

DLSU-D Junior High School Complex

# Not just Making the grade

The sound of heavy equipment and construction coming from what-used-to-be DLSU-D's Integrated Farm can be heard almost 24/7 these days. That area along Acacia Avenue just across DLSU-D's Olympic-size oval track has undergone considerable transformation since January this

year. On what was once a grassy tree-lined plot of land, school facilities in various stages of completion have sprouted.

By July 28 this year, this area will have been fenced and gated—exclusive to incoming 7th-, 8th-,

and 9th-grade students. On July 28 this year, the De La Salle University-Dasmariñas High School Complex will have its first school-opening day.

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**PONDERING BOTONG.** Ayala Museum's Roland Cruz is one with Museo De La Salle visitors in giving National Artist Botong Francisco a closer look. The exhibit "Botong Francisco: A Nation Imagined" finally reached DLSU-D and is open for viewing, July 1-31. Also featured in the exhibit is a short film on the master's vision and artistry by acclaimed film director Peque Gallaga. The exhibit is presented by Ayala Museum in partnership with Museo De La Salle.

## Padolina tops his challenges



“Before I successfully got this overwhelming achievement, I’ve been through hard times.”

The “overwhelming achievement” pertained to here is Van Allen E. Padolina ranking Top 1 among the successful examinees in the April 2014 Criminologist Licensure. The “hard times,” meanwhile, was Padolina’s struggles which “put to the test my resolve, my faith and my person.”

Originally hailing from a farming community in Nueva Ecija, Padolina’s family was not well off. They moved to Cavite just a couple of years ago, his father leaving farming to become a jeepney driver; his mother, who was a councilor with the local government, becoming a barangay employee. Fighter that he is, Padolina braved college at DLSU-D as a scholar. “I became a student assistant. And with that scholarship, I was able to graduate without being much of a burden to my parents, especially to my mother.” His mother was diagnosed with Thyroid cancer, at Stage 4. Just last year, Padolina graduated from DLSU-D’s College of Criminal Justice Education. While he was preparing for the board exams, the family experienced yet another tragedy. His father died. From then on, despite her sickness, “it was just Mama whom we could rely on to help us fulfill our dreams.” Padolina’s sister is still in college.

With his mother’s support, Padolina prepared for the board exams by enrolling at a review center in Baguio. At first, he did not aim for the top—“I just wanted to pass it and then get my license.” His classmates and professors, however, encouraged him to give his best. He also got inspiration from the example of Ruby Espineli, who is DLSU-D’s first-ever topnotcher (Top 7) for the Board of Criminologists back in 2010.

Thus motivated, Padolina showed promise in the series of reviews and mock exams at the center; his highest ranking there was Top 6. But then, just when the October 2013 board was nearing, his mother got hospitalized.

The money that was supposed to finance his expenses in Baguio was used instead for the hospital bills. Aside from this, she was scheduled for an operation. Padolina had no choice but to postpone taking the board exam.

“There was no one else to take care of Mama, just my sister and I...besides I couldn’t bear taking the exam while my mother was undergoing the operation with no one else to take care of her.” And so, Padolina came home to Cavite... And experienced yet another heartache of a more personal nature: his girlfriend had left her for another boy. It was at that point that Padolina felt he was dealt the biggest blow. “Honestly, I didn’t really know how I could get up again. It was like one of my feet was amputated...”

His faith in God, however, renewed his spirit. When an offer to enroll at another review center in Manila came, he grabbed it. “At that time, I didn’t know how I could get back my drive to study again...[but then] I thought, this must be God’s way of restoring to me all that I have lost.”

At the center, he was a consistent

## DLSU-D grad tops Criminologist Licensure Exam

A Lasallian has topped the April 2014 Criminologist Licensure Examination.

Van Allen Escalante Padolina, a BS Criminology graduate of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, posted the top score of 92.5 percent among the 4,668 passers of the exam conducted by the Board of Criminology.

The results were released only nine days after the exam was conducted.

