



De La Salle University  
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Office of the Vice President for Global Engagement & External Relations



# OVPGEER

## *Report*

**February 2025**



## **DLSU-D Edu-Tourism Program Welcomes 140 High School Students**

The Linkages and Scholarship Office, in partnership with Museo de La Salle, continues to strengthen its edu-tourism program by hosting around 140 students from Emmanuel Resurreccion Congressional Integrated High School.

The visit aimed to provide students with a glimpse into higher education opportunities and immerse them in 19th-century Filipino culture. The event featured a university briefier, a promotion of the College of Liberal Arts and Communication (CLAC) and the College of Criminal Justice Education (CCJE) programs, as well as guided tours of Museo de La Salle and the campus.

The Museo de La Salle experience was a key highlight, allowing students to explore the traditional Filipino lifestyle of the 1900s through historical exhibits and artifacts. Meanwhile, the campus tour familiarized them with the university's learning environment, inspiring them to consider La Salle as a future academic home which was facilitated by the Lasallian Student Ambassadors.

By fostering early exposure to university life and cultural heritage, the edu-tourism initiative continues to bridge the gap between secondary and higher education, equipping young learners with valuable insights for their future academic journeys.



### Expanding horizons in Vietnam!

Ms. Ynezia Kim Alfaro and Ms. Katherine Nicole Penus from the College of Science are set to embark on an exciting outbound exchange program at Hanoi National University of Education (HNUE), Vietnam, from March 3 to May 11, 2025. As they immerse themselves in a new academic and cultural environment, they will have the opportunity to broaden their perspectives, engage in cross-cultural learning, and strengthen international collaborations.

Wishing them a fruitful and enriching journey filled with growth, knowledge, and unforgettable experiences!

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### DLSU-D Joins UMAP Annual Meeting and Election at CHED

The De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) Office of the Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations (OVPGEER) team took part in the annual meeting and election of the University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP), held at the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Auditorium in Quezon City.

DLSU-D is among the over 150 higher education institutions in the Philippines with a lifetime membership in UMAP, a prestigious network that promotes academic mobility and collaboration among universities across the Asia-Pacific region. Through this membership, DLSU-D students from various programs—including Information Technology, Tourism, International Development Studies, and Business—have benefited from free short-term programs offered by UMAP member institutions worldwide. These international learning opportunities provide students with valuable cross-cultural experiences, global perspectives, and academic enrichment. The university's participation in the UMAP annual meeting underscores its commitment to expanding global engagement and providing students with access to international stage.





**Br. Sockie de la Rosa Meets DLSU-D Board of Trustees Members Atty. Leni Robredo and Fr. Aristotle Dy**

DLSU-D President Br. Sockie de la Rosa, FSC, recently met with two esteemed members of the university's Board of Trustees (BOT), Atty. Leni Robredo and Fr. Aristotle Dy, SJ, President of Ateneo de Naga University. The meeting, held as part of the BOT's pocket engagement, focused on key areas including the campus development plan, good governance, and academic matters. The discussions aimed to strengthen DLSU-D's strategic direction and ensure alignment with its mission of providing quality Lasallian education.

Atty. Robredo, former Vice President of the Philippines, and Fr. Dy, a recognized academic leader, shared their insights on institutional growth, governance best practices, and innovative approaches to higher education. Their expertise contributes to shaping policies that will enhance the university's academic and operational frameworks.

Br. Sockie expressed his appreciation for the engagement, emphasizing the importance of collaboration in fostering an environment that upholds excellence and integrity. "The insights from our Board of Trustees help guide DLSU-D in fulfilling its commitment to academic excellence and community service," he said.

This meeting underscores DLSU-D's dedication to continuous improvement and its commitment to fostering meaningful partnerships for the benefit of students, faculty, and the wider Lasallian community.



**CALABARZON HEIs Strengthen Global Engagement: Orientation Workshop on Internationalization and Transnational Education**

Participants from Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon provinces pose for a photo with Dr. Rogelio Galera, Jr. (Director IV of CHED Regional Office IV) during the Orientation Workshop of Internationalization and Transnational Higher Education Program for International Relations Officers of Higher Education Institutions in CALABARZON



## **Br. Sockie de la Rosa VI FSC Visits Bishop Rex Andrew Alarcon, Strengthening DLSU-D's Commitment to Catholic Education**

In a meaningful step towards reinforcing the mission of Catholic and Christian education, Br. Sockie de la Rosa VI FSC paid a visit to Bishop Rex Andrew Alarcon of the Diocese of Caceres in Naga City.

