A team from La Salle Academy - Iligan (LSAI), headed by Br. Marvin Sipin FSC, recently visited De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) for a benchmarking activity. The delegation, which also included Ms. Tuesday Malifer, Ms. Michelle Sacay, and Mr. Larry Estalane, engaged in discussions with various DLSU-D offices to gain insights into best practices in student life, linkages and advancement, as well as marketing and communications.

The benchmarking initiative aimed to provide the La Salle Iligan administrators with a deeper understanding of DLSU-D's successful strategies in these key areas. The discussions were centered on DLSU-D's experiences, innovations, and effective approaches in fostering a vibrant student life, building strong external linkages and advancement programs, and implementing impactful marketing and communication strategies.

The academic benchmarking activity is envisioned to create opportunities for both DLSU-D and La Salle Iligan to learn from each other's strengths and potentially explore future collaborations. By understanding different operational models and successful initiatives, both institutions can identify areas for improvement and innovation in their respective campuses.

The benchmarking activity underscores the strong collaborative spirit within the De La Salle Philippines system, where institutions actively support each other in their pursuit of academic excellence and holistic student development. This exchange between DLSU-D and La Salle Iligan is a testament to the commitment of Lasallian institutions to continuous improvement and the sharing of best practices for the benefit of their students and communities.





## **OVPGEER Connects CCJE: Internationalization, Resource Generation, Extension Focus**

DLSU-D's OVPGEER visited the College of Criminal Justice Education (CCJE) to share global and community opportunities. Dean Rodel Esmilla and CCJE faculty learned about exchange programs, scholarships, career support, and community projects. OVPGEER, led by Dr. Francisco, wants to ensure that all colleges know about these resources. "We're bringing these opportunities directly to them," said Dr. Francisco.

This strategic outreach aims to inform colleges directly about the extensive resources offered by OVPGEER, designed to enhance academic and professional development significantly. Key areas emphasized during the meeting included: International Mobility: Faculty and student exchange programs promoting global collaboration and cultural immersion. Scholarship Grants: Accessible scholarship programs and streamlined application processes. Resource Generation Programs: Fundraising initiatives and strategic partnerships to support university projects. Career Placement: Support services for student career trajectories, including internships and job placement. Community Development: Initiatives focused on local community service and social responsibility. Service-Learning Programs: Opportunities integrating academic learning with impactful community engagement.

This meeting is part of OVPGEER's plan to boost global and community involvement across DLSU-D. They'll be visiting more colleges soon.



The ADG Reception Hall at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) buzzed with pride and celebration today as the institution held its Academic Scholarship Awarding Ceremony. The event, a testament to the university's commitment to fostering academic excellence, recognized the outstanding achievements of its academic scholars from the 2nd Semester of Academic Year 2023-2024 and the 1st Semester of the current Academic Year 2024-2025.

The ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of VPGEER Dr. Christian George Francisco, whose message underscored the importance of academic pursuit and its impact on shaping future leaders. Vice Provost for Academics Dr. Mary Felidora Felinore Amparo also lent her support and encouragement, emphasizing the dedication and hard work exhibited by the scholars. Adding to the distinguished panel was LSO Director Dr. Maria Nornelyn Cachuela, highlighting the Lasallian values of scholarship and service that underpin the university's academic ethos.

The planning and smooth execution of the event were spearheaded by Dr. May Mojica and Mr. Dennis Ian Bautista, whose dedication ensured a memorable occasion for the deserving students and their families.

The heart of the ceremony lay in the recognition of the academic scholars. These exceptional students, hailing from the university's eight esteemed colleges, were celebrated for their consistent dedication and outstanding performance in their respective fields of study. Their commitment to academic rigor serves as an inspiration to the entire student body.

The presence of proud parents further amplified the celebratory atmosphere, their beaming faces reflecting the culmination of years of hard work and support.

The event served as a powerful reminder of the transformative power of education and the bright future that lies ahead for these dedicated Lasallian learners.



## **DLSU-D OVPGEER Roadshow: Expanding CLAC's Horizons**

The Office of the Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations (OVPGEER) at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) has amplified its mission to connect with various colleges, recently engaging with the College of Liberal Arts and Communication (CLAC) to showcase a plethora of global and community-focused opportunities.

Dean Edwin Lineses, CLAC administrators and students warmly welcomed the OVPGEER team, fostering a productive dialogue aimed at illuminating the diverse programs and services available to students and faculty. The OVPGEER presented a comprehensive overview of initiatives spearheaded by its core units: Linkages and Scholarship, Advancement and Alumni Relations, and the Lasallian Community Development Center.