The other DLSU-D graduates who passed were: Kevin R. Aviñante; Alvin P. Bataclan; Aleli C. Buaquen; Rita Lyn F. Cabasi; Aaron C. Dacanay; Narvaen John B. Dulay; George Y. Fajardo Jr.; Efrén L. Fernandez II\*; Richeen M. Lagnayo; Jun-jun C. Magante; Izel D. Maraviles; Jeffrey S. Nario; Mc Kevin D. Ronario; Marion P. Ruiz; Mary Joy J. Trongcoso; and Jonas B. Vergara.

topnotcher. In just three months, he was prepared. Exam day came and went. Nine days later, it was announced: Padolina is Top 1 in the April 2014 Criminologist Licensure Exam.

“I’m so grateful and blessed...” said Padolina in his speech at the PRC oath-taking ceremony at the SMX Convention, May 31, “...even if all that I asked is merely to be able to cause happiness to my parents.”

“I am truly thankful to God because He did not make life easy for me. Because if he had made it easy, I probably wouldn’t have struggled [this much] and never reach this success. Success which is [worth] more than gold and [an] achievement that will last until forever.”

## Twelve DLSU-D grads, new civil engineers

Twelve new civil engineers posted a 70.59-percent passing rate for DLSU-D in the May 2014 Civil Engineering Board Examination. The national passing rate was 43.41 percent.

Of the successful examinees, first-time takers of the exam posted a 91.67 percent, while repeaters posted 20 percent. The successful examinees were Engineers John Carlo Sanchez, Andrey Gusi, Joylen Pearl Mitra, Mary Lace Himpisao, Charles Rommel Cabias, Sheila May Sarreal, Arni Dellamas, Fahad Aquino, Mikhail George Alba, Mark Darwin Quiroga, Wilbert John Silva, and Irene Martinez.

## New master plumbers post 100% passing rate

We congratulate DLSU-D graduates Arch. Xyra Joy Gan and Engr. Jayson Villaester who were among the 198 successful examinees who took the Master Plumber Licensure Examination by the Board for Master Plumbers in Manila in February. The two, who graduated from the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology in 2011 and 2012 respectively, posted a 100-percent passing rate for DLSU-D. The national passing rate was 54 percent.

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### Genesis

In the beginning, there was the much-discussed K+12 education scheme, first implemented in the country in June 2012.

“K+12” stands for Kinder plus 12 years of elementary and high school education. From the usual 10 years (six years in elementary + four years in high school) of basic education, K+12 adds two more years that a learner stays in school. After Grade 6, the student goes on to Grades 7 to 10 for junior high, and then Grades 11 to 12 for senior high. The aim? To give a “quality 12-year basic education program” to every Filipino child (DepEd Primer).

For all its good intentions, one of K+12’s inevitable implications is that, come 2016, universities and colleges all over the country will suffer a considerable shortage of students. There would be no freshman enrollees for SY 2016-2017, and then no freshman *and* sophomore enrollees the following school year. The same effect will be felt in the next

three years. Ergo, less enrollees = less income for the school. This also means there could also be a surplus of general education teachers without any classes to teach in.

As problematic as it sounds, the most that DLSU-D can do is to “cushion the impact.” The cushion? Offer high school.

DLSU-D’s Vice Chancellor for Academics and Research Dr. Olive Legaspi relates how University officials early on had thought of opening up a high school. To explore this, “we formed a high school committee, a core committee that discussed [the project].” The committee then got down to the nitty gritty of the matter: Is it feasible? Do we offer senior high school only, or both junior and senior? How many class sections would there be? How many students do we accept? Eventually, DLSU-D’s Board of Trustees approved, in September last year, the opening of a junior high school (and

then, two years from now, a senior high school). This initially comprised four sections for Grade 7, two sections for Grade 8, and two sections for Grade 9, and was to hold classes in a building just two stories high.

These details, however, changed the moment that news of the high school made the rounds of the community.

### Boom!

“*Hindi pa tayo masyadong nag-market n’yan* (We didn’t even market [the school] that much),” Legaspi proudly told Newsette. “When people learned that we’re opening our high school, they came in droves.” This prompted DLSU-D officials to make adjustments in their plans. The original two-story classroom building has now grown to four stories. With this, the University could now admit



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more students. Thus, there are now 12 sections for Grade 7, six sections for Grade 8, and five sections for Grade 9. As of this writing, 910 students are already enrolled.