The visit served as an opportunity to strengthen the partnership between De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) and the Catholic Church in their shared vision of fostering holistic education grounded in faith and service. As an advocate of Lasallian education, Br. Sockie emphasized the university's unwavering commitment to upholding Catholic values in academic and community engagements.

Bishop Alarcon, known for his dedication to Catholic education and youth development, warmly welcomed Br. Sockie, expressing his appreciation for the university's ongoing efforts in nurturing students with strong moral and spiritual foundations. Their discussion revolved around deepening collaboration between the diocese and DLSU-D in advancing quality Christian education.

Br. Sockie's visit highlights the Lasallian mission of faith, zeal for service, and communion in mission, aligning with the Church's call to evangelization through education. As DLSU-D continues to expand its outreach and academic programs, the university remains steadfast in its commitment to forming future leaders with a strong sense of faith and social responsibility.

The meeting between Br. Sockie and Bishop Alarcon marks a significant step in strengthening ties between Lasallian institutions and the Catholic Church, ensuring that education remains a powerful tool for transformative change in society.





## **DLSU-D and Ateneo de Naga University Forge Institutional Partnership**

Naga City, Philippines – De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) and Ateneo de Naga University (AdNU) have officially sealed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to strengthen institutional collaboration in key areas of development.

The signing ceremony, held at AdNU, was led by university presidents Fr. Aristotle Dy, SJ of Ateneo de Naga and Br. Sockie de la Rosa VI, FSC of DLSU-D. This partnership marks a significant step in fostering academic excellence, research initiatives, community extension programs, internationalization efforts, and other strategic areas of cooperation.

Both institutions, known for their commitment to quality education and service, aim to leverage their strengths to enhance opportunities for students, faculty, and researchers. The collaboration is expected to facilitate knowledge exchange, joint projects, and the sharing of best practices in higher education.

Fr. Dy and Br. de la Rosa expressed their optimism about the partnership, emphasizing its potential to enrich both institutions and contribute to the broader academic community.

With this agreement, DLSU-D and AdNU reaffirm their shared mission of advancing education and social responsibility, underscoring their dedication to holistic development and nation-building.



## DLSU-D Strengthens International Ties with Indonesian University

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) continues to expand its global network with a recent visit from administrators and faculty of Universitas Atma Jaya Yogyakarta (UAIY) in Indonesia. The visit focused on strengthening ties between the two institutions through faculty and student exchange programs and research collaboration.

The UAIY delegation, headed by Ir. Yosef Daryanto M.Sc., PhD, met with DLSU-D officials and administrators from the College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology (CEAT) to discuss potential areas of partnership. A key highlight of the visit was a special lecture on global engineering trends and practices delivered to CEAT students, providing them with valuable insights into the international landscape of their chosen field.

DLSU-D has committed to sending faculty members to UAIY for a lecturer exchange program this semester. This initiative will provide faculty with opportunities for professional development and cross-cultural learning. Furthermore, DLSU-D students will have the chance to study at UAIY for a full semester with waived tuition fees starting in the academic year 2025-2026. This exciting opportunity will allow students to broaden their academic horizons and experience a different culture firsthand.

This partnership builds upon a history of collaboration between DLSU-D and UAIY, particularly in the field of communication programs, which has seen successful mobility programs prior to the pandemic. The renewed focus on exchange programs and research collaboration signals a commitment from both universities to fostering global citizenship and academic excellence.

The visit from UAIY marks another step in DLSU-D's ongoing efforts to internationalize its campus and provide its community with global perspectives and opportunities.





Br. Sockie de la Rosa recently welcomed Sr. Jessica Formacion of the Indigenous People's Hospital for a meaningful discussion on potential collaborations in extension-related programs. The meeting, facilitated through the Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC), aimed to strengthen community engagement and outreach efforts.

The discussion focused on identifying shared goals and initiatives that align with the mission of both institutions—particularly in improving healthcare access and community development for indigenous communities. Br. Sockie expressed enthusiasm about the possible partnership, emphasizing De La Salle University-Dasmariñas' commitment to social responsibility and sustainable development.

Sr. Jessica highlighted the Indigenous People's Hospital's ongoing efforts to provide medical services to underserved communities. She noted that collaboration with the university could enhance these programs through educational support, volunteer work, and other community-driven projects.

