



DLSAU confers degrees on 316 graduates

De La Salle Araneta University ended Academic Year 2013-2014 with a commencement exercise that saw a total of 316 new Lasallian graduates getting baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate degrees. The 67th Commencement Exercises of the Tertiary Education Department was held on 29 March 2014 at the AFP Theater, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

The College of Business had the biggest number of graduates with 139 students. Completing the graduating batch are 51 graduates from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Technology; 20 from the College of Education; 65 from the College of Veterinary Medicine and Agricultural Sciences; and 41 from the Graduate School Program.

Commencement Speaker Mr. Miguel C. Enriquez, President of RGMA Network, Inc., shared with the graduates how it is more important to be a true Lasallian than being a good professional. He told the graduates that a Lasallian is more a person of value than a person of success.

He also reminded the graduates that as



Graduates pledge their loyalty to the university



University President Br. Narciso Erguiza, Jr. FSC with Commencement Speaker Mr. Miguel Enriquez

Lasallians, they should live their lives for others in the world, not only for themselves. After congratulating the graduates and their educators and parents, he left the challenge to the graduates: "What will you do with your Lasallian education? What will you be from now on?"

Mr. Mark Joseph Pangan, *Magna cum Laude*, AB Psychology, delivered the

graduation speech. He shared with his fellow graduates that it was not the falling down but rising every time they fall which brought them to where they are now. He finished his message by reminding his fellow graduates that they should have the courage to think that their life is significant and they can make a difference.

BED Students Begin a New Journey



A total of 299 Grade 10 students and 168 Grade 6 students received their diplomas on 28 March 2014 as the DLSAU Basic Education Department held its Commencement Exercises at the Our Lady of Victory Chapel, Malabon City.

Br. Narciso Erguiza FSC, University President, assisted by Ms. Marie Allison Parpan, Basic Education Department Principal and Vice Chancellor for Students and Mission, handed the diplomas to the graduates who are now eligible for college or high school, as the case may be.

Br. Alexander Diaz FSC, National Vocations Promoter of the De La Salle Brothers of the Philippines, shared an inspirational message to the graduates. He shared how love has to start from within, how each one should share their uniqueness and share their giftedness

and how loving others bring out the best in them. He urged the graduates to do everything in love especially now that they will embark on a new journey.

Prior to this, on 26 March 2014, a total of 67 preschoolers had their Moving Up Ceremony at the DLSAU Golden

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(Left) Grade 6 and Grade 10 Graduates; (Above) Br. Alexander Diaz FSC, Commencement Speaker

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Pavilion. Parents and teachers, clad in their beautiful Filipiniana and Barong Tagalog, witnessed the first educational milestone in their children and students' lives. The Moving Up Ceremony also showcased the students' talents in short dance numbers depicting various traditional Filipino dances such as Sayaw sa Bangko, Maglalatik and Tinikling.



Pre school students dancing Maglalatik (above) and Tinikling (below)

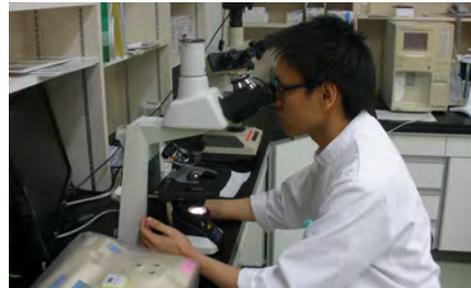


DVM student returns from Exchange Program in Japan

Mr. Nash Ranier Matias, a 5th Year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine student, recently came back from a year of being an exchange student at Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine in Hokkaido, Japan. The one-year student exchange program started in March 2013. This is the first time for a Veterinary Medicine student to be sent as an exchange student to a foreign university.

Upon returning, Mr. Matias shared how he looked forward to experiencing the clinical training in Japan, especially knowing how advanced their equipment and facilities are. His exposure to various clinical tasks exceeded his expectations and he was able to learn a lot during his stay in one of the hospitals which also served as his On-the-Job Training while at Obihiro. When asked to share some words of encouragement for his fellow students, Nash said that they should also try to be an exchange student, not only because it will allow them to learn more of their chosen field and experience another country's culture,

but they will also gain new friends and a new perspective in life. He promises that whatever he has learned during his stay in Japan, he will generously share with his classmates in the university.



Mr. Nash Ranier Matias, in the laboratory (above) and assisting in a surgery (below) at Obihiro University



AGSI hosts 1st Farmers' Day

The Supreme Student Government of De La Salle Araneta University AgriVet Sciences Institute (AGSI) organized the first Farmers' Day. The activity was held last 28 February 2014 at Salikneta Farm to empower local farmers through input of various modern agricultural knowledge and techniques. Considering the limited knowledge our farmers have on the recent application of technologies, practices and management in agriculture, the seminar aimed to help the farmers to acquire farming techniques and production practices which will improve not only their lives, but also the agricultural sector of the Philippines on a wider scale. 40 farmers from the local community attended the first Farmers' Day, which not only had a seminar but also included a brief tour of the farm and its facilities.

Dr. Pedrito Nital was invited as a



Dr. Pedrito Nital with the Farmers' Day participants



Dr. Dante Lorenzo speaking to the participants

Speaker for the Organic Farming with some aspect in Pest Management while Dr. Dante Lorenzo for Introduction in Animal Production. Both speakers are Fulltime Faculty at Central Luzon State University and part time faculty at AgriVet Sciences Institute.

In turn, the activity also offered an experiential input for the students in the hope that they may also learn from the resourcefulness of the farmers through sharing of personal experiences and agricultural practices. In line with the Lasallian core value of continuous service to the poor, the students of DLSAU-AGSI will continue to rekindle the spark of this commitment and extension of service to the farmers who deserve all possible means of support with their noble vocation. This practice hopefully inspired change that will uplift the agricultural sector of the country.