DLSU-D, however, is not keen on taking advantage of this boom. Legaspi says that by next year, only seven sections will be opened for Grade 7—to fit the entire student population (Grades 7 to 10) within the existing facility.

“[Admitting] more than seven sections [for Grade 7] next year will necessitate the construction of another facility,” says Legaspi. “As of the moment, the financial implications are rather large. We can’t afford it yet.”

There are plans to expand, yes, but Legaspi says it won’t be happening in the next two years.

But what about senior high school (our 11th- and 12th-graders)?

In 2016, incoming Grade 11 students would then “replace” the lacking college freshmen on campus. They would use

the “vacated” classrooms. However, just like the junior high school complex, the senior high school will also have to be exclusive.

“We will allocate an area for them here [in the college campus],” says Legaspi. Thus, there will be three distinct and exclusive campuses within DLSU-D: the University campus, the junior high school complex, and the senior high school complex.

### Waiting

Does this mean that our college teachers who might suffer not having any teaching load in 2016 could teach in the senior high school? “Not necessarily,” says Legaspi. “Nobody can tell exactly what will happen in 2016. We are still waiting for DepEd’s final decision on the curriculum and requirements for senior high school.”

DepEd specifically requires that, before they could teach in junior high, teachers must first pass the teacher’s licensure exam. But for senior high, would DepEd require the same? And, given that the general aim of the

senior high curriculum is for students to have skills in specific fields such as science and technology, music and arts, agriculture and fisheries, sports, business and entrepreneurship, etc.—depending on what the students would like to pursue as a career—would senior high school teachers be required to be specialists to meet this objective? “It’s a work in progress,” says Legaspi. Right now, the most they can do is to wait for DepEd’s specifications. She hopes that all this will be settled way before 2016.

### Beyond making the grade

While K+12 may have caused tertiary institutions facing difficulties, DLSU-D has chosen to look at the bright side of things. For one, DLSU-D will have yet another “feeder school” for its freshman enrollment in the coming years. Secondly, this enables the University to have a direct hand in upping its students’ Lasallian profile, both in terms of academic competence and spirit. But while the latter presents a good opportunity, it also presents a tough order: we’re not just “making the grade” here; we’re offering Lasallian

education. Marilou Medina, who heads the DLSU-D high school as its director, knows this more than most people. “It has always been the goal of DLSU-D to always aim for academic excellence,” says Medina. “Not only academic excellence, but also we have to focus on the integral formation of the students.” To go about this, DLSU-D benchmarked with other De La Salle high schools: DLS-Lipa, DLS-Zobel, DLS-Greenhills. “We asked them what activities they do with their students so that we would follow the same system,” says Dr. Kristine Patinga, head of the high school Student Affairs department. Under this “system,” teachers are guided on how to relate with students, how they are graded, how their interest clubs are graded, even the problem of bullying is also discussed.

Due emphasis is also given to the development of a student’s confidence. Patinga relates how DLSU-D President Br. Gus Boquer FSC instructed them on this: “Br. Gus told us that the students should speak English, except for Filipino and Araling Panglipunan subjects.... Then,

## DLSU-D tops 3rd RMP certificate examination

Cited for having the highest number of passers in the October 2013 Registered Marketing Professional Certification Examination, DLSU-D was awarded 1st place in the 45th Gawad Awards Night and 3rd Registered Marketing Professional Oath-taking Ceremony.

Meanwhile, Dr. Mary Felidora Florinor Amparo DLSU-D Marketing professor and dean of the College of Business Administration and Accountancy, also earned the professional designation “Registered Marketing Educator” as certified by JAPI (Junior Achievement of the Philippines, Inc.) and CAMBP (Chartered Association of Marketing and Business Professionals).

The ceremonies were held at the Philippine Trade Training Center on April 8.



DLSU-D Political Science students soar high in the search for 2014’s TOPSSP (Ten Outstanding Political Science Students of the Philippines). In photo (from left) is DLSU-D faculty Aquino Garcia, team coach, with students Rommel Sarno (10th placer), Kenneth De Guzman (finalist) and Charmaine Nica Set (5th placer). TOPSSP is a major awards program organized by the Political Science Students’ Association of the Philippines, Inc. which gives recognition to exemplary Political Science students throughout the Philippines. The awarding was held at their 6th Annual National Convention at the Liceo De Cagayan University in Kauswagan, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental.

