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Mia Ceballos Zamarriego, a student exchange from La Salle Madrid, Spain is currently undertaking her Mission and Extension Exchange Program at DLSU-D Bahay Pagasa and the Lasallian Community Development Center, immersing herself in community development and outreach activities. She will be staying at the university from September until December 2024.



Celebrating Diversity and Unity: Where cultures meet, friendships blossom, and global minds come together.

The Linkages and Scholarship Office holds its annual International Students Assembly with the objective of providing a comprehensive orientation about academic life and social engagements. Over a hundred foreign students attended the orientation, including the election of the new set of Bayanihan Officers, the official organization of the university's international students. Held at the ADG Reception Hall, the students were given the opportunity to discuss their needs and other concerns relative to student life at the university. Together, we learn, share, and grow! Animo!

Bridging Cultures Through Language!

French students join Filipino students in Mr. Roland Ruben's Basic French class for a unique learning experience, fostering friendship and understanding across borders.

The Linkages and Scholarship Office would like to thank Mr. Roland Ruben for creating this collaborative and meaningful opportunity both for our local and exchange students from France.





Our Linkages and Scholarship Office Director, Dr. Nornelyn Cachuela, has been elected Executive Vice President of the CHED Region 4 International Relations Organization during CHED's Capacity Building Seminar in Lipa City. Dr. Cachuela joins the newly elected officers and board members who will work together to strengthen Region 4 higher education institutions' internationalization efforts and global presence



We've officially partnered with SeeMeSol (formerly SeeMeCV) for a cutting-edge career and placement portal system. The MOA signing took place during the CHED CALABARZON IZN and TNHE Capacity Building Assembly at the CHED Region 4A Office in Lipa, Batangas on September 26, 2024.



DLSU-D Participates in the Uniservitate Asia and Oceania Regional Events

LCDC Director Dr. Grace Red and LCDC QUEST Officer Dr. Mayeth Deligan Gochuico participated in the Uniservitate Asia and Oceania Regional Events in New Taipei, Taiwan on September 22-26, 2024 organized by Fu Jen Catholic University.



The first day kicked off with participants of the Uniservitate Regional Events visited Fu Jen Catholic University's community partners. They toured the New Taipei City Homeless Home and learned about the services aimed at helping individuals reintegrate into society. FJCU faculty members shared how the university promotes social responsibility among students through Service-Learning programs.





DLSU-D iCON

Inspiring Conversation with Alumni



CHRISTIAN M. BABLES
A. B. COMMUNICATION | CLASS OF 2013
Pointes N' Flexes Alumnus

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO CINEMATIC BRILLIANCE

Christian Mercurio Bables' journey in the entertainment industry is one of resilience, self-belief, and defying the odds. Despite facing numerous rejections and doubts, he held onto one powerful truth: believing in yourself is key.

In his first acting stint as an extra with no lines, he took every opportunity to shine, driven by a desire to be noticed. He endured a grueling 27-hour shoot, earning a modest Php 2,500. Despite the long hours and challenges, his determination never wavered. His goal was clear, "kailang mapansin ako ni Ma'am Charo Santos - Concio," (to catch the attention of Ma'am Charo Santos-Concio), a key figure in Philippine entertainment.

From his first role as an extra to starring on the big screen, Christian Bables' journey is a true testament to resilience and passion. Despite facing countless rejections and doubts, he turned pain into power and never lost sight of his dream.

On this issue of DLSU-D iCon, Christian's story reminds us that success doesn't come overnight, but with heart, determination, and self-belief, anything is possible.



The Philippine Academic Consortium for Latin American Studies (PACLAS) holds its regular meeting to prepare for its 2025 International Conference slated on February 2-4, 2025 at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas. The working conference theme centers in Fiesta and Festivals which will include a visit to Silang Church and participation to the town fiesta through the Silang Historical Society. Students from international studies, diplomacy, foreign service, tourism, among others are encouraged to attend the conference. The event will also be graced by select Latin-American ambassadors in the country.