The meeting marks the beginning of what both parties hope will be a long-term partnership dedicated to holistic and inclusive development. Future discussions will focus on formalizing agreements and implementing joint projects that will benefit marginalized groups.

The Lasallian Community Development Center continues to be at the forefront of fostering partnerships that embody the Lasallian spirit of service and compassion.

## DLSU-D Strengthens Industry Ties with Cathay Pacific for Student Internships and Corporate Engagement

In a significant step towards expanding global opportunities for its students and stakeholders, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) continues to strengthen industry linkages through a visit to the corporate headquarters of Cathay Pacific.

Br. Sockie de la Rosa and Br. Miggy Crisostomo led the engagement with the esteemed airline company to explore potential student internship opportunities and corporate engagement programs that would benefit the DLSU-D community. This initiative aligns with the university's commitment to providing real-world experiences that enhance students' academic and professional growth.

The visit aimed to establish partnerships that would allow DLSU-D students to gain hands-on industry experience in aviation, business management, corporate operations, and related fields. Discussions also revolved around collaborative efforts to enhance corporate social responsibility initiatives and professional development programs for faculty and alumni.







### Strengthening Lasallian Vocation and Tradition

DLSU-D welcomed participants of the Brothers Live-in Program (BLIP), a formative experience where young men explore the vocation of the De La Salle Brothers. Led by Br. Lemuel Asuncion and hosted by Br. Sockie de la Rosa, Dr. George Francisco, and the Museo de la Salle team, the visit included a campus tour, an immersion at Museo de la Salle, and a meaningful stop at Bahay Pag-asa Dasmariñas.



This advocacy-driven partnership is a milestone for DLSU-D's social entrepreneurship engagements—a commitment to fostering inclusive innovation, social transformation, and building up of sustainable communities.

On February 3, 2025, the Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC) was honored by the visit of the De La Salle University- Lasallian Social Enterprise for Economic Development (LSEED) team for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Lasallian Social Enterprise for Economic Development (LSEED) Center and De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, through LCDC.

The MOU signing was graced by the presence of Br. Bernard S. Oca, FSC (DLSU President), Ms. Fritzie Ian De Vera (DLSU Vice President for Lasallian Mission), and Dr. Norby Roque Salonga (DLSU Director of LSEED Center) with Br. Francisco de la Rosa VI FSC (DLSU-D President), and Dr. Socorro Grace Red (LCDC Director).



## **DLSU-D Seals Partnership with Lanson Place Hotel Manila for Internship Program**

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas has officially partnered with Lanson Place Hotel Manila to provide internship opportunities for students across various programs. The signing ceremony took place at Lanson's Corporate Office and was attended by key representatives from both institutions.

Among the officials present were Director Wilma Estaura, Mara Modina, Dr. George Francisco, Dr. Jeff Buenviaje, and Ms. Irene Gueco, along with other faculty members. The collaboration aims to expand student learning experiences and open doors for future employment in industries related to Accountancy, Hotel Management, Tourism, Psychology, Criminal Justice, and Engineering.

"This partnership strengthens our commitment to preparing students for the real-world challenges in their respective fields. Through hands-on experience and industry exposure, they will gain valuable skills that will make them more competitive in the job market," as articulated by Ms. Gueco.

Lanson Place Hotel Manila, known for its world-class hospitality and professional standards, expressed enthusiasm about working with DLSU-D interns. "We are excited to welcome young talents from DLSU-D and help them grow in a professional setting. This is an opportunity for them to apply their knowledge while contributing to our operations," as mentioned by Dir. Estaura.

With this partnership, both institutions look forward to fostering academic-industry collaboration and enhancing career readiness for students.





## **PACLAS Holds 6th International Conference on Fiestas and Festivals in the Philippines and Latin America**

The Philippine Academic Consortium for Latin American Studies (PACLAS), in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and De La Salle University – Dasmariñas (DLSU-D), successfully hosted its 6th International Conference on February 3-4, 2025. Themed “Fiestas and Festivals in the Philippines and Latin America: Legacies in Consciousness and Community,” the event brought together scholars, diplomats, and cultural experts to explore the historical and contemporary significance of festivals in both regions.