## Xerez-Burgos endowment aids DLSU-D scholars

A scholarship endowment fund aimed at benefiting DLSU-D's CBAA (College of Business Administration and Accountancy) student scholars was recently established through an agreement signed between Alfred "Alby" Xerez-Burgos III and DLSU-D on March 11 at the Centennial Conference Room.



Mr. Alfred "Alby" Xerez-Burgos III (extreme left) hands over a check worth P100,000 to VCMEAA Dr. Myrna F. Ramos (2nd from right) for the Alfred Xerez-Burgos Jr. Student Scholarship Endowment Fund. Also in photo (from left to right) are Mr. Alfred Xerez-Burgos Jr, former CBAA Dean Dr. Mary Felidora Florinor Amparo, VCAR Dr. Olivia Legaspi and Mr. Jose Antonio "Joby" Xerez-Burgos.

Established by Xerez-Burgos III and his siblings and named in honor of Alfred Xerez-Burgos Jr., founder of Landco Pacific Corp.—a pioneer in upscale leisure developments in the country—the scholarship fund underlines the business tycoon's strong advocacy of learning and development among poor but deserving students.

Before this, Xerez-Burgos III inspired listeners with the talk "Toward Successful Stewardship:

The Landco Pacific Legacy," which was part of DLSU-D's Success Stories Series Lectures. The talk, participated in by Business Operations Management students, centered on the exemplary values and principles that have governed Landco Pacific Corp. since its

institution by Xerez-Burgos Jr.

Alfred Xerez-Burgos Jr. is also a member of the DLSU-D Board of Trustees. Their family has been a constant believer and supporter of the University's endeavors.

## First E-waste Awareness Day observed

With March 7 designated as E-waste Awareness Day, DLSU-D's ICTC (Information and Communications Technology Center) led the community in conducting its first-ever observance.

A seminar on electronic wastes, viewing of environmental films, and a tree-planting activity in Lian, Batangas were held to underline its significance. The activities were also in keeping with ICTC's environmental advocacy which promotes the proper management and disposal of electronic wastes. Under the

campaign Project ICON (ICTC Creates Opportunities for Nature), students, faculty and staff are encouraged to donate old, broken and obsolete electronic devices—e-waste—to the ICON booth for proper disposal by the ICTC and the University's ERMAC (Environmental Resource Management Center).

Last year, Team ICON launched its Donate-to-Win campaign by collecting from the community old and broken cellphones and tablets for a chance to win a Cherry Mobile Flare 2X donated

by iRayton Networks. The proceeds from the sale of the collected e-waste to DLSU-D's junk shop and scrap business partners have been used to fund ICTC's annual tree planting activities. This has, so far, resulted in 1,250 mangrove seedlings planted in Calatagan, Batangas and over 300 fruit-bearing tree seedlings planted in Mts. Palay Palay Protected Landscape.

To find out more information on or ways to help with ICTC's environmental campaign, please visit [www.dlsud.edu.ph/icon](http://www.dlsud.edu.ph/icon).



## 34th Commencement Exercises

# 1,810 graduates march on

A total of 1,810 graduates marched on this year at the 34th Commencement Exercises at the Ugnayang La Salle, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas.

Academic honors for both undergraduate and graduate programs were as follows:  
Cum Laude: Louis Paulo C. Batac (B.S. Accountancy);

With High Distinction: Marie Gethsemanie P. Hilario (Ph.D. major in Counseling Psychology), and James Philip Ray V. Pinggolio, (M.A. in Education major in Guidance and Counseling);

With Distinction: Jean Rose A. Esguerra (M.S. in Environmental Science), Merly D. Aure (M.A. in

Education major in Educational Management), and Alwin I. Reyes (Master in Business Administration).

