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LLC faculty are consultants in Asian universities, speak at LSP



LLC language specialists Jarrie Roman (in pink) and Sheila Katrina Sanchez (seated) together with the Japanese students from the English Village in Kyushu University of Health and Welfare in Nobeoka City Miyazaki Prefecture. Photo Source: Jarrie Roman.

The Language Learning Center (LLC) once again makes its presence felt as it continues to work with Kyushu University of Health and Welfare (KUHW) in Miyazaki, Japan. Commissioned by KUHW President Miyako Kake, this English language training program involves tertiary-level Japanese students who are likely to complete graduate studies in the Philippines, US, Australia, New Zealand, or UK.

LLC instructors Sheila Katrina Sanchez and Jarrie Ann Roman flew out to Japan to undertake the second half of the three-month English language program. The first half was implemented from April 6 to 26. Alvin Nabayra, LLC programs and communications officer, supervised the administration of the English language needs assessment.

Initial talks have likewise been set for another round of teacher and learner training on English language in Nagoya, Japan. Blue Planet’s Mary Tolentino has been coordinating with LLC for a one-month intensive training of Japanese teachers and students in Nagoya. Furthermore, another teacher training on English language proficiency is set to happen at University of Semarang in Indonesia in coordination with

the Professional Education Department of the College of Education. This partnership is made possible through the efforts of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Mission, External Affairs, and Advancement, the Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Scholarship and Academic Services, and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academics and Research.

Meanwhile, University of Cambridge ESOL certified ELT specialists Alvin Nabayra and Christopher Gabriel successfully presented their paper at the 2012 Linguistic Society of the Philippines (LSP) National Conference held at the University of Asia and the Pacific on May 9. Titled “Task-Based Language Teaching and Its Discontents,” the paper draws inspiration from critical and contemporary insights on second language acquisition, mother-tongue education, and materials design and development.

Fellow researchers from different universities across Luzon and the Visayas expressed interest in contextualizing the paper’s findings outside DLSU-D. The core of the collaboration is to examine monolingual approaches to teaching English vis-a-vis the roles of the mother-tongue and pragmatic and sociocultural influences in the

Philippine context which are highly multilingual or plurilingual. Faculty members from both LLC and LLD participated in this national conference. Invited speakers came from Harvard University, Cambridge University, National University of Singapore, Summer Institute of Linguistics, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University-Manila, University of the Philippines in the Visayas, among others.

For decades, the Linguistic Society of the Philippines has been an internationally recognized English language teaching organization where only contemporary and breakthrough research findings are invited for presentation. The 2012 LSP conference was initiated by Dr. T. Ruanni Tupas, senior lecturer of the Centre of English Language Communication, National University of Singapore and Dr. Arwin Vibar of the University of Asia and the Pacific.

With reports from the Language Learning Center



Members of the Lasallian schools throughout the country wore their Centennial shirts to celebrate Green Day on Mar. 7. This day means there are 100 days left before the closing day of the Centennial Celebration of the Lasallian Presence in the Philippines to be held on June 15.

Languages and Literature Festival



This year’s Languages and Literature Festival was themed “Nurturing Culture and Identity through Language and Literature.” To celebrate the festival, LLD held movie marathons and seminars. Among the seminars were “E-nGLISH: Technology in Teaching English” and “Teaching E-Grammar: Why, What, and How?”

The highlight of the three-day celebration is the fashion show dubbed “Pustura at Literatura: Ang Muling Pagrampa (PL2).” which was held last Mar. 7 at Ugnayang La Salle. With a black and white motif, the fashion show featured models strutting avant garde and casual outfits designed by the students. The audience was also brought back to Madonna and Michael Jackson days when LLD faculty, staff, and students presented their own renditions of the songs of the pop music icons.

Gearing up for K-12

DLSU-D’s College of Education, being a Center of Excellence in Teacher Education and Center of Training Institution, was tapped to be a training provider for the mass training of public school teachers who will teach the new 7th grade curriculum starting school year 2012-2013. As part of the University’s commitment to community and public service, it opened its doors to the participants from the Divisions of Cavite Province, Rizal Province, Dasmariñas City, Cavite City, and Antipolo City.

Dr. Joel Espedido, dean of the College of Education, acted as the chair of the steering committee of the K to 12 Program Mass Training of Grade 7 teachers. The faculty

members who facilitated the training were: English—Cristina Padilla, Gloria Cabagui, and Lucila Calairo; Science—Johnny Ching, Norbel Tabo, and Maria Lourdes Cervania; Mathematics—Normalyn Pantino, Perla De la Cruz, and Leonor Amacio; Filipino—Mary Ann Escoto, Jennifer Arroyo, and Lakandupil Garcia; Araling Panlipunan—Aquino Garcia, Josephine Cruz, and Jesus Medina; Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao—Felinor Angelica Valera, Venicris Alonzosana, and Henry Bernardo. Other teachers from the Division Level acted as trainers in Technology and Livelihood Education and MAPEH.

The occasion was graced by top education

administrators such as Br. Armin Luistro FSC, secretary of the Department of Education; Br. Gus Boquer FSC, president of DLSU-D and De La Salle Health and Sciences Institute; Dr. Lorna Dig-Dino, CESO IV, director of DepEd Region IV-A; Dr. Victoria Pamienta, superintendent of the Division of Dasmariñas; and Dr. Yolanda Carpina, superintendent of the Division of Trece Martires.

