

From the President's Desk

October 2025

Dear Lasallians,

Peace!

September was a month full of milestones for the University, and I, for one, am happy to say that the innovations we have set in place in the past months are all bearing fruit one by one.

As I previously stated in my first letter to the community, we have implemented several measures to enhance our students' learning experience, starting with establishing the necessary systems to ensure that objectives are fully met.



Co-Responsibility in Action

Recommended for ISO Certification

This is why the recommendation for ISO 21001:2018 is an important achievement for the University. The two stages of the audit entailed a thorough review of previous and existing processes, complete documentation of these processes, and an assessment to identify areas for improvement.

The audit also showed that the University was compliant with the systems submitted to the auditing body. Thank you to all the offices, faculty, and staff who worked hard to achieve this recognition for the university.

We are expecting to receive the certification this month. This is a testament that the University's management system is compliant with global standards for educational organizations (EOMS).

Synodality in Spirit

Sharing and Benchmarking

Speaking of global standards, DLSU-D was fortunate to be included among the top universities in the World University Ranking for Innovation (WURI) 2025. The University was cited for A1 Student Support and Engagement: BAYANIHAN, A2 Student Mobility and Openness: LAYAG (Linking Academics and Young Ambassadors Globally), and B5 Funding for Sustainability: KALINGA.

We not only received the award but were also given a platform to share our best practices with other academic leaders and learn from their success stories. Engagements like these are important in policymaking and program development as they open doors to possibilities for our faculty and students.



Fidelity to Mission

Student Experience

As we set forth and benchmark with other universities in our efforts to deliver the best student experiences, our infrastructure projects will not stop with the opening of the Maria Salome Llanera Hall (MLDH) and the reopening of the Purificacion Borromeo Hall (PBH). Most recently, we have opened the Ambrosio and Nadina Capayas Learning Hub under the College of Education.

With the COED being a recognized Center of Excellence in Teacher Education by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the facility seeks to equip our future educators with a dedicated demonstration room and a multi-purpose activity area where they can study and collaborate in a shared and conducive learning space. Please take a look if you have the time.



Marist Brothers Visit

We were honored to welcome the delegates of the Marist Brothers' General Chapter to our campus for cultural immersion, reflection, and fellowship. The General Chapter is the congregation's highest worldwide meeting, where representatives gather to pray, discern future directions, and elect their leaders.

The Institute of the Marist Brothers, founded in 1817 by St. Marcellin Champagnat in France, is a global Catholic religious congregation dedicated to the Christian education of young people. Their work is closely aligned with De La Salle's mission of faith, service, and communion. The De La Salle Brothers and the Marist Brothers have collaborated for years on specific projects in the peripheries, such as the Fratelli Project, which serves refugees from the war in Syria and victims of religious persecution in Iraq. To know more about this project, here's the link: <https://www.lasallefoundation.org/project/fratelli-project/>

Junior Patriots Soar

Our student-athletes, particularly our Junior Patriots from the Basic Education Unit, are proving that they are also thriving in the regional sports hub. The DLSU-D Junior Patriots recently topped Group B of the Philippine Basketball Hoops 17U Cup after an undefeated run in the group stage.

Meanwhile, the DLSU-D Junior Patriots also brought home an impressive medal haul from their performance in the CDAPS Athletic League.

Among them, the teams for table tennis and badminton earned nine golds and seven silvers, while both the Boys and Girls Volleyball teams were crowned champions of the competition. Keep up that Animo spirit, and best of luck in future competitions!

Salute to Our Lasallian Educators

Last but not least, I would like to share a passage from my message to our Lasallian educators on the occasion of World Teachers' Day:

"Today, on World Teachers' Day, I want to pause and thank you. Thank you for your generosity, your sacrifices, and your commitment to the young people entrusted to us. No letter or token can ever equal the gift of your generosity. This message is only a humble gesture of gratitude and respect.

Pope Francis once reminded us that teachers do more than fill minds with ideas. He said that to educate is to transmit life itself, because what we truly hand on to others is who we are inside. He also said: 'To be a teacher is to live a mission.' Thank you for living out this mission here at DLSU-D. Thank you for providing a human and Christian education to the young, especially to those who are most in need."

On the eve of my investiture as the DLSU-D President, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to every member of the community for the shared spirit of collaboration that has enabled our University to achieve these milestones thus far. This occasion is not about one person, but about all of us who continue to build, serve, and journey together in faith and mission. There is more to come in the future. Let us take these steps forward together as **One La Salle**.

In St. La Salle,

Br. Inigo