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Honoring Ms. Letty

On the occasion of her 60th birthday, the University honored and expressed its gratitude to Ms. Leticia Foronda, for her 35 years of service to De La Salle Araneta University. In a simple awarding ceremony on 11 April 2014 at the University Chapel, Mr. Christopher Polanco, University Chancellor with Dr. Rosemarie Montañano, Vice Chancellor for Academics and Research, presented Ms. Foronda a Certificate of Appreciation for her priceless service to the academic community.

Ms. Letty, as her colleagues fondly call her, was a fulltime faculty in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Technology (CAST) and has been true to the Lasallian thrust of teaching minds, touching hearts and transforming lives especially of the students who have been entrusted under her care. She started teaching at the University on July 12, 1978.

According to Dr. Rosario Chu, Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Technology, Ms. Letty was one of the hardest working faculty she has worked with. Though living in Bulacan, Ms. Letty was always the earliest teacher in the classroom. She was the kind of teacher who worked under minimal supervision; who teaches in the same manner whether someone is observing her class or not. Dr. Chu added that Ms. Letty served as one of her role models when she was still new in the University. She thinks of Ms. Letty as one who “gives selflessly, teaches intelligently and guides effectively”.

With all these kind words, Ms. Letty is one teacher who will surely be missed not only by the students but also by her colleagues.

Thank you for your service to the university, Ms. Letty!



L-R: Ms. Foronda at work; with her colleagues from CAST; with Dr. Rosemarie Montañano presenting her Certificate of Appreciation; with Br. Vince Fernandez FSC, Dr. Rosemarie Montañano and Mr. Christopher Polanco.

DLSAU-AGSI Students Participate in UPLB's Agriculture Student Congress

Twenty nine (29) second year and 34 selected first year students under the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program of the DLSAU Agrivet Sciences Institute took part in the Fourth National Agriculture Congress held at the University of the Philippines - Los Baños (UPLB) on 8 March 2014.

The event, with the theme “Advancing Philippine Agriculture Education Towards ASEAN 2015 Integration”, primarily aimed to enrich Philippine agriculture for global competence. Other universities offering Agriculture and related programs were also present in the Congress, such as Mindoro State University, Romblon State University, and Southern Luzon State University. The Congress included different forums, agri-related discussions, and agri-product displays.

Congress guest speaker Dr. Romulo Subalo, Professor of Animal and Dairy Sciences Cluster at UPLB, presented scientific researches both on animal and crops completed by UPLB's Agri students.

These include: “Live Weight Determination of Philippine Native Pigs Using External Body Measurement”, “Utilization of Different Powdered Feed stocks for the Growth Performance of Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) Fry in Confined Basins”, and “Acceptability of Citrus Concentrate Using Different Sweeteners”.

The best study presented was given an award and recognition at the end of the program.

ROTC and CWTS students finish training

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and Civic Welfare Training Services (CWTS) /Literacy Training Service (LTS) had their graduation on March 31 at the University's Open Field. A total of 291 students finished the ROTC while 309 students completed the NSTP/LTS. Brigadier General Alexis Tamandong AFP, ARESCOM Commander, was the guest speaker during the graduation ceremony. He is an alumnus of the University.

Also held on the same day was a testimonial lunch in honor of Col. Agane Adriatico, ROTC Commandant, who served the University for five years. A plaque of appreciation was awarded to him by Br. Narciso Erguiza, Jr. FSC, University President.

Front and Center: The Graduate School

MISSION OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

As the highest academic unit of the De La Salle Araneta University (DLSAU) whose mission is to serve God and country, the Graduate School is committed to fulfill the following objectives:

1. To enhance in the graduate students unique competency in teaching, management and entrepreneurship.
2. To develop effective leaders and experts in agriculture, education, government, business and industry, and other fields that can influence policies to enhance human life and support manpower needs of the country.
3. To stimulate, encourage and maintain productive, functional research and development and disseminate results to the local and international community.



GRADUATE SCHOOL

4. To serve as a vehicle for the enrichment, transmission and preservation of desirable Filipino cultural values.

The above-stated mission is carried out in a collaborative culture and an environment which encourages intellectual and scholarly development, adheres to ethical standards, advances the frontiers of knowledge, and shares research results to the local and international community.

The Graduate School offers the following courses:

- Doctor of Philosophy major in Agricultural Sciences
- Doctor of Philosophy major in Educational Management
- Doctor of Philosophy major in Management
- Master in Business Administration
- Master of Science in Animal Husbandry major in Animal Nutrition
- Master of Science in Forestry
- Master of Arts major in Educational Administration
- Master of Arts major in English
- Master of Arts major in Filipino
- Master of Arts major in Guidance and Counseling
- Master of Arts major in Mathematics
- Master of Arts major in Physical Education
- Master of Arts major in Psychology

The De La Salle Araneta University Mini Hotel is a three-storey building situated at the corner of Victone-ta Avenue, Malabon City and North Diversion Road, Bagong Barrio, Caloocan City.

The facility, which was originally a veterinary clinic, was transformed into a functional mini hotel on 04 August 2012. It was designed to be the laboratory hotel for students of the Hotel and Restaurant Management, Tourism Management, and Marketing programs of the University.

A multi-purpose hall, called "The Venue", is found on the first floor of the Mini Hotel. It can be used for special events or functions and can sit around 60 persons per function. On the second floor are three Executive Double rooms designed to accommodate a maximum of two guests each. Found on the third floor is an Executive King room which can accommodate a maximum of two persons and an Executive Family room



which can house up to four occupants.

Mrs. Maria Teresa Bernabe, Program Chair of the Tourism program, serves as the Coordinator of the Mini Hotel.

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