The opening ceremony was graced by esteemed guests, including:

- Br. Francisco V. De la Rosa VI, FSC – President, De La Salle University – Dasmariñas
- Dr. Winston B. Padojinog – President, University of Asia and the Pacific (PACLAS Chair)
- Assistant Secretary Jose Victor Chan-Gonzaga – Office of American Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs
- H.E. Celeste Vinzon-Balatbat – Philippine Ambassador to Chile
- Mr. Pedro Adrián Pizarro González – Consul, Embassy of Chile
- Mr. Juan Pablo Mejía – Chargé d’Affaires, Embassy of Colombia
- Mr. Gerson Cruz Gimenes – Counsellor, Embassy of Brazil
- Mr. Marcos Octavio Vara Jacobo – Economic and Cultural Attaché, Embassy of Mexico
- Mr. Fabricio Sordoni – Secretary, Embassy of Argentina

The conference featured paper presentations from scholars and researchers from various institutions worldwide, fostering discussions on the shared cultural traditions between the Philippines and Latin America. Topics included the historical roots of festivals, their influence on national identity, and their role in strengthening communities across generations.

With its diverse lineup of speakers and international participation, the event reinforced PACLAS’s commitment to deepening academic and cultural ties between the Philippines and Latin America.



## LCDC Recognized: A Beacon of Solidarity in the EcoWaste Coalition's 25th Anniversary Celebration

In line with the 25th year celebration of the EcoWaste Coalition, the Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC) received recognition on 14 February 2025 for its tremendous support and solidarity with the EcoWaste Coalition's advocacy towards a zero waste and toxics-free society.

Alongside LCDC, the De La Salle University-Dasmariñas was also awarded for its contribution to research on plastic pollution and solid waste management.

Ms. Aileen Lucero, the National Coordinator of the EcoWaste Coalition, awarded the recognition to Dr. Cristina Salibay, Provost; Dr. Johnny Ching, Deputy Provost for Research; Dr. Christian George Francisco, Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations; and Dr. Socorro Grace Red, Director of LCDC

## Lasalyanong Sandugo-an Bloodletting Drive: A Lifesaving Mission

We are pleased to announce the success of our Lasalyanong Sandugo-an Bloodletting Drive conducted on February 12, 2025. Of thirty-six individuals were registered to donate, 23 succeeded in getting to give the gift of life. Donating blood may save the lives of those facing emergency situations, those with persistent illnesses, and patients undergoing surgeries. Up to three lives are spared or saved just by a single donation!

This initiative directly supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

SDG 3: Good Health & Well-Being – Ensuring healthy lives by providing a stable blood supply for those in need.



SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals – Strengthening collaborations between health institutions, volunteers, and educational communities to promote blood donation.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who participated in our blood donation drive. Your generosity and selflessness are truly inspiring, and we're grateful for your willingness to help save lives. Special thanks to our student volunteers from SERVE and 267 NROTCU who lent their time and energy to our cause.

If you weren't able to donate this time, please don't worry – there's always another chance to make a difference. We hope you'll consider joining us in our future drives and becoming a hero to someone in need.





### **LCDC and COS Council Meeting: Integrating QUEST and Community Development Initiatives**

A pivotal meeting took place between the Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC) and the College of Science (COS) Council on February 5, 2025. The primary agenda was to discuss the integration of the QUEST program into one of the college's degree programs and to provide updates on the community development initiatives spearheaded by LCDC.

The session was led by LCDC Director, Dr. Socorro Grace Red, who articulated the purpose of the meeting. Dr. Red emphasized the importance of aligning the college's academic programs with community development goals, thereby fostering a holistic educational environment that benefits both students and the community.

Community Development Coordinator, Jhelyn Relopez, provided a comprehensive overview of the ongoing and upcoming community development projects managed by LCDC. She highlighted key initiatives aimed at addressing local community needs, and promoting sustainable development.

QUEST Coordinator, Maria Theresa Gochuico, then took the floor to explain the integration of service-learning into the college's degree program. She detailed the whole-of-college approach, which involves collaborative efforts across various departments to ensure the seamless incorporation of QUEST principles into the curriculum. This approach aims to provide students with experiential learning opportunities that are directly linked to their academic studies, fostering a deeper understanding of course material through real-world application.

The meeting underscored the commitment of both LCDC and the COS Council to advancing educational excellence through community engagement. Moving forward, the LCDC and COS Council will continue to collaborate closely to implement the discussed initiatives, monitor their progress, and make necessary adjustments to ensure their success.