Meanwhile, special awards given out included:  
St. John Baptist de La Salle Award for Excellence in Leadership: Mark Jayson G. Espinosa (B.S. Secondary Education major in English);

Golden Scroll Award: Karla Jeanne A. Co (B.S. Business Administration major in Marketing and Advertising Management);  
Cultural Awards: Sandra A. Ronquillo (Bachelor of Elementary Education), and Ricris R. Deposoy (B.S. Education major in English);  
Athletes of the Year: Noli C. Torres

(B.S. Business Administration major in Economics) and Cherilyn A. Jurado (Bachelor of Physical Education);

Nestlé Scholarship Award: Alyana Geline Y. Irlanda (B.S. Business Administration major in Marketing and Advertising Management);  
SGV & Co. Award for Academic Excellence: Louis Paulo C. Batac (B.S. Accountancy);

Most Outstanding Dissertation: Marie Gethsemanie P. Hilario;

Most Outstanding Theses: Jean Rose A. Esguerra, James Philip Ray V. Pinggolio, and Christian E. Supsup (M.S. Biology major in Conservation Biology).

# Graduates urged: 'Realize your purpose'

Speaking before 1,810 graduates at DLSU-D's 34th Commencement Exercises, DLSU-D Board of Trustees Member Gilbert Jose and Ayala Corporation Managing Director John Philip S. Orbeta roused their listeners to realize their life purpose.

To the morning batch of the graduates, Jose gave three Ps, which he considers as a summary of life lessons that "helped [him] along the way" to become the success that he is today.

### Three Ps

One's **Purpose in Life**, said Jose, should be supported with several short-, medium- and long-term goals that would "serve as reference on how you are progressing." "They need not be carved in stone," he said, but he furthered "You must believe that you can fulfill your dreams with the Lasallian education you received." He then prodded the graduates to stand up and show their appreciation to their parents, teachers and DLSU-D administrators with a round of applause. The next P is **Passion**, which Jose said "goes hand in hand with Purpose."

"Your dreams will not be served in a silver platter...the real world does not operate this way."

Instead, Jose advised that, upon starting out, "you must put in more

than what you expect in return," adding that this can be considered as a "long-term investment."

"The harder you work, the more possibilities you can create, and luck may come your way. The



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-Jose

reward will come in the future." Jose also explained how passion is a determinant of success. He related how "to be successful, you must be passionate in what you are doing." His advice: "Choose a path where you will be happy—that is what is important...Money is not everything."

Jose's third P is **Pay it Forward**. To illustrate this, Jose related how he and his wife "pay it forward" by providing scholarships to the less fortunate.

"Our first scholar was Ana, a high school student. When she graduated, Ana asked us how she could pay us back. We told her, 'Help others when you are in a position to help.'"

To do this, Jose urged the graduates to "volunteer with any cause you believe in. Help in your own small way by donating your time, talent or treasure. You do not have to wait until you are rich and successful."

Jose concluded his speech by reminding his listeners that they are Lasallians: "Make your alma mater proud...make God the center of your life. Live the Lasallian values... [and] most important, don't forget where you came from."

### Five lessons

Orbeta, meanwhile, advised the afternoon batch of the graduates to turn to prayer if they still didn't know yet what their dreams and aspirations are in life.

"I, too, was as confused [as you are now] when I graduated college..." he said, "so I turned to prayer... I remember praying and agonizing on what I would do with my life... then I remember waking up... with a very strong and clear idea wanting to teach."

For his first job, Orbeta became a Math teacher, which was not as he planned because he wanted to teach Religion instead. However, he became so good at it—even with the most academically challenged students—that he soon made it "my great purpose: to make sure that all my students become good in Math."

Thus, Orbeta shared with the graduates his first lesson in finding one's great purpose: "Opportunities will arise in their own time, many of them unplanned; be ready to take advantage of them and embrace them. Then reflect and pray on what this opportunity presents so you can seek its true purpose and meaning. After all, this is God's plan."

His second lesson is also hinged on this great purpose as a teacher: "Go beyond the obvious and look for the higher purpose." With this, Orbeta related how he didn't just want to teach; he wanted to educate.

Before he left teaching, Orbeta was instrumental in setting up the country's first high school computer education program back in 1984. To do this, he had asked help from two of the world's biggest computer companies then.

*"Do not be too hung up in trying to find your purpose. Your purpose will find you; pay attention and it will come to you."*  
-Orbeta



The first one declined his request; the second one, however, gave their full support.

This brought about his third lesson in realizing one's great purpose: "Never be afraid to ask for help,

and don't let rejection take the better of you. If you believe in your great purpose and you have the faith, the zeal and the belief that you are doing God's work, it will happen."