Held from May 14 to 19, the first batch of training gathered 882 teachers while the second batch held from May 21 to 26 catered to 1,078 public school teachers.

With reports from the College of Education



Admins present paper abroad



Dr. Christian George Francisco(left) during his talk at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Dr. Fanny Cuyos (right) with Dr. Woo-Hee Park, president of Sejong University, Dr. Feng Yuelin, vice president, Chongqin Medical University, China, and Prof. Rie Imai of Hollywood Graduate University of Beauty Business, Japan.

College of Liberal Arts Associate Dean Christian George Francisco presented his paper at the International Journal of Arts and Sciences Conference 2012 on Academic Disciplines held at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, March 15. The paper presented was titled "Specialized Bilingual Dictionary in Print and Broadcast Media."

Dr. Francisco also delivered a lecture on "The Present Status of the Philippines' Popular Languages" at the Mc Larren Conference Hall, University of San Francisco on Mar. 29. He presented examples of the popular languages as well as the contributions of academicians

and language scholars in treating these languages. The lecture was part of the Spring Cultural Lecture Series sponsored by the Maria Elena G. Yuchengco Philippine Studies Program and co-sponsored by the Modern and Classical Languages Department.

In related events, College of Education Graduate Studies Director Fanny Cuyos attended and presented her paper at the 9th Global University Network Conference in Sejong University in Seoul Korea, May 2 to 3. She presented her paper titled "Socio-Cultural Integration and Innovation in Globalization" where she zeroed in on the effects of

globalization in developing countries like the Philippines and on how DLSU-D and other NGOs extend services to poor communities to empower and assist them to meet the challenges of globalization. The conference opened wider possibilities for linkages and collaboration with other universities in various areas of interests and concerns.

The 9th Global University Network Conference gathered administrators and experts from 15 countries.

With reports from the colleges of Liberal Arts and Education



Photo Source: Student Publications Office

Playing it forward

While everyone has their eyes set on the 2012 London Olympics, DLSU-D bids farewell to one of its prized volleyball players, Jennifer Manzano. As the volleyball team's captain ball, Manzano helped bring home a number of gold medals for the volleybelles.

"[I am happy that after seven years with the university, I am finally graduating. Other players will be given the opportunity I was once given]," shares Manzano. A position in Air Force Philippines awaits her after graduation where she can still pursue her passion for volleyball.

COE names Gawad Gurong Caviteño 2012



Josephine Canlas of Imus Pilot Elementary School is the first Gawad Gurong Caviteño recipient. Gawad Gurong Caviteño is the Search for Outstanding Public School Teachers of Cavite spearheaded by the College of Education. The search gives honor to the teaching profession by acknowledging the achievements of teachers who manifest deep commitment to the development of the youth through exemplary competence, remarkable dedication to their work, and effective educational leadership.

Canlas, in her response, left the audience with the saying, "To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge, to find the will of God is the greatest discovery, and to do the will of God is the greatest achievement."

The awarding ceremony was held on Mar. 5 at the CIHM Courtyard and was graced by Secretary of Education Br. Armin Luistro, DLSU-D President Br. Gus Boquer FSC, EdD, school representatives, and search finalists, among others.

Lasallian Journey: Yesterday and Today

Br. Diego Muñoz FSC, coordinator of Lasallian Research and Resource Service, visited DLSU-D for a dialogue with Lasallians from the South last Mar. 3 at Luis Aguado Viewing Room. Dubbed "Lasallian Journey: Yesterday and Today," the dialogue was attended by representatives from DLS Health Sciences Institute, DLS Zobel, and DLSU-D.

Br. Diego invited the participants to act on the responsibility of sharing the Lasallian heritage outside the realm of their immediate community. "I feel that we, Lasallians, have a responsibility to share our heritage--the Lasallian thinking. And we will be present inside and outside our university in order to share what we believe, what we will like to transform in this world," he shares.



Arch stude shines in DPC-PLDT Directory Cover Contest



Ervin Mark Suerte, a BS Architecture student, won People's Choice Award with the entry photo titled "Twisted Faith" in the 2012-2013 DPC-PLDT Directory Cover Contest--26th Visual Arts National Competition held last Mar. 6 at SMX Convention Center.

Suerte is one of the 50 finalists selected nationwide to compete in various major and minor awards including People's Choice Award. The said award is based on the highest votes gathered online at www.eyp.ph. His winning entry will be the cover page photo for 2012-2013 PLDT Yellow Pages.

DLSU-D fills top places in int'l art contest



Students of DLSU-D filled the top three spots in the Lasallian Art Contest, an international competition participated in by Lasallian schools across the globe. The winners were Reggie Joseph Arciaga, 1st place; Jessu Erica Marie Bravante, 2nd place; and Janine Micah Vicente, 3rd place.

Winners were chosen according to how well the artists portrayed and expressed the phrase "Let us remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God."

Photos show the artworks of Arciaga (left), Bravante, (top right), and Vicente (bottom right) that ranked first to third in the 2012 Lasallian Art Contest.