## Integrating Service-Learning in the Philosophy and Psychology Department

QUEST Program Coordinator, Dr. Maria Theresa Gochuico, and QUEST Project Officers, Lorenzo Centino, Jr. and Iris Diorella Andaya, provided input on the integration of QUEST for the Philosophy and Psychology Department during a departmental meeting on February 26, 2025, at JFH 309. The primary objective of this meeting was to elucidate the process of integrating Service-Learning (S-L) into the department's curriculum, specifically targeting one of its degree programs. The session served as a continuation of the QUEST faculty orientation held on November 14, 2024. Building upon the foundational knowledge imparted during the orientation, this meeting aimed to provide faculty members with a comprehensive, step-by-step framework for the incorporation of S-L into their courses.

The session began with an in-depth introduction to Service-Learning, highlighting its benefits such as enhanced critical thinking, cultural competence, and community relationships. The main focus was a detailed, step-by-step guide for integrating S-L into the department's degree program, including course selection, project development, and community partnerships. Attendees were provided with standardized templates for documenting S-L activities to ensure systematic implementation and evaluation.

The integration of Service-Learning into the Philosophy and Psychology Department represents a significant advancement in the department's commitment to delivering a holistic education. As the department progresses with the integration of S-L, it is anticipated that additional degree programs will adopt this innovative educational approach, thereby reinforcing the university's position as a leader in academic excellence and community engagement.





### **LCDC and CBAA Council Discuss Updates on HANGO Project**

Faculty members from the Lasallian Community Development Center (LCDC), led by Director Dr. Socorro Grace M. Red, convened with the College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA) council to discuss significant updates on the Humanitarian Act of Nurturing and Generating Opportunities (HANGO) Project. This meeting, held on February 21, 2025, aimed to review the progress of the HANGO Project and strategize on expanding its impact.

Launched in 2018, the HANGO Project is a pivotal initiative designed to achieve two primary objectives:

1. To actively and meaningfully contribute to improving the quality of life for struggling Filipino families.
2. To develop the professional competencies of future business leaders by providing them with a profound understanding of the socio-economic challenges faced by the Filipino people.

LCDC has played a crucial role in identifying the beneficiaries of the HANGO Project, ensuring that the support reaches those who need it most.

One of the key focuses of the meeting was to explore strategies for involving more beneficiaries in the HANGO Project. The council discussed potential partnerships with local organizations and community groups to extend the project's reach. By expanding the network of beneficiaries, the project aims to create a broader impact and support more families in need.

The session also addressed the integration of service-learning into two or more degree programs within the college. This approach aims to provide students with practical, hands-on experiences that complement their academic learning.

The meeting underscored the importance of collaboration between LCDC and CBAA in achieving the project's goals. Community Development Coordinator Jhelyn Relopez, QUEST Coordinator Dr. Maria Theresa Gochuico, QUEST Project Officer Iris Diorella Andaya, and former LCDC CBAA Extension In-Charge Melanie Malabanan were present to share their insights and contribute to the discussion.

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment to advancing the HANGO Project's mission. The participants agreed on the need for continuous monitoring and evaluation to ensure the project's effectiveness and sustainability. Plans were made to implement the discussed strategies and to hold follow-up meetings to review progress and make necessary adjustments.



## Commemorating the 39th EDSA People Power Anniversary: Our Seas, Our Rights, Our Future!

As we celebrate the 39th anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution, we are reminded of our collective strength in upholding democracy, national sovereignty, and the protection of our natural resources. These same principles were at the heart of the West Philippine Sea Forum: **Environmental Impact and Geopolitical Dynamics and Regional Security**, held last February 21, 2025, at Ugnayang La Salle, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas.

Three resource persons, **Dr. Renato De Castro**, Professor, DLSU, **Dr. Jonathan Anticamara**, Professor, UP Institute of Biology, and **Col Enrico Gil C Iletto PA (MNSA)**, Chief, Public Affairs Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil Military Operations, J7, AFP, shared their expertise to address the detrimental impacts of the West Philippine Sea disputes on the maritime environment and biodiversity and the geopolitical dynamics and regional security concerns surrounding the Philippines' legal victory in an international arbitration case against China.

Therefore, the forum brought together experts, policymakers, and advocates to discuss the environmental threats facing the West Philippine Sea, the geopolitical forces shaping regional security, and the critical role of every Filipino in safeguarding our maritime sovereignty. The discussions emphasized the urgent need to protect our marine resources, defend our territorial integrity, and promote sustainable development for the benefit of present and future generations. As the EDSA People Power Revolution show the world the power of a people united for a common cause, it is also an urgent call of the present time to muster similar strength of solidarity to defend our West Philippine Sea.