Lessons Four and Five came about when Orbeta was already in the corporate world. Both have something to do with sharing with others one's great purpose and helping others realize theirs.

Thus, Lesson Four: "Build a culture of excellence and instill this sense of purpose in your team. Don't be afraid to build a team of members who are smarter than you. Give your team the guidance and freedom to perform with enough authority and accountability and you can get out of the way. Always look at how to make others more successful. Their success is your success."

And Lesson Five: "Build diverse teams, not a bunch of 'yes-men or yes-women.' Learn to harness diversity as this becomes a true differentiator. The challenge is to get them to believe in this sense of great purpose."

In conclusion, Orbeta congratulated the graduates and advised them not to be "too hung up in trying to find [their great purpose]."

"Your purpose will find you; pay attention and it will come to you."

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he told us to develop [their] confidence. So, every time we have a program, it will be entirely headed by the students. They'll be the frontliners every time there's an activity. We would really like to push for confidence so that when the students go out, they will speak English well."

### One at a time

At the moment, the high school is managed by DLSU-D's College of Education. With Medina and Patinga is another colleague, Yolanda del Rosario, who serves in curriculum development. Together, for the past several weeks now, these three administrators have been very, very busy, their collective brains zoomed in on the school's physical facilities ("to ensure the safety of our students"), faculty development, and processing myriad paper works, among other concerns.

"We're just taking things one at a time," says Medina. "This first quarter... we're still trying to put a system into



everything, to put everything in order. But when everything's in place, things will be smooth *na*."

Facilities-wise, there are enough within the high school complex to prove sufficient for K+12: airconditioned classrooms, a computer lab, a science lab, a HELE room, a covered court, a cafeteria. Aside from these, the high school can also use the University oval

track and Ugnayang La Salle, among other "shared facilities" with DLSU-D. As of this writing, the high school has around 30-35 faculty members—all LET eligible—who have been undergoing weeks of training. "The training is important," says Medina, "because, first and foremost, the curriculum is new—not only the content, but even the grading system is different. And of course the teaching

## Profs give training on safe chemicals management

DLSU-D faculty from PSD (Physical Science Department) of the College of Science and Computer Studies gave a training on Chemical Security and Safety at Crown Regency Resort and Convention Center in Boracay, Aklan on April 2-5.

PSD Linkages Committee Chair and Project Leader Felipe Martinez

conducted the event with team leaders Gideon Legaspi, Engr. Wilfredo Aguinaldo, Engr. Ma. Beata Mijares and Dr. Margel Bonifacio.

Participated in by scientists, technicians, engineers and academicians from all over the country, the training basically encouraged the adoption of

international best practices for safe and secure chemicals management.

The event was sponsored by the US Department of State, Sandia National Laboratories, under the Chemical Security Engagement Program through CRDF Global, an independent nonprofit organization based in Virginia, USA.

strategies are very important."

Medina herself reports for duty seasoned for the job. Coupled with her 23-year teaching and coordinating experience in high school is her B.S. degree in Education and a master's degree in educational management. She is currently pursuing her doctorate here at DLSU-D.

Yet, for all her preparedness and confidence in the University's support, Medina asks the entire community to "pray for us...because this is not so easy. Let's pray that this year will be a good start for all of us."

Patinga appeals to the DLSU-D community's sense of oneness: "We are one community. We will be asking the

help of all the experts in the University so that the DLSU-D high school would become competitive and meet the community's very high expectations." In the same spirit, Legaspi enjoins everyone to "support our high school because this is our newest baby. If we really want it to succeed, we need everyone's cooperation."

"This is history," Medina muses, "and we are part of this history...that's why we have to do our best, and give our best for the students."



# Lasallian 'formations' present eye-popping spectacles

After forming the first ever human Lasallian star, DLSU-D held two more "formations" on campus, both "for-a-cause" and to the delight of participants and viewers who marveled at the inspiration behind the projects and the astonishing feat that accomplished them.

## Animosaic coin mural

Coins of various denominations—numbering 223,000—were gathered and arranged side by side to form the Animosaic coin mural at the MTH Covered Court. The mural, which measured 133 square meters, depicted the Signum Fidei star and the DLSU-D logo, with the statement "DLSU-D: We Still Create Possibilities."



