

From the President's Desk

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Dear Lasallians,

Christmas invites us to look again at the humble place where Jesus was born. It is an invitation to rediscover what truly grounds us as a Lasallian community: fidelity to the mission, synodality in spirit, and co-responsibility in action. The simplicity and silence of the birth of Jesus calls us to stand in solidarity with our fellow Filipinos who are suffering, and to respond with compassion and hope. As I reflect on our first four months together as a university community, I am grateful for the many positive changes and renewed energy we have seen across DLSU-Dasmariñas. With that same spirit of humility and gratitude, allow me to share with you the stories and updates of our common journey as we close the year and prepare for the new year, 2026.



Fidelity to the Mission

We proudly celebrate the achievement of Professor Christopher D. Gabriel, who earned 3rd Place in the Short Story – English category of the Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature 2025. His recognition is especially remarkable as it marks his first entry into the country's most prestigious literary competition.

Celebrating Innovation

Innovation and creativity shone brightly last month. The DLSU-D delegation composed of Computer Science students Juliana Racquel C. Dunca, Mark Brian E. Garilao, Eloisa Joy B. Lumakang, Francesca Marie A. Tuazon, and coached by Associate Dean Rolando B. Barrameda, clinched the Champion title at EDUTech Asia 2025 in Singapore. Their project, ReStitch, a Google-powered mobile app designed to “repair the future of fashion,” empowers users to repair, repurpose, upcycle, and share clothing. Through AI chatbot support, it promotes sustainable lifestyles while reducing textile waste.



Equally inspiring, Team CocoCatch, composed of Safe Lrich F. Sales, Marin Akisha M. Ishikawa, Hanz Wendell R. Reginio, and Lhea Angel Marie S. Lanuza secured 2nd Place at the 2025 ASEAN Future Sustainable Leaders Case Competition – ASEAN Round in Jakarta, Indonesia. Their project, “CocoCatch – We Say BahaBye and Keep Streets Dry,” showcased Lasallian ingenuity in sustainability-driven solutions, proudly representing the Philippines.



Adding to these achievements, DLSU-D's entry “Agap Akbay: Magka-akbay sa Katotohanan” soared at the 2025 National Student PR Congress & Grand Prix, a gathering that celebrated passion, purpose, and storytelling among the country's brightest communicators.



Artistry and Creativity

Our community's artistry was equally celebrated. The DLSU-D Chorale demonstrated exceptional talent at the 2025 National Music Competitions for Young Artists (NAMCYA), earning 2nd Place in the Senior Choir Category at the Metropolitan Theater in Manila.



Creativity also lit up the city as DLSU-D earned 1st Runner-Up at the Lighted Float Parade of the 2025 Paruparo Festival. This success was made possible by the dedication of Multimedia Arts and Architecture students and faculty, who conceptualized and executed the theme with excellence. They were of course, supported by various offices such as the CAO, BFMO, GSO, Purchasing, and the SCO in their victorious journey. They are true testaments that teamwork, indeed, makes the dream work.

Synodality in Spirit

De La Salle University–Dasmariñas was honored to host the two-day Lasallian East Asia District Joint Councils Workshop, an annual collaborative exercise among the District's six Working Committees composed of members from both the LEAD District and Mission Councils. The sessions focused on strategic planning and its vital role in sustaining the mission's viability across the district.

In line with our commitment to academic excellence, we also welcomed representatives from the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU), who evaluated programs under the Colleges of Engineering, Architecture and Technology, Education, Business Administration and Accountancy, and Science.

Meanwhile, the College of Professional and Graduate Studies (CPGS) began drafting its student manual, with administrators, faculty, and the student council working hand in hand to ensure a comprehensive guide for future learners.

Co-Responsibility in Action

Our student leaders likewise took an active role in nation-building through Lasallians Against Corruption, a forum held at Tanghalang Julian Felipe featuring former DLSU College of Law Dean and AKBAYAN Party List Representative Atty. Chel Diokno. The discussion highlighted current bills in Congress aimed at strengthening transparency and preventing systemic abuse.



Our commitment to community well-being and social responsibility was evident this month. The University launched the "Oh Fri, Gulay!" campaign, designating Fridays as vegetable-focused days to encourage healthier food choices among faculty, students, and staff.

The School of Governance proudly celebrated the graduation of 74 barangay officials and SK Chairpersons from Cavite and Laguna. 44 completed the Executive Course on Barangay Leadership: Ethics, Accountability, and Development (B-LEAD) and 30 from the Executive Course on Barangay Governance for a Resilient Environment (B-GREEN). The ceremony highlighted the university's commitment to strengthening leadership capacity at the grassroots level.

As part of disaster preparedness efforts, the DLSU-D community actively participated in the 4th Quarter National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) in compliance with RDRRMC Memorandum No. 11, s. 2025 and directives from the City of Dasmariñas CDRRMC.



As a joyful welcome to the holiday season, we ushered in the #PaskoJuan celebration with the ceremonial lighting of the Ayuntamiento de Gonzalez and the Animo Driveway. Both now shine brilliantly, adorned with the vibrant colors of Christmas. May the spirit of the season embrace each one of us with warmth, hope, and renewed joy.

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