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## TO THE DLSU-D COMMUNITY

With esteem and deep appreciation, I greet everyone for your active involvement in our journey towards achieving an important milestone for De La Salle University—Dasmariñas as awarded by the Federation of Philippine Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines (FAAP) thru the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU): our INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION.

Having put forward the challenge, I've always been confident that we would get such recognition sooner than we thought we could, as I've witnessed how the team worked hard for this recognition. Everyone's commitment to be actively involved in this undertaking indeed made a difference in getting the nod for this accolade. Truly, our sense of communion is well displayed in this—a fitting attitude as we continue to participate in doing God's work.

On the other hand, as we open school year 2015-2016, may this recognition serve as another inspiration for us to continue to be mindful of our ministry—individually and collectively—as our opportunity to embody what it means to be of service to the young people we have been entrusted with, mindful of their needs as well as their giftedness that deserve to be nurtured.

Let us continue to be one as a community, together not just in reaching for our goals but also, and most especially, in leaving out our call to be bearers of the Lasallian mission in the way we relate with one another and in the manner by which we reach our goals.

Our Founder has always valued communion as essential to the journey of a Lasallian institution—a communion nurtured by faith and ardent zeal to serve.

May we then move forward in creative fidelity to the ideals of our Founder.

Br. Gus L. Boquer FSC  
*President and Chancellor*



# “Take care that your school runs well.”

- St. John Baptist De La Salle



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## PAASCU and FAAP approve: DE LA SALLE-DASMA NOW INSTITUTIONALLY ACCREDITED

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY-DASMARIÑAS, Cavite's Premier University, has just been granted institutional accreditation by PAASCU (Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities) as certified by FAAP (Federation of Accrediting Agencies in the Philippines).

This means that both PAASCU and FAAP confirm

- that majority of DLSU-D's programs, being PAASCU-accredited, are quality programs;
- that the University has, among other activities, quality classroom instruction in teaching the said courses, as evidenced by its top performance in the board exams, for example; and
- that the University has sound practices and well-established mechanisms in place to make sure that its brand of quality education is assured, maintained, and sustainable.

This news was relayed to DLSU-D President and Chancellor Br. Gus Boquer FSC in a message, dated May 19, 2015. DLSU-D's institutional accreditation is valid until November 2019.

“This milestone is something we have all been waiting for...” says Lucille Rivera-Calairo, head of DLSU-D's QAO (Quality Assurance Office) in a letter announcing the news to the DLSU-D community. She congratulated and thanked everyone for their contribution to the University's milestone.



“May we not rest on our laurels and instead commit to continuing efforts to sustain and enhance the quality of our programs and services,” she adds. “As we achieve the peak of our accreditation goals, we bring back all the glory to the Almighty God who has been lovingly sustaining all of us.”

QAO is in charge of maintaining DLSU-D’s standards of quality as recommended by bodies such as PAASCU or CHED (Commission on Higher Education).

Besides the prestige, DLSU-D’s institutional accreditation will certainly help the University maintain its “Autonomous” and “University” statuses with CHED.

FAAP is the body authorized by CHED to certify a learning institution’s accreditation.

PAASCU, on the other hand, is the country’s most credible, internationally prestigious, and most stringent with accrediting standards. Among its affiliations are APQN (Asia-Pacific Quality Network); CIQG (CHEA International Quality Group), a forum for colleges, universities, and accrediting and quality assurance organizations established to address issues and challenges focused on quality and quality assurances in an international setting; ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting), in which PAASCU is listed in its registry of accrediting agencies; and AQAN (ASEAN Quality Assurance Network).

To be INSTITUTIONALLY ACCREDITED, a university has to have 75 percent or more of its programs accredited. The formula to find this is

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