Photo Source: <http://www.brothersvocation.org>

SWC counselor lectures in int'l convention

Student Wellness Center (SWC) Counselor Ann Margaret Martin, PhD, RGC was one of the three guest lecturers in the 6th International Center for Communication Studies-Manila (ICCS) International Convention on Psychological Communication held on Mar. 4 at the Henry Lee Irwin Theater, Ateneo de Manila University. The convention was participated in by psychology students

and faculty members of DLSU-D and 54 other universities. Dr. Martin lectured on the "Ethical Use of Technology in the Counseling Practice." The other lectures were on "Internet Addiction, Serious Games and Mobile Computing for Mental Health" delivered by Dr. Andrew Campbell of the University of Sydney; "Next-Generation Tools for Clinical Psychology and Behavioral Medicine, Virtual Environments, Web-Based

Programs, and Wellness Applications" delivered by Stanford University's Dr. Walter Greenleaf.

Silfa Napicol of DLSU-D's Behavioral Sciences Department gave the overview of the convention themed, "Cyber Psychology: Emerging Technologies and the Society."

Contributor: Student Wellness Center



DOLE supports scholarship

DLSU-D scholars received financial assistance from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) as part of the partnership between the University and DOLE. The checks were awarded to scholars last Mar. 28 at DLSU-D.

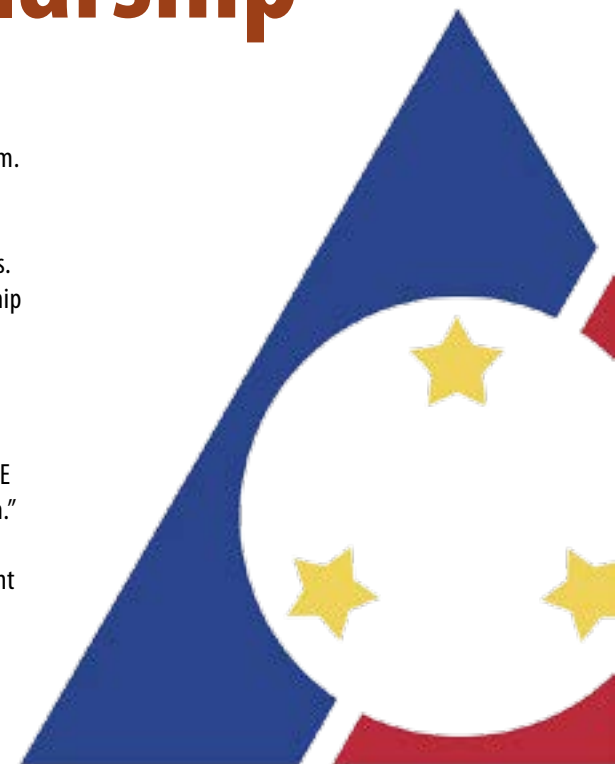
The program is a by-product of a long and creative brainstorming between DOLE-Cavite under Region IV-A and the Alumni Relations and Placement Office (ARPO) as a Public Employment Service Office in close collaboration with the Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Scholarship and Academic Services. The partnership integrated DLSU-D's Student Assistantship Program (SAP) and DOLE's Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES). Under the joint endeavor, the scholars shall render the regular duty hours under the SAP set-up to represent the equivalent "work time" and in principle, the students receive 60 percent of their compensation through the scholarship subsidy provided by the

University. The remaining 40 percent is granted by DOLE through the SPES program.

Vincent Martinez, DOLE representative, distributed the checks to 285 SAP scholars. Martinez said, "[On] behalf of the leadership of DOLE Region IV-A under Atty. Ricardo Martinez and DOLE Cavite under Enrico Sagmit, we hope that this partnership ushers the beginning of a stronger and lasting working relationship between DOLE and DLSU-D for the education of the youth."

Present during the awarding were Assistant Vice Chancellor for Scholarship and Academic Services Lucila Calairo, ARPO Director Nathaniel Golla, and Placement Coordinator Leo Manansala.

With reports from Alumni Relations and Placement Office





POLCA's centennial gift

As the celebration of the centennial year draws closer, the Parents' Organization of Lasalle Cavite, Inc. (POLCA) donates Synchronized Digital Clocks with Signage as the organization's gift to the University. The formal turnover of the gift was held last May 15, covered by a Deed of Donation which the incumbent POLCA President, Dr. Carmelyn Antig, read and handed over to Br. Gus Boquer FSC, EdD. Blessing of the clocks installed around the campus was also done during the simple ceremonies.

The Synchronized Digital Clock comes with other functional features. It plays the 3 o'clock prayer and the Angelus Prayer every 12 and 6 o'clock. This is in support of one of Br. Gus' 14-point agenda--to make the DLSU-D a campus where the presence of God is lived and shared. Moreover, it promotes the university's value of time as this would guide the rest of the community in time management. It is located at 13 strategic places around the campus.

