



De La Salle University  
DASMARIÑAS

# From the President's Desk

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Dear Lasallians,

Peace!

As Lasallians return to campus to kick-off a new semester, let this edition of From the President's Desk serve as a recap of the things you may have missed while you were away.

During the long break, extensive efforts were made to improve campus facilities, ensuring that students return to a more conducive environment for both learning and leisure. This would not have been possible without the tireless work of our construction, maintenance, and housekeeping teams, whose dedication prepared the university for the opening of classes, so a huge thank you is to order for our hardworking ates and kuyas on campus.

## Synodality in Spirit



Beyond physical improvements, we are also investing in programs that safeguard student well-being and safety. The University Lasallian Family Office, Student Wellness Center, Campus Ministry Office, and University Chaplain's Office have joined forces to launch La Salle CARES (Confidential Advocacy and Response for Everyone's Safety), a program designed to foster a safe, supportive, and compassionate environment for all members of the Lasallian community.

In the same vein, we have partnered with the Sandiwaan Center of Learning through our Basic Education Department to stage an online workshop for 1,500 teachers nationwide, highlighting opportunities to integrate AI into teaching and learning. Led by Fr. Benigno P. Beltran, SVD, a long-time advocate for expanding pathways for marginalized learners, this initiative reflects our drive to innovate while remaining inclusive.

Our spirit of collaboration also extends to ministry. We welcomed the leadership of the Sisters of Social Service, led by General Director Sr. Marybeth Larkins, SSS, to explore further opportunities for partnership in ministry. Rooted in the social mission of the Church, their congregation promotes human dignity, justice, and the common good. Sr. Sonia Delima, SSS, who serves at Bahay Pag-asa in DLSU-D, shared her inspiring experience of accompanying youth in conflict with the law, an example of faith in action.

## Co-Responsibility in Action

Collaboration is at the heart of our academic initiatives. To expand access to resources, DLSU-D and De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute (DLSMHSI) have partnered to provide cross-campus library privileges. Starting the second semester of SY 2025–2026, students and faculty from both institutions can benefit from shared access, reflecting our collective commitment to academic excellence.

Our concern for community wellness is equally strong. The Safety, Health and Welfare Office, in partnership with the City Government of Dasmariñas, organized a free anti-rabies vaccination and spay/neuter event for campus cats and pets owned by students, faculty, and staff. This initiative not only manages the feline population but also ensures a rabies-free environment for all.



# Fidelity to Mission

Our Lasallians continue to shine. We proudly congratulate our new architects for achieving a 100% passing rate in the January 2026 Architecture Licensure Examinations. Likewise, three of our students ranked in the Top 10 of the Certified Operations Management Specialist (COMS) assessment, while our representatives in the Inter-Collegiate Finance Competition placed 5th out of 109 teams nationwide.

Faculty achievements are equally noteworthy. College of Science Dean Dr. Mario Torres and Biological Sciences Department Chair Dr. Arizaldo Castro were invited to serve as members of the Regional Quality Assessment Team (RQAT) for Biology Programs, where they will lead external evaluations of Higher Education Institutions across the region.



# Globalization

Finally, our commitment to global engagement continues to grow. We successfully concluded a two-week study abroad program for 26 law students from Victoria University (VU), Australia, titled “Philippine Legal System and Alternative Dispute Resolution: A Comparative and Immersive Learning Program.” As the first of its kind in the Philippines, the program received positive feedback and is poised to become a continuing project.

- We also welcomed faculty and students from Providence University in Taiwan for a cultural exchange session, strengthening ties between Taiwanese and Filipino students and enriching our shared understanding of culture and community.
- Lasallians, may your campus experience this second semester be fruitful and meaningful. Animo La Salle!

In St. La Salle,

*Br. Imigo*