This campus-wide roadshow serves to directly inform colleges about the extensive resources offered by OVPGEER, designed to significantly enhance academic and professional growth. Key areas emphasized during the meeting included:

**International Mobility:** Opportunities for faculty and student exchange programs, promoting global collaboration and cultural immersion.

**Scholarship Grants:** Detailed information on accessible scholarship programs and simplified application processes.

**Resource Generation Programs:** Insights into fundraising initiatives and strategic partnerships to bolster university projects.

**Career Placement:** Support and resources to guide students in their career trajectories, including internship and job placement assistance.

**Community Development:** Programs and initiatives focused on serving local communities and fostering social responsibility.

**Service-Learning Programs:** Opportunities for students to engage in meaningful service experiences, seamlessly integrating academic learning with community impact.

"We are committed to ensuring that all colleges are fully aware of the resources OVPGEER provides," stated Dr. Francisco. "By bringing our programs directly to the colleges, we can facilitate greater access and participation, ultimately enriching the DLSU-D experience."

The meeting with CLAC represents a significant milestone in OVPGEER's ongoing efforts to strengthen global engagement and community involvement across the university. The office plans to continue its roadshow meetings with other colleges, fostering a culture of collaboration and opportunity throughout the DLSU-D community.





Last April 8, 2025 the Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC) participated in the SalikLakbay Solutions Mapping Training and Immersion organized by the GRIND (Grassroots Innovation for Inclusive Development) Program of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). Representing civil society in the Pentahelix framework of the GRIND Project, Ms. Aimerry Navalta of LCDC joined the training alongside participants from DOST regional and provincial offices and other stakeholders. The activity featured workshops and capacity-building sessions designed to equip participants in identifying, documenting, and supporting grassroots innovations (GIs). This initiative supports LCDC's mission of fostering inclusive, sustainable development by recognizing and amplifying innovative local solutions from the ground up.



On April 15, 2025, we welcomed the girls of Bahay Tuluyan Dasmariñas to our campus for a meaningful Lenten recollection. It was a heartwarming day filled with prayers, storytelling, reflection, and genuine connection.

Together, we paused to reflect on the true meaning of Holy Week—finding hope in silence, strength in shared stories, and faith in action. From quiet moments of prayer to engaging activities, every part of the day was a reminder of God's love and our call to serve.



## Inner Healing Through Faith: LCDC's Lenten Retreat for Persons Deprived of Liberty



On April 14, 2025, the Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC) conducted a Lenten Recollection for the 240 female Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) inside the Female Dormitory of Dasmariñas City Jail. Despite the limited space, the participants were deeply engaged, sharing their personal reflections on the theme “Sa Aking Pagbabalik: Puso ng Pag-Asa at Awa” (“In My Return: Heart of Hope and Mercy”). This session provided a meaningful opportunity for the PDLs to reconnect with their faith and find solace in the message of hope and compassion.

The recollection was facilitated by Ms. Rio Mazo and Ms. Christine Agojo from the Campus Ministry Office of De La Salle University–Dasmariñas. Their guidance helped create a reflective environment where the PDLs could express their inner feelings and experiences.

In addition to the spiritual enrichment, the reflection session was complemented with the distribution of toiletries to the female PDLs, generously donated by DAMAYAN-Recollection of the University Lasallian Family Office. This act of kindness further exemplified the Lasallian commitment to serving and uplifting the least, the last, and the lost.

Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC) conducted a Lenten Recollection for 40 male Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) at the Dasmariñas City Jail. The participants, many of whom are rarely visited by their families, took part in the activity as a way to renew their spirituality and gain a deeper understanding of the sacrifices of Jesus, our Savior, on the cross.

The recollection focused on the theme of Hope, emphasizing the journey of life inside the jail, which reminded the PDLs that whatever their past was, a future filled with hope is still possible. It was indeed for them a moment for reflection, faith, and inner healing.







## **DLSU-D Participates in the Uniservitate Course on Service-Learning Institutionalization**

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) is actively participating in the Uniservitate Course on Service-Learning Institutionalization, organized by the Uniservitate Asia & Oceania Regional Hub (UA&ORH). This online capacity-building course, which commenced on April 2 and will conclude on June 10, 2025, adopts a blended learning approach, combining both synchronous and asynchronous sessions over 11 weeks.