As we honor the spirit of EDSA, let us continue to stand together in defending what is rightfully ours. The West Philippine Sea is our seas, our rights, and our future—and it is our duty to protect it.





### Dental Care for Gawad-Kalinga Children

In celebration of February as **National Dental Health Month in the Philippines**, the Lasallian Community Development Center and Philippine Dental Association partnered to provide Dental Care for Gawad-Kalinga Children.

In a collaborative effort, the Lasallian Community Development Center, in partnership with the Philippine Dental Association's Dasmariñas and Molino Circles Cavite Dental Chapters, successfully provided a comprehensive dental care services to 90 children in Gawad-Kalinga on February 22, 2025. The event took place at Gawad-Kalinga Piela in Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

The dental care initiative included essential check-ups and the extraction of wobbly teeth. Additionally, the children received free hygiene kits, learning session on proper tooth brushing and handwashing techniques, ensuring they are equipped with the knowledge to maintain good oral and overall hygiene.

This initiative reflects our commitment to improving the health and well-being of the Gawad-Kalinga community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers and partners who made this event a success.



## Literacy Empowered Future Preparedness Workshop

On February 12, 2025, the Aklatan Emilio Aguinaldo-Information Resource Center, in collaboration with the Lasallian Community Development Center, Museo De La Salle, Languages and Literature Department, conducted a “Literacy Empowered Future Preparedness Workshop” at Aklatang Emilio Aguinaldo (AEA-IRC).

The workshop aimed at:

1. Developing a deeper understanding of the impact of literacy on individuals and communities.
2. Acquiring practical skills and strategies for effective reading management.
3. Equipping participants with the knowledge and tools necessary for successful project implementation.
4. Contributing to a nationwide initiative promoting literacy and education.
5. Enhancing psychological readiness for effective community immersion and project implementation.

MALETA, as a collaborative initiative in keeping with the Lasallian spirit of communion in mission, stands for “Museo, Aklatan and LCDC” with a project’s tagline “Engage, Transform, and Access.” These three offices of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas collaborate to provide support in achieving the mission of the University in providing human and Christian education by engaging in an extension project that will meaningfully and sustainably help transform communities.



## **DLSU-D and DLSMHSI Collaborate with Missionary of Charity Brothers for Community Rehabilitation Initiative**

The DLSU-Dasmariñas, through the Lasallian Community Development Center and College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology, and DLSMHSI-College of Rehabilitation Sciences explored a tripartite project with the Missionary of Charity Brothers in support of Bukal ng Kapayapaan (BnK) last February 7, 2025. The tripartite project is part of the academic extension services of the two academic institutions.

The first batch who conducted the ocular visit was headed by Ar. Cillo and Ar. Cho with the PIA officers. The second batch was headed by the Dean of CRS, Dr. Cecille Licuan with her team who are experts in their field on occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech pathology, clinical practice, and community development with the Associate Dean. DLSU-D team were accompanied by Engr. Irish Polinga, Ms. Iris Diorela Andaya and Ms. Nena Caspe. The group drafted a lay-out for a possible satellite rehabilitation center not only for BnK but for communities in Cavite as well.





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# DLSU-D iCON

*Inspiring Conversation with Alumni*

## From the Islands to the Windmills: A Lasallian Engineer's Bold Path to Success

### Engr. Irish Joy Rodriguez

Lead Process Specialist, Vestas Wind Systems A/S - Denmark

Bachelor Science in Industrial Engineering, Class of 2010



In the heart of Puerto Princesa, Palawan, where the ocean meets the sky in an endless horizon, a young dreamer once gazed beyond the shores, imagining a future far greater than what lay before her. Today, that dreamer is Irish Joy Rodriguez, a force to be reckoned with in the global renewable energy sector. As Head of Process Excellence at Vestas Wind Systems A/S in Denmark, she stands at the forefront of sustainable energy solutions, leading procurement process experts across Manila, India, and Denmark. Her story is one of resilience, leadership, and the courage to embrace the unknown.

#### A Scholar's Journey to DLSU-D

Irish's path to De La Salle University-Dasmariñas was shaped by both fate and determination. As a high school senior, she secured the coveted Department of Science and Technology (DOST) scholarship, earning the distinction of being the sole recipient from Palawan. Yet, when the time came to choose, she opted instead for the DLSU-D entrance scholarship, drawn by the university's academic excellence and leadership opportunities. Faced with a crucial decision between Electronics and Communications Engineering (ECE) and Industrial Engineering (IE), she chose the latter, intrigued by its unique blend of technical expertise and management.