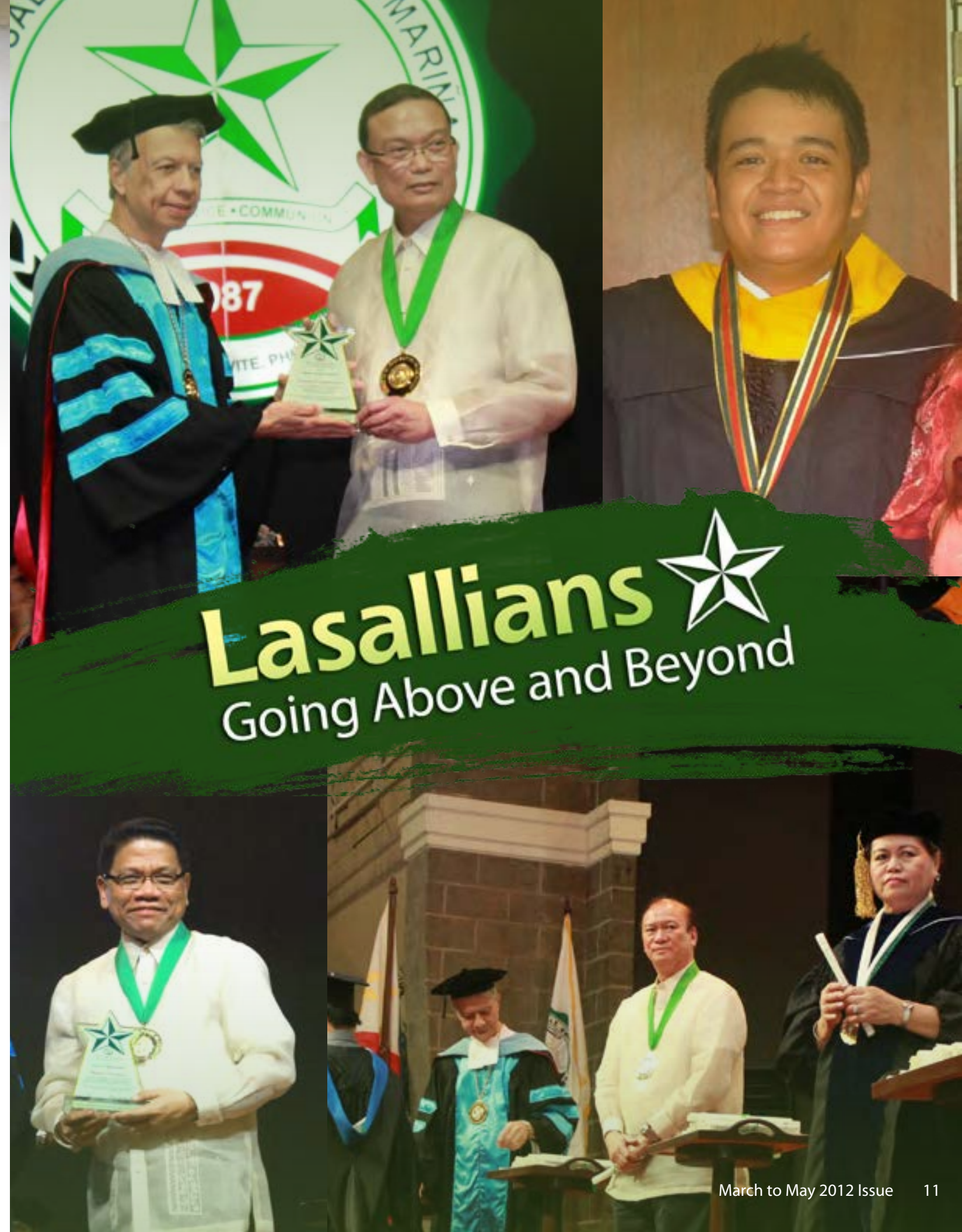
Further, in support of DLSU-D's Project Carbon Neutral, accredited student organizations can now do away with printing tarpaulins for posting and instead use the TV monitors for announcements for a minimal fee because a portion of the signage is especially allocated for collegiate announcements. Half of the amount collected by POLCA will go to the scholarship funds while the remaining half will be used for the maintenance of the equipment.

With reports from Parents Organization of La Salle Cavite

MCO Director is Anvil Juror

Marketing Communications Director Rosanni Recreo-Sarile is one of the board of jurors for the 47th Anvil Awards. Distinguished professors, media professionals, corporate PR practitioners, and PR agency representatives make up the multi-sectoral jury.

Annually organized by the Public Relations Society of the Philippines, Anvil Awards honors outstanding PR programs and tools, thus its mark as the "Oscars" of PR in the Philippines. The awards night was held on Feb. 24 at the Isla Ballroom, Edsa Shangri-la Hotel.



Lasallians 
Going Above and Beyond

Oops! In the Vol. 21 No. 5 issue of Newsette, p. 27, the Eucharistic Celebration for the IALU visit was held in the Holy Rosary Chapel of DLSU-D and not in DLS HSI.

A Graduate's Message (excerpt)

JOHN JEFFERSON BESA

Summa Cum Laude, BS Biology major in Human Biology
Valedictorian, Class 2012

"Let me be the change I want to see. To do with strength and wisdom all that needs to be done and become the hope that I can be."

Apat na taon na ang nakalipas. Isang 15-year old ang lumipat sa Cavite para pumasok sa DLSU-D. Unang tapak sa Gate 1, wala siyang alam sa mga posibleng mangyari sa kanya. Palaging naka-polo kaya't napagkakamalang prof. Hindi marunong humawak ng microscope o mag-dissect. Talagang surprised kapag may surprise quiz. Palaging aligaga. Loner. Bukod sa baong pera, wala siyang baong kahit ano kundi ang pangarap niya--ang makapagtapos [at] balang araw, maging doktor.