The course aims to provide an in-depth exploration of the fundamentals of creating, implementing, and sustaining effective Service-Learning (SL) programs. Participants from DLSU-D include Dr. Maria Theresa D. Gochuico, LCDC QUEST (Service-Learning) Coordinator; Mr. Lorenzo S. Centino, Jr., LCDC QUEST (Service-Learning) Program Officer; Ms. Iris Diorella I. Andaya, QUEST (Service-Learning) Program Officer; and Ms. Mian Rayray, Associate Dean of the College of Business Administration and Accountancy.

Throughout the course, learners will gain a comprehensive understanding of the core concepts, practices, and challenges associated with SL. This includes the institutionalization, evaluation, and integration of SL into diverse educational settings. The program is designed to engage administrators and faculty members involved in SL at Catholic Higher Education Institutions (CHEIs), providing them with a platform to explore, discuss, demonstrate, and enhance their understanding of SL concepts, programs, and processes.

By participating in this course, DLSU-D aims to strengthen its commitment to service-learning and further integrate these practices into its educational framework, thereby enriching the academic and community engagement experiences of its students and faculty.





Last April 10, 2025, a spiritually enriching Lenten Recollection was organized by the Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC) held at the POLCA Conference Hall of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas. The event gathered dedicated individuals from partner institutions: personnel from the BJMP-Dasmariñas City Jail, house parents and staff of Bahay Tuluyan ng mga Bata (a residential home for abused children), and house parents of Bukal ng Kapayapaan (a home for abandoned children with special needs).

Despite the challenging and tireless nature of their daily work in caring for those most in need, the participants were given a moment to pause, reflect, and draw strength from the spiritual activity with "Hope" as the central theme for reflection. The recollection was thoughtfully facilitated by Ms. Diana Jean Roque, Director of the University Lasallian Family Office (ULFO), and Mr. Roemer Delos Santos, ULFO Coordinator, who guided everyone through moments of prayer, reflection, and meaningful sharing rooted in faith and compassion.

The activity was made possible through the initiative of the Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC). Dr. Socorro Grace Red, LCDC Director, warmly welcomed the participants with her opening remarks, while Ms. Jhelyn Relopez offered a heartfelt words of gratitude and reflection during her closing remarks.

At the end of the session, the participants expressed the feeling of being renewed, spiritually uplifted, and re-energized in their mission to serve. This Lenten recollection stands as a reminder that in the midst of service, there is grace, and in grace, there is always hope.



## Baseline Study and Community Assessment for Gawad Kalinga-Piela Completed by LCDC Research Team

LCDC faculty researchers shared the results of their groundbreaking study, "Baseline Study and Community Assessment of Gawad Kalinga-Piela" towards the development of a community development plan. The team (**Jhe Arcala Relopez, Dr. Mayeth Deligan Gochuico, Irish D. Bautista, Iris Diorella Andaya, Lorenzo Joncent Centino Jr**) presented their key findings and thoughtful recommendations to their colleagues and Dr. Christian George Francisco, the Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations, in completion of a requirement of the University Research Office.



## Promoting Sustainability: LCDC Backs DLSU-D's Green Transportation Program Through Biking

LCDC supported the **DLSU-D's Green Transportation Program** by **biking** for better health, a cleaner environment, and a more sustainable school.

Together, we can **reduce our carbon footprint, promote eco-friendly habits and encourage a healthier lifestyle**. Let's pedal towards a greener future and make a positive impact on our world!





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On April 4, 2025, we just wrapped up a **productive collaboration meeting with the Department of Labor and Employment – Cavite and the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office – Dasmariñas!** Together, we discussed exciting initiatives that will help create jobs, boost local businesses, and develop essential skills for all.

Through this powerful partnership, we aim to build a stronger local economy that benefits everyone in our communities. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to work toward a brighter future!



We're excited to share that as of April 3, 2025, we've started exploring meaningful **partnerships with Trece Martires National High School – Cabuco Extension and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) – Cavite! DOST CAVITE**

Rooted in our commitment to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this collaboration opens up promising opportunities to launch impactful programs in education, innovative solutions, and inclusive community development. By combining our shared resources, expertise and passion, we aim to drive sustainable change that benefits our communities.





## SheTalks Session on Women Empowerment!

On April 5, 2025, the Lasallian Community Development Center with the Philosophy and Psychology Department and Psychology Program Council of the College of Liberal Arts and Communication successfully conducted a livestreamed face to face forum on **"Empowering Women to Prevent Teenage Pregnancy"** at the **Tanghalan Julian Felipe**.