DLSU-D's Language Learning Center proudly welcomes four exchange students from Teikyo University, Japan, the university's long-time partner in the East Asian region, for a three-month intensive English language course. Our language specialists will guide them as they immerse in both language studies and cultural activities alongside fellow international exchange students.

The Linkages and Scholarship Office provided them an orientation on campus familiarization through the Lasallian Student Ambassadors, visa process, and some cultural notes.



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The University Extension Committee (UEC) has been reactivated by the LCDC, holding its first meeting for the school year. The UEC aims to enhance university extension activities and policies to better address the needs of various colleges and departments, and serve the communities better.

The meeting was attended by the VPGEER, Dr. George Francisco, LCDC faculty/staff, and College Extension Coordinators namely Ms. Janette Bala, Dr. Jeffrey Lubang, Ms. Sarah Jane Mendoza, Ms. Monina Remulla, and Ms. Gracious Virata.

Key topics discussed included the LCDC Programs, LCDC Extension Framework, QUEST (Service-Learning), and the GK Piela Community Development Program.

The Office of the Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations (OVPGEER) participated in the 67th Anniversary of the National Day of Malaysia at Shangri-La, Makati City. The celebration was attended by various members of the diplomatic corps, academe, and friends of the embassy. They were received by the Malaysian Ambassador to the Philippines His Excellency Abdul Malik Melvin Castelino.



Christin Reign Basco, an International Development Studies student at CLAC, is embarking on an exciting journey as she begins her student exchange program at Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages in Taiwan from September 2024 to February 2025. Ms. Basco attended the contract signing and orientation facilitated by the Linkages and Scholarship Office.



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We are thrilled to have provided free X-ray services to five individuals in our partner community today. Thanks to our dedicated collaborators from DLSMHSI, CMIT personnel and the support of everyone who participated. We've taken a step toward ensuring a better healthcare access for all.



Project CARES is a collaborative project of the De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, Lasallian Community Development Center and De La Salle Medical Health Sciences Institute's College of Medical Imaging and Therapy.



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The DLSU-D Career Portal serves as a bridge between our alumni and a diverse network of companies across various industries. By joining the platform, you'll have access to job openings tailored to your qualifications and aspirations. You'll also be able to engage directly with employers who are actively seeking talented, skilled, and driven professionals like you.

Some key features of the DLSU-D Career Portal include:

- Streamlined job search with access to positions across multiple fields
- Virtual recruitment tools for efficient and interactive application processes
- Networking opportunities with potential employers who value Lasallian graduates



The Scholarship Unit under OVPGEER headed by Dr. May Mojica convened all university scholars for grants orientation, discussion about new sets of policies and guidelines, and other opportunities. Over two hundred scholars participated in the annual gathering of grantees which showcases interactions, open dialogue, games, and presentation of the Circle of Student Assistants (COSA) officers. The engagement was held at the ADG Auditorium from 1-4 pm.



DLSU-D through its School of Governance Public Service and Corporate Leadership and DILG Cavite province sign a memorandum of understanding highlighting partnerships and collaborations in rolling out good governance, extension, arts and culture, and sustainability programs. The two organizations shall develop programs which will benefit local leaders in the province. Present at the signing are VP for Global Engagement and External Relations Dr. George Francisco, Director Rommel Mazo, LGOO Charmaine Lopez, and other stakeholders. The signing was held at the DICT provincial office at the City of Carmona.



The University's Scholarship Office and Strike Karunungan hold a dialogue at the Bacoor Government Center for another cycle of scholarship program for the benefit of academically exceptional Bacooreños. Dr. May Mojica together with Dr. Sonia Gementiza did a presentation about the scholarship ecosystem of the university which hopes to generate more scholars from the City of Bacoor. Joining them are other administrators from various schools: St. Francis of Assisi College represented by Dr. Santos T. Castillo, and Jr., Jasper Adrian D. Salicsic; and St. Dominic College of Asia team, Mary Grace Demetillo and Selica Misty Navarrete. Helping them map out the scholarship opportunities is the Office of the Legal Service of Bacoor, Atty. Salvacion Valenciano.