Ngayong umagang ito, tayo ay nagtapos. Ang diplomang ating minimithi ay katumbas ng apat, lima, o kahit ilan pa mang taon ng pagpasok, pakikinig, o pagtulog sa mga lectures, pagtambay sa lib, pagka-cram, pagpupuyat, pagpupunyagi, at pangangarap. Lubos nating ipinagbubunyi ang araw na ito sapagkat sa wakas ay nahawakan na rin natin ang isang kapisang parchment paper na magiging sandata natin sa susunod na kabanata ng ating buhay. Ngunit isang papel

nga lang ba ang katumbas ng lahat ng ating pagbabata? Marahil ay hindi naman! Lahat ng kaalaman, karunungan at karanasan ay ang mga tunay nating magiging armas paglabas natin sa tunay na mundo.

Ang speech na ito ay inaalay ko sa mga katulad kong halos bumagsak sa una at mga sumunod pang practical exams. Sa mga katulad kong zero, zero ang love life. Sa mga katulad kong minsan ding nabigo sa PE dito mismo sa gymnasium na ito. Sa mga katulad kong nasabihang hindi ko kaya. Sa mga katulad kong patuloy na kumakapit sa paniniwalang balang araw ay makakamit ito kahit ano pang sabihin ng iba. Para sayo itong speech na ito.

Tunay nga na ang mga sandaling ito ay sa atin--sa ating Class 2012. Pero nararapat lamang na hindi natin palagpasin ang sandaling ito upang pasalamatang ang mga taong pinagkakautangan natin ng ating pagkatao at kung ano ang mayroon tayo ngayon.

Sa mga kaklase natin na handang magbigay ng one-fourth yellow pad kapag may quiz o seatwork. Sa kanila na naghihintay satin sa

labas ng klase para isabay kumain. Sa kanila na handang magpakopya ng assignment sa oras ng "kagipitan." Maraming salamat.

Sa mga propesor natin na matiyagang naghugob sa atin. Sa ating mga guro na walang sawang nagsusulat sa whiteboard, maintindihan lang natin ang kanilang mga itinuturo. At syempre sa lahat ng mga naging prof ko, lahat po kayo ay naging bahagi sa paglalagay kung ano ang mayroon ako sa isip at puso. Tunay nga po na kayo ay mga Lasalyanong guro!

Sa ating Brother President na sa bawat assembly na ginagawa ay namamangha tayo at nai-inspire sa mga sinasabi niya. Brother, salamat po. Salamat po sa oras, payo, at karunungan ibinabahagi niyo. Maraming salamat po sa pag-unawa sa mga naging desisyon ko at pakatatandaan ko po ang bawat payong inyong iniwan.

Sa mga magulang na nagpapakakuba magtrabaho, mapag-aral lang ang anak dito sa La Salle. Sa inyo po na malayo sa aming mga piling pero linggo-linggo niyong sinusundo at dinadalhan ng lutong bahay sa dorm. Sa inyo po na madadatnan namin sa bahay na nagpupuyat masalubong lang kami sa pinto na ligtas at maayos. Marami pong salamat. At sa mga magulang ko. Daddy, salamat po sa pagtitiis na magpunta sa ibang bansa at mahiwalay sa amin. Kala mo ikaw lang malungkot kapag umaalis ka, syempre ako rin. Kaunti na lang pong hingahan at magkakaroon na kayo ng doktor na anak! Salamat Ma, na naging Mama kita. Alam mong kung papipiliin ako ng Mama, ikaw pa rin talaga ang pipiliin ko. Salamat sa paghahanda ng pagkain sa tuwing aalis at uuwi ako ng bahay. Salamat sa pagpupuyat

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at pag-aalaga kapag may sakit ako. Patawad po na napaglalala kita sa tuwing uuwi ako ng gabi at hindi makakapag-text. Patawad po dahil natatanggihan ko ang mga hiling mong lumabas tayo dahil may long exams at assignments na ipapasa kinabukasan. Ma, Daddy, I love you.

At panghuli sa lahat syempre, huwag nating kalimutan si BRO na nagkaloob ng lahat ng kung anong mayroon tayo ngayon. BRO, salamat po sa pagiging tapat niyo sa amin kahit sa mga panahong hindi kami nagiging mabuti. Sa mga practical exams, long exams at major exams na nakakapit kami Sayo, maraming salamat po! Sa lahat ng pagsubok na palagi Kang nasa tabi namin, salamat po. Maraming, maraming, maraming salamat po.

As I end my piece, I leave you with several annoying statements.

First, never fear to fail.

Second, never give a damn [about] your detractors who say that you can't make it. Never underestimate what you and your God can do.

Third, dream not only for yourself, but more importantly, for your own mother country. Even if we are not the light, we can be the spark.

Lastly, you may think that I am more intelligent than you are. I just did well in my academics. The outside world is a different story. There is no doubt that graduating with honors is hard, but graduating with honor is harder. Step out of the limits this society dictates. Act like a true Lasallian—a patriotic, God-loving, and excellent Lasallian.

And as we wear our togas, hoods, and caps, let us all enjoy our moment of glory, fellow centennial graduates. Yes, we finally did it!

Animo La Salle!