The forum addressed a "national and social emergency" that is most often regarded as a "private matter" that must be relegated to "private discussion" and "confidential" conversation—the issue on teenage pregnancy. However, through a livestreamed public forum, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas moved "out of the box" and tackled this issue as part of its advocacy for inclusivity and women empowerment. In fact, this forum is a carryover of the various celebrations in the month March which focus is on women: the "Role of Women in History," the "International Women's Day," the "Day of the Unborn in the Philippines," and the "Women with Disabilities Day."

Dr. Kamille Gace Cuevas, a Doctor of Medicine, shared comprehensively the various physiological, mental, and emotional hazards and risks related to teenage pregnancy. She started her presentation with the processes of conception, the journey of the sperm cell, which will have an impact to the kind of empowerment that we should advocate in relation to teenage pregnancy. The discussion on the role of the sperm cell is a powerful imagery that will manifest the obvious process of pregnancy as a product of two individuals—the male and the female. Therefore, empowering women to prevent teenage pregnancy subsequently requires empowerment of men altogether, especially the teenage men.



### Strengthening Partnership for Sustainable Development

On April 2, 2025, the De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) through the Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC) proudly renewed its Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology - Dasmariñas City Jail (BJMP-DCJ). This partnership is a manifestation of a continued collaborative commitment to promote transformative and impactful education, rehabilitation, and community engagements for the next two years.

As partners, we are committed to work together in providing meaningful support and opportunities for a more inclusive and just society.

Present in the MOU signing were Dr. Christian George Francisco, Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations, Dr. Socorro Grace Red, LCDC Director, JSUPT Jerome Soriano, Male Warden, Dasmariñas City Jail and JCINSP Jessela Tariman, Female Warden, Dasmariñas City Jail.



On April 24, 2025, faculty researchers of the Lasallian Community Development Center presented their research titled "Baseline Study and Community Assessment of Gawad Kalinga-Piela" at the 3rd International Conference on Research Inclusivity and Sustainability (InCRIS). The conference, hosted by De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, focused on "Accelerating the Attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals through a Data-Driven and Integrative Approach".

The research presentation, part of the parallel sessions, aimed to share the findings of the baseline study and community assessment conducted in Gawad Kalinga-Piela. The study aimed to provide valuable insights into the community's needs and challenges, contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The presentation highlighted the researchers' efforts to gather data and assess the community's current situation, identifying areas for improvement and potential solutions. The study's outcomes are expected to inform policymakers, stakeholders, and community leaders, enabling them to develop targeted interventions and strategies to address the community's needs.

The InCRIS conference provided a platform for researchers in the academe (teachers and students) to share knowledge, experiences, and best practices in promoting research inclusivity and sustainability. The event brought together experts from various fields, fostering collaboration and exchange of ideas to accelerate the attainment of the SDGs.





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In support to the 3rd International Conference on Research Inclusivity and Sustainability (INCRIS) of the DLSU-D University Research Office, the Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC), and the Philosophy and Psychology Department (PPD) of the College of Liberal Arts and Communication (CLAC) conducted a Learning Session on Psychological First Aid (PFA) as one of the workshop sessions on 24 April 2025 in the Food Lab of the DLSU-D Senior High School.

Ms. Angelica Irah Mari P. Watamura of PPD served as the resource speaker to the 48 attendees of the session. Aside from the discussion of the Action Principles of PFA, the participants gained insight on crisis mapping through the workshop.

The conduct of PFA Training is one of the programs of LCDC in partnership with PPD-CLAC. PFA is a first-response intervention after a disaster which emphasizes the importance of a holistic and comprehensive approach to support survivors in times of crisis.



On April 25, 2025, De La Salle Philippines and De La Salle University-Dasmariñas through the Lasallian Community Development Center, visited Barangay San Miguel, Dulag in Leyte, the community that once stood as recipients of the One La Salle Yolanda Recovery and Rehabilitation Project (OLSYRRP)—De La Salle schools' holistic efforts to support Typhoon Yolanda survivors following the devastation on November 8, 2013.





## Strengthening Community Ties through Partnership and Service

Last April 3, 2025, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, through the College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology (CEAT) and Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC) held a fruitful meeting with Dasmariñas East Integrated High School (DEIHS) to discuss the school's request for the construction of cemented tables and chairs to be installed in designated areas within the DEIHS school grounds.

The initiative aims to provide safe and accessible outdoor spaces for learning and student interaction aligning with the goals of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education) and Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure).

The meeting also opened the doors for a possible formal partnership between DLSU-D and DEIHS, rooted in mutual support for education, innovation, and community development.