## LINKAGES REPORT

SIGNED MOU/MOA (3)	
Lasallian Social Enterprise for Economic Development (LSEED)	Social Entrepreneurship engagements Internship (LCDC)
National Yuanlin ChungShih Industrial Vocational High School, Taiwan	Senior High School
Universitas Swadaya Ganung Jati, Indonesia	Senior High School

## MOBILITY REPORT

INBOUND FACULTY (5)	OUTBOUND STUDENTS (2)
<p><b>Universitas Atma Jaya Yogyakarta, Indonesia:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.) Ir. Yosef Daryanto, M.Sc., Ph.D (Vice Rector 3)</li><li>2.) Drs.Ign.Agus Putranto, M.Si (Partnership and Promotion Director)</li><li>3.) Ir. Twin Yoshua Raharjo Destyanto, S.T., M.Sc., Ph.D (head of Industrial Engineering undergraduate Program)</li><li>4.) Dr. Ir. Deny Ratna Yuniartha, S.T., M.T (Head of Industrial Engineering Post Graduate Program)</li><li>5.) Mrs. Rini Harjanti</li></ol>	<p><b>Hanoi National University Education, Vietnam:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ms. Katherine Nicole T. Penus - BS APM2</li><li>2. Ms. Ynezia Kim V. Alfaro - BS APM2</li></ol>



## PLACEMENT REPORT

### Institutional Partnership with Signed MOU (10)

- Lansons Place
- Okada
- Seda Nuvali
- Solaire
- 2Go
- Continental Autonomous Mobility Phils Inc
- PTC Holdings
- Elijah Hotel
- SeeMeSol
- Globe Telecom

### New Industry Partners for Internship (10)

- Novillos Construction
- Gruppo EMS Inc.
- Shinkozan Company
- Mitsubishi Cavite
- 621 Foodchow
- Fuji Trading Company Ltd
- Rex ADB Stores & Services Inc.
- Tokwing Infinite
- Keylight Studio Media Productions Inc
- University of St. La Salle

*In pursuit of expanding industry collaborations and providing students with quality learning experiences, strategic institutional partnerships were formalized through the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with key industry players. These partnerships mark a significant milestone in strengthening academic-industry linkages and fostering career development opportunities for students.*