Former Senator Ramón Magsaysay, Jr. Commencement Address (Excerpt)

You know you have a new chapter in your lives. Once you are out of [the walls of De La Salle], you are on your own. I am sure it is like when you left your parents when you were five or six and started going to school--you never wanted to go to school, right? But now, after 14 years of school, you are now ready to take another step. That is why they say it's a stepping stone, getting out of college.

Do you know that for every 100 young Filipinos entering school, only 12 out of 100 can finish college? That's how difficult it is in our country. You are young people, you are part of the capital of the country, you call it human

capital. And you're one of the most important parts of the society.

There are five capitals according to Dr. Cielito Habito (used to be the head of NEDA under President Ramos). Financial capital--money; human capital--we are all part of the human capital of the human society, the most important; natural capital--our nature, our country; physical capital--the buildings; and then social capital.

[The social capital is] Facebook, right? I enjoy technology, I am an engineer. So my thinking is that of a technical person. That is why we

do not talk too much. We just go to the core of the matter. And the most important today is you have made your first step--[going] to the outside world. The outside world is cruel. *Ngunit ano man ang hirap, masarap ang ating kinararatnan, ang ating direksyon.* It is very important that we look at the opportunities before us. And as Br. Gus boquer mentioned, each of you here have talents, whether you are going to be good hotel managers or chefs or accountants, [you have a talent]. Each one has his own idiosyncrasies. But when you come down to it, each society is very interesting.

In our country, very few want to stay here

"One thing that you should always have in mind is you have to act. Less talk, more action."

because there is a lack of opportunity. But I do not think so because I have been abroad after two years of college but I came back and tried to get started. I failed a few times but I kept on getting started. So do not be afraid to be a failure because nobody succeeds the first time around. Each of you has a talent, an energy. You are educated by a venerable institution of first class educators.

My father died when I was 18. My mother doesn't work, she is a housewife. Thankfully, La Salle-Taft gave me a scholarship. I think I was given a scholarship then [because] they felt my father did a good job in serving this country. He was a simple man, he was a mechanic, a guerrilla, a secretary of defense, but he did not enrich himself in the office. And La Salle brothers knew that the family

of the late President Ramon Magsaysay was without much. I owe my education to the De La Salle Brothers.

My friends, it is so exciting to be a graduate. When you graduate, you can do anything. But one thing that you should always have in mind is you have to act. The De La Salle brother's culture is action, it is not just talk. Less talk, more action. And that is what exactly the parents have also been doing all these years.

Have one thing in mind, college education has made you more independent than before. Eventually, you will know that you are really interdependent of each other. So if you have friends... you have to [help] each other. \

CALABARZON is the fastest growing in terms of population and economic development. If you cannot find opportunities here, you are not looking hard enough. You have to look at simple things because there is always an opportunity.

I just want you to know that you have so many opportunities. You are lucky that your parents funded your four years here that cost them a lot of money. I will urge you, as soon as you get your first pay check, give it to your mother and father.

Mabuhay kayong lahat! Animo La Salle!

Joaquin Quintos, IV

“...by the measure of your amazing achievement and the world out there that demands your skills, you should all stand proud. Life is good and it’s only going to get better.”

President and CEO, Prople, Inc.
Commencement Address (Excerpt)
Commencement Exercises 2012

My heartfelt congratulations to DLSU-Dasmariñas College of Science and College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology Class of 2012! But, my warmest wishes go to all you “beaming with pride” parents. As a father myself of a graduating daughter, I know how it feels. The joy and pride you feel today is as much yours as it is your son’s or daughter’s. Congratulations to you, too!

To you, graduates of science, engineering, architecture, and technology, life couldn’t be better. Why do I say this? Here you are mere minutes from declaring yourself a college graduate. Do you know the significance of that title — college graduate? Statistically, in the Philippine context, you belong to the exclusive 14% of the Philippine student population over time who made it. The numbers are daunting. Out of 100 Filipinos annually that start Grade 1 only 14 eventually finish college. The numbers for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) graduates are even more incredible. Out of the 14 who graduate from college, only two of those are in the STEM discipline. In other words, you all belong to the precious, very special, select few two percent of the Philippine student population’s lifespan who finished a science, engineering, architecture, and technology college degree.

So, by the measure of your amazing achievement and the world out there that demands your skills, you should all stand proud. Life is good and it is only going to get better.

Let me share with you three pieces of advice. I have been around long enough for me to know what works and what does not work. I have the bruises and scars to show. I have also a treasure chest of happy memories—of the good and great times. So, yes, I may be able to contribute.

First, follow your compass! Know your strengths and set your personal compass towards a direction that takes advantage of your strengths. While your compass can help you with direction, it cannot help you with answering one vital question. *Where do you want to go?*



A personal compass is just as important for direction as it is about time. Time has a strange way of changing our direction without us knowing it, especially if the direction we have taken for ourselves is a challenging one. There’s a famous phrase that goes back to ancient history, “Fortune favors the bold.” You can’t have success without mustering the courage to take on something difficult. We will all be challenged. We will all be tested. So, as challenges mount, we will have doubts and we often stray off course. Make no mistake about it. It happens to all of us. It will happen to you. It certainly happened to me.