Save the Children, the Provincial Government of Cavite, and De La Salle University-Dasmariñas' LCDC have joined forces to protect children from Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation ([#OSAEC](#)) and Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Materials ([#CSAEM](#)). Earlier today, Save the Children Philippines Chief Executive Officer Atty. Alberto Muyot, Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla, and DLSU-D Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations Dr. George Francisco signed a Memorandum of Agreement to formalize the partnership.

In solidarity to families affected by oil spill, the Lasallian Community Development Center and the Lasallian Mission Office of DLSU-D Basic Education Division shared food packs to families of fisherfolks in the barangays of Sapang 1 and San Juan, Ternate, Cavite. This collaborative effort was in support to the joint relief operation and medical mission projects of the Caritas Imus.

Our heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors and dedicated volunteers who selflessly contributed to the success of this endeavor. Special thanks to the student volunteers of SISOL and SERVE for their invaluable services in the repacking of relief goods.



Masayang nagsagawa ng gawaing ekstensiyon ang mga staff ng OVPGEER sa Bahay Tuluyan Sa Lungsod ng Dasmariñas. Tuon ng ekstensiyon na mabigyang-kaalaman ang mga batang residente sa paggawa ng dish washing liquid bilang kanilang gawaing pangkabuhayan. Tunguhin nitong magkaroon ng sustenableng programa sa pamamagitan ng pagbebenta ng mga produkto sa mga kantin ng pamantasan.

Katuwang sa pagpapatakbo ng programa ang Lasallian Community Development Center partikular sa pagpapatupad at katagumpayan ng gawain.



Two DLSU-D faculty members, Angelica Irah Mari Pallasigui from the College of Liberal Arts and Communication and Engr. Irish Polinga from the College of Engineering Architecture and Technology will participate in the faculty exchange program at our two partner universities. Ms. Pallasigui will fly to Sogiejpranata Catholic University in Indonesia for two engagements: a plenary speaker at an international conference and a two-week lecture exchange program at SCU's Psychology program. On the other hand, Engr. Irish Polinga will have a two-week lecture and research program at Christ University in India.

With their experience in research and teaching, the two faculty members will bring a wealth of knowledge and innovative pedagogical approaches to their respective departments. During their exchange tenures, they will actively participate in collaborative research projects, curriculum development, and mentoring, contributing significantly to their students' growth and dynamism.



The DLSU-D Advancement and Scholarship units represented by Dr. Jeff Buenviaje and Dr. May Mojica took part in the De La Salle Philippines' Advancement and Scholarship Annual Assembly on September 5 at DLS-College of Saint Benilde's Garrucho Hub of Innovation for Inclusion. The assembly provided a platform for member schools to exchange best practices and discuss common challenges. Keynote sessions and panel discussions with experts in resource generation and crowdfunding further enriched the participants' knowledge and skills, fostering collaboration and growth within the Lasallian network.



The Advancement & Alumni Relations Office attended the 35th Philippine Travel Mart at SMX Convention Center on September 6, 2024. The visit aimed to strengthen the university's network with businesses and enterprises in the Travel, Hospitality, and Tourism industries, fostering partnerships for career placement and internship opportunities. Dr. Jeff Buenviaje, AARO Director, and Ms. Irene Gueco, Career and Placement Officer, also had the privilege of reconnecting with distinguished DLSU-D alumni who have excelled in these fields.



DLSU-D warmly welcomes Ms. Dang Quynh Mai, an inbound student exchange from Hanoi National University of Education–Vietnam. She will join us from September to November under the Applied Mathematics Program (APM) at the College of Science (COS), where she will take courses in Mathematics. Mai was given an orientation and received by the Office of the Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations (OVPGEER) headed by Dr. George Francisco, Dr. Nor Cachuela, and Ms. Rachelle Arbiol. We are excited to have her as part of the growing community of our international exchange students.