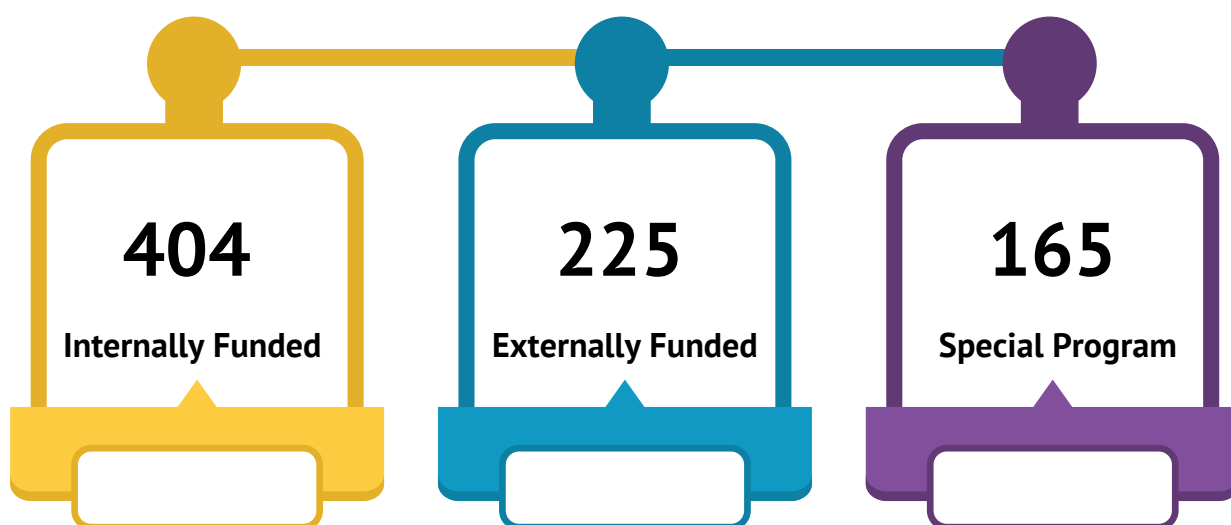




## SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

**Second Semester, Academic Year 2024-2025**

*as of February 28, 2025*



**Total No. of Scholars: 653**

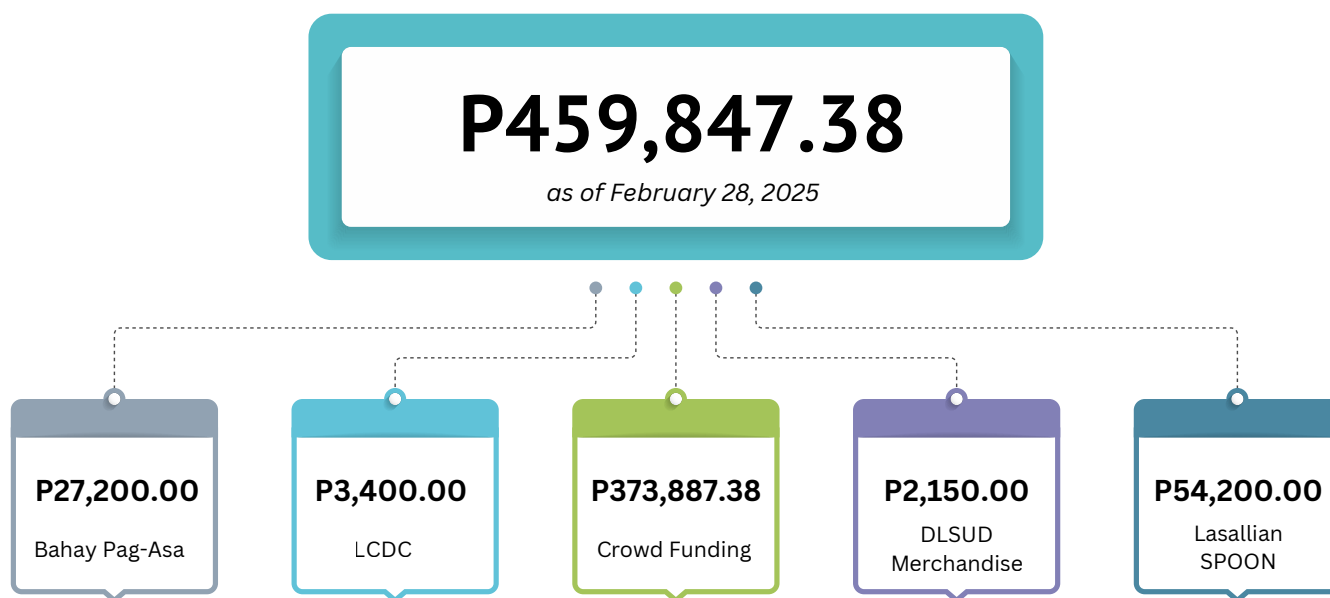
*As part of our continuous commitment to providing accessible and quality education, a total of 794 students benefitted from various scholarship programs during the Second Semester of Academic Year 2024-2025. These scholarships were made possible through both internal and external funding, as well as special programs designed to support deserving students in their academic journey.*

- Internally Funded Scholarships – A total of 404 students received financial assistance through institutional scholarships, reinforcing the university's dedication to supporting academically excellent and financially challenged students.*
- Externally Funded Scholarships – Generous contributions from partner organizations, government agencies, and private donors enabled 225 students to continue their education through externally funded scholarships.*
- Special Program Scholarships – A total of 165 students benefitted from special scholarship programs, which cater to specific sectors, fields of study, or unique qualifications to foster inclusivity and academic growth.*

*These scholarship initiatives play a crucial role in ensuring that students from various backgrounds receive the necessary support to pursue higher education. The institution remains steadfast in expanding scholarship opportunities, forging stronger partnerships, and enhancing financial aid programs to empower more students in achieving academic success.*



## RESOURCE GENERATION REPORT



The ₱459,847.38 raised in February 2025 reflects a well-supported fundraising effort, with a significant portion coming from crowdfunding activities. While cash contributions dominated, the role of in-kind donations remains valuable in supplementing financial resources. Moving forward, continued donor engagement and diversified funding strategies will be key to sustaining these initiatives.

### 1. Cash Donations: ₱433,637.38 (94.3%)

- The majority of the donations (94.3%) were in cash, indicating a strong preference among donors for monetary contributions.
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