In 1982, I was fresh out of the College of Engineering, very similar to you now. I just landed a job at IBM Philippines. I was going to be a systems engineer. I was excited. I was with a group of about 20 new hires. After the six-month [training] program, I learned all 19 of them were going to be assigned to midrange and industry systems. Midrange systems [and industry systems] were fast growing. My friends were all happy they were together. I was told I was going to be assigned to large systems — complex mainframes—the only one in the batch. It did not seem very exciting. Mainframes, though they are still around today, were old systems even at that time. And, even at that time, there was already talk that mainframes were not going to be around much longer. One of the positives though was many of IBM’s top clients were on mainframes. It was an important business for the company. I looked forward to the exposure I could get

with the country’s biggest corporations. On the other hand, most of the engineers working in that area were at least 15 years older than I. I was going to be the only green rookie in a team of seasoned veterans. And, all my friends were on the other side doing something else.

I was not very happy.

I felt I was singled out to work on an area that was boring and unexciting. I remember telling myself, “What a way to start a career. It is over before you even get started.” I did think, however, that there must be something good in being the only one in my batch to be doing this.

So, I stuck around. Dug in. Grinded it out. Little did I know, the mainframe business would continue to boom in the 80s. One project after another came. I delivered. I established a good reputation. After four years, I was promoted to a first line manager — my first breakthrough. Many of my batch mates who were hired at the same time as I was now reported to me, including some of the older system engineers who I worked with. What seemed unexciting became an opportunity. I took the opportunity and committed myself to it. Fortune does favor the bold. And, I trusted my compass.

Next piece of advice is to connect the dots. Steve Jobs mentioned this in his 2005 commencement speech at Stanford University. Let me put in my own twist. My own story on connecting the dots starts with the first

dot—all the way back to my childhood. I loved history. I was fascinated with it. As I approached 50, I became enthralled with family history—my own genealogy. Tracing back my family roots became an obsession. The possibility that I was related to Jose Rizal even spurred me further. The mother of Jose Rizal is Teodora Quintos Alonso.

The second dot happened rather unexpectedly during a casual visit by my uncle to my office in 2004. My uncle had a request. He said he had a collection of really old photographs, letters, and mementos. Because of my access to technical resources, he wanted me to have them digitized so we could better preserve them. I was amazed with the collection. I told my uncle I will have it done.

The third dot was the birthday party of my grandmother in 2005. She was the head of the family — a very big family. When we had a family reunion, we would easily number over a 100. It was a circus. [My grandmother] was turning 93. I was convinced we needed to do something to honor my fantastic grandmother while she was still alive.

That was when the three dots came together. My love for history, my uncle’s wish, and my love for my grandmother. All came together

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Commencement Address (Excerpt)
Commencement Exercises 2012

Ako po si Mike Enriquez, Lasalyano.

Ako po si Mike Enriquez, Lasalyano, katulad ninyo.

When we graduated in highschool in La Salle Green Hills, there was no auditorium, no gymnasium. We graduated in the football field. The only other alternative venue for graduation then were the open air basketball courts, but they were too small for the size of the group.

There were also no human rights when we were in La Salle. What we had was corporal punishment. I remember being whacked in my bottom with a three-inch paddle. You cannot do that anymore or you will be in a lot of trouble.

There were no cell phones, there was no texting. No MMS. No laptops. No blogs. No websites. No Google. No Wikipedia. No YouTube. And most definitely, no Facebook. No McDonald's. No Jollibee. No Starbucks. No Mang Inasal with unlimited rice.

Now, all these things are so much a part of modern-day life that many of us take them for granted. This morning, close to four million Filipinos woke up and the first sensation they felt was hunger. And that happens everyday in this country. Many of them do not know when their next meal will be. According to some statistics I saw, four, probably more, out of every 10 students of highschool do not get to graduate. More than half of those in highschool do not get to go or finish college. Today, you have the diplomas in your cold and sweating hands.

For everyone of you here this afternoon, there are 20 to 25 other young men or women of your age who will do anything just to be able to enter college. *Kahit na hindi* La Salle. You have heard this many times before: *makapag-aral lang, makapagtapos lang*. And yet, here you are. You are Lasallians. After this, almost all of you will probably celebrate. And you do have a cause to celebrate.

I have no doubt that all of you will not only succeed. We talk about excelling, about doing everything the best way we can—whether it is for work, for family, or for community. But I must remind you that succeeding does not simply mean being a good educator, being good in business administration, or in criminal justice. Even more importantly, succeeding means simply being good [individuals]. When you knock in the gates of heaven, [you will not be asked], “Were you a good teacher? Were you a good manager? Business person? Criminologist?” You [will be asked,] “Were you a good human being?”

The reason I enumerated all the things that you enjoy right now is because of this: To whom much is given, much is required. And having graduated from La Salle, much has already been given to you. And you will receive more, I have no doubt about that. You will grow and many of you will reach all the way to the top of your respective careers and professions. And my message to you is the same: To whom much is given, much is required. The country needs good managers, good educators, law enforcers. Not just because of their skills. The country needs people like you because of the values and the good that I hope and wish—and ask you—to share with others.

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As you sip your coffee and eat, just remember the 4 million Filipinos. *Gigising [sila] ng gutom at hindi nila alam anong oras sila kakain ulit*. If you, young men and women, do share, serve, and help, it will mean more material and, most especially, spiritual progress for the people in our country. And when I say people in our country, that includes you, your parents, and your family. True Lasallians give to others. True Lasallians serve others. True lasallians share to others. If you do not, you are just a Lasallian, period.