Present during meeting were:

- Mr. Danilo Guimba, Focal Person for DRRM and Research, DEIHS
- Ms. Benniele Longares, Faculty, DEIHS
- Mr. Luistro, Assistant Principal, Senior High School, DEIHS
- Ms. Mary Grace Virata, Faculty and CEAT University Extension Committee Representative, DLSU-D
- Engr. Irish Polinga, Program Head, Civil Engineering and Sanitary Engineering Department, DLSU-D
- Engr. Emmanuel Longares, Faculty Member, CEAT, DLSU-D
- Iris Diorella Andaya, Faculty and Service-Learning Program Officer, Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC), DLSU-D

This collaboration reflects the Lasallian mission of faith, service, and communion in mission-working together to build empowered, resilient, and sustainable communities.



## Service-Learning Initiatives Engage Children from Brgy. Zone 1-A

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) recently welcomed children aged 10-15 years old from Brgy. Zone 1-A to participate in community engagement projects organized by two National Service Training Program-Civic Welfare Training Service (NSTP-CWTS) classes led by Dr. Frank Villanueva. The activities, monitored and coordinated by LCDC QUEST Program Officer Iris Diorella Andaya and LCDC Community Organizer Melanie Malabanan, were held on April 21 and 22, 2025.

The projects aimed to provide enriching experiences through two distinct activities: EmpowerEd: Teaching Kids to Navigate Life Challenges and Isip-Nayan. A total of 26 children participated in EmpowerEd, while 15 children were involved in Isip-Nayan.

EmpowerEd: Teaching Kids to Navigate Life Challenges is designed to make learning fun and engaging through storytelling, creativity, music, and interactive games. The goal of EmpowerEd is to support children's growth with confidence and curiosity by combining reading, writing, art, and play, thereby developing essential skills while enjoying the learning process.

Isip-Nayan, on the other hand, encourages children to enhance and develop their critical thinking skills and imaginative minds. This program focuses on educating children, especially in mathematics and arts literacy, through interactive activities and booths. By combining mathematics with arts and fun interactive activities, Isip-Nayan aims to address the children's lack of interest, knowledge, or fear of mathematics.

In DLSU-D, NSTP-CWTS is considered an introductory course to service-learning where students learn the value of community service, develop civic consciousness, and acquire practical skills through various community-based projects and activities. These recent initiatives reflect DLSU-D's commitment to fostering community engagement and empowering young minds through education and transformative learning experiences.





# LINKAGES REPORT

April 2025

## **SIGNED MOU/MOA (3)**

1. MOU with BJMP – Silang, Cavite
2. MOU with BJMP – GMA, Cavite
3. MOU with BJMP – City of Bacoar, Cavite

## **OUTBOUND STUDENTS (3)**

### **Hanoi National University of Education, Vietnam**

1. Ms. Ynezia Kim Veril Alfaro
2. Ms. Katherine Nicole Penus

## **3rd International Student Leaders Meeting on Sustainability (ISLMS 2025)**

1. Mr. Gavin Dale Sitones

## **OUTBOUND FACULTY (2)**

### **La Salle Centro Universitario in Madrid, Spain**

1. Dr. Royce Salva

### **LSPR Institute of Communication and Business**

1. Dr. Jimford Tabuyo



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# ANNOUNCEMENT



## MAY 28, 2025

- College of Business Administration & Accountancy
- College of Information & Computer Science
- College of Science
- College of Education

## MAY 29, 2025

- College of Engineering, Architecture & Technology
- College of Liberal Arts & Communication
- College of Tourism and Hospitality Management
- College of Criminal Justice Education





## SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Second Semester, Academic Year 2024-2025



## RESOURCE GENERATION REPORT

April 2025	Cash	In-Kind	Total
Bahay Pag-Asa		₱ 44,695.00	₱ 44,695.00
LCDC		₱ 83,692.00	₱ 83,692.00
Animo Sunset Run Merchandise	₱ 1,320.00		₱ 1,320.00
Lasallian SPOON CLAC	₱ 8,400.00		₱ 8,400.00
DLSU-D Merchandise	₱ 20,720.00		₱ 20,720.00
GRAND TOTAL	₱ 30,440.00	₱ 128,387.00	₱ 158,827.00

For the month of April 2025, the total value of contributions amounted to ₱158,827.00, composed of ₱30,440.00 in cash donations and ₱128,387.00 in in-kind support.

These collective contributions significantly supported the institution's outreach initiatives and demonstrated the continued engagement of stakeholders in advancing its mission of service and community development.



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