DLSU-D's Basic Education Division and the Sandiwaan Center for Learning Inc. sealed a partnership for collaboration in the following areas: teaching and learning activities, alternative learning system, and learning innovation using cutting-edge educational technologies. Present at the signing are the faculty members from the BED and the following administrators: Mr. Jose Ritche Bongcaron, Mr. Marlon Pareja, Dr. George Francisco, Dr. Nor Cachuela, Fr. Benigno Beltran SVD, and Ms. Nerissa Beltran. The MOU hopes to produce activities between and among students and faculty of the university's Basic Education program.





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Faculty members from the Colleges of Science, Liberal Arts and Communication, and Education, Dr. Rubie Causaren, Ms. Josephine Cruz, Ms. Sharon Lubag, and Dr. Evelyn Obo will be conducting a week-long GED training in one of the De La Salle schools in Asia. They will cover the following areas: Mathematical Reasoning, Reasoning through Language, Arts, and Social Studies, and Science. The said project is one of the priority areas of DLSU-D to engage and fulfill its commitment to other La Salle schools worldwide.



The Office of the Vice President for Global Engagement and External Relations (OVPGEER) headed by Drs. George Francisco and Nor Cachuela graced the National Day Celebration of the Federative Republic of Brazil at the Shangri-La the Fort in BGC, Taguig City. The reception was hosted by His Excellency Gilberto Fonseca Guimaraes de Moura, the Ambassador of Brazil in Manila. The celebration was attended by the members of the Diplomatic Corps, Academe, Corporate Sector, Government and Non-Government Leaders.

In the photos: Brazil Ambassador Gilberto Fonseca Guimaraes de Moura; US Ambassador MaryKay Carlson; Argentina Ambassador Ricardo Luis Bocalandro; Chilean Ambassador Alvaro Jara Bucarey; and Embassy of Brazil First Secretary Juan Oliveira Bomfim.



LCDC attends the Cavite Environmental Summit 2024 at Philippine Christian University Dasmariñas.

With the theme “Sustainable Futures: Tackling Environmental Problems and Solutions Together,” the summit addresses pressing environmental issues in Cavite, including seabed quarrying, communal land, river problems, sea turtle protection, plastic pollution, and oil spills.

Mr. Marlon Pareja, Principal of DLSU-D High School, is among the speakers. The event is organized by EcoWaste Coalition, Cavite Green Coalition, Kalasag, Plastic Free Pilipinas Project, and the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement.



From student dreams to cruise line queen!

Meet Minay Capile, a proud DLSU-D alumna who turned her college challenges into stepping stones to success.

Minay's journey from struggling scholar to becoming the first Filipina Entertainment Director at Carnival Cruise Line is a testament to resilience and passion.



DLSU-D warmly welcomes faculty and students from Marian Catholic College, Sydney, Australia, as they join us for mission and community extension exchange programs. During their stay, they will participate in meaningful activities such as cultural exchanges, Bahay Pag-asa engagement, and a community mass. Hosted by the Linkages and Scholarship Office, the students will also attend lectures, a museum tour, engagements with the Lasallian Student Ambassadors, among others.

Joining them are Br. Mandy Dujunco, Dr. George Francisco, Dr. Nor Cachula, Dr. Marvi Aguilar, Ms. Rachele Arbiol, Ms. Sony Cuaycong, and Mr. Gavin Hayes.

Together, we foster global connections and shared learning experiences.



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SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Initial List of Approved Scholars for First Semester, SY 2024-2025

- Student Financial Aid Grantees - **233**
- College Entrance Scholarship - **16**
- SHS Entrance Scholarship - **5**
- Academic Scholarship - **71**





RESOURCE GENERATION REPORT

For the Month of September 2024



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