Hundreds of Lasallians volunteered and patiently toiled for almost 50 hours to form the temporary mural, which was put on display on March 7-14. On the last day, the coins were counted officially

by Asia United Bank, Animosaic's official bank partner, which put the coins' tally at P 460,020.57. Animosaic is for the benefit

of DLSU-D scholars and the survivors of Typhoon Yolanda in Tacloban.

An out-of-the box approach to raise funds for the University's scholarship and community outreach programs, Animosaic was a joint project of DLSU-D's University Advancement Office and the University Student Council. It was also supported by Captain's Sweet Galley of Treats, Smart Telecommunications, Nacho King, and De La Salle Alumni Association-Dasmariñas Chapter.



# Crochet Art at Museo De La Salle

Museo De La Salle celebrated National Arts Month with an exhibition dubbed LIWANAG: Crochet Art by AZE ONG. The exhibit ran from Feb. 21 until March 31 at the Fe Sarmiento-Panlilio Gallery of Museo De La Salle.

Ong is a crochet artist whose cutting edge work goes beyond the traditional

crochet handicraft such as bags, table spreads, ponchos, and such. With works ranging from mural, sculptural, up to art wearables, her use of bold colors, spontaneous techniques, and remarkable forms gives traditional crochet the contemporary taste. Her work embodies her ideals, realizations, and experiences. She sums it up in the word, Liwanag: a

moment of enlightenment, a continuous journey, and a celebration of life.

This year's National Arts Month is themed "Art on the Edge," which pertains to arts that synchronize contemporary and traditional art presented and interpreted in a new way; something old but given a new dress.





# Faculty achievers feted

## Causaren named 'Outstanding Faculty'

Dressed in either black or white, or a combination of both, DLSU-D faculty shone triumphant in their Gothic-inspired getup when they received academic and service awards at the annual faculty recognition night at Ugnayang La Salle, February 11.

Leading the awardees was Dr. Rubie M. Causaren of the Biological Sciences Department who bagged the "Outstanding Academic Teaching Faculty" award for SY 2013-2014. For this, Dr. Causaren received a certificate, plaque and medal, plus a special gift from the Faculty Association and cash incentive from POLCA (Parents Organization La Salle Cavite).

Also recognized were recent earners of their graduate degrees and full professorship; past administrators; the department with the most number of completed URO research projects for the past academic year; departments with the most number of faculty involved in research; faculty with published works in ISI Journals; and recipients of the prestigious Juan Medrano Award (for 25 years of continuous service to De La Salle).

Faculty members who received the 5-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 25-year service awards are as listed below:

**5-Year Service awardees:** Rhodoline F. Escala (Marketing Communications Office); Irene S. Gueco (Tourism Management Department); Michael A. Jimenez (Information and Communications Technology Center); Evangeline B. Reyes (Marketing Department); Ailene C. Rolle (Hotel and Restaurant Management Department); Ruthmita H. Rozul (Languages and Literature Department); Virginia T. Sanfilip (Psychology Department); Jimford U. Tabuyo (Tourism Management Department).

**10-Year Service awardees:** Anacoreta P. Arciaga (Social Sciences Department); Ma. Chona O. Bautista (Marketing Department); Glessie A. Cantada (Student Wellness Center); Amante L. Crisostomo (Physical Sciences Department); Ma. Luisa V. Cuaresma (Biological Sciences Department); Marnelli B. Erquita (Computer Studies Department); Dr. Jonathan V. Gochuico (Languages and Literature Department); Raymond Peter D. Ibasco (Languages and Literature Department); Wilson R. Jacinto (Biological Sciences Department); Marvin B. Legaspi (Information and Communications Technology Center); Engr. Emmanuel T. Longares (Engineering Department); Elma L. Mallorca (Accounting Department); Leo D. Manansala (Alumni Relations and Placement Office); Mercedes T. Manguerra (Languages and Literature

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Departments with the most number of faculty involved in research: Biological Sciences Department (large department category); Environmental Resources Management Center (small department category).  
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### Cupcakes shine away

Valentine's Day at DLSU-D this year was soft, sweet, and green-and-white. This, when the CTHM (College of Tourism and Hospitality Management) presented on February 14 the most toothsome Lasallian star yet made.