I will end with a portion of one of my favorite books, *When the Son of Man Comes*.

Then the King will say to the people, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father. Come, you that will possess the Kingdom that’s been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you received me in your homes. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.”

The righteous will then answer, “When, Lord did we ever see You hungry? When did we feed You or give you a drink? When did we ever see a stranger and welcome You in our homes, and naked, and clothed You? When did we ever see the sick in prison and visit You?”

The King will reply, “I tell you, whenever you did it for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for Me”

[Matthew 25: 34-40]

To whom much is given,
much is required. Like true
Lasallians, we pray hard, we
work hard, we play hard.

Joaquin Quintos, IV... from page 17

to inspire the idea of publishing a book about the family. I was able to use my love for history and genealogy. I seized the opportunity of my position and experience to help complete the digitization and reproduction of the family's old photographs. I found a wonderful way to honor my grandmother. The book became a family project and it took more than a year to finish. But it brought together all the old photographs, stories, family trees, and traditions and now nicely packaged and ready to be shared amongst the entire clan. It was a very successful family effort. We had a big reunion to launch the book. It brought the whole family together. My grandmother was very happy. She died a year later at 94, the same year the book was published. It was such a great parting gift.

The third piece of advise I will give you is to make execution a way of life. Develop a habit of always getting things done. Get the right things done well. This may sound cliché and fairly obvious, but it is amazing, particularly in my own world in business, how this basic principle has become a lost art. Perhaps, we have so much technology around us we assume technology will get it done for us. Whatever

the reason, they are all wrong! They are all cop-out reasons and worthless justifications. Getting things done means getting things done, whether it is easy or hard.

I have a saying I keep on repeating to my management team. "Strategy without execution is hallucination." An idea, no matter how brilliant, if not translated into action is useless. I had a brilliant boss when I was assigned in IBM's corporate headquarters in New York more than 10 years ago. He was a very senior executive and was a very successful leader. He had a very simple management style. I called him the "One Task Manager". He would only assign me one task at a time. He kept on following me up on that single task until it was done. Only when it was done to his satisfaction do we proceed to the next one. Sounds simple, right? Yes, it was. But, it worked brilliantly. It became very clear to me early on that it was important to get things done. Otherwise you can't move ahead.

When I returned in 2002 to head the IBM operations in the Philippines, IBM only had 400 employees. Call centers were already sprouting all over Manila. Many of the

multinational firms had already set up their BPO operations here, IBM had not. Later on, I learned IBM was in love with India and kept on growing IBM's BPO operations there. Corporate headquarters had not heard about the Philippines. It took me two years to convince headquarters to invest in the country. When the decision was finally made in late 2003, the excitement I felt at that time paled in comparison and did not prepare me for the massive shift IBM was about to make towards the Philippines. By the time I retired in 2009, IBM had over 10,000 employees. It was an amazing growth story that started with a tenacious doggedness to convince headquarters for what was really a fairly straightforward decision. A disciplined commitment to execution may take time, but believe me, it pays.

And so, in summary, I would like to close by reminding you to remember CDE. Yes. CDE. I don't like to start with A. It reminds me of that other school.

CDE. Compass. Dots. Execution.

Good luck to all and congratulations!

International Museum Day

Museo De La Salle is one with the world in celebrating the International Museum Day. DLSU-D, through Museo De La Salle and in partnership with Southern Luzon of Association of Museums, spearheaded exhibits, workshops, and seminars from May 17 to 18 attended by delegates from various museums in the South. The workshops were based on this year's theme, "Museums in Changing World: New Challenges, New Inspirations."

One of the highlights of the two-day celebration is the well-attended "Night at the Museo" where Museo treated the crowd to a free museum tour--at night, no less. Complete with serenades, local dances, and cultural presentations, the crowd experienced Museo De La Salle like never before.

Coals and Fire. The Sanghiyang dancers from Alfonso, Cavite lezve the crowd enthralled each time a local walks on burning hot coals and fire.



VCs visit SCU

Dr. Myrna Ramos, vice chancellor for Mission, External Affairs, and Advancement, and Dr. Olivia Legaspi, vice chancellor for Academics and Research, visited Soegijapranata Catholic University (SCU) in Indonesia last April 17 to 18. The visit is in line with the implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement between DLSU-D and SCU signed in November of last year.

As part of the agreement, the two universities will hold faculty and student exchange programs, particularly in psychology, architecture, and hotel and restaurant management. Programs to be facilitated by the Language Learning Center will also be implemented in SY 2012-2013.

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The 21st Philippine Biodiversity Symposium

was held last April 18 to 20 at strategic venues in the campus. Aside from symposiums, exhibits revolving around this year's theme, "Forest Sustaining Life," were featured. The event was initiated by the Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines and DLSU-D was tapped as one of its co-organizers through the University's Biological Sciences Department.





St. Mary's College of California Visit



A DLSU-D tour is never complete without riding the E-Jep.



One of the delegates tries her hands at cooking *adobo*. The group did not just enjoy eating this well-loved Filipino dish, they had fun preparing and cooking the dish, too.



St. Mary's students admire the handiwork of the Bahay Pag-asa residents. Afterwards, they were taught how to make these decorations from reused paper.