Formed with 12,145 cupcakes, the Lasallian star was made by CTHM students who started whipping up the concoction on Valentine's eve. The endeavor reportedly helped the University scholarship fund as the cupcakes were sold to the community afterwards. The project was a sort of a dry run as the University intends to break Singapore's world record of forming the largest cupcake mosaic with more than 20,000 cupcakes.



# Br. Robert Schieler is St. La Salle's 27th successor

Elected as the new Superior General of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools during its 45th General Chapter (April 22-June 8, 2014), Br. Robert Schieler FSC is St. John Baptist De La Salle's 27th successor. He now leads "the largest order of religious Brothers in the Church dedicated to education," following Br. Álvaro Rodríguez Echeverría, FSC, who has been serving in the said post for 14 years.

In a video message posted on Youtube, Br. Robert said that he is "humbled by this great challenge the Brothers have given me, to be able to follow in the footsteps of our holy founder St. La Salle."

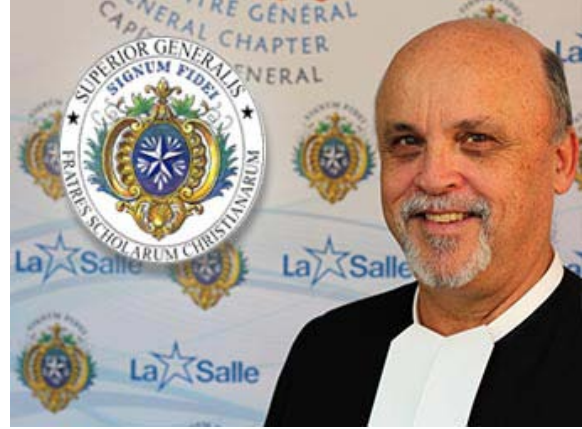
He expressed confidence that anything that can be accomplished will be done "because of the great Lasallian family that we're all a part of." "I'd certainly rely on the wisdom of so



Br. Sockie

many Brothers, so many partners... friends...benefactors to join with me in responding to the needs of our world, especially the young people [and] the poor who are in grave need of an education that is transformative, innovative and will make their lives and the lives of our society better." Prior to his election, Br. Robert has been for the past seven years General Councilor with RELAN. Born in 1950 in Philadelphia, USA, Br. Robert was first introduced to the Christian Brothers as a student at West Catholic Boys High School (now West Catholic Preparatory High School) in Philadelphia. He took the habit in 1968 and made his final profession in 1979. He served as a teacher in his own country and spent 13 years as missionary in the Philippines. He holds master's degrees in European History (Notre Dame) and in Asian Studies (University of the Philippines) as well as a doctorate in Educational Administration (University of Pennsylvania).

Meanwhile, elected as Vicar General of the Institute's General Council was Br. Jorge Gallardo de Alba FSC. He will be aided by newly elected Council members representing the five regions of the Institute: Br. Ricardo Angel Laguda FSC for PARC Region: Asia-Oceania (Pacific Asia Regional Conference); Br. Aidan Illtyd Kilty FSC for RELEM Region: Europe and Middle East (Région Lasallienne Européenne-



Br. Robert

Méditerranéenne); Br. Pierre Saïdou Ouattara FSC for RELAF Region: Africa (Région Lasallienne Africano-Malgache); Br. Timothy Coldwell FSC for RELAN Region: US and Canada (Région Lasallienne Del'Amérique Du Nord); and Br. Paulo Petry FSC for RELAL Region: Latin America (Region Latinoamericana Lasallista). Together with the Superior General, they will all serve a seven-year term.

Incidentally, among the Brothers with new designations, our very own Br. Sockie dela Rosa FSC has been appointed by the Superior General to represent the Young Brothers from LEAD (Lasallian East Asia District). Occurring every seven years, the General Chapter is the highest authority in the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. It is led by the Superior General who is held accountable for fulfilling the decisions made at the Chapter.

Representing Lasallians in 80 countries, 88 delegates gathered at the 45th General Chapter for 51 days to evaluate the life of the Institute, provide for its continuing adaptation and renewal, and set out the main guidelines for the future of the Lasallian mission.



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